

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

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Introduction:

Human life is dynamic and mutable and owing to various reasons changes take place in man's idea of human values. During the last five to seven years, especially after 1975 (International Women's year) expressions like women's liberation, women's liberation movement etc, have come into vogue. The problems of women are also discussed through newspapers, articles and discussions. But the concept of women's liberation has not come for discussion overnight. It has a history of at least two decades. Women is essentially a human being and serious thoughts seem to have been given to her right to equality. But today women themselves have started raising their voice against the injustice meted out to them by the society. Hence, the concept of women's liberation has acquired greater importance today. Previously this concept was concerned with the implement of women. Many times the feeling of force behind this concept. Hence, women themselves are reading the movements of women's liberation according to their concept of freedom.

Religious propaganda to the Christians:

In B.C. 1813 the parliament allowed Christian missionaries to come to India and propagandize Christianity. Missionaries from different countries started coming to India. The British regime adopted a policy of isolation regarding religious propagation. But they were sympathetic towards the propagandists. The missionaries had started propagandizing education also. Their philosophy of "Service unto humanity is service unto God" was quite new to the people of India they visited huts inhabited by the backward class people and treated them with dedication and sympathy. Never before had the down trodden society of India received such sympathetic treatment. More boys and girls from the lower classes were admitted to these missionary schools. Boys from the untouchable castes were also given admission in the schools run by missionaries. They had started running schools especially for girl children. This education or policy adopted by the missionaries compelled the upper class society to give attention to women's education and the eradication of untouchability. Education through English also helped in throwing light on the drawbacks in our social life.

Mahatma Gandhi And Women:

Mahatma Gandhi turned toward Indian Politics and showed interest in it after Lokmanya Tilak. As Mahatma Gandhi entered into Indian Politics number of women got ready to turn toward politics and participated in Indian Politics. Though they participated in National Movement but the suppression of women was still in exist. Physical and economical problems were the root cause of their suppression. But Mahatma Gandhi was mainly related with moral nature of women, Gandhiji's concern with women was of purely moral nature. Physical and economical causes were neglected by Mahatma Gandhi.

Mahatma Gandhi was strictly against law Gender Labour Division. It was Gandhiji's hope that women can lead their lives liberally in patriarchal society and thus Gandhiji liberated traditional reflection of Indian women society. As a result number of women marched toward National Movement and participated in it with large number. As they participated in National Movement they realized their won condition, even though they were not much violent. There were few women from upper classes were violent.

Post Independence Period:

In 1947 India got freedom and it was the time when Second World War had just ended because of the Second World War economical condition of the country was at extreme level economical breakdown Impose them to come out of the house. The worst economical conditional created new path to change the life effectively. Women came out of the house to find job in this changing situation to run their family. Their departure from house created educational opportunities for them. As a result the picture of women's life changed.

As they found job in outside world their view about job, marriage, husband wife relationship and family started changing rapidly. During 1945-46 women were inclined to jobs after marriage. But condition changed from 1950 to 1965 and on words when women consisted to do jobs, after marriages five years plan, changing economical condition. The trade union movement for women's education and rights all have made women introspective. The affection of such changing situation is found in contemporary literature. The contemporary class division also contribute in changing women's mentality. Due to the changing mentality women's world of experience thinking started expanding.

It was because of this experience of new thinking and experiencing world which gave birth to women liberation movement. This movement emerged as an impendent stream. It would be justifiable to take the notice of this new emerging liberalism. However, there is a huge different liberalism aimed to bring reformations family base and the women emancipation movement in present time.

Many conference and symposia as well as communication commit less had been formed on Maharashtra level related to women liberation movement (1978 Pune conference, 1980 Nandurbar conference, 1980 Mumbai conference on rape issue)- **Shobh De**

What is the relationship between the status of women and the cause of liberty in modern times? The basic point is that the ordmary definition of liberty give one not only the capacity to move about freely but also the capacity to better oneself through voluntary transaction. The logic of those of transactions is that of mutual gain through mutual consent. Women who constitute half of the human population but paradoxically not treaded on per with man in all spheres of human activity. They are oppressed suppressed and marginalized in the matter of sharing the available opportunity for fulfillment of their lives despite the fact that every woman slaves for the development of her family, her husband and children. This is predicament of women all over the world.

In the male dominated society, a woman is supposed to be an ideal wife, a mother and an excellent home maker with multifarious roles in the family. As wife and mother Service, Sacrifice, Submissiveness and tolerance are her required attributes Excessive endurance are series of adjustment the make in her life faithfully and obediently are her admired qualities.

Some measures would be given to upliftment of women's Liberty:-

1. Intensify efforts and actions to achieve the goals of the National Forward-looking Strategies for the Advancement of Women by the end of this century.
2. Ensure the full enjoyment by women and the girl child of all human rights and fundamental freedoms, and take effective action against violation of these rights and freedoms;
3. Take all necessary measure to eliminate all from discrimination against women and the girl child and remove all obstacles to gender equality and the advancement and empowerment of women, and remove all obstacles to gender equality and the advancement and empowerments of women.

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