



REVIEWER'S REPORT

Manuscript No.: IJAR- 57288

Title: Socioeconomic Impact of Women Entrepreneurship on Family Well-Being and Personal Empowerment: A Study in Selected Districts of Karnataka.

Recommendation:

Accept after minor revision.

Rating	Excel.	Good	Fair	Poor
Originality	✓			
Techn. Quality	✓			
Clarity	✓			
Significance	✓			

Reviewer Name: Dr. Bishwajit Rout

Reviewer's Comment for Publication.

(To be published with the manuscript in the journal)

The reviewer is requested to provide a brief comment (3-4 lines) highlighting the significance, strengths, or key insights of the manuscript. This comment will be Displayed in the journal publication alongside with the reviewers name.

- Significance:** This study significantly contributes to understanding how women entrepreneurship enhances household welfare, financial resilience, and personal empowerment in Karnataka. It bridges an important gap between entrepreneurial outcomes and family-level socioeconomic development. The findings have substantial implications for policymakers, financial institutions, and development agencies seeking to promote inclusive growth, gender equality, and sustainable livelihood generation through women-led enterprise development initiatives.
- Strength:** The manuscript's primary strengths lie in its relevant research problem, robust sample size, and application of multiple statistical techniques. Its district-level empirical focus enhances contextual relevance and practical utility. The integration of family well-being, economic contribution, and personal empowerment offers a multidimensional perspective. The study also provides actionable policy recommendations that can strengthen women's entrepreneurial ecosystems and support inclusive socioeconomic advancement.
- Key Insight:** The central insight is that women entrepreneurship extends far beyond income generation. It substantially improves family well-being, strengthens financial decision-making, enhances social status, and fosters personal empowerment. Financial literacy, access to credit, work-life balance, and institutional support emerge as critical enablers. Sustainable policy interventions targeting these dimensions can significantly amplify the developmental impact of women-led enterprises across diverse regional contexts.

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The paper titled “*Socioeconomic Impact of Women Entrepreneurship on Family Well-Being and Personal Empowerment: A Study in Selected Districts of Karnataka*” investigates the socioeconomic impact of women entrepreneurship on family well-being and personal empowerment in eight selected districts of Karnataka. Based on a descriptive study of 473 women micro-entrepreneurs using purposive sampling, it employs descriptive statistics, factor analysis, correlation, and multiple regression. Key findings reveal moderate to high positive contributions of entrepreneurial income to household needs, children's education, savings, and quality of life, with regression analysis showing a strong correlation ($R^2 = 0.630$). While the study effectively highlights financial management and work-life balance as significant predictors, it could benefit from deeper qualitative insights and broader generalizability. Overall, it underscores women entrepreneurship's vital role in family welfare and empowerment.

Suggestions for Improvement:

1. Incorporate stronger theoretical foundation supporting entrepreneurial empowerment relationships.
2. Discuss recent national policy initiatives influencing women entrepreneurship across Karnataka districts.
3. Include comparative evidence from previous regional studies to better establish novelty and contextual contribution.
4. Clarify how Karnataka's socioeconomic diversity necessitates a district-specific empirical investigation approach.
5. Critically compare findings across diverse geographical contexts.
6. Identify theoretical inconsistencies within prior entrepreneurship studies.
7. Justify purposive sampling with stronger methodological reasoning.
8. Report questionnaire reliability coefficients for all constructs.
9. Explain procedures used to minimize sampling bias and respondent subjectivity.
10. Interpret statistical findings using relevant theoretical frameworks.
11. Connect findings directly with stated research objectives.

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This manuscript addresses an important and policy-relevant topic with substantial empirical value and social significance. The study offers meaningful insights into women's entrepreneurship, family welfare, and empowerment in Karnataka. Its methodology and analytical approach are appropriate, though theoretical integration, literature synthesis, and interpretative depth require improvement. Subject to minor revisions addressing conceptual clarity, methodological transparency, and discussion quality, the manuscript is recommended for publication due to its practical relevance and scholarly contribution. Addressing the identified weaknesses will make it suitable for publication in IJAR.

I recommend this paper for publication after minor revision.