

## Tales Behind the Purdah

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### ABSTRACT

**PURDAH** is a basic culture in Islam. During pre independence, people of Islam community had to cover their whole body with the purdah because it indicates to strangers that they should not see the path of shadow surface from people eye contact. There have been 2 reasons for the purdah: it was mainly for purity of worshipping God. Also, to protect people from dust pollution and dirt articles in the air. but in the Quran, Islam's sacred book, it's mentioned that it is critical part of history in the religion. Purdah has spread through community contact from one person to another in the growth of the population. In olden days purdah was worn by many people irrespective of religion. Young females were the main wearers of purdah. They were free to wear or not purdah at home, but it was a must when going out. Purdah is not limited to Islam culture. The community of saits also had a practice of covering their face from sunlight. The purdah was worn in different styles by different castes. There are also many difficulties wearing purdah. Mainly it was hard for the people to wear purdah during the summer season as direct heat could affect body temperature and make people sweat profusely. As it stands, the habit of wearing purdah has been practiced from a very early age as it is transferred from generation to generation and is followed through life.

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### INTRODUCTION

PURDAH originated in Persian culture and was acquired by the muslims during the Arab conquest of what is now Iraq in the 7th century AD. Purdah also spelled 'purdah' hindi parda ("screen" or "veil") practice to that was inaugurated by muslim. purdah is commonly associated with Islam, many scholars argue that veiling and secluding women pre-dates Islam, there practices were commonly found among various groups in the middle East such as druze, Christian and Jewish communities. Purdah is symbolic of honour, respect, dignity and purity. It's seen as a allows women to be judged by their inner beauty rather than physical beauty and also by a combination of motivation freely chosen or response to social pressure or coercion, religious, cultural, political, economics, psychology, fashion and decorative purposes and empowerment. Public observation by means of concealing clothing. It takes 2 forms: physical segregation of the sexes AND the requirement that women cover their bodies so as to cover their skin. Purdah is referred as 'pardanashin' or 'purdah nishan'. It's only for close male families members and other women were allowed to see them out of purda. The term purdah is sometimes applied to similar practices in other parts of the world. practice that restricted women's obility and behaviour existed in India since ancient of Islam, arrival (19 century). Restricts her personal, social and economics activities outside her home. Complete purdah at all times when they were in public. The usual purdah may or may not include a yashmak, a veil to conceal the face, the eyes may or may not be exposed. purdah not traditionally observed by lower class women. Purdah is often by only during religious significance.

## HISTORY

In pre-colonial period, the Mughals empire ruling time of dynasty almost the senior chiefs are taken decision to making rules as follow with what's the Allah says in Holy Quran scripts. All the Muslim religious people obeying the rulers are providing in holy books, but mystery are done in sometimes of living life of Allah akbar. For islamic people there want to need in society some freedom, peace, non-violence and humanity. In the ways of the providing themselves as peaceful mind in surrounding place, but there want to believe there Quran as per rulers and there asked to their **Mahmud Of Ghazni** was the first ruling period of ghaznavid empire in time of Muslim sovereign known as sultan as ruling place of dynasty, he gave solution for his religions people has to before it'self all following the rulers of Quran from Allah, phorphets of rulers, to Mughal times. Believe same thing has those we found the rules but in briefly we go to the history in Allah akbar during period means there having rulers and regulations between our religion has Namaz 5 times per days, especially in during fasting we should maintain scared mind of heart for helping poor people after prayers, khatan, islamic pray times there wearing dress like jubba thobe for men's and women's hijab, veil, purdah. The Islamic people's maintaining still having more rules as per mentioned in holy Quran scriptures, people should to wear in namaz times and outside places to going out there should wear purdah mainly women's. It's norms are gave by Islam religion people from olden period to women's, but purdah contain is there should show their face in front of strangers, should be cover whole body in through their purdah, their should face of purdah in between namaz times and been living place in home. There ment the decision for the women's thought beliefs in religion. Burka is a word that loosely falls under the category of purdah or veil. Purdah is only an event of the past, an occurrence in the attire of a few, is a Persian word translated as curtain, veil, attire worn by women to mark their social and physical segregation from the rest of society by covering their bodies and/or faces.

