



Journey of women from housewife to house maker

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ABSTRACT

The journey of women from being a daughter to a housewife is already difficult and then being a house maker makes it for difficult for her but as there are always two sides of a coin similarly the women's journey is full of ups and downs this paper discuss the problems faced by a woman in her becoming a house maker and a positive side for her overall development.

KEYWORDS

- Introduction.
- Traditional thought v/s Modern thoughts.
- Difficulties of traditions and customs
- Professional life and personal life.
- Strength and capabilities of women.
- Business (Work) for Housewives.
- Data showing the contribution of women.
- Conclusion.

INTRODUCTION

We all know about the traditional Indian cultural. A male dominated from the beginning and still it has not much changed. Role of a women is preset in every Indian mind. It starts from a daughter to a well talented wife and never ending job of family care taker. But women's world has took a slight turn in this modern era. Disapproval of Indian culture for the equal existence of a woman has become a strength their strength.

Talking about ancient India the male were the main or the only income earner of a family. And the work of women were to do household work take care of the family and to be proved as the best "housewife".

In present scenario, there are still many restrictions about the jobs women can do. In current time, when women have good education and capabilities as men to earn all they mostly choose is to become a housewife. Nowadays, some women choose to contribute equally in both part income earning and household work and become a house maker. In some families there is a still a traditional stimulation that housework is the job of a wife or she must stay at home and play an important role in the family. She grips all the household work like cooking, cleaning, organizing the home, shopping grocery, clothes and other family needs, caring for children's health, education, home works, playing with children, caring for elders, entertaining guests, scheduling for guests, arranging a budget, ascertaining ways to use the household's financial planning, making bill payments, caring pets and gardening etc. every day her work starts by morning and continues till last night. She works for 365 days selflessly without any salary or break all out of just her caring nature.

Currently, 'House Wife' has a precise status 'Home Maker' because of her consecration and noble works for family and home. She is manages her home and profession fruitfully without going for job outside the house. 'Homemaker' and 'Housewife' both arguments refer to the same appeal, but if we lay more stress on detailed thoughts of both words, there is a lot of difference. Mainly the word house and home differs. People can change houses, but your home is always your home. Women are referred to as housewife and house maker because they create "Home" from house. Structure of bricks or walls is just a house and it's a women who makes it a home. Therefore a women is referred to as a house maker rather than a housewife.

TRADITIONAL THOUGHT V/S MODERN THOUGHTS:

Traditional Thoughts

If we go two decades back the scenario for women was quite different as of now. One of the major problems of India society is the inferior position accorded to women. They do not enjoy equal status and their condition is far from satisfactory. The following are the traditional thoughts on the women.

- Unequal status
- Women as Productive member of society.
- They do not allow to going out.
- They have no right to study.
- They have to cover their face.
- Dowry system.
- Gender inequality.

Modern Thoughts

- Equal status and opportunities.
- Equal rights.
- Have rights to study.
- Getting opportunities to do job.
- Increased competitiveness with males.
- Reserved quota for women in every field.

DIFFICULTIES OF TRADITION AND CUSTOMS.

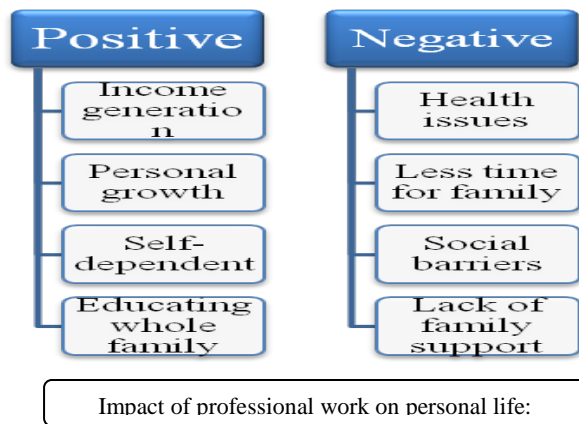
The Indian culture holds a very unique status in the world. In rituals and customs are much talked about. But it was not much favorable for women. The customs like-

- Sati
- Dudhpiti
- Child marriages were the big burden for women to make their dreams come true. Even nowadays the customs are barriers for the development of women. Their journey from Housewife to House maker is crossed along with these customs.

STRENGTH AND CAPABILITIES OF WOMEN

The role of women has always been multi-dimensional. Talking traditionally, women had the role housewife as men acted as bread earner. But looking modern women have more strength and capabilities as managing both the home and outer world is not an easy job. Here are some examples of women's strength.

