

WOMEN IN HIGHER EDUCATION AND GANDHIAN IDEOLOGY

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Abstract: To understand Gandhiji's thoughts on women in higher education this research was carried out. It was applied research and content analysis method was used. Gandhiji's written information was collected by reading the books which were published by Navjivan Prakashan, Ahmadabad. Collected data was properly studied and objectively analyzed. The result of the study was interesting. Gandhiji believed that Higher education must be given to the women for the development of the society. According to him men and women are different creation of God so there education must be different and separate syllabus is required for that. He emphasized that co-education is useful at primary level but it is not useful for higher education. Present scenario is different. This study arise many questions. Which education is the best for higher education? Equal or separate... this topic should be discussed properly.

The objective of the study was to study the thoughts of Gandhiji's on women in higher education. The research method was Content analysis used for this research. 85 books which were published by Navjivan Publication in which Gandhiji's original written thoughts took place were read properly and data was collected. Collected data was in descriptive form so statistical analysis was not possible so it was analyzed by descriptively and objectively. Results of data analysis are:

- 1. Higher education must be given to all the women of India.*
- 2. Complete development of nation is not possible without women higher education.*
- 3. Nature of men and women is different so higher education must be separate according to their nature. Higher education must be not same for both.*
- 4. Co-education is possible only for primary level. It is not good for higher education.*

Gandhiji's thoughts on women in higher education are debatable.

It is difficult to accept them blindly. Contemporary education system denies the thought of separate education for men and women as well as co-education. So when we think about higher education for 21st century, one should not ignore their opinion. To find the proper solution the question of separate education for men and women and co-education must be discussed properly.

Keywords: Content Analysis, Gandhian Ideology, Higher Education, Navjeevan Prakashan, Women Education

I. INTRODUCTION

To understand the higher education in context of 21st century one should know the ideas of former educationist. As far as the meter consult with India we can't ignore

Gandhiji who said my greatest contribution is in education. Many researchers have tried to understand the educational thoughts of Gandhiji either separately or comparatively like Subramanian(1958), Upadhyay(1964), Kuzhandavelu(1965), Dave(1966), Lalitha(1967), Sen(1973), Jain(1976), Upadhyay(1980), Vaidya(1985), Rao(1988), Gohil(2003) etc. They studied well. Women in higher education did not study properly. This is the reason why this researcher has been done but the finding and results were regarding Gandhiji's educational contribution. The topic decided to study the topic which was useful for women in higher education in 21st century.

OBJECTIVE

To study the thoughts of Gandhiji on women in higher education.

RESEARCH METHOD

Content analysis method was used for this research.

II. DATA COLLECTION

85 books which were published by Navjivan Publication in which Gandhiji's original written thoughts took place were read properly and data was collected. The list of the books was given in the table.

TABLE 1:BOOK NAME

No.	Title of book
1	Gandhijini Akshardeh Vol. 1 to 81(Gujarati)
2	Kelavani No Koyado(Gujarati)
3	Khari Kelavani(Gujarati)
4	Payani Kelavani(Gujarati)
5	Satyana Prayogo(Gujarati)

III. DATA ANALYSIS

Collected data was in descriptive form so statistical analysis was not possible so it was analyzed by descriptively and objectively.

RESULT:

1. Higher education must be given to the women of all India.
2. Complete development of nation is not possible without women higher education.
3. Nature of men and women is different so higher education must be separate according to their nature. Higher education must be not same for both.
4. Co-education is possible only for primary level. It is not good for higher education.

IV. CONCLUSION

Gandhiji's thoughts on women in higer education are debatable. It is difficult to accept them blindly. Contemporary education system denies the thought of separate education for men and women as well as co-education. Research found that Bhatt(1973), Babu(1978), Abhyankar(1982), Pathak(1986), Gohil(2003), Shastri(2009), Godbole(2010) studied the educational thoughts of Vinoba, Aurbindo, Krishnamurti, Kalelkar, Pandurang, Pramukh Swami and Rangavdhhut . All these thinkers believed that separate higher education should be given to the women. So when we think about higher education for 21st century, one

should not ignore their opinion. To find the proper solution the question of separate education for men and women and co-education must be discussed properly.

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