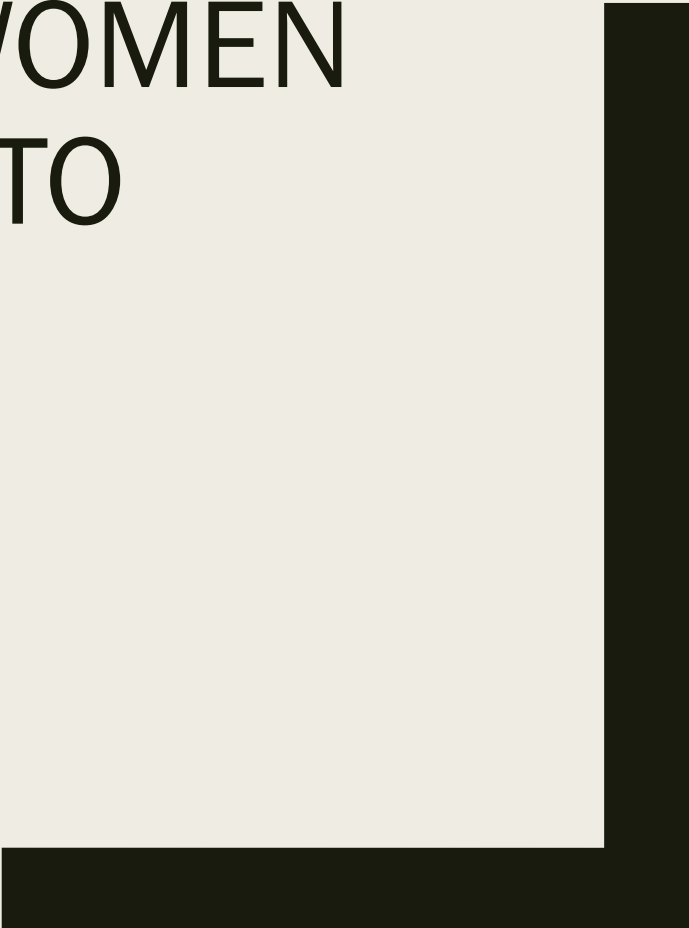




CHANGING ROLE OF WOMEN FROM TRADITION TO MODERNITY

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You can tell
the condition
of a nation
by looking at
the status of
its women

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INTRODUCTION

- Women are the epitome of strength, love, sacrifice and courage. The role of women in today's world has changed significantly and for better. Women are now self-sufficient, well aware and financially independent. They have attained immense success in every field, whether it is sports, politics or academics. With the encouragement of co-education, women are now marching side by side with men, in every walk of life.
- Women's role in India have been changing and women are now emerging from the past traditions into a new era of freedom and rights. The basic objective of this presentation is to examine the changing role of women in Indian society.

Status of women during ancient India

- During Vedic Period the women were considered with respect and dignity compared to contemporary civilizations in ancient Greece and Rome.
- They played vital role in politics, administration and education.
- Gargi , Lopamudra, Ghosa and Maitreyi were some of the noted women of Vedic era.
- Their role as wives were considered to be Ardhangini (better half).
- Remarrying was also socially acceptable for widows.

Manusmrithi(3.56):

“Yatra Naryasthu Pujyanthe Ramanthe
Tatra Devata “

Translation : Where women are given
due respect, even gods like to reside
there.

- During Later Vedic period , the prevalence of Devdasi practice emerged in which women were psycho-sexually devoted to the gods.
- Women were given sexual liberty and higher roles and positions in war. The Ramayna and the Mahabarata offer a picture of kshatriya women taking part in wars to protect their culture.
- During Jainism and Buddhism period , women's economic status deteriorated.
- They are also prohibited from political participation.

- Later during Manusmrithi (The age of Dharmashasthra) number of problems started with the introduction of various restrictions on women's ability to obtain education.
- Child marriage occupied a significant place in society where husbands were given status of god during this period .
- The act of remarrying of widows was strictly declared illegitimate and the act of Sati Sahagaman increased rapidly in society.

SOCIAL EVILS PRACTICED DURING ANCIENT INDIA



Practice of Purdah



Practice of Polygamy



Practice of Sati



Practice of Devdasi



Practice of Child marriage

Status of women during Medieval period

- With the invasion of the country by the Muslim rulers, the position of women declined further.
- During this period Polygamy and Purdah system were practiced.
- Women during this period were restrained because of purdah system .Thus the purdah system affected their education.
- The practice of child marriage resulted in rapid increase in the number of child widows.
- The practice of Sati was encouraged and the widows who did not perform 'Sati' were looked down upon by the society.

Modern India

- Several activists worked to uplift the condition of women.
- Raja Rammohan Roy's efforts led to the abolition of the Sati practice and brought a new hope and has empowered women in a positive manner.
- Ishwar Chandra Vidyasagar's crusade for the improvement in condition of widows led to the Widow Re-marriage Act.
- Earlier they were under the shadow of a husband or a father, but now they have established their own identity and are independent.

