

Chapter Three

Review of Literatures

A.K. Gupta in Empowering Women deals with facilities, rights and opportunities as given by the Constitution of India. This consciousness has awakened the sense of urgency in experiencing equality and social justice among Indian women.

A. K. Singh on 'Empowerment of women in India' attempts to analyze various organizations which are helping to create favorable environment to help women to achieve a better status since independence of India.

Andrea M. Singh & Neera Burra on 'Women & Wasteland Development in India' gives overall views on policy, law & administration & tries to give women a sustainable livelihood.

Deepa Narayan in Measuring Empowerment, said that, poverty reduction on a large scale depends on empowering those who are most motivated to move out of poverty are poor themselves. But if empowerment cannot be measured development will take seriously. Through all these factors this book also tries to outline a conceptual framework of the women in Indian society.

Dr. Vinita Kaul - 'Women and Wind and Change' tries to highlight socio politico economics facets such as gender equality, empowerment

of women, social legislation, custodial justice, and social justice. He gives the accounts of women's emancipation and their empowerment.

Evelin Hust in Women's Political Representation and Empowerment in India, tried to find out the quotas and local politics will not fully empower the women in the country side, they will still open up an important space for them to become politically interested and active which will, in turn, will lead to further empowerment in the long run.

F. Jahan's 'Women in India' presents comprehensive study on various facets of Women in India. It covers all aspects of emancipation and empowerment of women in India.

G.S. Mehata in Participation of Women in the Panchayati Rj System, while keeping in view of status of women in past and present regarding their socio-economic condition and their empowerment the author has attempted to examine various of rural women in India. It has also discussed about socio-eco, political background, personal character of women in PRI regarding their mobility, freedom, and their status in such institutions and finally regarding gender issues and various role played by NGOs.

G. S. Pande - 'Political Participation of Women' describes women active role in political affairs of the country. Author emphasize that the progress of nation depends on the awareness and active participation of women and the role played by women in political arena.

G. Shah in Social Movements and the State examines none or extra institutional collective action as agents of political and social change, and social Movements as a defining force in the political process.

Harriet B. Presser in his book, Women's Empowerment and Demographic Process combines conceptual empirical research with policy directions and considers relevance of economic, social and cultural contexts for the health and well being of women, adolescents, and the children. It links women's empowerment with demographic process.

H. C. Upreti and Nandini Ureti - 'Women and Problems of Gender Discrimination' highlight the struggle of women against unequal status in life, family and polity.

Jaysri Ghosh - 'Political Participation of Women in West Bengal' summed up the political life of women in West Bengal in a comparative manner.

Jorg Fisch in Immolating Women, the system of Sati is studied for the first time in global context. It is considered as one among many manifestations of following into death which entails the death of one or more persons within a virtualized and public act.

J. K. Chopra - 'Women and Politics' traced out women's right and policies granted by constitution of India , Their struggle for political power and status. The book describes to recognize women's autonomy

and their capacity to act as full citizen. Equality and the special treatment to women form an important part of this book.

Kathleen Staudt in Women, Politics and Power, it provides, clear, detailed and current introduction to women's political representation through using broad statistics and detailed case study method. According to Kathleen Staudt, University of Texas at El Paso, "This book could be the best, most comprehensive, global comparison of elected and appointed women in high level political institutions: chief executives, legislatures, parliaments and cabinet positions."

Kiran Saxena – In her book 'Women and politics' explores women's struggle for political power that is women could achieve their rightful place in society. The concern emanates from theoretical understandings of cross national empirical evidences and gender questions in general as these questions encompass women from all over the world and are also culture specific as the social milieu intervenes and create particular ness in struggle.

Leela D'Souza, Cultural History of Ancient India, this book is a search for and a classification of the various strands of diverse cultures that have contributed to the emergence of Indian culture.

Marjorie Agosin- Women Gender and Human Rights' traced out wide range of women's issues including political, education, and other rights of women. Women's right to be human rights and bring gender issues into global arena is the main aim of the book.

M. Mazumdar's on 'Encyclopedia of Gender Equality through Women Empowerment' mainly presents an objective critique of the contradiction and consequences of the development and disparities of women.

M. Razia Parvin's 'Empowerment of Women' traces Women Empowerment in India. It tries to show position, historical perspective; reviews subordination of women & analyses for the development of Indian Women through economy, NGO's & suggests some possible strategies for the real empowerment for women in society.

