

# Women Empowerment

Women empowerment is the process of granting women the ~~Autonomy~~, authority, and right to make independent decisions and choices that aligns with her lifestyle. It involves giving women an equal opportunity in politics, economics, societies, and personal life. Firstly, the representation of women in politics can be helpful in making policies that reflect the need of the whole society. Women representation in politics can ensure the implementation of laws like gender-based violence, women discrimination, and all other women related laws. Secondly, women can significantly contribute in the progress of economy. Women should be encouraged in playing their role like teacher, anchor, lawyer, employee, employer etc. This can lead to the prospering of the economy as more and more members of the society take part in the development of the society. Thirdly, women should be given an equal status as of men in the society. The Cultural

believes, norms, and traditions that deprive women of their basic rights like; education, health, to vote, etc.

If women are given an opportunity they can get education and can become skillful, educated, and responsible women. They will not only add to the workforce but also prove to be a better educated mother for the future generations. Lastly, women should be independent in their personal decisions of life. They have the right to marry with their own choice and divorce. Even these all rights had been granted by Islam, long before the emergence of women empowerment movements.

As Muhammad (PBUH) said, "seeking knowledge is obligatory for every mature muslim". This highlights the importance of education for not only men but also women. Islam has also provided the basic human rights to women as Quran states, "And for women are rights over men, similar to those of men over women", this highlights gender equality. Other examples like Hazrat Khadija as a renowned businesswoman and

Hazrat Ayesha (R.A) as renowned Scholar proves - that Islam has also empowered women as western movement started it few decades back. There are certain challenges that must be solved for the women empowerment. Challenges like gender based violence, inequality, unfair wages, women discrimination etc must be eliminated by joint efforts of Government, organizations and individuals because the society can only thrive when all of its members are given equal rights and opportunities.