
Chapter – 05 Civics

Women Change the World

- By getting education, women have got opportunities to rise in every field.
 - Women's movement have risen to challenge discrimination in all parts of the world.
 - **Fewer Opportunities and Rigid Expectation:**
 - (i) A lot of people feel that women are fit only for certain kinds of jobs like nurse.
 - (ii) They are not fit for the technical jobs.
 - (iii) In most families, women are taught that after school they have to get married.
 - (iv) Laxmi Lakra, however, broke this stereotype image when she became the first woman engine driver of the Northern Railways.
 - (v) We live in a society full of pressures. If boys do not work hard get a good salary they are builded.
 - **Learning for Change:**
 - (i) Going to school is an important part of life.
 - (ii) Today, it is difficult for us to imagine that school and learning could be seen as out of bounds or not appropriate for some children.
 - (iii) In the past, very few people learnt reading and writing. Most children learnt the work their families or elders did.
 - (iv) Even in families where skills like pottery, weaving and craft were taught, the contribution of daughters and women was seen as secondary.
 - (v) In the nineteenth century, new ideas about learning and education appeared. But there was a lot of opposition to educate girls ever then.
 - (vi) In 1890s, Ramabai championed the cause of women's education.
 - (vii) Rokeya Sakhawat Hossain learnt English from her elder brother and an elder sister in spite of family opposition and went on to become a famous writer.
 - (viii) Rashundari Devi of Bengal was the first Indian woman to write an autobiography called 'Amar Jiban'.
 - **Schooling and Education Today:** Today both boys and girls attend school in large numbers.
 - **Difference in their Education Still Remains:**
 - (i) India has a census every 10 years which counts the population of the country. This information is used to measure things like literacy, sex-ratio, etc.
 - (ii) A huge number of SC and ST children leave school at an early age. The 2001 census even shows that Muslim girls are less likely than Dalit girls to complete primary school.
 - (iii) Many reasons like non-availability of teachers and schools, lack of transport, cost of education, indifferent attitude of teachers and parents are responsible for negligence of education.
 - **Women's Movement:**
 - (i) Women have individually and collectively struggled to bring about changes. This is called Women's Movement.
 - (ii) Different strategies have been used to spread awareness, fight discrimination and seek justice.
 - (iii) These movements are related to campaigning, raising awareness, protesting and showing solidarity.
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