

GENDER GAPS IN HIGHER EDUCATION: A FOCUS ON GROSS ENROLMENT RATIO AND GENDER PARITY INDEX

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ABSTRACT

Education is the basic human right. Indian Constitution through the Preamble, Fundamental rights, and Directive Principles of the State policy guarantees equality in different walks of life include different levels of education, but now too complete gender equality in education is not attained. A detailed examination of the gender gaps in higher education system is examined in this paper through two indicators: the Gross Enrolment Ratio and Gender Parity Index. The recent All India survey on Higher Education is taken as a basis for examining gender gaps over the years and across disciplines in the field of higher education.

KEY WORDS: *Higher Education, Gender disparity, Gender Parity Index, Gross Enrolment Ratio*