# WOMEN ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN INDIA: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES

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#### **ABSTRACT**

Due to their significant and unique part, the sphere of women entrepreneurship has come an imperative area of exploration across nations giving it attention. Despite the brimming capabilities, effectualness, and capabilities, the women in India have to face opposition and trials rather than welljustified accolades. They're floundering with the present situation and their entrepreneurial intentions. Some studies have claimed that the number of successful women entrepreneurs in India is comparatively low. Some studies have also proved the success of women entrepreneurial success indeed though the entrepreneurial studies have been conducted religiously. The actuality of misgivings of traits that lead to the success of women entrepreneurs. Women entrepreneurship in India is still underdeveloped and there's great eventuality for the enhancement in future. The conception has also seized the attention of experimenters, academicians, and governing authorities. Hence, in order to fill this gap, the exploration would be conducted to understand women entrepreneurship, the walls to the aspects in India. The study is essential to understand the major challenges and factors that impact the success of women entrepreneurs by extending the body of knowledge. The study would reflect the demitasse clear aspects related to the ways of getting successful in business gambles. also, this study would also give a volition in expounding the entrepreneurial success among the aspirant women by assaying their position of satisfaction by balancing the professional and particular life.

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#### Introduction

It's proved that the contribution of women towards the economic development of nations is extensively honored by all. It's also proved that the number of women entrepreneurs has been mushroomed during the last many times. Despite the increase in women participation in entrepreneurial conditioning, the number of women who have attained their capstone isn't worth saluting and encouraging as they're passing low growth across their business gambles. Women are remained a neglected area due to the conventional ideological setup and strict values of our society. Women encounter some problems to start as well as manage their businesses. Entrepreneurship in India isn't a new conception; rather from the before period, it has witnessed multiple generations of entrepreneurs and has evolved to the current state. In the present period, India is known for its rich entrepreneurial history and it has earned numerous accolades due to some natural as well as man- made attempts. These are many pieces of substantiation, which portray the part of India in the arena of business and in developing the entrepreneurial cult in Indian history. With the growth of Information and Communication Technology, some enterprise taken by the government similar as Foreign Direct Investment, Startups culture, and Digital India have strengthened the efforts of entrepreneurs across genders. The strategic position and business-friendly ferocious infrastructural development in the present SCENARIOs have made it indeed more glamorous for the further status of the business in the State.

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#### Women Entrepreneurship

Every nation aims at negotiating economic development for a better life, advanced standard of living, and substance of its population. The conception of development has multiple confines and is considered deficient without the development of women who constitute roughly half of its population. Hence, the contribution of women is a must-have in economical conditioning for nation- structure. Women are a veritably vital gender and have the capability, capacity, and implicit to make benefactions towards the economic, social and artistic development of any nation. Women are visionary, having marvelous testament and capability to exceed, explore as well as optimize the openings. Women always play an important part in the development of the country as well as furnishing economical support to their families. Women are leading the business enterprises or the assiduity, organizing the ways of fruitful working and furnishing employment openings to others, and hereby conceptualizing as women entrepreneurs. In headway with the conception of entrepreneurship, women entrepreneurs are defined by the Government of India as an enterprise, which is possessed and controlled by women having a minimal fiscal interest of 51 of the capital funds and giving at least 51 of employment openings to women in the enterprise. Women are occupied in business conditioning due to certain drive as well as pull factors, which motivate the women to lead an independent life and act as the foundation to their families. Entrepreneurship is a substantial part of human resources for the development of women in a frugality. It's needed to begin the entire process of overall development as the backbone of the frugality in any country. The term Entrepreneurship has been expressed by numerous authors grounded on their perceptions regarding the aspect. Entrepreneurship is conventionally nominated as the entire process of designing, launching, and running new businesses; generally, begins as the startups by offering the customized product or service to be vended or hired by the people. The applicants are generally nominated, entrepreneurs.

