



A Study on Women Empowerment After 1947

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The standard of any civilized society can be best be judged from the status accorded to its women. A woman is the mother of the race and is the line between generations. Women constitute about one-half of the global population but they are placed at various disadvantageous positions due to the gender differences and bias. They have been victims of violence, exploitation and discrimination. Against all such odds and obstacles women all over the world have launched powerful movements to reverse centuries of discrimination and injustice. They are mobilizing many movements against violence and oppression, and are demanding equal rights, greater opportunities for development, equitable laws. With the growth of education and awareness, women no longer feel that they are confined to four walls, but are venturing out into every conceivable area of society. The government has introduced major development programmes for their major progress. The constitution of India has also provided several rights to women for their all round progress. Although there is a formal recognition of women's equality with men extensive data gathered by the UN and other sources show that women continue to face discrimination and marginalization. The empowerment of women occurs in reality when women achieve increased control and participation in decision-making that leads to their better access to resources and therefore improved social economic status. The experts on gender issue hold that women's advancement involves the process by which women achieve increased control over public decision making. The male domination of society and government are often seen working for the purpose of serving male interest and in this course subordination of women takes place. The experts also inform that there are five level of women empowerment framework namely welfare, access, consciousness, mobilization and control.

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