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Women Empowerment and Social Development
are one and the same.

Outline

A- Introduction

1- Attention grabber:

We cannot all succeed when half
of us are held back - Malala.

2. Background Statement:

- Women empowerment is inseparable from social development; a society cannot truly progress unless women are empowered.
- Empowering women drives economic, social, and political development, and social development cannot be achieved without gender equality
- SDG-5 directly relates with gender equality

3- Thesis Statement:

Women empowerment is a critical driver of social development, as it indirectly empowers nations, contributes to economic growth,

reduces illiteracy, breaks the cycle of poverty, promotes political participation, and lowers child mortality.

B- Understanding the term 'women empowerment' and 'social development'

- Women empowerment - economic, educational, legal, social rights given to women
- Social development - overall improvement in society including infrastructure, welfare, equality, governance etc.

C- Women empowerment drives Social development :

1. Women empowerment through education

Educated women raise educated children, indirectly empowers nation.

Case in Points :

- (a) Malala Yousafzai's advocacy (Malala Fund for education)
- (b) Fatima Jinnah - empowered nation
- (c) Michelle Obama - Let's Girls Learn Initiative

2. Women Empowerment through economic participation

Women in workforce boost economy and overall GDP

Case in Points:

- (a) Bangladesh microfinance programs - Empowering women entrepreneurs
- (b) Economic participation of women through agriculture in Pakistan
- (c) Rwanda (post 1994) focused on women economic empowerment
- (d) High economic participation of women in Nordic countries

3. Women empowerment through political participation

Women in governance lead to inclusive policy-making

Case in Points:

- (a) Justice Ayesha Malik - first female judge of Supreme Court
- (b) Benazir Bhutto - first female PM of Pakistan
- (c) Rwanda - 60% female participation in politics
- (d) Maryam Nawaz - first female CM of Pakistan

(e) Women participation through 'Kudumbashree' in Kerala governance.

4- Women empowerment in health sectors

Empowered women reduce child mortality rate, promote better family planning

Case in Points:

- (a) Pakistan Lady Health workers Program (LHW)
- (b) Women in health sectors in Rwanda
- (c) UNICEF - Female health workers
- (d) Bangladesh - Female Community Health worker

5- Women empowerment increase the overall literacy rate

- (a) Indirectly reduce poverty
- (b) Indirectly reduce crime rate
- (c) Indirectly reduce unemployment
- (d) Indirectly reduce GBV

D- Although, social development is directly interlinked with women empowerment; it ^{alone} can't achieve full social development

Case in Points:

- (a) Social development also requires accountability
- (b) Social development also requires good governance.
- (c) Social development also requires better economic policies
- (d) Social development also requires infrastructure development

E- Conclusion