



## THE 25th YEAR SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION OF WHR AND INAUGURATION OF CHAHARI REINTEGRATION CENTER

On May 25th and 26th, 2019, **Women for Human Rights - Single Women Group (WHR)** held a two-days event with the double aim to **celebrate the 25th anniversary** from its establishment in 1994 and to **inaugurate the new Chhahari Reintegration Center** in Hattigauda, Kathmandu.

WHR has come a long way, making significant progress in its history over the last 25 years. In its long journey, it has accomplished multiple achievements through various interventions and tools like advocacy, awareness, trainings, campaigns, empowerment programs and micro credit loans that truly improved the lives of thousands of women in Nepal and abroad. With the engagement of prominent single women leaders from different districts who have been part of **the Single Women Movement**, WHR has contributed to address the issues of single women at all levels (grassroot, national and international).

To mark this milestone and to display the outstanding work carried out by WHR in improving women's condition, a **ceremony was held in the presence of Rt. Honorable President of Nepal, Mrs. Bidya Devi Bhandari**. During the event, the President also unveiled the plaque that commemorates the inauguration of the Chhahari Reintegration Centre, which was constructed with the financial support of the Government of India.

The two-days program had a **rich calendar of collateral events**. Keep reading to find out more.



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# DAY 1



The arrival of the distinguished Guests was welcomed by WHR Board Members – founder Lily Thapa, President Kunda Sharma, Vice-President Shoba BC, Executive Director Sumeera Shrestha - by two wings of Single Women representatives and by traditional music players who thronged the entrance driveway.

The distinguished Guests gave powerful speeches, congratulating WHR for its achievements and committing to support the Single Women Movement.



*“The current focus of the government is on the economic empowerment of women, and it has been implementing the program in that regard. The way single women have been united under one common platform is remarkable. The Ministry of Women and Children commits to support their cause in any possible ways”.*

**- Ms. Tham Maya Gurung, Minister of Women, Children and Senior Citizen**

*“We all know during the evolution process of humans there was no discriminations at all. We all parties have equal responsibility to eradicate such discrimination. I, on behalf of my Ministry, would like to commit my support to this organization”.*

**- Mr. Ishwar Pokhrel, Deputy Prime Minister and Defense Minister**

*“The Constitution has provisioned quality education, equality, health, representation for women. The only mission of the Government is to make a society a better place to live. We hope the initiation by the Government for effective implementation might help in contributing development of women in all spheres. The construction of this building ‘Chhahari’ is also a sign of social development. I would like to praise the work of WHR”.*

**- Mrs. Bidya Devi Bhandari, Rt. Honorable President of Nepal**



The Rt. Honorable President of Nepal, Mrs. Bidya Devi Bhandari, inaugurated the Chhahari Reintegration Center by unveiling the commemorative plaque, surrounded by the applause of the



The Chief and Special dignitaries then visited the documentation center and the photo exhibition depicting the Single Women Movement evolution, and provincial stalls which displayed the products made by single women all over Nepal.

# DAY 2

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Day program started with a panel discussion addressed to the Single Women Group Representatives on the importance of a healthy lifestyle and nutrition habits to preserve the physical and psychological well-being.



The chief guest of this session was Mr. Uddhav Kharel, Mayor of Budhanilkantha Municipality. Dr. Bishal Dhakal from Health at Home, together with other dentists, doctors and psychiatrists also attended the event. During this session, we also recognized the amazing work done by the Districts Representative Women in running local Chhahri Reintegration Centres.



A Health Camp was inaugurated inside the Chhahri and Offices rooms. The camp was organized in collaboration with Health at Home and Dental Park and included uterine and dental check-ups, blood pressure measurement, physiotherapy demonstration and a campaign on eye donation. This initiative was a success in sensitizing the women on the importance of prevention and self-care. A Self-defense demonstration also took place.



Single Women Group representatives from all 7 Provinces displayed the products they brought from their Districts, showing the relevant outcomes of the women entrepreneurship programs at a local level. They also played an active role in organizing the whole event.

# HIGHLIGHTS

## PARTICIPANTS

**+700 participants**

**President of Nepal,  
Mrs. Bidya Devi  
Bhandari**

**Deputy Prime Minister  
and Defense Minister,  
Mr. Ishwar Pokhrel**

**Minister of Women,  
Children and Senior  
Citizen, Ms. Tham  
Maya Gurung**

**Parliament Members**

**Mayor and Deputy  
Mayor of  
Budhanilkantha  
Municipality**

**Prominent 400 Single  
Women Leaders from  
different districts**

**Representatives from  
various civil society  
organizations, women  
activists and media.**



## SINGLE WOMEN

**More than 400 Single Women Group Representatives came at their own cost from all the 7 Provinces. They played an active role during the event, displaying the handmade products, bringing food and helping to cook it, and taking part in all the activities.**

**Among them, many Single Women Catalysts made in reaching high positions in their work, in politics or in advocating for other women's rights.**

## NEWS COVERAGE

**Press meeting on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019:**

**39 among national newspapers and televisions attended**

**News coverage during the event:**

**17 among national televisions and newspaper journalists were present**

**After the event:**

**11 newspaper articles, 8 national television news and many online articles and videos published**

## TOKENS

**During the two days of events, 73 tokens of appreciation were gifted to WHR donors and partners, advisors, present and former staff, catalyst women and doctors and nurses who held the Health Camp.**

**The occasion was perfect to acknowledge all those who shared this journey with WHR.**



President Bidya Devi Bhandari inaugurating the newly constructed Chhabati Bhawan in Kathmandu, on Saturday. The building was constructed with financial assistance from the Government of India.



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