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## IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION FOR WOMEN

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### **ABSTRACT:**

*Education makes women more confident and ambitious; they become more aware of their rights and can raise their voice against exploitation and violence. A society cannot at all progress if its women weep silently. They have to have the weapon of education to carve out a progressive path for their own as well as their families. The primary goal of education should be empowering individuals to be successful in life. Secondary goals include establishing values, social skills, and work ethic. A good education system produces good citizens who are well-educated, well-mannered and disciplined. A good education system helps in the development of a country. It helps in the advancement of technology and science. It helps in the development of the economy of the country. A good education system opens up the doors of employment and business opportunities for the people of the country. A good education system makes the people of the country more responsible and knowledgeable.*

### **INTRODUCTION:**

Education is a powerful tool that shapes the minds and futures of individuals and societies. It's like a bright light that chases away the darkness of ignorance, opening doors to knowledge and understanding. From the moment a child learns to read and write, education begins its transformative work, expanding horizons and fostering curiosity. A good education doesn't just teach facts and figures. It encourages critical thinking, problem-solving, and the ability to question and argue constructively. In schools, teachers play a vital role, not just as instructors, but as mentors guiding students to think independently. Beyond academic learning, education also teaches us about values, ethics, and empathy. It helps us to understand different cultures and viewpoints, creating a sense of global citizenship and community. It is through education that we learn to communicate effectively, work collaboratively, and contribute positively to society. In the modern world, education is a bridge to better job opportunities

and a key factor in economic growth. It's an investment in the future, one that yields returns in the form of healthier societies, innovation, and progress. Moreover, education equips us to face challenges, adapt to change, and solve the complex problems of our times. In essence, education nurtures the potential within every human being to lead a life of dignity and purpose. It's not just about securing a diploma or degree; it's a lifelong journey that continuously enriches our existence. With education, we don't just live; we thrive, dream, and achieve. Education is like a bright light that illuminates the path to knowledge and empowerment. In its essence, it is not just about learning from textbooks, but it is about the lessons of life that help us grow and develop. A good education shapes not just our careers but also our characters, making us question, think, and understand the world around us. From the early stages of kindergarten to the high stages of university, every step in education plays a significant role. For young minds, it starts with learning the alphabet and numbers, which are the building blocks of knowledge. As children progress through school, they learn more about different subjects, such as science, mathematics, history, and literature, all of which contribute to a well-rounded understanding of the world. But education goes beyond academic subjects. It also teaches us important social skills, like communication, teamwork, and respect for others. It instills values such as fairness, justice, and the importance of contributing to society. Moreover, education enhances our ability to make informed decisions, solve problems, and embrace opportunities. In today's world, education is more important than ever. It is a tool for personal and societal growth. It opens doors to new possibilities and is often seen as a way out of poverty. Through education, individuals can acquire the skills needed to compete in the global economy and contribute to their communities. Moreover, education is a continuous journey. It does not end with graduation; rather, life itself becomes an ongoing classroom. Learning never stops, as there are always new skills to master, subjects to explore, and challenges to overcome. In conclusion, education is a cornerstone of personal development and a vital element for a functioning society. It nurtures the potential in each of us, enabling us to lead more fulfilling and meaningful lives. With each lesson learned, both inside and outside of school, education equips us with the light to navigate the complexities of the modern world.

**DISCUSSION:****IMPORTANCE OF EDUCATION FOR WOMEN:****1) Better Standard of Living:**

Better standard of living for the family is one of the advantages of women/female education. It doesn't take a mathematician to conclude that a family relying on double wages is more content and happy than a family which relies on the income of a single parent.

An educated mother will earn as good as the father of the family and will look after the financial needs of her family in a much better way. Two incomes under the same roof will improve the quality of living and also ensure better education and facilities to the children, not to mention that a happy family will ultimately lead to a happy society.

**2) Improved Health and Hygiene:**

Women are more concerned about the health of their family than men and have a great sense of hygiene too. Even working women are constantly concerned about their family's health and don't compromise with it at any cost.

It is only because of the women in the house that men work free, with the only responsibility of earning money; as they know that everything else in the house is being taken care of. So it becomes imperative that the women who is taking care of the family and your children is educated, so that she recognizes the health hazards and is confident enough to act prudently to eliminate them.

