



## “Status of women in present scenario”

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### *Abstract:*

Traditionally, an Indian woman had four fold status role sequences. These were her role as a daughter, wife, housewife, and mother. They are activating participating in social, economic, and political activities. The modern woman is inclined toward the social issues, and trying hard to improve the social of women large. Woman as a wife enjoyed ideally a status almost equally to that of her husband and performed both social as well as biological functions. The woman in modern times is entering into certain new field that was unknown to the woman's sphere of role sets. Woman is participating in economic, political and social life. The traditional status and role sets of women are breaking up and new role based on achievement, independence and equality are gradually coming up

### **INTRODUCTION:**

Earlier the elders of the family were not be happy on the birth of a female child in the home however they become double happy if the child was male. They understood that male child will be source of money whereas female child will be consumer of money. Birth of daughter was supposed as curse to the family. The gradual positive changes in the Indian society have been proved to be beneficial for the women status. Positive thinking of people has taken a swift speed which has changed human mind politically, economically and socially towards women.

There has been a lot of improvement in the status of women in India after the independence. Gradually women started enjoying equality with men in society.

Women in India face lots of social issues and problems all through the life which are big struggle for them right from their beginning of life.

In such a competitive world India women are being well conscious about their rights and privileges in various fields. They are being more conscious about their professional carrier like socially, politically, Economically and Educationally by following their all the responsibilities towards family. The women, whose status and role traditionally was well defined and almost fixed in the society, is now experiencing far reaching changes. The women of the present generation have generally received higher education than the women of their preceding generation. There have been far reaching consequences in the economic status of their families.

### **Women's role in society:**

The modern women are inclined towards the social issues, and trying hard to improve the social status of women at large. The modern women has started carrying for her health, figure, cultural needs and interests , academic pursuits, social intercourse, religious activities, recreational needs, etc. many women actively supported and participated in the nationalist movement and secured eminent positions and offices in administration and public life in free India. Traditionally Indian women exist because of the family.

### **Participation of women in socio- economic activities:**

The women in modern times are entering into certain new fields that were unknown to the woman's sphere of role- sets. The modern woman keenly desires to enter into a work career because of the pressing economic needs of the family<sup>(1)</sup> In a middle class families, much emphasis is given to the maintenance to high standard of living to fulfill the economic needs of the family and to achieve higher standard of living the woman participating in economic activities:

### **Women' role in politics:**

Status of women in politics can be defined as the degree of equality and freedom enjoyed by women in the shaping and sharing of power and in the value given by society to their role of women. Education of women has not only helped them to become aware of the political problems, but they are gradually becoming active participants in the political life. Some are enrolling themselves as members of political parties, attending party meetings, conventions and carrying out political programs. Some women are attaining influential political status of their own and have become instrumental in shaping the public opinion for the betterment of women's conditions in society.<sup>(2)</sup>

Indian women have achieved commendable progress in literacy, education, and employment. They have achieved right equals to that the men for parental assets. They have proved their ability to master science and technology. Nowadays education in women is increasing this kind is in India very important for all and very useful. The percentage of doctoral degrees awarded to women has increased significantly, particularly in certain S & E disciplines. for e g, in 1950, only 4 percentage of doctoral degrees in chemistry, 6 percentage of those in mathematics and 5 percentage of those in physics were awarded to women. In 1990 those percentages were 24 percent, 18 percentage, and 11 percentage respectively women earning S & E doctoral degrees tends to be clustered in the life science.

The Indian women has come long ways in making progress both in education, holding Government and private job. In India very famous women are present nowadays in various fields in singing, playing; dramas, and film industries, in many places women are very successful. Government support is quite encouraging for women entrepreneurs. Women are facing many problems in all places but they are successful in all the places. The issue inequality is one which has been publicly reverberating through society for years. Gender inequality is one of the most serious & ethical issues in India today but the Government is more support for Indian women development.

From Jhansi ki rani to Iron shrimali Indian women have always stood up for their rights and fought their batter sided restrictions and limitations. The contribution of women for developing various languages cannot be ignored. Madhvi Verma and Subhdra Kumari Chauhan are well known for Hindi writings. Kalpana Chawla was the first Indian woman to go to space. She passed away in the infamous Columbia in 2003; Asha Roy who is the daughter of a vegetable seller is currently the fastest Indian on the track, setting a record at the national open Athletics Championship in Kolkata in 2011. Chanda Kochhar is in Kochhar ICICI bank CEO; she has been honored with the padma bhusan award in 2010. Roshini Sharma recently became the first Indian woman to ride a motorbike from Kanyakumari to Kashmir.

Infanticide, child marriage, sati pratha, Purdah system and prejudice against women's education were some of the measures adopted by Hindu society to save the honour of their women against invaders and foreign rulers. In many small villages there are many problems for women's independence but slowly by education and Government support it can be reduce from villager's mind .while men were in prison it was left to the women of India to guide and lead the people during the critical periods. In a bid to achieve their aim they had to face Lathi(Wooden stick) blows and bullets, but once they had decided to come out

and work for freedom, there was no going back from it. Swaroop Rani Nehru, wife of Motilal Nehru, was one of many who received lathi blows.

In both villages and cities there has been a remarkable increase in the number of women going out of the four walls of the household and becoming workers. In the “employment market” they are successfully competition with the men folk, In every field, the number of women employess is steadily increasing since 1991, though in a smaller number, women are getting recruited into Army force, Air force and Naval force also<sup>(2)</sup>

**Conclusion:**

The acceptance by educated women of an insulting institution like dowry indicates that our womenfolk have never examined the real meaning of the constitutional and legal guarantees. The women themselves desire that their status and position in society should rise higher. Though a proper climate for such a change is still wanting, yet there have been many structural and statutory innovations for the improvement of their position. The traditional status and role sets of women are breaking up and new role sets achievement, independence and equality are gradually coming up.

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