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In the Name of Allah (S.W.T)

Mr. Speaker,

It is a matter of great honour for me to rise before this August House to present the Annual Budget of **Rs. 3,450 billion** for the financial year 2025-26 for the province of Sindh.

I also feel privileged to represent the great people of Sindh who have entrusted Pakistan Peoples' Party with the mandate to develop this province for them and generations to come.

Pakistan People's Party has always made untiring efforts to live up to the expectations of the people for which we draw strength from the vision of Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto and Shaheed Mohtarma Benazir Bhutto. People's love and trust on the Pakistan People's Party, its leadership and their splendid work from 2008 to 2023 is evident in the resounding mandate in general elections of 2024, which has reinvigorated the PPP's mission to serve the people of this province selflessly. The Pakistan People's Party secured more votes than ever before in Sindh, PPP's vote bank in Sindh saw a rise in vote share from 38.7% in the 2018 General Elections to 45.5% in 2024, thereby it commands an absolute majority in the Provincial Assembly of Sindh.

We also express our unwavering commitment to embark on a journey to unlock our province's tremendous potential for greater prosperity and development under the guidance of President Asif Ali Zardari and dynamic leadership of Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari.

Mr. Speaker,

Before, moving forward, I would like to thank Almighty Allah — for granting us protection, honor, and the strength to stand tall in the face of aggression for the enemy.

In recent days, our beloved Pakistan was tested. Responding to unprovoked and unjustifiable hostility, our brave armed forces — our Army, Navy, and Air Force — rose with courage, professionalism, and unmatched resolve. In a matter of hours, they transformed aggression into deterrence, fear into resilience, and threats into a renewed national unity.

To our valiant defenders — I say: Sindh salutes you. Pakistan salutes you. You have not only safeguarded our borders but lifted the hearts of 240 million Pakistanis.

Let me also express deep and sincere appreciation to the nations who stood by us — countries that raised their voices for peace, called out injustice, and stood in solidarity with Pakistan’s right to defend itself. Your support reaffirmed that in times of trial, true friendships are revealed.

To our political leadership — across party lines — thank you. In the heat of crisis, we found consensus. The Parliament stood tall, the Federation stood united, and together we showed the world that the security of Pakistan transcends politics.

To our media — responsible, vigilant, and patriotic — thank you for guiding public sentiment with wisdom, and for standing as a pillar of national morale.

To the people of Sindh, and the people of Pakistan — your prayers, your patience, and your faith gave our defenders the strength they needed. Our unity is our shield.

And finally, I would again thank Allah (SWT) for his countless blessings on our beloved country, its people, its forces and the Pakistan People’s Party.

Mr. Speaker,

Pakistan is on the path to prosperity. Our economy is rebounding. We have stepped in the Crypto global setup, making the country an investment attraction. Sindh government aims to capitalize on the opportunities and grow alongside other provinces to achieve the goal of a **‘Developed Sindh’**.

Sir, as you are aware, in the face of natural disasters and political upheavals, Sindh has prudently balanced its limited resources to meet committed liabilities while keeping infrastructural development and uplift of under-served segments of the province a priority. Consequently, enhanced health facilities, better educational environment, improved infrastructure for transportation, drainage, irrigation, agriculture, and supply of water, social security and merit-based employment are some of the rewards people of Sindh have been reaping under Peoples Party’s government. Our aspiration for a developed Sindh inspires us, and the transformative work we have done during our Government’s first three terms guides us, to march forward resolutely.

This year's efforts for infrastructural development, service delivery and improvement of governance are its continuation.

Sindh is fully cognizant of its role and responsibilities towards achieving the targets, agreed upon among the provinces and the Federal Government, described in the National Fiscal Pact under the IMF's Program 2024. Accordingly, Sindh has implemented new Agriculture Income Tax regime this year. We have transformed our role from a regulator to facilitator by reducing the footprints from commodity market operations. Likewise, prudent fiscal operations and expenditure management are some of the highlights of the outgoing year.

The financial year 2024-25 has been a year of consolidation. This Assembly is approaching the end of current financial year 2024-25. At this critical juncture, I owe gratitude to the provincial cabinet and this House for the support and guidance extended for effective implementation of austerity measures and public policies that facilitated the general public to brave such testing times of political, social, and economic uncertainty. With these somber thoughts I would like to present before this House a brief account of performance of the Government of Sindh in CFY 2024-25.

Mr. Speaker,

The government started the fiscal operations of CFY 2024-25 on the basis of balanced budget of Rs. 3,056 billion and yet, as part of our engagement with IMF, we had to show end-year primary cash surplus of Rs. 299 billion. This meant that the government had to consolidate the recurring and development expenditures, and also had to ensure smooth flow of funds for efficient service delivery.

There have been lots of challenges during the course of the year regarding our priorities. During the first eleven months of the CFY, the province was expected to receive Rs. 1,645 billion as its share from the NFC award from the federal government. However, only Rs. 1,363 billion has been received so far, resulting in a shortfall of Rs. 282 billion. Despite this significant gap, the provincial government managed expenditures on its priorities.

For development expenditure we released Rs. 666 billion, out of which it is expected that approximately Rs. 590 billion will be utilized by the end of CFY. This year will mark the highest development expenditure ever in the fiscal history of the

province and we will be able to complete more than 1400 development schemes, which again is the highest number ever.

The combined releases to the health and educations sectors stand at Rs.701 billion. By the end of fiscal year both the sectors will have the highest ever spending in a financial year nearing Rs. 661 billion which will be Rs. 110 billion over the last year's actual expenditure. This investment has boosted significant strides in public service delivery mechanisms. However, the shortfall continues to pose challenges, particularly in meeting our fiscal commitments under the current IMF program.

Glimpses of Performance of CFY 2024-25

Despite the fiscal and economic impediments, I just highlighted, our government forged ahead relentlessly and today I will recap only a few of the achievements made in CFY before this House. I will talk about our interventions and achievements in the health sector in the first instance.

Achievements in Health Sector

Like always, provision of better health services to all people free of cost remained the top most priority of our government. The current year's budget for health sector is Rs. 334 billion out of which over Rs. 285 billion have been released. We have made sure that this massive funding actually caters to the needs of the people and every penny is efficiently utilized.

Performance of National Institute of Cardiovascular Diseases (NICVD)

During the current year, NICVD has further cemented its place as Pakistan's premier institution, delivering world-class cardiac care services. In CFY, NICVD alone provided free treatment to over **1.4 million patients**, including 160,427 patients from other provinces, including Punjab, Baluchistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and Gilgit-Baltistan – all provided with the same quality treatment, free of cost.

NICVD's Key Achievements in 2024 include:

- 10,000+ Angioplasties (Emergency lifesaving procedures)

- 4,500+ Elective and Early Angioplasties
- 1,702 Adult Cardiac Surgeries
- 1,450 Paediatric Cardiac Surgeries
- 2,061 Paediatric Interventional Procedures
- 75 Stroke Interventions/Treatments
- 299 PTMC Procedures (minimally invasive procedure)

In Diagnostics and Emergency Services, NICVD achieved following milestones:

- Over 90,000 Echocardiography performed:
- 276,733 Emergency Patients Treated:
- 333,760 Outpatient Consultations (OPD):
- 54,347 Hospital Admissions:

Crossing Provincial Boundaries – A Landmark Initiative:

For the first time in its history, NICVD has extended its specialized cardiac services beyond the borders of Sindh, initiating free Paediatric Cardiac Services in Quetta, Balochistan, where over 100 paediatric cardiac surgeries and more than 250 paediatric interventions have been done

NICVD's Targets for NFY include following Milestones:

- A new Outpatient Department (OPD) complex, equipped with modern facilities and increased capacity, will become operational by September 2025.
- New Mess Facility to improve food services for admitted patients will be constructed.
- A state-of-the-art 100-bedded Emergency Room (ER) will be developed to manage the increasing volume of critical cases efficiently.
- A 300-capacity Conference Hall will be constructed to support academic events, clinical workshops, and international medical collaborations.
- A dedicated Clinical Trial Unit will be established to support research and innovation in cardiovascular medicine, ensuring NICVD remains at the forefront of medical advancement.

Sindh Institute of Cardiovascular Disease (SICVD)

At present the SICVD network includes 10 hospitals and 29 Chest Pain Units with 14 Cath Labs; 9 Operation Theaters and 813 Beds. In the CFY, over 2 million patients have been treated across the entire SICVD network:

- including 11,419 Angioplasty cases,
- 31,852 Angiography cases,
- 1,618 Pediatric Interventions,
- 1,608 Open Heart Surgeries (Adult) &
- 537 Open Heart Surgeries (Peads).

