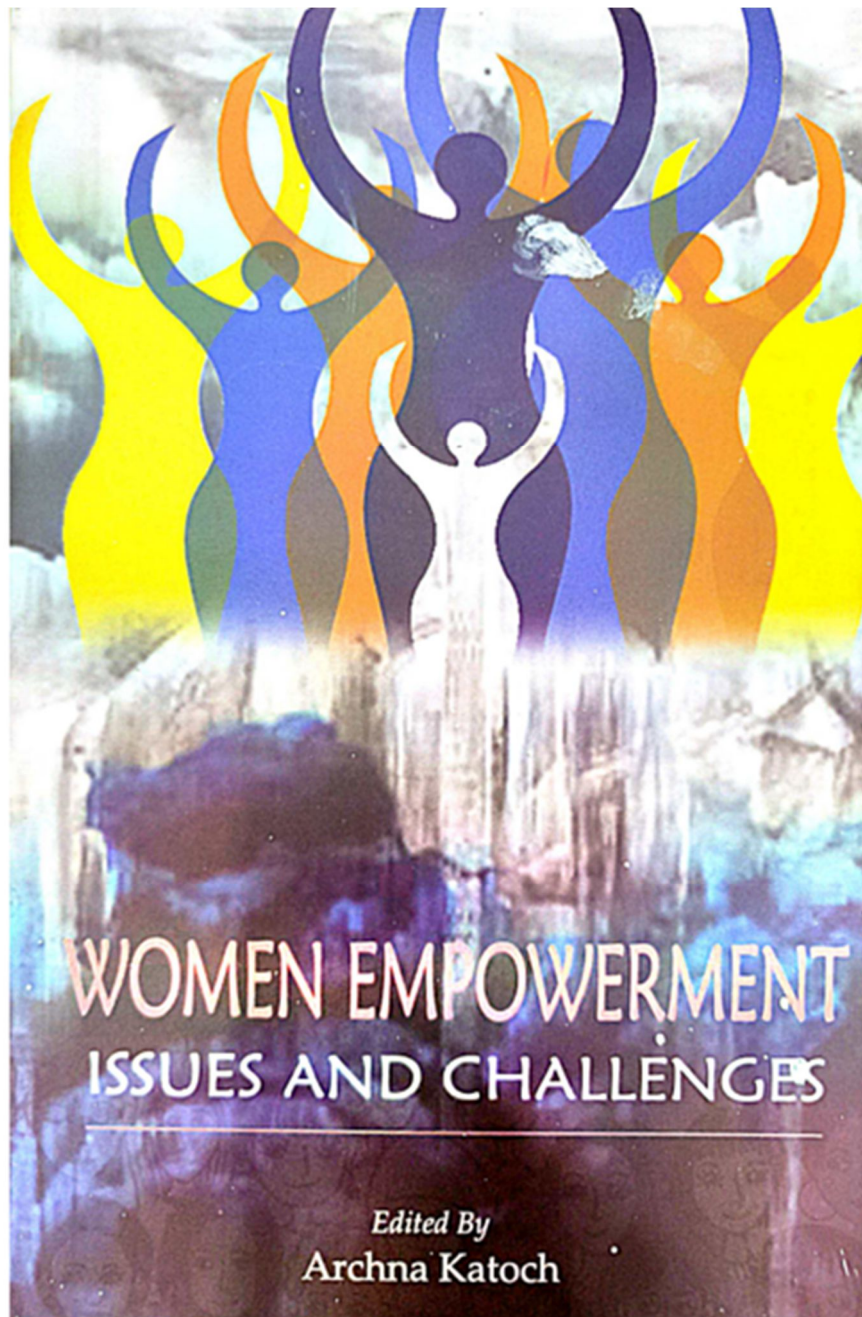


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Empowering Women through Microfinance in India

MANPREET ARORA

Women workers in the world contribute immensely in the economic growth and sustainable livelihoods of their families. Microfinance has empowered the women in much sense all around the world. Microfinance is regarded as a provision of financial services to the poorest of the poor in a manner that it helps to utilize credit. This facility is meant to help the poor families so that they can take advantage of income generating activities. Women in particular are the major beneficiaries from microfinance.

In many countries, microfinance services are targeted towards the poorest of the poor as well as the female clients especially. In India the provision of microfinance credit is monitored by an apex agency called as NABARD. It started the scheme of Self Help Group-Bank Linkage programme in the era of 90s to support the poor people.