Chapter 6

IMPORTANCE OF WOMEN AND THEIR ROLE PLAYED IN SLUMS

The relocation of individuals into urban areas is leaving the new populace in risky and horrible conditions. The economies of all nations are absorbing through a pattern in the globalization of business, government, administrations and even property. Therefore, individuals in creating nations why should looking enhance their financial status or family standing are compelled to live in ghettos under barbarous conditions, so they can live close to the prosperous businesses and openings for work. Ghetto abiding individuals are a larger part of ladies who are really taking the weight of the misery. It is ladies who honestly tackle more prominent enduring to safeguard their families' wellbeing, and valiant the considerable wisdom and shameful acts that are so normal to ladies, particularly in poorer populaces. These ladies must be helped in discovering approaches to better their lives with the goal them should leave the ghettos and make a world without destitution. To comprehend the importance of ghettos it is key to comprehend what society they have a place, what nation are they from, how old are they, and the amount of cash they make, are additionally addresses that are critical to get some information about groups and their societies.

The ghetto ladies face issues like:

- Lacking access to safe water
- Lacking access to sanitation and other foundation
- Poor physical nature of lodging
- Shaky private status.
- Shaky existence with the toilets outside their home and that too far from their

All individuals who live in ghettos are not living in destitution. A few individuals who live in the ghettos are unidentifiable in a horde of working class individuals. They may even profit than those individuals who live in formal lodging that is lodging with a legitimate location and the likelihood of lawful proprietorship.
Neediness denies decisions and opportunities which are most essential for human advancement all together to lead a long, sound, inventive life and appreciate a fair way of life, opportunity, self-regard, and the admiration of others.

Gaining a dollar for every day or less implies that a man in any nation means living in compelling neediness, which implies that that individual can't bear to purchase even the most fundamental human necessities" as indicated by the World Bank around 1.2 billion individuals live in amazing destitution and 3 billion live on short of what US $2 a day out of which ladies are 75 rate. Also, the dominant part of bankrupted individuals are ladies. In the event that we need to change the worldwide neediness levels, then we must begin with ladies .While being the absolute most ruined places on earth, ghetto urban communities keeps up extremely fundamental lodging in the most swarmed and thickly populated districts. For the most part ghettos are found in or around extensive urban communities like Mumbai where the work opportunities are high .Natural fiascos additionally lead individuals in moving to the urban areas.

In a 2001 United Nations report it was found that 60 rate of the world's ghettos are found in Asia. It is nothing unexpected as it is the same region with the world's top populace densities. Africa comes up second with 20 rate of the world's ghettos, however it additionally has the most noteworthy populaces per capita of individuals living in ghettos. Latin America catches up with 14 rate and Europe and other created countries come in last with just 6 rate of the remaining ghettos .

The high good and bad times, in the middle of created and adding to country's ghetto populaces, is reason for concern and suspicion. A piece of the issue of the developing size of ghettos is that the urban communities are developing in numbers that surpass the quantity of occupations made and normal wage levels.

A great part of the movement to urban areas is finished by agriculturists who offer their ranches when they can't pay the rent, individuals getting away from the battling of common war, or regularly it is the trust of a superior life and more secure future which pull in the vast majority. Over urbanization is driven by the proliferation of neediness, not by the supply of employments. The developing worldwide economy can't utilize all the individuals moving into the city. This prompts the ghetto occupants making employments for themselves with cash created in the
casual economy. South Asia has the most noteworthy quantities of ghetto tenants and a portion of the quickest developing ghetto populaces. It is said that of the five hundred thousand individuals who move to Delhi every year, it is assessed that completely four hundred thousand end up in ghettos by 2015 India's capital will have a ghetto populace of more than 10 million.

Numerous vagrants assemble when they touch base in the urban communities and structure gatherings in light of status, sex, religion or ethnicity, in view of the probability of better treatment from their associates who are all the more eager to demonstrate to them the ropes without suspicions.