## Psychology and health

By public restrictions on women's mobility, nod purdah results in the socially with social areas and physical isolation of women. Instead of wearing purdah causes more rushes in body efect, psychology it's uncomfortable to wear in 12 hours everyday in social distance area, sweat, breathing trouble in polluting surrounding areas, if personal health issues it's been means more efect in their body, with wearing it there cannot travel more places etc. So many problems are faced with wearing Purdah then also following norms as altered in the Quran. We should know the Islamic women treated in the custom of purdah in general Society. In a social network place women in a position vulnerability with her husband and family. Purdah is positively correlated with the risk of domestic violence. Women had many difculty accessing facilities in outside of their villages they had to be accompanied in our Indian society in inherently mis-ogynistic with social institutions as the purdah which has created a some unique culture where women are sufering considerable of oppression. The physically expression of purdah translates into zenana women living in separate quarters burqa/chadar (veiling by a garment), ghoonghat (covering the face) and certain others. All this restriction of women's movements by regulating their behavior and diferent their access to the public-private spheres of life. A woman's private space is considered the walls of her house it's they can live without wearing purdah being in freedom but only before the men come to assume their 'rightful' place inside the homes.

## Islamisation

Nations have been swinging to more conservation with laws and policies that use rhetoric of following islamic law termed in islamic. In olden days during islamic rulers they made certain rules there in religion for women. They should wear purdah in the way Traditional culture of women's roles in the domestic sphere and the need to protect women's honor. The idea of secular India has come under scrutiny from numerous ends. the experiences of those residing in India have been quite stark. The arguments mainly surround the past emperors' wrong doings to rationalize the events of today. In earlier Mughal emperors, periods have been scrutinized often due to their religious afliations, overlooking the wrongs of the Delhi Sultans. "The Mughals were largely the ones willing to wipe 'Hindus' from their kingdoms". religion Islam, on the other hand, binds people, women especially. Burkah worn by women of that religion order for them by rule of Quran. Burka is a word that loosely falls under the category of purdah or veil. Purdah takes more place in diferent dimensions depending on the country, place of origin and it's hence the status of women in society, their activities, their access to diferent institutions, and their autonomy. Obviously traditional of purdah and seclusion of women are ustoms followed in Hindu religion s and Muslim religions alike but diferent styles of designs. The purdah has not been restricted to any particular religion; it has manifested across various sects of humanity only to control of womenfolk. It should be highlighted that the

purdah system in a different way of historical roots can be traced to Persian culture, this type of culture has been adopted by a previous history of and which was later adopted by the Muslims in the 7th century AD. But in Arabia, women are accustomed to wearing the veiling with a cloth to protect themselves from harsh climatic conditions. Hence, the purdah was considered as the shield for a woman against adverse climatic conditions in the pollution causes and dirt. The purdah system comprises many types of styles: hijab, niqab, burqa and chador.

### **Women movement.**

In pre-colonial period, most of public people treat the Islamic women as slaves in the working place and giving more problems on difficult works in going places. Some restrictions are provided by people for Muslim people not give jobs and education, there are faced problems in all the places and every situation. Because in some situations other religions people as though there are from the Pakistan and Afghanistan country people there has in Muslim people. In the name of belief are held by some people, that's way there are not allowed in our place and stricted in education place. Now a days it's pured all types of people been in unity with freedom of humanity by freedom fighters as mentioned every religion as been rights in our country, now the Islamic religion people freedom from the people now there are get jobs, good qualified education, government health for poor family, free education on categories and based on developed education, good in shelter facilities in poverty place people and Islam people are faced problems situation in there days now there are everyone be achieved success the challenges the goal in front of some people. The old generation people like grandmother and grandfather are inspired now for their grandchildren, saying the situation in olden days was held there in young. There have been engaging in different efforts to challenges in gender inequality resulting from the purdah. It's Organized by trade unions and exercise by their right to vote and influence by some decision making. Mainly there are some type of condition in middle class and upper class also. In country few Muslims are faced so mainly problem in there daily life in any situation it could be a significant role in Muslims women from purdah. Women's seclusion was so strongly associated by the ghonghat that the honor of the families and the feminine code of modesty were upheld and tied to it have disclosed that by the 15th century, the purdah it's could be became an integral part of Rajasthan's in feudal etiquette in an attempt to mirror the practices of the ruling population. In some conditionally girl reaches puberty, while There is no rapid shift from purdah to no-purdah regions. By Instead of there is a gradual transition through the areas while the uniform idea remains of establishing supremacy over the women.

