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Digital literacy, ICT and metamorphosed Aura of contemporary women –

Abstract

In this transitional world, the ICT has played a pivotal role in the key development of the society. ICT is important and is acting as a catalyst in bringing about a change in role of women in the contemporary society. With the result of it the role of women has become multifarious in every sphere of life.

Keywords- ICT, digital literacy, gender digital divide, equality, empowerment, digital gap.

In this mercurial and temperamental world of technology, it has really become a common phenomenon to use internet and ICT in nearly every work of ours. We all are almost used to and it has become the part of our life. We do all our work with internet and can't imagine a second without it. This kind of literacy is termed as digital literacy.

According to Wikipedia, Digital literacy refers to an individual's ability to find, evaluate, and compose clear information through writing and other mediums on various digital platforms. With the increase in the importance of technology in today's society, digital literacy has become a valuable aid to lifelong learning and prosperity. ICT is information and communication technology. The concept of digital literacy has become important because of the technological advancements in every sphere of life. And when it comes to women as a species it becomes more relevant as she is the central figure of the

society. With the advent of ICT, the role of women has also changed. How is it possible to incarcerate the women behind walls of house? She has also metamorphosed and evolved in her versions. She is no more a house wife in turn has become the substantial home maker for the family. She has become the inclusive partner in every sphere of life of her male counterpart whether it is financial accountability, her family or social errands or workplace problem sorter. She is in twin figure rather to say a multifarious figure which doesn't have a male substitute for her.

With the inclusion of technology and ICT, women have got a scaffold to raise voice and express their feelings through social media and communicate it worldwide. With the transformation, many a things have changed which are a good sign for a bright future to come.

With the ICT, women have become more independent and their reliance on men have decreased a lot which have made them self sufficient and confident. They can do their work by their own; they are running their own business through whatsapp, YouTube or blogs and have become more independent.

With this change, they are changing the upcoming progeny. This relates to the fact that the development of a man is a pipeline development which is linear but the development of a woman is circular which means if a woman is developed , the people around her also develop, that means the inclusive development of not just of self but of whole society and of complete nation as well.

So, a woman is truly said to be the “real architect of the society”.

But still there are many challenges and hurdles in this path. There are still problem of bridging the digital gender divide. There is still a need of gender equity coalition programmes in digital age dedicated to women and girls with a vision of harnessing the power of modern ICT to accelerate global progress to bridge the gender digital divide.

ICTs are an essential pathway towards gender equality and gender empowerment. So, the ICTs are recognised worldwide as a catalyst to achieve the millennium goals. There is a need for policy making and inclusion of women in policy making.

I would conclude my paper with” “The information society is incomplete without the inclusion, contribution and leadership of women and girls. In the contemporary times there is really a dearth of feminine participation in policy framing and implementation of it. So the time demands the gender equality to bridge the gap of gender divide. “It’s time to make the world more equal.

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