



WOMEN EMPOWERMENT

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ABSTRACT :

Year 2011 was declared as the WOEN EMPOWERMENT YEAR. India, with over a billion people, accounts for nearly 17 percent of the present world population of ix thousand million people. Since 1900, the population has increased more than four times and if growth continues at the present rate, the world population is likely to reach 8.5 billion by the year 2020. Women, as an independent target group, account for 495.74 million and represent 48.3 percent of country's total population as per 2011 census.

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INTRODUCTION:

In order to promote women's studies and to translate the components of empowerment of women, the UGS has since been playing a significant role in the venture through the creation of Centers for Women's studies (CWS) by implementation of a scheme on Development of women studies in Indian Universities and colleges.

Despite repaid advancement made by mankind and women, the latter is still discriminated against. Internet had proved to be a major reason in hindering the continuous and rapid development and upliftment of women.

In the realm of 21st century, when we turn back the pages of history. We cannot stop wondering about the 'changes', the perpetual changes, which have fined our lifestyle.

Some great people come with their astounding ideologies and changed the scenario for posterity. The 'consideration' for the upliftment of women was one of the major achievements. Deviation from the prolonged idea of treating women even worse than dogs was a miracle in itself. Today we find innumerable women walking around freely. They are holding positions, which we never thought was possible some hundred years ago.

Though a number of steps are yet to be taken before the destined point of "fuller realisation", One ignor the euye-goggline advancement of women.

Nowadays, when world and life are more favorable to women that before, there erupts an element embattled to cause some irreparable damage to this hard-earned success. It does not comprise of bombs, guns or swords but something that can leave even stronger impact, something that can directly attack our minds and kill our intellects. This element is none other than internet. While internet is supposed to provide knowledge and healthy entertainment, it also brings with itself the whole ideology of sexist packed in a drama called pornography. With easy access to internet, pornography is targeting the developing minds of children. Unable to differ between right or wrong, good or bad, these young children are being shown how to assault, abuse and humiliate women sexually, how to gain power over them, how to prove them weaker and shockingly how to derive fun out of it? If children, the foundation of our future, would carry the views

promoted by pornography, which can be considered as an apparent consequence, then it is not wrong to say that gender equality would remain only an unattainable dream.

DESPITE tall claims by both centre as well as governments of respective states, India stands the lowest amongst its neighboring countries as far as reservation for women is concerned. According to a survey, reservation for women stands at only 8.2 percent in India while in Pakistan it is over 21 per cent, Nepal 30 per cent and Bangladesh 20 per cent. Expressing serious concern over the least participation of women in country's progress, the Alliance for Women's Reservation Bill (AWRB) has accused the United Progressive Alliance (UPA) government at the centre of betraying the commitments made in the Common Minimum Program (CMP) of mainstreaming women in the legislative process and structures effectively. The Alliance, which is consisting of nearly 30 women groups besides other support groups and grass-root organizations, maintained that the South Asian countries including those, which have dictatorships, show political will in making provisions and implementing reservation for women in their parliaments and assemblies, but so for India continues to lag behind.

After staging *dharnas* outside the Parliament, AWRB has sent a memorandum to Former PM Shri Manmohan Singh demanding that the 33 per cent women's reservation bill must be tabled and voted upon in this half of the budget session. It said that since women form 50 per cent of the electorate in India, this election year is an opportunity for the government to ensure the passage of the bill.

Veena Nayyar, Director of Women's Political Watch, an NGO working for the upliftment of women said, **"Women are angry, tired and feel Insulted by unmeant and unkept promises by manifestos of the senior most leadership of the country and these too pick up momentum only in the election year."**

She said that, **"field surveys show that the common man is supporting and even seeking women's participation in governance, but it is only the men-in-power who are opposing, denying and occupying women's rightful places"**.

CONCLUSION

Women need a voice, and the Bill guaranteed to give them one, in the field of politics. I cannot help thinking though, what about the millions of women in India without a voice? Those who put up with abuse from their own family, at their workplaces, who juggle a hundred things, but have no voice for complain.