

The controversial issues of feminism in contemporary women's rights movements.

Outline

1- **Introduction: Thesis statements:** In contemporary women's rights movements, the controversial issues of feminism are discussed. In fact, women face several issues including, unequal education, unequal employment, mobility restrictions etc. Resultantly, status of feminists is affected such as, confinement of women at homes, illiteracy at peak, less labour participation etc. However, some strategies be adopted to address feminists' issues in order to improve gender equality.

2- **Feminism: A theory of equality**

3- **Controversial issues of feminism**

in contemporary women's rights movement

- a) Unequal economic opportunities in both, public and private sectors
- b) Educational disparity: an unsolved issue
- c) Threat to safe mobility of women
- d) Lack of free political will and political participation
- e) Continuous domestic violence at peak
- f) Rusted justice system is unable to guard women's rights
- g) Deprivation of inheritance and property right.

4- Implications of contemporary prevailing issues of feminism

- a) Confinement of women at homes
- b) Spike in women illiteracy
- c) Lack of women participation in labour
- d) Frequent harassment and rape cases
- e) Physical health or mental illness in women



f) Increasing women's dependency in society

5- Suggestive measures to address issues of feminism

a) Legislation and implementation of women protection laws of 2006 and 2010

b) Autonomous and effective role of judiciary in protection of women rights

c) Enhancing education and awareness in gender

d) Unbiased role of media in improving women's status

6- Conclusion

Essay:

"Women are half of the population of the world need fair role." (The United Nations Report, 2019).

Femizism demands equality in gender. But unfortunately, women face several issues that are demanded to be addressed in contemporary women's rights movements. Among controversial issues chief issues are unequal economic opportunities in public and private sectors, educational disparity, and threat to safe mobility of women. Along with these issues, certain other issues include, lack of free political will and political participation, continuous domestic violence, and rusted justice system in protection of women rights. Moreover, women are still deprived of right to inheritance and property in society. However, with the rise of feminism movements, women still face negative outcomes. Chief among them is confi-

ation of women at homes, spike in illiteracy, and low labour participation. Besides these, women still face frequent harassment and rape cases. Physically health of mental illness is become common in women and women are become dependent in society. Thus, some steps such as effective legislation and implementation of laws i.e. Women protection act of 2006 and 2010, autonomous and effective role of judiciary in protection of women's rights, enhancing education and awareness, in gender, and positive role of media will help to address women's issues in order to improve women's status. In contemporary women's rights movements, the controversial issues of feminism are discussed. In fact, women faces several issues including unequal education, unequal

employment, mobility restrictions etc. Resultantly, status of feminists is affected such as confinement of women at homes, illiteracy at best, less labour participation etc. However, some strategies be adopted to address feminists' issues in order to improve gender equality.

Feminism is a theory of equality. In fact, feminists demands equal rights and equal opportunities in all public and private spheres. Feminists demands fair role among all individuals and humans. "Feminism negates all oppressions against women such as political, social, and economic." (The New York Times, Feminism, 1994). Therefore, feminism is a theory of equality.

Feminists face certain

issues, chief among is unequal economic opportunities in public and private sectors. In fact, women are deprived of equal opportunities in economic growth. Globally women demands for equal role in economy of the world. "According to the World Economic Forum Report, " About 200 years are required to make gender parity in economic sphere of the world. (The World Economic Forum, 2020).

Therefore, women face unequal economic opportunities in public and private sectors.

Along with unequal economic opportunities, women also face educational disparity. Unfortunately, women are not allowed to receive equal education in society. Women are deprived of fair and

just education. "About 37 pc of women in Pakistan are illiterate and are deprived of basic education." (The World Bank Report, 2019).

Thus, women are facing educational issue in society.

Moreover, threat to safe mobility of women is a common issue in society. Women are insecure in free and safe movement in the external society. Several blackmailing and harassment issues hinder women's mobility. According to the US-based Information of Medium Report, "About 18 women were killed in Pakistan in 2022." (The US Based Information of Medium, Gender Disparity, 2022). Hence, threat to women's mobility is a common issue of feminists.

Further, lack of free political will and political participation is common issue of feminists.

Women are always deprived of political right. In fact, women are unable to use free and independence political right and are unable to take active participation

in politics. According to the World Bank Report "Only 19% of women are using independent part in politics globally." (The World Bank Report, 2021). Hence, women lack free political will and political participation.

Furthermore, women are affected by continuous domestic violence. Since a long time is passed, but women are still facing domestic violence globally. Women are treated brutally at homes.

As per European Council Report "About 3.2 pc of women in Pakistan face domestic violence regularly." (The European Council Report, 2022) Therefore, women faces domestic violence at peak.

Besides above, women are disappointed by rusted justice system in protection of women rights. Moreover, rusted justice system is failed to guard and secure women's fundamental rights in domestic, public, and private spheres. Women highlights the role of rusted justice system for their issues. As per the latest Global Justice Report, "Pakistan ranks at 129 out of 144 countries in protection of fundamental rights of woman in society." (The Global Justice Report, 2023). Therefore, rusted justice system is also unable to

guard women's rights.