Appetite and neediness are a bigger number of ladies' issues than men's. Ladies experience yearning and neediness more seriously than men. In the event that one of the relatives needs to starve, it is an unwritten law that it will be the mother. The mother will likewise endure the traumatic experience of not having the capacity to bosom sustain her baby amid the seasons of starvation and shortage. Poor ladies in Bangladesh have the most frail social standing. A spouse can toss his wife out whenever he wishes.

As ladies make up the lion's share of ghetto inhabitants, it is likewise their torment that makes up the most astounding enduring per capita. Work for ladies is trying to get and single parents are looked downward on, on top of being barred from the formal economy on account of their religious convictions or absence of secure resources.

More than 60% of ladies in creating nations perform non-farming paid casual work. As the economy develops, work is moving from the formal to casual, from directed to unregulated, and specialists lose employer stability and additionally therapeutic and different advantages. What we are seeing is that development does not naturally 'stream down' to poor people.

It can truth be told augment the hole in the middle of rich and poor. As globalization heightens, the probability of getting formal job is diminishing in numerous spots, with "footloose" organizations moving generation from one unregulated zone to an even less directed one somewhere else.

While the casual economy has veritable occupations, it has a developing populace of whores and
crooks. The ladies in these callings are frequently sold into sex bondage by their spouses or family to pay obligations, however numerous are raised in these callings from conception. It is a convention went down from mother to little girl.

A portion of the young ladies was at that point wedded at an exceptionally youthful age needs to acknowledge life as being dismal and excruciating. The life of these kids is exceptionally dismal and difficult. They free on their adolescence. Ladies and kids ought to be given help with settling on engaged decisions in their lives.

One of the best difficulties confronting ladies in ghettos and destitution are wellbeing, and particularly maternal wellbeing. Ladies additionally have, concepitive wellbeing issues and stresses of pregnancy and labour.

Amid pregnancy, the ladies inhabitants of ghettos are in exponentially more regrettable conditions due to the absence of clean and sterile water. Without great water and sanitation, maternal and infant death rates rise and infections flourish. The absence of healing facilities and financing for fitting clinic staff and supplies is a contributing component. Not overlooking the long lines to get the structures .The line begin at & in the morning and the counter opens at 10 .By the time it opens the individual gets fagged out .It is an exercise in futility cash and vitality .It is a misuse of cash in light of the fact that they need to take leave from work and need to hold up under on the days compensation, which is extremely difficult.

Late endeavours by the Indian government are intended to address the issue of wellbeing by giving wellbeing protection to urban ghetto inhabitants. Without a complete wellbeing foundation upgrade there is little any desire for sensational wellbeing enhancements. The ladies barely take any protection for themselves, both wellbeing and medicinal. Overview are being led to check the ailing health of ladies and kids however in India they just check the tallness and weight which is insufficient to check mal sustenance. There are numerous other critical variables to be viewed as the age and stature, age and weight and so forth,

Restricted of engaging a ladies is by giving her a credit to begin something. Credits place obligation and responsibility onto the borrower and are enabling ladies in their general public. The bank obliges ladies to get together in gatherings of five to get. They are prepared and gave cash administration abilities, however it is the gathering which considers every borrower
responsible. In the event that one lady fizzles, whatever is left of the ladies are capable. Here is a sample of how the ladies react and are influenced by these credits:

Numerous Non-government associations are driving the way toward a destitution and ghetto free world. The Self Employed Women Association called SEWA, are another driving loaning bank to poor people, while they likewise roll out government improvements, and preparing of ladies in new exchanges.

Growing compensation and asset and giving or making enthusiasm to work security and government incapacity organizations, for instance, wellbeing, childcare, hotel, and access to developmental organizations, for instance, planning, trades and sparing cash, mainstreaming freely utilized women into the national economy and asking and engaging them to end up collaborators and coordinators amid the time spent money related change.

The possible destiny of help for women must be based on the gathering cantered social events with a desire of helping those in need direct; in a perfect world women's get-togethers. While women are locking in and making strides toward equal rights, joining the work drive, and upgrading women's wellbeing, men can help reinforce strong working relationship with assignments supporting and joined with women's social affairs. In case men do this it will have a generous point of preference for the posterity of the present time, and times past, s in view of women's family values and maternal characters. Awesome hotel and the end of ghettos moreover makes healthier

Great lodging and the end of ghettos additionally makes healthier men and ladies, who will have better wellbeing and the absence of sewage and fitting nourishment.

