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About the Book

This book aims to bring to light the outreach, challenges, and imperatives of empowering women through better health infrastructure and education. The focus of this book is on bidirectional relationship between economic development and women's empowerment which can be defined as improving the ability of women to access the constituent of development particularly health, education, earning opportunities, rights, and political participation along with enhancing access to easy finance. It further attempts to build up opinion of the policy makers, practitioners, researchers, and academicians to give a direction to explore the major problems faced by Indian women today and devise solutions for their equal contribution in the overall economic development.

The theme of this book is to study the relation between women empowerment and the economic development. It is imperative to examine the relation between the women empowerment and education. Also to understand the relation between the women empowerment and the poverty levels. This book includes chapters in the form of case studies and research papers from academicians, researchers, and practitioners across the globe.

The chapters are centred on various themes like role of women in agriculture sector; women empowerment through microfinance; finding linkages between financial literacy and financial inclusion among rural women in Kerala; economic participation of women entrepreneurs through SHG linkage with Assam Gramin Vikash Bank, empowering women in the workplace through improving the quality of work life and many other insightful chapters.



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ABSTRACT

Poverty, lack of adequate education and employment are the biggest challenges faced by women population at the bottom of pyramid. To grow and regenerate as humans in a sustainable manner, we have to find out innovative and feasible solutions that empower women. It is imperative to consider the importance of a variety of social concerns such as social equity and justice, and notion of freedom, etc. along with environmental and economic factors. For achieving sustainability at all sections of society, the need of the hour is a clear focus on empowering women who constitute the foundation of a typical Indian family. Government, Non-Government Organisations (NGOs) and Corporate are looking for new concepts and methods to operate so that true development happens to the people at grass root levels of the society. International Association for Human Values (IAHV), an international humanitarian and educational Non-Governmental Organization founded in 1997 in Geneva by H.H. Sri Sri Ravi Shankar, maintains special consultative status with the Economic, Social and Cultural Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations and works with its sister organisation, the International Art of



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