

Women Education for Rural Development for Sustainable Growth

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ABSTRACT

Sustainable growth depends on an equitable distribution of resources for today and for the future. Resources mean Human Resources, which cannot be achieved without gender equality. Since women constitute almost half of the human resources and thus form a significant portion of the human capital of the country. Human Resource development cannot be achieved without proper basic education to the women, since; it is a key factor for achieving sustainable economic growth, social development and political dimensions. Women's role in development is indispensable and community development is incomplete without women's participation and contribution. So the educated women can play a very important entity in the development of the country. If they are imparted good quality education and given opportunities to develop their talent and skill, it can uplift their status in society and they can contribute better to the growth activity.

Education is the milestone of women empowerment and development; it enables them to respond the challenges, to confront their traditional role and change their life at par. So that we can't neglect the importance of education in reference to women empowerment by which sustainable growth achieved. But women are not always involved in the process of development activities that affect their lives and also still now birth of daughter child is not acceptable by the society of the rural area.

So education of women is the most powerful tool to change the mental position in society as well as development of the country. Women education for rural development and for sustainable growth in India has been need of the hour, as education is a foundation stone for the empowerment of women. Women education also brings reduction in inequalities and functions as a means of improving their status within the family and develops the concept of participation and decision makings.

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INTRODUCTION

We accept that knowledge is wealth; we can look at how knowledge is percolating from its fountains to the needy,

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Knowledge like all wealth grows exponentially. That is the law of nature and we cannot change it. The distribution of this knowledge will therefore have a much more visible effect on the growth of knowledge which develops education. All section of the society do not receive knowledge uniformly because distribution of education system is not uniform; basically in rural area, still now the girl child have no preference for education facilities. This is the drawback of development in rural area. Since development will be direct consequence of an effective education system. Such a true development will be constant effort to improve one's own life as well as surroundings. The development that is the result of proper education through women for true sustainable development. When we educated man, we educate an individual, but when we educate women, we educate an entire family. Educated women have self-confidence, skills as well as intelligence to understand the need for development of her child and make a progressive family. Education is the only tool with which a girl /women of rural area can empower herself and eventually her family for sustainable growth.

Why to educate Women

Educating women means educating the family and the nation. The development of future generation mainly depends upon the education of women section basically rural area; because the women in the rural area are the root for the cultivation of education throughout the society. So the education of women is realized to be the most essential part for the development of the society. It can help every woman to educate their own children as well as they can manage the whole family as an active member and the society. The children learn their manners and behaviour at home and mostly mothers are responsible for cultivating good behaviour to their children. Every educated woman can run their house well and make it a paradise on earth. They can think well about the future of children and can guide them for choosing the line of education which will be appropriate for success in their life. Since Mother is the first educator of the child. Therefore the influence of mother on the child is much more important. She is responsible for upbringing and development. Most of the time a child lives in contact with the mother and influenced and affected by her.

Therefore it is very necessary that a mother is imbued with good qualities and try to influence her child with that. Thus the education of women is of great importance in our national and social life. It is the duty of the society and the Government to provide adequate facilities for the education of women. Because if we educate a girl, we educate the mother as well as the whole family. A truly educated mother can very easily retrieve the minds of the children from fears, prejudices, superstition in which they belong. She can train the child's mind and keep them away from undesirable company and wrong ideas by which a good citizen take birth in our country.

So the importance of women education is certainly great. Women plays a very significant role in developing human resources, improving household affairs in moulding character of children (both boys & girls), she also played a significant role in the society, she lives in. Once we realize the importance of the role played by women in the family and society, the urgency of the need for educating them becomes vivid. The women outside home are becoming an important aspect of the social and economic life of the country, such that by employing them, there is a financial growth of economy for sustainable development.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Sustainable development should be a key objective for all national policies, and should aim at the continuous improvement of the quality of life on earth of both current and future generations. It is about safe guarding of the earth's to support life in all its diversity. It is based on the principles of democracy and the rule of law and respect for fundamental rights including freedom and equal opportunities for all both men and women. It seeks to promote a dynamic economy with a high level of employment and education of health protection of social and territorial cohesion and of

environmental protection in a peaceful and secure world, respecting cultural diversity. Viewed in a broad spectrum, women had played a vital role in the global environmental movement.

Educated women are capable of bring socio economic changes. The constitution of almost all democratic countries, including India guarantees have equal rights to both men and women.

"Educating for all" is one of the major tasks being carried out by the Indian Government but still we haven't achieved what we should have so far. When a woman (or a girl) is ensured of her rights, the society at large is ensured of its sustainable development of the country.

IMPORTANCE of WOMEN EDUCATION

- Economic development and prosperity
Education will empower to come forward and contribute towards the development and prosperity of the country.
- Economic Empowerment
So long as women basically rural women economically dependent on men, the helpless condition of them cannot be changed. Economic empowerment and independence will only come through proper education and employment of women.
- Improved life:
Education helps a woman to live a good life. Her identity as an individual would never get lost. She can read and learn about her rights. Her rights would not get trodden down; the condition of life would improve; if we take a broad outlook in the field of female education.
- Improve health
Educated girls or women are aware of the importance of health and hygiene. Through health education, they are empowered to lead a healthy life-style. Educated mothers can take better care of both herself and her child.
- Dignity and honour:-
Educated women are now looked upon with dignity and honour. The women those who are recognised as their activities, they become a source of inspiration for millions of young girls as role-models.
- Justice:
Educated women are more informed of their rights for justice. They can protest in instances of violence and injustice against women such as dowry, forced-prostitution, child-marriage, female foeticide, etc.
- Choice of profession:
Educated women can prove her in the profession successfully, such as doctors, engineers, teachers, air hostesses etc. They can also perform exceptional activities which are hardy for a woman.

Conclusion

Education gives a voice to girls and women in their communities. If all women completed primary school, 189000 lives of women would be saved per year. Empowering women through education is also important factor in promoting economic well-being. For any developing countries waste valuable capital, due to unemployment of women in the workplace. Education gives girls and women a greater scope of employment and sense of social freedom and personal rights and identity which guide them take decision making processes. By educating the women, we can

educate the whole nation, because a country can never rise without the contribution of 50% of its population. Without educated woman a nation cannot expect high growth rate for its sustainable development. So women and men are equally treated in the eyes of the law .Now there is greater emphasis on education of girls and women in the same way as we educate boys and men. The modern day parents want to fulfil the aspiration of their children without gender parity in urban area, but in rural area still now there is a difference between boys and girls.

So women must be educated for a healthy and happy life. Educated women can be a better human being, successful mother and responsible citizen as well as she can develop a good citizen for tomorrow.

Similarly, by educating women in rural area we will definitely increase the living standard both at and outside home. We can hope for better days while all women both rural and urban area of our country will enlighten by their proper education and support for sustainable development of our country.

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