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Women Empowerment and Human Securi
An analysis in the Indian Context

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Defining Women Empowerment: The word Empowerment stands ou
contains the word 'Power', which is a concept of central concern in the
feminist discourse on the condition and status of women in society a
emancipatory trajectories that are implicit in all feminist theories.

The term empowerment refers to measures designed to increase the d
of autonomy and self-determination in people and in communities in or
enable them to represent their interests in a responsible and self-determine
acting on their own authority. Empowerment as action refers both to the pr
of self-empowerment and to professional support of people, which enables
to overcome their sense of powerlessness and lack of influence, and to reco
and use their resources. Thus, Women Empowerment is an extension of th
concept of secu-rity, which has been aptly defined by the Canadian and the
conception of Security. Both the schools mark a digression from the Tradi
conception of security by recognizing two central overarching values:

i. the safety and well being of the individual in physical terms; and

ii. Individual freedom.[1]

Tracing the Indicators of Women's Empowerment

i. Education
ii. Health
iii. Development of job skills
iv. Employment
v. Equal wage irrespective of sex
vi. Protection against physical and sexual Violence.
vii. Representation of women in Central and State Legislatures and partici
in the election procedure, Government and local bodies, etc.

Human Security-Definition

Human Security means security of the human individual or simply pe