

GUD empowered, catalyzed young people to devise tangible solutions for better sustainable future: Sherry

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman Senate Standing Committee on Climate Change, Senator Sherry Rehman on Saturday commended the Green Urban Development (GUD) project for empowering and catalyzing young people under its youth-led eco-entrepreneurship initiative to devise tangible solutions for a better sustainable future.

She was addressing as chief guest at the closing ceremony of the two-year Green Urban Development (GUD) project under the title "Green Urban Development Cooperation and Youth-led Eco-Entrepreneurship" hosted by the Institute of Urbanism (IoU) and the School of Leadership Foundation (SoLF), with the support of the U.S. Embassy Islamabad.

"In climate policy and action linking dots and making complex coordinates coming together and making them a chain of virtual circularity with the young people taking it forward will reap positive and desired outcomes intending to ensure climate resilience of the communities," she said.

She warned that there was an urgent need to protect the future as well as the present amid highly accelerated climate disasters as Pakistan's urbanization rate is gaining higher at 3.3%.

Senator Sherry commended all the four eco-entrepreneurship startups that were funded by the US Embassy under the GUD project for being focussed and targeted interventions reaping propitious outcomes.

The Senate body chair said Pakistan was actually going to become water scarce nation by 2050 with many of its parts facing the situation at present. "There are no plastic collection sites and mechanisms across the federal capital that is leading water and soil pollution leaving plastics to damage fragile marina ecosystems in the oceans and rivers," she added.

She invited the young eco-entrepreneurs to visit the Rawal Dam to study its water pollution as a case study to come up with workable solution to cleanse the water reservoir from impurities.

"9 million gallons of waste is dumped into Rawal Dam per day which is practically all toxic and used by domestic households," she said.



ISLAMABAD: Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Governor Faisal Karim Kundi in a group photo with the Ambassador of Pakistan and other dignitaries after a dinner hosted by Mr. Habeeb Malik Orakzai, President Pakistan International Human Rights Organizations and Chairman PRCS Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Branch in Islamabad Golf Club.



ISLAMABAD: Chairman Prime Minister's Youth Programme Rana Mashhood Ahmed Khan in a meeting with Ambassador of Republic of Korea Park Kijun.

Dinner held in honour of Governor KP, diplomats attended

ISLAMABAD (APP): Dignitaries from Pakistan, diplomats of different countries and representatives of international social organizations attended the dinner organized in honour of Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Faisal Karim Kundi in Islamabad.

During his address, Governor Kundi presented a positive image of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) and Pakistan, emphasizing the peaceful nature of its residents. He highlighted the province's ongoing struggles against elements that threaten peace and development, urging the international community to assist in addressing the grievances and promoting the development of the people of KP. Governor Kundi stressed the abundant opportunities for investment and tourism in the province, expressing the government's commitment to providing all possible facilities to both domestic and foreign investors.

He condemned the recent attack on foreign diplomats in Swat, labelling such incidents as conspiracies that undermine the overall progress and security of the province and the country.

The Governor announced plans to invite foreign diplomats to the Governor's House soon, reaffirming his commitment to promoting the province's soft image.

The event also featured speeches from Habib Malik Orakzai, Chairman of the Pakistan Red Crescent Society Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and Hamid Asghar Khan, Deputy Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Student dies due to alleged negligence of hostel admin.

ISLAMABAD (Online): One student has died due to negligence of an administration Aims college and School hostel while students have held hostel administration responsible for death of student.

Muhammad Mehdi, a student of class 8th belonging to District Astor Gilgit-Baltistan died after remaining critically ill four days.

The relatives shifted the body to PIMS and tried to register FIR. Application was filed till 10 p.m. night in police station Bhara Kahu but SHO of respective police station refused to register FIR.

Students said Mehdi was severely ill since the last 4 days. Hostel incharge and warden were informed but they remained heedless. College administration said he lies and he is not sick.

Islamabad Police intensified crackdown against wrong parking violators

Independent Report
ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Police has launched a campaign against those involved in parking their vehicles wrongly and creating problems in smooth flow of traffic by occupying footpaths.

Chief Traffic Officer the city.

The CTO Islamabad said that it is the right of pedestrians to use footpaths and no parking would be allowed there. He said that vehicles should be parked at lots specified at shopping centers while awareness campaigns should be launched to educate citizens.

Moreover, the Islamabad Police also issued fine tickets to those involved in wrong parking while several vehicles were impounded at various police stations for not vacating footpath areas.

RTI strengthening citizens-state ties, Chief Info Commissioner

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chief Information Commissioner Shoaib Ahmad Siddiqui has emphasized that the fundamental right to information, granted under Article 19-A of the Constitution of Pakistan, is strengthening the relationship between citizens and the government of Pakistan through promoting the culture of transparency, accountability, and citizen empowerment.

