Women's Newsletter

January 2018

Nobody dare misbehave with women on my set: Shah Rukh Khan

Express Tribune (January 31, 2018)

MUMBAI, INDIA: Superstar Shah Rukh Khan, known for his chivalrous attitude, says nobody has dared to misbehave with a woman on his film sets. The actor, who was feted with a Crystal Award at the World Economic Forum summit in Davos along with Hollywood ... Read More

Right to dignity of Christian women in Pakistan

Daily Times by Naumana Suleman (January 26, 2018)

DAVOS: Pakistani Nobel laureate Malala Yousufzai has urged the women in Pakistan to speak for their rights and raise their voice, reminding them that they are brave. Speaking exclusively to Geo News here, Malala said, "My campaign on behalf ... Read More

Malala urges Pakistani women to speak for their rights

GEO News (January 25, 2018)

DAVOS: Pakistani Nobel laureate Malala Yousufzai has urged the women in Pakistan to speak for their rights and raise their voice, reminding them that they are brave. Speaking exclusively to Geo News here, Malala said, "My campaign on behalf ... Read More

Women must be respected

Daily Times by Shagufta Gull (January 24, 2018)

Pakistan is the fourth worst country for women according to a recently released 'Women Peace and Security' Index. In the list of 153 countries, Pakistan was ranked at 150 with ... Read More

Women's Action Forum reminds CJP of Article 25 of the Constitution

SAMA TV (January 23, 2018)

NEWS DESK: In a statement issued on Tuesday, the Women's Action Forum (WAF) Karachi chapter reminded the Chief Justice of Pakistan of Article 25 of the Constitution of Pakistan. "It is shameful that WAF Karachi has to quote for our highest judiciary Article 25 of the ... Read More

Women have virtually no say in DRCs

Express Tribune (January 21, 2018)

PESHAWAR: At a community meeting at the Model Police Station in Rahimabad, Mingora, the representatives are all men. There are more than 70 men, drawn ... Read More

Exclusive: Lahore woman sets new precedent as female bike captain

Express Tribune (January 19, 2018)

Pakistan now has female bike captains as a part of Careem's women empowerment scheme. These women are Pakistan's first female bike captains. ... Read More

In This Issue

- Women rights continue to be violated
- Group formed to monitor women's rights situation in Sialkot
- To address women issues, KPCSW launches website
- Pakistan's girl cadet dream to taking power
- On the road to success

Women rights continue to be violated

Daily Times by Andleeb Haidar (January 8, 2018)

December 10 is celebrated as International Human Rights Day by the United Nations. According to the UN, it is the day to 'recognise human rights and speak up against the unspeakable'. Several human rights violations took place over the past few years across the world. War against Yemen, war in Syria, civil war in Iraq and Libya, presence of American troops in Afghanistan and terror incidents in this land and beyond, rapidly emerging extremism in different countries of Africa, heinous crimes by Boko Haram in Nigeria, abduction of Nigerian girls are some of the incidents that took place in the last few years. ... Read More

Group formed to monitor women's rights situation in Sialkot

Business Recorder (January 5, 2018)

District level vigilance group comprising of 15 male and female members having representation from youth, service delivery channels, civil society organizations and media has been formed in Sialkot during the proceedings of a District Coordination Committee meeting under the auspices of "Programme for Gender Equity, Empowerment and Justice" being implemented by Baidarie Sialkot with the support provided by Amplify Change. District level vigilance group will monitor the situation of women rights and prevalence of gender based discrimination and violence and will update the district administration and recommend measures for bringing improvement in the situation. The group will also mobilize the service delivery and grievance addressing channels for providing legal aid and psychological counselling support to the women and girls survivors of violence. ... Read More

To address women issues, KPCSW launches website

Express Tribune (January 3, 2018)

PESHAWAR: With the world far more connected today, thanks to growing internet penetration, a provincial government body on women have launched a website to better inform, and help the women of the province. The Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa Commission on Status of Women (KPCSW) formally inaugurated its website (kpcsw.gov.pk), aimed at promoting an agenda of empowering women. The launching ceremony was organised by Blue Veins under its project on "policy advocacy and research to strengthen implementation of pro-women legislation and gender-based violence (GBV) response services in K-P" with assistance from the Australian government and Trócaire. ... Read More

Pakistan's girl cadet dream to taking power

Daily Times (January 1, 2018)

t a revolutionary school in Pakistan, Durkhanay Banuri dreams of becoming military chief, once a mission impossible for girls in a patriarchal country where the powerful army has a severe problem with gender equity. Thirteen-year-old Durkhanay, a student at Pakistan's first ever Girls' Cadet College, established earlier this year in the deeply conservative northwest, brims with enthusiasm and confidence as she sketches out her life plan. "I want to be the army chief," she tells AFP. "Why not? When a woman can be prime minister, foreign minister and governor of the State Bank, she can also be chief of the army staff ... Read More

On the road to success

The News by Shahzada Irfan Ahmad (January 1, 2018)

Women form around 49 percent of the population of Pakistan, according to the population census of 2017, but unfortunately a small segment of these contribute to the economic activity of Pakistan. This definitely results in slower economic growth and limits the volume of GDP. Women form around 49 percent of the population of Pakistan, according to the population census of 2017, but unfortunately a small segment of these contribute to the economic activity of Pakistan. This definitely results in slower economic growth and limits the volume of GDP. No doubt women form a major part of the agricultural workforce but they are hardly accounted for and the work they do is mostly seasonal and unskilled. When it comes to skilled and high-paying jobs, it's mostly the men who grab these. ... Read More