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The present book is an edited volume titled "Gender, Caste and Inequality: Perspectives", organized by the Faculty of Social Sciences, Punjabi University, Patiala. The seminar was held at the College, Chunni Kalan. The papers cover a wide range of themes. The problem of gender, caste and inequality is being carried out in the North Indian context. The challenges and threats arising from caste and other inequalities are critically pondered upon, and some viable solutions to these problems are suggested. The book will prove sufficiently helpful to find out the reasons behind the existence of inequality more vividly and come up with some viable solutions to design our nation's approach to sensitive socio-economic problems and the development of our nation in quite a better way.

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WOMEN ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN INDIA: MEASURING PROGRESS AND RECOGNIZING CHALLENGES

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Abstract

Women constitute around half of the total world population. So is in India also. They are therefore, regarded as the better half of the society. In traditional societies, they were confined to the four walls of houses performing household activities. In modern society, they have come out of the four walls to participate in all sort of activities. The Indian women are no more treated as beautiful showpieces. They are also enjoying the fruit of globalization marking an influence on the domestic and international sphere. They have carved a niche for themselves in the male dominated world. Indian women well manage both burden of work in household front and meeting the deadlines at the work place. In a recent survey, it is revealed that the female entrepreneurs from India are generating more wealth than the women in any part of the world (Balakrishnan, 2011). The primary objective of this paper is to find out the status of women entrepreneurship in India which includes the rationale behind the women entrepreneurship, policies of Indian government for the growth of women entrepreneurship, reasons for women to become an entrepreneur, major issues and challenges faced by women in today's era, attempts of the government as well as the society to uplift the present state of women, the institutions which are helping the women to put their thoughts into action and success stories of most successful women entrepreneurs of India. The Indian government has paid special consideration to

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