Reading Comprehension -Article on women empowerment

Class Objective: I will be able to read the passage and answer the questions based on it.

Concept A: Read and understand the below passage:

Women empowerment refers to increasing and improving the social, economic, political and legal strength of the women, to ensure equal-right to women. Women empowerment helps women to control and benefit from resources, assets, income and their own time, as well as the ability to manage risk and improve their economic status and wellbeing. Many of the barriers to women's empowerment and equity lie ingrained in cultural norms. Many women feel these pressures, while others have become accustomed to being treated inferior to men. Empowering women to participate fully in economic life across all sectors is essential to build stronger economies, achieve internationally agreed goals for development and sustainability, and improve the quality of life for women, men, families and communities.

Schemes

The scheme 'Beti Bachao Beti Padhao' revolves around the notion of female foeticides. It is a campaign which aims at eradication of female foeticides and to make girls socially and financially self-reliant through education. The movement came into force in 2015. The movement also revolves around the actions to bridge the growing gap between the girl and boy infants.

Mahila-E-Haat is a bilingual online marketing platform which helps aspiring women entrepreneurs, self-help groups, and NGOs to showcase their products to the world. The platform is open to all Indian women above the age of 18.

Another important initiative by the government is the **Mahi Shakti Kendra**. The scheme came into force in 2017, and it aims to empower rural women with opportunities for skill development, employment, digital literacy, health, and nutrition. Each of the Mahila Shakti Kendra provides an interface to the rural women so that they can approach the government to avail their entitlements through training and capacity building. It works at four levels, national, state, district and block levels.

The next scheme on our list is the **One-Stop Centre Scheme or** popularly known as 'Sahki'. Sahki came into being in 2015 with the 'Nirbhaya' fund. The main aim of the Sahki or One Stop Centre Scheme is to provide shelter, police desk, legal, medical and counseling services to the victims of violence. It has been established at

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