- Women today are more practical and rational than earlier.
- Indian women have never been as expressive and independent as she is today.
- Women today, consider themselves as the true `ardhangini' of their husbands.
- She is more cognizant of his world today and she understands his work pressures.
- Women-from being a care-taker/nurturer to a friend in the role of a Mother.
- It is widely felt that earning power allows them to voice their opinions on bigger decisions.
- Today's women no more feel that a career would be at the cost of neglecting the family and children.
- The Indian woman is also spending a lot more money on her personal appearance.

Women excelled in Politics



Women excelled In Sports



Women excelled In Science &
Technology



Women as Social activists



Women excelled In Entertainment
industry

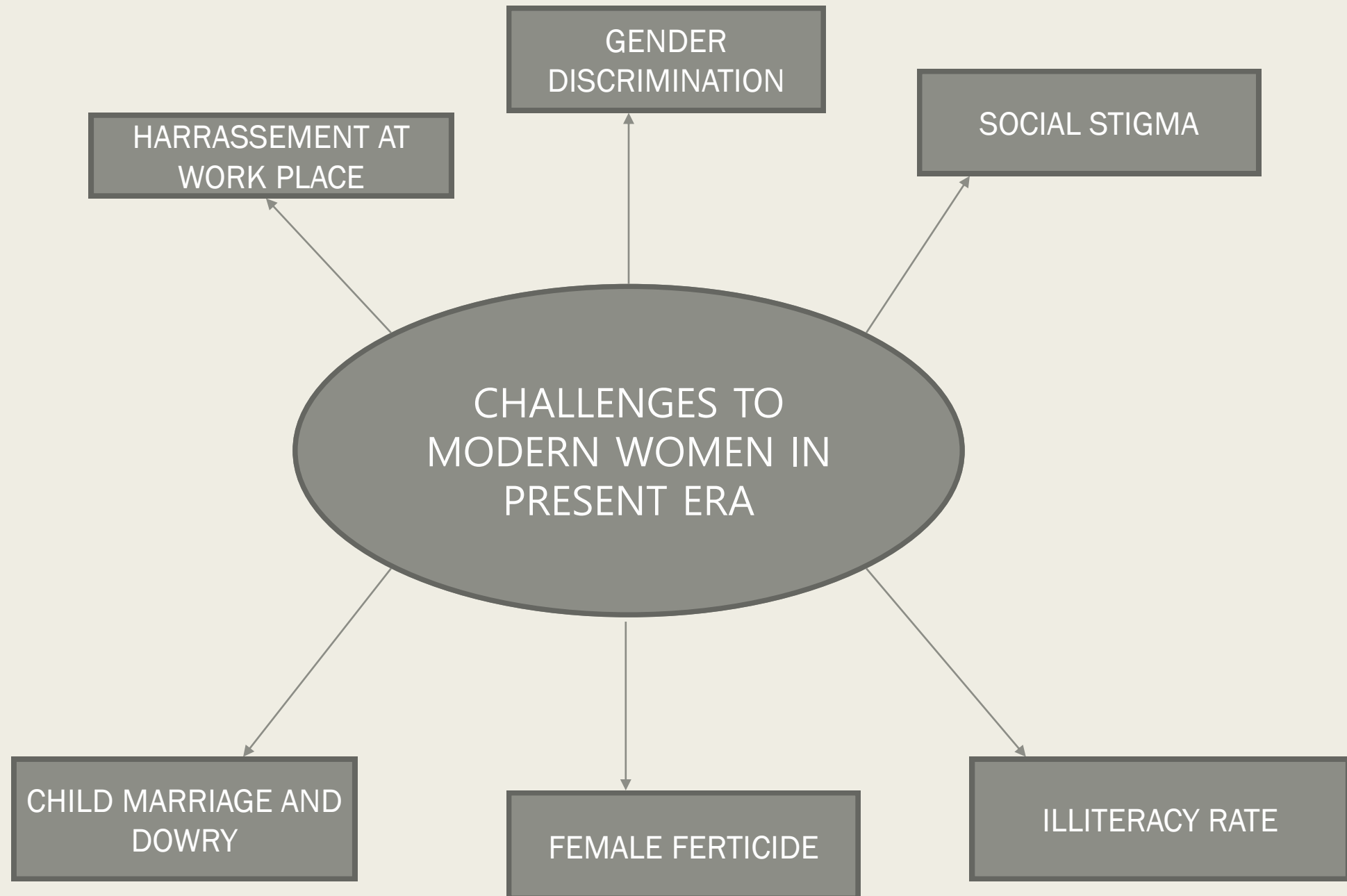


Women excelled In Business



Women excelled In Health & Education





SOLUTIONS

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Conclusion

- The journey of liberation of women has crossed many milestones and the society has indeed come a long way.
- They have struggled hard over the last few decades but still been able to successfully establish their own identity.
- Today's women are adorned with patience and perseverance, which has helped them to attain the pinnacle of success. Earlier, women were seen only as housewives who were projected to cook, clean and take care of their family. Today- along with handling tough clients at office, they successfully multitask at home too.
- Women are more focused and have a unique decision making power even at senior leadership level, in the most optimal manner, and at times are in a better position than men. Empowering women can help the society to grow and develop at a faster pace. We are definitely redesigning the world!

THANK YOU 😊