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**A SOCIOLOGICAL STUDY OF SOCIAL-POLITICAL
AWARENESS AMONG THE GRADUATE WOMEN IN
KUNBI COMMUNITY**

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ABSTRACT

After Independence, women belonging to kunbi caste did not have modern thinking. Now-a-days due to modernization and education and self independence of women the scenario is changing throughtely. Thus, education is becoming a super weapon for the society and this seems true.

Between every two generations there are disputes going on. Kunbi's are not different. The story is same in each and every society and caste. There is difference of opinions. This doesn't change the social structure of the society. Today the information is spreading and the information is the biggest weapon. This is the era of globalization. The complete world is moving together. Due to improvement in science and technology we are moving away from social and cultural life.

KEYWORDS: *kunbi caste, agriculture, private sector, Baliraja.*

INTRODUCTION

Due to an increase in population in families with agriculture background the educated youth of the community are shifting base to bigger cities and foreign countries.

They have started working for public and private sector companies. Even the educated women today are coming out of their houses and working. They have started venturing into new businesses and trading as well. Because of this their financial conditions have improved. Those of them who stayed back in villages, are even today involved in agricultural activities. Due to this, in comparisons to others, their financial condition is deteriorating.

This means in the same caste and creed, based on the financial and educational conditions, a wide variety of vertical and social developments be seen.

KUNBI CASTE

Kunbi cast comes under Vaishnav group in Maharashtra. Main occupation of this cast is agriculture. therefore they called as 'Baliraja.' There is a particular meaning to kunbi caste. It has been divided into various sub castes. As per that kunbi cast has particular practices regarding marriage, rotibeti etc. Sometime valley would be promote in this caste and Ogbarns and Nimcoffs theory applicable here.

There is a frequently circulation among the above sub caste. It's a closed a stratification. Due to modernization, westernization, social mobility has been sighted in the kunbi community. Migration from rural to urban is very common. Along with farming they started other supplementary occupations.

GEOGRAPHICAL CONDITION OF NAGPUR DISTRICT

Extreme summers and winters are distinctive features of Nagpur district weather. The weather here is not and dry. Jawar, Bajra, cotton and tur dal are the main crops grown here. Other supplementary crops are also grown here.

Nagpur district is famous for its orange orchards. Among the most prominent goods are minerals, coal, manganese, mica and limestone. Most of the people and their lifestyle here is influenced by agricultural practices.

There are a few prominent tourist spots in Nagpur. Ramtek, Gadmandir, Ambora, Dragon palace, Dikshabhoomi, R.S.S Headquater, Tekdi Ganesh mandir, Sitabardi fort, Raman Science center etc.

KUNBI WOMEN AND POLITICS

Tharabhai, AhalyabaiHolkar, Jijamata, Rani Lakshmbai etc. except UmabhaiDhabhade, Gopikabhai, BheemabhaiHolkar, Jankibhai. In present Smt. Prabharao, Smt.KusumPawade, RajaniPatil and many more Kunbi women actively participated in the layer of Panchayat Raj.

Research Objectives: -

1. To understand the participation of women's in politics.
2. To get knowledge about social work participation, political awareness, difficulties in political way.
3. To acknowledge the educational and economics awareness among the women in kunbi community.
4. To identify various problems and provide the concrete solution for the elimination of these problems among the women of kunbi caste.

LITERATURE OVERVIEW

It is seen that the research done on Kunbi society as it does not have to be done all over the world.

Some articles have been researched in this regard. History of Kunbi has been studied in such a context, from where the information is available in written form.

Sample selection: - Sample means small part of a board group. This small part represent the large part. A total of 300 female respondents were selected from 13 Talukas in Nagpur district.

Normally, the choice has been kept in a parallel. In doing so, a list of Kunbi graduates, in every taluka was prepared. And every such 23 rituals have used using a fortune rituals, it has been selected for collected a total of 300 responsibilities across the district.

