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TEST 02

TOPIC :- WOMEN EMPOWERMENT IN PAKISTAN.

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Empowerment means the rights and power to take decisions, achieve goals and spend life independently according to individual's own will. Women must have the rights to take control of their ~~own~~ life. Women plays a vital role in society as they upbringing the generations. In Pakistan, women empowerment is the major problem.

Before Islam, women are considered as the inferior gender. They don't have any rights and status. Daughters were considered as Burden of the society and are the victims like forced marriages etc. But because of Islam, they have the proper rights. According to Islam, they are not burdens but they are the part of the society just like men and they must have given proper rights as the other gender of society.

But In Pakistan, especially in the backward areas they are treated and considered as the burden to family. They are not allowed to go to schools. There is the concept of forced marriages. As Pakistan, a separate country is formed so every individual have their rights of practice their religion, education, etc. There is gender inequality in Pakistan and because of the Wadera system and in some of regions of Pakistan, there are no facilities of education,

health, employment. They want citizens to be unemployed, so they can rule easily.

There are a lot of challenges to women empowerment in Pakistan which are gender based violence and harassment, old mindsets etc. Early and forced marriages are on the top of the list. Due to which there is illiteracy and unemployment.

Besides this, there are ~~also~~ ~~of~~ ~~many~~ many successful women in Pakistan. Arfa Karim, the youngest Microsoft Professional of Pakistan. Fatima Jinnah play a role in the ^{time of} partition of Pakistan. Similarly, Malala Yousafzai and Nigar (military person) ~~person~~ ^{Female} are the successful personalities of Pakistan.

Media plays a significant role in society. ~~Our dramas shows~~ ^{Our media industry} is still ~~portraying~~ ^{showing} women as a weak ~~person~~ and dependent instead of strong and independent. Also, shows that they are the object of beauty rather than the active and powerful figure.

In our religion Islam, women and men both are equal. They both have the rights to live a proper life. Our religion always teaches the equality for all. But in Pakistan, there is the misconception regarding the teachings

of Islam, our scholars ~~and of thought that~~ portray islam as a strict religion. But islam is not strict. There are some boundaries for muslims but these boundaries are for their benefits. Islam was the first religion to give women rights of education, ownership and also of divorce. Issues like honor killing are cultural not islamic. The first ayat of the Quran starts with the word 'Iqra' which means 'Read'. then how it is against the women's education. Similarly, muslim women are forced to wear Hijab. ~~They are there choice~~ It is their choice. It is the symbol of modesty and many of the muslim women wear it as a pride. So women in islam have the right and choice in every field of their life. All other things are misconception and created by people of this society.

Every problem and issues must have solutions. Solution to the women empowerment are as follows.

Gender Equality should be promoted by proper campaigns and through different media platforms. There must be the investment by government as well as by NGOs in girls education. And there must be access to health sectors. Last but not the least is the protection. Government should

take steps regarding the protection of women in different sectors, Government as well as Private. There must be proper rule of law regarding this matter so the discrimination of the Gender inequality must be vanished and women must have given their proper rights.

Empowered women are the strength of the nation. And Pakistan's progress and development is linked with women. Collective effort of every individual and government will lead to women empowerment which results in established nation.