

**PRESIDENT'S SECRETARIAT (PUBLIC)**

**PRESS WING**

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**ISLAMABAD; DECEMBER 04, 2018:** President Dr. Arif Alvi has said that there could be no women empowerment without economic independence and giving them their due right to inheritance. He further said that by giving women their rightful share in inheritance according to the injunctions of Islam, we can make them economically independent and that will be vital step towards their empowerment. The President said this while talking to a delegation of KPK Commission on the Status of Women led by its Chairman Ms. Neelum Toru.

The delegation gave a detailed presentation on the mandate, activities and future plans of the Commission. The delegation also briefed the President about their activities relating to research advocacy and training, burn prevention and rehabilitation, child marriage, bride price and various laws regarding protection of women against violence which are required to be passed. The delegation also apprised the President about the financial difficulties of the Commission.

The President said that the women Parliamentarians have to play an important role in pushing ahead the legislation and resolving other issues being faced by the Commission. He suggested the Commission to work in conformity with religious leaders and media. The President urged upon the Commission to increase its outreach by using social media as well as its district committees.

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