Besides,

- ✓ Stroke Program started in TMK & Sukkur with more than 100 cases performed successfully
- ✓ 02 new Operation Theatres & CSSD established in TMK.
- ✓ Renovated & Upgraded Emergency Centre in Hyderabad.
- ✓ Performed 90 PTMC Procedures at SICVD TMK & Sukkur.

Moreover, the SICVD network offers Cardiac EP services such as Temporary Pacemakers (TPM) and Permanent Pacemakers (PPM) at multiple centers.

Additionally, free-of-cost treatments with life-saving devices, including Implantable Cardioverter Defibrillators (ICD) and Cardiac Resynchronization Therapy (CRT), have also been initiated at Sukkur and TMK. This year the network has successfully performed 724 (TPM) & 548 (PPM) Procedures. In the CFY, a new cardiac hospital at Baldia Town with 65 beds & 01 Chest pain unit at Gulshan-e-Hadeed have been operationalized.

For the NFY, the SICVD network plans to:

- ✓ increase Neuro Stroke Interventions to approximately 300 cases each year at Sukkur and TMK.
- ✓ To relocate, renovate and increase beds from 30 to 60 at Shaheed Benazirabad.
- ✓ Open 04 New Chest pain units at Shahdad kot, Dadu, Nagar parkar & Sanghar.
- ✓ Start Cardiac Surgery & Stroke Intervention in Baldia Town Hospital.
- ✓ Establish three EP LABS, each in Baldia, Sukkur, and Hyderabad.

Pir Syed Abdul Qadir Shah Jeelani Institute Of Medical Sciences, Gambat

GIMS is the only institute of Pakistan which provides services in 5 human organ transplant facilities under one umbrella. Recognized both nationally and internationally, Pir Syed Abdul Qadir Shah Jeelani Institute of Medical Sciences Gambat is unique in its integration of medical education, research, and clinical services under one umbrella. The institute offers undergraduate and postgraduate programs in various medical and health sciences.

Major Achievements of the Institute During CFY Include:

- ✓ Expansion of the Liver Transplant Unit to State of Art **Liver Tower** which is ready for inauguration.
- ✓ Establishment of **Robotic Orthoplasty** (replacement of Knee and hip joint and spine surgery).
- ✓ **Establishment of Advanced Robotic Neuro Complex** including Brain Lab and Robotic Surgery.
- ✓ **Establishment of Cardiotherosic Complex** including **ROBOCATH**.
- ✓ Establishment of 17 State of the Art ICU Rooms, General ICU and Modular OTs .
- ✓ Establishment of **Jail Ward**.
- ✓ Arrangement of free **Dastarkhwan** with public private partnership which provide services to more than 1000 persons (Patients and attendants) on daily basis.
- ✓ The **Cellular Therapy Center** building has been completed and is now ready for equipment installation.

Let me lay before you the numbers of people who have benefitted from the services offered by GIMS:

In Liver Transplant

- So far, 1227 Successful Liver Transplants have been performed which makes this institute Pakistan's Largest Liver Transplant Program. In 2024-25 (until May) 308 transplants have been performed.

In Kidney Transplant

- So far 344 Successful Kidney Transplants have been done. In CFY 44 Kidney transplants have been performed.

In Cochlear Implant Surgeries

- So far 284 Successful Cochlear Implant surgeries have been performed out of which 84 transplants have been done in CFY.

Center Of Hematology And Bone Marrow Transplant

Total Transplants: 123 Cases
in 2024-25: 51 Cases

Department of Oncology

LINAC Radiotherapy (3D-CRT) Total Patients: 637

Corneal Transplant (Ophthalmology Department Of Gims)

340 Successful Corneal Transplants

Rapid Response Center 2024-2025

Total Patients in Emergency: 78,293

Sindh Institute of Child Health and Neonatology (SICHN)

I am proud to share that Sindh is leading Pakistan in newborn care through the Sindh Institute of Child Health and Neonatology (SICHN) — the largest and only province-wide neonatal network in the country.

While others talk, Sindh delivers. With centres across all divisions, SICHN is saving the lives of our most vulnerable — newborns — with survival rates matching global standards for developing countries.

Sindh Institute of Child Health and Neonatology Network

In under three years since its establishment, the SICHN network has already served more than a million babies and its operations have further expanded to following sites with more than **700 beds**. These sites include:

1. Children Hospital Korangi
2. Children Hospital Sukkur

3. Neonatal Unit at JPMC
4. Intensive Care Units in Shaheed Benazirabad
5. Sobhraj Maternity Hospital
6. Mother & Child Health Center Azam Basti
7. Intensive Care Units in Larkano

- **NICU** – Largest Neonatal Intensive Care Network in Pakistan with 262 incubators and **one of the biggest network in the world**, saving most vulnerable newborn babies as low as 500 grams.
- **PICU** – Largest Pediatric Intensive Care Network in Pakistan with 114 Beds providing to the sickest babies.
- **Ventilators** – 114 Ventilators and 155 high flow ventilators in a network that is the largest in the Pakistan.
- **Database** – Centrally connected across the network with HMIS.
- **Central Lab** – Lab for the specialized testing to optimize use of the money.
- **Neonatal Screening** – Congenital Thyroid and Hearing Screening test
- **Self-Generation Oxygen Plant** in Sukkur children Hospital
- Advance **MRI Machine** in Sukkur
- Training of Human Resource

Building on this momentum, the Government of Sindh is proud to announce the next phase of SICHN's expansion in the NFY 2025-26. The expansion will include:

- ✓ Establishment of new mother and child health hospital in Jamshoro and Children Hospital in Mirpurkhas, while four additional satellite centres will be launched in Shahdadpur, Kamber Shahdadkot, Sujawal, and Mirpur Mathelo.
- ✓ With this expansion, the network will cover all the divisions of Sindh and some of the districts. The plan is to cover all the districts and Talukas with the satellite centers.

Developments at JPMC

The GoS in collaboration with its partners has transformed JPMC, NICH, and NICVD in the last 13 years. Under the federal government, the total bed strength of JPMC, NICH, NICVD was only 2,092 beds and in the last 13 years we have increased it to 4,041. In the NFY we will complete construction of a new 12 storied Medical Towers and a seven storied officers ward at JPMC which will make it the largest health care facility in the country and one of the largest in the world.

The number of patients seen at these three institutes in 2011 were only 1.6 million and this year it rose to more than 4 million. At the time of devolution, Annual

budget of these institutes was Rs. 1.9 billion, while today it is over Rs. 30 billion. All three institutes are having state of the art equipments and almost all CT scanners, MRI scanners and Angiography units have been made fully operational.

The GoS in collaboration with the Patients Aid Foundation (PAF-JPMC) has also transformed its Radiation Oncology (Cyberknife Tomotherapy PET-CT facility). It's a pride for everyone who belongs to the province of Sindh that this is the only Centre in the world offering free Cyberknife and Tomotherapy irrespective of nationality, religion and ethnicity. Patients from 168 cities and 16 countries have availed free facilities at JPMC Karachi.

To meet the ever increasing patients, on the direction of Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, GoS has given a grant of USD 4.1 million to PAF-JPMC to procure a third Cyber knife. This latest top of the line Model S7 FIM was inaugurated by the Honorable Chairman.

Moreover, the GoS in collaboration with the PAF-JPMC & Edhi Foundation has started the construction of a "Bilquis Abdul Sattar Edhi Breast Radiation Bay" at JPMC, to provide medical facility to breast cancer patients. There we will install the world's top of the line two radiotherapy machines "Helix Tomotherapy" with Surface Guided Radiotherapy to ensure accurate and safe delivery of radiation to atleast 160 patients daily with exclusively female staff in attendance. In sha Allah, the facility will be ready in next financial year.

This year old buildings that include Plastic Surgery, Dental, Thalassemia, clinical lab, Gynae labor room OT building, Clinical oncology have been renovated. Its occupational therapy and artificial limb workshop will be completed in next fiscal year.

The JPMC has also introduced Robotic surgeries at its surgical complex and introduced new specialties like fetomaternal and vascular surgery facility and installation of PACS to secure the patients data for research.

SIUT - A model based on community government partnership for free healthcare delivery

With support of the Govt. of Sindh the SIUT has grown into one of the largest public sector health organization of South Asia providing facilities in urology, nephrology, transplantation and hepato-gastroenterology, oncology and pediatrics. In the last 54 years of its journey, SIUT has touched the lives of over 35 million patients. SIUT has now grown into a 1,600-bedded comprehensive healthcare system with 82 departments. With approximately 400 dialysis machines, SIUT is the largest dialysis center in the country, catering to 30% of Pakistan's and 60% of Sindh's total dialysis cases. Having performed over 7,500 kidney transplants to date, the SIUT is the largest kidney transplant center in the country, offering lifelong follow-up and free medication. With five lithotripters, SIUT is the leading facility for the treatment of stone disease in Pakistan. SIUT operates five surgical robots to provide state-of-the-art robotic surgeries for both urban and rural populations. Recently, SIUT successfully performed Pakistan's first Harmony trans catheter pulmonary valve implantation in a child.

