



# Indian Society And Condition Of Women; Role Of Women In Indian Society

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**Abstract:** *Women have been enjoying better position and presence in Indian society today. In the present era, presence of women can be felt in every walk of life. From topmost constitutional position of Prime minister and President to Administrative heads, politicians, metro and auto train drivers, they have proved their identities in each field. Nowadays women are Police Officers(IPS/PPS), Judges,Bank Managers, Army Officers, Pilots etc. They are efficiently handling Banking Operations, Share market, Space research, etc. Women are efficiently holding positions of responsibility in every spheres of life. They have made their presence felt in the field of business and commerce as well. More and more women are breaking the shackles and coming out of the four walls of their houses. Literacy rates in women have witnessed a sharp rise during the post-independence era.*

**Key Words:** constitutional position, Administrative heads, politicians, identities, efficiently handling.

Women play an active role in the economic and social development of our country. Earlier their role was only limited to house hold activities. The present educational and infrastructural facilities have encouraged women to occupy prominent positions in the corporate world. The current global competitive environment conditions have made the corporate companies to formulate various welfare policies suitable for women in order to grab the untapped potential of the women work force. Many women are opting jobs in order to build a good career and give financial support to their families. To lead a comfortable living and self satisfaction, women are working hard to maintain a balance between their personal and work life. In this endeavor they are getting support from their spouse, parents, children, supervisors, friends and peer group also, which indicates the change in mindset of traditional Indian families. Women are confidently making proper work life balance (WLB) resulting in increased job satisfaction and performance and also giving them reasons to enjoy family life.

Specific Laws for Women Empowerment in India :

The Govt. has formulated some specific laws in order to fulfill the constitutional obligation

of women empowerment:

- \* The Equal Remuneration Act, 1976.
- \* The Dowry Prohibition Act, 1961.
- \* The Immoral Traffic (Prevention) Act, 1956.
- \* The Maternity Benefit Act, 1961.
- \* The Medical termination of Pregnancy Act, 1971.
- \* The Commission of Sati (Prevention) Act, 1987
- \* The Prohibition of Child Marriage Act, 2006.
- \* The Pre-Conception & Pre-Natal Diagnostic Techniques (Regulation and Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1994.
- \* The Sexual Harassment of Women at Work -Place (Prevention, Protection and) Act, 2013.

Apart from above referred laws there are several other laws which not only provide specific legal rights to women but also gives them a sense of security and empowerment.

Role of Women are becoming important in all walks of life and with each passing day the percentage of women work force are increasing everywhere. Women have made a mark for



themselves in almost all spheres of working.

Today the women have shown their worth in each field. From holding highest public office in bureaucracy to holding highest political positions, women have shouldered all kinds of responsibilities with grand success. A lot of change has taken place in their position in this male dominated society. With this gradual transition from household life to working women the sufferings of women have also increased manifold.

During ancient period women were adored and worshipped as goddesses. India is also called as 'Mother India' which is in utter contrast to the culture of West. In ancient times, several women have occupied distinguished positions in the society and had played important roles. To name a few Maitreyi, Lilawati, Gargi, Katyayani, are some of the unforgettable names. Women have been adored since time immemorial as virtues incarnates. Saraswati is known as the 'Goddess of learning', Parvati as the "Goddess of Chastity", Lakshmi as the "Goddess of Wealth", Durga and Kali as the "Goddess of Power and Energy" and many more.

The women were the centre and foundation of the social and cultural life of the family. Managing the home was considered the women's sphere of activity. "Men make houses and women make home" was the traditional belief. The duties of woman were just limited to upbringing of the children, caring each every family member with her loving and amiable, characteristics which she naturally owes. It was the traditional faith that man is for the field and women for the home. Women who were the most dormant segment of India population have now become active participants in all walks of life. Till now, they were only unit of the family organization. Now, women are becoming not only a significant unit of the society but also influencing the course of social change in society. With the political emancipation of India, the women of free India ushered into a new role. Today the women enjoy equality of status, equality of opportunity with men. She has become financially independent and economically sound. She has become the major decision maker. Not only this she has also become the policy maker in various new fields. She has ventured into the outer world by transforming the

traditional belief of her role as home maker which she has been performing as a Mother, sister, wife and daughter. Her duties start from early in the morning with many responsibilities on her shoulder before going to office, like preparing breakfast, lunch, making kids ready for school etc. During office hours she has to work equally or say more sincerely than her male counterparts. She has to fulfill her duties at home even after office hours.