#### **Current Scenario of Women Entrepreneurship**

Women entrepreneurs are the crucial key in advanced as well as advancing nations in terms of their liabilities in environment to social and economic expansion in recent times. Currently, women are heading towards their establishment across multitudinous arenas similar as artificial, agrarian, service disciplines opposing the artistic and social constraints in the wake of economic liberalization and globalization, education, urbanization, and development. These conditions have appreciatively led to the establishment of entrepreneurial openings for women. They're ready to break the impediment knitted in the manly- dominated society to ensure the fine standard of living, lay a probative hand to the partner, nourish their children, overcome poverty and contribute towards the development of the nation. Numerous nations have realized the need of developing women entrepreneurship to enable the nations to flourish in the ultramodern high- tech world. It doesn't only contribute towards the development of a PARTICULAR nation but also reduces the position of poverty at the global position. Since the 1990s, gender has come a lens for constructing exploration with the help of which the issues related to the impact of women's participation in the economic sphere of the nations. The involvement of women across economical disciplines as entrepreneurs acts as a significant development in the liberation of women and enabling them to secure a place in society. They're getting nonstop of their actuality in the frame of society that they represent a group who has broken down from the divergent track and now heading towards the fruitful platforms of economical participation. The state reflects the slow progress of women entrepreneurship in India due to the actuality of numerous antiquated roots. The maturity of the families in India prefers manly children and don't let their daughters work out after evening. Women in utmost of the areas are still confined to the kitchen and aren't allowed to breathe in an open environment. There live problems related to womanish feticide, infanticide, honor payoff, a ban on inter-caste marriages, and restrictions on women. The family members and society in the pastoral and remote areas are reticent to stand beside the growth in their entrepreneurial conditioning. Women lead a chained life, whereby they're still dominated by the opinions of their misters, sons, and in- laws, which retrain them to progress and attain success in the field of entrepreneurship. Women have relatively low mobility in the State and struggle with unwanted scores.

## **Factors Promoting Growth of Women Entrepreneurship**

Entrepreneurs don't live on their own; they rather operate in close institute with other core mummers and under the impact of the external rudiments. These factors are imperative only when the applicants take the opinions to involve or not t involve entrepreneurially. Some authors have bandied that societal approach towards entrepreneurship and business conditioning, access to the various variables impacting business exertion, economic conditions, involvement in the entrepreneurial networks as well as access to the fiscal resources as the major factors, which impact the women to move ahead to apply their testaments.

- Psychological Or Particular Factors: The human desire to attain commodity significant, the perception of control over the circumstances, and the propensity to take pitfalls are the most prominent factors, which act as the drive factor to start the business adventure. Naffziger etal. (1994) have fore predicated some major factors like conformity to initiate the adventure need for autonomy, continuity, dominance, snare the leverage, desire to make the own conglomerate, and particular control, which motivate the women applicants to step ahead to start the entrepreneurial conditioning. The motivational factors similar as materializing their ideas into capital, breathing in the empowered and free environment, proving their work in institute with their partner, establishing their own rules of working, gratifying their extremities, overcome the various problems faced by them while subordinating in the salaried employment, opposing the tough and draining work environment, they've encountered while working on the terms of someone differently.
- Cognitive Factors: Piecemeal from the particular factors, there are some cognitive factors like knowledge, skills, and capacities. The entrepreneurs must have acceptable knowledge regarding the technology and the assiduity, precise skills like decision forest, negotiating, operation of resources, selling, marketing, promoting their products. The clear vision, acceptable strategy for the association, carrying out the business adventure successfully, provision of motivation as well as energy to execute the needed conduct in a good manner.
- Easing Factors: The various easing factors like acceptable fiscal installations in the working area, vacuity of professed as well as educated people at the plant, cooperation from the partner and other family members as well as developing training programmes, which push the growth of women entrepreneurs in the society. These factors also convert others to take the enterprise to make their way with the being resources and feasibilities. The plant has a major impact on creating and nourishing the interests of various applicants to come forward on the turf and prove their leverage by working in the manly fabricated society.
- **Financial Factors**: The desire of women applicants to subsidize on their business testament, enthusiasm to start up their own business, to make their wealth, ameliorate the quality of life of their children, partake the economical burden of their family, managing the particular as well as professional life successfully the way they want and establish themselves on the competitive turf are the major factors, which impact their belongingness to take the action to do with the launch- ups.
- Social Factors: piecemeal from this, there are some social factors like attaining equal status to
  manly counterparts in the society, attaining lesser mobility as well as freedom, contriving threattaking capability, negotiating excellence and moxie, unlock the chained faculty, creativity and
  ingeniousness, making sound benefactions towards the society, erecting tone- confidence,
  reframing the tone- comprehensions, retarding the impediment of foundations and pressures,
  optimizing the capacities to shape up the creative ideas.
- Environmental Factors: The internal or family as well as market environment, in which women have to perform, are the significant factors that affect the capacities of aspirant women. Cooper etal. (1994) conceded that applicants who belong to families in which the parents are involved in entrepreneurial conditioning fluently get doable openings to start and shape the eventual business conditioning. A well- defined strategic environment, policy frame, the conditions of market demand as well as force, rule of law, equal openings, transparent system, well- knit property rights, inclusive programs framed by the government, also encourage the spirit among women to flourish in the deep environment.

