

# "WOMEN UNIVERSITIES AS AGENT OF CHANGE"

## Outlines

### 1) Introduction

### 2) A Bird's Eye view of the current System of Women Education and their access to education

### 3) How Women Universities Bring Change

- a) Ensuring political participation of women
  - b) Encouraging people to ~~rise~~ raise voices for equal rights.
  - c) Ensuring intellectual growth of women in particular and of ~~the~~ the coming generation in general.
  - d) Eradicating poverty ~~as~~ by doing jobs and supporting families.
  - e) Strengthening national economy by contributing to the total GDP of the country.
  - f) Improving the literacy rate of the country.
  - g) Controlling population's growth rate and child mortality.
  - h) Curbing child marriages by spreading awareness and eroding conservative patterns of society.
  - i) Educating the new generation to be a good citizen by character building and morality.
  - j) Eliminating corruption by virtue of good conduct of people in the society.
  - k) Bringing more innovations in technological advancement.
- 4) Way forwards to improve women education

Topic is about women universities (higher education)

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- a) Sufficient allocation of budget
  - b) Eliminating the cause of discrimination
  - c) Curbing women harassment at ~~work~~ institutions
  - d) providing equal opportunities in job market
  - e) conclusion

"To awaken a nation it is the women who must be awakened once she is on the move; the family moves, the villages move, the society moves and the country moves." These enlightening lines of the former prime minister, Jawahar Lal Nehru, outrightly speak about the real story of women and their role in the development at large scale. Similarly, when women are given the opportunity of getting the education, there is a complete assurance that they will participate in politics, which will lead them to raise their voices for equal rights, resulting into a prosperous society. Moreover, Education can ensure the intellectual growth of the women, which would lead to supporting the families and controlling ~~of~~ the population in the country. Furthermore, Educated women would lead the upcoming generation towards a good citizenship who would avoid corruption, and strengthen the national economy as well as bring innovation

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in technological advancement overall, the education of women would improve the literacy rate, and also, erode and forbid child marriages. Hence, women universities are the true agents of change, which will bring metamorphose ~~the~~ <sup>the</sup> society and bring new developments at large scale in every aspect of life.

The current education system for women varies at different places of the world. The first world countries are having a fabulous education system and opportunities for women, while the ~~3rd~~ <sup>third</sup> world countries are ~~so~~ desperately pathetic in terms of women education system. The first world countries like America is having fantastic system and privileges for women's education. As every year about 59% <sup>per-cent</sup> women are graduated and about 48% of males are graduated, showing that women have the opportunities to attain excellence in education. While 3rd world country, like Pakistan is having only 17 women universities and a few dozen of colleges resulting into asymmetrical chances for women to achieve their goals. Moreover, in countries like Pakistan women have no direct access to education, as some of them are the victims of conservative minds to not go to educational

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institutions, while some are succumbed to financial constraints.

To begin with, women universities are the true agent of change which ~~not~~ ensure the political participation of women.

They could easily be the part of politics, once they get educated, which would inculcate in them ~~with~~ the consciousness and ability to compete with others at any stage of life in general and in political sphere in particular.

For example, in America, Kamala Harris is the true example of an educated woman who can compete with anybody ~~as~~ contested the presidential election of America, while in Pakistan there is no democracy in women to participate in elections except a few of the women. which is the result of ~~the~~ **higher** poor education system and lack of educational institutions in Pakistan.

Hence, women universities are the ~~true~~ ways to change the society which not only ensures women political participation but also encourages people to raise voices for equal rights.

To add further, women universities can ~~also~~ bring change in society in terms of the civic voices for equal rights. In other words, when women are educated they would also educate the consciousness of their upcoming generations as well as

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the contemporary, which will result  
into these people impulses to raise  
the voice and demand their rights, leading  
to a prosperous society. For instance,  
Denmark is having hundred percent  
of literacy rate, whose nation is  
fully conscious about their rights, and  
in turn, the government is also providing  
them with their basic rights. On the  
other hand, Afghanistan is a country  
where people are oppressed and not  
really enjoying even their basic and fundamental  
rights, like going to attain education  
or giving their opinion in policy-making  
and voting to their like-minded  
politicians. In fact, there is no democracy  
which is the right of every person on earth  
in the modern era as they are  
not provided with the women education, which is  
why they are backward in this era of develop-  
ment. Hence, women education and  
universities could contribute to people's  
encouragement to demand their rights.

Moreover, women education  
ensures the intellectual growth of women  
in particular <sup>and</sup> of the coming generation  
in general. Women who get through  
the education or universities can develop  
their maturity of mind, as education  
at higher level like universities provide  
an individual with many opportunities

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to learn different things and different ways to live the life; and also, then, they would do a good up-bringing of their descendants. For instance, women in Ireland, who are well educated and has been through universities, are grown; and their next generation is also going to be grown-up. But on the other hand, women in Venezuela are not well educated, as they are having lack of educational opportunities, so their next-generation will also be not that much grown as of Ireland. Hence women universities plays a role in the nation-wide maturity and prosperity.

one of the other changes include, overcoming poverty by doing jobs of women and supporting their families. Women, who get education, can do jobs at various platforms in order to support their families financially. Beside, they could present their financial support to their families through which poverty would be overcome and the needs would be accessed. For example, In developed countries, educated women earn money through decent ways and support their family, overcoming poverty and resulting in a prosperous lives of people. While underdeveloped countries, which are having less universities

For women and their access to education, are the victims of poverty and hardly afford their fundamental needs. Hence women universities play a key role in supporting the families financially and overcoming poverty.

