

STUDY OF WOMEN ENTREPRENEUR AS AN IMPORTANT COMPONENT IN ECONOMIC GROWTH WITH REFERENCE TO THE FIVE YEAR PLANS OF INDIAN GOVERNMENT.

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Introduction-

Entrepreneurship is an emerging research area among academics because it is acknowledged that entrepreneurial activity fosters greater economic growth (Weeks & Setter, 2001). Specifically, the interest to understand women's entrepreneurial activity is due to the importance they are gaining in the entrepreneurial sector. (Neider, 1987). Although women still face "glass ceiling" and somehow fail to achieve maximum potential, there are evidences to suggest that most countries have now realized the potential contributions women makes to the nations' economic growth. Female entrepreneurship has brought new revolution as women acts as a witness in business owners in economic sectors which they have not previously occupied (Radovic- Markovic, 2009).

The improved engagement and success of women in industries, including entrepreneurship are urgent needs in both domestic and international development contexts.

Objectives-

- 1) To study the importance of women in overall growth of economic development.
- 2) To study the contribution of Indian Government in progress of women in India.
- 3) To study the growth of women entrepreneur in India.

Data collection:

Research paper is completely based on secondary data. Data collection is done on available theories from various journals ,reference books thesis & online journals

The status of women in India

It has been subject to many great changes over the past few millennia. From equal status with men in ancient times through low points of medieval period, to the promotion of equal rights by many reforms, the history of women in India been eventful. According to studies, women enjoyed equal status and right during the early vedic period. However in approximate 500 BC the status of women began to decline with the Islamic invasion of Babur and The Mughal empire and Christianity later curtailing women's freedom and rights.

In modern India, women have held high offices in India including that of the President. As of 2015, the Speaker of the Lok Sabha and the Leader of the Opposition in the