

Note: We were told to write a single paragraph on "Pakistan" with what ever knowledge we have. Please guide me on what improvements I need to make in my writing.

## PAKISTAN

Much like a bird that scrambles to fly with a weak wing, a nation with half of its population marginalized, struggles to progress effectively. Since its inception, Pakistan has been constantly spiralling between short-term growth and consequent, recurring decline, keeping it stuck in the "developing" status for decades on end. Perhaps, this cyclic pattern could be attributed to the fact that nearly half of the state's population, i.e., women, remains largely excluded from making significant contributions to its economy. This can be attested by WEF's Gender gap Index of 2025, which placed Pakistan on the very last position globally. We see this inequality against women manifest in many forms, including repeated underrepresentation in the workforce (only 24%), a persistently low literacy rate compared to that of males, rising issue of gender-based violence with a conviction rate below 1% etc. This huge gap in representation does not just merely have a social impact, rather it means that nearly half of the population is being held back from freely participating in the country's economy, depriving the state of its true potential growth. If these gaps are closed, Pakistan will continue to have a weak wing hindering its flight.

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