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## 29. WOMEN EMPOWERMENT THROUGH EDUCATION IN TAMIL NADU

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### Introduction

Empowerment is a multi-dimensional process which should enable the individual or a group of individuals to realise their full identity and powers in all spheres of life. It consists of greater access to knowledge and resources, greater autonomy in decision making to enable them to have greater control over the circumstances that influence their lives and free them from the shackles imposed on them by custom, belief and practices. The word women empowerment means that the women have the power or capacity to regulate their day-to-day lives in the social, political and economic terms - a power which enables them to move from the periphery to the centre stage. Empowerment of women would mean, equipping women to be economically independent and personally self-reliant with a positive self-esteem to enable them to face any difficult situation. Moreover they should be able to contribute to the development activities of the country. The empowered women should be able to participate in the process of decision. Empowerment is a dynamic process that consists of an Awareness- Attainment - Actualisation cycle. Again it is a growth process that involves intellectual enlightenment, economic enrichment and social emancipation on the part of women. The importance of women to the economic development of India was first recognized during the country's struggle for independence.

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