In the CFY the SIUT has provided free treatment with dignity to over 4.2 million patients across 10 centers. More than 70% of these patients were from the province of Sindh.

SIUT Main centre (Civil Hospital) provided:

- Outpatient services to 664,226 patients through 63 OPDs per week & 24/7 emergency services.
- Inpatient services to 77,099 patients.
- Dialysis to 238,152 patients with 150 dialysis machines.
- Radiological tests to 547,735.
- Laboratory tests to more than 12.2 million.
- Surgical procedures performed for 104,477 (with 759 robotic procedures).
- Radio & Chemo Therapy sessions to 28,350 cancer patients.

At SIUT Mehrunnisa Complex following services were provided:

- Dialysis: 62,281
- OPD: 10,401
- Admission: 1683

- Surgeries: 4,586
- Lab tests: 52,786
- PET CT: 1626

SIUT Primary Healthcare Centre, Kathore provided

- screening for hepatitis and TB with around 17,864 patients seen in OPD,
- around 7500 radiology tests and
- around 64,000 lab tests

SIUT Satellite Dialysis Canters

With the increasing workload of dialysis patients, SIUT has increased the dialysis machines and shifts to accommodate growing burden of kidney failure patients. At 3 satellite centres (Garden, Nazimabad and Shah Faisal Colony) with 85 dialysis machines, SIUT has conducted 91,222 dialysis sessions.

SIUT Sukkur

SIUT Chablani hospital with 217 beds has expanded its services emergency, inpatient, dialysis and operation theatre. Moreover, SIUT Sukkur Bypass has started OPD and Dialysis facilities with lab and radiology services. Presently more than 80 dialysis machines are providing free services. Its numbers include:

- OPD and Emergency: 108,758 patients
- Admission: 11,487
- Surgeries: 20,661
- Dialysis: 80,211
- Radiology: 86,148
- Lab tests: 1.4 million

SIUT Larkana Day Care Centre

With the help of government of Sindh SIUT Larkana is providing dialysis facility along with lab and radiology support. With 26 dialysis machines, 21,574 dialysis sessions were performed in 2024-25.

SIUT Support to centres at Nawabshah and Shikarpur

With GoS grant, the SIUT has now functionalized the Benazir Institute of Urology and Transplantation (BIUT) Nawabshah where OPD, Dialysis, Radiology, Laboratory Lithotripsy, and surgeries have been started. SIUT has trained the

manpower to start these facilities. Soon it will become fully functional urology, nephrology and transplant centre with robotic facility. The SIUT has also provided full support to run 10-bedded dialysis unit in Shikarpur and around 2,839 patients have benefited in 2024-25.

SIUT plans for next financial years

SIUT Children Hospital

- The SIUT Children’s Hospital has been constructed with the support of the Government of Sindh and the community. Outpatient clinics for pediatric urology, nephrology, and cardiology have already commenced. This 300-bedded hospital will be equipped with state-of-the-art facilities, including 9 modern operating theatres with a lithotripsy unit, a catheterization lab, emergency care services, a 50- bedded dialysis unit, radiology services with MRI and CT, a full-service laboratory with a blood bank, isolation rooms, surgical and medical ICUs, and a dedicated play area for children. The hospital is expected to be fully functional by 2025–26.

SIUT Mehrunnisa Oncology Centre

The GoS is providing a additional grant of Rs. 2 billion to SIUT in NFY to complete a new five-storey Oncology Centre with 240 beds. A state-of-the-art radiotherapy machine with MR capability has already been installed with the support of the Government of Sindh and the community. An additional conventional radiotherapy machine will also be installed. The cancer outpatient department (OPD) and radiotherapy services are expected to begin in the next financial year.

Oncology Centre at SIUT Sukkur Bypass

Recently, with the support of the Government of Sindh, SIUT has launched PET CT and Cyclotron facilities for advanced cancer diagnosis. We are also planning to install a radiotherapy machine. With this addition, the Oncology Unit will be fully established, offering outpatient services and chemotherapy in the next financial year (2025–26).

The second phase of the Sukkur Bypass project is also set to commence in the next financial year, aiming to develop it into a full-fledged hospital offering urology,

nephrology, transplantation, and other specialized services—replicating the SIUT model of Karachi.

SIUT Other Centres

As per the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between SMBBU **Larkana** and SIUT, the construction of a 200-bedded Urology Centre equipped with robotic surgery facilities will begin in the next financial year.

Two new day care centers with dialysis and lithotripsy facilities will be established in **Rahim Yar Khan and Gujar Khan (Rawalpindi)**. Each dialysis center will be equipped with 30 dialysis machines.

Indus Hospital & Health Network (IHHN)

I take this opportunity to reaffirm our government's commitment to improving the quality and accessibility of healthcare for every citizen of Sindh. In line with this commitment, I am pleased to announce an increase in the annual grant to The Indus Hospital & Health Network (IHHN)—from Rs. 5 billion to Rs. 8 billion. This increase is not just a financial decision; it is a strategic investment in one of Pakistan's most transformative healthcare institutions. With the enhanced grant, Indus will be able to:

- ✓ Expand oncology services to include comprehensive cancer treatment for adults—including chemotherapy, radiation therapy, cancer surgery, and palliative care—completely free of cost.
- ✓ Accelerate the introduction of new and much-needed specialized services such as cardiothoracic surgery for children and adults, neurology and neurosurgery, behavioral sciences, vascular surgery, and advanced ophthalmic care.
- ✓ Strengthen and scale maternal and child health programs, particularly in underserved areas. Deepen its reach and impact through its Emergency Medicine services, the largest and most advanced in Pakistan.
- ✓ Further operationalize Pakistan's largest free-of-cost tertiary care hospital—home to the SAARC region's only AABB-accredited Blood Transfusion Center.
- ✓ Bring equitable, high-quality healthcare to rural areas, such as through its management of DHQ Hospital Badin under a successful public-private partnership.

- ✓ Through this partnership, we are ensuring that the most vulnerable among us—women, children, and the elderly—receive the dignity of world-class medical care, completely free of cost. Because of our continued support, Indus now operates Pakistan’s largest Children’s Cancer Centre, providing treatment to over 2,500 children each year. It stands as one of the largest pediatric oncology units in the region, offering a second chance of life to our young ones—through cutting-edge, compassionate care.

Our partnership is also transforming maternal and neonatal health outcomes. With Sindh Government support, Indus is delivering integrated care to mothers and newborns, operating one of Pakistan’s largest maternal and child health programs. This includes not only safe deliveries, but also lifesaving interventions for women facing complex medical challenges—particularly in underserved areas.

This impact extends well beyond our cities. At DHQ Hospital Badin, Indus has shown how a well-executed public-private partnership can bridge the urban-rural divide and bring quality care to the doorstep of every citizen—no matter where they live.

This is not merely a partnership—it is a reimagining of what is possible in public health. We hold firm in our belief: healthcare is a right—not a privilege. And through this strengthened partnership, we move forward in ensuring that no child, no mother, and no elder is left behind.

Law & Order: Police & Law Enforcement Agencies’ Performance

Ensuring the safety, security, and well-being of the people is the foremost priority. Despite the challenges, Government of Sindh has extended all support to Sindh Police in its efforts to uphold justice, combat crime, and foster an environment where every individual feels protected.

As we continue our efforts to strengthen security measures, improve policing, and implement reforms, it is assured that Sindh Police remains steadfast in pursuing the vision and commitment of the government to tackle criminal activities and build a safer Sindh for future generations.

Overall Law & Order situation in Sindh remained peaceful during past year and efforts are underway to ensure effective control on crime.

Effective strategy and efficient deployment against Street Crimes in Karachi resulted in considerable control. Comparing with crime statistics of June 2024, vehicular snatching & theft is reduced by 67% and violent street robberies declined by 54%. Sindh Police focused on detection by using advanced investigation techniques consequently detection rate is improved which remained 81%.

Police Operation against dacoits is being successfully carried out in Katcha area of districts Shikarpur, Kashmore, Ghotki and Sukkur. 101 dacoits were neutralized during the operation and 672 dacoits were arrested in 2024 whereas 31 dacoits were neutralized and 398 were arrested in first five months of 2025. Such aggressive response by Sindh Police resulted in significant control on activities of dacoit gangs especially in incidents in Kidnapping for Ransom that has gone down drastically. However, operation is going on against the remaining elements that are still active and they are being pursued to bring complete peace in Katcha area of these districts.

