

Women Empowerment through Archeological Support -Furthering Historical Knowledge - Opportunities & Challenges

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Abstract: This paper examines the empowerment strategies of women through archeological research and development and this paper explores possibilities of inclusive research policy. Archaeology is an all inclusive multi disciplinary study of human society through the interpretation of the past. The archeological research is an analysis of ancient records & remains in an innovative & scientific way. The archeologists rebuilds a complete picture of historical past with examining sites, objects, monuments, remains, records, etc and explores the picture of human culture through the ages. As archeological research digs sites, excavates, analyses and rebuilds the historical data there are chances of knowing role played by women in ancient societies. An archeologist corroborates and substantiates various data relating to historical materials and supports the knowledge bases about role of women in historical evolution. Identifying the role of women in historical past paves way for empowerment and creation of a sustainable environment.

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I. Introduction

Archaeology is an all inclusive multi disciplinary study of human society through the interpretation of the past. It is an analysis of ancient remains in an innovative way. The archeologists rebuilds a complete picture of historical past with examining sites objects monuments gives a picture of human culture He digs sites excavates analyses and rebuilds the historical data. An archeologists corroborates various data relating to historical materials

There are various types of archaeology

1. Bio Archaeology - conducting research with skeleton remains, bones
2. Field Archaeology- conducting research with field based activities in search of remains, records, monuments, sites, etc
3. Landscape Archaeology- conducting research with landscape, city designs, for ambience, fortress, walled cities, townships, etc
4. Underwater Archaeology - conducting research within water for submerged sites and townships
5. Digital Archeology- conducting research with maps and sketches along with digital tool support.

Archaeology opens up new career opportunities because conservation is a multi disciplinary subject. Archaeology is emerging as an inter disciplinary subjects with relation to

1. Ancient history
2. Anthropology
3. Computer science
4. Geology
5. Environmental science

There is an increase in women students opting for archeology based educational qualifications in higher educational level. There is a need for strong practical experience which is essential in knowing history and evolution of man as a civilized person. Hence increasing demand for archeology based research is very understood.

1.1 Archaeology Jobs and careers - Archaeology based jobs are offered by Research organizations which include supportive clauses to assist women empowerment strategies.

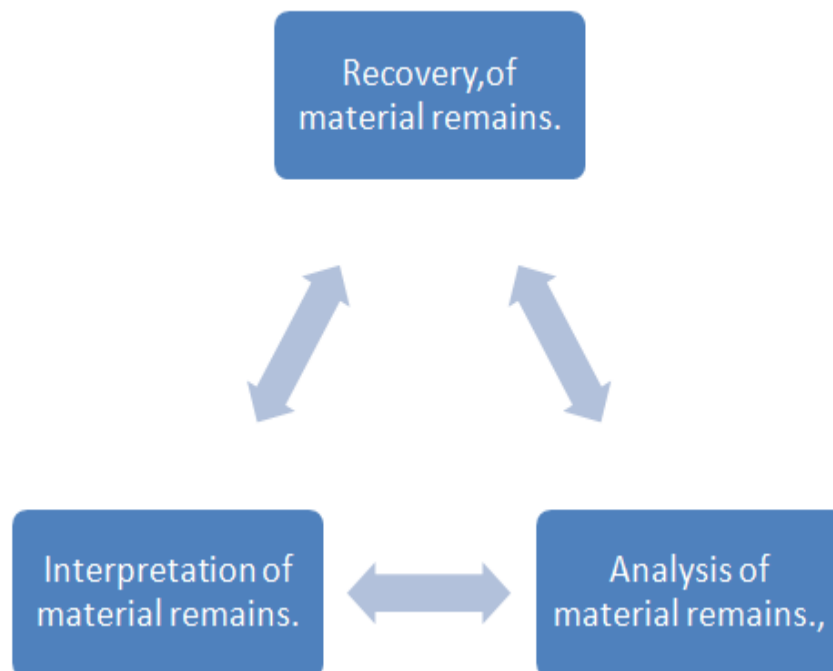
1. Academic institutions
2. Conservation offices
3. Curation houses
4. Local history research offices
5. Museums

