

ICT in Women Empowerment, Welfare and Social Justice

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Abstract

Modern developments made in technology have incredibly changed the manner in which Information is being shared in modern societies. But using these technologies and advancements in Information and Communication Technologies for uplifting women and girls is still a challenge or dream for most of the nations around the world. Therefore a massive moment is demanded to spread the benefits of ICT for women's empowerment and development in developing Nations. awareness and accessibility for the needed resources is the most important issue to address women's empowerment, welfare and Justice. Women have been usually excluded from the external statistics sphere due to factors affecting their disadvantage: gender biasness, low salary, low literacy, lack of freedom of movement etc. ICT has the potential to open up an instantaneous window for women to the outside world of justice, power and independence. Information may flow to them without any hurdle, distortion or censoring. It results in broadening the perspective, more understanding of their present condition and reasons behind these issues such as poverty, low income, economic stability, equal status etc. Awareness about these reasons may initiate them towards proper process of information exchange and consumption. For women's empowerment ICT accessibility is essential, as it has the scope for career advancement, skilling, upskilling and reskilling which leads to women's upgradation in real sense and move towards women's economic stability and empowerment. Consequently we need to work towards comprehensive access to ICT resources for each and every person for their empowerment. Therefore, we need to work towards universal access to ICT resources for women and girls for their empowerment. It's imperative not only to set up physical centers, communication networks or computer systems; however, it is important to make sure that all the facilities or provisions related to ICTs are fully utilized. ICT accessibility and usability is not only the factors which constrained women's empowerment in this respect other factors are

technological infrastructure availability, women's socially built roles, responsibility and relations. ICTs are now emerging as a powerful tool for gender empowerment, equality, equity and social justice in a developing country like India. This paper mainly focuses on the scope of ICT in women welfare and development, ICT access, the opportunities and the challenges that can come along.

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