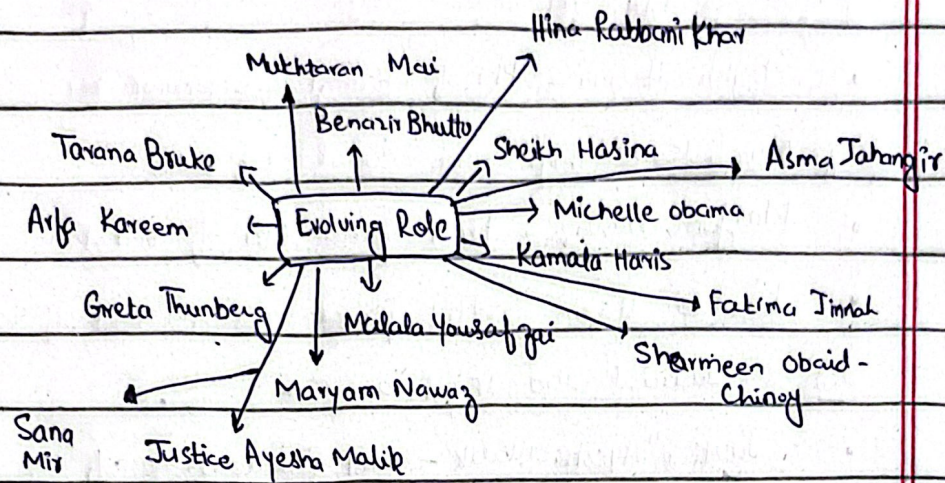


The Evolving Role of Women in Leadership and Decision-Making



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1. Introduction

1.1 Attention grabber: "No nation can rise to the height of glory unless your women are side by side with you." (Fatima Jinnah)

1.2 Background Statement

1.3 Thesis statement: The rise of women in leadership and decision-making demonstrates that empowering women is not merely a matter of equality, but a catalyst for national progress, innovation, and social justice.

2. Evolving Role of women in Leadership and Decision-Making:

2.1 Political Leadership

- Fatima Jinnah — Founder of Pakistan's women's Political movement.

- Benazir Bhutto - First female PM of Pakistan
- Hina Rabbani Khor - Pakistan's youngest and first female foreign minister.
- Sheikh Hasina - PM of Bangladesh known for long-term leadership and social reforms.
- Maryam Nawaz - First female CM of Pakistan
- Kamala Harris - First female Vice President of the USA.

2.2 Judicial and legal activism

- Justice Ayesha Malik - First female Judge of the Supreme Court of Pakistan.
- Asma Jahangir - Renowned human rights lawyer

2.3 Social Justice and activism

- Malala Yousafzai - Education activist
- Tarana Burke - Founder of the #MeToo movement
- Mukhtaran Mai - advocate against honor-based violence

2.4 Media, culture, storytelling

- Sharmeen Obaid-Chinoy - Oscar-winning filmmaker
- Michelle Obama - Former US first lady

2.5 Environmental and Youth leadership

- Greta Thunberg - Global climate activist and Youth leader

2.6 Sports leadership

- Sana Mir - Former Captain of Pakistan Women's Cricket Team

3. Conclusion

ESSAY:

"No nation can rise to the height of glory unless your women are side by side with you", said **Fatima Jinnah**, a key figure in Pakistan's history known as the **Mother of the Nation**.

This quote highlights the important role women play in leadership and decision-making, especially in countries like Pakistan and beyond. For many years, women faced social and cultural barriers that stopped them from taking part fully in politics, law, education, and other fields. However, over time, women have challenged these barriers and made significant progress. Leaders such as Benazir Bhutto, the first female Prime Minister of Pakistan, Malala Yousafzai, the youngest Nobel Peace Prize winner and education activist, and Justice Ayesha Malik, the first female judge of Pakistan's Supreme Court, show how women's roles are changing with the passage of time. These women and many others have not only broken traditional norms but also helped shape important decisions that affect their societies. Today, the rise of women in leadership and decision-making positions demonstrates that empowering

women is not merely a matter of equality, but a catalyst for national progress, innovation, and social justice-

This essay will explore the evolving role of women in leadership and how their contributions are reshaping societies for the better.