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I. INTRODUCTION

Islam is the deen that conceptualized the rights of humane beings long before any other religion. It gave women rights in all spheres of life and ensured a balance in society. This ranges from social, political, economic and financial rights, promised to them 1400 years ago through Islam. Everyone is awarded the same honour and respect, under shariah, all lives treated equally.

II. RECOGNITION OF RIGHTS IN ISLAM

(i) Equal honour to all establishes parity

“And we have certainly honored the

children of Adam ”
(Al-Quran)

Honour here refers to both genders equally, highlighting equal weightage and parity. All creation is honoured.

(ii) Right to life establishes security for all

“ Do not kill the soul which Allah has made sacred, except by justice and law ”

(Al-Quran)

Sacchity of life established in Islam prevents any injustice. All have the right to life and safety under Islamic state. Thus given to all regardless of gender.

(iii) Right to inheritance made clear for all

“ Allah commands you regarding your children: The share of the male will be twice that of the female ”

(Al-Quran)

The right to inheritance is directly adjudicated and enshrined. For a male is two parts because they have greater responsibilities while a female receives a share from her own family as well as from the husband.

(iv) Justice as a core dynamic in human dignity
 "Be steadfast in justice, witnesses for Allah, against yourself or your kin"
 (Al-Quran)

The Quran clearly instructs regarding justice, which is integral to human dignity.

Imam Ghazali argues that a state without justice paves the path towards instability. Thus Islam gives justice to all.

(v) Bans false accusations against women

"Those who accuse chaste women and not produce four witnesses, flog them eighty lashes"

(Al-Quran)

Quran clearly outlines the punishments for harmful and ~~unjust~~^{biased} accusations that harms someone's dignity. Therefore, clearly protects rights of women.

(Vi) Right to individual finances as a means of preserving individuality

"To a man is a share of what he earns and to a woman is a share of what she earns"

(Al-Quran)

Each individual has the right to ~~indiv~~ his own finances. This gives ground for women and allows employment and independent earning. It gives rights of access to her own spend, thereby ensuring dignity.

(Vii) Minority protection established inclusivity in dignity

"Whoever harms a non-muslim (Dhimmi), I shall be his adversary

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On the Day of
Judgement"

(Al-Hadith)

Minorities are also awarded dignity regardless of caste, gender or creed. This promotes the idea of an inclusive state. Charter of Madinah is yet another example of institutionalization of rights and dignity in Islam.

III. EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN DIGNITY IN ISLAM

(i) Constitutional protection of rights in Islamic countries

The rights of women are protected through the constitution in modern Islamic states. In Pakistan, for example, Article 9 of the constitution, establishes the right to live for all citizens.

(ii) Representation quotas to promote inductivity

Modern Islamic states entail and have created quotas to promote equal representation. The opportunities are given in all spheres of life, to maintain equal access to a quality life. Quotas also include minorities, women, disabled or destitutes to preserve dignity.

(iii) Rights to inheritance added and enforced through law

The inheritance rights for all have been encoded into the law. In Pakistan, for example, share of a woman is $\frac{1}{2}$ from husband if has children and $\frac{1}{4}$ if no children. By promoting shares enshrined in law, the dignity and rights of all are upheld as according to that in Islam.

(iv) Equal access to knowledge as a means of preserving dignity

Women have equal access to men in terms of education and access to knowledge. This comes with the Hadith of Prophet as well:

"Seeking knowledge is obligatory upon all muslims"

Thus, it ensures an opportunity to preserve dignity by knowledge.

(v) Actions against honour killing to preserve dignity and life of women

Honour killing remains a problem, especially in less developed nations. For such, ~~Fat~~ Fatwas have been adopted to preserve the dignity and life of women. Al-Azhar Council Fatwa and Council of Islamic Ideology both issued statements condoning honour killing as a crime and punishable under Shariah. Thus preserving the rights and dignity under Islam.

IV. Conclusion

Islam is the religion that brought the concept of dignity and rights of all human beings, regardless of gender, creed or caste. This establishes the deen as all inclusive and just, a mode of life for all to follow.

