

THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC PROGRESS

OUTLINE:

1- Introduction.

Thesis statement: Women ~~em~~ ~~in~~ ~~to~~ empowerment is very crucial for political and economic progress. It reduces gender disparity, combat gender discrimination and violence and boost overall Human Development Index. However, reforms at structural and policy level can ~~entire~~ participation of women in the progress of nation.

2- Roles played by Women in the Political and Social Arena.

3- Current status of Women participation.

a- Political under-representation.

b- Depressing statistics as female labourforce.

c- Mostly unpaid or underpaid work available

4- Why Women Participation is Important in Politics and Economy.

a- Reduces Gender Disparity and Strengthens Democracy.

b- Leads to Inclusive Economic Progress

c- Political Inclusion leads to inspiration and gender-sensitive policies.

d- Economic and Political Inclusion Buffers against discrimination and violence against women.

e- Increases Tolerance of society towards Women Participation.

f- Boosts Overall Human Development Index.

5- Way forward.

- a- Increase women quota for political participation.
- b- Provide more employment opportunities.
- c- Free education to women till Matric.
- d- Support female entrepreneurs.
- e- Remove hurdles to women in Election process.
- f- Change of ~~myso~~ misogynistic culture of political parties.
- g- Rewiring of social mindset about female empowerment.

6- Conclusion.

'Women hold up half the sky' is the famous saying of Chinese Leader Mao Zedong. It clearly explains that nothing in this world is possible without the help of women. Same is the case with today's scenario. Those states prosper where women work alongside men. History is replete of instances when women fought alongside men to ensure victory. Now, the battle has changed. Economy, known as soft power, is replacing hard power of military. Still importance of women participation cannot be ruled out. Women role is very important for progress of a country, be it a political representative or part of workforce. However, there is continuously staggering state on participation of women due to under-representation and economic exclusion. Inclusion of women

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is important as it cause gender parity, reinforce democracy, combat gender violence and discrimination, elevates human development and foster an inclusive society. This state of affair can further burnished by ensuring political quotas, unemployment opportunities and free education for females. Moreover, making election process convenient for females and supporting them in setting small business can also result in progress. Also, there is a strong need of overhaul of social mindset towards women empowerment. Women empowerment is crucial for political and economic progress. It reduces gender disparity, combat gender discrimination and violence and boost overall HDI. However, reforms at structural and policy level can ensure women empowerment that is a panacea to progress of a nation.

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