

## Feminist Jurisprudence – Quotes

### Hon'ble Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah

- “A woman, whatever her sexual character or reputation may be, is entitled to equal protection of law. In a criminal trial relating to rape, it is the accused who is on trial and not the victim.” (Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah in Atif Zareef v. The State, PLD 2021 SC 550)
- “Right to dignity is the crown of fundamental rights under our Constitution and stands at the top, drawing its strength from all the fundamental rights under our Constitution and yet standing alone and tall, making human worth and humanness of a person a far more fundamental a right than the others, a right that is absolutely non-negotiable.” (Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah in Atif Zareef v. The State, PLD 2021 SC 550)
- “It is a crime against humanity that our women are shut up within the four walls of the houses as prisoners. There is no sanction anywhere for the deplorable condition in which our women have to live.” (Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah in Uzma Naveed Chaudhary v. Federation of Pakistan, PLD 2022 SC 783).
- “Right to life includes the right to livelihood, and thus assumes the right to a safe working environment for everyone, especially women, for earning such a livelihood; intimidating, hostile, abusive and offensive workplace environment offends the right to livelihood and the right to life of a person.” (Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah in Uzma Naveed Chaudhary v. Federation of Pakistan, PLD 2022 SC 783).
- “The universal value of human dignity provides that "all human beings are born free and equal in dignity and rights. It shuns patriarchy, misogyny and the age-old archaic and dogmatic social norms, and nurtures progressive and forward-looking constitutional ideals of liberty, equality and social justice.” (Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah in Uzma Naveed Chaudhary v. Federation of Pakistan, PLD 2022 SC 783).
- “It is time to bid farewell to gender biases and prejudices, and pave the way towards the actualization of these robust and unwavering constitutional ideals and values by embracing the participation of women in all spheres of life with honour and dignity.” (Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah in Uzma Naveed Chaudhary v. Federation of Pakistan, PLD 2022 SC 783).
- “Because of the fiduciary and protecting relation of the brothers to their sisters, they cannot claim their possession of the joint property adverse to the rights of their sisters; possession of the brothers is taken to be the possession of their sisters.” (Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah in Saadat Khan v. Shahid Ur Rehman, PLD 2023 SC 362).
- “Human dignity is therefore the freedom of the individual to shape an individual identity. Human dignity regards a human being as an end, not as a means to achieve the ends of others.” (Justice Syed Mansoor Ali Shah in Ameen Masih v. Federation of Pakistan, PLD 2017 Lahore 610).