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Frailty is no more the name
of women

1- Introduction

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~~important class of the society~~
who still faces many problems
which require fundamental reforms
to ensure the viability of women.

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rights

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class and legally at disadvantage
in the society

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Greta Thunberg, a Swedish climate rights activist, sailed twice to Gaza leading human rights activists and aid against the Israeli oppression on the strip. She is the emblem of contemporary women. However, ^{in the past} women did not had the privilege of such empowering representation. They were ~~a~~ less cherished class of the society deprived of the fundamental human rights. Women were socially ~~ex~~ marginalised section of the society, who were also at a disadvantage legally.

On the contrary, modern day women are in a much better situation than the previous ones. Today, women are legally protected and politically represented. They are part of the nation building process and have a significant role in the development of the world. Moreover, contemporary women are key business holders and have an important contribution in literature and film making. Yet, despite these developments, women still faces many challenges. The world is witnessing continuous violation of women's rights. Their development is hindered by religious and social biases, which is detrimental to women's freedom. There is a significant need of reforms to address these challenges to women. For that, women should essentially be educated and

politically represented. Additionally, the religious and social biases should be removed through effective social drive and narrative formation in favour of women. Moreover, women is an important class of society who still faces many problems which require fundamental reforms to ensure the viability of women.

To begin with, the historical background of women's condition provides a crucial understanding of their journey from oppression to empowerment. In the past women lacked fundamental human rights. They were socially excluded and legally disadvantaged.

Regarding the fundamental human rights, women were historically deprived of them. They

lacked right to dignity,
property, safety and life.
For instance, the Arabs used
to bury girls alive. Christian
theologians, such as, Tertullian
considered women as the

gateway to evil. Christianity
crossed women as evil and
considered them responsible
for the fall of Adam from
heaven. The Chinese Confucious
ideology had subjugated
women to the father, husband
and the son. Such was the
plight of women's fundamental
human rights historically.

In addition to the lack
of fundamental human rights,
women were also socially
excluded and were at a
disadvantage legally in the
past. Women were not
considered an equal part of
the society. They were

~~confined to domestic roles, as Napoleon would say, "Women should stick to knitting".~~ In the past ^{women} was also legally disadvantaged. laws did not considered women ~~not~~ eligible for property rights or human rights. For instance, only in the early 20th century, Britain was the first country to grant women suffrage rights. later on, other countries followed. But before the 20th century, such a concept was unthinkable. ~~However, these social and legal oppression of the past led to the evolution of contemporary women as strong and resilient against any such oppression.~~

Women ~~in the~~ contemporary world are more empowered. Their fundamental human rights are protected.

under the state and international law. They have enhanced political representation and have a significant role in the nation building processes. In addition, they are vocal about the development of the world and are playing their part. Women, today, are key business leaders and innovators. They also have a potential role in literature and film mediums.

Moreover, the fundamental human rights of women are strongly protected under state and international law. Unlike the past, when women lacked any such protection, today they have many privileges. Contemporary women have the right to dignity, property, ownership, life and freedom. These rights are

~~enshrined~~ in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, 1948. More importantly, the United Nations member states are signatories to the declaration. They are bound to protect women's human rights. Thus, the rights of women are secured in the modern world.

The ~~political representation~~ ^{need to work on language} of women, as her human rights, is also enhanced in the contemporary world. Women lead nations. They have ^{representation} a strong political, which was unthinkable to the women of the past. For instance, Kamala Harris, as a former vice president of United States of America, was the second most powerful person on earth. Other include, Angela Merkel, the German

the chancellor, governed the country for more than a decade. Despite the fact that women, still, in many parts of the world are politically oppressed. Yet these exemplary women who led nations and have a strong political voice, is a sign of development and empowerment of women.

Other than the political representation, women are also significantly involved in the nation building processes. They are playing their roles as doctors, engineers, scientists and rights advocates. For example, Iman Marzari, a Pakistani lawyer, is a vibrant example of such women who play their part in nation building. Other include, Noble laureate; Malala

yousafzai who is helping girls to educate and become self sufficient. They are the prime ^{playing} examples of women's role in national development.

Besides national development, women also play their part in the development of the world. They work in making the world a better place to live and thrive.

Women mobilise communities and nations against war's, inequalities, climate change and poverty that has struck the world miserably. for example, Greta Thunberg, a young girl, who is the symbol of women's strength and capabilities, brought a revolution in climate advocacy. moreover,

The recent Nobel peace prize winner, Maria Correa who has been voicing for democratic and human rights in Venezuela, is inspiring the world against dictatorship. These women are reflecting their role in the development of the world.

Apart from national and global developmental roles, contemporary women are also keen business leaders and innovator.

They are influential business women and driving important chairs and decision making. For instance, Dr. Tu Youyou, a Nobel prize winner for developing antimalarial drug. Another woman named Whitney Wolfe, she is a self made billionaire and the founder Bumble.

These business women mark a stark difference between contemporary women and the past ones. Women who did not even had the right to ownership. Who were themselves considered as property of the men in many societies. They are today at such a great height of business and innovation.

