



शान्ति, न्याय र लोकतन्त्रका लागि समावेशी महिला सञ्जाल
women's alliance for peace, justice & democracy



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About this issue

Dear Sankalpa Community,

In this issue, we would like to share with you on some of our key achievements on civil Code bill, international women’s day celebration by sankalpa and its member organization, and coverage by media on women issues.

We also have been lobbying political parties for submission of amendment bill on thematic issues of women and other issues in constitution.

We hope that you have been enjoying our e-newsletter. Please do send us feedback and let us know what you would like to read more in the coming months.

Thank you!

The Sankalpa Team @WomenSankalpa

Interaction Program on “Discriminatory Provision on Civil Code Bill”

On 3 March 2017, Sankalpa organized interaction program on “Discriminatory Provision on “Civil Code Bill” at Indreni Complex, New Baneswor. This program was organized to interact with parliamentarians, political leaders and women’s rights activists to discuss on amendment proposal of civil code bill.

During the program, participants put their views on civil code and how it has affected women (single/divorcee women).



Welcome speech by Lily Thapa, Chair of Sankalpa



Hon. Radhe Shyam Adhikari-coordinator of Civil Code bill subcommittee addressing the program on civil code

The position paper on civil code bill mentioning our demands were also presented and discussed.

Achievements:

Through lobby & Advocacy on civil code bill, civil code subcommittee made amendment proposed on the issues of single and divorce women.



Sankalpa team along with the board members and staff met with Hon. Radhe Shyam Adhikari-Coordinator of Civil Code bill subcommittee and submitted position paper demanding the amendment of proposed civil code bill



Survey on SGBV

Sankalpa is conducting survey on SGBV in 15 focused districts of Sankalpa with the support of research institute Right Direction Nepal (RDN). Prior to field visit 3 days training was provided by RDN to field researchers for the survey on sexual and gender based violence. Data collection from 7 districts viz. Gorkha, Kathmandu, Surkhet, Dhankuta, Makwanpur, Kanchanpur and Illam has been completed and is ongoing in the remaining districts. Sankalpa is planning to finalize survey report by the end of May 2017.

Executive Director of Sankalpa Ms.Chanda Rai & Research office Ms.Praktiti Bista at program.

International Women's Day Celebration

This year, 8 March, Sankalpa along with its member organization celebrated International Women's day through different activities and programs. Member organization of Sankalpa organized different program to mark international women's day. Programs organized by member organization are:



- ❖ **Bikalpa** organized Interaction program on “women's participation and representation on Local bodies at Bikalpa office - 9th March
- ❖ **Fatima Foundation Nepal (FFN):** Fatima conducted Rally One day Orientation program on human trafficking with women police on 8th March at District Administration office, Nepaljung- on 8th March
 - In co-ordination with Pact, Fatima Organized Rally in five VDC OF Banke (Matehiya, Gangapur, Raniyapur, Bankatwa, Narainapur
 - Interaction on Women Violence in Betahani--9th March

- ❖ **Feminist Dalit Organization (FEDO)** organized Interaction program on Local Election 8th March at Alpha House.
- ❖ **Nagarik Aawaj** organized Rally in 5 VDC (Lubu, Lamataar, Chhamp, Dukuchhap, Lele)- on 8th March
- ❖ **NCARD** in co-ordination with Social Transformation Moment organized sharing program on "Women Empowerment through Knowledge sharing"- on 8th of March
- ❖ **NIWF** organized an "Interaction Program related to Indigenous women and representation in local election"- 9th March
- ❖ **NDWA** in collaboration with Australian Embassy and Sancharika Samuha had jointly organized a program on "Inclusive Quality Education: What it means for girls / women with disabilities"- 7th March
- ❖ With the coordination with women child office, Nepal government office and other NGOs, **RUWDUC** had organized a rally. It had conducted a School level cultural programs and Radio Jingles too- 8th March
- ❖ **WWJ** conducted a Sunday Club on Role of women Journalist in active participation, community women in local election.
- ❖ **WHR** in coordination with News 24 channel conducted a talk program on issue of the days regarding on EQ women issue addressing the upcoming local election. Also organized mass rally programs in coordination with Women Ministry. WHR develop charter of demand and submit to stake holder. In coordination with Ujyalo FM, WHR on air jingle program.

Focused Districts and Regional Networks:

Among 15 focused districts of Sankalpa, 13 districts (Doti, Dadeldhura, Illam, Gorkha, Dailekh, Siraha, Makwanpur, Kathmandu, Banke, Kaski, Surkhet, and Kanchanpur & Kavre) celebrated International Women's day.

This year regional networks also organized different program on the occasion of International women's day.

Central Region organized one day training on nutrition and reproductive health for Muslim women in Bara & Interaction program on 50% participation of women in local election in Dhanusha. Far-West conducted Rally and Interaction program on "VAW in coordination with DDC committee, journalists, and government and non-government organizations" at Darchula, Bajura and Kailali. Mid-Western Region conducted Rally & Interaction program on "Role of stakeholders in minimizing domestic violence" in Bardiya and Interaction program on Reduction of VAW in Dang. Rally & Honoring program to the women who work in social sector was conducted in Jumla.



Submission of amendment proposal

Sankalpa submitted amendment proposal based on the analysis of constitution and other women related policies to different political parties like Nepali Congress, CPN-UML, Federal Socialist Party, CPN-Maiost, Naya Shakti.



