



2014 UN Theme for Women's Day

Equality for women is progress for all



**WOMEN'S DAY CELEBRATIONS
ASAD MEMORIAL TF GRAMMAR SCHOOL, ZHOB
FORT SANDEMAN – BALOCHISTAN**

INTRODUCTON

International Women's Day is celebrated in many countries around the world. It is a day when women are recognized for their achievements without regard to divisions, whether national, ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic or political. It is an occasion for looking back on past struggles and accomplishments, and more importantly, for looking ahead to the untapped potential and opportunities that await future generations of women.

In 1975, during International Women's Year, the United Nations began celebrating International Women's Day on 8 March. Two years later, in December 1977, the General Assembly adopted a resolution proclaiming a United Nations Day for Women's Rights and International Peace to be observed on any day of the year by Member States, in accordance with their historical and national traditions. In adopting its resolution, the General Assembly recognized the role of women in peace efforts and development and urged an end to discrimination and an increase of support for women's full and equal participation.

Since those early years, International Women's Day has assumed a new global dimension for women in developed and developing countries alike. The growing international women's movement, which has been strengthened by four global United Nations women's conferences, has helped make the commemoration a rallying point to build support for women's rights and participation in the political and economic arenas. Increasingly, International Women's Day is a time to reflect on progress made, to call for change and to celebrate acts of courage and determination by ordinary women who have played an extraordinary role in the history of their countries and communities.

The UN and Gender Equality

The Charter of the United Nations, signed in 1945, was the first international agreement to affirm the principle of equality between women and men. Since then, the UN has helped create a historic legacy of internationally-agreed strategies, standards, programs and goals to advance the status of women worldwide.

Over the years, the UN and its technical agencies have promoted the participation of women as equal partners with men in achieving sustainable development, peace, security, and full respect for human rights. The empowerment of women continues to be a central feature of the UN's efforts to address social, economic and political challenges across the globe.

"Countries with more gender equality have better economic growth. Companies with more women leaders perform better. Peace agreements that include women are more durable. Parliaments with more women enact more legislation on key social issues such as health, education, anti-discrimination and child support. The evidence is clear: equality for women means progress for all."

Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon

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Keeping in view The UN 2014 theme for women's Day, the staff of Asad Memorial Taaleem Foundation Grammar School decided to celebrate this day for creating a supportive workplace for both sexes.

All staff members and students of the school arranged different programs to celebrate this day with excitement and enthusiasm.



Program of the Day

- All staff members and students of Asad Memorial Taaleem Foundation Grammar School gathered in the main hall of school after attending first two scheduled classes.
- The program began with the recitation of Holy Quran.



- Students from different classes dressed in costumes of different inspiring women of Pakistan appeared on stage to create awareness regarding different women to recognize their achievements and the struggles that they went through.
- Miss Nabila of class 8th delivered her speech, focusing on the UN theme for Women's Day 2014, *Equality for women is progress for all*
- Miss Farida highlighted the history and importance of Women's Day.
- Miss Shaista focused on the role of women in every component of society such as business, politics, civil society, family matters, education, health and social system.
- Mr. Shah Jahan discussed the role of leading women in Pakistan Movement and those who excelled in development and intellectual sectors in the country.



- Miss Zaib-un-Nisa of class 7th in her speech highlighted the role of women in Islamic history and their struggle for the spread of Islam.

- Miss Maria of class 6th in her speech focused on the topic “Challenges of Modern Era and Role of Women”

- Students from different

grades presented beautiful tableaux with nice background songs and music with the theme of the importance of women in every part of our daily life.

- Miss Shaista, teacher in the School discussed in her speech the current issues every woman is facing, such as equal wages for equal work; women's effective participation in politics and business; promoting health and education for women and combating violence against women.



At the end, Madam Farkhanda Naheed, Principal of the school shared the message of UN Secretary General with all the audience, stating that:

“The evidence is clear: Equality for women means progress for all. This simple truth must be central as we work to accelerate progress towards the Millennium Development Goals by next year’s deadline and craft an agenda for the years beyond 2015.

Important gains have been made in access to primary education for girls and political representation by women. But progress remains far too slow and uneven. A baby girl born today will still face inequality and discrimination, no matter where her mother lives. We have a common obligation to ensure her right to live free from the violence that affects one in three women globally; to earn equal pay for equal work; to be free of the discrimination that prevents her from participating in the economy; to have an equal say in the decisions that affect her life; and to decide if and when she will have children, and how many she will have. I have a message for every girl born today, and to every woman and girl on the planet: Realizing human rights and equality is not a dream, it is a duty of governments, the United Nations and every human being. I also have a message for my fellow men and boys: play your part. All of us benefit when women and girls, your mothers, sisters, friends and colleagues can reach their full potential.

Together, let us work for women’s rights, empowerment and gender equality as we strive to eliminate poverty and promote sustainable development.”





Thanks