Sindh Police have implemented a comprehensive set of counter-terrorism measures aimed at ensuring public safety and neutralizing threats posed by extremist elements. These efforts combine intelligence-led operations, advanced training, and inter-agency coordination to combat terrorism effectively across the province. As a result, no significant act of terrorism has been carried out in Sindh except the suicide attack on convoy of Chinese Nationals near Jinnah International Airport in October 2024. The high profile incident was efficiently worked out by CTD Sindh in a very brief time. In its counter-terrorism drive, Sindh Police have arrested 210 terrorists belonging to various banned outfits in year 2024 and 42 during current year. 4 Terrorists were neutralized during encounters with Sindh Police. The working of CTD is being improved by providing them cutting-edge technology and other material resources. Lately, Fusion Centre has been established in CTD with a budgetary allocation of Rs. 772 Million. An additional amount of Rs. 633 Million were allocated to CTD for procurement of vehicles.

Organizational Upgradation remained the top priority of the Government of Sindh. In order to inculcate sense of security on people commuting on Highways, a new unit namely Sindh Police Highway Patrol is established starting it as a pilot project by deployment of 1200 personnel patrolling in 71 vehicles on 40 beats covering major highways. The detailed proposal is being worked out to formally start coverage of 2153 Km of Highways with 92 vehicles (including 13 APCs) by 1900 personnel

Traffic Management Reforms were pressing need in the wake of loss of precious human lives in road traffic accidents especially in Karachi. The introduction of Faceless e-Ticketing System using AI powered cameras to detect moving/parking violations and auto generated challans to be sent to violators' postal addresses. Non-payment within due dates will result in increase of fine. 550 Cameras are being installed and number is expected to increase to 1300 by December 2025. Furthermore, HTV/ LTV Licensing mechanism are also reformed by introduction of mandatory 30 hour pre-licensing driver education course by institutions recognized or run by DL authority. Mandatory installations of GPS trackers, dash and rear view cameras, driver monitoring camera and side under protection guards in Commercial Vehicles is also part of traffic management reforms.

Transparency and efficiency is ensured in issuance of Driving License across Sindh. An online portal is introduced to provide facilities like renewal of existing Driving Licenses and issuance of learners' driving license (Over 100,000 online requests were entertained and licenses were delivered to their users in last 3 months). During last 4 months, 2,31,937 new learners' licenses and 51,994 permanent driving licenses were issued. Additionally, 63,604 licenses were renewed. In order to ensure the accountability of drivers, De-merit Point System in Driving Licenses is introduced where starting with 30 credit points for every license holder, the violators will get de-merit points and frequent violations will lead to suspension or revocation of license.

Keeping in view the importance of Police Station as a basic unit of policing, various capacity building initiatives were introduced. In order to make Police Station financially independent, budgetary allocation was devolved to Police Stations. Rs. 3.74 Billion were allocated during current Financial Year to Police Stations that were used

by SHOs/SIOs as DDOs. Financial rules were amended to empower Sub-Inspector as DDOs by the Government of Sindh. Improvement in infrastructure of Police Stations was started. 31 Police Stations have been upgraded at a cost of Rs. 280 Million during current Financial Year. 50 more Police Stations will be upgraded in next Financial Year. Rationalization of effective human resource at Police Station has been done. The availability of effective strength at Police Station was 45% of the total available strength during past years. By reducing strength wasted on administrative and headquarter deployment, manpower at Police Stations is increased to 60% of the available strength.

Police Welfare Initiatives were introduced in order to boost the morale of jawans combating crime, terrorism and maintaining law & order amidst the challenges. Government of Sindh has realized importance of providing health care to the employees of Sindh Police and approved Sindh Police Health Insurance Scheme with an outlay of Rs. 4.96 Billion carried out by State Life Insurance Corporation. 15248 Police employees benefitted from the Health Insurance in general category whereas 269 Special cases where disbursement exceeded coverage limit of Rs. 1 Million were also entertained under the scheme. Shaheed Package was enhanced and previous package of Rs. 10 Million was revised and financial packages were announced for different ranks with minimum compensation package of Rs. 23.5 Million and maximum of Rs. 70 Million along with salary payment to all Shaheed Police personnel till the age of retirement and provision of jobs under Shaheed Quota to two of the legal heirs of Shaheed.

Government of Sindh in pursuance of its vision to provide employment opportunity to the people of Sindh and realizing the need of induction of human resource to effectively maintain law & order of the province has allowed the Recruitment in Sindh Police despite budgetary constraints where recruitments were banned in other departments. During last one year, 65 DSPs and 10 DSPs (Legal) were appointed by selection through SPSC. Similarly, 94 ASIs were appointed for Special protection Unit for security of Chinese Nationals and further recruitment of 1821 ASIs in various units of Sindh Police is under process. Sindh Police has completed appointment of Constables through third party Testing Service i.e. Sukkur IBA and in coordination with Pakistan Army and CPLC. During last year, 19,121 Constables and

513 Driver Constables were recruited. In addition, 108 were recruited against Shaheed quota and 705 against Deceased quota. Proposal of appointment of 2000 ASIs Investigation is in final stages of approval and recruitment will start soon.

Therefore, we have proposed the Budget Estimates **Rs. 179.7 billion** for next financial year for the security and law enforcement activities in Sindh.

In conclusion, it is to reaffirm the unwavering commitment to maintain law and order across the province. In pursuance of such commitment, Sindh Police is being equipped with the resources, training, and reforms they need to meet today's challenges.

People's Information Technology Program (PITP)

It gives me immense pride to share a landmark achievement of our government – the People's Information Technology Program, or PITP – a flagship initiative of the Government of Sindh, implemented through our Science and Information Technology Department in partnership with three of the province's most prestigious universities: NED University of Engineering & Technology Karachi, Mehran University of Engineering & Technology Jamshoro, and Sukkur IBA University.

Under PITP's first phase, as part of our Pro-Poor Initiative, we made a dedicated investment of Rs. 500 million, equally allocated across these universities. This investment was not merely financial—it was a commitment to empower our youth with the digital skills they need to thrive in a changing world. I am proud to share that this commitment has already borne extraordinary results.

We set out to train 14,428 students. Today, I am thrilled to announce that we exceeded this target—training 14,565 students. Of these, over 4,350 graduates have already secured employment, contributing an estimated Rs. 49 million directly to Sindh's economy. Each of our partner universities played a crucial role in this achievement: NED trained 4,503 students, MUET trained 4,504, and Sukkur IBA trained 4,558.

To reward excellence and encourage merit, we are awarding 300 Google Chromebooks to top-performing students. But PITP is not just about numbers—it is about equity, opportunity, and inclusion. Female participation reached commendable

levels—40% at Sukkur IBA, 36% at NED, and 33.6% at MUET. At MUET, 62% of the trainees came from rural areas—a powerful testament to our efforts to bridge the digital divide between urban and rural Sindh.

Building on this momentum, I am excited to announce the launch of PITP Phase-II with a significantly expanded vision. With a budget of approximately Rs. 1,400 million, this new phase aims to skill 35,000 students in 12 high-demand IT domains—from data science to AI, from cybersecurity to full-stack development. This time, we are expanding our university partnerships. PITP-II will be implemented through:

- NED University, training 12,000 students
- MUET Jamshoro, training 8,000 students
- QUEST Benazirabad, training 7,000 students
- Sukkur IBA University, training 8,000 students

To encourage outstanding performance, 1,750 Google Chromebooks will be awarded to the top 5% of trainees. We anticipate that at least 40% of our graduates will find employment, with an average monthly income of Rs. 60,000. Over the next five years, this will generate a socio-economic return of nearly Rs. 5,040 million—a 3.6 times return on our investment.

PITP-II is not just a training program. It is a leap toward achieving Sustainable Development Goals 4 (Quality Education), 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth), and 10 (Reduced Inequalities). Through this initiative, we are not only building a skilled workforce—we are building a future where every youth of Sindh, regardless of gender or geography, has access to opportunity.

In conclusion, I invite all stakeholders—universities, industry, civil society, and development partners—to join us in this digital transformation journey. Together, we can ensure that Sindh becomes a beacon of inclusive, tech-driven, and future-ready growth in Pakistan.

Educational Services

Education plays a pivotal role in human capital development. With nearly 67 % of its population below the age of 30, Pakistan stands as one of the youngest nations in

the world. Sindh strives to grab this golden opportunity to capitalize on a potential demographic dividend. Sindh shows relative strength in Public Financing, where it ranks highest among all provinces. This year we have provided funds to educational institutions at all levels from Primary to Universities and Medical Education. We aim to align with SDG-4 i.e. inclusive, equitable quality education for all by 2030.

