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## Growing intolerance for women in Pakistan

### Outline

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  - ⑩ Unavailability of platforms to demand & secure women rights
- ⑪ Without women development Pakistan will face Severe socio-economic and political crisis
  - ⑫ Pakistan is wasting half of its human capital
  - ⑬ Economic dol-drums will remain the future of Pakistan
  - ⑭ Social harmony will be a mere dream without women development.

### Thesis St

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- (5) Pakistan have to address the concern to make women an asset for the nation
- (A) Independent women, will make an independent Pakistan
  - (B) Pakistan have to educate its society about women rights and duties
  - (C) literate and skillfull women will flourish Pakistan
  - (D) State have to eradicate Patriarchy from the society.
- (6) Conclusion

~~Topic: giving importance to women in our country has been a great deal of difficulty. Discuss its manifestations, way forward for growing intolerance and its consequences.~~

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"Empowering women is a key to building a future we want" these words of Amartya Sen show the importance of women for any society. Unluckily the word empowering a woman is missing from Pakistani society. A Society where women are 51% of the total population but the country is still among the worst place to live in for a woman. In a place full of misogynistic men, a woman faces harassment, assault, discrimination and marginalisation on daily basis. All these problems a woman faces today are actually the failure & the fault-lines of Islamic Republic of Pakistan as a state. Without women empowerment Pakistan cannot achieve desired socio-economic and political developments. Pakistan has to engage its women capital in every sector so the population become an asset of the nation.

The Pakistani society is plagued with misogyny. Misogyny

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is a curse for the development of the country. A woman cannot participate in social affairs, unable to get her due right, faces biased standards of the society will always becomes a liability for the society. In Pakistani society a woman faces suppression by the hegemony of men in economic, social, political, educational and in many other sectors. A nation cannot become great where women suppression has become an order of the day.

It is always a society who look-after its people so everyone gets equal opportunities & rights. But there are many loopholes in Pakistani society, which seems to be dragging a woman behind a man. These loop-holes imposed the biased standards of Pakistani society. Many a women have listed the famous proverb 'what will people say' in their lives. It has become a hurdle in the path of success for every women. The Pakistani society should

come out of the biased standards so everybody can participate for the well-being of society.

On the other hand low literacy rate has become a cage for women. Education is the very basic demand to work in any sector. An uneducated woman will be unable to get a job or to work in a respectable sector where society allows them to work. So automatically low literacy rate becomes a cage for women. The literacy rate of women in Pakistan is 35% lowest in South Asia. Higher literacy guarantees a developed future. Scandinavian countries are an example for the world.

Similarly religion plays a great role in society. Religion shape the views of people. But unfortunately some altered religious teachings had activated anti women sentiments in society. These anti women sentiments sealed a woman within four walls. Also these misunderstood religious teachings bereave a woman from

her basic rights like education, independency, or to marry. The severity of these sentiments even leads to honour killing. The influence of Taliban Islam can be seen in border areas of Pakistan with Afghanistan. Areas like South Waziristan are an example where women follow strict altered Sharia law.

In the same way lack of economic opportunities for women in Pakistan is a big concern. It should be great concern that a country having 107 million women had no woman chief of army staff, or a woman Inspector general of Police, and a very minute number of CEOs, chairmen or other sector representatives. It is all because a woman don't get an equal opportunity as a man. Pakistan is ranked 143rd in economic participation and opportunities for a woman. The indicator does not bode good signs. Opportunities should be given on equally bases.

Along with this physical violence has become an order of the day in Pakistani. Harassment, torture, spousal violence can be easily

traced in our society. the women of Pakistan are experiencing these violences from their home to their work places. These tortures make a woman physically, psychologically ill. 'Noor Muqadam case, Lahore motorway incident' and many other cases are the stark realities of Pakistani Society. rule of law and tight check and balance from state authorities can improve this inhuman stereotype.

It should also be noted that along with society a state also has to play a great role to safeguard the rights of its people. But in case of Pakistan, state seems failing to do so. from Justice, maternal mortality, Rape, murder, mal-nutrition and so on the catastrophic condition of state organ exposes the reality. 'Every year 477000 women die of maternal mortality, 5200 rape cases only in 2021.' These figures are actually the failure of state to secure a woman.

Moreover the unavailability of any strong platform where women can register their problems and demand for their solution is ~~creating~~ creating a buffer between women and authorities. Women are unable to raise their voices at a single platform so they can work together for their right. scarcity of platforms for women makes her sealed within four walls. Women relief committee (WRC), women action front (WAF), sindhiyani tahreek all these forums had played a great role in Pakistan for the rights of women. women of Pakistan are in dire need of platforms like these.

In addition to these problems, women are facing in Pakistan, Pakistan has to bear the consequences of these problems. Pakistan is wasting half of its human capital as there are 107 million women in Pakistan out of 220 million population. if Gender gap, low women participation in labour or hundreds of other

factors will not be improved Pakistan will surely face severe consequences in terms of economy, social welfare and other sectors.

'Quran says, women are twin halves of men'. An Islamic Republic, ~~if~~ Pakistan should utilize its whole human capital for the well-being of nation.

It can also be said that if Pakistan did not empower its women, economic stability will remain a dream for Pakistan. In informal economy a woman can bring \$15 to \$20 per month for country. If the female force were to become equal to the male working population Pakistan's GDP could increase by 60% by 2025? This makes it clear that without women participation Pakistan's economy will remain in doldrum.

Also how can one forget the importance of social harmony for any nation. Society is the building block of any nation. A disrupted, biased, chaotic

Can not be the testimony of great, developed nations. Africa and Middle eastern countries are an example that although they have gold and oil reserves but the regions failed to emerge as leaders because of social chaos in society.

Coming towards the solutions, Pakistan has to make its women socially, economically independent. An independent woman will lead to an independent Pakistan. Pakistan has to provide them opportunities, soft loans, micro financing schemes, particular quota, start up schemes and many more opportunities to empower a women. 'Women are the architect of the society' the quotation is true in its all sense but only for those who have authority.

Also here Pakistan has to educate its people about what is women rights? what feminist movements are all about, what are your duties as a male.

So the stereotypes should break. most of the problems women faces in society are due to unawareness of the due right and duties of women. A difference in mentalities can only be bring through right and effective education through social media, curriculum media, TV industry. All these platform can collectively to educate Pakistani society.

It should also be added that a woman can not flourish in a Patriarchic Society. Pakistan has to eradicate Patriarchy from its society. Male hegemonic sectors, societies are the cause of women suppression. A woman can work in her full strength ~~and~~ only when she will feel free, safe in the environment.

Article 25(1), 25(2) of The Constitution of Pakistan say All citizens are equal before law and there should be no discrimination on the basis of Sex.

On Summing up the story it is made clear that there are many loopholes in Pakistani society and in state itself. which are making Pakistan lag behind in social, economical and political sectors. The unacceptability of women in society is a question mark on the Culture, Religion, ethics Teaching and on the state itself. without women empowerment Pakistan can not succeed in its aims of becoming a great nation. A gender equal society would be the one where the word gender does not exist; where everyone can be themselves (Gloria Steinem).