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A Study on Participation in Politics by Women From North East India

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Abstract

By the term "political participation, it generally means the activities of the members of a society in formulation of government or public policy. It indicates the involvement of individuals or group of individuals in various grounds in the political system. Political participation involves activities like exercising the voting power, membership of political parties, contesting elections at various levels, etc. Political participation by women representatives has been recognized internationally as an important measure of the status of women in a particular country. This study attempts to analyze the involvement or participation of women representatives of North-East India in politics.

Keywords: political participation; public policy.

Introduction

Political participation is a process by which people or citizens of a country take part in politics or decision making activities. It includes a wide range of activities like casting electoral vote, membership of any political party, contesting elections, electoral campaigning etc.

Women empowerment is now adays one of the major concerns of any society. One important parameter that ensures women empowerment is political involvement and participation of women. Active participation of women in politics is a true indicator of the efficacious growth of democracy in any country of the world today. In India and North-East India, political participation by women is not spectacular in comparison with the other countries of the world. In making a society progressive and vibrant with equal opportunities for all, the role of women is very significant. Women's equality and empowerment is one of the goals of 17