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## **Dedication**

*This book is graciously dedicated to my teacher and research guide, Dr. Bijan Sarkar. He is a constant source of inspiration to me for pursuing higher education and motivates me towards the horizon of excellence and perfection in academic field.*

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*"A good teacher can inspire hope,  
Ignite the imagination, and instill a love of learning".*

**- Brad Henry**



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# Women Empowerment

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### Introduction

Playing multiple roles in families, women have already proven their worth, but still their condition on social and economical fronts has not been up to the mark and in many parts of the world they are forced to lead a miserable life. In such a scenario, it calls for immediate attention to empower them and create conducive environment for their social and economic upliftment.

Women empowerment means empowering women with all their rights they should have in the family, society, school, college and country just like a man. It is to make them able so that they can make own independent decisions for their personal development. The status of women in the Indian society is still backward because of the gender inequality. Women also should be given equal rights like men to really empower them. They should not be treated as weak gender of the society as they occupy almost half population of the country so they are half strength of the country. Women have more patience and effort; they can better develop their country.

Sometimes it seems that why we are talking about women empowerment because how it is possible in the country where

crimes against women are running in parallel. It loses the confidence level of women to actively come out of their homes and participate fearlessly in all the activities like a man. Some of the crimes against women in India are rape, sexual harassment, kidnapping and abduction, dowry death, molestation, torture, trafficking, importation of girls, etc. Such crimes inhibit the women empowerment to spread its wings and empower women.

### What is Women Empowerment

Women empowerment can be defined in very simple words that it is making women powerful so that they can take their own decisions regarding their lives and well being in the family and society. It is empowering women to make them able to get their real rights in the society.

### Why Need of Women Empowerment in India

As we all know that India is a male dominated country where males are dominated in every area and females are forced to be responsible for only family care and live in the home including other many restrictions. Almost 50% of the population in India is covered by the female only so the full development of the country depends on the half population means women, who are not empowered and still restricted by many social taboos. In such condition, we cannot say that our country would be a developed in the future without empowering its half population means women. If we want to make our country a developed country, first of all it is very necessary to empower women by the efforts of men, government, laws and women too.

The need of women empowerment arose because of the gender discrimination and male domination in the Indian society since ancient time. Women are being suppressed by their family members and society for many reasons. They have been targeted for many types of violence and discriminatory practices by the male members in the family and society in India and other countries as well. Wrong and old practices for the women in the society from ancient time

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