

# A Study on Economic Empowerment of Women in Tripura Special Reference to West District: A Comparative Analysis

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**Abstract:** *Empowerment has been regarded as one of the vital issues for human being. The world is made by both living and non living things. Out of this two category human being has been regarded as one of the important living things in the world. The human civilization has been made by both male as well as by the female. Therefore they must be treated equally. So no need to discrimination amongst them. Because creation of new generation of human being we need the co - operation of both male and female. But since the birth of human civilization women had not been treated equally as like men. Become women had been engaged in the household activities as well as to care the child is the basic duty and responsibility of women in those times. They had been treated as like a slave and now a day's women are not free from family bondage as well as social bondages. Empowerment of women in twenty first century basically concentrates on overall development of women. As we know all kind of development will be possible if we have scope to control our money and property. The issues of money are link to economic Empowerment of women in India as well as Tripura. The present study will basically concentrate on how a women can be able to empowered themselves through Comparative discussion on Agartala Rural and Urban areas.*

**Keywords:** Empowerment, Economic, Civilization, women empowerment.

## 1. Introduction

Empowerment is not a new idea it is old as human civilization. Because from the beginning of Human Civilization people had been engaged in the conflict to acquire the empower. The development of Human Civilization had been going on by the co - operation of both men and women. It is not possible to maintain the creation of new generation without the help of both the gender. So in this aspect we can say that both men and women are equally important for our continuation of Human civilization in the world. Therefore both men and women must be treated equally. It has been seen that the Economic empowerment status of women in our society it is very low in picture. The present study will try to find out the reasons and solution for the upliftment of Economic empowerment of women in Tripura at Agartala Municipal areas.

### Statement of the Problem: -

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### Aims/Goals of the study: -

- 1) To find out the relationship between Economy and women empowerment.
- 2) To find out the Economic status of women in Agartala Municipal Area, Tripura.
- 3) To compare the empowerment status of women in Rural and Urban areas at Agartala municipal area.

## 2. Methodology

Here both Statistical as well as non - statistical methods were used. Both qualitative and quantitative methods were

used for this study. Primary data were gathered from field survey and secondary data were collected from different writer's articles as well as journals, books and so on.

## 3. Discussion

### Empowerment

Empowerment is a concept which ensures a person's liberty and decisions makings phenomenon whatever influences his or her day to day life. In simple term we can say that empowerment is an issue which provides the opportunity among the people to take fruitful decision which is impact on their day to day life.

### Economic Empowerment

There have different dimension of empowerment in our society or state. As Like political empowerment, social empowerment, economic Empowerment. Economic Empowerment means the economic factors whatever impact on our day to day life we should have a capability to control it according to our needs.

### Women Empowerment

Women empowerment is not a simple or easy thing. Women had been facing so many problems in their day to day life. Because they are not able to take their own decision in day to day life. This inability created by the male dominated society. Therefore they must be free from masculinism influence in their day to day life. So in simple term we can say that women empowerment means to provide the opportunity or positive environment so they can be able to take their own decision whatever influences their day to day life.

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**Analysis and Interpretation of Field Survey data: -****The relationship between economy and empowerment of women in Agartala Municipality Area: -**

The relationship between economy and empowerment of women in Agartala Municipality Area can be shown through the following table

**Table 1**

Occupation	No. of Respondents	Percentage (%) of Respondents	Either economically Empowered or not
Government Employee	15	15%	Yes
Semi - Government Employee	08	08%	Yes
Private Company	21	21%	Yes
Business	14	14%	Yes
Home Maker/ House wife	19	19%	No
Home based work	21	21%	No
Total	100	100%	

Source: Field Survey

**Interpretation:**

From the above data it can be interpreted that there have different categories Women who engaged different occupation but one of the major category which play important role for the economic empowerment of Agartala municipal area is Private Employment which consists of 21%, followed by Government Employee 15%, Semi - Government Employee 08%, Business 14%, Home Maker/House wife 19% and Home based work 21%. From the above data can conclude that those who are engaged in the economic activity outside of home they are economically empowered according to respondent response.

**Economic status of women at Agartala Municipal Area:**

Economic status of women at Agartala Municipal Area can be discuss thus -

**Table 2**

Monthly Salary or wages of the respondent	No. of Respondents
Below 500	09
500 - 999	10
1000 - 1999	07
2000 - 4999	14
5000 - 10000	12
10000 - 20000	20
20000 - 50000	16
Above 50000	09
Total	100

Source: Field Survey

**Interpretation:**

From the above data it can be interpreted that there have different Salary categories of Women out of these the major category is 10000 - 20000 here 20 people are engaged. It show that maximum women employees average monthly income is 10000 - 20000 and above 50000 salary group there have only 09 Employee it means that High salaried persons are below here. In the Group of below 500 there

have 09 people and in the group of 500 - 999 there have 10 people and in the group of 2000 - 4999 there have 14 people, all these three groups have less income.

**Comparative analysis of Rural and Urban women economic Empowerment at Agartala municipal area can be discuss thus -**

Monthly Salary or wages of the respondent	No. of Respondents	Rural	Urban
Below 500	09	07	02
500 - 999	10	06	04
1000 - 1999	07	05	02
2000 - 4999	14	09	05
5000 - 9999	12	08	04
10000 - 20000	20	05	15
20000 - 50000	16	05	11
Above 50000	09	02	07
Total	100	50	50

From the above data we can say that the high Salary categories of Women are larger at urban level in compare to rural area. Like above 50000 salary categories women at urban area 07 where as in rural areas it is 02 accordingly 20000 - 50000, 10000 - 20000 all these categories the urban women are larger in compare to rural area. On the other hand 5000 - 9999, 2000 - 4999, 1000 - 1999, 500 - 999, Below 500 all these categories rural women are larger in compare to urban women. So it is very clear that the economic empowerment of urban women is larger in compare to rural women.

**4. Suggestions****1) Education**

Education is only one way through which we can spread the message of women empowerment across the world. It is the best ways to make the women empower by providing the essential knowledge regarding the economic activity. In this way economic empowerment will be possible.

**2) Skilling**

Skill is another way to empower women. Because without a proper skill of knowledge a women may not be able to economically empower. Therefore the government of India had been initiated so many skill developing program for the upliftment of women.

**3) Micro - Finance**

It had been observed that Micro - Finance or small banks had provide so many facilities for the economic empowerment of women. They provide the loans through the easy way which is not possible from the big banks. They also collect the loans money from the beneficiary by the small small installment. Therefore small scale business women take these facilities for their empowerment.

**5. Limitation of the study**

The size of the sample is very partial and the region of sample is limited only some of rural and urban area of Agartala Municipal Corporation was chosen for this Research study purpose.

## 6. Conclusion

To conclude we can say that the economic empowerment status of rural area is very low in compare to urban area. There have so many reasons behind that out of this education and lack o knowledge regarding job opportunity had been the biggest reason for the rural women underdevelopment. Moreover people consciousness much more essential to increase women empowerment both the Urban as well as rural areas. As we know that government of India already launched **Sukanya samridhi Yojana, Beti Bachao Beti Padhao Andolan** for creating awareness among the people to educate all girl children across the country. Moreover, **working women hostels** has been launched so that safe and convenient accommodation should be provided to working women. Lastly government of Indian must play a positive rule to empower the women both urban as well as rural areas.

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