CLASSIFICATION OF DATA AND ANALYSIS

The total data that have been collected through questionnaire, observation and interview techniques. This statistic is an idea of researcher with particular process. To make this point more clear and speaking, the facts, obtained or archived based on specific criteria have been classified on the matter plan. These criteria include citation, age, education, marriage, unmarried, business, outlook etc. Structured table based on master plan have been used to make tables more pronounced or meaningful. These figures are classified and analyzed to make meaningful or meaningful explanation. A total of 75 tables are includes. Among the respondents, 79 out of 300 respondents most are in the age group of 26 to 30 years and there were only two agents of 60 to 65 years of age. Total respondents appear in the ages of 20 to 65. About 20 to 40 can be called a group and the age of group 41 to 65 can be called adult age group. It includes both the age group of the respondents. This age group is clearly comprised of two generations. It can be said that 54% of the total respondents are graduates women and 54% are post graduates.

Education is used to change the vision. Education increases discrimination 300 of all 300 respondents were highly educated. About 96.33% of the respondents were married. Marriage has said that

there are responsibilities in the world. There are also women going on such journeys. That is to say that they have to work on the stars. The joint family is a feather of Indian society.

But now days there are changes taking place. Out of 300 ladies from Kunbi community, 40.33% of them live separately. This means there is still a majority of joint family culture in Kunbi caste. In other sects classification has been done on the basis of children, marriage age, type of marriage, occupation of husband, type of tradition, boy and its importance or discrimination is given in various tables. There is an increase in awareness for education among ladies. As per the culture and tradition man exhibits himself according to this phase, it necessary to change with time. This is the key to intelligence and balanced growth. Use of education in betterment family is everywhere. The percentage of people with this ideology is 80.60%.

Role of educated women inculcating moral values among children, taking responsibility of their education, taking care of health is important. Appearance of the well being of known variety is increasingly visible. Contribution of money through agriculture is greatest in family income followed by job. We have seen specific expectations about child's future. Out of 300, 89 of them want their child to be doctor, 46 of them want their child to engineers and remaining very few want their child to be a farmer.

71% People know the importance of savings that means 71% people are aware about their future. Economic balance is an ingredient of development. Kunbi women are getting aware about this. This is a positive change. The proportion of people having side business is less than the people not having side business. Therefore Kunbi caste is not fully financially stable.

The ratio of kunbi caste in Maharashtra is much higher and active in politics. This is also creating interest among women percentage to be seen 24.67% and the other hand 61.33% women don't have interest in politics. From this we can say that this is the starting point for women's empowerment in politics. Expectation external change in the traditionally priced society and not expecting a drastic change in those women. But this does not mean that women are not empowered in this area. Around 96.33% household shows the political and social awareness in the research area. On the contrary, social process has been started. There is a need to wait for a satisfactory solution.

Individual members have contested the elections in a large number of societies in various communities e.g.-bank, bar association, credit union, zillaparishad, panchayat samiti, assembly, sarpanch, village member etc. that means process of political, socialization has begun in the research area. 95% respondents expressed their views on participation of

women in politics. Also they know the knowledge about post occupied by women in their community in different capacity. There is also a social commitment to women who have learned the lesson of women who are educated. Enter though they have not learned much, they do not have the opportunity to share everyone in enter though they are interested in education and try to enhance financial status. If women participate in politics, their status can increased which expressed by 89% respondents. 64.33% women agreed that they can upgrade their family status with participation in politics. 70% respondents told that economically sound and that is a symbol of progress. Women support to family and society and help to eliminate the problems.

Today agriculture and service sector are important for workplace. Out of 300 respondents, 89 respondents wanted their children to be doctor and 46 respondents expect engineering. They prefer agriculture is on second number. Kunbi women getting awareness about economical balance in family with saving attitude. Still today kunbi cast holders are not economically sound. Due to education, they are aware about age, occupation instead of traditional things. 62.33% respondents is agreed that the proper age group for marriage is 22 to 25 years.

The friendship between men and women is also not accepted by many elders. In the past, the girls in the family had many restrictions imposed on them. Because of such restrictions, her psychological growth was stunted many restrictions were used to be forced on the girl just because she was a girl. But today many changes are also seen on this part 33% voters said that they had restrictions in the family as a woman, while 60% voters noted that they had freedom an economical, social and educational grounds just like men.

