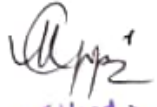


**A Study on Women Empowerment at Paraliguri and Bohuabari gaon, Nitaipukhuri,  
Sivasagar**



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### **1.0 Introduction:**

Women of India are traditionally responsible for the daily household chores like cooking and looking after children. But, passing with time, it is noticeable that the changing society of India accepts women as workers and income-earners in their families. The income of women can help the family for well-being of the home as well as good maintenance of the living standards. Working women have also independent thoughts, decision making power in families and educational qualification. The conditions of working women in India have improved considerably in the recent years. On the contrary, there are still expectations about rural women to go outside for income. The suppressive past resist them to go outside for work in stores, factories and in the public sector. Women in rural area play the traditional role of being responsible for the efficient running of household activities. They are involved in plowing paddy fields, harvesting crops, weaving, making handicrafts, selling foods, caring pet animals and as domestic servants. These women expect for additional income to their family. The low educated women can involve in informal sector of earning including small trader, artisan, or field laborer in a family farm. Most of these jobs are unskilled and low paying. Illiterate women have no perception about the present women's motto of empowerment. Thus women are spending their life through one type as educated and economically self-sufficient and another type as low educated and mostly responsible for only household responsibilities. Equality is given prime importance in every sphere of the modern society. Thus, a study was done at Paraliguri gaon and Bohuabari gaon, 6 k.m. distant from Nitaipukhuri Chariali of Demow block of Sivasagar district. The study aims to find out positions of respect and prestige of women in society and workplace.

**2.0 Title:** The title of the study is "A Study on Women Empowerment at Paraliguri and Bohuabari gaon, Nitaipukhuri, Sivasagar".

**3.0 Significance of the study:** The empowerment process entails building up the resources of women - physical, economic, social and psychological. It implies improvement of their self-image and self-appraisals Increase their literacy and upgrade their practical skills like technical, management, entrepreneurial, political participation, etc. Nelly Stromquist, defines empowerment as "a process to change the distribution of power both in interpersonal relations and in institutions throughout society." According to Ms. Stromquist, the cognitive component would include the "women's understanding of their conditions of subordination and the causes of such conditions at both micro and macro levels of society. It involves acquiring new knowledge

to create a different understanding of gender relations as well as destroying old beliefs that structure powerful gender ideologies." The psychological component, on the other hand, would include the "development of feelings that women can act upon to improve their condition. This means formation of the belief that they can succeed in change efforts." Lucy Lazo describes it as "a process of acquiring, providing, bestowing the resources and the means or enabling the access to a control over such means and resources". So, the study on women empowerment at Paraliguri and Bohuabari gaon, Nitaipukhuri will reveal a vivid picture on self perception, literacy rate and self independent of rural women in the twenty first century.

#### 4.0 Objectives of the Study:

The objectives of the conducted study on curriculum transaction are:

- (i) To study on the empowerment of rural women at Paraliguri and Bohuabari gaon, Nitaipukhuri.
- ii) To analyse the social role of women in the society of Paraliguri and Bohuabari gaon, Nitaipukhuri.

#### 5.0 Methodology:

**5.1 Method:** In the present study, descriptive method is used. An educational survey is used to collect primary data from women to study on the women empowerment at Paraliguri and Bohuabari gaon, Nitaipukhuri.

**5.2 Population:** The women of Paraliguri and Bohuabari gaon, Nitaipukhuri are population of the study.

**5.3 Sample:** The sample of the study consists of 45 women inhabitant at Paraliguri gaon and Bohuabari gaon, Nitaipukhuri.

**Table 1: The population and distribution of Sample**

Village	Population	Sample
Paraliguri gaon	45 household	21
Bohuabari gaon,	38 household	24
<b>Total</b>		45

#### 5.4 Tools of Data Collection:

The project was done by 5<sup>th</sup> semester students of Education department of the academic session 2023-24 on 'women empowerment' on 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2023. They have administered self prepared questionnaires to the women villagers. A questionnaire consists of 10 questions.

### 5.5 Data Collection Methodology:

The investigators present at the village and themselves administer the questionnaire to the women at Paraliguri gaon and Bohuabari gaon and the filled -up feedback forms are collected.

**5.6 Data analysis:** The data are analyzed by using statistical tools and graphically represented using tables, bar diagrams, pie charts and arithmetic percentage of the responses. The questionnaire is attached in Appendix I.

### 6.0 Analysis of the Responses of women:

#### 6.1 Women empowerment in skilled job:

Table 2

Distribution of women in govt. job at Paraliguri gaon and Bohuabari gaon

Sl No	Source of income	Paraliguri gaon	Bohuabari gaon
1.	Teacher	5	3
2.	Govt. office	2	3
3.	Post office	0	0
4.	Nurse	3	5
5.	Police	0	0

#### 6.2 Women in un-skilled job at Paraliguri gaon and Bohuabari gaon:

Table 3

Distribution of women in un-skilled job at Paraliguri gaon and Bohuabari gaon

Sl. No	Source of income	Paraliguri gaon	Bohuabari gaon
1.	Food processing: pickle, jam, jelly, sauce, juice etc.	1	1
2.	Pappad making	0	0
3.	Weaving	1	2
4.	Handicraft	1	2
5.	Tailoring	2	0
6.	Cloth fabrication design	1	0
7.	Floriculture/ Nursery	0	0

