



# ROLE OF WORKING WOMEN IN SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

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**ABSTRACT**

Indian women are playing an important role in initiating socio-economic development of the country. Our working women as entrepreneurs, social welfare workers, scientists, politicians, educationists and economists are leading the way for a brighter future. Women in urban and rural areas by getting access to good opportunities are bringing positive social change and contributing to the development of the country. Present study is focused on finding of role of working women in social development.

**KEYWORDS** : Social Development , Working Women

**Introduction:**

Women are playing an important role in the socio-economic development of the country. Women of the present day has extended her foot in every sphere and excelled through the same. She has broken the boundaries restricted to the house-hold work and has flourished throughout the world with flying colors. Though, education plays a major role in the development of the individual, but even the illiterate women with good intellect shows good attitude towards practical life. From house-hold work to agriculture, a woman has added to the productivity of the country without her literacy. Nevertheless, a literate woman has added much more to the economic development of the country by working at various field viz. business, finance, management, technology, medicine, handicraft works, small scale industries etc.

Women play a crucial role in initiating the advancement and growth of any society, in nations across the world. Empowered Indian women pioneer self help groups and initiatives for creating positive social change in rural or underdeveloped areas. There are many women self help groups which have generated employment and income for many families in villages and small towns. These lady activists have championed the cause of gender justice and equity. Women-friendly policies and laws are framed to support women this. This can change the way the world looks at India.

**Objective of Study:**

1. Finding of role of rural working women in social development
2. Finding of role of urban working women in social development

**Hypothesis:**

1. There is no significant role of rural working women in social development
2. There is no significant role of urban working women in social development

**Methodology:**

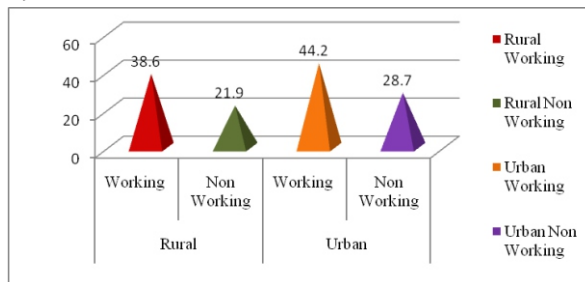
Descriptive survey method was adopted for present study. 800 women belonging age 25-50 years were randomly selected as sample. It consists of 200 rural working, 200 rural non working, 200 urban working and 200 non working women. They were interviewed using a self prepared questionnaire. Educational development, social support, gender inequality, women empowerment, direction to youth, social cohesion, social security and health security were taken as components. Collected data was tabulated and comparatively analyzed using mean, standard deviation and t value as statistical tools.

**Finding and Analysis:**

**Table: Role of Women in Social Development**

Locality	Working Status	Mean	Std. Deviation	t Value
Rural	Working	38.6	1.06	0.82
	Non Working	21.9	0.98	
Urban	Working	44.2	1.23	0.91
	Non Working	28.7	1.14	

Data shows that for rural working women mean value is found 38.6 with standard deviation 1.06, for non working women mean value is observed as 21.9 with standard deviation 0.98. Calculated t value is 0.82 which is significant at 0.05 level. Hence hypothesis 1, there is no significant role of rural working women in social development is rejected.



**Table: Role of Women in Social Development**

Among urban women working women got 44.2 mean value with standard deviation 1.23 while non working women found 28.7 mean value with standard deviation 1.14. Calculated t value is 0.91 significant at 0.05 level. Thus hypothesis 2, there is no significant role of urban working women in social development is rejected.

**Conclusion:**

Women are playing important role in social development of India. Govt. policies, social awareness, reservation have provided opportunities to become economical independent. Now these working women are supporting to society to bring a big change, to convert into powerful nation. Women should be empowered so that they can lead India to glory.

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