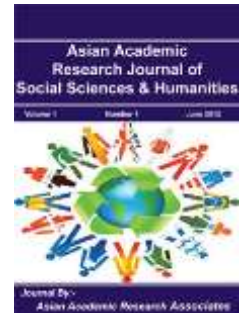




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**ABSTRACT**

Eminent Indian Leaders like Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru expressed the hope that with the dawn of independence in the country, position of women in India will definitely improve for the better. Both these leaders also acknowledged that without the whole-hearted support extended by women to the Indian freedom movement the long spell of British rule could not have been smashed and they would not have quitted India so easily and so soon. Therefore, under the direction of Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, India launched massive plans to improve the pitiable conditions of women in India. The Prime Minister who had come into close contact with the women at urban and rural areas during freedom movement wanted to empower them through education and by conferring on them more political powers. He also ensured that women were given equal status with men in the Indian constitution.

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