

An Analytical Study of Social Problems of Women Related to Sports

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Abstract : In many societies sports is considered inappropriate for women. It traditionally associated with masculinity. The proposed study aims at undertaking a critical situation analysis of sports women in Pakistan from a gender perspective by examining various aspects of sports women by gender including wrong social values, unstable economical position, wrong religious perspective and the role of media towards women in sports, while sports can provide a channel for informing women about their social and legal rights as well as their health issues, productive health and others. A major concern of the study is to identify the basic causes which depriving Pakistani women from sports. The Human Rights Commission of Pakistan and the Joint Action Committee for People's Rights organized a symbolic mini marathon on 21 May 2005 in Pakistan to challenge arbitrary curbs on women's public participation in sport and to highlight rising violence against women. Historically, sport has engaged the perception of gender-hierarchy in order to reproduce the ideology of male superiority, a notion which is often translated into 'usual superiority' within the superior communal order. However, it is argued here that we are presently in a state of communal instability with esteem to women's participation in sport.

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