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POLITICAL AWARENESS OF WOMEN IN ELECTIONS

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Abstract

Accepting the principle of universal or adult franchise is an important thing under the goals of world democracy. Many battles were fought in the world to give it a true and real form because many governments of the world did not want to give voting rights to women. Women are not considered equal from social, political, legal and other points of view. The United States of America gave adult suffrage to women through the 19th Amendment of its Constitution in 1919. In Britain in 1928, in France in 1945, in Italy in 1948, women were given equal voting rights as men. Under the Indian Constitution, adult voting rights were given to men and women in 1950, considering them equal.

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Introduction:-

After independence, women's organizations, women's commissions, governments etc. By opening the doors of development of women through efforts, a new thinking and Gained self-confidence in which they became conscious and aware of their rights started living. There were hesitations or hesitations in the minds of women that were suppressed due to prejudice related to voting and voting, that they would not get any benefit from this system, but with time, women's behavior towards voting has changed, they are more concerned about their domestic and family responsibilities. While discharging his duties very well, he ahs come out of the confines of his house and demonstrated his awareness, activeness and fearlessness. Women coming forward to vote for candidates of various political parties, regional parties etc. and motivating people to vote in elections in villages, localities, corporations and urban areas and taking part in voting themselves shows their changing attitude towards voting. If they get enough opportunities, they can be equal to men and play an important role in nation building. Today there are more than 12 lakh women elected representatives in India, which is not the case in any country in the world. The number of women elected representatives in the whole world is less than in India. This shows the activeness of women, their awareness and positive behavior towards voting, that there is a vast change in the thinking of women at present, their responsibilities, how they fulfill their responsibilities with devotion and dedication, etc, has come.

Increasing political awareness of women in elections because of :-

1. Equal importance to women in the efforts of the government, continuous social mobilization for promotion of education, emergence of new consciousness among women about their rights through means of talking to them etc.
2. By organizing social change or catalysts of change and with the participation of rural, urban, local bodies and women activists and young women working at the grassroots level in Panchayati Raj institutions, women can think positively about their rights and achieve their rights. Started striving for continuous struggle to achieve this.

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3. By running the Sweep Plan SVEEP (Systematic Voting Plant), the Election Commission is enabling intellectual discussions and panchayats among various communities, businessmen, media people, various women organizations, voluntary organizations, teachers etc. in the districts of different states to make the general public aware about voting. In the voter awareness programs from level to development block and district level, women got a new awakening by knowing about the exercise of their right to vote in elections and they came forward and started participating in the elections.
4. The great festival of democracy. Mass media include radio, television, newspapers, women's journalism and women's magazines like Manorama, Meri Saheli.

The publication of articles on women's rights and women's sensitivities and their rights gave direction to a positive attitude among women in achieving their rights.

The implementation of the Panchayat level reservation system for women in the Constitution through the 73rd Constitutional Amendment has led to the rise of political awareness, which has increased the participation of women in voting in election with new enthusiasm and a new hope.

Many women's organizations and government departments encouraged women to become aware and come forward in elections, which gave rise to a new thinking in the field of politics. As a result, women's political participation expanded. They have registered their presence by getting elected in elections from Panchayat level to District, Urban level, Rajya Sabha, Lok Sabha and State Legislatures, which shows the political awareness of women.

Democracy with the announcement of general elections by the Election Commission. The great festival of begins. Be it a leader or a voter, all elections Get immersed in the colors of political hustle and bustle, loudspeakers Voices, various political parties, regional parties for their candidates One can see people participating and campaigning.

1. This festival of elections Women voters are also no different in the current environment. The participation of more and more political, non-political parties and regional parties in elections highlights activism and awareness. Women know that the political scenario is full of great turmoil. Due to male-dominated politics adopting double standards towards, women, women are being forced to think about their rights in such an environment.
2. Women will be encouraged to participate in the elections of the country from villages to cities as much as possible. Will have to be conquered and sent into service. If we look at the behavior of most of the voters in the country in terms of voter behaviors, then a different type of behavior in terms of political behavior is seen during elections.
3. Political parties are clearly seen to be adopting these behaviors during They leave no stone unturned in influencing the voters. Be it emotional or adoption of media and mass communication, previous government failure, anti-incumbency wave, increasing number of crimes against women, rising inflation, corruption etc. are the issues. By placing these issue in front of the voters, they influence their behavior.
4. By keeping these issues in front of the public, political and regional parties describe the characteristics of their parties in their election manifestos, keeping these issues prominent and highlighting the roles of their parties in resolving them. Which definitely influences the behavior of the voter or the public. This behavior keeps the question in the mind of the public or voter that which representative of the political or regional parties will win the maximum votes and get elected to the Parliament or Parliament by using their valuable franchise. That they can be sent to the legislatures shows their power-changing behavior. There is frustration, disappointment and anger against the previous government in their hearts.
5. Proposal for section 243D of the Constitution on 27 August 2009 The Union Cabinet approved the amendment in which 50 percent of the seats at all three levels of Panchayat and that of the President can be reserved for women. At present, out of 28.18 elected representatives, 36.87 percent are women. The increasing awareness of women towards voting in rural and urban bodies has presented women's participation and their leadership capabilities in a new form.

The activism of women towards voting is a further change in their attitude where women are making their presence felt in every field. In the social scenario, her strong coming forward towards her rights and being inactive has brought about a change in the attitude of both.

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