**3) Dignity and Honor:**

A woman is the dignity of a house, and a society is judged depending on how its women are treated and how much they are educated. It is only when a woman is able to protect her own dignity and honor, that she will be able to protect the dignity and honor of her family. An uneducated woman may lack the courage to speak for her own dignity while an educated woman will be confident enough to fight for it.

**4) Self Reliance:**

Education makes a woman self reliant; that is, she does not depend on anyone for her own survival as well as the survival of her children. She knows that she is educated and could well be employed equally like men and fend for the needs of her family. A woman, who is financially independent, can raise her voice against injustice and exploitation.

**5) Eliminating Crime against Women:**

Many of the social evils and crimes against women can be easily eliminated by educating women. Incidents of dowry, flesh trade, female

infanticide as well as harmful customary practices can be eradicated by educating women of a society. An educated woman plays a very important role in a civilized family and influences the thoughts and beliefs of its members. She is unlikely to remain silent on domestic violence against other woman or girl in the family; and will definitely help in strengthening the social fabric of the society. An educated woman will never concede to the female infanticide and is well aware that it is a crime as per the law and also forbidden by any religion.

#### **6) Decreased Mortality Rate:**

An educated woman is more likely to marry later in life improving the chances of survival of the mother and baby. Educated mothers are more aware of their children's needs and nutrition, and take well care of them resulting in a low child mortality rate; providing them better health, hygiene and nutrition. According to a study it is estimated that nearly 1.5 Million children could be saved globally, if only their mothers had completed secondary school.

#### **7) Prevents Social Exclusion of Women:**

A girl child who doesn't go to school today, is most likely to work as a domestic help in household chores in her own house as well as other houses; mostly only for petty sum of money. An uneducated woman or a girl is most likely to work as domestic help or in extreme cases pushed into flesh trade; unlike men or boys who easily get employed as unskilled labors despite being uneducated. Those women who had worked as domestic help for their whole life or had been into other undignified professions, get socially isolated from the society; leading to depression and other mental and physical ailments. An educated woman on the other hand, is unlikely to go all through this and will ultimately brew a balanced society.

#### **8) Integral Development:**

Today the developing as well as the underdeveloped countries strive for integral development; that is, they have realized that the true development of a nation can be achieved only when no one is left behind on the path to progress. The goals of integral and sustainable developments will be nothing more than mere words if our women are not educated and empowered. Women must be provided an equal opportunity to stand shoulder to shoulder with men, and encouraged to pursue the professions they aspire- doctor, lawyer, technocrat, scientist, journalist, adventurist etc. Only then we will be able to achieve our goal of sustainable development by 2030.

**9) Exploring the Hidden Potential:**

We all must have heard about the term 'Brain Drain', also must have expressed our concern about the talented individuals of a developing or under developed nation migrating to some other parts of world; mostly to a developed nation in search of better financial opportunities and better facilities. Rather than stressing too much on the talent leaving their land; such nations should educate its girls and women to explore their hidden potential.

Women education in developing countries is essential for their growth and stability. Who knows that the girl who is working as a domestic help has the potential to become a doctor, if only she is given the right guidance and an opportunity to do so. When it comes to brain and the use of it, women are no inferior to men; why not to help them achieve their aspirations. It would ultimately benefit the nation, as a woman is less likely to leave her roots and migrate to other nation.

**10) Women in Politics or Bureaucracy:**

Educating women will also lead them to become political leaders, who can fight for the rights and justice of other women. Women political leaders or bureaucrats can more effectively fight against injustice and other crimes against women; ultimately leading to a balanced society.

The more women enter into politics and bureaucracy, the more achievable the goal of global sustainable development by 2030 will become. There are innumerable women in the world who have held and still hold influential positions across the globe and have taken decisions to make the world better. Especially the underdeveloped and developing countries will benefit more from women education.

**CONCLUSION:**

Educating women is integral to the economic and social development of a nation. Women play a responsible role in the houses and societies. They are responsible for looking after their children, relatives and elders of the house, which makes it mandatory for them to be well informed and aware of threats and security. An educated woman can bring some positive changes in her own house as well as in the society. She is more likely to send her children to school, improving the nation's literacy rate. There are numerous other advantages of educating women apart from good health and hygiene, raised economy of the nation etc. No nation can achieve development in a true sense if it leaves its women behind on education.

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