



## A STUDY ON POLITICAL AWARENESS AMONG DEGREE COLLEGE STUDENTS

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### ABSTRACT :

*The youth are the future of the country and they should deal with the every situation like social, political, economic in the society. The researcher tried to reveal the hidden truth about the basic awareness of the Indian politics in youth. The study focused on the evaluation of the basic awareness about Indian politics and present conditions of the politics among the college students of vijayapur district, Karnataka. The objectives of the study - To know the levels of the awareness or knowledge of the college students about the political issue and presents ministries, powers and functions of the elected members for state and centre. To find out the difference in the awareness of politics among male and female students of vijayapura district. The research hypothesis is – there is need of awareness programs to the youths about the politics. The self structured questionnaire used in the study to collect the primary data from the sample of the study. the tool consisted the basic test on the present politics, power and functions of the ministers, general knowledge about Indian politics , the each question carry the marks and higher score indicated higher level of awareness of politics. The collected data represented in the form of tables and graph.*



**KEYWORDS :** Political awareness, youths.

### INTRODUCTION

The youth of the society should know the nature of the politics without the basic awareness about the politics they never chose the suitable person for law making. Political participation is the hallmark of a democratic setup. Nature, success and effectiveness of democracy largely depend on the extent to which equal, effective and actual participation is provided by the system to all its citizens. As women comprise about half of the population, this section of society requires due attention in the system and a due share in process. Citizens' active participation in political affairs in a democracy is crucial and necessary because it provides legitimacy to the system and also strengthens the democratic fabric. Democracy will fail in its objectives if women citizens lack equal opportunity to participate in the governmental decision-making process. They are to be equal partners in the nation-building and political development.

### SOCIO-ECONOMIC ENVIRONMENT

The socio-economic environment will have a direct impact upon political participation. Socio-economic variables include education, occupation, income, age, caste, religion, sex, family background, residence etc. "Political participation", says Robert Lane, "IS a function of age, sex, education and status Thus generally, participation tends to be higher among better educated, members of higher occupational and

income groups, middle aged, dominant ethnic and religious groups, people with political family background, settled residents, urban dwellers and members of voluntary associations, However, the correlation between political participation and some of these socio-economic variables may vary from culture to culture in different political contexts and their effect on political participation may not be stable.

## METHODOLOGY

The present study based on the survey type research method, the researcher tried to know the basic awareness levels of the college students about the present politics, power and functions of the political positions in India.

### The objectives

- ❖ To measure the basic awareness of the politics among the sample of the study.
- ❖ To evaluate the knowledge of the sample about the politics
- ❖ To prepare the tables and graphs of higher and lower awareness about the politics among the male and female students
- ❖ Categorized the sample on their awareness level about the present politics.

### The hypothesis

- ❖ There is lack of awareness about the politics among the college students
- ❖ There is difference in knowledge of present politics among the sample due to gender difference.
- ❖ There is need of awareness programs to the youths

### The sample

The present study consisted one hundred twenty male and one hundred twenty female students who are studying in college of education for Bachelor of Education degree in vijayapura district, Karnataka.

### The tool

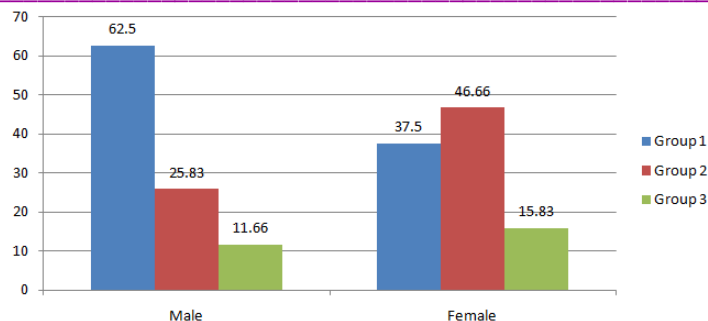
The self structured questionnaire consisted thirty questions on the present politics, like, ministers, powers of governor, name of the present speaker of lok sabha and Karnataka state, duties of president of india, basic knowledge of election commission of india. etc. all questions are direct the sample should write the answer in the open place after the question. Each question carry one marks. Higher the marks higher the awareness or knowledge about the present politics.

## DATA ANALYSIS

**The table showing the level of awareness of politics among male and female students**

Sample	N	Group -1	Group -2	Group -3
Male	120	75	31	14
		62.5%	25.83%	11.66%
Female	120	45	56	19
		37.5%	46.66%	15.83%

Percentage method\*



The table and graphs are showing the level of awareness about politics among the sample, the groups are made on the basis of score in the test, group 1 is above 20 marks, group 2 is above 10 marks and group 3 is below 10 marks in the test. The male students are higher awareness than the female students, 62.5% of male students are having the higher awareness of politics, whereas the female only 37.5% are in group 1. 46.66% of females are having the average level in the awareness test, whereas males are 25.83%. the group 3 is indicating the poor knowledge about the politics, the 15.83% female students are having the very poor knowledge about the politics and 11.66 male are also in the same group.

### FINDINGS

- ❖ There is need of political awareness among the youth of the society.
- ❖ There is lack of awareness among the male and female educated students
- ❖ Male students are having better awareness in the politics
- ❖ Female students are lower awareness of politics than the male students
- ❖ There is difference in knowledge of politics among male and female students.
- ❖ Female are less interested in the present politics due to male domination in the society.

### RECOMMENDATIONS

- The same study will conduct on teacher and other sector of the society to identify the level of awareness of politics.
- There awareness programs on the present politics can enhance the ability of the citizens to make success of democracy.

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