

Women Problems-Indian Context

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Abstract-

Woman in India are vulnerable to many routine life problems. Women all over the world suffer as they are considered to be weaker sections, fairer section. In this paper I want to discuss the general problems faced by women of India. This study is based secondary data. Why, it is that women are the suffers; as Indian society is male dominated society. There are several problems to be taken care of, if there is need of bringing women into the economic sector.

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In 21st century, the women are considered a 'better half', the 'oppressed', the 'deprived', the 'exploited', 'weaker', fairer etc. These are the terms used in the last decades, by calling such names, it seems women had been sufferers and bearing all these in the hope that a miracle would happen. Now is the time, we should think about the improvements that can be done in allowing her to make her own move in her own way. It is a difficult task to bring out the opportunities where she can stand and take her decisions. The need was to be seen only in the context of generating a 'new woman', who would be educated, seemingly independent, socially presentable, dressed in new styles, that is a negation of everything that was considered 'backward' in the old societies. Yet her role remained the same as was prevalent in old Indian societies. It is ironical to see a person behaving two different roles having a single status. For example, a housewife has to pretend modern in dress styles but thinking has to be traditional. She has to pose modern in outlook but do all household chores. Where as, in the same manner an employed woman had to move outside her home but with a 'Pallu/Parda on her head 'if she is married. To show the society 'look I am modern but I am very much homely/traditional in outlook'. So, a woman was living two lives at the same time. Here the problem started in our society. It is seriously a serious threat to our society. Moreover, when a

person plays two roles in one time, he or she will definitely can not be perfect in one role. A woman keeps fighting with herself all the time thinking whether she is okay with her modern dress style, behavior patterns or whether she is okay in housework. Housework management is a never-ending process, 24 into 7 hours. From cooking, washing clothes, utensils, attending whoever lands on your home at whatever time, teaching your children. These are the works when you are a housewife. But what if you are an employed woman. Then no concession in your responsibilities, no sympathy/feelings. A stigma prevails till centuries that the housework was done by our previous mothers, grandmothers etc. without a single complaint. How come today a lady is cannot do housework. If you happen to work outside home a woman alone has to manage by herself. This is an egalitarian society, where man woman is to be treated equally. Women are striving very hard today to prove to the society that they are capable of handling all roles perfectly. Henceforth, it shows that a woman has to be modern looking but in a traditional role.

This is the contradiction faced by women of India in 21st century. Women faced discrimination in almost all spheres of life. Though the declaration of 1975 as the International Women's year and 1976-85 as the women's decade put women in the limelight.

Objectives-

The objective /focus of this paper is to simply study the problems of women in the patriarchal families in India. Another aspect is how these problems can be resolved. The problem has arisen because of stereo type roles. Women are thought to be homemaker's primarily and an outside working secondary. Now the problem arises if a woman tries to enhance her socio-economic status, she has to bear double responsibilities of home and outside. She gets tired over-burdened by doing double work just to live her life properly. She hardly gets time to for her own well-being and development. In a way she has to struggle more than the males of the society.

Let us peep into her well-being and raising her

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status in our society. In various ways society can help women to do housework as well participating in economic sector. We know women constitutes 50% of the total population they are to be paid proper attention from time to time. Women if wants to improve their status, then society should allow her by providing support systems. Women having children find difficulty in carrying on their work/jobs. So, some agencies/govt. Should do something in this area. In the end, I want to conclude that women are vulnerable in many ways but our society should allow them to make progress individually. On the whole our society will progress.