He made these remarks while announcing the winners of the Pakistan RTI Quiz Contest 2024, organized by the Pakistan Information Commission in collaboration with the Press Network of Pakistan, on the occasion of International Day for Universal Access to Information, said a press release.

"Today, International Day for Universal Access to Information marks a global commitment to ensure that every person has the equal right to seek and share information," the Chief Information Commissioner stated in a video message to congratulate the quiz winners. "In addition, the global day provides an opportunity to review progress and efforts made by the Pakistan Information Commission in order to empower Pakistani citizens for accessing the information, being held by public authorities," he said, while lauding the Press Network of Pakistan for a successful collaboration in organizing a nationwide RTI Quiz Contest to raise public awareness, especially among university students, journalists and youngsters. According to him, informed citizens obviously are in a good position to make informed decisions in the best interest of Pakistan. "Quiz contests have been recognized as an effective tool for learning, fostering community engagement, knowledge sharing and encouraging healthy competition throughout the globe," Sabahuddin Qazi, Chief Executive of the Press Network of Pakistan stated, emphasizing that: "The Right of Access to Information Act, 2017, is indeed a landmark achievement in our national journey towards transparency, prosperity and accountability." Revealing some interesting details about the RTI Quiz Contest.

Muqam commends PM's UNGA speech on Kashmir, Palestine

ISLAMABAD (APP): Engr Amir Muqam, Federal Minister for Kashmir Affairs, Gilgit-Baltistan, and SAFRON, Engineer Amir Muqam commended Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif for vociferously raising the critical issues of Kashmir and Palestine in his United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) speech.

In a statement, Engr Amir Muqam said the Prime Minister effectively highlighted the critical issues in the United Nations General Assembly session.

Engr Amir Muqam, said the Prime Minister's landmark speech accurately reflects the hopes and dreams of the people of Kashmir and Palestine. He recalled that Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif in his speech highlighted India's human rights abuses in Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu & Kashmir (IIOJK) and stressed the need to resolve long-standing disputes, including the liberation of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK) and the Palestinian conflict.

Wani thanks PM for raising Kashmir, Palestine issues in a befitting manner at UN

ISLAMABAD (APP): Senior All Parties Hurriyat Conference (APHC) leader and Vice Chairman Jammu Kashmir National Front Altaf Hussain Wani has expressed his profound gratitude to Pakistan Prime Minister Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif for raising the Kashmir issue in a befitting manner during his speech to the UN General Assembly. In his statement issued here today, Wani said that the prime minister Sharif won hearts and minds of Muslims all around the world by highlighting the plight of Kashmiri and Palestinian people profusely at the highest forum. He said that the speech not only reflected the true sentiments of the Kashmiri people but of the entire Muslim Ummah. While praising Pakistan for its consistent support to Kashmir and Palestinian cause, the APHC leader said, "Pakistan has been a staunch supporter of the proposal for the creation.

Chairman PMYP held meeting with South Korean Envoy to enhance bilateral ties

ISLAMABAD (APP): To enhance bilateral ties and promote youth collaboration, Chairman of the Prime Minister's Youth Programme (PMYP) Rana Mashhood Ahmed Khan, met with the Ambassador of the Republic of South Korea, His Excellency Park Ki Jun here on Saturday.

According to the PMYP office, the discussions focused on strengthening relations between Pakistan and South Korea, emphasizing empowering the youth of both nations.

Both dignitaries expressed their mutual commitment to enhancing youth development initiatives during the meeting.

They discussed various strategies for youth engagement, skills development, and digital empowerment, particularly through educational and cultural exchange programs.

Chairman PMYP Rana Mashhood highlighted Pakistan's ongoing initiatives, including the Smart Pakistan Scheme and the National Innovation Award, which aim to equip the younger generation with essential tools for the future.

His Excellency Park Ki Jun expressed keen interest in fostering greater cooperation in the areas of technology, culture, and education. He also underscored the significance of building stronger ties through collaborative youth programs that can benefit both nations in areas such as innovation and entrepreneurship.

Both leaders expressed enthusiasm for the upcoming Korean Cultural Week, set to take place in October 2024 which aims to promote cultural exchange and deepen understanding between the two countries.

Chairman Kashmir body calls for int'l action on Kashmir

ISLAMABAD (APP): Chairman Kashmir Committee Rana Muhammad Qasim Noon Saturday reaffirmed Pakistan's commitment to a peaceful resolution of the Kashmir dispute, underscoring the need for a diplomatic solution aligned with the UN Charter and international law.



ISLAMABAD: IESCO workers install new Advanced Metering Infrastructure (AMI), driving innovation in the energy sector.

