

Frailty is no more the name of Women

Outline

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1. Introduction:

1.1 Quaid-e-Azam's Quote

1.2 Hazrat Khadija, wife of Holy Prophet (PBUH)

1.3 Thesis Statement

2. Frailty is no more the name of women because women have contributed in the field of:

2.1. Politics

e.g Benazir Bhutto of Pakistan, Angela Merkel of Germany, Kamala Harris of United States

2.2. Law

e.g Asma Jahangir's contributions in the lawyer's movement, Ayesha Malik as Senior Supreme Court of Pakistan Judge.

2.3. Music

e.g Abida Parveen, Parveen Shakir, Shakira, Taylor Swift, Shreya Ghoshal

2.4. Media

e.g Sharmeen Obaid Chinoy, Mahira Khan,

2.5. Sports

e.g Nida Mir (cricket), Karishma Khan (football),
Mahoor Shahzad (badminton)

2.6. Peace

e.g Malala Yousafzai, Mukhtaran Mai, Mária Corina.
Machado.

2.7. Science and Education

e.g Arfa Karim, Greta Thunberg.

3. Conclusion

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'No Nation can rise to the height of glory unless your women are side by side with you', said Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah during his speech at the Muslim University Union in Aligarh in 1944. He emphasized how women, like men, were essential to nation building. Muhammad Ali Jinnah's sister Fatima Jinnah played a crucial role in ~~his~~^{her} brother's struggle to establish a separate muslim homeland for Indian muslims. There were alot of setbacks and hardships in the process. If we reflect back to 7th Century, the case was similar.

Hazrat Khadija, wife of Holy prophet (PBUH), not only was the first supporter of Allah's last messenger but also remained a key figure in the early years of prophethood where hardships faced were cruel. No matter how difficult the times ^{turned into} became, prophet (PBUH) was successfully ~~atte~~ able to spread the message of Islam. It would have been **much** more difficult for Holy prophet to convey the message if his wife did not provide the support. This event of history reminds us of the importance of women. They have remained a central figure in important events. Likewise, their contributions in the fields of politics, law, Music, media sports, peace, and Science and Education suggest that Frailty is no more the name of women. Their contributions have led to significant developments in the fields, which I will discuss in detail now.

To begin with, women have held powerful positions in political arena. For example, in Pakistan, Benazir

Bhutto became the first female prime minister who held the office twice. Her rise to the chief executive's seat was not easy at all. She dealt with a fierce opposition who eventually formed an alliance against her but failed to oust her. Multiple political parties took to the streets against the fact that she had come in to take the seat as a result of rigging, who were later on joined by religious factions of the society. Different religious sermons were issued in mosques, provoking the public against the 'rule of a female'. Parties such as Jama'at e Islami, a hardline religious party that dominated in Baluchistan and KPK, organized protests, roadblocks in an attempt to make Benazir Bhutto step down. Such incidents highlight how women of Pakistan have not deterred from attempts to sideline them. They have come out even stronger and held important and powerful positions. Moreover, in Germany, the rise of Angela Merkel, also known as the 'Iron lady' signifies how powerful are women. During her tenure, Germany saw itself regain the relevance it had lost long ago in the aftermath of World War II. She not only turned the German economy upside down but also provided jobs, opportunities and brought prosperity to the Germany. She left a lasting impact on Germany, one that had been absent since mid 20th century. Lastly, Kamala Harris, the vice president of the United States, also contributes to the fact that women no longer remain passive in country's development. USA did allow voting rights to women in the early 20th 

Century. However, soon women received this right and since then have been in the realm of power in different capacities. Kamala Harris role as Vice president is significant as she became the first female to occupy the position. It highlights that women have now attained access to one of the most powerful offices of the most powerful country in the world. Surely, such events subscribe to the idea that women are no more frail.

