

Feminism is not about making women stronger they are already strong. it's about changing the way the world perceives their strength '-GD Anderson.

Women as a boon to mankind are accepted by not more than 20 percent of the world's population, the rest considers being ' woman' a bane. Be it the USA the most developed nation or be it Somalia among the least developed nations the Status of Woman has always been inferior. Incidences of rape, molestation, physical abuse against women are prevalent worldwide. From the beginning of history, it has

always been men who are involved in history writing .women though remain active participants in most of the historical events worldwide only a few instances about women's participation have been mentioned.Hence it is said history itself is biased towards men. Frederick Engels in his piece of work 'Family, private property and state ' beautifully explains about the era in which women began to be commoditised and how the beginning of the concept of private property is responsible for the degradation of their status.

The Birth of feminist movement in the early 20th century has been a source of positivity, inspiration, and confidence for women worldwide. Three different waves of feminism along with various strands ranging from liberal to Marxists to black because of the different perspectives have brought about many differences in the ideology of feminism in the due course of time.But the common thread which still binds all the strands of feminism together is their basic motive to undo the injustices, make them realize their rights and hence empower women.In the recent years, it is seen that most of the men after hearing the term 'feminism' act in a way as if the term is toxic to their ears! Be it issues related to separate compartments for women in metros or reservation in educational institutions or jobs it is disheartening to see most men against such affirmative actions taken up for women. The blame cannot be directly put on the men!Those women who try to compete with men and prove themselves better than men are at fault.Both the sexes have different strengths and different significance.No sex needs to prove themselves better than the other!They are strong in their own ways. Competition and the urge to prove women better than the other sex is pseudo-feminism.It must be kept in mind that the moral ideology behind the birth of feminism does not lose its importance because of these unnecessary controversies.

Without much politicizing, the term lets us simply look at the issues of women in general.Are the status of women even in the 21st century up to the mark ? are the lives of women safe and secured? Are they able to lead a life of dignity? Without any doubt, women have done extraordinarily well in various fields from holding most powerful and prestigious posts such as Secretary of the UN to the president of a country, but such examples are only a very few.In most of the developing countries like India female infanticides and dowry deaths are issues of major concern.Top most priority is given to the daughters wedding rather than her education and most of the savings of the parents are spent on paying the dowry or holding grant wedding ceremonies. The most developed countries like USA, Uk, Germany, France,canada are in the top list amongst the countries with the highest rape crimes.It will be a mistake to state that nothing has changed.In some way or the other, the status of girls have improved and they are getting a better education and are leading their own independent lives.But the change has become acceptable and applicable only in a very few case the rest still suffers.

Every human by virtue of his or her birth is entitled to some basic rights which cannot be denied to one by someone else.Merely mentioning the rights in papers never helps.They must be able to exercise the rights they posses in real life situations.Just like every other human being, even women must be able to exercise the basic rights in real life situations.This is what feminism longs for.Not only women but men too face circumstances of discrimination, exploitation, and injustice and all the women are aware of that.Hence by confining feminism only as a movement to stand against injustices faced by women caused by men only partially defines the term.A true feminist is one who stands against injustices caused not only to women bt also men .'woman 'and 'man' are terms made

by society on the basis of the biological difference (sexes) between male and female. Any sort of discrimination on the basis of this biological difference will never be acceptable to any feminist. There only remains biological differentiation, not biological weakness. Male, female or transgender all are entitled to equal rights and everyone has full right and freedom to lead a life of dignity.

Many fear if women are given the status and role of men they would lose their essence of womanhood. We can strongly disagree to this. Women dream of becoming mother's, in-laws, wives also they dream of having an independent career. They too want to fly high in their career and it doesn't mean if they fly too high they would lose the tendency of having a nest. Like male-female too have the potential to manage both career as well as family.

Opting for an independent career doesn't mean competition to men rather a basic right every human is entitled to. As already mentioned no sex is superior where the pseudo-feminist are at fault also criticisms made by men against separate compartments and reservations for women must also be avoided as such steps are a necessity to deal with the biological difference and overcome the age long injustices which needs yet another era to make an end!

Global issues like environment, terrorism etc are able to drag attention of all the men and women worldwide collectively. Similarly even the issues of women needs collective support of women as well as men. It will be a true feminist movement only when the other sex i.e. the men comprising half of the population of the world will whole heartedly support the ideology of feminism.

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