Last but not the least, women are deprived of inheritance and property rights. Women in every corner of the world face issues of right to inheritance and personal property. In fact, women are used as a weak gender that are not allowed to have certain property rights. "Pakistan is an Islamic State, but it does not provide enough role in submission of right to inheritance and property to women (Farid Bani, life style & culture, 2023). Thus, women lack right to inheritance and property."

Unfortunately, women still face negative outcomes in society despite of active women's rights movements. Among which is confinement

of women at homes. Women are still confined at homes to perform only domestic role and care of children. In fact, women are treated as machinery of households and caring babies. According to the World Bank Report, "Women in Afghanistan are the most deprived in the world and are more confined at their homes." (The World Bank Report, 2023). Hence, women are still confined at homes.

Not only this, but women are observed at peak in illiteracy. As women faces unequal educational issue in society, so they are observed more illiterate as compared to men in society. Women are unable to receive equal education and are very few women in educational sphere. As per the latest report of

the World Bank, "Only 16 pc of women receive education and are literate as compared to 72 pc of men in China, Pakistan." (The World Bank Report, 2023). Thus, women illiteracy is at peak.

Moreover, women lack participation in labour. In fact, women participation is poor in labour market. Women are just countable members of labour market in Pakistan. "Only 16 pc of women take part in labour productivity and Pakistan ranks the second worst country in labour market of women in the world." (The Labour Survey Report, 2020). Therefore, women also lack fair participation in labour market.

Further, women also

suffer frequent harassment and rape cases. Women are used as sexual abuse in the world and in Pakistan as well. In fact, women are become illegal use of sexual pleasure in society. "Woman along with her children was harassed, raped, and killed in Burhan, Balochistan in 2023." (Saqib, Burhan Outrage, 2023). Therefore, women are facing sexual abuse and harassment in society.

Moreover, women also faces health problem due to physical health of mental illness. In fact, several threats and issues have affected women's physical and mental health. Women are the most affected gender in their health. According to the World Bank Report, "About 2,80,000 of women die in every two minutes

every year and 9,800 of women in Palestine. (The World Bank Report, 2023). Therefore, women suffer physical health of mental illness.

Besides all above, women are become dependent in society. In fact, women dependency is reached at peak today. Women are dependent on their males for their internal and external needs. As per the United Nations Report, "Afghan Women are the most dependent women of the world." (The United Nations Report, 2023). Hence, women dependency is reached at peak in the world.

Some measures be adopted to improve women's status and one of them is legislation and implementation of women protec-

tion laws of 2010 and 2006 in Pakistan. Women in Pakistan are equal deprived as women in the world and need proper legislation and implementation of laws. In fact, effective implementation of act of 2006 and 2010 will help to address women's issues. "In 2006, Women Protection Act was approved to treat women fairly and in 2010, Women Protection Act at workplaces was also enforced to protect women's respect." (Taq-uss Hussain, Status of Women in Pakistan, 2014). Thus, legislation and implementation of laws of 2006 and 2010 will help in addressing women's issues.

Further, effective role of judiciary in protection of women's rights will also curtail women's contemporary issues. In fact, judiciary is guardian of fundamental

rights of women in every corner of the world. Judiciary needs to be autonomous and supreme body of protection of rights. "Rape of teacher in Kancheeripuzha in 2018 was challenged in judiciary and offender was sentenced to life imprisonment." (Ezra B. B., No pardon for rape, 2018). Therefore, judiciary needs to be autonomous and play a positive role to guard women's rights.

Along with the positive role of judiciary, enhancing education and awareness in gender is also necessary to address women's issues in the world. Women are deprived of education and lack awareness to protect own rights by self-authority. Education and awareness will help in addressing women's issues in all

spheres of life. "Education is a powerful weapon to change world, and women are agent of changes of the world." (Utin Islem, equality among all individuals, 2020). Hence, enhancing education and awareness among gender will help in addressing women's issues.

Lastly, unbiased role of media is a tool of changing the world perceptions. In fact, unbiased and positive role of media will help in improving women's status globally. Media should play active, autonomous role to address women's grievances in the world. "Role of media in highlighting case of 'Mukhtaran Mai' rape helped her to get justice." (Mukhtaran Mai Case study). Therefore, role of media is helpful in addressing women's issues globally.

In conclusion, the controversial issues of feminism in contemporary women's rights movement are demanded to be addressed. In fact, in contemporary women's rights movements, several issues of women are discussed such as, unequal economic opportunities in both, public and private spheres, educational disparity, and free, safe mobility restrictions. Not only these, but certain other issues including, lack of political freedom, domestic violence, and vested judiciary are also highlighted. Despite active women's rights movements, women still face challenges such as, confinement at home, illiteracy, less labour participation, harassment issues etc. Therefore, some suggestive steps be adopted including, legislation and implementation of laws, a flexible role of judiciary, education and

awareness, and positive role of media
will help addressing women's issues
and will be a fine solution to improve
status of women globally.

"Men's equality respects women's
equality." (J. F. Kennedy).