#### **Challenges or Hurdles in Women Entrepreneurship**

The entire process of establishment isn't easy for every woman. The conception of women entrepreneurship isn't new rather it keeps the women reticent to be among the startups because of the community as well as societal pressures and shifting trends. Women Entrepreneurs have to encounter numerous problems or challenges to establish themselves in their separate disciplines.

• Imbalance Between Particular and Professional Life: The stress from the social frame hampers the women 's freedom of starting their set up and knit a support system for the family. This occasionally leads to particular, family, and social disorganization, which in turn creates fermentation in the entire frame of the sodality. Also, women give further significance to their family ties and children being novelettish. They're forced to nurture their family members, hubby, and in- laws, as their primary liabilities as compare to fulfilling their dreams, which are reckoned secondary by the manly members of the family.

- Lack of Confidence and Threat Taking Capability: numerous studies have revealed that women warrant the confidence to have a substantial detailed analysis of their business gambles. A Gem Report (2007) revealed that across middle or low- income nations, roughly one- third of women withhold the fear of failure and threat- taking particularity to come women entrepreneurs. This lack of tone confidence, restraint, stable internal outlook as well as pessimistic outlook creates a phobia in their mind of making miscalculations while rendering their entrepreneurial services.
- Inadequate Mindfulness about the Sustaining Capabilities: The tone- comprehensions, tone- regard, the intensity of women entrepreneurship, and the low position of functional proficiency concerning plans and strategies for unborn growth as well as proliferation act as hindrances in the inauguration as well as accomplishment of the pretensions. Due to a lack of correct education and guidance, women entrepreneurs have to stay in the darkness regarding the creativity, development of moxie, and new ways of affair, trading, and probative system, which could give them with the capability to flourish.
- Inadequate Education and Entrepreneurial Skills: Women warrant knowledge regarding the available resources as they lead a important defended life. They warrant directorial skills regarding acceptable planning regarding the resources, communicated less education, and given lower tone- dependence to make opinions which hinder their capability to bear pitfalls and misgivings occupied in setting up the business gambles. They're lagging in the sphere of education and skills to take over business conditioning.
- Low Position of Support from the Family: Entrepreneurship needs a advanced position of commitment, fidelity, and full- time smart work. Women are still not allowed indifferent involvement in the opinions of the family. Middle position women aren't too eager to change their places due to the fear of societal counter reaction where as similar progress is largely visible in the women belonging to upper classes in the civic areas.
- Actuality of Conventional Social Frame working: Women have to work in a dynamic, changeable environment and strict competition from the manly counterparts. They're exposed to the tough work environment, which is dynamic as well they've to face stiff competition with a joker who's occupied in promoting as well as carrying out easy marketing of their wares. Women entrepreneurs have to insure their continuity in a manly-dominated society.

#### Conclusion

The study concludes that there's a high impact of governmental backing in developing the entrepreneurship scenario. According to the comprehensions of women entrepreneurs, governmental backing had the loftiest impact in easy vacuity of finance and capital for the business gambles. Other than this, government backing was also substantially poignant in dealing goods through social media or for exercising online resources, as well as enhancing the specialized skills through special programs and enterprise. The study concluded that the least salutary impact of government backing in developing women entrepreneurship in Haryana was in spreading mindfulness regarding business development and conducting information. In environment of unborn prospects of women entrepreneurship, the study handed that maturity of women believed that women entrepreneurship is a skill that can be developed, and that there's a favorable atmosphere towards it in the society. The loftiest prospects of unborn development in women entrepreneurship can be seen in the trading sector. Among pastoral areas, women prognosticated lesser prospects in areas like scapegoat husbandry, flour manufactories, or slipup- making diligence. Flesh husbandry was seen as the least feasible prospect of business in pastoral areas. In civic areas, women entrepreneurs saw unborn openings developing in areas like manufacturing of leather products, or services similar as typing and Xeroxing. These are unexplored fields for women entrepreneurs, as compared to the beauty assiduity which has been oversaturated and doesn't have numerous prospects for unborn development.

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