

A Study of Women's Political Participation in Panchayatraj systems with special reference to Ahmednagar District

Executive Summary

A study of women's political participation in Panchayat Raj in Ahmednagar district reveals that political participation of women in Zilla Parishad, Panchayat Samiti and Gram Panchayat has increased significantly. The 73rd and 74th Amendments gave women the opportunity to participate in power in urban and rural areas. Apart from this, due to increasing income, education, support of family members, interest in politics, and participation of women in Panchayat Raj has increased.

There is a discussion among the political scientist, bureaucrats, and members of civil society about why women are less in number? and why they are not the political leaders of the country? What problem do they face in the politics?

To find out answers of the above mentioned questions, researcher collected small sample of 250 Women's find out their views about politics of the country. The sample collected from 250 Women's Who already involved in Panchayatraj Systems in Ahmednagar District.

This Minor research project examined whether women's are aware about politics of the local area, state, and nation level. It also examined the factor of less political awareness among Women's.

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After the observation, it was found that there is a difference in levels of political Participation Women's. For this story there are several factors are responsible such as educational qualification, place of residence, being female, yet not engagement in any political discussion, interested in political process, and media. Due to this factor, they have high political Participation.