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About this issue

Dear Sankalpa Community,

Happy New Year! We wish you a happy and bright 2017.We hope you will continue help us drive change for gender equality around the country from local to national level for the next 365 days.

This issue covers the update from Nov to Dec 2016 including felicitation to our new executive committee, glimpse of our field activities and media coverage on country's women rights and issues.

Thank you!

The Sankalpa Team @WomenSankalpa



From the recent convention, an executive committee consisting of fifteen members had been formed for a term of 2 years under the leadership of Ms.Lily Thapa.

The rest of elected Executive members are Stella Tamang(Senior Vice Chair),Sangeeta Lama(Vice Chair),Shobha

Basnet(General Secretary),Usha Rawot(Secretary),Sunilama(treasurer)and others member are namely Dr.Chhatra Amatya, Ms.Mohamadi Siddique, Dr.Sumitra Mandandhar Gurung,Ms.Maimoona Siddique,Dr.Madhuri Singh,Ms.Nirmala Dhital,Ms.Chinimaya Majhi,Ms.Nirmalai Dhungana & Ms.Kala Swonarkar.

Felicitation Program to New Executive Committee

On 19th December, Sankalpa organized a felicitation program to congratulate and welcome new Executive committee of Sankalpa. Representatives from government agencies, women rights Activist, political parties, I/NGOs, Donor Agencies, journalist took part in the program. Guest were present from different political and nonpolitical organization.To name a few Jaya puri gharti (CPN UML),Hisila Yami(NayaShakti),Puspa Bhusal(NepaliCongress),Dr.Madha vi Bhatta(Truth & reconciliation Commission)Dr,professorBishnu Pathak(TRC),Kamala Bisht (RNE)Rita Rai (Idea International) congratulates newly elected board and thank to the previous board for successfully completing the tenure. Also, showed their solidarity in women's moment and look forward to work together with Sankalpa.



District Activity

15 focused districts of Sankalpa_organized different programs to mark 16days of Activism against Women. Here we have pictures.



Nepalgaunj organized one day discussion program on "Child marriage, its social and religious view point.



Nawalparasi conducted Rally to mark 16 days of activism on violence women against



One day Discussion program on "Role of stakeholders in minimizing gender & Domestic Violence



Makwanpur organized one day interaction program on Sexual, Gender & Women Violence

Sankalpa-Women Alliance for peace, justice & Democracy, since its establishment is working hard to create "HER STORY"

Lily Thapa-Chairperson



Bishnu Pathak, Commissioner of the Commission on Investigation on Enforced Disappeared Persons, speaking at a programme organised by Sankalpa in the capital, Monday. (Photo: Kabita Thapa/TRN)

Newly-elected body of Sankalpa vows to ensure women rights

By A Staff Reporter
Kathmandu, Dec. 19
The newly-elected board members of Sankalpa expressed their commitment to work for institutionalising the rights as guaranteed by the new constitution.

Speaking at a greeting sharing programme organised here at the office of Sankalpa, Women's Alliance for Peace, Justice and Democracy, the newly elected members said that they were committed to work for gender equality, women's rights and empowerment of women in Nepal. Assuming the office, chairperson Lily Thapa sought unity among women to ensure their social, political, economic and cultural rights.

The 3rd general assembly of Sankalpa had recently elected a 15-member executive board.

Extending her greetings to the newly-elected members, Pushpa

Bhusal, central member of the Nepali Congress, said the women rights movement could gain pace only if the women from different walks of life stood united for the struggle of gender equality.

She asked every woman of the country to join hands to fight together for rights.

Jay Puri Gharti Magar, central member of the CPN-Maoist Centre said that since the organisation had been supporting women from the marginalised and disadvantaged communities to bring them into the mainstream, the new board members should continue their efforts for the sustainable and equitable development of women.

Hishia Yami, central member of Naya Shakti Nepal, said as Sankalpa had embraced the concept of inclusiveness, it should promote male participation to pursue a joint struggle for the rights of women.

The Rising Nepal.

The Rising Nepal writes about our felicitation Program

Media Coverage

Rising Nepal writes about third Convention of Sankalpa

Sankalpa elects new committee

By A Staff Reporter
Kathmandu, Dec. 16

The 3rd general convention of the Women's Alliances for Peace, Justice and Democracy (Sankalpa) has elected a new working committee under the chair of Lily Thapa.

Stella Tamang and Sangeeta Lama have been elected senior vice chair and vice chair respectively.

Likewise, Shobha Basnet has been chosen as the general-secretary while Usha Rawat and Suni Lama have been elected as the secretary and treasurer respectively.

Similarly, Dr Chhatra Amatya, Dr Madhuri Singh, Dr Sumitra Manandhar Gurung, Mohammadi Siddique and Mamoonah Siddique, Nirmala Dhungana, Nirmala Dhital, Kala Swornakar and Chinimaya Majhi have been elected central committee members of the Sankalpa.

Newly-elected chairperson Lily Thapa said that she would focus her attention on up-lifting the neglected and suppressed women and ensuring proportional representation of women in all the state bodies.

'I would like to play my role in Sankalpa as a bridge to the government. Therefore, coordination and cooperation among the Sankalpa family members is a must,' she added.

The former president of Sankalpa, Durga Sob, said, 'I will work sincerely with Sankalpa to implement the provisions of the constitution of Nepal to enhance women's participation in all the organs of the state.'