Alhamdo Lillah, we have completed hiring process of 74,929 teachers (PST, JEST, Subject Specialists, Headmasters) this year. Further recruitment is ongoing for 2,315 SSTs, 790 Subject Specialists (B-17), 1,188-early Childhood Teachers, and 1,237 Junior Science Teachers (B-14).

So far 500 Non Formal Education centers have been set-up to benefit around 15,000 out of the school children. A provision of Rs. 1.5 billion has been earmarked for next financial year to further support it. Some of the Education related major expenditures this year were as follows:

- i. Sindh Government provides free textbooks to all the students from pre-primary to Matric in all government schools as well as its partner schools. For this purpose, Rs.7.5 billion spent for delivering Free Text Books in current financial year. However, Rs. 5 billion has been allocated for next financial year;
- ii. Rs.15.6 billion has been spent for schools under Sindh Education Foundation. Through SEF, the Government of Sindh has achieved notable success in terms of enhancing access to quality education for approx. one million children through a network of 3,000 schools and centers. Further, Rs.3.0 billion has been spent on SEF-Accelerated Digital Learning Program. Whereas, for next financial year the allocation has been enhanced to Rs.19.1 billion;
- iii. Rs. 800 Million spent for Stipend for Girl students to improve girls' attendance to educational institutes;
- iv. Rs.1.2 billion has been given for School Management Committees for up-keeping of good learning environment at primary, middle and higher levels. The same amount has been allocated for next financial year;
- v. Rs.1.7 billion spent for Education Sector Plan Implementation Activities and Restoration of Flood Damaged Schools under EU-funded DEEP project;

- vi. Rs.4.2 billion has been spent for Activities Under Project Action to Strengthen Performance for Inclusive & Responsive Education (ASPIRE). A provision of Rs. 5.5 billion has been kept for these activities in next financial year as well;
- vii. As many as 1,312 new school buildings have been completed. Further 5,243 flood / rain-damaged schools are under restoration phase via multiple partners, including EU-UNICEF, ADB, World Bank, and JICA.
- viii. Rs. 6 billion spent on repair & maintenance and furniture of schools;
- ix. On top of this, Sindh's expenditure on Higher Education activities this year stood at Rs. 34.6 billion, over and above all other provinces;
- x. For carrying out development expenditure funds Rs. 26.3 billion have been provided. This year the focus remained on the upgradation of primary schools, introduction of computer education at primary level, and construction of high priority educational institutions. Under the foreign assisted projects component funds Rs. 8.7 billion have been provided for Sindh Early Learning Enhancement through classroom transformation, and Rs.5.0 billion has been expended on Sindh secondary Education and School rehabilitation projects. Around 23,000 teachers have been trained under SELECT program in 2024–25.
- xi. Sindh is the first province to launch Early Childhood Care & Education Policy and Foundational Learning & Numeracy Policy 2024 in collaboration with UNICEF, wherein 2,500 ECCE teachers have been trained and 1,000 ECCE classrooms are established with enrollment of 205,478 students. It has also launched Student Attendance Monitoring and Redress System in selected districts of Sindh in the first phase up to this year;
- xii. Under the adopt-a-school program 94 Parliamentarians have adopted 202 schools across 17 districts in the first phase, leading to better management and ownership. School Education department has conducted first census of 12,000 private schools, covering around 4 million students. It has also enforced 10% free-ship policy, which is going to benefit over 162,350 deserving students.

Sustainable Local Government System

Sindh seek to help develop a sustainable local government system. This year a grant of Rs. 148 billion has been provided to local councils along with OZT share, with 30% increase in gross salary, 25% increase for Municipal, Town Committees, and District Councils, and 10% increase in pension component. Karachi Metropolitan

Corporation (KMC) alone has been provided Rs. 26 billion in the CFY in order to enable it to meet its operational expenditures and address the development requirements of the largest metropolis of Pakistan. Likewise, Rs. 827 million has been given to facilitate the pensioners of Sindh Local Govt. Board.

On the development side, district ADP was significantly enhanced in the CFY from Rs. 30 billion to Rs. 55 billion, out of which funds amounting to Rs. 38.8 billion have been provided to districts across Sindh for completing various development schemes relating to infrastructure, drainage, water supply and street works. And, Rs. 500 million has been provided for maintaining intra-city roads of district Hyderabad.

Pensionary benefits to Retired Employees

Acknowledging the right of a retired government employee, we have spent funds Rs. 35.2 billion for clearing the pensionary dues of all retired persons till June 30th 2025. Sindh has also adopted defined Contribution Pension Schemes for newly appointed employees commencing from the current financial year 2024-25. While, Rs.500 million have been spent for clearing Pay & Pensions of employees of HDA, Hyderabad. Similarly, funds Rs. 82 million have been provided for pension dues of employees of Larkana Development Authority.

Financial Assistance to Employees

Considering the hardships faced by the families of employees who die during service, funds Rs. 4.4 billion were released for the financial assistance to the families of deceased government servants in current year.

Promotion of Sports & Cultural Activities

Amount Rs. 4.7 billion has been spent this year for preservation of cultural monuments and maintenance of libraries, promotion of healthy sports and cultural activities and organizing various sporting events including sports for street children, Thar Jeep Rally, national games, hosting of Squash and Boxing championships at Karachi. Besides, special rewards have been given for meritorious achievements to Olympic Gold Medalist Arshad Nadeem, and Shahir Afridi, for winning

WBA Title against India. Also, funds Rs. 4.65 million have been provided to sponsor Pakistan's first female professional boxing title holder, Ms. Aalya Soomro, to compete in the upcoming international bout.

The World Culture Festival Karachi 2024 was a landmark event that brought together over 450 artists from 44 countries, casting a powerful and positive spotlight on Pakistan's place on the global cultural map. The festival celebrated our rich heritage and modern creativity, with stories of our warmth, hospitality, and openheartedness resonating across continents. 180 million people witnessed this festival online and millions experienced it firsthand. The highly successful festival was Pakistan's biggest effort in cultural diplomacy and was well-received by the world.

Building on this momentum, the upcoming edition this November will welcome artists from over 100 nations, with representatives from Europe, North and Central America, Africa, and the Middle East ready to witness Pakistan's vibrant cultural spirit and carry back messages of peace, harmony, and understanding.

Creating Opportunities for Differently Abled Persons (DEPD)

We believe in providing equal opportunities to people with disabilities and strive to enable them make their productive contribution in society. For this purpose amount of Rs. 4.8 billion has been spent this year.

Furthermore, to address mobility challenges faced by children with disabilities, the Government has facilitated the procurement of specially designed vehicles for pick-and-drop services, ensuring safer and more reliable access to educational and rehabilitation centres. These initiatives collectively reflect the Government's comprehensive and inclusive approach to empowering children with disabilities and integrating them meaningfully into the mainstream of education, society, and development.

Centre for Autism Rehabilitation & Training Sindh (C-ARTS)

After the success of first Center of Autism, Rehabilitation and Training Center (C-ARTS), the Government of Sindh has established and extended its scope in other cities of Province. The following C-ARTS have been made functional during 2024-25:

- ✓ C-ARTS in Karachi (03)
- ✓ ARTS Hyderabad
- ✓ C-ARTS located @ Gambat Institute of Medical Sciences at Gambat.
- ✓ C-ARTS Nawabshah, @Shaheed Benazirabad,
- ✓ C-ARTS Sukkur.
- ✓ C-ARTS Larkana

Two new C-ARTS in the following location in next three months will be operationalized:

- ✓ C-ARTS Tando Muhammad Khan
- ✓ Karachi Central

Work on establishment of more C-ARTS is under process as C-ARTS shall be established in all districts of the Province in the near future.

New Special Education Centers have been established at Keamari, Karachi, Daur, Shaheed Benairabad, Moro, Nausheroferoz, Ratodero, Larkano, Thatta, @ Matli, Kamber and Abad Shikarpur.

Following Centers have also been rehabilitated:

- RCMC Sukkur.
- GSE&RC Korangi Karachi
- GSE&R Complex @ Gulistan-e-Johar, Block 15, Karachi.
- GSE&R Complex, Mirpur Methelo
- C-ARTS Inclusive Parks at Malir, Landhi, North Karachi

Similarly, at the end of CFY following 2 NEW schemes will be completed:

1. Inclusive Park @ST-14 Park Blcok-05 Clifton Karachi.
2. Rehabilitation of PD & ID Center at Larkana.

Sindh Institute of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (SIPM&R)

Through an amendment in the Rules of Business, SIPM&R has now been shifted from Health department to DEPD with the objective of enhanced focus on service delivery for PWDs.

