

## **A Study of Gender in the Light of Corruption**

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### **ABSTRACT**

India is facing many challenges, gender inequality, unemployment, pollution, overpopulation, women trafficking, corruption and so on. The number of challenges can be added more and more. One of the serious issues that we are going to discuss in this research paper is the corruption and its impact on women. Corruption has spoiled the country. If we think about it in regards to the women. The reality is more distressful. It doesn't mean that only the woman suffers from this evil. Women, poor people, minorities, dalits, the people from a vulnerable class and refugee also suffer because of this evil that is corruption. The government of India has planned many schemes and plans for the development of these people. But because of corruption, the upliftment of these people is not happening. If we speak specifically about women, there are so many schemes of the government. But the development is not happening properly because of corruption. There are various reasons. They may be social, psychological or conventional. As we have the article in our constitution that is no person should be discriminated on the ground of religion, race, caste, sex, place of birth, we have to take some steps to protect women. Do we hear some of the phenomena that are gender equality, feminism, and many other women revolutions against the patriarchy. It is deeply rooted in Indian society. Women are badly affected by it. This paper is going to discuss this issue thoroughly.

**KEYWORDS:** Gender, Justice, Corruption & Equality

### **INTRODUCTION**

When we see the census of 2011 the gender ratio of India is 943 females per 1000 males. It means, approximately 50% of Indian society is of women and the remaining 50% is of men. It is said that two hands are better than one hand. In the same way, if women start working with men the progress rate will be doubled. The social discrimination, the corruption and the inferiority complex in women itself are the reasons that kept woman behind. They could have contributed to the progress of India. The corruption and other factors make them backwards emotionally, economically and socially also. This doesn't mean that only women are affected because of corruption. Anyone can guess that the whole sections of society are affected because of this evil. We are going to focus, how corruption is affected on the progress of women.

### **OBJECTIVES OF THE STUDY**

When we see the Corruption Perceptions Index, we come to know the dire reality about India. India is on 80 number out of 168 countries. It means that we are so much lagging behind when we compared ourselves with the developed countries. The partiality should be maintained. Nature has given every human being equal rights. The constitution of India also confirms these rights. The constitution says that no citizen should be discriminated against it. It provides us with equal status. Still, women are getting discriminated by society. It must be

changed. The corruption is spread all over the country. It affects every stratum of the country. The objective of this research paper is to study the criteria where corruption about women happens. The second objective of this research paper is to provide various solutions to minimise or to vanish this type of corruption in our society.

## **METHODOLOGY**

The literature is full of examples of gender and corruption. The methodology which is used for preparing this research paper is primary and secondary data collection. The data is collected from magazines, journals, newspapers, articles and books. The researcher has collected most of the information or data from the library and internet. There are so many cases which we can read in the newspaper about corruption in society.

## **STUDY OF GENDER IN THE LIGHT OF CORRUPTION**

We have two genders like male & female with which the world is very well being differentiated. The Corruption does have different special effects on the same accordingly. Males and females are impacted in a different way due to the corruption. If we see the meaning of the word corruption in the Oxford dictionary, we get, 'illegal, bad or dishonest behaviour especially by the people in position'. If we apply this definition to every situation the women are faced, we can say that corruption starts from the birth of the child.

From the ancient age, all over the world women is treated as secondary. She is always treated as an object. There are so many revolutions against this kind of treatment. Women from the first world countries are somewhat become successful to change their place in society. But there are still many problems with the second world countries and third world countries.

Whenever we think about Indian society, the first thought runs into our mind that is, the Indian society has a patriarchy system. It is a male-dominated society. There is a dual treatment for the woman. On the one hand, the women are treated like the Goddess, but on the other hand, she is treated as a slave. She is been adored and she is been tortured also. This situation of women in India may confuse the other people. On the other hand, it is not a new thing to the Indians itself. Women's lack of access to powers keeps them from networks that permit access to decision-making bodies. Many non-formal or parallel decision-making processes, do not have proper confirm about the corrupt systems.

Being in male-dominated society, women do not have any right about political and economic decisions. Everybody must be agreed, that there are few women in politics. But it is a matter of research that how far they have actively participated in the decision-making process. In the local boards, that is in gram panchayat, Panchayat Samiti and Zila Parishad, also there is 50% reservation for the women. It is a matter of research that how many of these women are participating actively in the political and economic decision making. Very few of them are aware of their rights. They are hand-puppets in the hands of their husbands or any male of their family. It is the impact of patriarchy in Indian society. There may be some exceptions. Women's not have an access to authority keeps them from system that permits access to decision-making bodies.

