Women's Newsletter

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The province in the lead on women's empowerment

The Express Tribune by Ayesha SArwari (February 24, 2018)

Divulging in to the state of affairs for women in Pakistan is an unsettling activity. Currently ranked at 143rd in the Gender Gap index among 144 countries, Pakistan is among the worst countries to live a life as a woman. Conditions here are worse than in Syria at ... Read More

It's about women, without women

The Express Tribune by Ayesha Hassan (February 22, 2018)

I was initially about to write about how women largely remain on the margins of peace negotiations in political processes because it is majorly considered the "primary business of men", but that can wait. There is something that disgusted me more than that this week: ... Read More

Round Table Meeting on Empowerment of Women and Children

PCSW (February 22, 2018)

A round table meeting was convened by Punjab Commission on the Status of Women (PCSW) and the Ministry of Environment to reaffirm Government of Punjab's long-standing commitment to empower women and children in Punjab. The meeting was attended by men ... Read More

Three Billboards wins big BAFTA; women highlight harassment

DAWN (February 20, 2018)

LONDON: The ferocious female-led tragi-comedy "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing, Missouri" was the big winner at the British Academy Film Awards in London, where women demanding an end to harassment, abuse and inequality dominated the ceremony ... Read More

Pakistan's first Women in Law magazine launched

The Nation (February 16, 2018)

The Lahore Education and Research Network (LEARN) held the Women in Law Seminar 2018 in association with Digital Rights Foundation (DRF) on 17th February 2018 at the Nishat Hotel Lahore. 'Women in Law' is an initiative of LEARN that was ... Read More

Asma Jahangir: bidding farewell to a feminist icon

Aljazeera (February 15, 2018)

People don't usually break societal barriers and disrupt the patriarchal order at funerals anywhere in the world, let alone in Pakistan. But on February 13, many women in Lahore, including myself, did just that by actively participating in a janaza, a Muslim funeral ... Read More

Women's political inclusion can help protect their rights

The Express Tribune (February 13, 2018)

PESHAWAR: Through greater participation in mainstream politics, women can influence legislation being passed by the house to devise laws which help protect their rights. ... Read More

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There could only be on Asma Jahangir, Pakistan's valiant moral compass

The Express Tribune by Raza Habib (February 12, 2018)

Last year, I wrote an article praising a person who I consider to be my most favourite Pakistani, Ms Asma Jahangir. In that article, I wrote how courageous she was and how she had taken principled liberal stances ... Read More

Women in the boardroom

DAWN (February 12, 2018)

"TALENT is one of the most essential factors for growth and competitiveness," writes Klaus Schwab, the founder and executive chairman of the World Economic Forum (WEF), in the Global Gender Gap Report 2017. ... Read More

Women need a greater political role

The Express Tribune (February 12, 2018)

With another by-election not featuring any woman candidate and a growing gap between registered male and female voters, there is a need to bring women into the political mainstream. The call was made by the Centre for Peace and Development (CPDI), ... Read More

Abaya not mandatory attire for Saudi women says cleric

DAWN (February 11, 2018)

DUBAI: Saudi women need not wear the abaya — the loose-fitting, full-length robe — a senior member of the top clerical body said, another indication of the kingdom's efforts towards modernisation. On his radio programme, Sheikh Abdullah al-Mutlaq ... Read More

Women to be confined to teaching primary

The Express Tribune (February 9, 2018)

LAHORE: PML-N MPA Joyce Rofin Julius, who is the parliamentary secretary for school education, confirmed that the Punjab government revised its policy by deciding that women teachers will only teach at primary boys' ... Read More

Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa— a violent place for women

The Express Tribune by Riaz Ahmad (February 5, 2018)

PESHAWAR: The murder of actor and singer Sumbul Khan in Mardan was just one of the 19 major acts of violence against women across Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa so far this year, suggested data collected by a local non-governmental organization (NGO) ... Read More

Laws protecting women rights need implementation: Durrani

The Express Tribune (February 3, 2018)

ISLAMABAD: Many laws have been enacted in the country to safeguard the rights of women, but the authorities have failed to implement these with full force. "There is lack of implementation of laws protecting women rights in the society," Balochistan Assembly Speaker. ... Read More

Men's participation in battle against women harassment stressed

DAWN (February 1, 2018)

KARACHI: Speaking at a seminar organised to sensitise the public to harassment of women at the workplace, Superintendent of Police Shahla Qureshi lamented the lack of male participation in the audience, which was necessary, she said, in the battle to eliminate this menace ... Read More