



work. This national program will be run via women volunteer centers across Iranian provinces, and the results will be put on display in seasonal exhibitions. So far, 7 rounds of Khatoun exhibitions have been held to showcase the achievements of entrepreneur women.

◆ Training and Staffing of Female Students

Razavi Cultural Foundation, a subsidiary of Scientific and Cultural Organization of Imam Reza shrine, has been involved in training skillful and productive workforce for the past three decades. Razavi Cultural Foundation has seven educational facilities for girls from preschool to second high school levels, in Mashhad, Chenaran and Sarakhs, in Khorasan Razavi Province. Overall, the facilities provide some 22,500 sqm of educational space and all kinds of technological, educational and sports equipment, with 840 executive staff, and 532 experienced teachers and trainers. Some 2568 female students benefit from the services of these facilities.

◆ Imam Reza shrine Museum Showcases Medals of Women Athletes

Needless to say, the rise of women athletes to the pinnacles of professional sports and winning world medals has a tremendous impact on the position of Iranian female athletes in Asian and international games. Given the vast investments in this regard, it is expected that more Iranian women realize their true athletic potentials. It has become a long-standing tradition for Iranian female champions to donate their world trophies and medals to Imam Reza shrine museum.

◆ Offices of Vows and Donations for Women in shrine

The Department General of Vows and Donations has been in charge of collecting

and managing the public vows and donations under the direct supervision of Imam Reza shrine. The custodian of the shrine is personally involved in supervising the appropriate use of these donations. In 2018, following structural changes, the 'Center for Development and Supervision of Donations and Endowments' kick started under the direct supervision of the custodian.

◆ 19 Active Athletic Fields

One of the women-only infrastructures is the aquasports complex. The indoor pool for women has two training and championship pools, a dry sauna and a steam sauna, two Jacuzzis, a cold-water pool, a massage room and a gym. Other facilities in the complex include a prayer room, cafeteria and a laboratory to constantly examine the pool water. In addition, women who are interested in tennis, volleyball, basketball, archery, fitness, etc. can participate in the training classes held in 2 multi-purpose halls in the complex and receive professional training. Given the matchless role of women in protecting the wellbeing of the family, this sports complex has been able to attract some 1,000 women to sports on a monthly basis.

◆ 500 Years of Women's Endowments to Imam Reza shrine

Endowment is another concept in Imam Reza shrine that has so far attracted large number of women. As documented in endowment deeds, there are over 80 Iranian women listed as donors and benefactors. The history of Iranian women's donating their properties, either partially or totally, to the shrine goes back to 9th century AH. The majority of endowments to Imam Reza shrine is immovable property such as lands, buildings, gardens, etc.