Her dedication by performing dual responsibilities at home as well as at office is not properly acknowledged even by her husband and other family members. The support and cooperation if extended by the husband in household work is at his sole desertion. The husband are free to take excuses like overburdened work pressure of office exigencies whereas wife is supposed to be ready and found fresh and amiable all the time.

The modern society has started recognizing the individual identity of women. She is believed to have her aspirations, abilities and qualities as a man does have and it is also agreed that she should have the opportunities to develop her faculties and to express them according to her own choice. Women can help the society in various ways. They can engage in social activities and work for the betterment of the society. Young educated girls can get engaged in a profession of her choice. We need more doctors, engineers, software developers, and social workers. The world cannot grow at good pace unless women come forward and take initiative for the development works. They can contribute enormously in the field of health care. Proper education will help in improving the level of Sanitation and hygiene which as a mother, her role in the development of the emotional psychological aspect of the new born child has been very significant. She not only gives birth to a child but educates and disciplines her child as well. The society can reap many benefits with increased role of women in all walks of life. To name a few some of the roles which women performs are as follows :-

\* Women Help In Making Children Smart:  
The children of working mothers become smart and active as compared to the children of nonworking mothers. This is because of the fact that the mothers being working have to move out of the house leaving



all the household intact and the children left at home understands their responsibilities and manages to do all their tasks without being dependent on others and thus become smart and active enough.

\* **Women Help In Making Children Independent:** The children become independent as they don't find their mother at home all day long and thus they are left with no other option than doing their homework, breakfast, packing bags for school, preparing uniforms and all such things of their own. Doing all those little tasks that a child can do on his own makes him independent and responsible.

\* **Women Inculcates Good Habits:** The working mothers are now a day helped by their spouse in household chores after returning from work. By seeing the fathers being a helping hand to mothers, children learn good habits and inculcate manners of helping others as well as their mothers, thus in this way good habits are inculcated in them.

\* **Women Shower More Love As Mothers:** The mothers who are working ought to remain away from home and their children for long hours and could not devote quality time with them. That's why such kids need to look at others for an inspiration, but they get to see an inspiration at home only. This way, they also learn to do hard work in their life.

\* **Life Becomes Exciting With The Help Of Women:** Non-working mothers remain at home and are not more outgoing. This way they are not able to have or expand their friend circle, but the working mothers are able to do so and take their children out for outing whenever gets time. This way the children also learn socializing, communicating and behaving in front of others. Women provide good standard of living: A person can give his or her family high standard of living as the financial problem does not arise. The kids also live the life in a healthy and comfortable manner as all the comforts are provided by mom and dad.

\* **Woman Are An Important Carrier Of Social Change. :** The extent of woman's participation in the corporate life is thus the measure of social change in India. Women's interest and participation in social life is increasing. This development is also the result of women's education and secularization of social

values. Women are participating in social Organizations and are developing taste for leading a life of social involvement. Their interest in social and cultural activities is increasing. They have growing interest in travel and literary activities. There is need for complete abolition of social practices such as dowry, sati, female infanticide, permanent widowhood, child marriage and many more. There are many people and organizations working including the Govt. that are working for improving the social and economic position of women in modern times, many welfare organizations for the women have sprung up.

**Conclusion-** In Indian society women play very significant roles. It doesn't matter whether she working lady or not but her duties towards family and society proved their status In Our society. Unlike the earlier time they often participate in discussions at workplace where their views are also given equal importance before any final decision. After globalization, women are gaining more and more job opportunities. It has raised hopes of women for a secured and elevated status of women arising out of increased chances to work but, at the same time, it has placed them In a highly contradictory economic liberty. The successful story of their way of approaching people and giving care to their children made our society powerful.

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