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Live radio broadcast highlights the work and challenges of women journalists and human rights defenders in the central Terai

On the occasion of International Women's Day (8 March) OHCHR-Nepal, UNESCO, the Federation of Nepali Journalists (central committee) and Communications Corner organised a live radio broadcast to highlight the importance of the work carried out by women journalists and human rights defenders in the Central Terai. Despite social, cultural, economic and security challenges, these women are increasingly participating in protecting and promoting human rights, often under difficult conditions.

Women have for long contributed actively to their communities but their activities have not always received appropriate recognition. The work carried out by women journalists and human rights defenders helps to draw attention to the situation of women in Nepal, enabling them to respond effectively to problems encountered specifically by women.

Women journalists and human rights defenders have a vital role to play in the peace process and creation of a new Nepal. They are examples to all women seeking to be included, represented, and to participate in public affairs.

We call upon all actors to respect women and to support women journalists and human rights defenders in contributing to an environment in which the rights and freedoms of all Nepalis are respected.



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