8.	Fast food parlour	2	3
9.	Poultry farming	5	5

**Table 4 Perception about status of most of the women in the society:**

SI No	Status	Percentage of response
1.	Weak	22
2.	Strong	61
3.	Helpless	14
4.	Supportive	3

**Table 5 Perception about role of aspects on identity of women in our society:**

SI No	Status	Percentage of response
1.	Family	100
2.	Education	100
3.	Culture	78
4.	Social norms	72

**Table 5: Women engage in govt. job**

Govt. job	Yes	No
Percentage of Women engaged	21	79

**Table 6: Types of job women engaged**

SI No	Status	Percentage of response
1.	Teacher	5
2.	Govt. office	5
3.	Post office	0
4.	Nurse	8
5.	Police	0



**Table 7: Involvement in type of earning**

Sl No	Status	Percentage of response
1.	Food processing	5
2.	Pappad making	0
3.	Weaving	96
4.	Handicraft	45
5.	Tailoring	10
6.	Cloth fabrication design	3
7.	Floriculture/ Nursery	0
8.	Fast food parlour	10
9.	Poultry farming	86

**Table 8: Income earned by women per month**

Sl No	Status	Percentage of response
1.	Less than 1,000	13
2.	1000-5000	87
3.	5000-10000	-
4.	10000-25000	-

**Table 9: Support from family members to earn**

	Yes	No
Percentage of Women engaged	98	2

**Table 10: Help and support from family members**

Sl No	Status	Percentage of response
1.	Financial support	65
2.	Encourage for the entrepreneur	100
3.	Hand on assistance	100
4.	Provide time by helping in household activities	20

**Table 11: Time of engage in earning whether they are pursuing education**

	Yes	No
Percentage of Women engaged	12	88

**Table 12: Right to take decision to spent earned money**

SI No	Status	Percentage of response
1.	Yes, decide alone	5
2.	No, decided by others Encourage for the entrepreneur	95

**Table 13: provision of visit relatives whenever wish**

SI No	Status	Percentage of response
1.	Yes, but with permission	14%
2.	Yes, with no permission	19%
3.	Cannot visit as wish	67%

**Table 14: Decision power of casting vote**

	Yes	No
Percentage of Women engaged	91	9

## **7.0 Conclusion:**

In conclusion, we have found that majority of women in Paraliguri and Bohuabari gaon, Nitaipukhuri are become empowered in social, educational and economic aspects. Yet, social stigma has resists them to take decision to some extent. They feel, life has been changed after marriage. The marital life has no rights and freedom as they have enjoyed before marriage at their home.

Women are empowered in present days with a great positive change. The demand of women is increased in job market. Women are paid equally with men for equal work. Women have started their own business and earn money for themselves and feed their families. The

study revealed that a few women are engaged in workforce and Women the number is not impressive. Therefore, initiative should be taken to encourage them for daily wage earning so that their poverty can be alleviated through beneficial work.

### Annexure I

#### Questionnaire on Women Empowerment

**Topic:** A Study on Women Empowerment at Paraliguri and Bohuabari gaon, Nitaipukhuri, Sivasagar.

**Conducted By:** 5<sup>th</sup> Semester students of Education, Hem Chandra Dev Goswami College, Nitaipukhuri

Instructions:

- 1) All questions are compulsory for the sample. Please attempt all questions.
  - 2) Pleas, give a tick mark to appropriate option.
  - 3) Give point-wise answers to descriptive questions.
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A. Name of the respondent (BLOCK LETTER):

B. Address:

C. Age:

D. Educational qualification:

E. Marital status: Married/ unmarried

F. Source of earning: Govt. job/ Private/ Business/ SHG

G. Place of earning: at home/ outside

H. Your contact number:

1. What remind you about thinking of most of the women in our society?

(a) Weak      (b) Strong      (c) helpless      (d) supportive

2. What hold women in our society?

(a) Family      (b) Education      (c) Culture      (d) Social norms

3. Do you engage in govt. job? Yes/ No



If yes, what type of job is you engage?

- (a) Teacher      (b) Govt. office      (c) Post office      (d) Nurse      (e) Police

4. Do you involve in any type of earning mentioned below?

- (a) Food processing: Pickle, Jam, Jelly, Sauce, Juice etc.      (b) Pappad making  
(c) Weaving      (d) Handicraft      (e) Tailoring  
(f) Cloth fabrication design      (g) Floriculture/ Nursery      (h) Fast food parlour  
(i) Poultry farming

5. How many income you earn (per month)?

- (a) Less than 1,000      (b) 1000-5000      (c) 5000-10000      (d) 10000-25000

6. Is your family members support you to earn? Yes/ No

If yes, what type of help is provided?

- (a) Financial support      (b) Encourage for the entrepreneur  
(c) Hand on assistance      (d) Provide time by doing household activities

7. Do you involve in the earning work while you are pursuing education?

- (a) Yes      (b) No

8. Do you get the right to take decision to spent your earn money?

- (a) Yes, decide alone      (b) No, decided by others

9. Can you visit your relatives when you want?

- (a) Yes, but with permission      (b) Yes, with no permission      (c) cannot visit as wish

10. Can you cast your vote as your own decision?

- (a) Yes      (b) No

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