

GLOBALIZATION, HIGHER EDUCATION AND THE INDIAN WOMEN: AN ASSESSMENT OF THE EMERGING ISSUES AND CHALLENGES

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ABSTRACT

The world has recognized the vital importance of education as a main aspect of human security and as a means to empower women. Women in India constitute 50 per cent of the country's human resource and their contributions are vital for the nation's progress. Even though the education system expanded very rapidly, the gender gap in literacy remains noticeable by its presence. The impact of social, cultural and economic disparities across various states in India on the enrollment of women varies from state to state. In spite of various developmental programmes, protecting laws and policies by the Central and State Government the plight of women in terms of education is still in the state of an enigma in India for several reasons. Therefore, globalization and increasing privatization leading to their downsizing have aggravated gender inequalities. This paper seeks to discuss the position of women in India against the above background.

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