Furthermore, women universities could contribute to encourage women to strengthen national economy by contributing to the total GDP of the country. Similarly, when women are educated; they would ultimately work and contribute to the national economy. For instance, according to a UN report research report that "when women work, the economy grow; and by 2030 - if women work at job markets - the total economy of any country would likely improve upto \$ 7 trillion". So, it is evident that if women work, the economy of a nation would flourish. However, countries like Pakistan and Afghanistan, where women are the victims of a male dominant society, would never likely improve its national economy. Hence, women universities are the agent of change which could contribute to the total GDP of the

country. And where people are educated there is humanity, and where humanity is alive, there is prosperity; and happiness are shared with each others. Moreover, literacy of a nation leads to good governance, rule of law, and a sense to distribute the resources equally and give the due rights of people to them. For example, according to a report, issued by the UN, which says - that "Norway is having recorded ten out of ten percent in terms of its rule of law; which is due to the higher ratio of literacy. Hence, it can be deduced that women universities can bring change in the shape of high literacy rates, resulting into good governance and rule of law.

In addition to it, women universities could contribute to control population growth and child mortality. Universities of women could educate women not only about the science and technology but also about the good and bad of population growth, and also about child mortality, that what is good and bad for an unborn child like what a mother should eat and do, and what should not; which will result into a healthier baby. Moreover, ~~the~~ educated

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mothers can easily control the time-ticking bomb of population. For example, according to WHO, Iceland and Singapore are the lowest child mortality, which is believed that it is due to the well educated mothers. On the other hand Somalia and Chad are on the top of the list for child mortality, which is also deemed to be as because of the lack of women education. Similarly, China and Singapore are having a strong hold on population control, which is again due to the higher literacy rates in both of the countries. Hence, women universities can <sup>bring the change or</sup> control population and child mortality.

Another change that women universities can bring by educating women is that it could curb the child marriages by spreading awareness and eroding the conservative patterns of society. Women could easily overcome this obstacle of the old-minded of society. When women are given the rights to read and write, they would cut off this curative practice of the traditional world. For instance, according to UNICEF "Australia and Canada are the countries, where child marriages are not tolerated, and are not being practiced while Nigeria, Bangladesh and Chad are deeply

indulged in this patterns of practices, wherein, 76% of child marriages are happening in Nigeria; 58% are in Bangladesh; and 88% of early marriages are ~~by~~ in Chad. All of this is because of the lack of women universities and their education. Hence, to prevent child marriages, women universities could play a crucial role in it.

Similarly, women education by the existence of women universities, can also educate the upcoming generation of the world, by character building and teaching morality to be a responsible citizens. In other words, women could be a role models in terms of inculcating good values and practicable as well as acceptable norms in the new generation, resulting into a good moral and of good character's citizens. For example, countries of high literacy born good citizens in terms of responsibility, morality and of good conduct of character. While those nations, who are lacked and behind in the race of literacy competitions, are also not fulfilling the criteria of a good and responsible citizens. So, it is to be deduced that women universities would enable the citizens of any country to be highly

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responsible, morally good and competent in terms of character.

Lastly, women universities have a to do more with technological advancement.

Educated women could contribute to the new developments of artificial intelligence; when they are given such platforms like specific dedicated education institutions so they would compete with

the men - AI seed scientists - where they could improve the technology by utilizing their true potential and skills. For example

Finland's women like Raisa Wickstrom and Kasita Ek have contributed to Finland's tech-innovation; where education of women is

at peak. While countries like Yemen and

Afghanistan's women are at the lowest rates in terms of education in the world;

where women participation in STEM including AI, is extremely limited.

Hence, women education and the existence of women universities could contribute

to the fields of technology and innovation in Artificial Intelligence.

The following paragraphs are going to discuss some of the ways forwards for the improvement of women education.

Firstly, to ensure the education of women, sufficient allocation of budget is needed. Government should dedicate a handsome amount of budget for

Women universities and their education. In fact, government should provide the women educational institutions with all the modern technological equipments, which could help women to flourish academically and also socially by making themselves independent. For example, women in the developed countries are socially independent, because they have been given all the requirements at their institutions which would require for their academic success, resulted into their independence society.

Secondly, discrimination should be eliminated in order to get excellency in education. Women should be given every right which they deserve to have; they should not be treated unfairly, but rather, they should be respected and given the equal opportunities, then they will be able to bring the change into the society to flourish. For instance, according to the Global Gender Gap Report 2023, Iceland has implemented policies of equality and has overcome discrimination; wherein, Iceland is now ranked as 1st in the world countries which has eliminated discrimination. So, it can be said that overcoming discrimination

will have a direct influence on any country's prosperity.

Thirdly, to improve women education, they must be given equal rights at job-markets. In fact, there should be a specific quota system which would be allowed only to women, in both sectors of job-market whether it is a private or a government job. Similarly, there should not be any kind of harassment of women, and they must be free of any devil-like activity. Moreover, through jobs of women they can become a role-models for the next young girls, demonstrating the value of education and the possibilities available to them. Hence, by providing equal job opportunities to women, education of women can easily increase.

To conclude, women universities are the true agent of change, through which society can boom, affecting every aspect of life of the people, living in that society. Beside, women universities and their education can bring change at large scale, including political participation of women, which is very rare in the world; Educated women ensures the intellectual growth of the youngsters by educating them and supporting. Moreover, women education can contribute to

controlling the rapid growth of population, which is not less than a disastrous situation. In fact, literate women would be able to invent and modify the technology which is still a need of the underdeveloped world. However, there are some measures to be taken in order to improve women literacy in the world, including, sufficient allocation of budget, elimination of discrimination, curbing harassment at work places and equal shares in job-market. At last, Nelson Mandela once said that "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

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