6. National archaeology study centers
7. Research organizations

Archaeology careers are included with media and films and women can pursue careers in historical research. As Archaeology provides information for films, novels, TV serials, documentaries, video games, parlor activities, recreation activities, which women love to involve in. Archaeology provides

1. exotic locales
2. ground breaking discoveries
3. romantic portrayals
4. human evolution unearthing
5. detection of soil versions

Archaeology is the study of the human past through the



1.2 Materials Of Archeology

1. prehistoric stone tools
2. pottery
3. buildings
4. bones
5. remains

Women empowerment strategies include identifying and understanding the relationship with human behaviour and attitude of community towards their environment. The analysis of interpretation of archeological materials remains archeologists help to understand past human behavior including the role of women. Women can be gainfully employed in versatile careers in archeology, including creating digital maps of the archaeological sites through GIS -Geographic information system, cleaning and preserving artifacts in a lab, Teaching and training future archaeologists as a university professor, Excavating archaeological sites, Analyzing artifacts in the laboratory, Developing a strong familiarity with historic preservation laws, Perfecting verbal and written communication skills. All these attributes help women to find a greater career for sustainable future.

1.3 Jobs for archeology

1. Anthropology
2. Archaeologist
3. Archivist
4. Cartographer

5. Conservation officer
6. Exhibitions manager
7. Heritage manager
8. Historical building inspector
9. Lecturer in archeology
10. Museum education trainer
11. Records manager
12. Social researcher
13. Historical Tourism officer
14. Government archeology office assistant
15. Privately community research organizations
16. Globally funded research organizations
17. global project research organizations

1.4 Archeology support in women empowerment process- the process of women empowerment involves

1. Applying statistical and numerical techniques to process archaeological data
2. Applying theoretical and scientific principles in exploring history specially role of women in history
3. Conducting post excavation survey about women involvement in war, natural disasters, governance, societal life and economic life.
4. Conducting field work to know involvement of women in historical roles
5. Conducting laboratory techniques to identify the key role played by
6. Interpretation of spatial data
7. Reanalyzing archeological problems concerning the role of women in history

Thus an archeologist supports team working to unveil the heritage of nation. All these excavations through archeology

1. Equips women to take up project work,
2. Benefits arguments supported by evidence of history
3. Supports co-ordination of various information technology tools
4. Supports application of digital technology tools Archeology supports women to prepare digital presentation and oral presentations for difficult audiences and help the retrieval of information to produce written reports there by learning to work accurately and precisely in a team.

1.5 Support to community- Archaeology also helps community as the archeological innovations brings community together. It has national cultural and ethnic identity A nation can reflect its heritage through accurate archeology interpretations It has the power to unite people and unite the nation's integrity. The role of community in conservation of protected monuments is very significant. All the stake holders need to feel the collective responsibility towards conservation of protected monuments. A monument is a reflection of a nation's cultural heritage & progression hence it needs to be protected by all stake holders. The sense of historical consciousness will enable the conservation of protected monuments

India has various protected monuments which have been conserved for posterity with best management. There is a steady increase in number of tourists visiting these heritage centers. Historical investigation is also very attractive in academic circles. There is a necessity to plan several outreach programs including

1. Arranging minor exhibitions in Schools & colleges
2. Arranging for special / theme based lectures
3. Arranging for academic workshops
4. Arranging Digital web sites
5. Providing trainings in preservation of monuments to teachers & public
6. Strengthening support services in other branch centers

The knowledge about conservation of protected monuments has to be inculcated in the academic curriculum. Students need to know the process involved in the conservation of protected monuments & their role in conservation of protected monuments.

II. Conclusion

Thus women empowerment process can be made more supportive through archeology. Historical research through archeology equips women to take up project works, benefits arguments supported by evidence of history supports co-ordination of various Information technology tools and finally supports application of digital technology tools. Women are benefited to identify their role in the evolution process, this

adds to their self s esteem and self confidence. Besides women who are so far neglected in the historical theoretical writing can re evaluate their role and demand a better reflection in the annals of history. The Historian so far have cornered the portrayal of women in history and this miscalculation can be rectified by women through involvement in archaeological research.

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