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### SDG 5 Gender Equality: Women's Rights and Legal Frameworks: Critical Study

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#### Abstract

India's first female Prime Minister Indira Gandhi quoted, "let's not forget that in India the symbol of strength is a woman the goddess Shakti."

Above quote state the importance of woman in male dominated society but by taking glimpse of world history, most of the part concluded by focusing on men's contribution in world's development. In this context we as a researcher of history it is our responsibility to excavate the truth from the past and let free the women's contribution from its catalogue effect and shine in its own true colour of sacrifice. So in this research paper study of SDG 5 Gender Equality: Women's Rights and Legal Frameworks stressed out on feminist view that society of world incomplete without gender equality and we as a human don't even think it is possible without the rights given by legal frameworks.

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#### Introduction:

Today we all are entered in 21 centuries where we see drastic changes in human life and in recent decades the development of technology shifts a gear that all world becomes a global village but sometime when we look back and think is that so easy to come over here? The answer is definitely not and in the Indian context of gender equality it is like herculean task to overcome from biasness and patriarchy mind-set of the world and enjoy the fruit of equality and trying hard to achieve the sustainable development goals.

Nature itself bias to women, according to population report on an average behind every 1000 male child there are 950 girl child takes birth, and in the era of male dominancy the ratio of this comes down day by day. And by any chance female child born she tastes the bitter truth of the world in somewhere where in India if female child was born the only parent of her drown her to death in milk it is the horrifying truth of gender equality in 21 centuries.

#### The main frame:

Gender equality is one of the most debatable issue in every century of the world. The united nations involve in the sustainable development goals because when we are discussing about development it is nothing without the equality in gender therefore in my view it is one of the foremost goals where we as a people give utmost attention. this goal is only goal which differs from others because it differs human by nature in the forms of male and female.

As per statistics in all over the world the ratio of the men and women is almost same. Gender equality which is one of the sustainable development goals.

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First of all, we have to understand that what is sustainable development meaning development that meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs which exactly means that development which never ends without harming the nature of future.

This sustainable development term first coin by Brutland (Norway prime minister) report also known as our common future published in 1987 by the world commission on Environment and development and it is adopted at the 1992 unced in rio de janerio. The sustainable development goals are the beacon of the world society or in simple term we also confer that as a standard operating procedure or constitution for the better world.

There are seventeen goals in SDGs which we have to complete by 2030 and all of them are interlink with each other.

#### **Meaning of gender equality:**

Gender equality referred in terms of sexual equality which is one of the fundamental human right where as all genders have equal access to resources opportunity in every aspect of life including economic political and social. And above all the gender equality is free from bias and discrimination.

#### **Difference between gender and sex:**

People always makes mistake to understand the difference between sex and gender, they accept them as a same thing but there is drastic difference between these two sex refers to the biological and physiological characteristics while gender relates to social roles, behaviours, and expectations. By the difference between these two we come to know the inequality these are the basic grounds where someone can make the equality.

#### **Historical context of gender biasness:**

In the context of world there are very few women leader where we actual counts on the finger tips to known to the world in the proportion of men world leader this is only because of gender biasness depends upon physiological structure

In early world women structure is made for the serve man in terms of taking care of home and their children while men structure is made for the security of the women and child this concept long last till the 18 th century of the world. The main reason behind this is the hegemony of the priest of most of the religion who teach them this thing. The discrimination is manmade Discrimination on the basis of gender is not made by nature but by the men to oppress the women and utilized her service and used her as a servant. No women can still stand against the monopoly of the men in this disastrous world.

#### **Indian context on gender equality:**

In ancient India people worshipped women as a goddess and treat them as the power of the world, there were very powerful women in history like Gargi, Guatami, Lopamudra who actual shape the world's future.

Time passes and the world of women changes drastically and women position fall down like never before women's future is now in hands of the men who make the puppet to women. In the male dominating India there were n numbers of the restriction on the women. Women lived in dark ages and women's development stuck down and starts derogating in descending order.

#### **Women's rights:**

As per the study shows that even if women work same hours in compare to men worker but there is drastic discrimination in reference to pay policy the salary discrimination is a common practice in all over the world it happens in so called developed countries like America, European union.

Women rights are breaching by various ways where women itself unknown for their rights the discrimination having a various façade like economical discrimination, societal discrimination, physical discrimination, political discrimination etc. for instance the discrimination on the basis of payment is also common in entertainment sector where we can easily find the difference that entertainment industry pays crores to male actor and in compare to them female actresses are struggling to for basic payment. Though all governments are trying hard to maintain the equality but most of the them failed to give a proper strategy or way out for this particular thing. This also inter link with another link like why most of the governments are failing to apply such equality policy cause most of the governments having a very less number of representation to women in their parliament where policies are being made. In every seconds there are n numbers of atrocities on women happen across the world and this so called progressed spine less society dare to watch this by their naked eyes.

#### **Legal framework:**

It shows that most of the governments are failing due to the ignorance and lack of the knowledge about the women's right. Nowadays most of the governments having democracies in their countries but all of them having a male dominancy. Some of them trying to establish a right path on the basis of the gender equality. According to philosophy one who having a power shall be used for a wise cause but the main struggle is for the hegemony.

Some of the governments implementing this thing by proposing the women's development for example, India. India is having a largest democracy in the world by accepting the constitution of India on 26 January 1950 India gives the hope for millions of women and downtrodden people for establishing the equality. equality before the law (Article 14), a ban on discrimination based on sex (Article 15), the state's power to make special provisions for women (Article 15(3)), and equal opportunity in public employment (Article 16). Directive Principles include equal pay for equal work (Article 39(d)) and maternity relief (Article 42), alongside provisions like reserved seats for women in local governing bodies

#### **Solution for the crisis:**

Utmost solution for the crisis of gender equality is to implement the Sustainable Development Goals without any if and buts then only we can assure the world for the achieve the goals of sustainable development.

#### **Conclusion:**

World's first Prime Minister Shrimau Bandaranaike hailed from Sri Lanka put the example that woman can lead the country. In this 21<sup>st</sup> century women centric approach is much needed thing in every part of the human life. Woman played a vital role without them we can't even imagine world. women have the potential to change the world in better way if she can make the house better by using common sense then in the condition of gender equality she also makes the world more beautiful and more sensible. Now as a global citizen it is our responsibility to encourage women to every field and once again try to rediscover the true potential within them and what could they done in past what strength they had and what can they do in future and feel the positive effect in the world. Now it's time to change the form of his story to her story and be the part of bloodless revolution.

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