

Empowerment of Women and Other Weaker Sections

Chapter 6: Empowerment of Women and Other Weaker Sections · Topic 1

Key Concept

Constitutional provisions and laws protect the rights of women, Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and other marginalised communities.

Reservation policies in education and employment aim to provide opportunities for historically disadvantaged groups to achieve social equality.

Women's empowerment initiatives focus on education, economic independence, political participation, and protection from discrimination and violence.

Despite progress, challenges remain in fully achieving equality, requiring continued efforts in policy, education, and social attitude change.

Quick Revision Notes

- Constitutional provisions protect women, SC/ST rights.
- Also other marginalised communities.
- Reservation policies: education, employment access.
- Aim to help historically disadvantaged groups.
- Women's empowerment: education, economic independence.
- Also political participation, protection from violence.
- Progress made, but challenges remain.
- Continued efforts needed in policy, attitudes.

Practice Questions

- 1 Research a constitutional provision protecting marginalised groups.
- 2 Discuss reservation policies and their purpose.
- 3 Research a women's empowerment initiative.
- 4 Discuss a remaining challenge in achieving equality.
- 5 Discuss why education matters for empowerment.
- 6 Explain empowerment efforts in your own words.