

Vote of Thanks

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The Gender Justice project is an innovative initiative and best example that forges partnerships between the Federal & Provincial Governments, judiciary, police, and the Musalihat Anjumans for accountable, fair and equitable dispensation of justice on issues ranging from domestic violence against women, matrimonial and property disputes, forced labor, sexual harassment, child abuse, and other similar social issues.

The seminar dealt with important issues that bedevil society and offered cost effective solutions through the Musalihat Anjumans as a means of Alternate Dispute Resolution mechanism. The success of this initiative depends to large degree on constructive collaboration between the Judiciary, Police, Civil Society, and the Bureaucracy. We hope that the seminar would help us build alliances between different stakeholders towards the collective goal of 'Justice for All.'

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I am confident that the seminar would prove to be landmark event towards the goal of ensuring justice for the vulnerable sections of society in general and the women in particular.

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We hope your stay with us was comfortable.

Thank you and Khuda hafiz.