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CONSTITUTIONAL EQUALITY AND WOMEN: A GROUND REALITY OF PROPERTY RIGHTS

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ABSTRACT

Women and men are an equal and integral part of society. The constitution of India also declared men and women as equal. Thus, we all are habituated with these constitutional messages of equality between men and women. But despite constitutional rights and provisions, in fact, inequality is persisting among us. A big conflict between the dogmas of the society and constitutional rights is causing misfortune to women and they are deprived of their rights. Especially the property right of women is not protected as per constitutional provisions but replaced by social dogmas and women remained silent and unequal in the society. So it is an effort to know the ground reality of property rights and economic safeguard of particular community and how they enjoyed the constitutional rights of equality in terms of property and other economic security in reality. The methodology of the study is the descriptive analysis based on both primary and secondary data. The findings of the study reveal that though constitutionally stated men and women as equal, but equality is not reflected in the case of property rights, getting property shares in the family, and other economic safeguards. Women were deprived of property rights. The social dogmas replaced the constitutional rights of women where near about 100% of women are denied getting of land property and other property shares from the family. Moreover, women were also denied getting equal pay for equal work in daily-wage earning in society.

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