Grant-in-Aid

DEPD is supporting NGOs through the Grant in Aid for which the Government of Sindh has allocated 2.9 billion. These NGOs are serving more than 10,500 children with disabilities across the Province of Sindh.

Pro-Poor Initiative.

- ✓ **Rs. 986 million** have been provided to partner NGOs to open new centers and run existing services for PWDs in the Province as per the following details:

- 20 New Centers established*
- 15 Centers Capacity Enhanced*

- ✓ Rs. **400 million** have been provided to partner Organizations for Assistive Devices for the children with disabilities as they could have easiness in seeking their education and training.

(55 NGOs have been provided with financial support for assistive devices)

- ✓ The NGOs and government institutions working for PWDs have been provided Rs.1546.228 million as grant in aid through regular budget.

Sindh Institute of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (SIPM&R)

- ✓ Expansion/extention of SIPM&R is on cards.
- ✓ SIPM&R Nawabshah is ready for inauguration.
- ✓ SIPM &R Larkano will be ready in 2-3 months.
- ✓ Work on another unit of SIPM&R in Karachi will start in July, 2025

Inclusive Education

Directorate of Inclusive Education” has been established for inclusion of the children with Mild Autism, slow learners in mainstream education system.

Purchase of 23 Vehicles

- ✓ **23 Vehicles** of the worth of **Rs. 350.80 million** procured to ensure smooth pick and drop of children with disabilities.
- ✓ Vehicles are providing services at Special Education and Rehabilitation Centers across the province

Inclusive Sports and Recreational Parks

- ✓ Government of Sindh has allocated 80 million rupees for the reconstruction of Parks into C-ARTS as inclusive parks which are exclusively for the differently abled persons/persons with disabilities located at Clifton block-5, Saudabad Malir, Landhi and North Karachi.

Inclusive City-DEPD

The Government of Sindh has embarked on a landmark initiative to establish an Inclusive City for Persons with Disabilities (PWDs) on a 75-acre of land situated along Sharah-e-Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto, adjacent to the Defence area. This pioneering project aims to create a holistic, accessible environment tailored to the diverse needs of PWDs. The Inclusive City will feature state-of-the-art clinics services, rehabilitation services, educational and training institutes, psychosocial support services, inclusive parks, recreational facilities, green belt along with a range of allied services to ensure comprehensive care and integration of PWDs within single dedicated place.

Renowned architect Arshad Shahid Abdullah has been appointed to develop the master plan for the facility, ensuring both functionality and inclusive design standards. The Government of Sindh has allocated an initial budget of Rs. 5 billion for this transformative initiative, which is expected to be completed within three years.

To ensure strong governance and expert oversight, a high-level Board of Directors has been constituted, comprising distinguished members including Mr. Sultan Ali Allana, Mr. Mushtaq Ahmed Chhapra, Mr. Munir Kamal, and Mr. Mervyn Francis Lobo, alongside relevant government functionaries. This project represents a significant step toward promoting dignity, independence, and full societal inclusion for PWDs in the province.

For the NFY following new expansions are planned:

A. Completion / Establishment of C-ARTS / Neuro Rehab Complex (2025–26)

- Mirpurkhas
- Shaheed Benazirabad (Nawabshah)
- Sukkur
- Larkana
- Karachi Central
- Tando Muhammad Khan
- Residential facility Korangi

❖ UJALA- C-ARTS

Work has been started at UJALA-C-ARTS at DHA Phase-VIII, Karachi

- B. Completion / Establishment of Sindh Institute of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (SIPM&R)
- SIPM&R Larkana
 - SIPM&R Sukkur
 - Completion /Establishment of Rehabilitation Centers under ADP Scheme
- Locations of New Centers:
- Karachi, Korangi
 - Badin
 - Tando Muhammad Khan
 - Shahdadpur
 - Jacobabad
 - Moro
 - Dour (Nawabshah)
 - Mithi

Providing Shelter through Peoples Housing Program

The Sindh Peoples Housing for Flood Affectees, has completely changed the landscape of Sindh. It stands as not only Pakistan's but one of the world's largest post-natural disaster housing reconstruction projects. I would like to dedicate this achievement to Chairman Pakistan People's Party, Mr. Bilawal Bhutto Zardari, who has transformed the vision of "Roti, Kapra, aur Makan" of his grandfather, into reality. Since 2022 we have completed construction of more than 560,000 houses at a cost of USD 848 million, equivalent to Rs. 237 billion, with almost Rs. 128 billion spent in current financial year. And another 1.1 million new houses are under various stages of reconstruction. In next financial year 2025-26 the number will rise to around 1.5 million constructed houses. We have opened bank accounts for more than 1.3 million beneficiaries for the rehabilitation of more than 12.3 million flood-affected population, which exceeds the population of 154 countries. The grants for housing reconstruction are transferred directly into the bank accounts of the beneficiaries. All beneficiaries are fully authorized to purchase construction materials and hire the services of masons, which underlines the importance, transparency, and performance of the project. Alongside the houses we are also supporting Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene(WASH) interventions, to provide clean water and toilet facilities to 564,000 people. The most important aspect is empowerment of around 800,000 women beneficiaries, including

women-headed households, who will operate their own accounts and will be given land titleship through "Sanads,".

Housing Construction for Nullah Affectees in Karachi

This year we have also appropriately compensated the affectee of Gujjar Nullah, Karachi. Here an expenditure of Rs. 10.1 billion has been incurred for the construction of houses (80 Sq.Yd each) at Rs.1.45 million cost per house by way of disbursement to the affectees of Gujjar, Mehmoodabad and Orangi Nallahs through Commissioner Karachi.

Establishment of Provincial Intelligence Centre

This year Government of Sindh has established Provincial Intelligence Fusion & Threat Assessment Centre (**PIFTAC**), which is a platform to collect Intelligence reports from all relevant intelligence and Law Enforcement Agencies. In this regard, funds Rs. 200 million have been provided to start with. Besides, funds Rs. 400 million have been provided for procurement of bullet proof vehicles for extending security to the foreign nationals, especially Chinese engineers, delegates and nationals. And to counter the dacoits of Katcha Areas funds Rs. 342 million has been spent this year.

Public Private Partnership (PPP) Projects

Mr. Speaker,

The Government of Sindh showcases its commitment to development through a diversified portfolio of PPP projects valued at Rs 625 billion. These projects are at various stages. This impressive growth reflects an increase from Rs. 6 billion in 2010 to Rs. 625 billion in 2025. The projects cover multiple sectors such as education, health, roads and bridges, water, energy, transport, information technology, industrial and economic zones, agriculture and forestation.

Currently, projects worth Rs 190 billion are under construction phase while projects costing around Rs. 365 billion are under investor solicitation and feasibility stages, which are expected to be outsourced/ awarded to private partners by March 2026.

This year an expenditure of Rs. 65 billion has been incurred on PPP projects. Major project specific milestones achieved in FY 2024-25 are:

Shahrah-e-Bhutto Expressway project: Partial first segment completion till Shah Faisal was inaugurated on 11 January 2025. First segment, starting from Qayumabad to Quaidabad will be inaugurated in the month of June 2025, giving an alternative route to Shahrah-e-Faisal. The project will significantly ease traffic congestion in Karachi by providing a direct route from the city center to the Karachi Hyderabad motorway.

M9-N5 link Road Project: The project is substantially completed and has started toll operations for the initial 7.2 kilometers of the project. Construction work on the interchange is at an advanced stage through NHA/FWO whereas partial opening of interchange will be inaugurated in June 2025. Project completion is scheduled in the month of September 2025 and will ensure seamless connectivity of National Highway to M9 motorway.

Marble City Project: The concession agreement executed in November 2024 and project construction has initiated in June 2025 with an aim to establish an industrial estate for marble, granite and allied industries.

Ghotki Kandhkot Bridge project: The construction of largest bank to bank bridge of 12.2 KM over River Indus has gained significant momentum in recent months, positioning it for completion within a two-year time frame.

19 JICA Rehabilitated Girls Elementary Schools: 19 out of 54 upgraded elementary schools have been outsourced to private partners under Phase I of the project through the EMO model.

Rani Bagh Hyderabad Project: The bidding process has concluded in June 2025 and groundbreaking ceremony is anticipated to take place in the month of August 2025 to upgrade Rani Bagh into a modern state-of-the-art park and to provide recreational activities for the residents of Hyderabad and adjoining areas.

