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ABOUT US



The Directorate of Youth Affairs is a pivotal department dedicated to the holistic empowerment of youth across Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. With a multifaceted approach, it strives to enhance the economic, social, and political standing of young individuals aged between 16 to 29 years.

Committed to fostering a conducive environment for youth development, the Directorate operates through a network of 35 offices, strategically located in each district of the province. These offices serve as accessible hubs for engaging with youth, addressing their concerns, and implementing targeted initiatives.

OUR VISION

The Directorate of Youth Affairs, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa was established as an independent Directorate in 2017. The Purpose of the Directorate Establishment is to:

- Youth Rights (Health, Decision Making, Political/Civic Participation, Marginalized & Minorities youth etc.)
- Youth activism and volunteerism plays important role in engagement of youth in peace building and conflict transformation processes, inclusion of marginalized & minorities youth in main streamline.
- Personality grooming, Community engagement & development (Sports & Extracurricular activities, Volunteerism, Entrepreneurship, Hassle Free Loan, Internship, On Campus Job & Job Placement).

OUR MISSION

To create an enabling environment in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa by providing them equitable opportunities to realize their full potential in a safe, secure, conducive and congenial environment, working for a developed and progressive Pakistan.

A man in a dark suit and white shirt is shown in profile, looking intently at a laptop he is holding. The background is a complex, glowing blue and white digital circuitry pattern, suggesting a high-tech or data-driven environment. The overall tone is professional and futuristic.

MESSEGES

Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

SOHAIL AFRIDI



CM Message for Youth

The youth represent not only the most productive segment of society but also the most innovative, enterprising, and optimistic dimension, both are crucial for shaping our present and future performance in achieving exclusive growth.

The Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is committed to creating an enabling environment and engaging youth in social, economic, and political processes. As a primary state government representative, I will spare no effort to pave the way for equitable and enhanced access to quality education, skill development and training, employment opportunities, technology, entrepreneurship, health, and well-being.

ADMINISTRATIVE HEADS



We are convinced that when the youth is economically hopeful, socially responsive and thoroughly engaged in the affairs of our state society; it would give us the leverage to reap dividends of a growing number of youth amidst us and to contribute to the national development. Our growth is directly linked with the well-being of our youth.

Mr. Taj Muhammad Tarand
Advisor to Chief Minister on
Sports & Youth Affairs, KP



I encourage the youth of the province to explore the variety of programs and initiatives offered by the Directorate of Youth Affairs ranging for financial empowerment to effective engagement at community level and to actively participate in shaping the future of our nation. Your voices, ideas, and contributions bears utmost significance in bringing positive change and building a vibrant tomorrow for Pakistan.

Mr. Muhammad Asif
Secretary
Sports & Youth Affairs Department,
KP



Youth are a source of support and strength for the socioeconomic uplift of both the province and the country at large. The organization aims to encourage young people to believe in themselves, take initiatives, and work as a team. By striving to create a safe, prosperous, and inspiring environment, we hope to achieve these objectives and foster positive change.


Dr. Nauman Mujahid
Director
Youth Affairs Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

OUR TEAM

ORGANOGRAM OF DIRECTORATE OF YOUTH AFFAIRS



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Our Projects

Ongoing Projects

YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PACKAGE

The Youth Development Package is an endeavor, designed to equip young people with the skills, resources, and opportunities necessary to thrive in today's dynamic landscape. Through various capacity-building programs, vocational training initiatives, and entrepreneurial support schemes, this project seeks to unlock the potential of the youth population, enabling them to contribute meaningfully to society and the economy



