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The Alternate Dispute Resolution mechanisms under the Gender Justice through Musalihat Anjuman Project (GJTMAP) is a major initiative of the Government of Pakistan to address the issue of justice for the vulnerable and weaker sections of society.

Women in Pakistan constitute one such group that despite their critical role in formulating the shape of society need special attention so that they are able to play their role more constructively and effectively in society.

Our basic values demand that we must be proactive in formulating policies and strategies that create a level playing field for the weak and vulnerable sections of society.

The need for such a Project arose from the Social Audit of Abuse Against Women (SAAAW) which identified the problems of access to formal judicial system for women & other vulnerable groups (Social – cultural - economic hurdles). The audit also explored Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR) mechanism as a means for providing 'justice for all' at grass-roots level.

The Musalihat Anjumans provide a cost effective and socially acceptable forum for conflict resolution at the community level. The Alternate Dispute Resolution mechanism facilitates harmony and offers a credible way towards easy and affordable justice practically at the doorsteps of the vulnerable groups.

It gives me great pleasure to congratulate the organizers of the seminar on 'Justice for All,' and I wish them Godspeed in their endeavor to promote the cause of the weak and vulnerable sections of our society.