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As the name implies, "Gender Discrimination" refers to the discrimination between girls and boys in the society, family, community and workplace on the way they are treated and provided different opportunities or resources. It is a very serious social issue prevalent mostly in poor, uneducated, unaware societies of Asia in countries like Nepal, India, etc. It hinders the regular and smooth functioning of the society and the imparted prejudice also prevents particular gender from getting into the mainstream of the country's development. Mostly, the gender discrimination is a result of superstitions, illiteracy, orthodox thinking, etc.

Gender discrimination exists in various forms in our ~~country~~ society. It can be either discrimination of boys or girls but the most prevalent as of now is discrimination against girls & women. Discrimination against women has prevailed since a long time in various forms. It is clearly found in almost every aspects of the society. Although, due to rapid modernization, there has been gradual change in the thoughts, visions and norms of people, there are still some orthodox and stuck-in-the-days people who give continuity to this ruthless social issue. This act of discriminations are found in the family itself where some boy child are given more priority and better facilities than the girl child. Some people also regard girl as made for household ~~to~~ chores only which is an extremely unprogressive and bad thinking and needs to be changed. In the society, almost all sectors show that boys are given a bit higher priority and thus do better. Although there is no capacity difference between them and both genders are equally capable in almost all aspects, the society being patriarchal has tried to set some baseless beliefs that men were superior. But, with time, things have been changing.

As more and more people are getting educated, literate and aware. But still, the rate at which the change should have come is not met by standards. Part of the reason can be because the education is not that widespread yet and the education of school level has not been able to accommodate these practical, real life things and focused more on theoretical part.

Recently, there has been a lot of efforts in eradicating this social issue. Various women welfare associations and organizations are doing a pretty good job with that. Government and concerned authorities have put laws in place which prevents any sort of discrimination and the educational system has been trying hard to make everyone aware of it. The most important step in erasing such social issues for ever from the society is by the means of self-awareness. Let's hope that in very near future, this issue of discrimination vanishes completely from our society and the society becomes happy, healthy, prosperous and a great place to live in.

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