ESTABLISHMENT OF JAWAN MARAKIZ

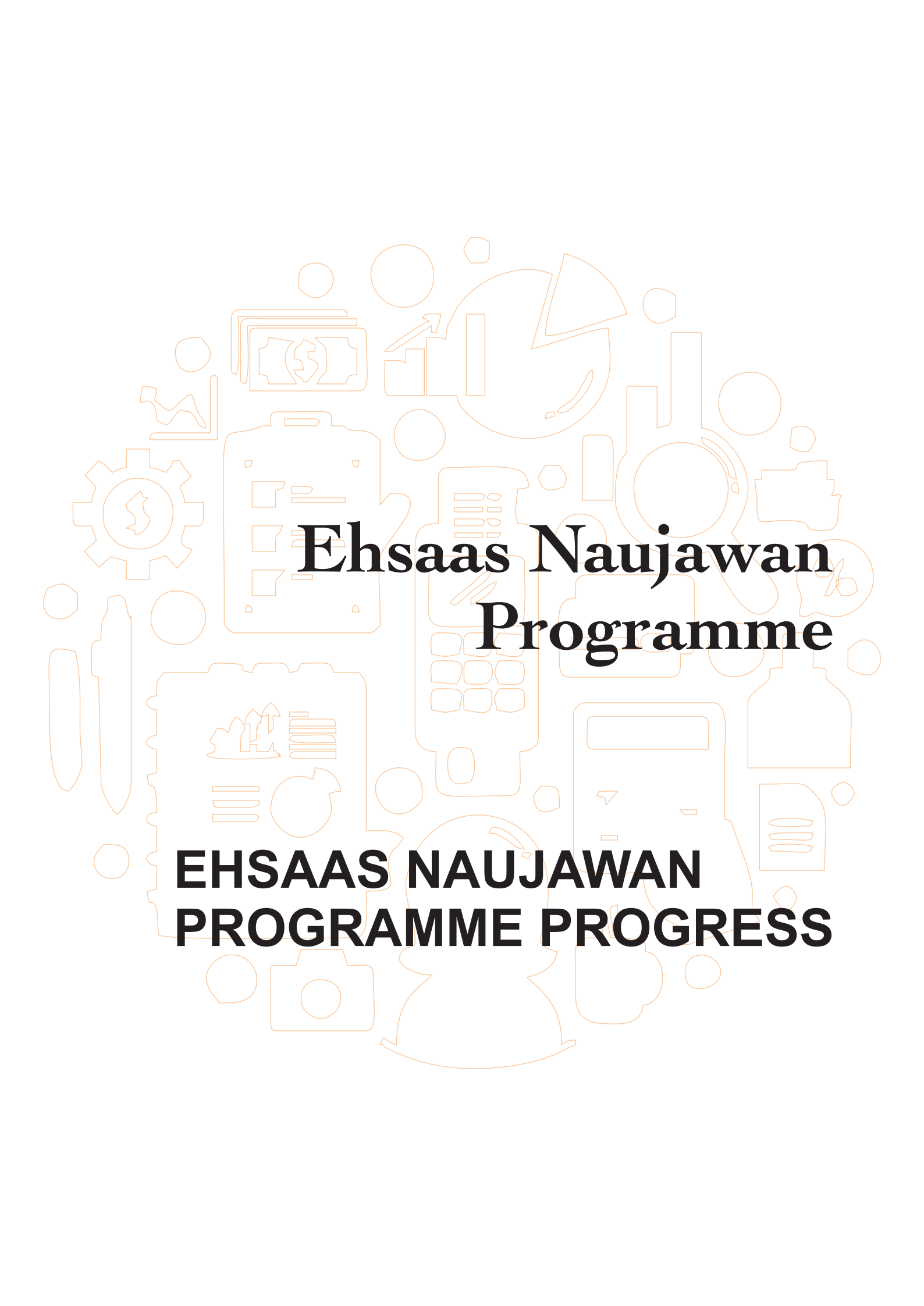
Additionally, the Directorate is actively involved in the establishment of Youth Facilities in settled and Merged Districts (MDs) and in recognition of the unique challenges and opportunities faced by youth in the districts. By providing essential infrastructure, educational resources, entrepreneurship development and incubation boots, IT Labs, Digital Library, Career counseling centers, Microfinancing facility, District youth convention centers and recreational amenities, this initiative aims to create inclusive spaces where young people can connect, learn, and grow.



EHSAAS NAUJAWAN PROGRAMME

The Directorate successfully launched the Ehsaas Noujawan Rozgar Scheme, a transformative initiative aimed at enhancing youth engagement and promoting enterprise development. The scheme, inaugurated by Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Mr. Ali Amin Khan Gandapur, on 7th November 2024, has since gained momentum through collaborative partnerships, innovative training modules and targeted interventions.