Sankalpa Team with Ashok Rai Senior Leader of Federal Socialist Party

During the meeting with political parties Sankalpa lobbied and advocate amending discriminatory provisions on constitution and women related policies. The political leaders expressed their commitment to take amendment proposal to their respective political parties.



Sankalpa Team with Prahlad Budathoki – Chief Secretary of CPN-Maiost



Sankalpa Team with Pradip Gyuwali – Secretary of CPN-UML and office secretary- Krishna Gopal Shrestha at Party office of CPN-UML



Sankalpa Team with Khim Laal Devkota – Spokesperson of Naya Shakti.



Participants of Lobby/Advocacy program at Biratnagar

women right activists, media, policy makers and other regional level stakeholders



Sankalpa's founder Ms. Rita Thapa elected as chair of Global Fund Community Foundation Board.

Lobby and Advocacy

Sankalpa organized Joint lobby and advocacy campaign on "Existing Discriminatory laws and policy in the constitution" at Regional Level. Western, Mid-Western, Eastern, Far West and Central Region also organized this campaign.

Altogether 352 participants took part in this lobby advocacy campaign. Participants were representatives from political parties,



Participants of Lobby/Advocacy program at Kaski

Sankalpa Secretariat congratulates Ms. Rita Thapa for being elected as the Chair of Global Fund Community Foundation and extends best wishes for her successful tenure.

Women are the largest untapped reservoir of talent in the world.

- Hillary Clinton

Media Coverage: Women Issues

S.N	Name of the Newspaper	Coverage of women issues
1	Annapurna Post	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Dalits struggle to drink water within the town (7th March,2017) ➤ I was just a housewife, now I can talk with the president(6th March 2017)
2	Republica	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Women and rightist revival(6th March, 2017 ➤ Nepali women have come a long way (7th March,2017) ➤ Bold action now (8th March, 2017) ➤ Exemplary Muslim sisters empowering women (8th March 2017) ➤ Is women empowerment just women empowerment (8th March 2017) ➤ Championing their cause (8th March,2017) ➤ Working on gender (8th March,2017) ➤ Thank you, men (8th March,2017) ➤ Rural women still shy of seeking treatment for uterus prolapse (16th March,2017)
3	Gokhrapatra	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Increase in participation of Muslim women (4th March 2017) ➤ Women problems should be solved (6th March, 2017) ➤ Fearless for change (7th March, 2017) ➤ Women's day celebrated with great enthusiasm (8th March, 2017) ➤ Required continuity in women's protest (8th March,2017) ➤ Women's right secured from New Constitution (9th March,2017)
4	The Rising Nepal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ President women empowerment program in offing (1st March, 2017) ➤ Motidevi award to eight women (2nd March 28, 2017) ➤ Hinduism never restricted widows from wearing red: Lily Thapa (6th March,2017) ➤ Women's participation in Nepal is exemplary: PM (8th March,2017) ➤ Inclusive participation of women not sufficient: President (8th March 2017) ➤ Prez stresses on economic empowerment of women (8th March,2017) ➤ 'Education key to empowering women' (9th March, 2017)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Gender equality in Nepal (11th March,2017) ➤ Nepal has ensured women's access to technology (15th March 2017) ➤ Men's support vital for women's empowerment (16th March 2017)
5	The Kathmandu Post	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ From safe motherhood to safe womanhood (7th March, 2017) ➤ The Purse Strings (7th March, 2017) ➤ Quality education for girls and women with disabilities stressed (8th March, 2017) ➤ More than a woman (8th March,2017) ➤ The mountain Women (8th March,2017) ➤ Women's role critical for social advancement: Prez (9th March,2017) ➤ Are women better husband? (30th March 2017)
6	Kantipur post	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Women's day limited to ceremony (1st March 28, 2017) ➤ Series of empowerment (4th march,2017) ➤ Kamalari Girls turned into health care supervisor(7th March,2017) ➤ Be bold for change (8th March, 2017) ➤ Equal participation of men and women (8th March 2017) ➤ Insecure within a household (8th March,2017) ➤ Success after struggle (8th March, 2017) ➤ 9 female sub drivers were honored ➤ Solution for rise of women (9th March,2017) ➤ Violence against women in the name of tradition and culture (10th March,2017) ➤ Women's attraction towards driving (25th March,2017)
7	Himalayan Times	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Rape tops list of crime against women in Nepal (3rd March 2017) ➤ Empowering women (8th March 2017) ➤ Govt's women empowerment drive launched (8th March 2017) ➤ Women continue to face discrimination at home, workplace (8th March 2017) ➤ Gender Equality (9th March 2017) ➤ Women work to promote tourism (11th March 2017) ➤ Women empowerment (15th March 2017)
8	Nagarik	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Let women's day be a festival (8th March, 2017) ➤ Women in leadership (8th march, 2017) ➤ Question on identity (8th march, 2017) ➤ Better forest in women's leadership (8th March,2017)

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Rose bloomed in darkness (8th march. 2017) ➤ Violence against women and its problems (8th March,2017) ➤ Women drivers drown to big busses (24th March,2017)
9	Naya Patrika	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Opportunities to eradicate women discrimination (8th March,2017) ➤ Three month, three peaks (10th March,2017) ➤ Oblique of women empowerment (25th March,2017)

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