

# **“The role of women in the development of the country is of paramount importance” Said honorable Minister Women Development Department, Ms.Ashifa Riaz**

**Lahore, 14th,September 2018:** The Women Development Department held an administrative meeting at Minister’s Office, Lahore here Friday

The meeting was chaired by the Minister Women Development Department Ms.Ashifa Riaz, Secretary Women Development Department Mr. Atta Muhammad Khan, Chairperson , Punjab Commission on the status of Women, Additional Secretary, Women Development Department, Mr. Amir Aqiq Manj, Director Directorate Women Development department and other officers from DWD and PCSW attended the session, In the First briefing session to the worthy Minister, Secretary WDD briefed “Over the past couple of years, the department has implemented several initiatives to empower women, some initiatives are ongoing, whereas a substantial amount of women-centered capacity building measures are underway.

Minister WDD said that more than 50 percent population of Pakistan consists of women and the dream of progress and prosperity of the country cannot be materialized without their empowerment and development .The role of women in the development of the country is of paramount importance. I am not wrong if I would say that Pakistani women are talented, hardworking, educated and they have proved their metal in various sectors. No society can achieve goals of development without giving rights to women.

She said that we will ensure provision of equal opportunities to the women and it’s their right too for the development of the society and we will work together as team for more and better initiatives in future.

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