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women's alliance for peace, justice & democracy
amplifying voices of women



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About this issue

Dear Sankalpa Community,

We are back with another issue of 2018 of our E-Newsletter. In this issue, we will be sharing you about major activity of Sankalpa which includes monthly sharing programs, dissemination workshop, national consultation with women parliamentarians, discussion program on women violence, activity of member organizations and many more.

We hope that you're enjoying our e-newsletter. Also, do share us your views and suggestions on SDG 5, and how women can benefit from an advocate for all 17 SDG goals and play lead role in achieving these goals. We also encourage you to visit our Resource Centre for various publications on women's issues

The Sankalpa Team @WomenSankalpa

Sharing Program

On 18th June, Sankalpa organized talk program on the issues of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersexuality(LGBTI).Focal person of member organizations (MOs) were invited in the talk program. Ms Bhumika Shrestha from Blue Diamond society-presented issues of LGBTI, their challenges in Nepali society and how society & family perceive LGBTI people. She also addressed different queries raised by participants of the program.



Ms Bhumika Shrestha talking about LGBTI during sharing program.

Opportunity & Challenges of Visually Impaired Women



Sankalpa Organized sharing program on "Challenges & Opportunities of Visually Impaired Women" on 31st of July 2018. The issues of visually impaired was presented by Ms Gargi Nepal of Access Planet. Ms Gargi Nepal presented opportunity and challenges faced by visually impaired people whereas participants in the discussion program also raised challenges and mindset of society towards them. The major challenges discussed in the program were accessibility to information, laws & policies are not friendly towards them, physical infrastructure are not visually impaired friendly, challenges in getting higher

education due to lack of braille.

Apart from this, challenges and risk for women with disabilities is double in our society. There is more chance of sexual assault and rape to visually impaired women. Women with disabilities are taken as the burden even by the family, family feel they can't get married due to their disabilities.

"A woman with a voice is, by definition, a strong woman."

-Melinda Gates

Oreintation to Central & District Level Focal Person

On 1st July, Sankalpa organized orientation program to district focal person & central level



Central & District level focal person during orientation proaram.

focal person. Orientation program focused on the district work plan of Sankalpa starting from April to December 2018. During orientation ,Ms Bijaya KC(Program Manager) of Sankalpa clarified the activity whereas ,Merita Kansakar(Operation Manager) presented financial and budget allocation of each of the activity to be implemented in districts.

Participants of the program reflected on the program and activity of Sankalpa and their outcome in the districts. Also, Sankalpa collected opinion from the participant.

Way forward

- Sankalpa need to implement program which can bridge newly elected member in local level.
- Training and programs to District Coordination Committee.
- Develop strategy for Sustainability of Social activist /Bridging between social activists with local body structure.
- Coordination & partnership with local bodies.
- Training on Gender Responsive budget and local planning process for women group
- Sankalpa should implement program being based on new state structure.
- Conduct "National Level interaction" with 675 social activist of Sankalpa .



Chief Guest along with other guest during report launch.

Dissemination Workshop

Sankalpa Conducted dissemination workshop on "Status of Women in the focused Districts " & "Survey on Sexual and Gender Based Violence" on Shrawan 18th July 2018 at Russian Culture Centre Kamalpokhari.

Secretary of Women Commission Nepal –Mr Anil Kumar Thakur, Spokesperson of National Human Rights Commission Nepal-Mohana Ansari, Kamala Bisht from Royal Norwegian Embassy and Chair of Sankalpa Ms Lily Thapa were guest of the program. During the launch, Mr Bishnu Nepal-Senior Researcher from Right Direction

Nepal (RDN) presented paper on "Survey on sexual and Gender based Violence and Dr

Raghu Bir Bista-Consultant Researcher from Centre for Integrated Development Studies presented on "Status of women in focused districts of Sankalpa. Based on the presentation, participant of the program gave their opinion on the research report published by Sankalpa. Speaking at the program, Mr Thakur highlighted the necessity of both the report and how it can be useful in context of Nepal. Also he added that NWC will work to end SGBV and VAW according to the findings done by Sankalpa. Similarly, Mona Ansari highlighted work of National Human Rights Commission regarding how can we collaborate together in future with Sankalpa to end SGBV & VAW.

National Consultation with women parliamentarians

Sankalpa organized National Consultation with women parliamentarians on 29th July 2018 on Alfa House, Baneshwor. The program was conducted to make collaborative action on women in politics. The core agenda of the program was to enhance partnerships and gaining commitment from women political leaders for gender equality. Women parliamentarians who participated discussed to make good coordination between civil society and social issues. This program focused on 33 % participation in all level of state mechanisms and their meaningful and inclusive political participation.



Participants of the program stated that central committee of political party lacked 33 % women participation so we need to pressurize government. Summing up the program, Chair of Sankalpa, Lily Thapa focused on the implementation of fair, inclusive and evidence-driven policies. Beside this, laws and policies should be made women friendly.



Immediate past president of Sankalpa giving opening remarks.