In addition to business and innovation, women have also an important part in literature and film making. Through their creative imagination, they are influencing and moulding the world into something more viable. Literature and films now have a deeper role in shaping thoughts. Just as radical literature have negative influences on the

mind, progressive literature has a developmental influence on the individual and society. For instance, Jane Austine, famous for her literary work, Pride and Prejudice. She was the pioneer of feminist themes and in exposing the societal evils against women. Another influential woman, Maya Angelou was a poet and civil rights activist. She has written her famous literary work: "I know why the caged Bird sings". The work of these incredible women were also translated into films. Together, these literary works and film mangs based on such women transform the society into a better place and reflect women empowerment.

Despite the priviledges and empowerment that

women enjoy today, they still faces many challenges. They confront continuous violation of their rights, religious and biases and social discrimination against their empowerment.

One of most crucial challenges in the modern world women faces is the violation of their rights with impunity. As the world is becoming a fragmented society amid the global rivalries and competitions, it is deeply impacting the protection of women's rights. Owing to the global world politics, the UN has become inefficient against implementing women's rights enshrined in UDHR, 1948. For example, in Afghanistan, women education is banned. They are socially excluded and are deterred from

coming out in markets, workplace and media. Despite such gross violation of women's rights, the UN and the global world has failed to prevent such mishappenings. more atrociously, despite such misconducts, countries like Russia and India are recognizing the taliban regime. This gives a moral legitimacy to the regime in continuing their misconduct. The ^{situation} reflects the violation of women's rights and inefficiency of the world in preventing it.

Religious biases further aggravate the violation of women's rights and the prevention of their development. Religions themselves does not need to work on language promote any such hinderance to the empowerment of women. Instead, it is the clerics

or radical people who misinterpret the religious texts.

For example, Daesh, Al Qaeda and Tehrik Taliban Pakistan and Afghanistan have a stern and radical view of women's social participation. They shadow the facts.

Harat Khadija, the wife of the prophet ^{in Islam} was the first business woman, who even

proposed the prophet for marriage. These radical mindsets suppress the fact that Mary, the mother of Jesus, received divine revelation.

~~or Because~~ such theological examples ^{which the} are against to and which promote women empowerment.

Other religion, too, have such biases, as child marriage and Satee in Hindu religion

etc. These examples, indicate towards the hurdle of religious bias in women's empowerment.

In addition, to the religious biases, social discrimination is another hindrance to women empowerment. There still exist such discriminations as: women should be confined to domestic life. They are weak and intellectually inferior to men. These sort of views are further inflamed by conservative societies such as "Daily Wire" and psychologists as Dr. Jordan Peterson. When such prominent societies and scientists speak, their words are authoritative and compelling to young men who then act towards women accordingly ^{as taught}. This indicates towards the social discriminations deeply entrenched in the society against women.

In order to remove such problems against

women's empowerment require some fundamental reforms.

This ~~require~~ the empowerment of women through education, enhanced political representation and the elimination of social and religious discrimination.

Among the way forward to women's empowerment, education is the key to it.

~~Education~~ It ~~Education~~ strengthens the thinking capabilities of the mind and establishes a strong foundation of right and ~~wrong~~. It is the tool ~~that~~ ~~it~~ which will

equip women to first identify the issues clearly and then diagnose them. Otherwise an ignorant mind is incapable of seeing the core of the issues and developing the best

possible solutions to them

and

Besides education, ensuring women's political representation is must to their empowerment. A strong political voice of women would represent and entertain any mishappening to them.

Without having strong vocals, the problems that women face will not come to the forefront and will remain in shadow. This is By

ensuring women's political representation would help them evolve to the challenges they are facing. This will enable them being develop and empowerment.

For example, Iceland has the highest gender parity as per the Global Gender Gap report. Women in Iceland have political representation which is a key reason to their development.

and contribution ✓ to the country's
GDP. ✓

~~last but not the least,~~
~~removing the social and~~
~~religious biasness would be~~
~~an important milestone in~~
~~achieving women empowerment.~~
This could be worked out
through effective social
campaign, mobilisation and
narrative construction
in favour of women. Together,
these two are the tools
of propaganda. Although,
~~mostly throughout history, propaganda~~
~~is used in a negative way.~~
However, it could play
a vital role in eliminating
social and religious discrimination
against women. For example, from
to ~~the~~ the propaganda of
"democracy is the only way
of securing international peace"
which led to global wave of
democratisation. A similar narrative

could also help achieve the
diminution of social and
religious discrimination. Thus,
leading to women empowerment.

In conclusion, women
today are much secure and
empowered relative to women
in the past. They have the
privilege to the rights of
dignity, ownership, life
and freedom. Yet, despite
many of the positive developments,
women face challenges. They
are subject to discrimination
and violation of basic
human rights, such as education
and freedom of expression.
This brings about the
need to work on lagu the
opportunity to highlight
such unfortunate realities
and reform them. It would
require educating women,
ensuring their political representation
and eliminating the biases against
them. This will not only empower

women but ~~let~~ lay down the
foundation for a just,
equitable and prosperous world.