Carbon Emission Reduction through Forestation Project: Investor solicitation process is set to conclude in June 2025 and execution of Concession Agreements expected in July 2025. The initiative is to restore the riverine forests, generate foreign exchange inflows through monetization of carbon credits in international markets

NED Technology Park: Concession Agreement with subsidiary of Kuwait Investment Authority is at the finalization stage and will be executed in July 2025. The project will enhance the prowess of the IT sector in the global export arena, nurturing fertile ground for growth and innovation.

Other Strategic Initiatives in FY 2024-25

Viability Gap Funding (VGF): PKR 70 billion already utilized to support various PPP projects.

International Arbitration: Approved as a dispute resolution mechanism to align with global best practices, ensuring transparency and investor confidence.

Procurement Rule Amendments: Changes to the Sindh Public Procurement Rules aims to streamline processes, enhance transparency and to refine the handling of unsolicited proposals.

Public-Private Partnership Projects in Agriculture

Rice & Wheat Mechanization Project

- Full-cycle mechanization for rice and wheat farming (from laser leveling to drone spraying)
- **RFP for transaction advisors launched (May 2025)**
- **Investor solicitation to begin in September 2025**

Cluster Farming Development Project

- Region-wise mapping of **horticulture clusters**
- Plans for modern storage, processing units, and transportation

Strategic Infrastructure Under PPP Mode

Malir Expressway Phase 1

- 12.5 km access-controlled expressway, partially elevated
- Will connect Karachi port traffic with Shahrah-e-Bhutto Expressway
- Feasibility study to conclude by June 2025
- Investor solicitation to start FY 2025–26

Electric Buses Project

- Deployment of 1,000 EV buses across Sindh
- 500 buses designated for Karachi
- Full integration expected by FY 2025–26

Provincial Development Portfolio CFY 2024-25

The Government of Sindh has formulated ADP 2025-26, building upon the development landscape of the last FY 2024-25, whereby responding to both emerging challenges and strategic development priorities.

The FY 2024-25 ADP was marked by fiscal consolidation, with a strong emphasis on post-flood reconstruction, completion of ongoing schemes, and protecting core development functions amidst cost escalations and constrained federal transfers.

No new schemes were introduced in that fiscal year, reflecting the government's commitment to fiscal discipline and timely project completion.

In contrast, the FY 2025-26 ADP represents a **transition from emergency recovery to resilient, inclusive growth**. While retaining the discipline of prioritizing high-impact and ongoing projects, it introduces **a limited set of new, high-priority initiatives**, especially in areas such as **climate-resilient agriculture, renewable energy, clean drinking water and sanitation, and urban development in general and specially in under-served districts**. This strategic shift balances **short-term stabilization** with **long-term transformation goals**, reflecting lessons learned from the previous year.

Key strategic linkages between the two years include:

- **Flood Recovery to Resilience:** Moving from infrastructure rehabilitation in FY 2024-25 to resilience-building investments in FY 2025-26, including renewable energy and water conservation systems.
- **Consolidation to Selective Expansion:** While 1,494 schemes are expected to be completed in FY 2024-25, FY 2025-26 introduces 475 carefully selected new schemes, supported by higher counterpart funding and policy alignment.
- **Social Sector Strengthening:** Both years prioritize education, health, and local governance, with a planned 20% increase in allocations to social and productive sectors in FY 2025-26.
- **Improved Public Investment Management:** Enhanced focus in FY 2025-26 on funding efficiency, counterpart allocations, and alignment with SDGs, with earmarked allocations for cost escalations (CSR-2024) and new initiatives under a restructured fiscal envelope.

Despite fiscal pressures, the ADP for FY 2025-26 has increased modestly to **Rs. 1,018 billion**, reflecting the Government's commitment to sustaining development momentum while focusing on **efficiency, equity, and economic recovery**. The proposed allocations signal a move towards a **climate-smart, inclusive, and regionally balanced development agenda**, in line with Sindh's longer-term vision. Out of **1,777**

ongoing (LTBC) schemes funded in FY 2024–25, **1,494 (84.074%)** will be completed within the current fiscal year 2024-25.

Peoples Bus Service-Key Achievements

- **Geographic Expansion:** PBS Routes expanded—Mirpurkhas, Shaheed Benazirabad, whereas existing routes expanded in Karachi and Larkana—broadening its reach across Sindh.
- **Asia’s First Women-Only Bus Service:** Addition of three new routes in Karachi for the Pink Bus Service and now operating 28+ buses across five dedicated routes.
- **Free Pink Bus Operations:** For a period of two months, the Pink Buses operated free of charge across three newly introduced routes.
- **Feeder Route Enhancement:** An additional 20 buses were deployed across various feeder routes.
- **Automated Fare Collection:** A modern, automated fare collection system was implemented across PBS buses for purpose of streamlining payments and improving user experience.
- **Ridership Milestone:** Over 41 million passengers were served via PBS over the year, translating to ~120,000 passengers daily.
- **Government Subsidy Support:** To ensure affordability, the Government of Sindh (GoS) subsidized each passenger ride by Rs.26 for fares and Rs.41 for fuel, totaling Rs.67 per trip.
 - **Total Fuel Adjustment paid by GoS – PKR 1.2 billion** (Fy 2024-25)
 - **Total fare Subsidy paid by GOS – PKR 1.5 billion** (Fy 2024-25)
- **Fare Structure Rationalization:** The fare structure was revised to enhance cost efficiency and improve the long-term financial sustainability of the service.
- **Improved Accessibility:** 40 new bus stops were installed to increase coverage and ease of access for commuters

EV BUS SERVICE - ACHIEVEMENTS

- **EV Route Expansion in Karachi:** Three new Electric Vehicle (EV) routes were added in Karachi. The city also welcomed Pakistan’s first fleet of 50 EV buses in 2024, which has been operating successfully since launch.
- **Fleet Augmentation Plans:**
- 100 new 12-meter EV buses have been approved and ordered under an innovative rent-to-own model, which will be operationalized by July 2025.

- 34 new 9-meter EV buses have been procured and will be operational by July 2025.
- Five double-decker buses have also been procured and are expected to be operational by July 2024.
- TMTD is working with Public-Private Partnership (PPP) on an initiative to introduce a fleet of upto 1000 EV buses for urban mobility in Sindh.

Mr. Speaker,

These initiatives are designed to revolutionize Sindh's agriculture, foster green transport solutions, and attract private investment in critical sectors. Through technology, partnership, and a pro-poor strategy, we are creating an inclusive, productive, and resilient rural economy.

Mr. Speaker,

The economic revival requires limiting ourselves to the essential expenditure, completing capital projects, and making Sindh an investment destination.

Now, I would like to unveil the fiscal plans for the current and next financial years starting from the Revised Estimates of the current financial year.

Revised Estimates of FY 2024-25

Provincial Expenditures

Mr. Speaker,

Revised estimates for provincial expenditure have been proposed to be Rs. 2,916.097 billion for year 2024-25 as against the budget estimates of Rs. 3,056.3 billion for this year. It includes current revenue, capital and development expenditures. Now I would like to present main features of provincial expenditure.

Current Revenue Expenditure (CRE)

For Current Revenue Expenditure (CRE), Revised Estimates for year 2024-25 has been pitched at Rs. 1,860.925 billion, against current year's Budget Estimates of Rs. 1,912.4 billion.

Current Capital Expenditure 2024-25

For Current Capital Expenditure, Revised Estimates for year 2024-25 has been proposed to be Rs. 237.978 billion, showing an increase over current year's budget of Rs. 184.8 billion billion. The increase is due to surging rupee dollar parity within the range of Rs. 276 to Rs. 282 per USD, raising the expenditure towards repayment of foreign loans. The estimates for investment activities have been revised to Rs. 198.2 billion as compared to the budget estimates Rs. 142.6 billion for the current year.

Development Expenditure 2024-25

It is noteworthy that we are pursuing a planned development process such that developmental activities continue even during the economic slowdown. It is because of this planning that the current fiscal year has witnessed the highest development expenditure ever.

It is important to apprise that last year Sindh raised its concerns regarding the Federal Government's unwillingness in disbursing the committed amount of Rs. 52.912 billion in Federal PSDP against 19 schemes in year 2024. However, due to strong intervention by the Chairman Bilawal Bhutto Zardari we have so far received Rs.41 billion against the committed amount this year.

The revised estimates for year 2024-25 for provincial development expenditure stand at Rs. 846.9 billion. It includes Rs.392.7 billion for Provincial ADP, Rs. 55 billion for district ADP and Rs. 296.2 billion for Foreign Projects Assistance (FPA).

Provincial Overall Receipts

Mr. Speaker,

Provincial receipts are a combination of Federal Transfers and Provincial Revenues. Sindh is largely reliant upon federal transfers being principal component of our resource envelope. It comprises share from Divisible Pool and Federal Straight Transfers. Now, I would like to present the revenue estimates.

