

# Meaning and Purpose of (Women) Education

## Introduction:

Napolean Bonaparte in 18<sup>th</sup> century explained the importance of women education by saying that "Give me an educated woman/mother, I shall promise you the birth of a civilized, educated nation." In today's developed world, no one can deny the importance of education - especially women education. Women and girls represent half of the world's population, and therefore, half of its potential. This half population play a vital role in the development of any country. And this development can be achieved only through education - No nation can rise to the height of glory if these women are confined in the four walls of houses as prisoners. Aristotle stated that the education is the creation of sound minds in sound bodies. It means that acquiring education is not only limited to a specific class or gender. Another personality expresses his views about education of women - than "we need to educate our men and women equally because the housework is with them both." In the modern era, the countries all over the world, especially third world countries are ahead with many challenges. In order to combat all those, the participation of women in every sector of life need to be enhanced. This enhancement is only possible by providing the adequate and equal opportunities of acquiring quality education to all women. Investing in women education is not only a moral imperative but a strategic choice for benefiting the society.