Ehsaas Naujawan Programme

**EHSAAAS NAUJAWAN
PROGRAMME PROGRESS**



Ehsaas Naujawan Programme Performance Update

Youth Financial & Economic Empowerment Initiative

The Ehsaas Naujawan Programme continued to advance youth financial inclusion in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa by providing interest-free loans aimed at promoting entrepreneurship, self-employment, and economic empowerment. During the reporting period up to April 2026, a total of 26,915 applications were received through partner organizations. Out of these, 8,346 applications were approved, with a cumulative approved amount of PKR 2,357.59 million.

A total of 8,288 youth loans were successfully disbursed, benefiting 7,746 male youth and 540 female youth across the province. Additionally, the programme extended support to 10 minority youth and 12 Madaris youth, ensuring broader social inclusion. The programme also recorded a recovery of PKR 401.76 million, while 2,719 applications remain under process. Among implementing partners, the Bank of Khyber received 15,180 applications as of April 30, 2026.

The bank approved 369 applications worth PKR 824.6 million and disbursed loans to 284 male youth, 25 female youth, 4 minority youth, and 12 Madaris youth. Recovery during the reporting period reached PKR 16 million, with 646 applications still in the pipeline.

Similarly, Akhuwat Islamic Microfinance (AIM) received 11,735 applications and approved 7,977 applications, amounting to PKR 1,532.99 million. Through AIM, loans were disbursed to 7,462 male youth, 515 female youth, and 6 minority youth. The organization reported recoveries of PKR 385.76 million, while 2,073 applications remain under process.

Despite substantial outreach and positive progress, female participation remains comparatively low at approximately 6.5% of total beneficiaries. Likewise, participation from minority and Madaris youth requires further expansion.

Moving forward, the programme will prioritize inclusive outreach strategies, strengthen loan recovery mechanisms, and engage additional regional partners to enhance youth financial access and economic opportunities throughout Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

Reported By:
Ehsaas Naujawan Monitoring Unit





Directorate Events



TechMesh'26 Wraps Up at UET Peshawar



Supported by the Directorate of Youth Affairs, TechMesh'26 was a three-day technology and engineering event held at University of Engineering and Technology Peshawar from April 28 to 30. Organized by the Computer Cell Society, the event featured engineering challenges, speed coding, e-gaming, and creative competitions.

TechMesh'26 Wraps Up at UET Peshawar



Students from leading institutions, including FAST-NUCES, UET Taxila, University of Peshawar, Islamia College, and City University, along with international participants from Sri Lanka and Bangladesh, took part. The event served as a vibrant platform for innovation, technical learning, and youth engagement in emerging technologies.

National Festival Concludes Successfully

The second National Festival of Ideas, Art, and Innovation at Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan concluded successfully after three days of competitions, with participation from over 600 students representing 73 universities across Pakistan.



National Festival Concludes Successfully

Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Jameel Ahmed

distributed awards and highlighted the importance of co-curricular activities in

enhancing students' creativity. He also announced plans for a new incubation center

and a 1,000-seat auditorium to further support academic and creative development.



Peshawar Literary Festival Concludes on a Vibrant Note

The second day of the Peshawar Literary Festival featured engaging discussions and interactive

learning sessions focused on youth development, skills, economic future, intolerance, social

harmony, and the importance of reading and intellectual growth. Experts and participants

exchanged ideas on key social and developmental issues affecting the

youth. Alongside the panel discussions, practical workshops on content

creation, digital marketing, and MS Excel provided participants with valuable

hands-on skills relevant to today's professional and digital landscape.



Peshawar Literary Festival Concludes on a Vibrant Note

The festival concluded with a vibrant musical

night, where youth celebrated local culture,

music, and unity in a joyful atmosphere. The

event ended on a positive and energetic note,

highlighting both intellectual and cultural

engagement. The Directorate of Youth

Affairs, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa reaffirmed

its commitment to supporting such initiatives

that promote creativity, learning, and social cohesion among the youth.



Peshawar Literary Festival Season III Begins

Day 1 of the Peshawar Literary Festival Season III 2026 began with great enthusiasm and active support from the Directorate of Youth Affairs Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, in collaboration with KPCTA and HED KP.

The festival highlighted the importance of cultural engagement and intellectual development, particularly focusing on the role of youth in shaping the future of the province. The opening ceremony was attended by Taj Muhammad Tarand, who emphasized the need for empowering young people through education, dialogue, and opportunities for creative expression.

