

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SYMPOSIUM on “Youth Emerging as a force to positive change “ to mark International Day of Violence against women Dated Nov, 25th , 2013 .

In continuation to 16 days Activity campaign for Violence against Women APWA Punjab held a symposium on Youth emerging as a force to positive change to end violence against women.

Guest of Honor Begum Zakia Shanawaz, Minister Population and Family welfare department, Human Rights activist Mr.I.A Rehman (Human Right Activities),Mrs.Shamsa Ali Malik spoke on the occasion entitled “Youth emerging as a force of positive change”



The symposium showcased demanding implication for women right initiatives and experiences undertaken once last 5 years by APWA Punjab and Govt and Education department to stop the violence against women and steps taken to help the victims of this violence.



“A country where mothers are killed for giving birth to baby girls can’t be called an ethical society,” I.A REHMAN

From January 2012 to September 2013, there were also 90 acid attacks on women, 72 cases of burning caused by other means, 491 cases of domestic violence, 344 cases of gang rape and 835 cases of violence, he said. “Young girls are being raped in Pakistan and all we do is shout rather than do anything practical,” he said.

Rehman said that giving girls and boys equal access to education and introducing a uniform education system for the rich and the poor would bring about positive changes in Pakistan. “It has taken us 62 years to say that education is a basic right,” he said.

Supreme Court Advocate Shamsa Ali said a third of seats in local government should be reserved for women. This would make local bodies a nursery for young female politicians, she said.

She added that there should be a zero tolerance policy towards violence against women. She said that Pakistan had ratified the UN Convention for the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women, but had not fully implemented it.



MPA (PML-N) Hina Pervez Butt, who was one of the chief guests, said that the Punjab Assembly would soon pass the Punjab Protection of Family Members from Violence Bill. **“The bill is a welcome indication of the Government of Punjab’s commitment to supporting women in distress and to addressing issues of violence.”**



Ruhi Sayid (Chairperson APWA Punjab) while Pasting a poster

Begum Zakya Shahnawaz (Minister Population & Family Welfare) at the symposium on violence against women.



During the day, the Symposium also held a poster display from different colleges/universities/NGO's from Lahore. Also followed by the certificate distribution In a Symposium on "Youth emerging as a force to positive change".



Hina Pervaiz Malik (MPA PML_N) pasting a poster on



Ms. Shamshad receiving her certificate for Technical training by APWA Skill development and sharing her story of success HOW HE LEARNED ASSEMBLING OF ups & Solar panel.



Registrations being done for symposium participation



Participants of live interaction session



Nazia receiving certificate for her achievements in Technical Training Electronic Entrepreneurship course.

