

Gender Speak



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Climate Change cannot be Solved Without women

Meaningful and inclusive progress towards the achievement of the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals Agenda will remain a distant dream if women are not considered as important stakeholders. This is more so true in the case of climate change since women are the most vulnerable, primarily due to exclusion from access to decent employment, healthcare, clean energy and technology. This coupled with the patriarchal norms prevalent in society means that women remain an untapped resource in developing effective solutions to combat development challenges. It has been estimated that the global GDP could be raised by more than 26% annually if women were to be integrated into the labour force. This would provide the financial resources to address climate change. It is high time that governments realise that including women is a must need if sustainable and inclusive development are to be achieved in their true sense.



Source: Hindustan Times

India's scorecard on women

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8.7%
of seats in state
legislative assemblies
held by women

1 in 3
one in three women
experienced
spousal violence

898
girls born
for every
1,000 boys

International Book Giving Day

Gender Equality a Distant Dream in India

The Niti Aayog's SDG Index 2018 points to the growing reality that gender equality continues to be a distant dream in India. The Index, that ranks the states and UTs[A1] of India on their progress in the SDGs agenda noted that apart from 4 states, the rest performed poorly on indicators of gender equality. It is to be noted that States and UTs not only performed poorly in indicators directly relating to women and girls, exclusion of gender considerations from other common development indicators were also observed. The Indian government needs to take cognisance of this and actively promote policies that keep gender at the forefront.

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<https://www.policyforum.net/podcast-naila-kabeer-the-gender-agenda/>
This podcast features Dr Naila Kabeer, Professor, London School of Economics who discusses how women are differently affected than men and how can the SDGs address this gap.

Source: Indian Education. Net