

## TRIBAL WOMEN LEADERSHIP AND EMPOWERMENT

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### ABSTRACT

Tribal women play a vital role in the social, economic and cultural life of indigenous communities in India. They are not only caretakers of families but also protectors of forests, food producers and keepers of traditional knowledge. However, due to poverty, lack of education, gender discrimination and social exclusion, their leadership and potential often remain unrecognized.

This presentation focuses on the leadership roles of tribal women and the importance of their empowerment for sustainable development. It highlights how tribal women contribute to community decision-making, forest conservation, self-help groups and local governance. The study also discusses the major challenges faced by them, such as limited access to education, healthcare, financial resources and political participation.

The presentation further examines the role of government schemes, non-governmental organizations and self-help groups in improving the status of tribal women. Education, skill development and economic independence are identified as key factors that help tribal women become confident leaders.

By empowering tribal women, not only their own lives but also the future of their families and communities can be transformed. The presentation concludes that tribal women's leadership is essential for inclusive growth, social justice and the overall development of the nation.

### Keywords:

\*Tribal Women, \* Leadership, \*Empowerment, \*Indigenous Communities

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## SUSTAINABLE PATHWAYS TOWARDS VIKSIT BHARAT 2047: AN INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT PERSPECTIVE

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### ABSTRACT

The vision of *Viksit Bharat 2047* reflects India's collective aspiration to emerge as a developed, inclusive, and globally competitive nation by the 100th year of Independence. Realizing this vision goes beyond rapid economic growth and calls for a development approach that harmoniously integrates social equity, environmental responsibility, and strong institutional systems. This paper explores sustainable development pathways that can support India's transformation towards Viksit Bharat 2047. Using a conceptual and analytical approach, the study draws insights from national policy initiatives, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and evolving development frameworks. It highlights the critical role of green growth, human capital formation, digital transformation, and inclusive governance in achieving long-term national progress. The paper argues that sustainability should not be treated as a secondary objective but as the central driver of India's development strategy. By proposing a multidimensional and human - centric framework, the study contributes to academic and policy discussions on building a resilient, inclusive, and sustainable India for future generations.

**Keywords:** Viksit Bharat 2047, Sustainable Development, Green Growth, Inclusive Development, Innovation, Human Capital

## DIGITAL EMPOWERMENT IN CHANGING THE LANDSCAPE FOR TODA TRIBAL WOMEN

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### ABSTRACT

The socioeconomic conditions prevalent among tribals and indigenous communities throughout the world are experiencing metamorphoses due to digital empowerment. Among these, the Toda tribe of Tamil Nadu's Nilgiri Hills is one such indigenous community that is deeply rooted in strong cultural heritage and is often at odds with its disengagement from healthcare services, education, and employment opportunities. This paper talks about the metamorphoses taking place within the realms of women's education, social, political, and economic spheres within the Toda tribe as a result of digital empowerment. The paper looks at the empowerment of women due to accessibility of mobile services, digital literacy initiatives, digital governance services, and online funding services through both primary and secondary research.

Focus group discussions, interviews, and structured questionnaires on research questions were used in gathering primary data from 100 women belonging to the Toda tribe using a descriptive and analytical method for this research. Correlation analysis, Chi-Square tests, and percentage analysis were used in analyzing the obtained findings for this research. Drawing inferences from findings, digital empowerment has substantially enhanced the roles played by women in education, health awareness, economy, livelihood, and governments. In addition to these advances, despite the various impediments that defy the emerging digital revolution in India, this research makes a point that digital empowerment can indeed facilitate gender equality in the Toda tribe and aid in sustainable development and preservation of their indigenous identity. The study also demonstrates how Toda woman's access to electronic tools has strengthened financial inclusion, reduced isolation, improved awareness of welfare initiatives, and boosted participation in local government.

**Keywords:** *Women from the Toda tribe, gender equality, sustainable development, digital inclusion & empowerment.*