

WOMEN THROUGH THE INDIAN TRADITIONS

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ABSTRACT

The women has been naturally a parallel section of the society since its inception but the society and its institutions have molded these natural provisions in to create an unnatural imbalance. The foundations of such imbalance theory has took its root from the post- Vedic period onwards in the form of various vices such as gender biases in social, cultural, religious and economic and political arena. The present article aims to discuss such aspects in the light of the available sources and reach some important conclusions. Looking into the different traditional sources and texts of legal character, we would come across many remarks complimentary or derogatory about woman in the society and as an individual. In reality a woman's role has been described differently by Śastrakaras, the epic writers and other jurists. The most ancient history known to us is an undying witness of the fact that women has always been kept in subordination and has always been treated as inferior to man in rights and privileges.

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