

ROLE OF EDUCATION IN RESPECT OF EMPOWERMENT OF ASSAMESE WOMEN

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Abstract

Education is the primary tool in respect of the empowerment of women. Since last few decades, women empowerment has become a burning issue in many parts of the world, including Assam. Education is an important tool for women if they are to make striding progress in society. Without investing in women's education, a society cannot think of development since a woman is considered to be the other half of a society. In 19th and 20th centuries, the state of women education was in a pitiable condition. However, some Assamese language magazines viz. 'Arunodoi', 'Mou', 'Assam Bondhu', 'Jonaki' and 'Ghar- Jeuti' have played a vital role in respect of women education as well as their empowerment. The term 'women empowerment' has become popular after the emergence of these Assamese magazines which tried to strengthen women's resolution towards attaining education. Thus, education is the fundamental right of everyone, including women, and to educate a woman means to educate a nation.

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