

**POLITICAL AWARENESS AND POLITICAL  
PARTICIPATION AMONG WORKING WOMEN:  
A STUDY OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS OF GHAZIABAD  
DISTRICT OF UTTAR PRADESH**



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## ABSTRACT

In India, women have played a very significant role in the development of parliamentary democracy in India. They have held important positions both in legislature and government. But, Political awareness of women and their participation in politics has been the key problem. Therefore, An overview of the present study "Political awareness and political participation among working women" has been provided in this abstract based on the analysis of findings and conclusion.

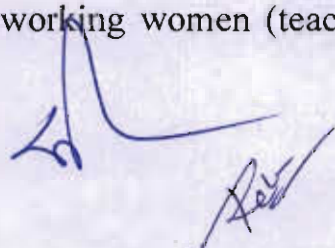
Present research is related with political participation and political awareness among working women of Ghaziabad district. Political Awareness is about understanding the impact of working women in a political environment. It is an understanding of policy and politics. While political participation is right to express their views and attitudes towards almost everything happening in the public sphere. An attempt has been made to investigate the teaching sectors and their impact on political development of working women of Ghaziabad district. This study also challenges the argument that attainment of higher education is not helpful to empower them politically.

To analyze the whole study present research has been divided into seven chapters. Chapter I provides the Introduction, which discusses an overall research



designing of the study Chapter II discusses the Theoretical framework of political awareness and political participation. Chapter III deals with Universe of Study: An overview. It provides an evolution, history and demography etc. of Ghaziabad district. Chapter IV reveals how political awareness and political participation among working women are connected to each other. Chapter V dealt with the topic of 'Working women issues and challenges' Chapter VI provides the analytical presentation of present status of women in politics in Ghaziabad district. The researcher collected the data from 180 women working in educational institutions of Ghaziabad Chapter VII discusses findings and the results obtained from the work done provide a crucial understanding of the whole research. The key terms used in study such as political awareness, conventional behavior, Political participation, working women etc. This type of research is considered appropriate in the direction of defining problem and making it clear by means of collecting data and processing different kinds of information, because there is lack of significant theory and thoroughly developed research programs.

The main objective of this research is to find out the level of Political Participation and awareness among working women and to see the relationship between personal, social economic and professional factors on one hand and political awareness and its dimensions on the other hand. The sample of the present research constitutes 180 working women (teaching and non-teaching both) from



certain kinds of educational institutions and organizations of the Ghaziabad district. The present research is based on both primary and secondary sources and based on applied and empirical research which relies on observation and finding solutions and conclusions.

On the basis of observation and analysis it has been found out that political family background has a positive and significant impact on women's political participation and in holding political office as well. But research findings also show that no political party provide not even 30 percent seats to women because most of the political parties advocate fundamentalism and revival of traditional values even in our modern democracy on one hand and working women also show their less interest in politics.

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