



RESPONSIBILITY OF WOMEN SURROUNDED BY THE CIVILIZATION

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Abstract

A woman is in-born set of skills, patience, creativity and abilities. In addition to these, it is very important for women to generate awareness in terms of the factors influencing their participation. Information regarding these factors is also enabling them in overcoming the barriers that may arise within the course of performance of roles. When women are performing various types of roles, they need to ensure that they work effectively towards promoting well-being of their family and community. In other words, they need to ensure that their contribution is beneficial to the individuals. Within the society, women have important roles and responsibilities to perform. The tasks of women are primarily recognized in the social, political, economic, cultural and religious spheres. In this ground, when women have to possess efficient skills and abilities, they must be able to deliver their participation in an effective manner. This paper covers the main areas that have been taken into account is the significance of roles of women within society, factors influencing the participation of women.

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INTRODUCTION

Every human being is an essential part of the civilization. When an individual reach the age of four, they began to realize that exterior to their home too there is a world, which they have to know. Family is regarded as the groundwork, from where the growth and development of the individuals takes place; hence, they give preference to their family members. But apart from family members, individuals live within the society; therefore, they have a fundamental role to amuse you towards the society. The role of women within the society is recognized in various spheres such as social, political, economic, religious, and cultural. The role of women within the society is primarily recognized in the ways that encourage its well-being. In some cases, their contributions towards promoting well-being of the society is through their employment, such as,

when they are employed in schools or higher educational institutions in teaching positions, then they are not only generating a source of income to keep going their livelihoods, but also working for the welfare of the society, by conveying knowledge and generating wakefulness among the individuals.

The contributions of women towards the society are put into operation on an honorary basis as well. Women, belonging to all age groups and backgrounds get engaged into honorary work towards promoting well-being of the individuals. Some of the honorary ways are, providing coaching classes to children, belonging to marginalized and socio-economically backward sections of the society, or making donations of food items, clothing and other items of daily use to poverty stricken individuals and so forth. In India, women are residing in the conditions of poverty, they are illiterate, do not have access to proper health care facilities, are victims of violence, and abuse, are discriminated against, neglected and do not enjoy the rights and opportunities as the male counterparts. When these factors are observed, some of the women, who are social workers, work towards promoting well-being of the communities.

CONNOTATION OF WOMEN WITHIN SOCIETY

The importance of women within society is being taken into account mainly when they are involved into other areas, such as, social work and so forth. The chief trends in the family structures and transformations that are taking place over the past decades are well-known. There has been appearance of nuclear families, where women are primarily involved in upbringing of their children. They may or may not get involved in various forms of employment opportunities or establishment of their own business. The major roles of women within the household are dedicated towards transmission of cultural values, principles and beliefs to their children and they tend to implement them throughout their lives. Sometimes socio-cultural, economical, capacity building factors may influence women.

The critical responsibility of women within the society is dedicated towards advocating human development, social justice and is influencing the policy-induced change. In India, the policy-advocacy on women's issues involves the context-specific challenges due to the politico-religious societies and institutions. Women, who are social workers, are challenged by different gendered-roles across the public and the private systems, while promoting gender equality in India. Therefore, policy-advocacy on women's issues implies the transforming gendered social frameworks and confront a range of entities and institutions, governed by the state policies. Hence, it can be stated that when participating in any roles towards the society, women need to ensure that they follow the rules and promote well-being of the individuals as well as the community in a well-organized manner.

VARIETY OF ROLES WITHIN THE CIVILIZATION

Women fit in to all age groups and backgrounds feel pleasure and contentment, when they get involved into various roles that are promoting goodwill and progression of the society. The various types of roles that are performed by women have been stated as follows:

1) Counselling and Guidance – Counselling and guidance is regarded as an indispensable area that is required by individuals, belonging to all age groups, categories and backgrounds. From the stage of early childhood to old age, individuals need counselling and guidance. These may be regarding various aspects, such as, career counselling, counselling regarding psychological

problems, such as, depression, trauma, stress, anxiety, counselling regarding academics and so forth. When women are well-trained in terms of various factors of counselling, then they organize counselling sessions. When they are working as professional counsellors, then they may charge fees from their clients. Whereas, when they may assist individuals, belonging to underprivileged sections of the society, then they may even work on an honorary basis. In the case of counselling and guidance, the major objective of the counsellors is to provide solutions to the problems and challenges experienced by the clients. For the purpose of accomplishing this goal, they need to possess adequate knowledge in terms of problems, particularly concerning their field of specialization.

2) Handling Coaching Classes –Women, usually make provision of coaching classes to the students, normally belonging to poverty stricken, marginalized and economically weaker sections of the society. These children migrate to urban communities from rural communities, with the main purpose of acquisition of good education and promoting better livelihoods. These students get enrolled in government schools, where education is provided free of cost. In most cases, their basic literacy skills of reading, writing and arithmetic are not honed and need to be developed. For this purpose, they need to take coaching classes from well-trained individuals. Hence, they get enrolled into coaching classes, provided by some women within their houses, free of cost. The women, who provide free coaching classes, usually develop interest and enthusiasm to keep them occupied and to work towards promoting goodwill and better means of support. These women may or may not be from the field of education.

3) Providing Health Care Facilities – When women work towards promoting well-being of the society, then normally their contributions are based upon their educational qualifications and professions. When women are medical doctors or health care specialists, then they make use of their skills and abilities and provide health care facilities to the individuals, primarily belonging to underprivileged sections of the society. In making provision of health care facilities, women may establish health care centres or clinics within their homes, or they may make visits to the houses of the individuals, if they are ambulatory. Research has indicated that women make visits to the areas, where individuals are affected by certain natural calamities or disasters, which have imposed detrimental effects upon their health conditions. In some cases, women, make visits to religious places, such as, Temples or Gurudwaras, may be once or twice a week, where they attend to the medical and health care needs of the individuals.

