

Women; A Major Human Capital for National Development (A Deep Insight of Chapter- Problems of Women by Swami Vivekananda)

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Abstract- Eastern countries are obliterating the very essence of their birth that is their mothers, wives and every other women who always has been playing a crux role in their lives. Being a global and visionary mystic writer Swami Vivekananda has warned the entire nation about the role of women and how are they the core of the nation. Vivekananda argued for the equality of women and men in modern Indian aspect. His life had been dedicated in uplifting the condition of women and imparting education to them so that they can survive amidst crisis as well as can simplify their own problems and live a life in certainty. He had portrayed one of the most deep dwelling topics dealing with the *Problems of Women* in one of the eminent works *My India The India Eternal*. The chapter had been divided into several segments dealing with past and present issues which will definitely lead to hazardous future if not checked. Every nation has been considered as *Janani* that is one to give birth; the same respect should be given to every women of each nation because she is the bearer. Neglecting their education and health can lead to de elevation of the entire world. As said by the visionary writer Swami Vivekananda-

“Without Shakti (power) there is no regeneration for the world.” (Page no. 69, *My India The India Eternal*)

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INTRODUCTION

The book *My India The India Eternal* is a compilation of several views and visions of present and future India which can glorify only when women will be treated with complete integrity. The numerous chapters written in this book deals with national topics such as education, national integration, religion, faith, women education and many others. The core discussions on these topics by Swami Vivekananda acts as a torch

bearer for the upcoming generation which needs to evoke themselves from leading a chaotic life. The present generation will be serving as the human capital especially the women. He has praised womanhood and unselfish motherhood in nearly every other paragraph of the chapter. Being a mystic he was also a visionary man who identified the prime complications lying in eastern countries and as it is said charity begins from home so he therefore analyzed the issues on his own nation India. He acknowledged that the neglect of women’s education, health and career will be one of the vital issues the contemporary world is dealing with.

He realized that why these western countries are so constant and upgrading in their growth charts. The reason lies in their un bias treatment towards women. The gender trouble theory had never been an obstruction in laying equal opportunities and equity to their people. He implies this by directly pointing towards the discriminating behavior targeting solely on the basis of gender. Exemplifying Vedanta’s words as men and women; what simply lies is *Atman* (self). Womanhood is of the utmost importance in India. The unselfish, ever forgiving motherhood has no comparison with that of western countries because the dominating character in western nations are wife but in India the dominancy lies in marvelous and visible manifestation of motherhood.

Physical venture towards every women is the sole purpose of men but what lies pious untouched with any slime of dishonesty is motherhood. So the most noble approach of any human should lie in helping one another without any barrier of gender or creed.

Neglecting women’s education is the biggest sin the country is moving towards. Considering education to be the only magical word for all the necessary reforms

of the world will definitely lead the countrymen towards a better nation. Rather than treating women as a bait; the education will surely uplift their condition to straddle the world. Even the minor can become major ones when the trident of education works. In eastern countries the wisdom of man is applauded if he is a bread earner and the virtue of a woman is appreciated if she is a worthy housewife. Somewhere or the other these are hollow gender roles which had narrowed the scopes of our vision.

Provided with the example of Rani of Jhansi he paved the way for the women empowerment in the nation. Right to education is the fundamental right which is like a nutritious supply to the brains which is essential for growth and nurture of our soul. The intellectual wisdom is the wisest of all and therefore to earn a living is not just about monetary independent.

Setting an exemplification of Sita honours our Indian culture with utmost pride. She is given an upperhand stating her purity, wisdom and holiness. But on the otherhand he also makes the entire womanhood aware about the sacrifice without a murmur she had underwent to. The modernity and past purity when mingled together can recreate a soul of woman that will be unmatched on the earth.

