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Women Empowerment a Myth or Reality

Outlines:

1- Introduction:

a. Hook

b. General Statement

c. Thesis Statement: In Pakistan women are participating in every aspects of life and their presence is evident in every profession but number of women is very low compared to men whether it be education, health, media, politics, judiciary, sports and entrepreneurship. Therefore, women empowerment is a myth.

Topic is not limited to Pakistan

2. ~~Main Body:~~

a. Women Empowerment as a reality:

1. Education Sector:

- Opportunities for women in teaching
- Separate schools for girls education

2. Health Department:

- More women are Doctor
- A huge number of ladies are working in nursing, population welfare department as health workers, physio-therapy etc.

3. Media:

- Women news reporters
- Female actors work in television programs & movies

4. Politics:

- Women are part of politics like (Benazir Bhutto), and currently Maryam Nawaz serving as CM of Punjab.
- Women have right to vote.

5. Judiciary:

- Females as lawyers.
- Women as Judges.

6. Sports:

- Pakistan women cricket team.
- Pakistan women hockey team.

7. Business:

- ~~Many~~ Small scale business like artwork, handicraft.
- Vocational workers.
- Salons (Sana's & Sara's Salon).
- Boutiques (Maria's).

b. Women Empowerment as a myth:

1. Education Sector:

- In rural areas, more than 50% girls stays at home due to patriarchal norms & poverty.
- Issues in Jobs.

2. Health Department:

- After graduating many health workers

do not pursue their careers, due to family issues.

- limited access to health care.
- Inadequate health care programs for females.

Judiciary:

- ~~Very~~ Salt in grain like women are lawyers.
- Only 28 females are judges in high courts of Pakistan out of 113.
- Out of 198 members of bar council, only 7 members are women.

Media:

- Women are given limited roles but not rendering as diverse talents, achievements & contributions to society.
- Underrepresentation in decision making roles such as producers, directors & editors.

Politics

- Representation is less in National & provincial assemblies ^{as} compared to men.
- Participation is inadequate in politics.

Business:

- Cream of market or main businesses are controlled by men.
- Workers in labour market are men.
- Unequal opportunities for males & females.
- Limited resources.

Other Issues:

- Domestic Violence.
- Detachment of Right of Khula.
- Denial of women inheritance right.
- Harassment Issue.
- Lack of Security while travelling alone.
- Treatment as commodity.

3. Conclusion:

It's very much needed to address this issue. Unless women are not given their proper rights to educate, proper health care, freedom to decisions, awareness of legal & sharia rights for women, participation in politics, owning of business, role in politics & decision making posts like judges and rulers. Most importantly equal rights for men & women must be ensured. Only then Pakistan can be prosperous, with women empowerment. Till then women empowerment is merely a myth.