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Q) Though India has low level of labour force participation rate of women, but their participation in MGNREGA is above 50%.
Reasons: What changes MGNREGA has brought to situation of women.

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According to Economic Survey 2017-18, the overall participation of women in labour force is decreasing despite of the development.

Reason for low-level of Labour force :-

- 1) When Income of Men is higher, the women in their household are not permitted to work by family members.
- 2) Social stigma of working women.
- 3) Leisure taken by women who completed the Higher Education.
- 4) Women became a family caretaker after the Marriage.

The participation of women in MGNREGA is more than 50%. Compared to 22% when the programme was started.

Reasons for higher participation in MGNREGA :-

- 1) Men are migrating to cities & towns for higher income and gap of the labour force is seen as income opportunity to women.
- 2) Parity in wages, Equal pay for Equal work. There is disparity between men and women in wages and are payed the same as men.
- 3) Development Activities are becoming more in rural areas where women are available for labour force.
- 4) Works are at manageable distances and predictable time.

of completion of work for the day.

5) Economic freedom is obtained and are attracted towards the MGNREGA programme.

Changes in situation of women :-

1) Women are allowed to work in rural areas as this helps to increase the income of the household.

2) Food security of women and children is obtained substantially.

3) With Economic freedom women became more empowered, and are using the income for their children & savings.

Conclusion

Workforce of women to the level of men, increases the economy of India by 27%

- IMF Chief Christian Lagarde