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अतुलं तन्न तत्तेजः सर्वदेवशरीरजम् ।
एकस्थं तदभून्नारी व्याप्तलोकत्रयं त्विषा ॥

The incomparable radiance that was born from all Gods and pervaded the three worlds,
came to one place and took the form of a woman.

India possesses a rich culture and heritage, great traditions that are depicted through the Epics, Vedas, Smritis and Puranas. These help us to witness the legacy and sources in terms of social, domestic, economic, educational, religious and political status of women in ancient Indian history.

Women in every era have contributed immensely in conservation and utilisation of resources, its management and future planning. While rural women through their hard work and dedication are key contributors to agriculture, house hold activities and fulfilling the food security concerns; women in urban life lead their family through their jobs in educational, technological and corporate sectors.

It has been realised across the world that empowering women with equality and education builds a society with sustainable growth. The process emanating from her family marches ahead towards society that ultimately transforms to a better nation building.

The Sustainable Development Goals of 2030 agenda outlined a roadmap that includes all the sectors and their focus towards development with sustainability. Each of this goal is integral to women empowerment and equality.

Only by ensuring the rights of women and girls across all the goals will we get to justice and inclusion, economies that work for all, and sustaining our shared environment now and for future generations.

The 2017 United Nations Climate Change Conference (COP23) in Bonn, Germany also emphasised that investing in women unlocks amazing potential and provides climate change solutions.

Now women are participating in almost all sectors of the society. With their participation in Defence services they are serving the nation. During the last couple of years in the most critical pandemic period, the exemplary contributions of women in hospitals, medical services, in hygiene sector have been greatly appreciated world over. Women, representing half of the population have great role to play in nation building for a better future of mankind.

Honourable President Kovind have appreciated the women scientists who played a critical role in the Indian Space Research Organisation's Mars orbiter mission Mangalyaan and Moon Mission Chandrayaan 2. The Gender Advancement for Transforming Institutions (GATI), an online portal for S&T resources for women and 'Vigyan Jyoti' were among the key initiatives launched by the Honourable President for increasing the percentage of women in the area of science and technology.

Women can be in processes of development through consultation, design and implementation of policies and programs, processes of planning and urban development, provision of services (such as water, energy, and transportation), water privatization, and agricultural policies, among others. It also implies considering their needs for access to credit, assets, training, technology, property rights and patents.

Green economy is a field that can be more efficient and successful through women. Upskilling and reskilling women are essential for the nation and sustainable approaches that can satisfy the definition of sustainability.

Women are building a bridge of development connecting to each other and imagining prosperity to mother earth.