His address set the tone for the festival, underlining the significance of investing in youth as a driving force for positive change in society. The day featured a series of insightful panel discussions on key topics such as Women, Youth & the Future of KP and NFC Award & the Case of KP.

These sessions brought together experts, scholars, and participants to engage in meaningful dialogue on social, economic, and developmental challenges, encouraging critical thinking and informed perspectives among attendees.



Peshawar Literary Festival Season III Begins

In addition to the discussions, the festival offered a wide range of interactive and cultural activities. Workshops provided participants with opportunities to enhance their skills and knowledge, while children's activities created an inclusive environment for younger audiences. A traditional Mushaira added a literary and cultural touch to the event, celebrating poetry and artistic expression.

The day concluded on a lively and energetic note with a musical performance by renowned artist Fayaz Khan Kheshgi. The performance not only entertained the audience but also celebrated the rich cultural heritage of the region, bringing participants together in a spirit of unity and joy. Overall, the first day of the festival successfully combined intellectual discourse, cultural celebration, and youth engagement.

It reflected the commitment of the organizers to create platforms that promote learning, creativity, and dialogue, while fostering a sense of community and shared cultural identity among the youth of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.



Peshawar Literary Festival Season III Begins

The Directorate of Youth Affairs Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, in collaboration with the Human Care Foundation, organized a comprehensive panel discussion on “Interfaith Harmony” aimed at promoting peace, tolerance, and coexistence among different segments of society.

The session placed special emphasis on the role of youth as key agents in fostering understanding and unity in an increasingly diverse social landscape. The event brought together a diverse group of religious representatives, scholars, and students, creating a platform for open and constructive dialogue.

Participants discussed the importance of mutual respect, acceptance of differences, and the need to build bridges across communities to ensure long-term social cohesion. The discussion also addressed the challenges posed by intolerance and extremism, highlighting the importance of awareness, education, and responsible citizenship in countering such issues. Speakers underscored that young people have a critical role to play in shaping a more peaceful and inclusive society.

They encouraged youth to actively engage in promoting positive narratives, rejecting hate and discrimination, and becoming ambassadors of harmony within their communities.



Peshawar Literary Festival Season III Begins

The session emphasized that sustainable peace can only be achieved through collective efforts rooted in empathy, understanding, and shared values.

An interactive environment allowed students to engage directly with the speakers, share their perspectives, and gain deeper insights into interfaith relations and social responsibility. This exchange of ideas not only enhanced awareness but also strengthened the participants' commitment to contributing positively to society. At the conclusion of the event, certificates and shields were distributed among participants and contributors in recognition of their involvement and dedication.

The ceremony symbolized appreciation for their efforts and reinforced the collective commitment to promoting interfaith harmony, tolerance, and unity across the province. Overall, the panel discussion served as a meaningful initiative to encourage dialogue, build understanding, and empower youth to take an active role in fostering peace and social cohesion in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.



Civic Education Session for Youth

The Directorate of Youth Affairs Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, in

collaboration with Grow Up Organization, organized an

interactive session on “Civic Education for Youth of Khyber

Pakhtunkhwa” to promote active citizenship, democratic values, and

meaningful community engagement among young people. The session

focused on creating awareness among participants about their

fundamental rights and responsibilities as citizens. Speakers

emphasized the importance of lawfulness, social harmony, and the

constructive role youth can play in building a responsible and

progressive society. Participants were encouraged to understand their

civic duties and actively contribute to strengthening democratic values

within their communities.



Civic Education Session for Youth

The interactive nature of the session allowed youth to engage in discussions, share their views, and gain a deeper understanding of their role in promoting peace and positive social change. The program highlighted the significance of informed and responsible citizenship in ensuring the sustainable development of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The session concluded with a collective commitment from participants to contribute positively towards a peaceful, inclusive, and progressive province. Certificates of participation were distributed among the youth attendees in recognition of their active involvement in the session.





District Youth Offices Events



Cleanliness Drive Held at Qaqlasht Chitral Upper

A large-scale cleanliness drive was successfully organized by the Youth Office Upper Chitral at Qaqlasht, a prominent tourist destination in the region. The event was attended by

Deputy Commissioner Upper Chitral Muhammad Imran Khan as the chief guest, along with a wide range of government officials, including the Assistant Commissioner Headquarters,

District Youth Officer, Finance Officer, representatives of Tehsil Municipal Administration, police and levies personnel, civil defence, local council representatives, scholars, and a large number of local youth.