Police intensifies social media crackdown, JIT targets key figures behind anti-state drive

ISLAMABAD (APP): Law enforcement authorities tightened their grip on individuals orchestrating organized propaganda against the government and state institutions.

According to sources, a Joint Investigation Team (JIT) meeting was held on Saturday under the chairmanship of Inspector General (IG) of police, Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi, to assess the prevailing situation.

The JIT has already interrogated eight individuals linked to the online anti-state campaign. It was discussed in the meeting that Gibran Ilyas, a prominent figure in the movement, was summoned for questioning in the next meeting. They claimed that Gibran Ilyas played a central role in the subversive activities targeting state institutions and the government.

The investigators discovered crucial evidence connecting more individuals to the online efforts led by Ilyas. The JIT is reportedly collecting further data on these associates to broaden its inquiry.

The JIT found out that Gibran Ilyas was identified as a key player in the anti-state campaign, working in collaboration with both domestic and foreign elements.

It was suggested that he had been active in various efforts to destabilize public order and spread discontent within the country.



ISLAMABAD: A view of sea dragon swing placed looking deserted during an anti encroachment operation against illegal installed swings at Shakarparian National Park, in the Federal Capital.

Experts for innovative solutions to Pakistan's water crisis

ISLAMABAD (APP): Experts gathered at the National Consultative Workshop organized by the International Water Management Institute (IWMI), the event demanded smart innovations to effectively manage the nation's water resources.

The experts discussed the importance of evidence-based technological solutions and accurate real-time data. The workshop, hosted under the UK Aid-funded Water Resource Accountability in Pakistan (WRAP) Programme, briefed the meeting on water accounting in Pakistan and its role.

He said that our national institutions, such as the National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) and Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA), have a robust system in place.

He welcomed over 100 participants, including government officials, representatives from development agencies, private sector leaders, academia, and members of local communities from all provinces and regions.

Throughout the event, discussions and presentations revolved around Pakistan's water scarcity challenges and the successful strategies implemented through the WRAP Programme in Punjab and KP. Dr Mohsin Hafeez, Director for Water, Food and Ecosystems and Team Leader for the WRAP Programme, briefed the meeting on water accounting in Pakistan and its role.

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ISLAMABAD: CDA electric buses on route FR9 begin their new route from Karnal Sher Khan Shaheed Road (IJP Road) to Faizabad, heading towards Peshawar Road in the Federal Capital.

Tahira Aurangzeb applauds PM's passionate address for Palestinians, Kashmiris rights

ISLAMABAD (APP): Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz Senator Tahira Aurangzeb Saturday lauded Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif's powerful address at the 79th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA), where he passionately highlighted pressing issues threatening global peace and demanded an immediate end to the bloodshed of Palestinian and Kashmiri people.

Talking to PTV news, she appreciated the prime minister's speech and highlighted the need for international cooperation to address pressing global issues, including the Palestinian and Kashmiri conflicts.

She said the PM's speech underscored collective action and its importance in promoting peace, security, and human rights worldwide.

Senator Tahira appreciated that the Prime Minister's address reflects the Pakistan Muslim League-Nawaz (PML-N) party's commitment to promoting peace, human rights and social justice.

She said PM Shahbaz Sharif also drew the attention of the World Community towards Pakistan's sacrifices in the war against terrorism and the loss of billions of dollars in this regard.

The PM mentioned that Pakistan is confronted with a new wave of externally financed and sponsored terrorism especially by the TTP, The BLA, The Majeed Brigade, Fitna al-Khawarij and its associates, she added.

She said the PM highlighted the current situation in Kashmir, including the presence of approximately 9 lakh Indian Army troops in the valley. This significant military presence has been a contentious issue, with concerns about human rights violations and the impact on the local population, she added.

5 suspicious individuals shifted to PS during search operation

ISLAMABAD (APP): Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) Police conducted a grand search and combing operation on Saturday in the jurisdiction of Secretariat police station.

According to a police statement, under the special directions of Inspector General (IG) Police Syed Ali Nasir Rizvi, the ICT Police has intensified crackdown against the criminal elements in order to eliminate crime from the city.

Following these directions Superintendent of Police (SP) City zone Khalid Mehmood Awan, a grand search and combing operation was conducted in different areas of Secretariat police station by ICT Police teams including Counter Terrorism Department (CTD) and lady police teams, he said.

He said during the search operation, 53 suspicious individuals, 15 houses and 06 hotels were checked.

Five suspicious individuals and seven unregistered vehicles were taken to the police station for legal proceedings, he added.

DIG Syed Ali Raza said that the search and combing operations were conducted to heighten security in the federal capital, he said.

All zonal officers were directed to continue these operations in their respective areas as well, he added.



ISLAMABAD: Labourers busy in construction work of flyover at under construction 10th Avenue during development work in Federal Capital.

