



GENDER DISCRIMINATION : SOCIO-CULTURAL CONSTRUCT



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Abstract :

The present paper aims at a deep concern of gender discrimination that has to be redefined in a socio-cultural context and deeply rooted patriarchal sex role ideology. Gender inequality is a product of social construct. Nowadays, the world has become gender sensitive due to recently highlighted a gang rape in Delhi, dowry deaths, malnutrition, subordination, exploitation of women in the stereotypical socio-political systems.

Gender bias is not a product of eco-political framework. It is a materialization of prejudice deeply rooted in our patriarchal society. It simply shows a male-dominated power and privilege at large. In a sense, women are powerful human resources in the development of our nation but unfortunately, their contributions go simply unnoticed and neglected as they are supposed to

perform the different roles as a daughter, a wife and a mother. She is to do all the household and domestic chores willingly or unwillingly. It also challenges male power and privilege at large. Therefore, the focus should be on the laws and practices frequently made in this country. The status of women has to be determined based on social and political ideology and the role that a woman is obligated to play in economic and public affairs. Why the difference is made needs to be taken into our serious consideration. Today, 'Save a girl child' is a cry of all the nations.

Therefore, the serious attempts are being made to bring out gender sensitization in our country.

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