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"Pakistani Women Have Same Chances as Men"

A. Introduction

B. Pakistani Women Do Not have the same chances as men:

1. Women have limited quota in the parliament and non-existent role in politics.

Case in Point: 17% fixed quota in parliament for females.

2. Pakistani women have South Asia's lowest LFPR. They are inculcated in informal labor while men grab central positions.

Case in Point: Labor Force

Participation Rate is 20%.

for women, 80% for men.

(Economic Survey Report)

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3. Women face wages disparity in Pakistan.

Case in Point: For every Rs100
a man earns, a woman earns
Rs84.

(Economic Survey of Pakistan)

4. Patriarchal Society treats women
as secondary beings and disrupt
educational opportunities.

Case in Point: Pakistan
ranked 148/148 on Global
Gender Parity Index 2025.

5. Women Health is a neglected domain,
feudal mindsets treat them as child
bearing machines that stops their
individual progress.

Case in Point: The Female
Fertility Rate is 3.3 births
per woman in Pakistan.

(UNFPA Report)

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6. Women in Pakistan do not enjoy the freedom of movement due to unsafe societies.

Case in Point: Motorway Rape Incident followed by Victim Blaming.

7. Cyber Harassment restricts females from online activity.

Case in Point: NCCIA reports over 75% lodged cases to be registered by females.

8. Women in Pakistan have limited access to justice.

Case in Point: It took over a decade for Mukhtaran Mai to attain justice through courts.

9. Women owned small-scale businesses do not have same level of support.

Case in Point: No government initiative for Female Entrepreneurs.

C. Conclusion

"No Nation can progress until their men stand side by side the women", stated Quaid-e-Azam M. Ali Jinnah. The state of affairs in Pakistan clearly represents that women do not enjoy the same level of opportunities as men. With patriarchal norms deeply embedded within the social fabric, gender disparity remains prevalent. In the political arena, women are treated as minorities and function on reserved seats. Economic marginalization is depicted in lack of participation of females in labor force as well as the wages disparity. Focus on women education and health remains a trivial matter. Owing to the country's law and order scenario, women are confined within boundaries, unlike men. They are also kept back by issues of cyber harassment.

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All such factors contribute to gender discrimination. It is a pertinent fact that women in Pakistan do not enjoy equal opportunities in realm of political, economic and social spheres of life as compared to men.