### **Political participation**

In some region they have give one chance for Muslim women for ruling political party in there own areas but Social and mobility restrictions will be under the purdah in several limited for women's involvement in political decision making in government institutions and in the judiciary. Women cannot be get easily their right to vote by the voting candidates in some order bases run for political office, participate office, trade unions or community level in decision-making. But in political stage there need some any power of status like Lack of mobility and discouragement from participating in political life. Islamic through their original sources holy Quran says that respect of women's dress understanding Islam's holy book. They should not be cheat any one in standing of authority in political party because there haven following the rule has mentioned in the holy scared book in quran it's mentioned. but we know having some their state religion and hold the sharia as their main source of legislation. the seat of Islam's holiest place in a women are seen in public wearing hijab but they have been covered there faces by purdah but eyes only been uncovered to see and protect themselves safely. Those Will claim that face-covering by purdah is an essential Islamic practice take notice is an admirable attempt to put the record straight on the Quranic injunction concerning women's dress. Commenting on some judicial decisions relating to purdah forcing a woman to strictly adhere to the purdah system against her wish is grossly unconstitutional, but so is dragging one out of it against her own personal decision facing problem in the society in political has member.

### **Economics participation**

There are mainly Engaging in efforts to challenge the gender inequality resulting from purdah. women are working in different ways of problem situation place held there came from side of places. in poor families not have to provide food to their children's in the name of unity of peace because not have money to serve family in one pound of rice in per day for children. So many problems are facing in time of jobless place in society not have job to work to earn own life in society, certain job are not provide for the Islamic people some people are neglecting the way of tradition in way of manner. The performance differential in labor-intensive export industries is directly related to how each country has utilized its labor endowment. One glaring difference is in the access of women to formal labor

markets and especially those in export-oriented goods and services manufacturing products. it's very hard for them doing some based on men's work but there take motivate from them there do the hardworking in working place., women's access to employment is constrained by purdah a set of practices that impose gender segregation in public spaces and the seclusion of women. Wearing purdah in a working time it's very sweat and uncomfortable with the clothes , it's covered like fully cover .Purdah consist as a women's ability to work outside their home or immediate locale, which limits their labour force participation and occupational mobility.

### Effects of Purdah

Sunshines light affect them in the mainly summer season , body get rushes in sunheat light , sweat and uncomfortable of pollution, breathing less in way of surrounding areas some garbages disposal, irritating of consciousness , energy level decrease in purdah way of walking . Those efects are affected in the summer season mainly then also we follow our way of culture tradition of rulers in holy Quran mentioned in scriptures. The only benefit is that other dust polluting particles have been covered out of purdah in any way, it's the benefits for us. The consequences of the custom of purdah for society are many and varied. Some people take it's also advantage of it while going with wearing purdah of unknowing people like there go with other persons. It has far-reaching effects on education, healthcare, sports, economy, politics, culture and architecture. We cannot identify them without seeing there face. other aspects of society as the evaluation of status, the ownership and inheritance of property, the arrangement of marriages, the division of labor, and impulse control. termed the separate world of women in a purdah society, both in physical and social terms. The separate world of women determines in behalf of wearing purdah in her role and status in society, it's as her lifecycle changing her activities and her access to diferent institutions. All are implemented by rules about the organization of living space with their security and with privacy her use of space.

### Status, Role and Lifecycle Change

The strictness of patriarchal society together with the purdah system determines the role and status of a woman, which are separated discussion and distinct from the social roles assigned to men. In our society there is a cruel level because in the way of seeing purdah it shows some kind of things for them or in diferent ways for them , nothing in it matters to see our face , they see us with their mind we see them with our see that's it . People saw a girls in the way of to to bottom but in Islamic religion it's not possible to see face instead of purdah there can us purdah and eyes that's ,But there dominating in some other ways as we came from some other part of world , it's unless how you see in your eyes that's the matter for us in a good way or bad way , what's the efect for some people instead of covered whole body with purdah it's a norms from holy Quran as generated in holy books from Allah, A girl in her parental home passes through infancy, childhood, adult , teenage and adolescence. After marriage, she moves to her husband's home and she make a relation between her in-laws as a relatives while talking , communication with conversation with whole family members of her husband side , she will be a close to her are family to connecting the family issues as entertainment and family matters , for the first time it's goes like that in the family passes through the diferent phases of her life long family life, there will take care of her like as own daughter's there will be concerning daughter-in-law, she will meet her mother-in-law first time it's goes a new relationship for her life long with her home , sometimes it's could be nervously feelings while taking with mother in law but she can't spoke fuently like her mother with in her home it's some diferences between there to here with mother-in-law and grandmother. Women in their diferent life have diferent parts of life earning a whole family. She takes caring participating like sports, career, student, as well as diferent degrees of freedom and adherence to purdah. Lifecycle changes are directly affected by social status, regional diferences and conomic conditions. a parental home, when a girl usually reaches the age of adult to teenage or in some families till the onset of puberty, certain restrictions are imposed on her family to her. The system of arranged marriage clearly related to the purdah system will the rules and regulations clearly maintaining the generally prevents the development of certain relationships between young people which could be lead to a marriage other than one arranged by responsibility of parents. A Muslim marriage takes the form of a civil contract signed by the two sides and may include specific restrictions agreed upon by the two sides. After marriage as a daughter-in-law, in a family the purdah woman has the special responsibility to uphold the family name with a good frame and good name of brind to the family. It's the bride, she was observing the norms of purdah. A new bride observes purdah more rigorously than she will ever do in her life. She is also expected to wait on everyone and work harder than other females in the family. Marriage alone does not automatically make a purdah woman a member of her afnal family. but in dinner time everyone want to be present in family , Especially sons she consolidates her position on their family, becomes a real member of their own family and attains her status within. Once she has borne a child, she is likely to reduce some of her veiling, such as veiling before her mother-in-law.