Even today 63.33% women think that the joint family system is better while 29% women think nuclear family system is good. Even today women face difficulties in education in their in-laws because of various reasons. Women should not be educated more, such more educated women are home-breakers, this opinion or thinking is commonly seen in the society. But research says 76.67% respondents are against this opinion. Self-reliance and pride, personality development, these things also come with education. Education makes women keep their pride such thinking was noted by 68.33% women. Today, a positive approach is seen in all strata of society towards female education. Only education makes a man positive line of approach about modernity.

71.33% respondents have said that a positive approach about education is seen in their in-laws. Along with that poverty, household chores, taking care of kids, traditions create a barriers did not come between their education.

73.33% have realized the positive importance of education. The number of people noting that

education is the strongest tool for all round development is also more. Along with that, one should not be compelled to take a certain type of education, one should take education only according to what he loves and his qualification such voters with a balanced mindset are also seen more (60%) women are treated lower as compared to men in many places. The women saying that she doesn't have a right over the money she earns is found to be 54.66%. This means we can see the exact nature of both traditional and modern aspects in the society. 84.67% respondents were seen to have their own bank account. In any family function, women's are also given equal importance. Such saying people are also increasing.

44% women also seemed to have property on their own names. The progress of economical development of women was also seen to be satisfactory. In future, this number will increase according to the understanding of the conditions thus can be said.

'Kunbi women should come in politics' 92% expressed this opinion. This change about politics and women is jolly. There is also a positive and timely change in the family organization. The proportion of marriages taking place by matching marriage magazine is greater than that take place without magazine.

CONCLUSION

Today also, boys are given preference over girl. This can also be called as influence of paternal family system in society. Intra caste marriages are facing problems due to lowering in the number of girls. On the other hand, girls are dominating Today, to get bride for marriage. Groomer sides are ready to give dowry. But the problem is less in Kunbi caste as compared to the other. While looking for Bride and Groom their likes and dislikes are being taken into consideration and this is regulated thing for women empowerment.

Arranged marriages hold more important than love marriages. Today responsibility of elder people in house is decreasing day by day. Educated girls and boys tend to choose educated life partners only. Give and take in the marriages is decreasing day by day.

Everybody has proud of kunbi caste and its proud for them. Sometime its dangers to national integration. Economic condition of kunbi caste is somewhat lower as compared to the other castes. They have started supporting occupations to the agriculture & women are no exception.

Some of the recommendation is as follows:

Today's world is incredible blast of knowledge. Scientific development is changing human's social life tremendously. Globalization has brought world user, due to which uniqueness of human attitude is becoming expensive. Political, social, economical, educational fields are getting globalized in

such an environment. Only taking traditional education and getting graduate doesn't guarantee your overall personality development.

For this overall development it in prerequisite to get equipped with new science and technology to get familiar with it. For this we all together and make women avail this various facilities necessarily. 21st century is known as century of women. From this it is understood that there were more things have to be done for women. Today also discrimination can be seen between men and women in some places. In order to make this century, century of women it is necessary to throw lights on problems faced by women. Just talking about this won't help this out we need to bring this into implementation.

Government is trying its best form its side. But in living world things are not coming into implementation. Everything will be done by government, having this mindset will let us nowhere. It is community to make a committee of volunteers for the same. For women having interest in different fields there must be social & economic help provided. Women empowerment means literal family development this type of thinking must develop in society.

To bring men women equality, The heads of different community must take efforts. Our daughter, sister, wife move forward with this positive mentality and we must work in this direction. It is told that "women is enemy of women" we need to change this mentality. For this both men and women have to give a thought seriously. For this all superior communities need to take efforts.

Mother-in-law, sister-in-law and daughter-in-law etc have a negative image in society which needs to be changed. From such events, programmes, we can shape the mindset of people for this women must come forward for their own betterment. Women must organize get together to understand each other. Also there is need to motivate women for overall development with positive socialization. Education, acts, NGOs, social thinkers etc can play an important role for women empowerment.