Almost all the ladies in the twenty ghettos were addressed about their status, yet the majority of them did not have any desire to open out .But rather the greater part of them were ignorant there were not really 10% who had finished SSC. Most of them said that in the event that they were given the open door they would love to study yet it’s unrealistic as they are troubled with responsibility. They not just need to do all the family tasks and whatever is left of the time needed to do some work at home and gain cash to add to the family income. Inspite of working day and night they had nothing to do with the matter in a large portion of the cases.

Numerous said that their spouses would drink Alcohol and beat them and their children.
They had little investment funds as chit subsidizes however would not uncover it to their spouses. They needed to give every one of their income to their husbands. For the ladies in the ghetto sufferings and hardships are more than joy.

One of the respondents, said that she woke up ahead of schedule at 4 in the morning, filled water, cooked, and then made papad. She made such a large number of papads till late night and her girl who is examining in school additionally helped her when she originated from college. This is the way she had made adornments for her little girls marriage. But amid Ganapati Immersion when they went to drench the symbol in the product, they were stunned to see that her housed was victimized and all the gems had gone. They griped to the police yet it was of no utilization.

She additionally said that setting off to the toilets during the evening is not sheltered in the ghettos. Because u might never know where the awful young men were concealing and viewing and when they may assault their girls. Life of a ghetto ladies, is dependably at a danger

Ladies advance in ghettos is an intense matter that if utilized astutely may make an unforeseen development, to improve things, later on of ghettos and the general wellbeing of humanity. This can happen through Education of ladies.

**Women and Empowerment**

Empowerment means to become more powerful from every aspects of life, be it economical social, financial etc. in todays modern world empowerment is a must as it makes a women more strong confident strong rational etc. they are more rational in making choices for their own growth and the growth of her family. Most of the women are family oriented and ever willing to sacrifice their desires, wishes for their family which is neither accounted nor acknowledged. There are different types of empowerment that is legal empowerment, personal empowerment social empowerment, and financial empowerment educational empowerment etc. Empowerment can take place through education information, inclusion, financial independence etc. Education not only makes a women capable of finding a job outside the house and bringing up the children in a right way, but by going out of the house, managing home and children is she independent? No in spite of earning, doing all the household chores at the end of the day when it comes to finance she still have to stretch her hand out in front of her husband. She has no say in even minor decision making, all the assets finance will be in the name of her husband. Some husband
keep all the money in their account, they will see that their women will never be financially independent. If ever the wife takes a bold decision of saving her money separately or invests money in her name then there will be a dispute between the husband and wife and this will disturb the peace of the house and children will be the most effected. In order to avoid this situation the women compromises. The situation in the slum is all the more worst. Most of the women in the slums are illiterate and poor. Poverty and illiteracy together weakens the legs of a human and more of women. In poor families the status of a woman is extremely low. Women are still treated like door mats. Due to poverty, social and cultural environment in the slums women are powerfulness and thus are unable to raise their voices against, crime and often burry their own desires, interest. Women in slums being poor are handicapped. Women are also very important Human resources which can add to the economic development of the country. Most of the women in the slums are unproductive part of the population. Empowerment is an important tool of involving women in the growth process of the country so that they enjoy a greater autonomy both in the society and family. Women empowerment can take place through entrepreneurship development which can take place through good education and training. Women can be empowered through micro finance and self-help group and by corporates who can encourage small enterprises or cottage industries in the slums. Empowerment can take place not only through financial solvency but also through education. The participation of women in the field of entrepreneurship is increasing day by day with globalisation and economic development. A women is very strong. She is made by god in such a way that she can face hardships challenge and still survive. If she gets the necessary support by her husband and in laws after marriage and the support of her parents at home before marriage she can do a lot more and add to the resources of her family and to the GDP of the country.

