Enabling Women’s Leadership in the Community

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You might be listening to news, reading newspaper or magazine, you would have gone through incidents and accidents with women, in the past where women were treated as equals, the concept of “India” itself evolved quite recently, relative to the sum of its past histories. But the TRUTH is that in the modern India, the woman has always been a second grade citizen, no matter what its esteemed leaders have said or done.
Dichotomy of society is something that can only be explained by a refrain from an old Bollywood song: “It happens only in India!”

Yes, it is only in India that glaring and brutal gang rapes occur frequently which was headed by a woman Chief Minister. Gender discrimination is the least of worries for women in India, known otherwise as the fourth most dangerous country in the world for women. Other instances of violence against women has an astonishing and grim variety to it – with acid throwing, domestic violence stemming out of dowry, rape, harassment and an assortment of others.
In a democratic society like ours, equal development and welfare of all are the keywords. Equal participation is pre-requisite and equality social integration and harmony function as lifeline and in a democratic set up there is no place for inequality, deprivation and violence. Such situations in the society shapes and decides the leadership situation in the community at large.
Community Building

- Community building and Social Integration are the two sides of the same coin. The word community indicates special set of feelings among the people who live together, an integration represents feeling. Women leadership is responsibility of the community itself. Community which is strong by the virtue of it’s integrated nature develops itself and provides leadership opportunities for each and every member of the community. Developing women leadership in the community requires an environment of security integration, environment of Harmony, Peace and Happiness.
“RTCFTC”

- R - Respect
- T - Trust
- C - Collectivity
- F - Freedom
- T - Tolerance
- C - Concern
These 6 words will be enabling factor for women leadership in the community.
These 6 words link at least 12 alphabets to human leadership and progress, they are “ABC-EFL-O-STU-W”. One can add all remaining alphabets here.

- RTCFTC and Women Leadership
- In absence of these 6 words in the community, a picture emerges as below
- Fights, Conflicts, Violence, Dissatisfaction on account of assuming total control and command over each other
This is centered around, “I, Me, Ego” in other words Dictatorship.
Leadership building on a campaign mode...

Education & Training – For women to gain greater control over their lives

(a) Vocational Training and knowledge of the issues of the economic violence. This could include workshop on economic literacy and human rights.

(b) Training in the non traditional fields of employment

(c) Advocacy

(d) Networking

(e) Public Awareness programme supporting women’s right.
Non Traditional fields of Livelihood
Let us throw stones
Into a deadly calm lake,
From all edges of the lake,
No matter how small,
Is the stone,
No matter how small the wave.
The Lake is the world,
The lake is the people’s mind,
The lake is the human bondage,
The lake is the chain of operation,
When all of us,
Standing together on all sides,
Keep throwing stones,
The waves will never cease,
Till the whole lake,
Starts bubbling with life.