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Section A

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Feminism is for everybody

THE PILL : In 1960, US FDA approved the birth control pill, freeing women from the restrictions of child-bearing. Women were now freer to study or work, became more productive members of society, and prevented themselves from the upbringing of a child for whom they weren't psychologically or financially ready.

When ~~the other~~ half of the population is more independent & efficient, does

it ~~not~~ ^{potential of our} enhance the aggregate pie?

Does bodily autonomy ^{of women} not promote a

generation of youngsters ^{with sound} ~~who are~~

mental & physical health?

Such questions help us understand how feminism; if everything it stands for can mutually benefit all in society.

To be a feminist in any authentic sense is to want for all persons, liberation from sexist roles, discrimination & oppression. The first wave of feminism is often ^{marked} with the French Revolution & Mary Wollstonecraft (the Mother of Feminism). It was mainly a suffragate movement. JS Mill's work in the "Subjection of Women" raised the pertinent question that even if women were of an inherently different nature, their potential can be tested with the democratic experiment. He believed that confining women to the four walls of family was neither good for women nor society.

In the Indian context, the Vedic Age is seen as the

Golden Age for women. The story of Gargi engaging in a philosophical debate with the King is an indisputable example of how educated women ~~to~~ could have a say in policy making.

Yet more than 3000 years later ~~our lives in~~ ^{the same} land witnesses less than 14% women in its parliament, less than 15% researchers in science and a literacy rate that is 10% lower than that of men. Whether such dismal numbers have any far-reaching repercussions, ^{on all} is explored in the following paragraphs.

FEMINISM AND ECONOMY : Miles to go before

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the step
People across the globe have played very different roles in economy based on their gender. This has created enormous differences in power, prestige & status in developing & expressing talents.

Globally women earn only three quarters as much as men despite similar jobs & education.

They remain underrepresented in formal sector & over represented in the informal one. They spend twice as much time on household chores & four times the time on child care as compared to men.

This highlights how women are underutilized, underpaid and overstretched

Amartya Sen has played a pioneering role in paying attention to the

"missing women". He emphasises on the capability approach to ^{mainstream} bring

women. India's labour force

participation rate is astonishingly low at 20%. Not only that, it ^{in PPP terms} is also declining. Empowering

women with education, skills, &

freedom to make choice can help

to boost India's GDP by a

whopping 27% as per IMF.

Women's exemplary sense of financial responsibility is showcased

by the example of women-led
Self Help Groups which have a
loan repayment rate of 97%
which is even better than
corporates.

Thus, the need of the
~~FEMINISM & SOCIETY~~
hour is a massive campaign to
not just bring women in the
workforce but also retain them.

As per IAS Smita Sabharwal, the
biological clock is ticking simultaneously
with the professional clock, so we
must bring women friendly policies
to help them return to work post
pregnancy.

FEMINISM & SOCIETY : A stretch in time
can save nine

According to Simone de Beauvoir,

one is not born woman, but rather
becomes a woman. Thus, we live in
a gendered society where males have
preference over females, transgenders &
the non-binary. This leads to violence
that is specific to gender like genitals
infanticide, genital mutilation, rapes,
and honour killings. Sudha Murthy,
who spent more than 20 years
battling the Devadasi system in
Karnataka, talks about its systemic
Character.

What everyone fails to realise
is that study after study have
shown that gender equality
benefits society as a whole.

Feminism in society will make our communities safer, and healthier & more productive which benefits not just women, but children & men with its ripple effects.

In India, NFHS has shown how children with more educated mothers ~~have~~ received better nutrition, and performed well in schools.

Mother's education plays a key role in the cognitive development of

child along with promoting good social behaviour. It leads to better

sanitation practices & higher

consciousness for vaccinations. All of

these are ~~an~~ imperative in ^{reaping benefits} ~~making~~

from India's demographic dividend.

Feminism has ~~to~~ also helped men by reducing their burden of single handedly running families, participating in wars, inclusion in rape laws, & ~~also~~ reduction in toxic masculinity

Vogue's ad campaign of "Boys don't cry" to "Boys don't make others cry" not just normalises being emotional for men but also spreads information against violence.

Thus the onus for a more equal society rests not only on women, but also men as it enable them to lead more fuller lives. The

world can learn from the example of Indian Cricket team's captain Virat Kohli who set the right example by demanding a paternity leave.

FEMINISM, POLITICS, LAW : An ounce

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of protection is worth a pound of cure

■ Catherine McKinnon famously said
"When I look at the state, the state
appears male to me". Such contemplations

makes one wonder whether the absence
of enough ^{women} representatives has a one
dismal
to one relationship with the ^{status}
of women. With only 78 MPs in

Lok Sabha, ~~India~~ Delhi is also the
rape capital of the world. The fact
that sanitary napkins were put

under the GST slab initially, raises
questions of lack of the women

perspective in policy making. The
absence of ^{provisions for} marital rape in our legal

structure makes it a male centric
polity.

Adding ~~the~~ ^{women} in our political feminism

sphere will not just empower women but also help in making laws gender neutral. The debates around

women rights pushed FBI in USA to include men under the definition

of rape. In India, feminism has ^{started} ~~raised~~ conversation on granting postal ballot rights to the male

spouses of women officers. It was

because of Ruth Bader Ginsberg in USA

that men were entitled to the ^{benefits} same social security, as women.

