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Theme: Women Empowerment

According to social scientists, empowerment means a process to establish control over resources. It also means to acquire ability and the opportunity to take part in the decision-making concerning political and economic questions affecting each individual concerned. Women have equal potential as compared to men, and given an opportunity they can also prove themselves and excel in all spheres of life thereby contributing/influencing towards the process of social transformation and national development.

History is witness that women in developing countries have been double victims of subordination and inequality in society. The mindset of patriarchy divides male and female into the category of the dominant and the subordinate. As a result, the burden of hardship falls disproportionately on women, especially in the developing countries like India. However, despite facing many cultural and socio-economic barriers, women have been contributing invaluable to the society and the nation. It is being felt increasingly that women's subordination and exploitation is a result of their powerlessness in patriarchal society and hence there is a need of empowerment of this marginalised section of society.

The National Mission for Empowerment of Women (NMEW) launched by the Government of India on 8th March, 2010 aims to strengthen the overall processes that promote all round development of women. Similarly, to address the issues of women empowerment the government has recently launched *Beti Bachoo-Beti Padhao* campaign in order to equip the future women for new age challenges. Apart from providing basic education and skill development training, family members should also be involved in their participation in decision making process in the social life leading to their empowerment. At the same time, there are also significant negative effects of unequal power relations and expectations on men due to stereotyping about what it means to be a male. These are some of the pertinent issues while dealing with women empowerment and as such need urgent attention.

Underlining the significance of the subject, may we request you to kindly contribute your scholarly significant research papers on any of the following sub-themes:

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4. Education, Public Action and Women Empowerment;
5. Health Status of Women and Women Empowerment;
6. Information Communication Technology (ICT) and Women Empowerment;
7. Women Empowerment and Human Resource Management;
8. Women Empowerment and Rural Development;
9. Women Empowerment and Marketing Management;
10. Women Empowerment and Finance Management;
11. Property/Land Rights and Women Empowerment; and
12. Any other topic which focuses on current issues of Women Empowerment.

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