



Woman as an Entrepreneur, in Virginia Woolf's Vision

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ABSTRACT

The contribution of Women as Entrepreneurs across the globe has always been omnipresent. Women have been contributing to all fields of Society in some way or the other. Women, in spite of lack of education, are striving to reach higher goals. There are women who are exemplary and who have made notable contribution to the economy. These women have created the history in the business world because of their personal achievement. Virginia Woolf, the famous English Novelist brings forth many qualities of women which help them in being uplifted in the society. She maintains in her essay 'A Room of One's Own' that a woman needs free conditions to produce any outcome if it is a service, product or any item, etc. She says, 'Woman can achieve any thing, provided, they are supported by family and society'. A Woman's success is the success of the family, and also the success of the Society.

KEYWORDS :

The rapid progress of Women in every field is worth appreciating. Woman, as an Entrepreneur is playing a vital role. To say frankly, Woman is a first entrepreneur on the domestic front. She is the entrepreneur of her family. Entrepreneurship is the quality of being an entrepreneur i. e., one who 'undertakes an enterprise'. An entrepreneur creates a business, a service or a product. Woman serves the family and makes the profit of her own happiness. She distributes this happiness to the members of her family. She makes profit and shares it with the members of her family. A successful woman has some important characteristics. She has a positive attitude. She never looks back in achieving her target. She may come across many obstacles. She takes the adversities as advantages. In the words of Hellen Keller, "Character can't be developed in ease and quiet. Only through experience of trial and suffering can the soul be strengthened, vision cleared, ambition inspired and success achieved". A successful woman needs to be strong minded. Then, woman can take responsibility for her life. The entrepreneurial spirit requires strong mindedness.

Virginia Woolf, the British author of 19th century, contributed so much to the English Novel. The literature piece, "Profession for Woman" by Virginia Woolf is a detailed speech. In her speech, she convinces how woman plays an important role in the society. But, she is not given a chance to show the world what she has to offer. This speech talks about how gender roles play an important part in our society and how people are treated according to their gender. In this classical speech by Virginia Woolf, a creative Novelist, critic, and essayist, she describes one of her professional experiences. She believes that woman can do anything though many obstacles block her path. A woman can destroy these obstacles and moves on.

This classic speech of Virginia Woolf has a meaningful purpose. She believes that women should not be discouraged. Virginia Woolf essay "A Room of One's own" is a land mark of 20th century feminist thought. It explores the history of women in literature through highly provocative investigation. In her exploration of this idea, she reviews not only the state of women's own literature, but also the state of scholarship both theoretical and historical concerning women. This work of Virginia Woolf examines the difficulties of woman writers. Virginia Woolf points out that a woman has no room of her own. She doesn't have privacy to think and generate her own ideas. As Virginia Woolf expresses her anguish, even woman of today is not endowed with a pri-

ate room to think her own. A woman's progress as an entrepreneur is the progress of the family. The progress of a family is the progress of a nation. And, the progress of the nation is the progress of the universe. A woman's success doesn't lie in money making alone. Entrepreneurship is related to money making enterprise. A woman needs to be respected. A woman is expected to be given equal treatment along with men. A woman needs encouragement, great support, sympathy and understanding from all sections of the society. She becomes an entrepreneur on her own and also by the support of the world around. If this is realized, a woman as an entrepreneur flourishes progresses and contributes her might to the nation.

Coming to our Indian history from Rani Lakshmbai to Sarojini Naidu, women have proved their capabilities time and again. They were treated on par with men. They excelled in various aspects of governance and war fare. However, for many years, the women have faced many hurdles. In spite of this, women succeeded in business, politics, science, social work, etc. We ought to consider many aspects in the progress of women. From time to time, it is necessary to conduct Educational programmes about women's rights and laws. It is also necessary to organize Literacy programmes for women. Incorporating these tools, we will better the conditions of women.

The two things that can change the current situation of women in the country and also in the world are 'Empowerment' and 'Entrepreneurship'. A woman's self sufficiency empowers her in all respects. The Women and Child Development department started by the Government of India is a noteworthy step in this direction. National Congress Party has contributed in empowering women. It is through N C P's efforts that the issues of women are being addressed. Across the globe, educating women and giving them the ability to stand on their own feet has been a priority. Empowered women can stand exemplary to the future generations. They generate employment and income for many families wherever they are. Women play an important role in initiating socio economic progress of any country. Now, women have made their presence felt in all fields, be it business, education, finance, computers and information technology, etc. The sharp mind and sympathetic nature of women has helped them achieve success in the business world. This is how Virginia Woolf's vision has come true.

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