Before the birth of her first child a woman in some regions returns to her parents' home. Even when birth takes place in the husband's household, she goes to her parents' for a lengthy visit after the childbirth. There in her familiar home she is a favored, freer person. She is the daughter of the house and the village and she is allowed more freedom than in her unmarried state. After birth of a few children and as she grows older, she gains more freedom and power in the family set-up. As a mother-in-law, she controls the behavior and mobility of younger females in the family and supervises their work. The senior purdah females in a two- or three-generation household are reputed to have considerable influence over family affairs. They no longer avoid certain members of the family, move about more freely in the neighborhood and even speak to strangers if necessary.

### **Social Class and Purdah**

In Islamic religion, the ideal of social equality and is considered by many Traditional Indian Muslims have been categorized into two major classes the Ashraf and the Ajlaf. The Ashraf muslims is clearly reflected in their attitudes towards women. The Ashraf woman is derived entirely from her role as wife and mother and is garnished with the traditional feminine virtues of premarital virginity, beauty, tenderness, modesty, self-denial, graciousness, sensitivity and devotion to the family. Ashraf women are expected to purdah which curtails their freedom to move around. Non-Ashraf women do not as a rule observe strict purdah and their movement is less restricted. And since purdah is one of the insignia of respectability, these women are considered less respectable than Ashraf women. While they play the role of wives and mothers, they are also partners in the daily struggle for earning a livelihood, and the harder the struggle, the greater is the importance of women as a partner in work. In areas where the Ashraf, non-Ashraf divisions do not apply or are obsolete, social hierarchy continue to associate purdah with respectability and status and to endorse its principles of the separation of sexes and feminine modesty. Purdah is a way a family signals its economic superiority. At the same time, purdah commands respect in a way wealth alone cannot, because of its religious connotations and since it is considered good behavior from a religious point of view. In every village, only a few affluent homes can afford to provide conditions for women to observe strict purdah, but most villagers look to these homes as the most prestigious and respected, an honor to the village, and to this way of life for the women to be most desirable. It is important to consider that in conditions of poverty, most women work because they must, and not because they find in it a means for greater freedom, economic independence or self-expression. The upper class women's secluded world has its share of ceremonies, comforts, friendships, enjoyments and household servants. purdah practices of women from different socio-economic groups and the status thus indicated a woman belonged to one of the upper or middle castes, she was confined within the walls of her home to isolation and hard work. whole public people be in think good pure mind it's will be good, if through in bad way of mind it's been in bad only, as per society should change the through from your mind and heart because everyone are pure from mother womb. No one are bad the mindset, thinking ways, seeing the way condition and without knowing about religion and norms about the particular scriptures, don't leave any hurting words from your mouth because it's hurts too much for as particular religion people from there pure heart, there can't take it easy in your looking as your manner. Be try to understand we need freedom from some people from in our society because we are already faced so many difficulties problems situations in there life, now we can't ability to face the problem from beginning, let's make it has end for all the problems in our society. I need to say this every particular religion have unity, freedom, enjoy, rights and joy. We have in our nation don't neglect anyone. Let's live them to achieve success in their life, because everyone is suffering in some certain way or in any situation of problem. All the religions are have rights, and let's treat them as livelihoods in your one parts of family let see as your own friends, relatives, childhoods and blood relationship members in your family. Just people be a good people with humanity.

### **OBJECTIVES OF STUDY**

I focuses on a significant phase in the life of a girl growing into youth in the Muslim community, in youth, her physical beauty attracts the attention of people which is improper in a conservative society.

