

Ques. families & communities have the power to make choices over their bodies & lives. Discuss.

As Pt. Jawaharlal Nehru said - "If you educate a man you educate an individual, however if you educate a whole family."

According to most recent National Family Health Survey (NFHS-5), just 10% of women in India are independently able to take decisions about their own health, and 11% of women believe that marital violence is acceptable.

Causes to Gender Inequality -

Lack of Education

& Population

Man dominating society ↘ professionally
Non-decision making ↘ personal life
behaviour of Indian women

Society Behaviour

Sexual harassment and assault

Area of Improvement -

Inpower the women through education & increase % of investment in the area of employment opportunity

more focus and involvement on women health, vaccination, education towards family planning, awareness of their fundamental right and domestic violence act - in against of domestic

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Article 15 / 1980's white paper
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Constitutional amendment

- i) Equality before the law for women - Article 14
- ii) Prohibition of discrimination on the basis of age, sex, race, caste, place of birth, religion or any other ground - Article 15(1)
- iii) Equal opportunity for all in matters relating to employment in any office under the state - Article 16
- iv) The state to adopt its policy towards ensuring men and women equally use their right to an adequate means of livelihood - Article 39(a)
- v) Equal Pay for equal work for both men and women - Article 39(d).
- vi) Provision for maternity leave - Article 42
- vii) Promote special care for education and economic interests of the weaker section of the people to protect them from social injustice - Article 46.
- viii) Raise the level of nutrition and standard of living - Article 47.

State initiatives for women

- National Commission for women
(Protection of constitution and legal rights of women)

Reservation of women in local govt.
73rd Amendment guarantees 1/3 of the

entire seats for ladies in local offices whether in rural and urban areas.

The National Plan of Action for the Girl Child
Guarantees Action for survival, protection and progress of girl child.

National Policy for Women Empowerment -
The aim of policy is to raise awareness about advancement, development and empowerment of women.

Since situation of women in India is empowering as we have a female President of our state, still women empowerment and development needs more focus of Union & State governments.