4) Rigorous Donations – Within the Indian society, making donations is regarded as vital. It is regarded as the most convenient ways of promoting well-being of the society. It is stated that all individuals, irrespective of their categories and backgrounds should make donations. If a person is financially not strong, then they may make small donations. On the other hand, wealthy individuals make large donations. Making donations of various items is regarded as common, which women normally make on a regular basis. Their financial position is regarded to be of utmost significance in determining, what donations, they would make and to what extent. The different types of items that are donated include food items, clothing, utensils and other items of daily use. When women have obtained the services from their domestic helpers for a long period of time, then they may even make valuable donations to them, such as, jewels, cars, technology, mobile phones or even accommodation. When children are provided free coaching classes, then donations are made to them on a frequent basis, these includes, food items, school bags, stationary items, clothing and so forth.

5) Extra-curricular Activities – Folks belonging to all age groups and backgrounds, in most cases develop interest in extra-curricular activities. The various kinds of extra-curricular

activities are production of artworks, handicrafts, dance, music, singing, sports, physical activities, preparation of certain food items and so forth. Women, normally belonging to middle age groups and the ones, who are senior citizens, normally develop interest in doing something creative. Research has indicated that women are involved in various types of extra-curricular activities. Apart from conducting coaching classes regarding academic subjects, women also conduct classes regarding creative activities. In these cases, they impart knowledge to the students in terms of artworks, handicrafts, singing, playing musical instruments and so forth. On the other hand, when they are skilled in the preparation of food items, then they give them as donations and also sell them. Therefore, through extra-curricular activities, women are engaged in honorary as well as paid work.

6) Alleviation of Criminal and Violent Acts – Talking about Indian society, women and girls are experiencing various forms of criminal and violent acts within as well as outside the home. These include verbal abuse, physical abuse, sexual harassment, neglect, discriminatory treatment, and financial exploitation. Research has indicated that women domestic helpers may experience these acts from their family members, particularly their husbands and in-laws. The major causes are poverty, financial problems and inability to sustain their living conditions better. Hence, in such cases, they seek assistance from women and other individuals, particularly in whose homes, they are employed. The contribution of women in the alleviation of criminal and violent acts is recognized primarily by getting engaged in verbal interaction with the males or other family members, who are involved in such acts. The other way is, taking disciplinary action and imposing penalties upon the doers. In the present existence, when individuals are involved in these acts, then severe disciplinary action is taken as well as they are required to pay fines.

7) Organization of Activities and Functions – Research and studies has indicated that women render a significant contribution towards the society by organizing various social, cultural and religious functions. In these functions, they give invitations to their family members, friends, relatives, and community members. These functions are normally organized in case of certain occasions or festivals. For instance, in the case of religious functions, they sing hymns, organize a religious procession and then meals are provided. Marriage ceremonies and birthdays are regarded as social functions and cultural functions are organized in case of festivals and so forth. In the organization of these functions, the individuals make use of skills and abilities. Financial resources are regarded as crucial, as individuals need to plan their budgets adequately. Through the organization of activities and functions, one generates pleasure among other individuals. The reason being, when one participates in them, they feel happy and contented. One cannot carry these out in isolation and need to obtain support, ideas and suggestions from others.

8) Taking Care of Elderly Individuals – All through the country, there are old age homes, where the elderly individuals reside. In some cases, women make visits to old age homes to check the conditions of the elderly individuals. In old age homes, they also make donations of various items, such as, blankets, shawls or bed covers for the elderly individuals. Furthermore, they get engaged into interaction with them and find out how they feel, living there. Whereas, within the households, women are vested with the responsibility of taking care of the needs and requirements of the elderly individuals. When the male members go to work and children go to school, then women need to ensure that they make provision of nutritious meals, medicines, help the elderly to get engaged in physical activities and so forth. Whereas, when they experience severe health problems and are not ambulatory, then they need to ensure that proper medical

facilities are provided to them, which may also include hiring of qualified and trained nurses on a full-time basis.

9) Providing Information and Generating Awareness – If women are well-educated and possess higher educational qualifications, such as, masters or doctoral degrees, then they mostly have this objective of promoting well-being of the society. In the promotion of well-being of the society, they need to make use of their knowledge and skills. When they possess masters or doctoral degrees, then they are mostly employed as professors in educational institutions or even in leadership positions in various organizations. When they are in these positions, then they make provision of information and generate awareness among the individuals, not only in terms of academics, but also prepare them in a well-organized manner. Their main objective is to enable the individuals acquire self-sufficiency, efficiently perform their job duties and accomplish the desired goals and objectives.

CONCLUSION

Women have various important tasks and responsibilities to perform within the society. The factors that are influencing their participation are socio-cultural factors, economic factors, infrastructural factors and capacity building. The types of roles within the society that women implement are, providing coaching classes, providing health care facilities, counselling and guidance, extra-curricular activities, making donations, organization of activities and functions, alleviation of criminal and violent acts, alleviating malnutrition, taking care of elderly individuals and providing information and generating awareness. The factors influencing the performance of women in various roles are their financial position, health conditions, location of homes, educational qualifications, skills and abilities, family background and interest areas. Women, in the present existence are primarily performing their roles for promoting well-being of the society, through their engagement within the employment settings. Within the employment setting, when they are carrying out their job duties, they need to possess adequate knowledge and awareness.

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