Authoritative Reservation Promotes Constructive Empowerment of Women

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Abstract: Women represented half of the human species. According to the 2011 census of India, Indian population is increased to 1.21 billion. For every 1000 males 940 females are there. Woman is the best creature endowed with many virtues by nature. In patriarchal and man dominated societies they are never accorded due status of equality and recognition. Reservation is a means to increase representation of women and thereby to empower them. Empower is to invest legally or formally with power to enable or to permit. Empowerment means that women gain autonomy and are able to set their own agenda and are fully involved in the economic, political and social decision making process. Empowerment should lead to the improvement of women’s socio-economic status. The empowerment of women is necessary for the sustainable development of a community. Sustainability implies a state of balance and equilibrium in factors related to human life which can be social, political, financial, environmental and even spiritual.

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