

WOMEN AND SCIENCE EDUCATION IN INDIA : A SAGA OF MARGINALIZATION

ABSTRACT : Science has traditionally been a male preserve. Socio-religious prejudices kept science education out of bounds for vast majority of women in India. Even today underrepresentation of women in science education is a stark reality. Physical, economic and psychosocial barriers restrict women's access. Flawed educational policies and plans (some of them vestiges of the colonial period) also hamper Indian women's engagement with science. Even the culture of science marginalizes women. The question now is how far the remedial measures will be effective in addressing the problem.
