Effects of E-Learning in Education and Women Empowerment

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Abstract

Women constitute almost half of the population in the world. But the hegemonic masculine ideology made them suffer a lot as they were denied equal opportunities in different parts of the world. The rise of feminist ideas has, however, led to the tremendous improvement of women's condition throughout the world in recent times. Concept of women empowerment was introduced at the International Women Conference in 1985 at Nairobi. Women Empowerment means emancipation of women from the vicious grips of social, economical, political, caste and gender-based discrimination. Conducting Webinars (live online classes) and community interactions with professors via chat and message forum are options available. There is plethora of different E-Learning systems (otherwise known as Learning Management Systems, or LMSs for short) and methods, which allow for courses to be delivered. Education is the only way to empowere a woman.

Key Terms: Hegemonic Masculine Ideology, Gender-Based Discrimination, Emancipation, Plethora, Webinar

Introduction

Empowerment may be described as a process which helps people to assert their control over the factor which affects their lives. Empowerment of women means developing them more individual who are politically active, economically productive and independent and are able to make intelligent discussion in the matter that affect them.

The Concept of women empowerment was introduced at the International Women Conference in 1985 at Nairobi. Empowerment of women has been an important topic of debate from the dawn of history. Women empowerment has been an area of most priority for people democracy. Women especially in under developing countries are not empowered in most of fields of life. Women education in India has also been a major preoccupation of both the government and civil society as they can play a very important role in the development of the country and enables them to responds to challenges. To confront their traditional role and change their life. India being male dominating society, education of women has been neglected for a long time. Women have to swim against the stream that require mere strength, such strength come from the process of empowerment and empowerment can be done through providing proper education, health and nutrition facilities.

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Women Empowerment means emancipation of women from the vicious grips of social, economical, political, caste and gender-based discrimination. It means granting women the freedom to make life choices. Women empowerment does not mean 'deifying women' rather it means replacing patriarchy with parity. In the process of empowerment women should

consider their strengths and weakness, opportunities and threats and more forward to unfold their own potential to achieve their goals through self-development. As women's education has become one of the key development objectives in nineties, it is crucial to examine the assumptions under which policies, programs and projects are formulated towards this goal. More recently, the concept of empowerment has been tied to the range of activities undertaken by and for women in different areas, education included. No doubt, women will play a vital role in contributing to the country's development. Women power is crucial to the economic growth of any country. In India this is yet to meet the requirements despite reforms, little has been achieved in the area of women empowerment, but for this to happen; this sector must experience a chain of reforms. Though India could well become one of the largest economies in the world, it is being hindered due to lack of women's participation.

"We cannot all succeed if half of these are held back."   *- Malala Yousafzai*

History of women education in india

Although the Vedic period women had access to education in India, they had gradually lost of this right. However, in the British period there was a revival of interest in women's education in India. During this period, various socio-religious movement led by eminent persons like Raja Ram Mohan Roy, Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar emphasized on women's education in India. Mahatma Jyotiba Phule, Periyar and Baba Saheb Ambedkar were leaders of the lower castes in India who took various initiatives to make education available to the women in India. However, women's education got a fillip after the country got independence in 1947 and the Government of India has taken various measures to provide education to all Indian women. As a result women's literacy rate has grown over the six decades and the growth of female literacy has in fact been higher than that of male literacy rate. While in **2001** only **54.16 %** of Indian women were literate, by the end of **2011**, **65.46%** females were literate. The growth of female literacy rate is **11.30%** as compared to **6.29%** of that of male literacy rate.

"If you educate a man you educate an individual, however, if you educate a woman you educate a whole family. Women Empowered means mother India Empowered."

- Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru

Women Empowerment through Education

Women empowerment is a global issue and discussion on women political right are at the fore front of many formal and informal campaigns worldwide. Education is milestone of women empowerment because it enables them to responds to the challenges, to confront their traditional role and change their life. Education of women is the most powerful tool of change of position in society. So that we can't neglect the importance of education in reference to women empowerment India is poised to becoming superpower, a developed country by 2020. The year 2020 is fast approaching; it is just 3 Years away. This can became reality only when the women of this nation became empowered. Within the framework of a democratic polity, our laws, development policies, plan and programs have aimed at women's advancement indifference spheres. From the 5th five year plan (1974-78) onwards has been a marked shift in the approach to women's issues from welfare to development. In recent years, the empowerment of women has been recognized as the central issue in determining the status of women. The National Commission of Women was set up by an act of parliament in 1990 to safeguard the right and legal entitlements of women. The 73rd and 74th Amendments (1993) to the constitution of India have provided for reservation of seats in the local bodies of Panchayat and Municipalities for women, laying a strong foundation for their participation in decision making at the local level.

According to the country report of the **Government of India**, *"Empowerment means moving from weak position to execute a power."* Education also brings a reduction in inequalities and function as a means of improving their status within the family To bring more girls, especially from marginalized families of BPL, in mainstream education, the government is providing a package of concession in the form of providing free books, uniform, boarding and lodging, clothing for the hostilities, Mid Day Meals, Scholarships, free circles and so on.

E-learning in Education

E-Learning is an affordable (and often free) solution which provides the learner with the ability to fit learning around their lifestyles, effectively allowing even the busiest person to further a career and gain new qualifications. E-Learning is a rapidly growing industry in today's era. E-Learning offers the ability to share material in all kinds of formats such as videos, slideshows,

word documents and PDF's. Affordable E-Learning solutions exist for both computers and internet. It only takes a good E-Learning tool for education to be facilitated from virtually anywhere. Technology has advanced so much that the geographical gap is bridged with the use of tools that make you feel as if you are inside in the classroom.

Conducting Webinars (live online classes) and community with professors via chat and message forum is also an option available to users. There is plethora of different E-Learning systems (otherwise known as Learning Management Systems, or LMSs for short) and methods, which allow for courses to be delivered. Some of the most important developments in education have happened since the launch of the internet. Message boards, social media and various other means of online communication allow learners to keep in touch and discuss course related matters, while providing for a sense of community.

Effects of E–learning in Education

There are many significant effects for the women who learn online (E-Learning).

➢ E-learning enables women to quickly, create and communicate new policies, training, ideas and concepts. Be it for formal education.
➢ Women can learn different learning styles and facilitation of learning occurs through varied activities.
➢ Through E-Learning, women can study wherever they have access to a computer and internet.
➢ Through the E-Learning physical attendance is not required.
➢ Successfully completing online or computer-based courses, builds self-knowledge and

self-confidence and encourages women to take responsibilities for their learning.
➢ E-learning gives women the freedom to learn at their own convenience and at a pace that is right for them.
➢ Women may have the option to select learning materials that meets their level of knowledge and interest.
➢ E-Learning makes scheduling easy and allows a greater number of people to attend classes.
➢ Through E-Learning, its accommodates multiple learning styles using a variety of delivery methods geared to different learners and more effective for certain learners i.e. women.
➢ E-Learning reduces time away from the workplace, eliminates the need for travel and removes the need for classroom based teaching.
➢ In the fast-paced world of E-Learning the available technologies to make a course new and existing are always changing.
➢ Course content can and should be updated quickly to give students the very latest information.

Conclusion

Education is the only way to empowere a woman because it is education by which women can take steps against the exploitation, they become aware about their legal rights and fight against various malpractices to be safe and make other women so. Overall, traditional learning is expensive, takes a long time and the results can vary.

E-Learning can offer an alternative that is much faster, cheaper and potentially better. E-Learning enables a greater degree of self-confidence and sense of independence among women. E-Learning offers the ability to share material in all kinds of formats such as videos, slideshows, word documents and PDF's. Women empowerment is giving power to women. As women's education has become one of the key development objectives in nineties, it is crucial to examine the assumptions under which policies, programmes and projects are formulated towards this goal. More recently, the concept of empowerment has been tied to the range of activities undertaken by and for women in different areas, education included.

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