Apart from Politics, women have also been active in the field of law. Whilst they have played a crucial role in this field abroad, Pakistan's case is significant to highlight due to its turbulent democratic history. Under the rule eras of Martial law, a weak democracy stood. The democratic foundations of the country were multiple times destroyed, whether it be 1958, 1977 or 1999. In the military coup of 1999, judiciary was significantly impacted and it held no more importance in the country as it could not protect the constitution from being abrogated. Therein, Asma Jahangir, a lawyer of supreme court stood in for the rule of law to set the country's judiciary back on its feet. The lawyers movement, in which she had participated in, was an important movement in the judicial history of Pakistan as it was first time that the military rule was challenged, that too by lawyers like Asma Jahangir. The outcome of this movement, was the restoration of ~~democratic~~ judicial independence and the judges that were previously there. Had it

not been for two fearless women like Asma Jahangir, the country would've sunk further into the political crises that was unfolding as a result of ~~judiciary~~ judiciary being sacked. Moreover, in the recent times, numerous judges have risen to the seats of the most powerful court in the ~~west~~ country, the Supreme Court of Pakistan. Judges like Ayesha Malik present a classic example of the active role women have played in running of country's affairs. Not only are they providing justice but also ensuring law and order in the country. Such events highlight ²⁷ that women no longer remain irrelevant or dependent on others but have taken the authority in their own hands to contribute as due.

In the realm of music, females have also contributed their ~~p~~ due part. In South Asian ~~it~~ countries like India and Pakistan, women have held a high stage in music industry. If we talk about Pakistan, Parveen Shakir's poetry and ghazals have been outstanding. They have resonated with the public deeply, who have held her in high regard. Her contributions have been used in different movies and films as they have been so brilliant. Apart from her, Parve Abida Parveen's ghazals and songs still echo into the people's hearts since early 2000s. Such are her contributions that she has won multiple national and international awards. In a country like Pakistan, where music 

has not often been accepted at society level, Abida Parveen and Parveen Shakir contributions highlight how women havenot remained behind in the realm of music. In our neighbor country, India, female singers like Shreya Ghoshal have outclassed male singers totally. Their songs are not only heard in India but also internationally, specially Pakistan. likewise, she has only won national and international awards for being the best singer of the year. In the West, singers like Taylor swift and Shakira have also been outsh outstanding. Shakira's Fifa world cup song 'Waka Waka' gained views in Billions. Similarly Taylor swift multiple songs have touched the same feat. All in all, women have also dominated in the music industry with their outclass contributions, earning them awards yearly, and making them an indispensable asset of that industry.

Much similar to music industry, in media, women have proved themselves. ~~The~~ Female activist Sharmeen Obaid Chinoy has produced numerous documentaries. Her documentaries have included 'A Girl in the River' and 'Saving Face'. These documentaries have raised awareness about the plight of women in Pakistan and sought to awaken the conscience of ruling elite of Pakistan to Save your women. Her documentary has won

multiple awards such as Grammy's award, for the outstanding depiction of ground reality. She has also been present in multiple seminars that have raised the concern for Pakistani women. It was due to her efforts that Pakistan's govt in the mid-2010 decided to pass laws that protected the dignity of women and stop honor killings from happening. Sharmeen Obaid Chinoy, thus, represents how women have actively fought against the chains of patriarchy and continue to do so. It indicates that women are not ready to accept the conditions as they are, but rather would fight for their rights and protect their honor. Hence they must not be considered weak. Apart from her, prominent media persons like Mahira Khan have been a beacon of women's active role in media industry. Her appearance in different movies, whether they are Pakistani, or Indian, highlighted that women also dominate in the field of media. Many of her dramas such as 'Humsafar' have been a hit show that still remains popular among the public.

2) Both of these women's contributions in media industry highlight the diverse roles they have taken in the industry and excelled. They remain indispensable for the industry due to their contributions. They reflect that women are no more frail but rather active and important players in every sphere.

