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Write a note on status of gender studies in Pakistan. Give your views on the autonomy versus integration debate in gender studies.

Answer:-

Introduction

"Gender Studies is an inclusive term reflects all identities."

(- Simone de Beauvoir)

Gender studies status is improved in Pakistan.

In fact, efforts made significant outcomes. However, autonomy versus integration debate is still prevailing on gender studies in Pakistan.

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Status of Gender Studies - a historic overview

"The Ministry of Women made a good step in

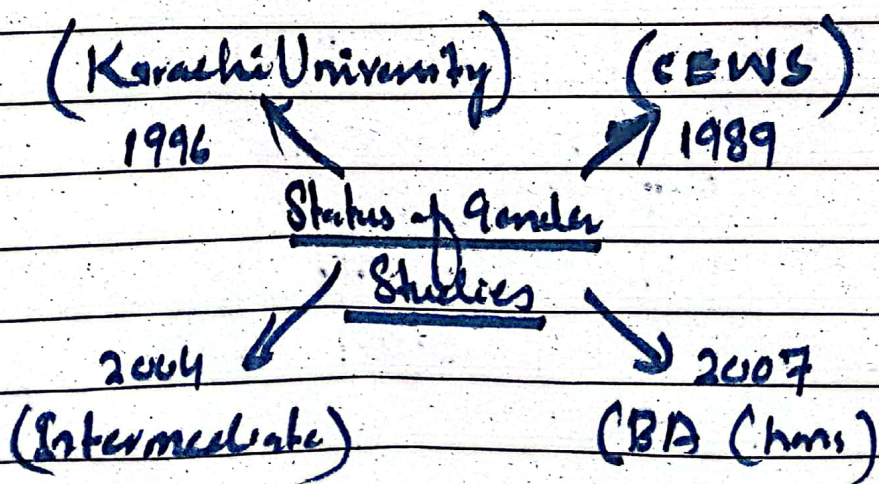
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improving Gender
Studies Status."

(- Toqeer Hussain)

Gender Studies need
realized in the 19th
century. In fact, in
1989, the Center of Excellence
for Women Studies (CEWS)
started five universities
in Pakistan. Later, in
1996, MA programme initiated
in Karachi University.
Further, Gender Studies
subject also introduced
in intermediate level
in 2004 and in 2007,
BA (hons) Gender Studies program
started. Therefore,
status of Gender Studies
is seemed positive.



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Current Scenario of Gender Studies in Pakistan

"Gender Studies has improved status of society."

(The World Economic Forum, 2020)

Status of Gender Studies is important in society today. Several programmes are prevailing to spread scope of Gender Studies, such as the Institute of Lahore Women Studies (ILWS), Shah Abdul Latif University, Khairpur Mirsi; Sindh University are evidences of Gender Studies programmes in Pakistan.

(ILWS)

Current Status of Gender Studies

(SAHU - Khairpur)

Sindh University

4- Autonomy versus integration debate in Gender Studies

Autonomy versus integration debate in Gender Studies made scope of Gender studies.

a) What does autonomy refer to?

"Autonomy leads to independence of Gender Studies."

(- Belenky 1986)

Autonomy refers to individual of Gender Studies. In fact, autonomy emphasizes separate subject demand of Gender studies. Thus, autonomy leads to separate room for Gender Studies.

b) What does integration refer to?

"Integration leads to
co-ordination of
Gender Studies"

(-Belevsky 1986)

However, integration demands
co-operation of Gender Studies.
In fact, integration leads
to merge of Gender
Studies with other subjects.
Therefore, integration is
about co-ordination of
Gender Studies with other
subjects.

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View on autonomous ideas

Autonomy of Gender
Studies is a feminist move-
ment or feminist work.

Feminists want autonomous
Gender Studies in order
to improve Gender Index.

↳ Pakistan is ranked at
the second last
of countries in
"Global Gender Index."

(-Global Gender Index, 2020)

Thus, there is a need of
autonomy of Gender
Studies.

6- View on integration of Gender
Studies

Integration of Gender
Studies is not a feminist
work. However, Gender Studies
will not get much scope if
it is merged with other
subjects. Therefore, integration
of gender studies has
less potential.

"Integration of Gender
Studies will scope
other subjects
and Gender Studies
will itself remain less
concerned."

(-Belensky, 1986)

7 Propponents of integration
versus autonomy of Gender
Studies

"Women is as
'ghetto'."

Several ideas are in autonomy versus integration debate. According to Belenky, "Gender Studies is already merged of identities, needs autonomy."

However, some others disagree and consider women less powerful. So, they prevail in integration debate. But, Gender Studies significantly needs autonomy according to Belenky.

8- Outcome of autonomy of Gender Studies

"Feminism will be strengthened due to autonomy of Gender Studies."
(Jeremais)

Autonomy of Gender Studies will support feminism.

Feminism will be promoted further. Thus, autonomy will lead to parity in feminism.

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Conclusion

"Status of Gender Studies
impacts social
norms."

(Global Gender Index)

Status of Gender Studies
is improved in Pakistan.
Several efforts are evidences.
However, autonomy versus
integration debate is continuing.
But, autonomy will promote
Feminism and Gender
Studies.