The purpose of the campaign was to promote cleanliness, civic responsibility, and environmental awareness among the local population, especially the youth. Participants actively took part in cleaning

different areas of Qaqlasht, demonstrating strong community engagement and collective responsibility toward maintaining a clean and healthy environment.



Cleanliness Drive Held at Qaqlasht Chitral Upper



During his address, the Deputy Commissioner highlighted that cleanliness is not only an essential part of faith but also a hallmark of a civilized society. He emphasized the need for citizens to take responsibility for keeping their homes, neighborhoods, and public spaces clean. He also stressed the importance of preserving tourist sites like Qaqlasht in a clean and attractive condition so that visitors can leave with a positive impression of the region's environment and culture.

Furthermore, he underlined the significance of tree plantation in combating the effects of climate change and encouraged every individual to plant at least one tree as a step toward environmental sustainability. The Deputy Commissioner also appreciated the efforts of the Youth Office Upper Chitral and all participating departments for their coordination and active involvement in making the event successful.

The cleanliness drive concluded with appreciation for all participants, especially the youth, who showed enthusiasm and commitment toward environmental protection and community service.

Seminar on Fundamental Rights of Citizens Held Mohmand



An important and informative seminar on “Fundamental Rights of Citizens under National and International Law” was held at Youth Center Ghalanai. The event was organized by District Youth Affairs Mohmand in collaboration with the Mohmand Students Union, with the aim of raising constitutional and legal awareness among students and youth.

A large number of students actively participated in the seminar. Speakers delivered detailed lectures on constitutional rights, human rights, legal protections, and relevant international laws. They emphasized that a responsible and progressive society can only be built when young people understand both their rights and responsibilities and strictly follow the rule of law.

Seminar on Fundamental Rights of Citizens Held Mohmand



The session also included an interactive question-and-answer segment, where students showed great interest and asked various legal questions. The speakers responded to their queries in a clear and simple manner, ensuring better understanding of complex legal concepts.

At the end of the seminar, participants appreciated the session as highly informative and beneficial, and expressed their desire for more such educational and awareness programs in the future.

Skill Development Courses Concluded in Nowshera

District Youth Affairs Nowshera, in collaboration with Khushal Development Organization

(KDO) Akora Khattak, successfully organized 6-month English Language and Tailoring training

courses at Female Jawan Markaz (FJM), Akora Khattak, Tehsil Jehangira.

The English language course aimed to improve communication skills and help youth bridge the gap

between their current abilities and future academic and professional goals. Meanwhile, the tailoring course provided

modern stitching techniques and practical skills to enable young trainees to earn a dignified livelihood and support their families.



Skill Development Courses Concluded in Nowshera

A closing ceremony was held at the center where certificates were distributed among the successful participants.

The event marked the successful completion of the training program and

highlighted the importance of skill development for youth empowerment.

The District Youth Affairs Nowshera reaffirmed its commitment to continue such initiatives to develop

skilled, productive, and empowered youth for the future.



Graphic Designing Course Concludes in Swat

District Youth Affairs Swat, in collaboration with MEPA, successfully concluded a 30-day Graphic Designing course in Mingora Babuzai. A total of 32 young participants completed the training aimed at developing modern digital and creative skills.



During the course, participants were trained in various aspects of graphic designing, including creative concepts, design tools, and practical project work. They actively participated throughout the training and showed strong

Graphic Designing Course Concludes in Swat

The closing ceremony marked the successful completion of the programme, where certificates and awards were distributed among participants in recognition of their performance and dedication. Speakers highlighted the importance of digital skills in empowering youth and preparing them for future employment opportunities. The event reflected a strong commitment to youth capacity building and encouraged participants to utilize their newly acquired skills for personal and professional growth.