1. **Cooperation:** Women often gets ideas from the complete team and get group work done. Women are also pronounced at sharing information and delegating.
2. **Cool under pressure:** Women can handle harsh situations with a sense of calm without getting hostile. They also appear less threatening and easier to go with.
3. **Detailed worker:** Women are identified to be organized and detailed and are familiar to multitasking.
4. **Honesty:** Women can be free of thoughts and honest can share a lot of information about tasks and result.
5. **Perception:** From my familiarity, women can often knock into other people's needs quicker and better than men. Women can frequently pick up very indirect clues about how the people around her are feeling.



6. **Compassion:** Women are more gifted than men of being concern for others feeling and linking on a personal level.

PROFESSIONAL AND PERSONAL LIFE OF WOMEN.

Balancing between your work and personal life is not a relaxed job for working women. Setting a priority in the life after marriage and kids is by far the most difficult thing for women. She is attached emotionally as well as physically to her responsibilities. Only earning for family may be an easier task for either

of male or female but female can least only do so. Earning alone can never be the only work a woman does she has to always balance out her professional and personal life as she can never strike off her responsibilities. Being a home maker takes lot of efforts and in many positive and negative ways a woman is affected by this. Here are some positive and negative effect on women’s life of being a home maker.

BUSINESS IDEAS FOR HOUSEWIVES

For being a house maker from a housewife takes lots of efforts in terms of traditions and customs but there are many ways in which a women can become a house maker. Some business can be started with low investment and can be started easily. Mainly women gazes for home based business. They are keen to earn more money by doing part time business in spare time. So here are some best ideas for women to be house maker.

F.DATA SHOWING THE CONTRIBUTION OF WOMEN IN OUR COUNTRY:

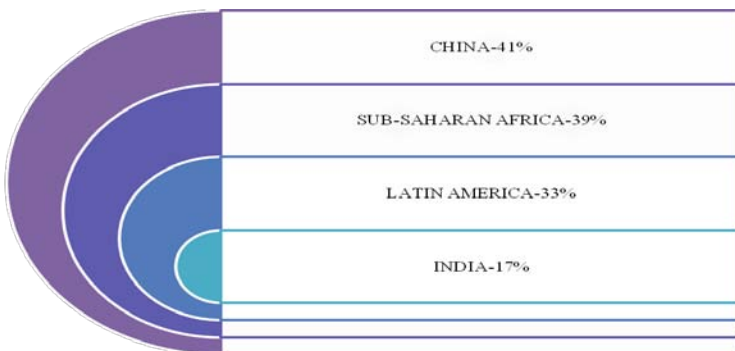
Indoor	Outdoor
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Open an online cosmetics store. • Online travel guide. • Become a business plan writer. • Beauty salon • Cake designing and ma king. • Offline and Online tutorial. • Become a financial advisor. • Start taking cooking classes. • Selling handmade crafts. • Start Jewellery making. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Start a catering service • Selling home made food items • Interiors Desining. • Start wedding planning business. • Start Event Planning service.

Contribution of Indian women in GDP as compared to other countries according to November, 2015 report by McKinsey Global Institute: The above data shows the difficulty faced by women in India for their development and contribution to GDP. A country’s growth is highly dependent on the contribution of both male and female. But still India lacks in women contribution. The journey of becoming a house

maker is not easy for Indian women.

FAMOUS STORY OF PABIBEN (Becoming a house maker)

The journey has not been easy for Pabiben. She was the eldest among three daughter of her widowed mother. She helped a mother in filling water at people’s home for sack of 1 rupee. She learned traditional embroidery from her mother as she was unable to join school. She join Rabari Women’s Group in 1998 and became famous artisan among them. She invented a new art form machine application of readymade elements named “Haribari” After this they was no looking back she also created shopping bags with vibrant combination of trims and ribbons and these bags became famous as “Pabijari” later named as “Pabi bags”. Her work has been recognized not only nationally but also internationally too. She also generated employment for village women and her business currently employees over sixty women. Apart



from being an entrepreneur, she is also molding future of women in her village and making them independent. She was felicitated with prestigious IMC Ladies’ wing 24th Jankidevi Bajaj Puruskar in 2016 for her contribution in rural entrepreneurship.

CONCLUSION

The difficult journey of being a house maker from housewife consists of ups and downs but strength of women can overcome all the challenges and can shine like Pabiben did. House maker does not only mean the earning source. It includes shaping the future of kids and her family which can be done through education. Education has many aspects. Maintaining high living standards, having basic knowledge about surroundings, educating their own kids and being self-dependent are some of it. An uneducated can only be a good housewife but it takes education to be a “House Maker”.