Discussion program on Women Violence

On 9th August 2018, Sankalpa organized a half day program titled "Discussion program of Collective Campaign on VAW" at National Women Commission. Mr. Anil Kumar Thakur – Secretary of National Women Commission was the guest of the program. Similarly, participants from various

fields were part of the program like women activists, lawyer, journalists, representatives from I/NGOs working especially on women rights have participated in the program. The main objectives of the program was to contribute in making government, civil society members and members of Collective campaigns accountable for addressing the justice issues of the increasing rape victims of sexual violence. Also, to share findings and recommendation of field visit made by Sankalpa chair and General Secretary including member from National Women Commission.

Participants of the program stated:-

- In-depth investigation should be made on the rape cases.
- Self defense course should be provided to girls to decrease rape cases.
- Implementation of strict laws to aware public, discussion programs should be conducted with parliamentarians,
- Perpetrator centric programs should be organized by organizing a campaign in a sustainable way.
- Focusing over the increasing rape issues, every son should be taught how to respect his sister, mother, wife, daughter and women.

Sharing Program

On 29th August, Sankalpa organized sharing and discussion program on Civil Code Act & Criminal Code Act at Alpha House, Baneswor. The main objectives of the program was to make women rights activists informed & aware on basic things included in Civil Code Act & Criminal Code Act.

Radheshyam Adhikari- Advocate/Parliamentarian as well as Chair of Civil Code bill shared concepts and laws included in criminal code act and civil code act whereas Usha Thakuri Malla-Vice chair of Nepal Bar Association shared information regarding civil code bill & criminal code act through gender perspectives.

Mr Radheshyam Adhikari & Ms. Usha Thakuri Malla addressed the question/queries raised by the participants during floor discussion. Mr Radheshyam Adhikari focused that both the bill are women friendly and women parliamentarian had really worked hard to make it.



Activity of Member organizations

(In the month of September)



Bikalpa organized Signature and message campaign to Rapist held at Kapna,jorpati,Gothatar,Gausala.



Bikalpa organized free Health Camp with technical support of CWCN at Tilganga.



WHR elected Ms.Kunda Sharma as a 4th Chair of WHR Nepal



WHR organized discussion program with CIEDP on the occasion of International disappearance day

"We need women at all levels, including the top, to change the dynamic, reshape the conversation, to make sure women's voices are heard and heeded, not overlooked and ignored."

—Sheryl Sandberg



FEDO in collaboration with NHRC & ASD organized a 3 day conference on "Equal access to justice for all: Using law to dismantle caste based discrimination in South Asia"



FEDO organized consultation meeting with parliamentarians, CSOs, lawmakers & activist regarding Shadow report.



NDWA Nepal organized consultation on "SDGs-2030 & women with disabilities"



"We need to reshape our own perception of how we view ourselves. We have to step up as women and take the lead."
-Beyoncé

Media Monitoring: Women Issues

S.N	Name of the Newspaper	Coverage of Women Issues
1	The Kantipur	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Security of Daughter (5th September 2018) ➤ Intelligence of Women (6th September 2018) ➤ ➤ Raped from own father (12th September 2018) ➤ Marriage at the age of 12 and 4 children at the age of 25(14th September 2018) ➤ 7 students did child marriage within 5 month (17th September 2018) ➤ Women parliamentarian running committee (21st SEPTEMBER 2018)
2	The Rising Nepal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Women Police to investigate into Nirmala's Case (19th September 2018)
3	Gorkhapatra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ President calls for justice to Nirmala (15th September 2018) ➤ Women Violence and awareness (18th September 2018)
4	Kathmandu post	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 347 women, children missing from Makwanpur: Report (7th September 2018) ➤ Women in diplomacy (8th September 2018) ➤ Mother commits suicide after hanging her two sons (12th September 2018) ➤ In Asia. the future is female (13th September 2018) ➤ Mum's not the word (16th September 2019) ➤ Quack prescribes woman's death (16th September 2018) ➤ Women and the welfare state (20th September 2018)
5	Himalayan Times	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Talk program on women's issues organized (8th September 2018) ➤ Eleven-year-old schoolgirl raped (11th September 201*) ➤ Man arrested for daughter's murder (12th September 2018) ➤ Woman dies of fever relatives allege health worker's negligence (15th September 2018) ➤ Man accused of killing wife in Kailali (17th September 2018)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Fighting Sexual Violence (19th September 2018) ➤ Nepali women being trafficked in guise of marriage, says report (19th September 2018)
6	Annapurna Post	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Women involvement in Development work (7th September 2018) ➤ Deprived of education during menstruation (7th September 2018) ➤ Women unequal citizen (11th September 2018) ➤ 2 girls are raped monthly (12th September 2018) ➤ Police hide rape cases (14th September 2018) ➤ Economic perspectives: Women Violence (16th September 2018) ➤ 2 girls raped again in Kanchanpur (16th September 2018) ➤ Male in stage, Female in ground (17th September 2018) ➤ 25 children get lost in two months (17th September 2018) ➤ Self Defense training to teenage girls (21st September 2018)
7	Nagarik News	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ 100 days awareness campaign against rape (10th September 2018) ➤ Alcohol and Women (18th September 2018) ➤ Women are still losing life in the name of witch (20th September 2018) ➤ 33 rape cases in one and half month (
8	Naya Patrika	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Everyone should be together to give justice to Nirmala (21st September 2018) ➤ 'Thulimaya' got citizenship at the age of 94 (21st September 2018)

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