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Attitude of Degree Level Female Students towards Science Education in the Context of Women Empowerment

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Abstract : *Education is the fundamental right and a pre-requisite to the development of a society. It removes unfounded beliefs, illogical prejudices and unreasoned loyalties from one's mind and enables us to come to a proper conclusion. Education empowers women and leads to their overall development. It enhances their capability and potentiality. Among the different disciplines, the science stream opens a broad path for women through education and employment. Science Education is pivotal for up scaling one's level of thinking. It not only enhances knowledge but it also builds a mindset with an ability to distinguish between good or*

bad and right or wrong. It promotes a scientific and systematic approach which leads to objectivity in decisions making. Financial autonomy boosts their confidence. The present study focuses on finding out the attitude of female degree level students towards women empowerment. The data collection was done on 180 degree level female students of science, arts and commerce streams of Patna Women's College under Patna University and College of Commerce under Magadh University. The Incidental sampling technique was used to select a representative sample. A questionnaire was framed for getting the desired result. The findings of the study indicated that the attitude of degree level female students towards Science Education in the context of women empowerment is positive. The female students also have a positive attitude towards the fact that Science Education influences the mind, social behaviour, way of working and independent behaviour of individuals. Based on the findings, the study concludes that Science Education enables women to develop a positive approach in solving the problems of the society.

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