

Role of women in peace-making

Multifarious Role of Women:

Mother, Daughter, Wife, Sister and Mother-in-law. Such multifarious role keeps the balance of the family both internally and externally and finally the continuum is for peace in society and State.

Position of Women can therefore be buffer between motivation and depression, development and anti-development, ill-health and wellness.

Why & What

Women have to first get empowerment in order to impact in community, family, business, society, contributing to good public order and development. To empower them it is necessary that they should take up this campaign of education without which they cannot interact, contribute and guide. Educating girls in any school and particularly educating them on health issues has to be an organized campaign where women have to rope in. Reports indicate educated women are better performers in education of children at home, better practitioners at nutrition and also focused in matters of civic life for participation in civic activities. The 2007 MDG Goals report validates the point that 84% of women who have completed secondary or above education were attended by skilled personnel during child birth which is a beginning of the liberation. This has got an impact on IMR & MMR and finally to peaceful development since it would take care of costs health education and empowerment.

The U.N Security Council Resolution No.1325 on women condemns the use of rape and other forms of sexual violence in conflict situation. It makes this a war crime and affirms role of women in prevention and resolution of conflicts and in peace making.

The women rights and peace activists are focusing on general perspective so as to transfer power, rights, a position to them and assure equality so that the

process of civic politics can be more depoliticized while women can achieve gender mainstreaming.

The Philippines National Action Plan have empowered women during Arm Conflict is a case study.

Consolidation of women power like it happened for releasing Burman's Suukuoy and 2000 other political prisoners or for representation in constitutional process and committees like in Zimbabwe are all trends towards peace making and ensuring them a positive, pro-active and cardinal role in socio-political process. Even in a State like Iran empowerment for women and gender equality in women has gathered momentum.

Targets for women towards peace making:

Breaking the silence; Making election violence free and fair possible; Achieving representation in socio-political process; Finishing school education by holding a pencil till 10th Class; Networking with women groups at local and regional level for identifying the challenges and working for solution through advocacy campaigns training seminars and mutual assemblies.

The Future Model:

The future model for achieving would be (1) Institutional (Structural functional model). Here, women can participate institutionally through assured representation from village to national institutions in school to University Ph.D and programmes from lowest rung of employment to the highest seat of the State.

The Behavioural Model:

Such involvement can be triggered through clubs, meetings, Committees and there has to be a strategy of recognizing then role for purpose of strengthening their collective bargaining capacity.

Developmental Model:

In the process of development of the society and State women have to act as mouth-piece and lend their ears so as to get away from a life of imprisonment to freedom and with the help of Government and social institutions they can raise their comfort and confidence level.

Legal Model:

The U.N Resolutions, the Human Rights Declaration and the special resolutions in those States suffering from situations of the armed conflicts need to be educated on their legal rights and have to stand up to agitate, fight and file cases with the help of institutions back-up including judiciary.