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A Study on Gender Discrimination in North East India : A State-wise Analysis

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ABSTRACT:

Gender is a common term whereas gender discrimination is meant only for women, because females are the only victims of gender discrimination. Females are nearly 50 percent of the total population but their representation in public life is very low. Recognizing women's right and believing their ability are essential for women's empowerment and development. This study considers the gender discrimination that exists among every region, social class and prevents the growth of Indian economy from improving the lives of Indian people. The reality of gender discrimination in India is very complex and diversified, because it exists in every field like education, employment opportunities, income, health, cultural issues, social issues, economic issues etc. The deprivation of women in getting the similar level of opportunities relating to education, health, decision making as men due to prevalence of patriarchal society and socioeconomic backwardness in India put women at a backstage. But since after six decades of Indian planning after making various efforts Indian women are still at a backstage than men on various aspects. Under this backdrop, this paper tries to evaluate the status and position of women in North east India in the light of some important gender-related indicators. It makes a comparative analysis of different states of North east India in the attainment of the indicators. The researchers have tried to suggest some relevant strategies and policies implication for reducing this gender discrimination and to promote the dignified position for women.

KEY WORDS: Gender, discrimination, education, economic, health, social etc.

INTRODUCTION

Gender is a common term whereas gender discrimination is meant only for women, because females are the only victims of gender discrimination. Gender discrimination is not biologically determined but it is determined by socially and the discrimination can be changed by the proper social and economic efforts. It is true that men and women are biologically different, but keeping the two sexes can the two sexes be treated