This will help improve their standard of living. We shouldn’t forget that women occupy nearly 50% of the Indian population, Women have to be made aware of their potentialities, skills capabilities etc. and for this some awareness programme is required either through T.V. serials which the women watch specially the house wife’s. Women are also a very important human resource and play a very important role in the economic development of the country. They have to be paid more attention. Our country is changing for the better and there is a great change in our cultural development which has brought a change in the status of women that is the upper
class and the rich. But what about the poor, specially the women in the slums?

For sustained economic development and social progress of our country the development of women and women entrepreneurship is very important. It is seen that the entrepreneurship of women is not properly tapped for many reasons. If women are educated their skills will improve and if they are provided financial help then they can start their own business and become financially independent. Financial independence will build their confidence, give them a status at home and in society, motivate them to excel, provide them with their own identity etc. In fact women has to motivate her own self, women are made by God capable to take risk and are more creative than men if given an opportunity to shine and excel. Women have to take a bold step and create a meaning for their life. They have to learn to live first for themselves and then for others.

Women Entrepreneurs means an individual woman or two or more women working together. They pull in resources together initiate, organise and work on the same business for its growth. As per the Human development report (2007) India ranks 96th on the gender related development index of 137 nations and women participation in economic development is 110th of the 166 nations. If a woman is given proper exposure, education training and encouragement she can be a big asset to the country. This can help in the development of the nation. Empowerment of women should be a social movement. Attitude of women in the family is needed to be changed positively. Most of the cruelties, family feuding physical and mental torture is directly or indirectly mostly done by women itself. It is rightly said that the biggest enemy of a women is a women itself in the form of a mother in law, sister-in-law, even a women as a mother is partial to her son. In other words women are women foes. Most of the time it is the non-working women that is the housewives who keep criticising a working women when she is late, dresses well and goes to work or buys something new for herself. Men are also instigated either by their mothers, sisters or another woman whom they are having an affair with. Yes education can bring a big change in the attitude of people. It can inculcate values ethics and a positive attitude in humans both men and women should be treated equally at home at school at work etc. Empowerment should be integrated that is a combination of economic, social, legal cultural empowerment. To work on empowering of working women in the slums
the development practitioners should emphasise on the legal and cultural sectors by creating an awareness, having seminars in those areas etc. Women and child welfare. Both are very important part of our human resources and their development is very important for the economic development and growth of the economy, especially sustainable development. Women should be equally treated like men and be given an equal status in the society. In fact it was found out through my survey that women and children in the slum work more than the men. Infact they are not even aware that they are the bread earners of their family too. Infact in many homes they were earning more than their men but since they are working at home they call themselves house wife. They are more prone to illness than the men. In fact they work more and eat less they take more care of their husbands and children and do not pay attention to their own health. It is also seen that the women in the slums are still of the old traditional mentality that boys should be given more importance than girls, so they tend to feed their boy child much better than the girl child who has to become a mother tomorrow. From my survey conducted I have studied that most of the death are of women and girl child and small children due to malnutrition at a very young age that is below 5 years. Others fall ill due to water and unhygienic conditions. Thus they suffer not only with poverty but also degraded environment. Many women and girl child are deprived of primary health care education, proper food and nutrition especially in these families where they have a boy child too. To study the empowerment of women in slums I have taken a case study of 60 women of the slums of Malad east whose children are studying in S.Y.B.Com. According to the questionnaire out of the total no of women interviewed all of them were above 35 years of age 7/60 were working women and the rest were all house wife’s .Most of them studied up to the 5th standard there were 6 of them out of 60 were SSC passed. None of them were interested in studying as they had family problems .None had a say in the decisions of the house matters. They all belonged to the lower middle class family and the age of marriage was between 13 to 18 .Most of them were married bellow the age of 16.

Women are no more a social class but a great human capital of production and economic activities. They can be great entrepreneurs. To bring out their potentialities they have to be educated, made aware of their strengths and capabilities and empower them socially and mainly in the family. Hence they have to be inclusive in the growth process .They can add to the economic development. Hence financial institutions should promote women entrepreneurs .then only women will be empowered through entrepreneurship development. The findings of the study may help redevelopment agencies both Government and non-government organization
and policy makers donors corporates in designing projects either to work from home without disturbing their homes and expedite the empowerment process through entrepreneurship development of women Methodology. Questionnaire was designed to find out the extent of empowerment of women in the slums of Malad east. 60 working women were interviewed all were above 35 years. For collecting secondary various literatures published, books were used. For Analysing these collected data simple statistical tools were used.

