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"Status of Women in Islam"

Imagine, the world of Pre-Islamic Arabia. People used to bury their daughters. Women were fully dominated by the Patriarchy of the idols worshippers of Makkah. If Islam is still attractive in this contemporary era, then how it would have been in such despair situation of Pre-Islamic Arabia, simply unimaginable. It was Islam, which liberated the women from the tyranny of idol worshippers. Indeed, it is Islam which has kept the status of women high on every platform, whether it is legal platform or economical and whether it is political or social, Islam can be considered the pioneer of women rights.

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It was Islam which gave legal rights to the women for the first time. Throughout the history, women had been inferior to men legally. In Islam, both women and men are equal before law. There is no compensation for men in any punishment if it is compared with women. For example, there are 100 lashes for both men and women in case of adultery. Women have also the right to validify their marriages with ~~three~~ thrice verbal acceptance as men. Lastly, women can be the witnesses and their witnesses must be accepted as men.

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Economically, women can run a business and can get involved in trading. Hazrat Khadija (R.A) was a trader and business woman. Furthermore, even in the contemporary era, women are denied from inheritance, but Islam has given them this right about 1400 years ago. So, women in Islam can inherit property, own property, and rent a property. Apart from this, Islam has ordered father and brothers to take care of his daughter and their sister before her marriage; Islam has also ordered husband and sons to take economic care of his wife and their mother respectively.

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Now it is optional
for women to do
job or not. There is
no obligation on women
to earn for herself and
her family.

As for as
Political rights are
concerned, Islam had
given the right
of freedom of expression

to women. During the
era of 2nd Pious
Caliph Hazrat Umar (R.A),
a woman came to
Hazrat Umar (R.A) and
wanted him to correct
himself. The reason behind

that correctness was an
ordinance. The woman gave a
reference from the Holy
Qur'an to counter that
ordinance. Hazrat Umar (R.A),
being an absolute authority, P.T.O

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despite intimidating her,
appreciated her effort to
correct him. Moreover, women
have also the right
of the freedom of opinion.
In addition, they can
also take part in
politics. As Hazrat Aisha (R.A)
was involved in the
army of Hazrat Usman's (R.A)
revenge.

Socially, women ^{also} enjoy
a special status in
Islam. Without their consent,
they can not be
married to anyone forcefully.

As in case of Hazrat
Fatima's (R.A), marriage, despite
everything was fixed
in the heavens, Prophet
(SAW) asked her about
her consent. They also have
the right to take
divorce from her husband. P. 7.8

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in Islam. In addition, Islam has fined zero percent dowry on woman during her marriage. Islam has commanded man to arrange everything for the marriage. Prophet (SAWI) asked Hazrat Ali (R.A) to arrange for his marriage, despite he had nothing except his garment.

The deen of Islam had also made it obligatory on both women and men to educate themselves. There is no discrimination between man and woman in case of education. ~~And~~ Apart from this, women can also become a spiritual figure as in case of

Hazrat Fatima (R.A) and

Hazrat Rabia Basri.

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To Conclude, Islam
 is the pioneer of
 women rights. It has
 kept the status of
 women higher than any
 other religion, philosophy and
 ideology realistically. It had
 given legal, economic, political and
 social rights at the time when
 these terms and systems
 were unknown to the
 whole world. In present times,
 there is no a
 such punishment for
 the violation of women
 rights, but in Islam, if
 one violates any of the women
 rights, he/she would be responsible
 to the Islamic state and
 also he/she would live a
 sinful life. Especially, God
 Almighty would ask him/her
 on the day of judgement
 about that violation.

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