

ROLE OF WOMEN IN POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS

Outline:

1. Introduction:

Thesis Statement:

Women played a momentous role in political and economic progress around the world, but underlying discrimination and prejudices against women have created lot of challenges in women representation; however, through effective strategies and opportunities, the indifferent attitudes toward women could be alleviated.

2. Role of Women In Political and Economic Progress around the world:

a. The leadership and governance role played by women fostered inclusivity and peace.
(Benazir Bhutto, Indira Gandhi)

b- The women representation in policy making is essential factor for political and economic prosperity.
(Rwanda's parliament with the majority of female representation)

c- The working of women entrepreneurs in economic progress.
(Madam C.J. Walker and: Jehan Ara)

d. Women's role in poverty alleviation and development by participating in microfinance and community development.
(The Grameen Bank Initiatives).

e. Role of education in empowering women for economic success and prosperity.
(Malala Yousaf Zai's Impact).

3. The Opposition and Challenges faced by women in socioeconomic development:

a- Women face gender-based discrimination at domestic level.
(In some regions of South Asia and Africa, customary laws prioritize male heirs over female).

b. The political challenges faced

by women in the face of discrimination and underrepresentation in decision making.

(Benazir Bhutto) subjected to political violence, sexism and assassination).

(Women hold only 25% of parliamentary seats globally.)

c- Women face economic challenges in shape of wage gaps, lack of access to resources and harassment at workplaces.

(Weak implementation of policies of protection against harassment of women at workplaces and Domestic Violence).

4. Strategies to counter the indifferent attitudes towards women:

a- Promotion of education and skill development.

b- Social awareness and advocacy through media, grassroots campaigns and activism.

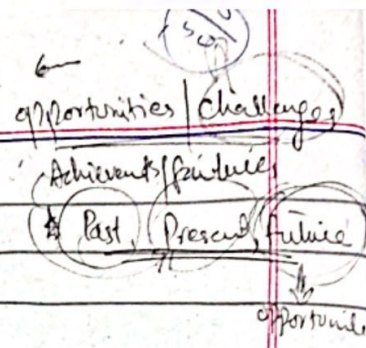
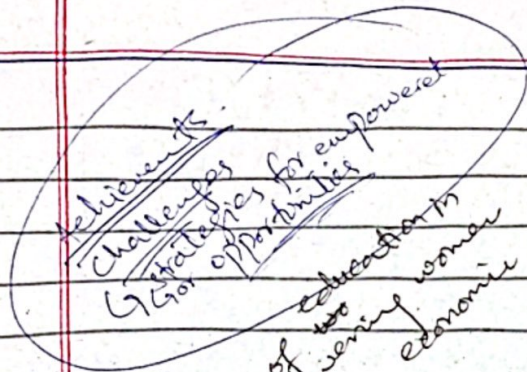
c- Legal and Policy Reforms by enforcing quotas, equal pay laws and access to financial resources.

5. Conclusion:

The Essay:

In 1972, Shirley Chisholm made history as the first African American woman to run for President of United States of America. Despite facing racism, sexism, and limited resources, she boldly declared, "I am not the candidate of Black America, although I am Black and Proud. I am not the candidate of the women's movement of this country, although I am a woman and equally proud. I am candidate of the people." Her campaign may not have succeeded and she may not have secured the presidency. But it shattered the barriers and inspired countless women to believe in their potential to lead and create change. Although women played a crucial and appreciative role in political and economic growth around the world, but there has been lot of challenges and provocations for women in their socioeconomic representation. The underlying challenges could be mitigated through proper policy making and

strategies for the better growth of the society. More than half of the population of the world is comprised of women, and if women are given equal opportunities and platforms, the socioeconomic growth of the world could be elevated. and world could be a better place to live.



Role of education in
 empowering women
 for economic
 success
 (Amalata Young)

Leadership
 & Governance
 (Benarish Shukla
 Indira Gandhi)

Role of women
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→ fostered
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Role of women in
 economic development
 (Amalata Young)
 → Growth
 → Employment
 → Income
 → Investment
 → Innovation

Impact on
 Poverty Alleviation
 &
 Development

Women in
 Progress

Imp of women
 representation in
 policy making

Women entrepreneurs
 (Jehan Ara,
 Madan C Walker)

Rwanda's parliament
 with maj of female
 representation

Achievements
 Opportunities / Strategies
 Challenges

Opportunities
 Challenges

- ① Education & Skill development
- ② Social awareness & advocacy
- ③ through media, grassroots campaigns & activism

- ① Gender-based discrimination at domestic level.
- ② Political challenges
 ↳ discrimination & underrepresentation in decision making

③ Legal & Policy Reforms
 (enforcing quotas, equal pay laws) & access to financial resources

Economic Challenges
 ↳ wage gaps, lack of access to resources, harassment policies

Key Strategic 1