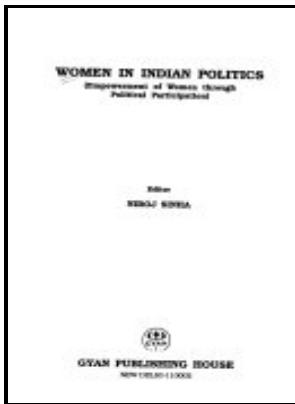


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## Political Empowerment of Women in India: A myth or reality

The Ministry of Women and Child Development was created in 2006, marking another landmark for women empowerment in India.

## Women Empowerment in India

The Gender Inequality Index score was 0. Primarily women are the means of survival of their families, but are generally unrecognized and undervalued, being placed at the bottom of the pile.

## What Is the Role of Women in Indian Politics? Growing Stronger...

Challenges faced by Women Structural issues Active women Sarpanches have given importance to social development activities like health, sanitation, old age pensions and welfare but a perusal of the agenda of Panchayat meetings across the country demonstrates a pattern of work priority being accorded to infrastructure issues such as the construction of roads and community buildings. It is interesting that Indian women leaders attained a clear leadership position only after they set up their own parties Mayawati, Jayalalitha, Mamata Banerjee and through the support of their husband or family or dynasty rule Sonia Gandhi, Vasundhara Raje Scindia, Mehboba Mufti, Shiela Dixit, Rabri Devi. As is rightly said, an empowered woman contributes to the productivity of her whole family, both economic and social.

## Political Empowerment of Women in India: A myth or reality

The ministry has a mission to create adequate opportunities for empowering women in India in every sphere of life. A few enlightened Indians such as Raja Ram Mohun Roy influenced by the modern concept of freedom, liberty, equality and justice started to question the prevailing discriminatory practices against women. Why women need empowerment and not men? Women around the globe, but particularly in many developing contexts, remain absent and invisible in political institutions and dialogue.

## The persistent gender gap in political participation in India

Government have also involved in implementing lot of schemes Pradhan Mantri Mahila Shakti Kendra, which will empower rural women through community participation to create an environment in which they realize their full potential. It is only due to less weight age is given to the women due to patriarchal and male-dominated social system and age-old social taboos against women in the rural area.

### **The persistent gender gap in political participation in India**

In short, women's participation as political actors has improved but their grip over power structure, at least at the party level, has not been impressive. She did try in some ways to minimise disruption by dressing more sedately than usual and by avoiding the bars and smoking rooms frequented by the men. This is needed to promote and enhance their leadership qualities and self-confidence.

### **Empowerment of Women Through Political Participation**

The need of us is to educate and sensitize male members of the society regarding women issues and try to inculcate a feeling of togetherness and equality among them so that they would stop their discriminatory practices towards the fairer sex. . Her presence almost immediately gained attention, both as a woman and as someone who did not follow the rules.

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Yet women as citizens show up and speak up less in political spaces than men across much of the globe and particularly in lower- and middle-income countries.

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