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Inclusion of Women in India's Green Economy

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Background & Context

A recent report by the **Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW)** titled '*Building a Green Economy for Viksit Bharat*' argues that India's goal of a **USD 30 trillion economy by 2047** is tethered to gender inclusion. Currently, India's Green Economy is projected to create **48 million jobs** by 2047, but women's participation remains disproportionately low and non-technical.

Key Insights

- **The Productivity Dividend:** A 1% increase in gender diversity in formal manufacturing correlates with a **2.9% rise in labor productivity**.
- **Current Gaps: * Renewable Energy:** Women make up 32% of the global RE workforce but only **11% in India's rooftop solar sector**, mostly in administrative roles.
- **Circular Economy:** 1.5 million women (49% of waste-pickers) are in waste collection but earn **33% less** than men.
- **Barriers:** Lack of land titles (collateral) for green finance, safety concerns in field-based roles, and the "STEM gap."

Next Step for India: Transitioning from "women-adjacent" to "women-led" through policies like **PM Surya Ghar** (asset ownership) and gender-focused green certifications.

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