WOMEN: OPPORTUNITIES AND OBSTACLES

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INTRODUCTION:
Since some decades, women are getting the opportunities to enter and participate in the fields of education and employment. Besides this, it is not true that she is independent and empowered. Of course, these opportunities are helping her to get relief from the stress, but are not enough to lead an independent life in an appropriate manner, without any hesitation.

ABSTRACT:
Today, we experience a great change in the life of a woman. Many debaters, experienced persons, medias express their opinion about the woman, that she is equal to the man in all the faces of life in the contemporary society. She acquired an equal status such views prove their escapism. Meanwhile, she is facing the exploitations like dowry deaths, female infanticides, female foeticides, sexual harassments etc., this type of violence against her is increasing day by day. What will be the justification for all these circumstances?

The society is pleading that though women are given so many opportunities, those are not properly utilised by them. On the other hand, the same society is creating an environment to stay away from all the facilities.

As we see, today women are acquiring a special status in educational, administrative, political fields. They are living independently and also in a leading position. They are shining in a higher power in their career. The hands of the women are today, not restricted only to do the kitchen chores they are capable to rule the whole world. For example, Kalpana Chawla, Kiran Bedi, Shalini Rajnish, Pratibha Patil Singh etc, are the noted women personalities. But is it possible for every woman to get the opportunities, environment and encouragement like these great persons? I think, it is impossible if possible to get the opportunities, the male personalities will not allow her to live in the way she desired to lead her life. The male (man) needs the control over the woman in every field. So, he always restricts the bonds of troubles, hurdles, unavoidability around the opportunities and he creates the bond of tension around her.

They very aim of my essay is to give attention not only to the available opportunities, but also to the obstacles which are becoming the hurdles for the women empowerment.

Without showing to women the patriarchal society ties a key of opportunities to women’s pallo (edge of the saree) and tells her to search the key but she will search till her life. Because she don’t know where the society has tied the key.
In one hand they show the opportunities and create a glass layer in other hand. We think it's so easy to get that but we can’t.

Though there are plenty of opportunities in getting education, there are hurdles also. She has to face many problems.

The girls have to travel from villages to colleges get higher education (to the cities). It is unavailable also. The parents and the girls themselves are worried about their safety. The transportation facilities are inadequate and not satisfactory also. It is not safe for the girls to travel alone. The social system is held responsible for the circumstances. The male dominated system of our society is supportive for the evil minded males, who believe that the woman is a toy like substance, easily available for their evil needs. So, women will become the victims of their heinous acts. There is no judicial system, which is able to control over all these cruel deeds in a radical manner. Such fierce incidents occur frequently, irrespective of age, place etc.

The women, who were restricted to be in the four walls of the household, today got the opportunities to work outside. And it is accepted by the social system also. But, in the country, the divisions of responsibilities are not accepted yet by the social system.

Today, the life of a woman has split into two different roles. For a married woman to be gainfully employed outside the home is in no way incompatible with her being a good wife, she has to fulfill the domestic duties. In the nuclear families, if the husband is not a co-operative one, the woman has to perform all the duties of the household and also the job responsibilities and to lead a life of economic empowerment also.

Trying to quit from the sexual violence of the marriage system, when a woman enters the single family system. She has to face sexual harassments, molestation, woman trafficking, kidnapping etc., in the workplaces also, she has to face harassments from the higher officers, co-workers and also from other males. The men of the family also damage her image by doubting on her character.

If the women work outside, people think that her family will become orphan. The working woman may not do her household chores property (like cooking etc.) and the children may not get proper care and they may become uncared. If the husbands do any offence, the reason will be the job of the woman. If the children become weep ward, if the daughter face in love or husband fall in the love of another lady or he marries another one, all the slur(scandal) goes to the working woman.

The status of woman in some families is not good enough today also. The society also used to pick the faults in her every pace. Whenever she goes to work outside she and her job are held responsible for all the problems arising in her family. In this way, altogether, she has to bear the distress throughout her life.

Now-a-days many women are entering in the political field in reservation quota. But the entry is nominal only. The innocent woman will be nominated and get elected. She has no knowledge about the administration and also she is unknown of the politics. In the name of her, her husband or brother will take part in the administrative summits and takes decisions. The woman will be a puppet in the hands of the male. In the presence of the sessions, the woman will be seated but the male is taking the advantage of the dominance. In the debates, publicity it is declared that the women are entering etc. and are enjoying the reservation.

To get the power they have to give brides do publicity stunts do hurly burly and sometimes there occurs murders also. Now a day, woman is also not an acceptance from all these scandals.

It will not enough to give the power in the hands of a women, she must be taught to use the power. But there rises a problem. The period of the power is very small. In that short period, though she learn to use the power systematically, it is not possible her to apply that learning practically. Nobody knows her when will she again get the opportunity to get the power. She becomes arrested in the four walls of the house once again.

There is a facility of widow pensions, old age pensions to protect the woman economically. But the male society will take the advantage of her loneliness. It exploits her physically and also economically. If she opposes, the male system torture her, some woman may not get the pension in their whole life. In this way she has to bear the tension, atrocities of the society. We may see, some of the example of exploitations in our daily life.

**CONCLUSION:-**

By one hand, women are given opportunities and from another hand, the society is creating obstacles. In this way the modern women have to face the double standard of the male society. The modern woman has to face the problems like female infanticide, female feticide, sexual harassments in workplaces and in her own
family, loneliness the problem of widow, rapes, atrocities, etc., (early marriages, child marriages, etc) Daily she has to face a new problem. Is there any end to all these tortures?

CONCLUSION:

The awareness creating programmes must be arranged in all the places, whether it must be arranged in all the places, whether it may be a village or a metro city. The main objective of today’s society is to create a gender equality environment. The reasons behind the tensions of the women and the retrievals for the problems must be indicated. Today, we are facing the state of emergency of the relief, not only of the women but also of the whole mankind.

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