Thus, gender equity in all spheres of life → economic, social, political is not just a matter of inclusivity and justice. Rather

it is crucial for ensuring the best development & fast tracked progress of humankind. This fight is everyone's responsibility and thus feminism is for all - men, women, non binary, researchers, politicians, students, workers.

"The present Era is for
strong women; May we
know them; May we Raise
them; May we be them."

Section B

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... of war but the presence of justice

After the end of the Second World War, global powers decided to carve up the Korean Peninsula across the 38th parallel.

In the aftermath of the war, both nations, we witnessed how both nations chose trajectories in stark contrast to one another. While one is known for its gross violation of human rights the other is a champion of democracy. While one faces gut wrenching poverty the other has unbridled prosperity.

The above example helps us understand that peace is not just an antonym of war or the absence of it. It is rather a much broader term of which a just society forms the basis

of a just society.

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In this essay, we will
will examine the multiple
dimensions of peace (apart from
absence of war, how peace and
presence of justice can ensure
~~justice are mutually reinforcing~~
concepts peace, and how these
mutually reinforcing concepts can
help overcome conflicts.

ALL THAT GLITTERS IS NOT GOLD

After a gruesome battle, known in
our history books as the Kalings
War, King Ashoka emerged
victorious. He expected celebration &
joy but witnessed pain, misery,
orphans, widows & despair.

Despite winning the war for his people, he did not feel a sense of peace. He embraced ahimsa (non violence). He now followed a pacifist policy in his foreign endeavours instead of wars. He ensured justice for the people and not just for pompous victories.

प्रजा सुखः सुखम राजत	(In the happiness of his subjects lies the happiness of the king)
प्रजातम सा हिते हितम् ।	
बालप्रियम सुखम राजत	
प्रजातम सा हिते हितम् ॥	

This 2000 years old story of a victorious king tells us neither victory in a war, nor the absence of war can ensure justice.

Peace has many dimensions.
While Greek Philosophers believe
peace and justice to prevail in
a fair allocation of resources,
Immanuel Kant gives the
categorical imperative of
invulnerability of human dignity.

We can use both interpretations
in Indian context to further
understand what peace constitutes.

If an extremely talented
sportswoman like PV Sindhu is
confined to domestic responsibilities,
it ~~will~~^{due} to her gender, it will lead
to injustice. (Greeks)

Further, if in a peace loving

country like India. a person does not have access to even two square meals a day, can we say that peace prevails? (Kant)

The same concept can be understood at the macro level.

Despite no major war b/w India and Pakistan in decades, Kashmir is still a victim of internet shutdowns, lack of timely elections and perennial insecurity. This shows that mere lack of war w/o proactive measures of justice is far from peaceful.

Let us evaluate how justices paves the path to peace

"PEACE & JUSTICE ARE TWO SIDES OF THE

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SAME COIN" - Eisenhower

The heartbreaking ordeal of the migrant labourers in a world hit by the pandemic snatched away peace from all the spectators. It was only after the government made allocations of food supplies & shelter that a sense of justice prevailed.

Mahatma Gandhi believed that poverty is the worst form of violence. With more than 33% children wasted & stunted and more than 50% women anaemic.

India needs to fight poverty and malnutrition on a war footing. India's social welfare programmes like MGNREGA, Fair Price Shops, MSP for crops aims to bring justice to millions. The loss of lives in absence of war is due to the gap in justice, eg: farmer suicides, death of children in Muraffarpur due to malnutrition & J. Encephalitis etc.

Similarly in the international arena, the Afghan war is theoretically over but the presence of an exploitative

regime like Taliban curtails
any progress in peace. The economy
has crashed, the pandemic is
reeling and malnutrition is widespread.
The presence of justice at individual
level (free speech, access to basic
necessities), community level
(freedom to religious minorities) &
national level (stability in trade,
currency) can chart the path
towards peace. India's belief in
Vasudev Kutumbakam - The world is
one made it donate COVID vaccines
to the torn nation under Vaccine
Maatri.

Let us now examine how measures
for justice can not only bring
peace but also overcome wars.

यथो धर्म ततो जयः। Where there is
justice, there is victory

The death of George Floyd, a
victim of racism in the US,
sparked the Black Lives Matter
movement. The movement has
been nominated for the

Nobel Peace Prize for raising
awareness of racial injustice.

It is an example of the Gandhian
Satyagraha: fight for truth by
non violent means. This sends
a powerful message to the world

that peace is founded on the principles of human rights, equality and justice.

Martin L. King held that true peace is to be free and have rights. ~~That~~ This includes right against discrimination, right to education, right against exploitation, right to preserve our culture among others. These are also envisaged ^{by} within the Indian Constitution and many statutes that support it.

Thus, in conclusion we can say that peace and justice are the two threads that bind the society together & foster its progress. Examples from history, across geography & at the micro individual's life show that absence of war is not sufficient to bring peace. There is a need for systemic step by step & brick by brick building of a world where 'the mind is without fear & the head is held high'