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Ukraine envoy calls for educating women to empower them

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Ambassador of Ukraine Volodymyr Lakomov on Tuesday said women can be empowered and brought equal to man only by giving them education. Pakistani women are brave and confident and government is also working to strengthen them.

He was addressing the ceremony on the occasion of International Women Day here, organised by Zewar, Aurat Foundation and Ahsas. Deputy Higher Commissioner of Sri Lanka Vegenty Andheri Singh, social worker Dr Shoaib Ahmed and a large number of women from different walks of life were present on the occasion.

The ambassador of Ukraine said like other parts of the world Pakistan is also celebrating women day. Reason to celebrate this day is to highlight the women's issues. "No country can progress with the contribution of women in the economy," he said and added that women are in large number in Pakistan and this country could also progress if the role of the women would increase in its economy.

The Sri Lankan deputy high commissioner while addressing the gather said that Pakistani women are hard workers and they are contributing a lot not only on national level but also international level. She gave examples of Sharmeen Obaid and Malala. She said there is a need to make women stronger to built not only good economy but also good society.

Tehmeena Shoaib from Zewar, an NGO working to give free education to dropout girls in villages, said that education is equally important for women in Pakistan. Large number of girls left school before matriculation. Our mission is to give education to such dropout girls and to encourage them to play their role for the society.

Dr Shoaib Ahmed, a social worker, said women role is equally important for the development of any country. It is very unfortunate the large number of girls left school before matriculation. He said if our government really wants to make this country stronger first they must educate women because without the contribution of women our economy couldn't progress.