

Home / News

Govt committed to bringing women in mainstream of development

Staff Reporter

Friday, April 18, 2014 - Islamabad—Human resource and social development is the first pillar of Pakistan Vision 2025 strategy and government is committed to bringing women into mainstream of development through interventions in social, economic, legal and political areas. "Prime Minister has mandated that at least 50 percent of the financing of the self employment program must go to women, said Professor Ahsan Iqbal, Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Reform, while addressing "South Asian Conference on Women, Work and Poverty" organized by Social Policy and Development Centre and supported by Norwegian Government here on Thursday.

The Minister said, every country which showed miraculous development during last few decades, including China, Turkey, Singapore, Malaysia, and South Korea, have shown four pre requisitions.

"Firstly there was political stability and continuity of policies. Secondly, they had a clear and focused economic vision. Thirdly, their growth agenda centered around people's development focusing on health, education and other social development of the people and lastly there was peace and security in these countries", he added.

Ahsan Iqbal said the government of PML-N under the leadership of Prime Minister Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif, is committed to make Pakistan a leading fast growing economy in Asia by creating enabling environment conducive for development.

Bringing peace and stability, not only within the country but in the whole region so that economic growth and inclusive development can be achieved, is a priority, he remarked.

The minister said, "We need to do research for evidence based policymaking but there should be a clear link with development agenda". He said a 'National Research Agenda Conference' is being organized under Higher Education Commission soon, in order to formulate a research agenda for the next decade.

The purpose of the conference is to finalize national research agenda in consultation with stakeholders to align knowledge base with the development agenda relevant to Pakistan Vision 2025 goals.