

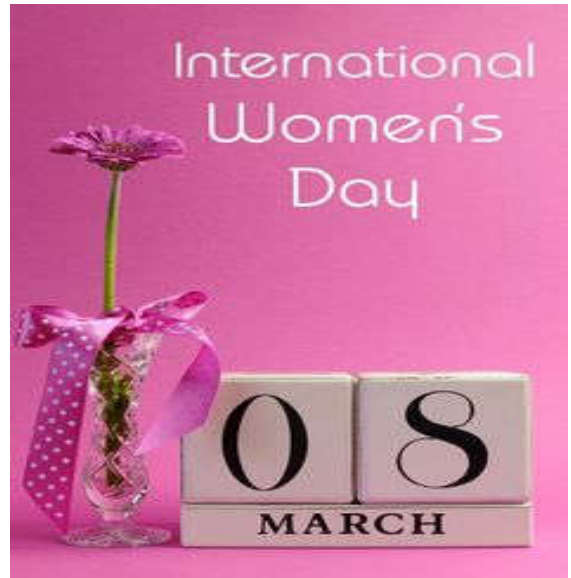


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SEMINAR REPORT



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 Vice Chancellor, University of Sindh, Jamshoro

Speakers : **Professor Dr. Naseem Aslam Channa**
 Harassment Cell, University of Sindh, Jamshoro
Ms. Zahida
 Editor of Humsari Magazine
Ms. Marvi Asif Awan
 Incharge Women Protection Cell, Sindh
Ms. Mahreen Ibrahim
 Advocate High Court

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 University of Sindh, Jamshoro

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Welcome Address: **Prof. Dr. Shuja Ahmed Mahesar**, Director Pakistan Study Centre

Speakers: **Prof. Dr. Naseem Aslam Channa**, Director Institute of Biochemistry

Mr. Tauqeer Naeem, SSP, Jamshoro

Mrs. Zahida Abro, Editor, Humsari Magazine

Marvi Asif Awan, Incharge Women Protection Cell, Sindh

Advocate Mehreen Ibrahim, Advocate High Court

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Participants: Deans, Directors, Chairpersons, PhD & M.Phil Scholars and graduate students of the University

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PROCEEDINGS

One Day National Seminar was organized by Pakistan Study Centre, University of Sindh. The seminar was presided over by Professor Dr Fateh Muhammad Burfat, Vice Chancellor, University of Sindh, Jamshoro. In his presidential remarks he stressed the need to create positive attitudes towards working women. “Sindh University administration has taken various measures to ensure that the workplace is safe for working women”. He further remarked that the legal rights of women are granted under the 1973 Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan. It guarantees equality of all citizens (Men & Women) of Pakistan. Worthy Vice Chancellor appreciated the Pakistan Study Centre for organizing important event on Women’s International Day.



Dr Burfat further said that for the empowerment of women, we need to bring long-lasting change in working environment and to solve the genuine issues of women including low wages, the lack of social security, discriminatory laws and poor working conditions, which negatively affect women’s socio-economic indicators.

In rural areas home-based workers have to work for long hours at the cost of their health. They have little or no access to education and all other basic facilities. Further, the work of these invisible women is not recognized at national level.



In his welcome address Professor Dr Shuja Ahmed Mahesar said that keeping in view the importance of International Women's Day Pakistan Study Centre has organized this event to pay tribute to women specially working women. As we know that the working women have to face various socio-cultural problems at home and at workplace which actually affect their performance and social status in society, the director remarked.

The Director said the aim of this seminar is to create awareness about these issues and to contribute to the current debate about the empowerment of women. He further remarked that when we talk about empowerment, it is about gender equality and equity, changes in policy and social structures, such as land and labour reforms, educational opportunities, and participation of women in decision-making process.

Dr Shuja Ahmed further said that we need to accept the fact that our society cannot fully flourish without the active participation of women in all fields of life. Thus, our society must encourage women to participate in all fields including sports, science and technology. UN General Secretary rightly believes that “we should make sure that women and girls can shape the policies, services and infrastructure that impact all our lives. And let us support women and girls who are breaking down barriers to create a better world for everyone.”



The guest of honour Mr Tauqeer Naeem SSP Jamshoro said that the study of archaeological site Moen-jo-Daro indicates that women were equal to men. He further said that the laws of Pakistan sufficiently protect the rights of women. However, there is need to implement the law for protection of women.



Social Activist and the Incharge of Women Protection Cell Ms Marvi Asif Awan shared the progress of Women Protection Cell Sindh. She said women need to raise voices against the violence and acts of discriminations against them. She encouraged the audience



that education and awareness can play vital role in securing rights of women.

Mrs Zahida Abro the editor of Humsari Magazine, stressed the need to educate both male and female members of family. Family can positively contribute to education about the status of women in society. She remarked that “the biggest challenge in today’s society is to end the domestic violence”.

Advocate Mahreen Ibrahim discussed about the various laws regarding the protection of women. She said women especially young girls should be careful about sharing data on social media.

Professor Dr Naseem Aslam Channa discussed about the types of problems women face at workplaces. She said girls can be encouraged to share with us any kind of problem if they are facing at University.

The concluding remarks and vote of thanks were presented by Professor Dr Zareen Abassi Dean Faculty of Social Science, University of Sindh. The seminar concluded that we should work together to achieve the objective of women equality and women empowerment.

The program was moderated by the Ms Marium Maira and Ms Reema Siyal President and Secretary of Debating Society of Pakistan Study Centre, University of Sindh.

FINDINGS/RECOMMENDATIONS

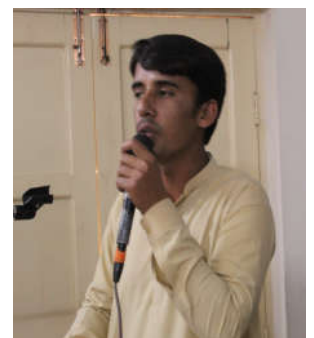
Dr Shuja further stressed the need to demonstrate our commitment towards achieving the following objectives:



- To ensure that girls and boys have an access to equitable and quality primary and secondary education.
- To ensure that all girls and boys have an access to childhood development and care.
- Eliminate all forms of violence and gender discrimination against women.
- Eradicate all harmful practices including forced marriages.
- Protect women at workplace from bullying, blackmailing, exploitation and harassment.
- Work for equal status of women in society.



In the honour of women a song was performed by Mr Younis Kerio, the student of MA (Final). A motivational video about the UN theme regarding women was prepared by Media Secretary of Debating Society Mr Asad Wasan of BS (Pakistan Studies). Porgrame was attended by large number of faculty members and students of University of Sindh.



The Director of Pakistan Study Centre presented Shields of honour to the Guest Speakers.



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