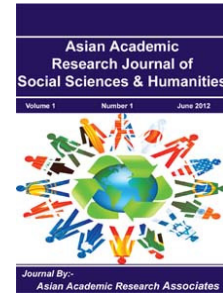




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## **WOMEN AND POLITICS: THE GAME OF POWER**

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### **Abstract**

Political status of women implies a degree of equality and freedom enjoyed by women in shaping and sharing of power and importance given by society to the role of women. Though Women represent more than half of the world's population and just less than half of the global electorate, yet their position in the world's legislative bodies has always been marginalized. This article discusses briefly the role and status of Indian women in politics from the ancient times to the present day times, the measures that are taken by the Indian government for the political empowerment of women and the causes that are responsible for the marginalization of Indian women in politics. The entire article is a conceptual study which draws its imputes from various secondary sources of information like, internet, books, journals and magazines. The extracted information has been complied to be interpreted in a desired way. Though women in India got their right to vote much earlier in comparison to the women of other western countries, but still they are left on the periphery of political process. Thus the urgent need is a change in the social and individual mindset and intervention at the policy level by the women themselves.

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