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Every individual has a right to live a quality and standard life in a sovereign state. The same category is considered for all humans equally. However, the women are complaining about their rights and their way of life. In this context, women is struggling for her rights from the last few centuries, but there is lack of seriousness and understanding. To achieve their rights, women have launched numerous feminists rights movements worldwide. The movements are struggling for equal opportunities in workplace, access of education for girls, and other political rights. Moreover, the oppression due to patriarchal setup is mainly highlighted. Similarly, the rapid increase in gender-based violence cases, domestic violence, and sexual violence cases are the key slogan of contemporary movements. However, in this

regard, women have raised their concerns and their possible solution through feminists movements to live a quality life.

The word feminism refers to the women's association or love for female. The word was coined by western for rising the problems of women and their positive results. Therefore, it is using now worldwide for the gaining of women's rights. However, in the modern day life, the feminism is associated with the women rights movements.

Similarly, due to the rising concerns, gender equality became a popular slogan worldwide. It was totally due the oppression of women. Women felt lack of opportunities in numerous factors, like women are considered low and

innocent. However, while the men are considered as a dominant and a breadwinner for the family. Women are only associating with house work only. However, due to all those issues the slogan become popular. In this regard, Pakistan is ranking 126 out of 158 countries in gender equality, as per statistics 2024. The report shows how Pakistani women far are from their rights.

In this context, another major issue is the lack of opportunities in workplace. Likewise, as per science, women can do all the respective works of the society as men do, but there is hierarchy over gender. Moreover, women are considered weak, shy, and home isolated gender in the society. As per Amnesty International report only 22.3% of women are

involved in workforce. However, the report shows the evidence of the lack of opportunities for women.

In addition to this, another issue of woman is the rapid increase in harassment cases. The issue has become controversial, when the successful and influential women faced harassment in their workplaces. As per GSI report, every 1 in 3 women is facing harassment worldwide. Even in the report, it is a shocking stats, how women are being harassing. The common women and their security can be imagine effectively in the society.

Similarly, the gender-based violence and its negative effects in the modern world is another factor. Women due to the gender tag are facing gender-based violence issues world wide. As per amnesty

international, round about 60% of women in the world is facing gender based violence worldwide. The gender identity become a pressing concern for the women.

On the other hand, the oppression of women in the form of domestic violence is another controversial slogan. Women from their love ones are facing violence, due to the minor disagreement. Male being a dominant and a breadwinner uses various ticts in domestic affairs, to oppressed women. As per dawn news report 2020, the domestic violence cases in Pakistan reached upto 200% in covid-19. However, this report truly highlights the domestic violence been faced by women.

In addition to this, women are in a sideline in the form of

participation in politics. The suffrage rights is also being isolated from women. The well-known woman faces a series of challenges as a candidate, while the ordinary women can't participate even in voting, while the allowed ones would cast their votes as per male's desire. As per statistics 2022, only 26.5% of women are in parliament world-wide. However, ensurance of political well and voting rights should be prioritize.

Moreover, the oppression of woman due to patriarchal setup also raised concerns in the country's development. Women has been strongly oppressed due to the fixed cultural and norms. Similarly, they are struggling in the educational lives and then in professional future. The already settled norms

and regulations are the main hurdles. However, to live a productive and peaceful life, women need societal support and motivation.

Another controversial issue is sexual violence. Women are abused and subjugated in the form of sexual violence. Similarly, due to minor disagreements, women are supposed to face sexual violence and sometimes it leads to death. A case study of Zainab, a 14-year-old child, was sexually abused and then brutally killed by an aged man. Similarly, there are numerous sexual violence cases; which need policy making and long penalties for the abusers.

However, to overcome those controversial issues, the feminist movements demand some of the

major steps needs by society and authorities. One of the first demand is the access of equal opportunities in all public and private sectors should be ensured. In the first step, access of education without any discrimination should be prioritized. Similarly, there should be equal career opportunities is of men in all sectors. However, by ensuring those opportunities, women can have give a productive life.

On the other hand, the cultural norms setted by a patriarchy shall be rivised timely. The setup is continuously oppressing the women. The guardians have the concerns over education due to societal pressure. Similarly, they does not allow women to do job or professional career, particularly after the marriage. Women are strongly

abused by those hurrler. However, women for those reasons started those movements, to achieve their due to rights for a just and prosperous society.

In addition to this, government also needs various legal setup to highlight women's issues. The legislature should adopt the rights in the form of new policy making. The policy makers should chair a meeting particularly for women's issues. It should ensure all the due rights women are demanding from decades.

In a nutshell, the women rights movements are in the struggle to highlight those concerns women are been facing. The societal inequality in their education and then in their professional lives

are surely discouraging them. On the other hand, the violence they are facing also needs timely major steps. The societal subjugation in the form of patriarchy is another pressing concern. In this context, due to the gender tag 'woman' they are suffering a lot. However, to encourage them, they need their due rights in form of equal opportunities, equal societal norms, and governmental support. By ensuring those opportunities, they will not only live a productive life, but they can contribute to the state's prosperity as well.