

# Review of: "Socio-cultural factors influencing women empowerment: A cross-sectional study among an ex-criminal tribe in West Bengal, India"

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Thank you for offering this this interesting opportunity to ready your research work and to disseminate knowledge by here my sharing my remarks and comments about the paper above. The topic dealt with in the paper is so interesting. It emphasizes the role of empowering women among social communities (tribes, villages, etc) and underlines the main socio-cultural factors that might hinder their willingness to taken decisions, even in connection with their household and family-related matters.... The readership could understand to what extend factors related to woman's access to education, health, authority, and the decision-making role she might play for the benefit of his children, family issues, might allow her to evolve, to grow up, and to positively contribute to the development of her community, and of the whole country ....On the contrary, communities which are displaying social injustice and gender discrimination, are suffering from many social problems (crimes, high school dropout and failure, poverty, ...) which affect in turn the whole fate all the economic and financial development of the country.

The authors illustrated the case of the tribal community of the "Lodha society" and demonstrated how women of such a community are experiencing many challenges related to the discrimination and social injustice they are facing, starting withing their families... They also stressed the role of self-help groups in empowering women and boosting their self-confidence and their decision-making participation...

The paper is well structured and its practical implications are so meaningful. I invite the authors to read our paper research undertaken in the same Indian context and dealing with a similar issue, entitled "«Which effective linkages between women empowerment and economic development in India ?», International Journal of Business Excellence, Vol.28, N°4, pp. 430-450, <https://doi.org/10.1504/IJBEX.2022.127497>."

Otherwise, I recomment them to tell more about their research method, for instance, 'the cross-sectional study"... WHY choosing such a type of study ?

Finally, good work and lot of success FOR authors ...

