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Outline.

Topic: Women Universities as an Agent of Change.

(1) Introduction:- Women's universities drive progress by empowering women and effecting social, economic, political, and global change. These are the key to social progress by upgrading skills of women through educational institutions. Hence, they should be given equal opportunities to perform their role in nation's progress.

2) How Women Universities are catalyst for change?

2a) Women's Universities Empowers Women through Education.

- Brings confidence, self-worth and Independence.
- Accelerates knowledge and skill development.
- Cultivates female authors and mentors.
- More women universities will preserve the religious principles in the Muslim world.

(Women universities in Pakistan have become the breeding grounds for female authors who dare to challenge societal norms, and redefine gender roles, showing the education is the true driver of transformation) - Kaniz Shamsi

2b) Women's Universities drives Social Change:

- Importance of an educated mother's lap in nurturing child development
- (Give me an educated mother, I shall promise you the birth of a civilized,

educational nation" - Napoleon Bonaparte)

- Brings cultural change in society.

(British Council 2020 highlighted that 60% of women's universities graduates reporting increased confidence in challenging gender norms)

- Produces female doctors contributing to health awareness of other females more than male doctors.

(As Per Pakistan Medical and Dental Council

(PMDU) 2022, 70% of female graduates in medical. 50-60% of these female doctors go to practice)

+ Promoting Gender Equality; breaking gender-based stereotypes; produces female graduates serving as a role model for younger generation.

“Educating women is not just about individual empowerment; it is the most effective investment we can make in creating a more equal and just society” - Kofi Annan, former UN-Secretary General)

2c) Women Universities Role in Exacerbating Economic Progression:

- Encourages women to participate in labor force, contributing to increase in Economic GDP.

(As Per World Bank Report, between 1991 and 2021, the literacy rate among Bangladesh increased from 20% to 74% contributing

• Significantly in economic growth, boosting Bangladesh's GDP through Ready Made Garments (RMG) sector, where women constitute around 80% of the workforce).

• Accelerating E-commerce, online business, and female Entrepreneurship contributing to revenue generation:

(As Per 2022 report by the International Finance Corporation (IFC), women lead online business and entrepreneurship have grown over 50% of over past 5 years, contributed to 12% of countries GDP).

- Advancement in Technological and Research Innovation.

(As Per OECD): Finland spends its 3% of GDP in research and development, over 50% of Finnish science and engineering graduates being female).

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2d) Political Changes:

- Drives change in the format of female leadership and power position.

(As Per UNESCO, 2021, 40% women universities graduates engage in political activities and pursue leadership roles).

- Women leaders and Political representative draws inclusive policies including women, playing role as the mother of the state).

(Bhutto Quote: As a woman leader --- I entered politics with an additional dimension that of a mother).

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2e) Women Universities Catalyzes Change Globally.

- Improves National Prestige and serves as an ^{em} exemplary model.

(Case studies of Finland and Bangladesh)

- Unlocks potential of Women in Sports activities and provides opportunity to play global olympic games.

"Educating women is the foundation upon which ^{we} build female athletes who can compete on the global stages, proving that opportunity, training, and determination can transcend any barriers." - Billie Jean King, Tennis Champion and Advocate for Gender Equality)

3) Conclusion.

"Education is the key to our nation's failure: we must invest in our schools, colleges, and universities to give our youth the knowledge and skills they need to succeed" - Quaid-e-Azam

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Women Universities are a strong drivers of women's empowerment. These institutions encourages self-worth, confidence and independence in their students through supportive and inclusive learning environment. It has the power to transform nations. Here, the ^{notable} quote of **Napoleon Bonaparte** perfectly fits in the context ^{where} he stated "Give me an educated mother, I shall promise you the birth of civilized educated nation." Therefore, it is evident that women's universities not only nurtures and grows the a woman but an entire nation where children and youth are the assets of national development. Additionally, it empowers them to bring societal change, making them self-autonomous or independent, boosting their confidence to know their self-worth and challenges the traditional gender roles. It transforms them from a mere submissive character to a bold, courageous and powerful women. Similarly, it also serves as a catalyst for economic progress where more women taking part in labor force and employment along with entrepreneurs can ultimately generates revenues and increases Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth. These institutions brings out innovators, scientists, and intellectuals that contributes to

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Research and Technological innovations of the countries. Moreover, it also empowers women to take leadership positions and political representation of a state that not only increases the national prestige and honour but also improves the well-being of society. An educated leader is the mother of the nation. Furthermore, women in sports are also empowered by these institutions that takes part in the global sports competition such as Olympic games, exacerbating the national prestige worldwide. However, by initiating feminist Pedagogy, developing Pakistani Feminism and linking it with activism, the women universities can become the vanguards of a positive social change in social relationship and roles. Hence, women universities drive progress by empowering women and effecting social, economic, political, and global change. These are the key to social progress by upgrading skills of women through educational institutions. Therefore, they should be given equal opportunities to perform their role in nation's progress.