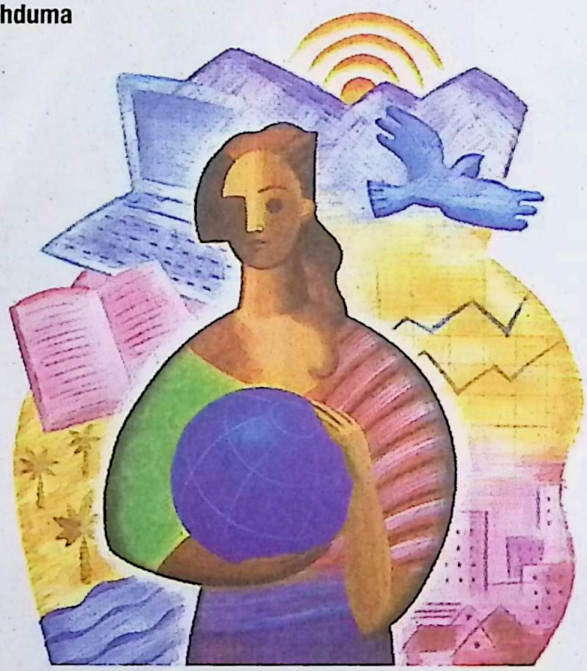


Did you know that...

Compiled by Tabassum Mokhduma

- Women use 20,000 words a day while men only use 7,000
- Females in developing countries on average carry 20 litres of water per day over 6 km
- Globally women account for the majority of people aged over 60 and over 80
- Pregnant women in Africa are 180 times more likely to die than in Western Europe
- 530,000 women die in pregnancy or childbirth each year
- World population hit 6,872,741,131 on 1 January 2009
- Of 1.2 billion people living in poverty worldwide, 70% are women
- 80% of the world's 27 million refugees are women
- Women own around only 1% of the world's land
- AIDS sees women's life expectancy of 43 in Uganda and Zambia
- 5 people are added to the world's population every 2 seconds
- Women are 2/3 of the 1 billion+ illiterate adults who have no access to basic education
- Globally women comprise 42% internet users (Italy 37%... US & Canada 51%)
- In OECD countries women comrpise only 30 per cent of degrees in science and technology
- Women's representation in computer and information sciences workforce is around 30% globally
- Female inventors still only account for around 10% of the US inventor population
- Women control $14 trillion in assets and this should grow to $22 trillion over next 10 years
- Women comprise 21 of the 37 million people living below the poverty line in the US
- Only in Japan and Peru are women more active in starting a business than men
- Women spend more time researching before they invest than men do
- Only 21% of all news subjects (people interviewed or whom the news is about) are female
- Women less than 1% department heads, editors, media owners but third of working journalists
- 80% of UK purchasing decisions are made by women but 83% of 'creatives' are men



- Women do two-thirds of the world's work but receive only 10% of the world's income
- Women's education is the most powerful predictor of lower fertility rates
- One year out of college women earn 20% less than men and 10 years later 31% less
- Women on average are away from workforce for 14.7 years compared to 1.6 years for men
- The biggest EU gender pay gap is in Cyprus and Estonia at 25% then Slovakia at 24%
- 56% of women who voted supported Obama compared to only 49% of men voted for Obama
- Until 20 years ago there had never been more than 5% women MPs globally
- Benazir Bhutto was the first woman prime minister of a muslim country (assassinated 27/12/07)
- From the 27 EU member states, UK ranks 15 for women's representation in national Parliaments
- From 1945 to 1995 the percentage of women MPs worldwide increased four-fold

Source: http://www.internationalwomensday.com/facts.asp