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## Is Gender Discrimination Affected Women Status and Empowerment in India?

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**Abstract:** The development of any society depends on the status of women in the society. Fifty per cent of the World's population comprises of women, in this male dominated society, women have always suffered. We need to make the women of our country strong socially, economically, psychologically and politically we need to tell the men of our country about their wrongdoings. In India Women's political participation and representation has been affecting by the gender issues, but without active participation and well representation women will not certainly acquire higher positions.

This paper aims to examine the reasons for gender gap in politics, and it also attempts to explain the participation of women as leader and as citizen, here researcher has adopted the qualitative method and data is collected from the journals, articles, published books and authentic websites.

**Keywords:** women, development, representation, participation, country

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