### **Source of data collection**

The data collected from the secondary sources of data from Books, articles and magazines

## Result/Finding

Purdah is a kind of safety, the body finds a place to hide. Voice against the purdah system and speak for women's freedom. The aim was to eliminate the purdah practice as she wanted equal status for women in the society. Behind the purdah and inner voice should want to scream out loud and shred the purdah, She has explored a fact of the muslims women's identity.

## Suggestion

'purdah' is very significant, literally, it denotes veil/cover but carries a deeper connotation, in fact purdah is a typical patriarchal machination that confines the women within the false sense of security and decent. By using Purdah as a metaphor, it is a bases flagrant violation of their basic rights, freedom and dignity and the individuality of women. Purdah nothing but a means to assert that women are safeguard and protected from the gloring lustful eyes of men.

Let's live them to protect their own life, because especially purdah women are suffering from the birth itself only, from growing up childhood day itself facing problem begins for them in the way of schools, roadside, there can't purchase anything from there freedom without wearing of purdah obviously in home there not yet allowing to live them outside of party or function living alone, and not have freedom in our society like school, college, career, malls, theater, gym, hospitals, as per security guards, not have safety for working purdah women's in day and night has in over-time duty timings. Because of bullying and harassment etc.. mainly facing more problems day by day. Especially in time of teenage/ mature age purdah girls in their home not able to send them her outside if there send also there are waiting and watching outside it's self or else there be call to there cell phones as 'where are you now' from so long time, there question would be from elders as taking care in family. This type of problems are facing Purdah women's situations in our society, because they do not have safety anywhere in our society to give freedom to our patients. The parents cannot live patiently at home while sending the daughter outside of work and still until returns home. No one can live freely - it could be either daughter, wife, sisters and mother. Without doing any striction they cannot send them outside, if they send them out it's no one who is responsible for their children in our society. Still so many purdah women are suffering many problems without knowing the issue. After school also there cannot take decisions for further higher education to improve life. the parents, what could be like that's only there they want to be, either if they do anything without knowing/permission they should be out of home or else marriage could be arranged without knowing any reason for them. In home also not having freedom for her to earn life has she like has possible. After marriage also women's should want to cover face with a purdah a lot of problems with husband relatives with relationship could be adjust with them, want to provide food for whole family, special treat to husband after come from duty, feeding to children and take caring. For purdah women's works not to have ended in their life. From the start to the end there could be suffering problems. In single situation always there not yet enjoy, let's live them to enjoy the community believe of wearing purdah in the name of Quran followed **Allah Akbar**.

In the condition of not having any freedom anywhere. Have I been requested to give freedom rights to wearing purdah? Let's there could be enjoy there life has been there like in life. In our society, people should give permission to educate and protect life for women's to wear purdah, live them to achieve goals in our society as own throughs. Rights to wearing Purdah for islamic religion as schedule norms in holy Quran.

## Conclusion

Purdah consider sign of Muslim identity and speak women freedom. In one sight of the equal status for women in the society. The purdah is an important role in Indian society, it created the culture of 'seclusion of women', the concept of authority, power and harmony within the family. The "veiling and seclusion of women" purdah is clearly important in contemporary India as it relates to power and harmony within the family. "The use the image of purdah is this look at what's shown and what's hidden, it is obviously much more than just the idea of the Physical Purdah. It was what you choose to hide what you are harassed to hide One thing - she stands outside herself /sometimes in all 4 corners of her room". The woman projects herself outside of the space she inhabits between her skin and also the purdah but this unexpected attention on the outside world is shattered in the end. Let's all join our hands together with their purdah decision to wear the Islamic religion customs tradition of purdah. It's their own belief in their granted holy book of Quran as mentioned in scriptures. Give them rights to wear purdah's system for every woman. It could be comforting for them, while going outside. Respect the purdah women in the society while she is going on the way. Don't dominant and discrimination based on

any purdah women's on the roadside, streets, traveling place and in education and working jobs. If anyone held bullying to purdah women in the surrounding area, the government of India must and should want to take action on a particular person. Legally in police custody investigation. And they should give punishment for them under the IPC section of government action and jail without bail and fine for the person. Then only our society will improve with our nation and no one will make a mistake like that next time. purdah's system also be grateful tradition for the Islamic religion people. once the government taken particular rulers held between in our society means our people also maintain clear and neat in society, give respect and take response from youth of nation of purdah's women. I believe at least from now itself to give certain rights for muslim community to wear purdah, our society could be live them to develop and growth with our nation in the unity has per law from government rights from court to wear purdah's system for islamic region has per there norms mentioned in holy books of Quran from Allah akbar.

*Darkness is a purdah for light*

*—even, light needs solitary!*

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