

Q) Write a note on status of gender studies in Pakistan. Give your views on the autonomy verses integration debate in GS.

INTRODUCTION:

Gender studies has its roots in Women's studies, which was introduced during the first and second wave of feminism. Due to its precise nature of focusing sphere of women, ~~thus~~ gender studies was introduced during the third wave of feminism. Gender studies covers women, men and other genders, their social identity, biological identity and their roles. In Pakistan, women's studies was established as a project ~~by~~ ~~in~~ in 1989 in five universities. ~~later~~, it was introduced as a program of Bachelors, Masters and Doctorate. In 2005, the Government Fatima Jinnah College, Punjab introduced Gender Studies as graduate and post-graduate program.

Historically, it was debated that if Gender studies / women's studies would be kept as autonomous or integrated subject. Many scholars debated and expressed their thought in this regard. Consequently, Gender studies is now an autonomous discipline.

STATUS OF GENDER STUDIES IN PAKISTAN:

In 1989, "The center of Excellence for Women's Studies" was established by the Ministry of Women Development, which introduced Women's studies as a program in universities of Pakistan. Later, when Gender Studies program emerged, this institute also introduced Gender Studies program at graduate, post-graduate level.

The CEWS has completed

many major and minor books at University of Karachi. Innovative courses and seminars are also being conducted to generate a functional knowledge in the society. Their research-based articles and books are also published in USA and Canada, which portrays an enormous development of Gender Studies in Pakistan.

The Pakistan Association for Women's Studies (PAWS) has been working actively for the uprising of feminist movement and activism in Pakistan. Since its establishment in 1991, they have been working tirelessly on their objectives to achieve gender equality, employment rights and elimination of discrimination.

discuss this part in more detail by giving multiple subheadings.....

AUTONOMOUS Vs INTEGRATION DEBATE:

The debate of autonomy vs integration is a debate whether Gender Studies or Women's Studies should be kept as an autonomous discipline or integrated into other relevant disciplines.

The Autonomy in Gender Studies refers to the autonomous nature of the discipline, for instance, Gender Studies as a discipline. It should be ~~kept~~ treated as a separate component rather than as a topic in other subjects.

The integration in Gender Studies reflects the integration of the subject into other disciplines like, Gender studies in Sociology or Women's studies in Political science. It would be considered as a dimension, so it will be discussed in every subject.

Gender Studies as an autonomous
in nature ?

Gender Studies is basically autonomous in nature. It covers Women's studies, Men's studies, and sexuality studies etc. It is difficult to cover all the dimensions of this subject into a topic of other disciplines.

attempt these parts by giving subheadings....

Gender Studies has its own significance and uniqueness. Despite the fact that it is relevant in other disciplines as well, but reserving it to that particular ceiling would hinder its development.

Besides that, in this way, this Gender Studies would not undergo the in-depth study and it will be treated as a mere issue or sort of movement.

Thus, Gender Studies is by nature

autonomous and should be treated as an autonomous discipline. It is crucial for ^{its} development of and uprising

add more arguments.

a 20 marks answer should have around 15 arguments and be on 7-9 pages.

CONCLUSION:

In conclusion, it can be said that the status of Gender Studies in Pakistan is swiftly emerging and it is being developing. This can be observed by the recent stance of the scholars that Gender Studies should also be integrated as a subject at secondary and intermediate level. It would not be possible to witness this development without the autonomy of Gender Studies as a discipline. A significant development will be seen in future keeping in the view, the recent prosperity.

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