Jawan Marakiz Status



Jawan Marakiz Progress

| S.No | Scheme Name | Cost | Expenditure | Financial and Physical Progress |
|------|---|---------|-------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 | Upgradation of Battakundi Youth Hostel (Phase-I & Phase-II) | 66 | 51.079 | Financial 77.39% Physical 80% |
| 3 | Construction of Peshawar Youth Complex | 474.499 | 387.731 | Financial 81.5 % Physical 85% |
| 4 | Construction of Jawan Markaz Mohmand | 111 | 111 | Financial 100% Physical 98% |
| 5 | Construction of Jawan Markaz Swabi | 107.35 | 76.762 | Financial 71.5% Physical 50% |
| 6 | Construction of Jawan Markaz Mardan | 146.06 | 121.667 | Financial 83% Physical 85% |
| 7 | Construction of Jawan Markaz D.I.Khan | 111.38 | 85.667 | Financial 76.91% Physical 85% |
| 8 | Construction of Jawan Markaz Haripur | 148.43 | 112.471 | Financial 75.773% Physical 50% |
| 9 | Construction of Jawan Markaz Buner | 92.49 | 69 | Financial 74.6% Physical 30% |
| 10 | Construction of Jawan Markaz South Waziristan Lower | 171.062 | 58.329 | Financial 34% Physical 40% |

REPORT ON JAWAN MARAKIZ STATUS ACROSS KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA



District Haripur:

Construction of Jawan Markaz is going satisfactorily. The ceiling of ground floor has been complete followed by floor of upper floor. After minor cosmetic adjustments work on other parts will be commenced.



District D.I.Khan

The construction work of Jawan Markaz D.I. Khan is progressing smoothly, with around 50% of the structure completed. The brick walls and support pillars are already in place, and construction materials are available on-site. The project team is actively working to ensure its timely completion.



District Buner:

The construction of Jawan Markaz Buner is progressing well, with the main walls now standing and the structural framework taking shape. This marks a significant step toward completion, as upcoming work will focus on roof preparation, plastering and interior development to transform the structure into a functional youth facility.

REPORT ON JAWAN MARAKIZ STATUS ACROSS KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA



District South Waziristan Lower:

Construction at Jawan Markaz South Waziristan (Lower) is currently progressing steadily. Plaster work on the ground floor is being carried out, while the first-floor beams have been completed and brickwork is being done. The site was jointly inspected along with the Site Engineer to ensure that all work is meeting the required quality standards.



District Swabi:

The construction of Jawan Markaz Swabi is under progress. The ceiling work is near completion; almost 70% of the work has been accomplished by the contractor. The Contractor has ensured timely completion of the remaining work.



District Abbottabad

Land for Jawan Markaz Abbottabad has been secured, and construction planning is being carried out. Preparations for foundational work and site development are being made to ensure that construction can proceed smoothly once it begins.

REPORT ON JAWAN MARAKIZ STATUS ACROSS KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA



District Mohmand:

The construction of Jawan Markaz Mohmand has achieved 98% physical completion with full utilization of the allocated Rs. 111.00 million budget. The project is currently in its final phase of completion, with only minor finishing works remaining before operationalization.



District Mardan:

Significant progress has been made at Jawan Markaz Mardan. Tiles and flooring work have been completed, and electrification work is currently underway. The ongoing activities are being monitored to ensure that all work meets the required quality standards.



Grand Youth Complex Peshawar:

Construction on the Grand Youth Complex in Peshawar is 85% complete. This facility will be a central hub for youth activities in the region.

REPORT ON JAWAN MARAKIZ STATUS ACROSS KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA

Orakzai, Khurram and North Waziristan: Land Acquired

Land for Jawan Marakiz in these districts has been acquired. These centers are expected to deliver much-needed infrastructure to empower the youth in these regions.

Temporary and Permanent Jawan Marakiz: Ongoing Progress

Temporary rented buildings are being used to house Jawan Marakiz in some districts while permanent facilities are under construction. Across Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, significant progress is being made on permanent Jawan Marakiz, providing hope and empowerment to the youth in these regions.

Upper Chitral, Upper Dir, Shangala, Karak, Bannu, Kohat, Malakand

Land Acquisition Initiate In these districts, land has been identified for the construction of Jawan Marakiz, and the land acquisition process has begun. This marks the first step in creating youth-focused centers in these areas.

The Jawan Marakiz initiative continues to make strides across the province, helping to uplift and empower young individuals. These efforts, led by the Youth Affairs department and under the guidance of Dr. Nauman Mujahid, are key to unlocking the potential of the youth in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.