

POLITICAL PARTICIPATION OF WOMEN IN INDIA: AN ANALYSIS OF WEST BENGAL AFTER REGIME-CHANGE

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ABSTRACT

In order to strengthen a democratic system, the need is to make way for an encumbrance free, unhindered participation process, irrespective of gender bias. There is a lack of homogeneity in the context of democratic systems across the globe. There is a trend towards increased political participation of men when compared to women, in democratic states. By the end of the 20th Century, one can witness lesser levels of political participation of women in India as well as across other countries and in contemporary times, there seems to be a lack of attitude and political participation of the women. After regime-change in the West Bengal in 2011, political participation of women has increased, which is shown clearly in this study using several datas.

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