Economic independence is not cased with Indian women. Let us study the concept that is financial freedom with regards to Indian women. The girl child is been treated badly

from her childhood. She is been trained to become a good housewife. The family and society are not of the view that the girl should do or join any job. The mentality of family or the male-dominated society is that a girl should perform only household duties. The reason is that if she started earning her own money, she will become free. She will contribute to the development of the country. She will become financially free. And a free person cannot become a slave. In patriarchy, women are needed for service. If she becomes financially free, there will be no one to serve male. They are of the mentality that free woman is a lost slave. Prevention of people from fulfilling their political, civil, social, cultural and economic rights; this is all because of the related corrupt activities.

In the post-independence era, there is a reservation policy. This policy is used to uplift women and backward classes. The implementation of the reservation policy is in the hand of men itself. Here we can imagine the impact of social awareness and psychological struggle of a male. Corruption and clientelism are the two things which affect very much in the implementation of reservation policy. No one can say that all males do this but the majority of males who have the patriarchy rooted deep inside their mind are the policymakers. That women do not have enough power to challenge corruption or clientelism where institutions are controlled by men.

The three main branches of any country are judicial, executive and legislative. We can see male dominance in all of these three branches. Whenever we see cases like human trafficking, refugee, migrants, labourers; we can see that it is the woman who gets very much exploited. They are exploited by males. They are helpless.

It is said that women don't participate in the economic process. But when we compare men with women, we can see that men get many opportunities to build his career than women. At an early age, the girl child is forced to learn household duties. She is been trained to become a woman. She gets fewer opportunities to do productive jobs or to form any assets. It is said that 'woman is not born she is made.' There are many programs to change this scenario about women. The programs like the anti-poverty program are designed to elevate poverty. We know that there is a word in our preamble of Indian Constitution that is socialist. This word is very important whenever we think about human development. The word socialist means that the governments have to take care of women, migrants, backward classes, labourers and all the vulnerable classes. If we want to be a developed country we have to hold the hands of these people. They are more than 50% of our population. Corruption that distracts public resources from essential services or anti-poverty programmes will particularly harm the welfare of women and their dependents. This dependency relies heavily on such services, for corruption, a bribe is offered. The corrupts are always full of money whereas the victims are always lack of it. Corrupts are powerful people. They can influence public servants. Victims are always migrants or women or backward classes and they are helpless in this kind of situation.

## **CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTIONS**

Corruption in gender is a worldwide problem. Every country of this world has to face this problem, where women are treated secondarily. The first world countries almost have solved this problem. They have struggled a lot. Still, women from these countries are facing patriarchy. In the third world countries like India, we have to work on it. We not only have to

fight with the people having a mentality of patriarchy but with the conventions also. We have to keep two things in our mind that is equity and equality. The constitution of India will always guide us to solve this problem.

Women and all the vulnerable should get access to different opportunities. We must allow them to take education, to do productive activities, to form assets and to become financially free. We have to keep in mind that there must be some people who don't follow the law. They are corrupt people. We must keep one thing in our mind that there is the rule of law in India. There are many laws which favour the freedom and equality of women. Still the noteworthy the progress of women is not happening. We have to think about the situation. We have to implement these laws effectively.

Reservation is one of the tools to give the representation of women in the development of our country. It is not favouring women. It is an opportunity to prove themselves. The society has denied them the opportunity. Injustice has happened to them. We are just giving them an opportunity in the form of reservation. Equal opportunity should be given them in the public sector, private sector, education, business, healthcare, in all the sectors where men are working.

There should be proper justice with the women who are suffered from corruption. Many laws are there which are in favour of women still there is a lack of implementation about these laws. Women should not be dependent upon men anymore. They should try to enter in the three sectors of the country that is the judiciary, executive and legislation. There are a number of women in these sectors, but that number is not enough.

There should be an arrangement of many workshops. These workshops will train women on how to deal with corruption. These workshops are needed to get to understand the concept in judiciary and executive. Illiteracy is the root cause of injustice. Through these kinds of workshop, women can get educated. We can also get self-employed through these kinds of workshops.

One other thing is the most important factor that is access to information. It is the key to stop corruption. The right to information is implemented in our country. Until and unless this right to information is implemented properly, the corruption is not going to stop. We must implement the law of the right to information and punish the culprit. Then and then the corruption in gender is going to stop.

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