In the sports arena, women have also been a

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Key player. Famous sports such as Badminton, Football and cricket have seen ^{different} ↑ women rise and compete. In a country like Pakistan, where even men sports have ~~to~~ not had adequate funding and facilities, women sports have actively pursued ^{different} ↑ sports and excelled. If we talk about Badminton, an IBA graduate Mahoor Shahzad has become a national champion more than once and has gone on to compete against other international players in international tournaments. There she has won bronze medal. It is important to highlight her achievement because of the lack of attention in terms of government funding and facilities. It becomes more than twice hard to compete, especially internationally, if the player does not receive the required training. Similar is the case in football, although the sports is famous in other countries, Pakistani authorities have not yet given their due attention to it. This means men have not been able to properly compete internationally, let alone women's contribution. However, despite these shortcomings, women like Karishma Khan have chosen football and received international sponsors. Such women highlight how resilient they are. Just like that, in cricket, players like Nida Mir have come to play and compete against international teams. The odds of pursuing sports as a career have ~~to~~ never been low ^{for women} ↑, which highlights they are proactive.

resilient and hardworking. Surely, Allah helps those who hardwork and put in effort. Women no longer remain out of sports, are players in it as well.

Women's efforts in peace have also been significant. For example, Malala Yousafzai who was still in her teen life was shot in the face by a Taliban terrorist. She was rushed to the hospital in Peshawar. From there she moved to UK for medical purposes. After she recovered, she began to preach peace and worked towards bringing awareness to the females worldwide to attain education. She became a symbol of peace as she was awarded with the Nobel Peace Prize. She did not respond back fiercely nor sought revenge but instead advocate for justice and equality. Her contributions not only paved way for bringing hundreds of thousands of girls back to school ^{in Pak} but also world wide. She resembles how resilient woman are. Not only are they ~~scared~~ scared of bullets, but also in fact they become even more steadfast in their goals to achieve. Such women cannot be defeated by society or anyone else. Similarly, the case of Mukhtaran Mai is also significant. She ~~face~~^{was} gang raped on orders of her brothers. However, instead of ~~loos~~ losing heart and giving up, she stood up and voiced for the protection of girls from such elements of the Pakistani society. Her voice was

heard and in 2015, under Nawaz Sharif's government, laws were passed that provided strict and nonbailable sentences for criminals.

Mukhtarian Mai is the perfect case of how a woman's voice became a voice against injustice and major reform in the country that had seen enough cases of such category but never experienced such a fierce call from its citizens. Lastly, Maria Corina Machado's efforts for democracy in Venezuela against the brute state force won her the Nobel Peace Prize. The Award itself testifies the remarkable effort Machado put to bring her country into the peaceful folds of democratic norms.

3/2 All in All, women have extensively contributed in the realm of peace too. Their efforts have drawn significant changes in their respective domains.

Last but not the least is the realm of Science and Education in which women have made their name. Climate Activist such as Greta Thunberg, who is in her teens, has moved across countries and attended seminars in raising awareness about the danger of climate change. Her efforts have been remarkable in the sense that she took to the centrestage of United Nations General Assembly to invite countries to rally behind her cause.

Moreover, She ~~Elon Musk~~ has also been invited to UN climate Summit to address the growing concern of climate change, educate the people and demand an end to usage of gases and means that contribute towards this potential catastrophe. It is remarkable to see ~~use~~ a teenage girl putting in effort for a just cause that deals with our survival. It shows us that women's have been at the forefront of such just causes. The awareness and everything else that comes with it would have far-reaching outcomes and consequences, but her efforts would not be forgotten as a young teenage female fighting for the world's survival. This serves to highlight how much important women are in working towards a just and social cause. Had it not been for her, the world would have, perhaps, figured out the catastrophic potential of Global Warming when ~~it~~ conditions became irreversible.

25/ Apart from Greta Thunberg, in Pakistan, Arfa Karim, One of the youngest certified Microsoft professional reminds the world ~~to~~ of the potential women hold. They no longer remain restricted to one field. Arfa Karim's example as one of the youngest IT professional and Greta as the young global climate activist. depict that women are no more frail. They have taken the active roles.

To conclude, women's role in politics, law, media, 

Education, and in peace efforts explain that they no longer are the name of frailty. They do not remain passive in their roles but rather actively shape the path towards a certain case. Truly, as Quaid e. Azam said, no nation can develop unless the country's women put their part in it. They are instrumental and key players in development and success of the nation. Their resilience, hardworking and committed nature makes them indispensable for any cause.

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