
EMANCIPATION OF WOMEN IN THE MODERN ERA

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Abstract: There were societies in which mother was just the head of the family, it is a thing of past, the mother is sheer a leader, it is present, the mother will be a powerful goddess, it will be the future. Earlier, the woman had a significant role in shaping the family beautifully and also in curving the society a better place in the world to live in whereas nowadays the woman has been assigned the role of leader in the kitchen and a master in daily chores. To a great extent, the importance of woman has been degraded with the domination of man. It is highly essential to bring back the past glory and status of the woman by providing the galore opportunities to them. The opportunities cause an immense change in the attitude and social behavior. The perception of women towards opportunities does not take much time to bring about a revolutionary change in the style of woman's life. The role of the woman is distinctively transformed with the progressing days. Despite their naturally assigned roles and gender stereotyped responsibilities, many formidable challenges, and tasks which are impossible for men are easily being carried out with their indomitable spirit regardless of consequences. The woman need not confine to the walls of the kitchen any longer, need not be a slave to a man and none can infringe her social rights and status as well. She can be an alpha female in terms of her social roles, economic independence; perhaps can be free from the clutches of constraints of social impediments and domestic responsibilities. In any way, man is no longer a competitor to the woman; on the contrary, a woman is a great competitor to the woman.

Introduction: Woman as Mother: *"There are only two types of women — goddesses and doormats". - Pablo Picasso* - With reference to the ancient culture, generally, woman was worshipped as goddess; bygone days, the matriarchal societies were custom and prevalent. Mother got the lead role in directing, molding the family; earlier mother was almost treated as a doormat and slave. She did not have any prominence in the house. The stark reality about working wives suggests a basic change in Indian family. The nuclear household, in which the husband carries a job or works and the wife remains at home to care for the children, though it is a dominant practice, is changing gradually but steadily. The system, the typical notion and attitude towards women has wholly been changed when the woman stands up her own rights. It is not peculiar that woman is assigned a significant role in the house. The role of a lady can be taken to a great height, as and when she is educated and ideal, she can make the most polite and civilized people so that the country can be in the idealistic state in all aspects without any setbacks. As woman is regarded as the second rated citizen, the values in the society might be degrading day by day and can't expect the change unless she is respected.

"I always believed that one woman's success can only help another woman's success". - Gloria Vanderblit - It is a well-known fact that a woman is envious of another woman, that sort of unfriendly spirit hinders the tremendous healthy progress and growth of the woman community and be a bad sign as well. The best example taken from the domestic life, generally in a home, only the boy is given much freedom, can enjoy all the privilege but not the girl. Mother does not let her daughter move freely; it is only due to the

most intricacies in the society set many restrictions to march forward towards the constructive development of women. In spite of knowing all the bare facts and the advantages of letting her daughter move freely, even the educated woman imposes the limitation on her. In spite of knowing all the bare facts and the advantages of letting her daughter enjoy the freedom and liberty. She knows that her daughter has the ability to evolve as a powerful lady.

A woman as Leader: *"If women ran the world we wouldn't have wars, just intense negotiations every 28 days."- Robin Williams.* - In view of the present census, representation of female can be witnessed in all the fields. It is not all a wonder, without a girl, any field is not found. They emerges as the global leaders in divergent filed as presidents, vice-presidents, prime ministers, chief justices, election commissioners, CEO's of many international organization, chiefs of the most leading banks. The most of the leading and profitable banks are under the control of woman, now it is evidently made out how powerful the woman leaders in organizing the financial institutions. Arundhati Bhatta Charya, "the chair man of State bank of India" Chanda Koccher, "the chairman of ICICI". In olden days, it was not possible for the mothers to achieve their ambitions and it is the turn of young ones who can pursue the dreams and ambition of their mothers and seemingly possible to fulfill their goals in the modern era without fail.

"The 21st Century will be the century of girls and women", declared by UN Women Executive Director Michelle Bachelet, in her keynote address, I (She) am not just saying this to you as the head of UN Women. It is true that today girls in many countries girls are not given the opportunity to attend school. It is true

that today less than one in five legislators is women. It is true that today only 20 of 193 nations are headed by a woman President or Prime Minister. And it is true that every day, 1000 women die from complications of pregnancy and childbirth for lack of medical care. Yet, the tide is turning. So maybe there's only 20 women Heads of the States now but that's a lot more than just a few years ago. The position and status of women all over the world has risen incredibly in the 20th century. We find that it has been very low in 18th and 19th centuries. We can see a sea change as they are discharging the duties in the highest positions.

Woman as a social activist: The woman has to profoundly contribute a lot to build a beautiful nation with ever cherished idea of freedom fighter, strong patriots, freedom fighters, environmentalists, social reformers. She is one and only powerful weapon in bringing social awareness which ultimately results in the idealistic social reformation. In ancient days, the societies are culturally, religiously, politically and socially well structured with values and moral whereas nowadays, those unique qualities and values are dissipating with the rolling ebb of time since she is not given the priority.

Woman as work force and economy contributors: We can now see women in almost every field: architecture, lawyers, financial services, engineering, medical and IT jobs. They have also entered service occupations such as a nurse, a beautician, a sales worker, a waitress, etc. They are increasingly and gradually seen marching into domains which were previously reserved for males (police, driver's army, pilots, chartered accountants, commandos). In spite of their increasing number in every field, women still remain perhaps the world's most underutilized resources. Many are still excluded from paid work and many do not make best use of their skills.

Woman as Techie Savvy: Now it is evident that the position and the role of woman invariably changed in every walk of her life. They become the most frequent visitors of social networking sites, regular users of the internet. A woman can apparently use the most

advanced technology better than their counterparts. This sort of upward trend in technology shows their progress in all the fields.

They are equally competing with men in education. It is found that the top ranks in all India medical, engineering and service exam are bagged and the recent all academic results show their domination over boys. The strength of women is proven in the field of education, nowadays, their education is greatly promoted to higher levels. Comparatively the number of girls receive higher education is higher than that of boys especially in master degree level, in the rest of the level, the number might be more or less equal to the men, according to new survey conducted the Hindu. They must be given immense support for the privileges by the state and central governments, and necessary to have special schools, colleges, and universities, apart from co-educational institutions.

Conclusion: The rapid pace of economic development has increased the demand for educated female labor force almost in all fields. Women are earning as much as their husbands do, their employment nonetheless adds substantially to family and gives family an economic advantage over the family with only one breadwinner. This new phenomenon has also given economic power in the hands of women for which they were earlier totally dependent on males. Economically independent women feel more confident about their personal lives.

The woman has been free, empowered, self-dependent to earn their own livelihood. As they are financially emerging to be as strong as to their counterparts, irrespective of cadres, positions and social status, it will be a sure manifestation to positive social reformation. They are no way inferior to men, they prove that they are tougher than men by serving army, navy, air force and can discharge the arduous tasks audaciously. They are not any longer regarded as the weaker section; gradually they become powerful, in near future, the state of being convinced turns into the state of commanding the people.

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