M.S.A. Rao in Social Movements in India, has divided his book in two parts, part I includes of movements like, peasants, backward classes, sectarian, tribal, and women movement. A theoretical paper provides the conceptual framework for analyzing diverse social movements.

M. S. Gill – 'Great Women in the World' brings dedication of great women to the movement of women's rights of equality; with absorbing style he recounts great achievement and heroic deeds of legendary women and make every female proud of being a woman.

Nivedita Menon- 'Gender and Politics in India' highlights the impact of new impacts technology on women. It emphasis on structural adjustment policies and various issues of women. It focuses on the different strands of feminism.

N. R. Reddy's 'Women & Development Challenges & Achievements' mainly focuses on five important issues of Women Empowerment & Development, Participation & Development, Employment & Development, Health, Education & Development and Legal Rights & Development.

Partha Chatterjee & Pradeep Jaganathan Pradeep in Community, Gender & Violence, wrote about the whole range of new issues raised by the relations between community, gender, and politics of violence. It contains different essays on women and nation and the issues of minorities.

Puran Chanda - 'Political Dynamics' describes women lagged behind in all spheres of life .It brings information on women leadership and women developments.

Rajkumar Pruthi, Rameshwari Devi, Romila Pruthi – 'Indian Women' describes the role and position of Indian women in society. It provides the ideology and moral basis for women's notion about their rights and duties. Book attempts to understand the present status of women through the ages from reforms and programmes for women's welfare and development. It describes the equal status and opportunity and freedom from oppression to Indian women.

Reghna Ghadially on 'Women in Indian society' divides her book into five sections which & gives contextual, analytical, theoretical, empirical views of women in different parts Indian society.

Rita Manchanda in Women, War, and Peace in South Asia, focuses on women's experiences as representing and alternative and non-violent ways of negotiating the construction of conflictual identities, and on women's highlights on women's perspectives which privilege the notion of 'just' society and peace.

R. Ray and Mary Fainsod in Social Movement, focus on poverty and class in their analysis of social movements, a group of leading Indian scholars shows how they had to change because poverty reduction no longer serves its earlier role as a political template as in case of India.

Sakuntala Narshima on 'Empowering Women' tries to empower women through various organizations, NGOs mostly in rural areas.

Sangamitra Sen Chadhari –'Women and Politics' presents political rights of women and empowerment of women.

Sanjay Biswas the former journalist and Sameer Roka the grandson of famous Nepali short story writer late Parshuram Roka have thrown some light in the history of Darjeeling regarding its socio-economic background in their combined book, Darjeeling: Truth & Beyond

Sonia Bathla on 'Women Democracy & the Media' highlights significance of media in a democratic society & reviews media's role on women's issues & problems.

Sumitra Kumari in her book, Dynamics of Women Empowerment, dealt mainly with women empowerment in a comprehensive manner, shaping, sharing of power, decision making process and its accountability. It contains 14 essays regarding various issues of women.

S. Murthy & K. D. Gaur on 'Women Work Participation & Empowerment' is a joint collaboration of twenty-seven papers on different aspects of women. It relates & covers almost 50 percent of women population of any country.

Stephanie Tawa Lama in Electoral Reservations, Political Representation & Social Change in India (A Comparative Perspective), relates the Indian debate on reservations for this it offers a collective though partial, stock taking exercise, and adds to our understanding of reservation as a policy, their limitations of their principal and secondary effects.

Suruchi Thapar - 'Role of women in Indian national movement' describes about participation of women in the streets without compromising on their domestic values. Author lights on politicization of the domestic spheres and women's political consciousness. She presents domestic lives of women caught in the swirling vortex of political emotions.

Taisha Abraham on 'Women & the politics of Violence' undertakes & gives interdisciplinary perspective to the politics of

women's struggle against religious fundamentalism & the terrain of law.

Yogesh Atal, *Changing Indian Society*, offers a good introduction to Indian society for a variety of readers regarding the Indian culture and society and the changes that are occurring in the Indian society.

Zainab Rehaman - 'Women and Society' discusses the status of women all over the world in general, in India in particular in all important areas of human life, like health education, employment, politics, family and development. It explains the theory of feminism, women's studies and reason for subordination of women. It outlines efforts of women to achieve equality.