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I. INTRODUCTION

The social system of Islam pertains to all the aspects of life in the form of marriage, Zakat, conduct, neighborhood among others.

The state has a certain responsibility to uphold such institutions of the state and maintain balance in society. Many modern problems in the form of injustice, poverty, elite capture and corruption in society can be tackled if the rights of social systems are upheld by state.

II. SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF STATE IN ISLAM

(i) Upholding the institution of Zakat

“Take from their wealth a charity by which you purify them...”
(Al-Quran)

The Quran clearly instructs on the concept of Zakat and charity. It promotes equity in society and prevents gap among rich and poor. Imam Ghazali also shared how ~~rich~~^{poor} are partners in the wealth of the rich.

(ii) Impartial and true justice in Society

"Indeed, Allah commands justice and good conduct"

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The concept of justice is divine and instructed by Allah. Thus a state is responsible to uphold it, in all forms.

(iii) Prevent onset of poverty in Society

"Poverty almost leads to disbelief"

(Al-Hadith)

The state is responsible to tackle poverty and remove it from its roots. Also, important

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as it leads an muslim towards disbelief amid constraints. Hazrat Ali also said that if poverty were a man, he would kill him.

(iv) Impede financial malpractices within society

"Allah has permitted p trade and forbidden usury"

(Al-Quran)

Interest or Riba is a corrupt practice and needs to be abolished from society.

A state is responsible to ensure that no harmful practices occur and regulate society.

(v) Forbid hoarding of wealth within few individuals

"Those who hoard gold and silver, ..., announce to them a painful punishment"

(Al-Quran)

The hoarding of resources is

forbidden in Islam. No one is allowed to keep wealth of society constrained to few individuals while others die of hunger and lack of income. Thus state is responsible to uphold the laws preventing such practice.

(vi) Uphold privacy of all citizens

"Do not spy, nor backbite one another"

(Al-Quran)

The state is not permitted to spy on citizens and not allow anyone else to infringe on another's privacy. The rights are thus divine and upto the state to ensure its social uptake.

(vii) ~~Equal~~ Equality in rights and religion

"Let him who wills believe and let him who wills disbelief"

(Al-Quran)

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The state's role in society is also to promote freedom of religion and equal access and protection to all. Religion should not be allowed to divide and breaky rather to unify.

(viii) Maqasid- Al-Shariah to be upheld

The objectives of Shariah include protection of life, mind, property, offspring and religion. The state is responsible to take care of such rights.

III. SYSTEM OF ISLAM TO ADDRESS MODERN PROBLEMS

(i) Equity in wealth to solve modern fiscal inequalities

Equitable distribution of wealth can ensure that resources are divided efficiently. Modern Bayt-al-Maal can help achieve that objective for the state.

(ii) Welfare system to preserve rights and avoid modern instability

Islam as a welfare system provides lessons on how to prevent disunity and instability in social populace. It helps preserve the rights and opportunities of all.

(iii) Justice in system to prevent modern extremism

The judiciary (Qada) as a means of justice within social system needs implementation to prevent modern problem of extremism, by ensuring value of all citizens.

(iv) Ethics and morality of Islamic system to instill economic growth

Islam prevents Riba, gambling and games of chance. All such practices impede economic growth. Thus, it is important to introduce Islamic reforms to induce economic growth.

(v) Islam's concept of brotherhood to prevent modern disunity

"The believers are but brothers so make peace between your brothers"

(Al-Quran)

Ensuring that bonds and alliances are made and not broken. This ensures unity and prevents division in society.

(vi) Islam's message of preventing social injustice

"The best jihad is a word of truth against a tyrant ruler"

(Al-Quran)

This ensures that Muslims stand up for rights and have a social responsibility to stand against oppression. Preserves communal unity and strengthens social commitments against injustice and tyranny.

IV. CONCLUSION

Islam propagates the message of peace and social justice.

The state has certain responsibilities to uphold the rights of people and prevent disunity. By following the lessons of Islam, modern problems of tyranny, disunity and inequality in society can be solved.