Conclusion: Women empowerment through entrepreneurship can take place through education and training but there is a long way to go because Indian society is still a male dominated society. When their sister grows they like it but when their wife grows they are jealous. When their sisters are tortured they have tears in their eyes but when their wife’s are tortured they feel proud that they are men. There are many educated working women till date who are dominated and ill-treated by their husbands. Let’s all women join hands in making the life of a women resourceful and inclusive in the economic development and growth of the economy.

**Education and Women Empowerment in India**

Educated women can play a very important role in the development of the country. Education is milestone of women empowerment because it enables them to responds to the challenges, to confront that traditional role and change their life. So that we can’t neglect the importance of education in a reference to women empowerments India is poised to becoming superpower, a developed country by 2020, by the growth of women’s education in slum area is very slow this obviously means that still large womenfolk of our country illiterate the weak, backward and exploited.” Education and women in the education of women is the most powerful tool of change of position in society. Education also brings a reduction in equalities and functions is a mean of improving their status within the family. “If you educate a man you educate an individual, however, if you educate a women you educate a whole family. Women empowered means mother India empowered.”

Women constitute almost half 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 idea has, however, led to the tremendous empowerment of women’s condition throughout the world in recent times. Access to education has been one of the most pressing demands of these women’s right movements. Women education in India has also been a major preoccupation of both the government and civil society as educated women can play a very important role in the development the country.

India is poised to emerge as one of the most developed nations by 2020, more literate, knowledgeable and economical at the forefront. 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 requirement 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. Through India could well become one of the largest economies in the world, it is being hindered due to a lack of women’s participation. Women education in India play a very important role in the overall development of the country. It not only helps in the development of half of the human resources, but in improving the quality of life at home and outside. Educate women not only tend to promote education of their girl children, but also can provide better guidance to all their children’s. Moreover educated women can also help in reduction of infant mortality rate and growth of the population.

**Obstacle:**

Gender discrimination still persist in India and lot more needs to be done in the field of women’s education in India. The gap in the male-female literacy rate is just a simple indicators. While the male literacy rate is more than 75% according to the 2001 census, the female literacy rate is just 54.16%.

**Women empowerment through education**

Women empowerment is a global issue and discussion on women political right are at front of many formal and informal campaign worldwide. The concept of women empowerment was introduced at the international women conference at NAROIBI in 1985. Education is milestone of women empowerment because it enables them to respond to the challenges, to confront their traditional role and change their life. So that we can’t neglect the important of education in a reference to women empowerment India is poised to becoming super power, a develop
country by 2020. The year 2020 is last approaching; it is just 13 year away. This can become reality only when the women of this nation become empowerment. India presently account for the largest number no of illiterates in the world. Literacy rate in India have risen sharply from 18.3% in 1951 to 64.8% in 2001 in which in enrolment of women in education has also risen sharply 7% to 54.16%. Despite the importance of women education unfortunately only 39% of women are literate among 64% of the man. Within the frameworks of a democratic polity, our laws, development policies, plan and programmes have aimed at women’s advancement in difference spheres. From the fifth 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 save guard the right and result in entitlement of women .The 70th and 74th amendment (1993) to the constitution of India has provided for reservation of seats in the local bodies of panchayats and Municipalities for women, laying the strong foundation for their participation in decision making at the local level.

**Suggested measures for women empowerment**

1. Help them organise welfare organizations like Mahila mandals , self-help group,
2. Create awareness through seminars, workshops free for them in the afternoon free of cost
3. Educate them on health and nutrition. BMC should provide them Vitamins and tonics
4. Give incentives for women and the girl child if they are willing to study
5. Give nutrition to the pregnant mothers
6. Organise programmes on health and Nutrition.