

WOMEN EMPOWERMENT AT GRASSROOT LEVEL

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ABSTRACT

Empowerment is needed more at the grass root levels, the bottom level of the economic pyramid of India. Women in particular need that extra empowerment because they have been ignored as having no ability to contribute to society. The world has been patriarchal in the past. It is now time to change the socio-economic disparity. Women entrepreneurship must be encouraged as there is no specific education required and most women are skilful in some way or other.

Our national building efforts must have complete gender equality.

Empowerment is a big challenge for India. Empowerment of all persons especially the marginalized like minorities, tribal, women, people living below the poverty line is the urgent need of the day. There is structural and systematic discrimination due to the culture of domination, marginalization and exclusion based on formal and informal practices. Market centered and profit-driven practices have led to exploitation and cheap labor.

It is the responsibility of Central Government and State Governments together with civil society to safeguard the rights of all. There is an urgent need to strengthen institutional mechanisms to encourage and strengthen people from grass root levels to make the people our country fully empowered.

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