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— Mahatma Gandhi

*To call woman the weaker sex is a libel; it is man's injustice to woman. If by strength is meant brute strength, then, indeed, is woman less brute than man. If it is moral power, then woman is immeasurably man's superior. Has she not greater intuition, more self-sacrificing, greater powers of endurance, greater courage? If nonviolence is the law of our being, the future is with woman.*



—Karl Marx

*Women are the only exploited group in history to have been idealized into powerlessness*



—Nelson Mandela

*There can be no keener revelation of a society's soul, than the way it treats its women and children*



—Ram Manohar Lohia

*For all those women, who are marginalised, the groups that live on the fringes of our society —they make all the difference to our existence as they determine the way how true democracy is practiced*

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### ABOUT THE BOOK

This book is an anthology of selected articles on women published in the *Third Concept* during the past twenty-five years. Edited and compiled by the Editor of the *Third Concept*, these articles touch on varied aspects of women in India and other parts of the globe.

Encompassing wide array of topics related to women, specific attention is focused on women empowerment in socio-economic and political terms. An Introduction provides a brief theoretical background of the popular concepts like empowerment and its varied forms, as well as their applied form in the Indian context. A Selected bibliography is given at the end of the book to enable the discerning readers to consult further literature on the issues of their interests. The major aspects incorporated in this anthology, *inter alia*, include: **Women and Society, Empowerment of Women in India, Political Empowerment, Economic Empowerment, Women and Health, Women in Media and Advertising, Crime and Violence Against Women, Women and Education.**

The views expressed in these articles are those of the concerned authors.

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## Preface

This book is being brought out to commemorate the occasion of the completion of 25 years of uninterrupted publication of *Third Concept*, a monthly journal of ideas and frank debate from New Delhi. The theme selected for this inaugural book deals with issues pertaining to women. Some of the articles published since 1987 till date dealing with women related issues have been incorporated in this book. Categorized under broad heads, the pertinent articles have been incorporated under each relevant head.

The broad heads interalia include: Women and Society, Empowerment of Women in India, Political Empowerment, Economic Empowerment, Women and Health, Women in Media and Advertising, Crime and Violence against Women, and Women and Education. Though these sections are not all-encompassing, these have been selected on the basis of respective subjects.

Relating to Women Issues are attracting world-wide attention and almost all governments along with the United Nations and international agencies are adopting and implementing policies designed to empower women in socio-economic, cultural and political spheres. An endeavour has been made in the introductory chapter to briefly discuss the concept of empowerment and ther related issues.

A selected bibliography is appended at the end for the convenience of the discerning readers to enable them to further probe the issues in greater depth.

The views expressed in each article are those of the particular author. The editor of this book is responsible only for the selection of the articles.