“Motherhood represented the highest expression of womanhood , especially in India.” (Page No. 73, *My India The Eternal India*)

Giving utmost priority to *Sakti* (power) because without it there is no regeneration of the world. Pointing out towards the malfunctioning of the patriarchy he figures out that we countrymen knowingly are responsible for our backwards sloping development graph as *Sakti* is being dishonoured here; we need to revive what has been wrapped in the dusty shadow of time. And on a contradictory note if we check then it is clearly visible that unknowingly Americans and Europeans are worshipping her through sense gratification giving them equal opportunity to stand beside them either during crisis or elevation period.

Worshipping living Durga that is the woman in every nation will be the basic solution to every problem. Creation of monasteries for women is an innovative idea developed by Swami Vivekananda. This transforming idea will eventually hike the depraving condition of these women living in our nation.

“There is no hope of rise for family or country where there is no estimation of women, where they live in sadness.” (Page No. 75, *My India The Eternal India*)

To start a *math* for these women disciples will be a new venture towards the centralization of woman not keeping gender trouble in mind rather believing in the piousness of these creation by god that is these women. Separation of the woman with that of the entire mankind will proclaim their identity and ensure their growth and safety on the other hand. The real quest of their upliftment will lie in these five or six years of education and training where these Brahmacharins will be taught self control, gratification and sacrifice for leading an ideal life.

“ Educate your women first and leave them to themselves, then they will tell you what reforms are necessary for them.” (Page No. 76, *My India The Eternal India*)

This line has shaken the very roots of the society where women act as a puppet to this misogynic world. The education is the only ecological premises where anyone can interfere and pave the way for these women in right direction. After providing the same, a woman should be given the pace to solve their problems. As education is the key to stable a chaotic mind so that even if a man tries to intervene, he couldn't. The women are not an antique to be preserved rather they should be taught self -defense mechanism. As proclaimed that liberty should be the first condition of growth and to furnish these ladies with the same. This will lead to development and prosperity.

Swami Vivekananda has also tried to solve the major issues which were inculcating during this era of women suppression like Sati System; where he announced that let the women decide the solution to their problems as he himself is not the one. If we try to figure out the major idea lying behind this statement; it clearly will portray that he is trying to prick a fire which will lead to a terrific revolt. He states-

“Hand off! They will solve their problems.”(Page No. 78, *My India The Eternal India*)

This is a stern warning to the menfolk who are trying to be an epitome of solutions to the women of the society. The torch bearer for them is only education. Once the protocol is done; they need not to be interrupted and criticized for their choice of actions.

To uplift a nation we need a wise human capital and that human asset are our countrymen especially women. The world is in need of sacrifice, purity, self-less love, welfare and this can only be achieved once the women of the country is treated wisely. They will spread like fire to every corner of the world and lead to a sublime nation where equality and respect mingles together along with gratification. He provides a pavement for *Brahmacharinis*'s

Life but that too on someone's self-will. It would not be an obligation at all rather an acceptance after gaining complete knowledge. Modern women are not about the essence of purity and sacrifice which are the real ornaments of women. Swami Vivekananda had set these parameters for the future India where present is wrapped in solace and hiking the condition of females and future is all about an optimistic world. Shallowness, misery and degradation will be faded once and for all; when the integrity of woman will be treated as a paramount of all organization.

A hero is born out of a mother. The noble preaching enters the mind of the unborn through the wisdom of the womb giving birth to it. Hence a well-bred mind will serve the nation to relinquish the joy of capable men in future; who will not only be full of valour but also the virtue inside them will serve as a ladder to advancement.

He identified the biggest loophole in the growth of any nation is ignorance of women. Being a global ideal he prepared different curriculum for women.

It is next to impossible to achieve the lost pride of our nation without improvising the condition of women. A nation will march forward only when the women is given a secured place in the society. Rather than checking only the literacy rate of the nation; Swami Vivekananda insisted on checking the gender gaps in these figures. He wanted to secure the position of women financially and academically too.

“What was wanted was not a man, but a woman – a real lioness to work for the Indians, women specially.” (Page No. 78, *My India The Eternal India*)

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