

## **WOMEN, SCIENCE, EDUCATION AND EMPOWERMENT:**

### **ASIMA CHATTERJEE, THE GENIUS LADY**

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#### **ABSTRACT**

This paper aims at analyzing the gender gap in the field of Science. Education is very much linked with empowerment. If women will get proper education they can be economically independent. In this way women can empower themselves by building up their own agency. The name of Asima Chatterjee is very relevant because apart from facing gender discrimination she showed up her potential. She was an excellent Academician, teacher, researcher, inventor and politician. She proved the fact that women can perform multiple duties. They are blessed with various qualities. She was awarded many times, set up many institutions. She sacrificed her whole life for the development of science. She gave precedence to science to above all. Actually this paper wants to dictate the fact that we have to look at the merits or qualities, not gender. It is not desirable for a society to discriminate between male and female in science as well as in other fields. We have to think above the childbearing, rearing and caring attitude of the women. Women are also human beings. It is quite natural that they have some aspirations and it is the responsibility of the society to fulfil their dreams. We have to move towards a gender neutral society where women can be treated as human beings and there will be many Asima Chatterjees, not one.

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