Gorkhapatra writes about Sankalpa felicitation Program

Issues of women covered by media

S.N	Name of the Newspaper	Coverage of Women Issues
1	The Kantipur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Cyber violence against women ➤ Political violence against Women ➤ Need of Women Empowerment ➤ Voice against Violence ➤ Discrimination inside BURKA and truth ➤ Discrimination in Dalit women
2	The Rising Nepal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Press for meaningful participation of women ➤ Women outnumber men in PSC Applications ➤ Lack of women's rights inland ownership ➤ Female journalist yet to fare well in Nepali Media ➤ Women Leaders bearing brunt of costly elections
3	Gorkhapatra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Women friendly law in Need ➤ Urged not to decrease women participation ➤ Women participation low ➤ National human Rights mega meet ➤ Women violence more from husband ➤ women need access to justice
4	Republica	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Women outperform men in PSC for job application ➤ Girls are the future ➤ Violence against women goes unabated despite efforts ➤ chhaupadi goth continues claiming women's lives ➤ girls more susceptible to domestic violence
5	Kathmandu post	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Government committed to ensuring women representation ➤ CJ calls for swift justice to women
6	Himalayan Times	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Role of women journalist stressed ➤ Violence Against Women-Slippery Against To justice ➤ Incidents of domestic Voilence on rise ➤ Rolpali women seeking justice ➤ Human Rights meet beginning tomorrow ➤ Increase women's access to and control of land ➤ Female journos discrimination ,says FNJ Vice –Chair Bindu ➤ Building Durable peace-Women's role is vital ➤ Trend of political violence ➤ Bajura women compelled to give birth in cowshed ➤ Women deprived of opportunities :Yami
7	Naya Patrika	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Security of Violence Affected women: Where? ➤ End of women violence: When? ➤ Human right group in spot ➤ My mother was hang in the pool of school, bitten ,made her eat fetches and on Friday she died

Discussion Program on “Political Violence Against Women”

On 8th December 2016, Sankalpa Organized discussion program on Political violence against women at trade tower in Thapathali. This program was organized with the objective to raise awareness among women on violence against women in politics; to understand the context, nature, cause of violence against women in politics through discussion in the plenary. Identify underlying cause of Political Violence against Women (PVAW) and measures to combat (PVAW) through discussions. Participants were from different political parties, women rights organization, CSOs, Academic institution. They discussed about their experiences about violence against them within the political spectrum and ways to combat political violence.



Success Story

Sushila Rijal is social activist of Manari VDC, Pipara tole, WARD 2. Her story is really encouraging and inspiring .

In the beginning she wasn't comfortable as a social activist and was reluctant towards the mindset that women should not step out of home in solving societal problems. But now she is a role model for hundreds of women like her who fear to participate in resolving social issues. Now, everyone in her community seeks her support. She plays vital role in solving different issues such as cases of polygamy, conflict of a family, domestic violence. She also has also made a rule, whoever indulges in fight and refuses to resolve it peacefully will be fined a sum of NPR 5000. This has reduced fight among women in the community, she says being social activist had made her independent, courageous and outgoing and has enhanced leadership skills. Now she can openly speak in the public and people respect her and listen to her. She plays a role of mediator in her community and is a role model for many.





Sankalpa team participated in Rally to mark 68th International human rights day.



Sankalpa staff at the inauguration of 8th of human Rights Magna Meet at Rastriya Nach Ghar, Jamal

Release

Sankalpa issues press release on 20th December on the murder of Laxmi pariyyar of Kavre. Sankalpa condemned the murder of Laxmi pariyyar and demanded stern action against culprits.

Sankalpa had demanded that the government should provide the full financial, Educational and health support to the children of victim.

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काभ्रे जिल्ला सानो वाडथलीकी-७ की लक्ष्मी परि्यार (३३) को हत्या, हत्यापछिका अनुसन्धान र सरकारी काम कारवाहीप्राप्त हाम्रो गम्भीर ध्यानाकर्षण भएको छ ।

गत महिना, मङ्सिर २४ गते हत्या गरिएको दलित समुदायकी सदस्य लक्ष्मीका बारेमा यथार्थ जानकारी सार्वजनिक गराउनुको सट्टा जिम्मेवार पक्षबाट कहिले मिलापत्र गराइएको त कहिले धप अनुसन्धान भइरहेकाले सम्पूर्ण जानकारी सार्वजनिक गर्ने नमिल्लने जस्ता विरोधाभासपूर्ण भनाई प्रकाशित भइरहेकाले घटना धप संवेदनशील बनेको अनुभव गरिएको छ ।

यो र यसअघि पनि पटक पटक भएका यस्ता घटनाले नेपालको सवैधान, प्रचलित कानून र अन्तर्राष्ट्रिय सन्धि अभिसन्धिले प्रत्याभूत गरेका स्वतन्त्रतापूर्वक वाचन पाउने मानव अधिकारको धज्जी उडाएको अनुभव हामीले गरेका छौं ।

घटनाको सत्यतथ्य सार्वजनिक गरी दोषी उपर कडा कारवाही गर्ने सकल्य परिवार सरकार समक्ष माग गर्दछ । हाम्रो मागमा सरकार उदासिन भए आगामी दिनमा हामी आन्दोलनका कडा कार्यक्रम सहित सडकमा उत्रनुको विकल्प रहदैन ।

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