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A Study on Women Entrepreneurship: Facilitators and Inhibitors related to it with special reference to Patna Sadar Block

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Abstract: Entrepreneurship is a phenomenal occurrence witnessed in recent times and entrepreneurs are playing a very crucial role in the holistic development of the economy as well as the society in multifarious ways. And if it is complemented by equal participation of women, it can do wonders to the economy. According to World Bank, investing more in business of women rather in men leads to greater development of a nation. Although women are enthusiastically

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This research is oriented towards assessing the factors facilitating or inhibiting them in undertaking an enterprise. These factors can be broadly categorized as Economic factors like institutional support, finances, etc., and Socio-Cultural factors such as societal attitude, family support, cultural background, etc.

This paper aims at investigating the different variables such as government initiatives, institutional credit and other support system, stereotypical attitude, etc., influencing women entrepreneurs in the Patna Sadar region and how far these factors are undergoing changes with time. It also aims at analyzing the scope of women entrepreneurs.

Keywords– Entrepreneurship, Facilitators, Inhibitors, Need of women entrepreneurship, Government initiatives.

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