

# The ambitious Journey towards gender equality:

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# The Essay

## Introduction:

It was assumed that Germany would win the WWII because of its strong army and weapons but they were defeated. Their fall was evident as they restricted the participation of women on the other hand, Queen Elizabeth participated and the automobile industry utilized the human resources. The results were clear: Britain won & Germany got defeated. So without equal opportunities for men and women no nation can achieve

~~the success. In case of Pakistan the journey towards the equality of men and women is not ambitious despite of opportunities in various sectors. Still women participation in major sectors like education, economic, legal, political is very less as compared to men. In addition there are increasing numbers of cases of rape and honor killing. So, for the prosperity of country equality in every sector is fundamental requirement.~~ Topic is not Pakistan - specific

2 First this essay will discuss the factors which indicate ambitious journey towards gender equality second section will give the subtitle of ambitious journey towards equal opportunities for both genders

## 2- Factors indicating Journey towards Gender equality is ambitious.

### 2.1- Educational opportunities

Education is a fundamental pillar of any society. Pakistan has made substantial progress for equal education of girls and boys. Initiatives such as Girls Stipended Program has major role to provide financial assistance to females. Moreover, recently Government has introduced the Pink Bus service for female students and teachers in Islamabad. A report of UNESCO indicated that education of girls in Pakistan has increased from 35% in 2000 to 60% in 2022. Moreover Pakistani women are pursuing higher education and achieving remarkable achievements. As in year 2021 Female Professor from GC University Lahore had received "Researcher of the Year" award from HEC.

Education is empowering females to excel in every field of life.

## 2.2 Economic Participation

In economic sector, Pakistani women have made significant progress. Many prominent females like Musarat, Dr. Shamsheer Akhtar, Misbah, names in this field. Initiatives like Prime Minister Youth Business Scheme have been launched to provide financial assistance to men and women. Moreover, media, textile sector has list of women who have proved their skills. In media industry Shadman oBard Chinn has won two Oscar awards for her documentaries on women of Pakistan. These achievements indicates that Pakistani females are no less than their counterparts in economic sector.

## 2.3 Political Representation

While talking about the participation of Pakistani women in political arena the first which comes to mind is Benazir Bhutto. She had served as first female Prime Minister of Muslim world. Apart from that Fatima jinnah,

Rana Liaqat Ali Khan were the symbol of women empowerment during the creation of Pakistan. The constitution of Pakistan grant equal right of women. There are reserved seats for females in National assembly. In many women serve in National and provincial cabinets, and play role in Policy making of country. The number of women in National assembly has increased from 12% in year 2000 to 16% in 2022 (Dawn News).

## 2.4 Legal Arena

Moreover, Pakistani women have opportunities to represent the judiciary. Asma Jahangir was prominent advocate of Supreme Court of Pakistan. She had major role in strengthening the Supreme court. ~~Best~~ <sup>use in</sup> point ~~in~~ case is recent example of Justice Ayesha Malik who is the first women to serve in Supreme court. She was named in BBC's report of most influential women - Justice Tahirah Syed and Justice Musabbir Hildali are serving in high courts. Their appointments are significant mile stone in history of Pakistan which indicate a journey towards gender equality. There is quote for

females in judiciary which  
the effort of government shows  
providing equal opportunities to women

### ~~3- Factors indicating towards gender equality is journey ambitious.~~

So far, this essay has  
the factor showing ambitious  
towards gender equality. The journey  
will discuss the factors which next section  
debate the ambitious journey of gender  
equality.

### ~~3.1 Less educational opportunities~~

First factor impeding the  
equality is less opportunities  
females. Despite the enrollment  
in colleges and universities,  
reality is different. Statistics  
girls enrollment is not positive.

According to Social and Economic Survey  
of Pakistan in year 2018 half of  
the girls having age 10 or above have  
attended the school. In addition to this  
only half women between age 10 to 24  
know reading or writing. Education situation  
is good in urban areas. but in rural

the situation is much worse - they  
major factor in total cases is less  
number of institutions specially college. So  
girls obtain their education till metric  
and then they leave study because they  
they are not allowed to study in  
cities. additionally the patriarchal system  
of social cases discourage female education.  
in case of cities these are large  
numbers of girls who get higher  
education but they are not allowed by  
their parent to do jobs. So, such  
conventional mindsets believes on education  
of and jobs of boys than girls.

### 3.2 Less Economic opportunities

Similarly, economic sector provide  
less opportunities to women. at global level  
38% women are participating in economic  
sector. But in case of Pakistan female  
work force is very less major reasons  
are social norms, family environment,  
less facilities like transport or hostels.  
another threatening factor is workplace  
harassment which hinder the active  
participation of women in workplace.  
There is largest gender gap in work  
force of men and women.



In addition to this, women do jobs who are less paid than men. Women who have children face more difficulty in job because there are very few day care centres offered by the government. So at the end they have to leave the job. Government should take initiatives to create healthy work environment for women to increase labor force.

### 3.3. Less Political Representation

The third factor which is influencing the ambitious journey towards gender equality is less participation of women in political sector. Women face barriers in voting, seeking office, in making policies. out of 60 million registered voters, only 40% are females. The major reason is their underrepresentation in political sector.

The recent years have witnessed prejudicial attitude towards women who are even elected in assemblies. They face harsh and slandering remarks or name calling by the male members of assembly. In case of electoral voters those who are registered, they cannot participate

in rural and backward areas especially  
number of cases have been reported  
in KPK. they are restricted by these  
male members. not only in Pakistan  
but in developing countries no women have  
served as president of country. Government  
needs to bring reform to ensure these  
participation.

### 3.4 Legal Sector

Additionally, the legal sector  
is witnessed less involvement of  
women than men. There are only  
few names who make to the higher  
positions. There are more likelihood of  
male judges to be appointed as judges  
of high court and supreme court.  
Mostly women serve in session courts  
and they are often sidelined  
by their male counterparts. As  
a result they are less likely to  
seek higher positions and promotions. Justice  
system needs reform to implement the  
past policies for male and female  
judges.

### 3.5 Less Participation in Sports

Similarity, Sports arena of India very less opportunities to females. Females cricket team receive less funds and coaching facilities than men cricket team. one factor is less media coverage for female. So, people are more interested in male sports. another factor is social taboo. female face taboos from their family members or other social institution like they would develop a male-like bodies. Men teams get more resources and foreign funds. Due to these factors female representation in sports is very less. There is dire need to bring reforms in sports sector to improve facilities for female players and efforts should be made to recognize their talent and achievement.

### 3.6 Cases on Honor killing and rape.

Last but not the least, is increasing number of honor killing

and rape cases against women.  
Pakistan ranked 1st out of  
153 countries in cases of domestic  
violence and honor killing. New policies  
the govt remain effective in preventing  
these cases. There are large number  
of cases who are under reported.

According to report by  
UN 900 women annually killed  
in name of honor in 2019.

This is alarming situation. If women  
are unable to obtain security that this  
situation will hinder their social and  
economical development.

These cases have been increasing  
day by day and no strict measure  
has been implemented so far. Government  
should give prime attention to this  
threatening situation. Safety of women  
should be given priority by government.  
They should take more serious steps  
to prevent the various crimes of  
rape and honor killing.

#### 4. Conclusion

It is evident from the above mentioned arguments that the journey of gender equality is not ambitious. As females are far behind the males in various sectors. Less effort have been put to raise the status of women and providing them equal opportunities. Government should give priority to females similar to males. There is dire need of developing and implementing the policies for advancement of females. Such policies should be monitored strictly and strict actions should be taken against rape or harassment in order to ensure the effective participation of females uplifting the status of country.

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