

# WOMEN IN THE PUBLIC EYE

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A weekly bulletin on news and views through the gender lens

## PAKISTAN'S FIRST SUFI OPERA SINGER

London-based British Pakistani soprano Saira Peter is the world's first and only sufi-opera singer. Saira Peter has become the first Pakistani singer who recorded her album of Sufi poetry in opera, the music and style invented in Italy.



## SEMINAR: GENDER ANALYSIS INCLUSION SOUGHT IN ARMS CONTROL POLICIES

Speakers at a seminar here on Monday called for including gender analysis in arms control policies, laws and programming in the context of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

They were addressing a provincial level seminar on "Gender Mainstreaming in Small Arms Control". A non-governmental organization, Blue Veins, had arranged the event to mark the International Human Rights Day. The day is observed on December 10 under different themes.

**خواتین کھلاڑی مردوں کے مساوی رقم ملنے پر خوش**

پاکستان کی خواتین ٹینس کھلاڑیوں نے مردوں کے مساوی انعامی رقم ملنے پر خوشی کا اظہار کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ مساوی انعامی رقم کی روایت قائم کرنا خوش آئند ہے۔ مستقبل میں بھی سلسلہ جاری رہنا چاہیے۔ ایک انٹرویو میں ٹینس سٹار اوشا سکیل نے کہا کہ خوشی ہے کہ مردوں اور خواتین کھلاڑیوں کی انعامی رقم مساوی کی گئی ہے امید ہے کہ فیڈریشن مستقبل کے ٹورنامنٹس میں مساوی انعامی رقم کی روایت قائم کرے گی۔ نور ملک کے مطابق مزید ایسے ٹورنامنٹس ہونے چاہئیں جن میں مساوی

انعامی رقم ہو، کیساں انعامی رقم ملنے سے کھلاڑی مزید متحرک ہوتی ہیں۔ جیسا جاوید نے کہا کہ پہلے انعامی رقم میں بہت فرق تھا، انعامی رقم کے فرق کو ختم کرنا قابل ستائش ہے، وہیں کھلاڑیوں کی حوصلہ افزائی ہو گی۔ سریم مرزا نے کہا کہ امید ہے کہ مستقبل میں مساوی انعامی رقم والے ایٹس ہی ہوں گے، اس سے حقانیت کی نصاب بڑھے گی اور مزید کھلاڑی سامنے آئیں گی۔

## PAK SCIENTIST GETS INTERNATIONAL RECOGNITION

The Australian Academy of Technology and Engineering (ATSE) has selected Pakistani scientist Shazia Sadiq for an advanced scientific research project.

Sadiq is being lauded for her successful research in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) education.

According to a report by a local daily, Sadiq developed a solution for Business Information Systems to process information more effectively. Her work will significantly improve business process management, governance, risk and compliance data.

Sadiq is currently working at the School of Information Technology and Electrical Engineering in Queensland, Australia.

SOURCE: THE NEWS



# WHAT'S BEEN HAPPENING AT UKS

## WILL MEDIA START REPORTING RAPE: A WEBINAR

On the occasion of International Human Rights Day, the Uks Research, Resource & Publication Center Islamabad and WACC Global jointly organized a webinar on the topic of 'Will the media start reporting rape?.'

Having renowned journalists, media practitioners and human rights activists on the platform, the purpose of the webinar was to have a debate on the mismatch of media's reporting on rape cases and the actual rape incidents happening.

Anchoring the webinar Executive Director of Uks research Ms. Tasneem Ahmar drew a quick comparison between the cases of rape reported in the media and the statistics compiled by Uks. She also shared with the audience the way these cases are reported and the language used while reporting them.



Editor Daily Dawn Zaffar Abbas acknowledged that improvement has been seen and there is still room for improvement regarding reporting of rape cases. He also admitted that it is hard to report all the cases with current rate of rape incidents, and recommended that there has to be a mechanism to monitor, collecting data and publication of statistics.

Zarrar Khuhro – a TV show host questioned the content of reported rape incidents and stated that it was more important to note what is actually being said than whether or not it's being reported.

Huma Amir Shah, famous morning show host, touched upon the dilemma of insensitive and unethical projection of rape cases on social media. Referring to the Kashmiri Child Rape case, she shed light on another aspect that the media uses words with the wrong connotation like "ziyadti" saying that the equivalent for the word rape doesn't exist in Urdu.

Political talk show host Asma Shirazi agreed that certain cases gain more attention and others don't. Similarly other beats always gain special attention even though rape is an equally important issue but there are only certain slots that cover rape.

She said it is worth appreciating that media persons are more sensitive about right to privacy of a victim now.

Executive Director Uks Ms. Tasneem Ahmar concluded the discussion by saying that the word rape should be used both in English and Urdu media, instead of word 'ziadti' which does not convey intensity of the gruesome crime.



# SOCIAL MEDIA



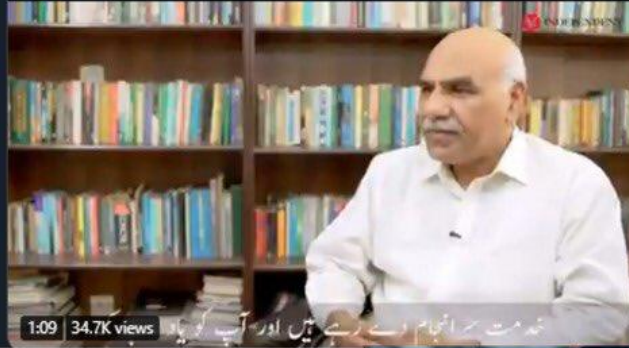
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Instead of wrong trends, this is what we should be supporting to trend.



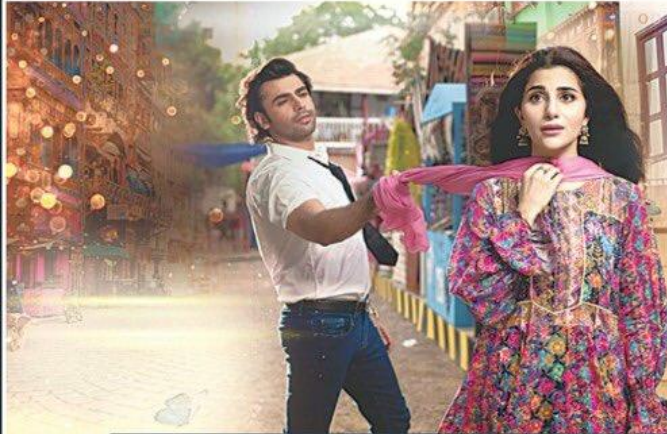
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