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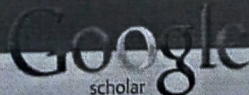
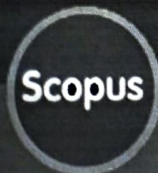
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## Women's Rehabilitation and Self-Reliance in Karnataka

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### • INTRODUCTION

As woman is the symbol of creation, every nation of the world aims to organize and integrate her socially, economically and politically and achieve gender equality. India is also moving in this direction, but since India is a land of customs, traditions and rituals, we see discrimination against women, atrocities and some evil practices in the social system. Due to these many types of problems are being experienced by women nowadays. Among them oppression, persecution, servitude, abandonment, addiction etc. are obstacles to social and gender equality in India and are also contrary to the wish of the Constitution. The Government of India has implemented many schemes to eradicate these completely and bring the abused women into the mainstream of the society to empower women in all fields and prevent all forms of violence and every state in India has autonomy to work on gender equality women empowerment. In this regard, the work undertaken by the Government of Karnataka to rehabilitate women who have been subjected to various atrocities and to bring them into the mainstream of the society has been analyzed in this article.

• Key words in the article: women empowerment, rehabilitation, violence, alienation, sociality, economy, and gender equality.

### • INTRODUCTION

It is necessary to empower women publicly, economically, educationally and politically. All the countries of the world are giving importance to women's empowerment and development, as women are also important economic force in the society and communities, all the countries of the world have found that it is essential in achieving economic success and sustainable development. In this regard, they are working hard for the empowerment of women. Women's empowerment and child welfare is also an important objective of the United Nations Millennium Development Goals and India has also formulated many action plans related to

women's empowerment. It plays an important role in empowering women in all sectors and organizing women as part of development.

Along with this, every state of India and every district in the states are doing coordinated work for women empowerment and development.

They are doing the work of empowering oppressed, abandoned, devastated and distressed women and bringing them into the mainstream of society. It is in this perspective that this article also focuses on the issue of women's rehabilitation and self-reliance in the state of Karnataka.

#### • OBJECTIVES

- Analyzing the importance of women empowerment.
- Understanding the importance of rehabilitation of oppressed, addicted, abandoned, women.
- To analyze the social, economic, status of resettled women.
- Defining initiatives of Government of Karnataka regarding rehabilitation of exploited women.
- Analyzing initiatives to prevent social and economic violence against women.

#### **Benefit of Women's Rehabilitation**

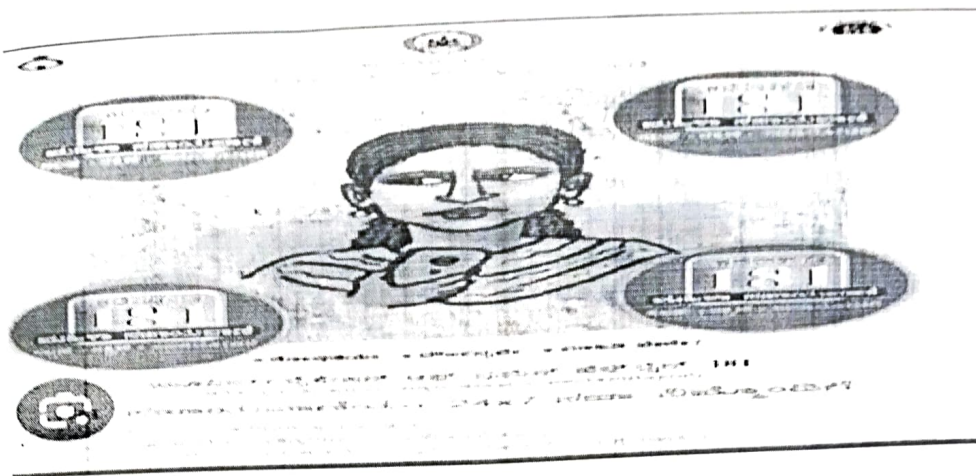
The Constitution of India not only gives equality to women but empowers all states to adopt positive discrimination measures in favour of women. Within the democratic political framework, our country's laws, development policies, plans and programs are aimed at the advancement of women in various fields. Women's empowerment is recognized as a central issue in women's participation in development. In this background, the need for self-empowerment of women who are subjected to social exploitation and disasters, addicted, abandoned, is also necessary to achieve this. It is beneficial in developing a mode of self-reliance and focussing on their needs which instils a sense of vitality among the exploited women.

#### **Women Rehabilitation Schemes in Karnataka**

- Women are being exploited due to family problems and financial problems. 80% of abandoned addicted and oppressed women belong to backward class. Empowerment of women socially, economically and politically is essential as women are a major economic force and transformative force in all societies and classes. There is a need for social welfare services to empower and self-reliance women affected by problems such as poverty, domestic violence,



sexual harassment, destitution, loneliness, bringing them into the mainstream of society as part of empowerment.



As part of this, the Government of Karnataka has implemented many women empowerment and rehabilitation schemes. And State and Central Government are providing various assistance to the NGOs providing rehabilitation facilities to women who have lost interest in life. Some of such schemes can be named as below.

- Santhvan Kendra: It is operational 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and aims to provide legal aid, temporary shelter and financial relief to women victims of domestic violence, rape, sexual harassment, and dowry harassment.



Swadhara Yojana : It is a scheme to help women in distress. It aims to protect and make self-reliant women who are destitute, widows, victims of natural calamities and those who have come out of prison.

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- Sthayrayasojana: Aims to empower and provide financial relief to women victims of various social oppressions.
- Girlfriend Unit : Aims to provide all services under one roof to women who are victims of various violence or victims of violence.
- Sakhi Kendra : These centers aim to provide all facilities under one roof to the abused women including counselling, medical, legal and police assistance. The state government has found this instead of girlfriend unit.
- These projects have helped in empowering and rehabilitating abused, abandoned and addicted women in Karnataka.
- Social status and change of resettled women.
- The social life of women affected by various social problems and violence has changed due to rehabilitation projects. Among these schemes, Ujjwal Yojana, Santhwana Yojana and Chetana Yojana of Karnataka Government and Girlikka Unit have achieved very important work.

As per 2016 figures of Women and Child Welfare Department of Government of Karnataka, 46660 Devadasis have been rescued. and rehabilitated. Established in 2015, the Sakhi Kendra project has been organized in all 178 districts of the country and so far 1.93 lakh women have benefited from it. Through Ujjwal Yojana, 141 rehabilitation houses have been constructed for exploited, addicted and needy women. Through Chetana Yojana, about 18 thousand sex workers have been rehabilitated to lead a dignified and dignified life for sex workers. Presently Karnataka Government has started 'One Stop Centers' under Sakhi Center in every district and through these too the women facing social problems and violence are getting all kinds of help quickly.

In this background, it can be said that the life of socially rehabilitated women has changed and the interest in life has also been revived.

- Considering the above points, women are symbols of change and transformation and it is necessary to empower women in every way. In the background of organizing and mainstreaming women for the development of the society and the country, rehabilitation programs and social exploitation and problems are the beacons of hope to build livelihood and self-reliance for women. In this background, it can be said that Karnataka government has taken a bold step in women empowerment.
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