

Women Universities as an agent of change

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Gender
Quality*

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Thesis Statement

Women's universities act as powerful agents of change because of their significant influence on the socio-economic and political landscape of society. ✓

Introduction:

It is widely acknowledged that education is a fundamental pillar for prosperity of any nation. In the contemporary era of any state cannot ^{achieve} ~~acquire~~ make progress in the presence of gender discrimination in any field. Gender discrimination always contributes in shaping progressive societies. Women's universities are key drivers of national progress. They provide opportunities to women for personal and professional development. A key factor in this regard is the accessibility of higher education for women in also conservative societies, where co-education is a big obstacle. These institutions provide opportunities to women to participate in the national progress. Women can contribute in the economic and political development. There is no doubt that women are basic foundation of any society. Educated women prove beneficial not only

for well-being of their families but also for ^{entire} whole society. These institutions give chance to women for development of self autonomy, empowerment and self esteem. Similarly, they also help in the elimination of gender discrimination and stereotypes. Therefore, it can be argued that women's universities act as powerful agents of change because of their significant influence on the socio-economic and political landscape of society.

→ Women's universities play a transformative role as agents of social change by fostering self-autonomy among women. These institutions provide women a secure and supportive academic environment where women can freely express ideas, develop leadership skills, and make independent decisions without patriarchal pressure. As many researchers proved that women's universities play a crucial role for self and professional development as compared

~~to~~ co-education institutions. In co-education women often face gender stereotypes as compared to women only institutions. In ^{*}sum up, women institutions provide opportunities to women for self grooming.

Moreover, history has been witnessed that it was like Herculean task for women to get higher education due to gender based stereotypes. Higher education for national progress is as important for women as it is for men. But even in contemporary era women face obstacles due to conservative mindsets. For instance, In ~~the~~ Balochistan, according to the latest report 2024, the female literacy rate in Balochistan is about 36.8%, showing a large gender gap ^{as} compared to male 69.4%. This means that only around 37 out of every 100 women in the province can read and write. There is no doubt Balochistan is a tribal area and major obstacle for higher education is conservative mindset. Therefore, women universities provide opportunity to women get higher education and participate in national progress.

Conclusion:

Women universities act as a catalyst by empowering women, leading to socio-economic change and nation development. Women universities improve every aspect of society from individual level to the global level. Women universities by improving women's self esteem and leadership and governance abilities, furthermore, act as catalysts for socio-economic transformation. Despite persistent challenges such as conservative mindsets and limited access to education, these institutions provide women with the skills and confidence necessary to contribute meaningfully to society. Investing in women's higher education and providing them separate institutions is not only a matter of gender equality but ^{also} a prerequisite for sustainable development.

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