Federal Transfers and Divisible Pool

Revised Estimates 2024-25 for federal transfers have been proposed to be Rs.1,796.11 billion as compared to Budget Estimates of Rs. 1,900.8 billion this year.

The downward revision may be attributed to national economic conditions, policy rate variation, and inflationary impact.

Revised estimates 2024-25 for divisible pool stand at Rs. 1,623.1 billion as against the budget estimates of Rs.1,747.5 billion.

Revised Estimates for straight transfers have been pitched at Rs. 129.5 billion against budget estimates of Rs. 106.4 billion for this year. We expect to receive the budgeted amount from the Federal government by the end of the current fiscal year 2024-25.

Own Source Revenue Streams Tax Revenue

Sindh government endeavors to implement the proposed administrative reforms envisaged in Sindh Tax Revenue Mobilization Plan (STRMP) for attaining financial self-reliance. We have also launched “E-Pay-Sindh” facility that will ultimately digitize 34 of Sindh’s levies on a single aggregator platform. So far 14 levies have been automated, 8 on the E-Pay Sindh aggregator and 6 of ADC mode of payment. The exercise will be completed in next financial year 2025-26.

The application of Alternate Delivery Channel (ADC) mechanism for collection of Sindh Sales tax on Services (SST), introduction of E-Stamps, newly implemented AIT regime, and shifting to negative list for sale tax on services are expected to yield encouraging results, therefore, Revised Estimates for provincial revenues has been pitched at Rs. 618.87 billion for year 2024-25.

Sindh sales tax (SST) on services has been the mainstay of provincial revenues. I feel delighted to apprise this House that we will collect Rs. 300 billion this year, marking a splendid increase of 35% over last year’s collection.

Non-Tax Revenue

Revised Estimates for non-tax revenue have been proposed to be Rs.51.5 billion.

Other Receipts

Revised estimates for foreign assisted projects (FPA) has been proposed to be Rs. 296.2 billion. Whereas, the budgetary support grants relating to Education sector have been revised at Rs. 5.96 billion this year.

Budget Estimates FY 2025-26

Provincial Expenditures

Mr. Speaker,

Now I would like to present the **Budget Estimates** for next financial year 2025-26.

The Budget outlay of provincial expenditure for the year 2025-26 is Rs 3,450 billion that marks 12.9 % increase over budget estimates of Rs.3,056.3 billion in CFY 2024-25.

Now I would like to briefly present the components of current revenue, capital and development expenditures.

Current Revenue Expenditures

Budget Estimates 2025-26 for Current Revenue Expenditure (CRE) have been pitched at Rs. 2,150 billion, being 12.4 % higher than Budget Estimates of Rs. 1,912.36 billion for the FY 2024-25. The increase is mainly due to inflationary impact on the operating expenses, enhancement of grants-in-aid to Non-Financial Institutions including hospitals, public sector universities, local councils, necessary salary raise in shape of relief allowance to the government employees and raise in pension expenditure due to increase in pension.

Highlights of Budget Estimates 2025-26

Major sectors which are going to record enhanced budgetary provision for next financial year, given their importance in service delivery and good governance, are as follows:

Education Sector

Budgetary provision for year 2025-26 for Education Sector has been proposed to be Rs. 523.73 billion against last year's budget of Rs. 458.2 billion, including Primary, Secondary, Middle, Higher Secondary, College and University levels,

recording a significant increase of 12.4%. It also represents 25.3% of total Current Revenue Expenditure. Let me present some of its striking features:

- For Primary Education, existing budgetary allocation is being enhanced from Rs.136.2 billion to Rs.156.2 billion;
- Provision of funds for Middle/ Elementary Education is also being increased from Rs.36.2 billion to Rs.42.7 billion;
- Allocation for Secondary Education is being enhanced from Rs.68.5 billion to Rs.77.2 billion for next financial year;
- With an increase of Rs. 5 billion, next year's budget for College Education is proposed to be Rs.39.530 Billion;
- To overcome shortage of Subject Specialists in Higher Secondary Schools, a provision of Rs.200.00 million have been kept on account of hiring of Subject Specialist Interns;
- A specific provision of Rs.500 million has been kept for maintenance and repair of College buildings;
- A provision of Rs.500 million have been made for award of scholarship to the deserving students of Sindh in Foreign Universities under College Education department;
- In order to encourage meritorious & poor students for higher studies, a sum of Rs. 2.0 billion has been kept under Sindh Educational Endowment Fund (SEEF) under College Education Department;
- A provision of Rs. 1.4 billion has been kept to improve the standard of 11 Cadet Colleges across Sindh;
- Funds Rs. 3.2 billion have been proposed to be allocated in next year's budget for registration and examination expenses and for scholarship to high performing students of the year;
- To impart quality education, two new community colleges at Sehwan and Bhan Saeedabad have been established under IBA Sukkur, while four IBA community Colleges at Nausheroferoze, Jacobabad, Dadu & Khairpur will be established at a cost of Rs. 380 million next year;
- An enhanced grant of Rs. 2.6 billion for Technical Education & Vocational training through STEVTA and Rs. 1.2 billion for Human Research & Development Board have also been proposed.

- To overcome the shortage of staff in schools the around 4,400 posts of different nomenclature have been placed at the disposal of Education department for appointment in next financial year;
- Sindh government has taken a revolutionary step toward financial strengthening of 34,106 Primary schools in Sindh. Specific cost centres with budgetary allocation of Rs.18.6 billion for next financial year have been created. Now, every school shall have its own cost center and exclusive budget to be utilized by the Head Master/ Mistress without relying on Taluka Education Officer;
- The provision of funds for existing 31 Public sector Universities, and 9 independent campuses & institutions through Sindh Higher Education Commission has been increased to Rs. 42.2 billion against last year's budget of Rs. 35.1 billion.

Inclusive Opportunities for all-DEPD

In order to promote 'inclusive education' and to empower differently abled persons in the society, provision of funds has been increased from Rs.11.6 billion to Rs.17.3 billion through Budget Estimates 2025-26.

They are also being equipped with assistive devices, provided healthy diet and study kits at special education centres, while parents are being given stipends to bring them school, for which a grant of Rs. 1.1 billion million has been earmarked for NFY.

To engage private partners / NGOs who are working for inclusive education and for empowerment of differently abled persons, a provision of Rs.1.6 Billion for NGOs has been kept for next year.

In addition to this, services of Sindh Institute of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation (SIPM&R) has been placed at the disposal of DEPD with enhanced budgetary allocation for Rs. 1.8 billion for Karachi, Larkana and Hyderabad centers.

Health & Medical Excellence

For the improved service delivery in Health Sector, the budget estimates for FY 2025-26 have been proposed to be Rs.326.5 billion against Rs. 302.2 billion with an increase of 8% over last year's budget. It includes Rs. 18.2 billion reserved for Medical Education next year.

Moreover, a considerable amount of Rs. 146.9 billion in grants in aid has been earmarked for operational efficiency of various health units, institutes and facilities serving the general public across the province. Some of the important allocations for the next financial year are:

- ✓ Rs.16.5 billion have been allocated for Peoples Primary Health Initiative (PPHI) Sindh
- ✓ Rs. 10.0 billion has been earmarked for Pir Syed Abdul Qadir Shah Jeelani Institute of Medical Sciences Gambat
- ✓ Rs. 19 billion has been proposed for Sindh Institute of Urology & Transplantation Karachi (SIUT)
- ✓ Rs. 4 billion has kept for Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Accident Emergency and Trauma Center Karachi
- ✓ Rs. 6.6 billion has been kept for Sindh Institute of Child Health and Neonatology (SICHIN) Karachi
- ✓ Rs. 10 billion has been kept for establishment of Hospital at Larkana
- ✓ Rs. 8 billion has been proposed to be kept for Indus Hospital
- ✓ Rs. 3 billion has been kept for Child Life Foundation
- ✓ Rs. 5.2 billion has been kept for operational cost of 508 Ambulances, 25 Rapid Reponse & 12 Boat Ambulances-SIEHS
- ✓ Rs.557 million has been allocated for Mobile Diagnostic Emergency Health Service for providing Health facilities at far flung destinations in rural areas.

Key projects to be executed in next financial year 2025-26

Viability Gap Funding: PKR 83 billion has been earmarked to support various PPP projects in FY 2025-26.

Nabisar to Vajihar Project: Construction commenced in February 2024, the project is on track to achieve its commercial operations date i.e. August 2025 to supply 45 cusecs of water, through a 60.7Km pipeline to the IPPs in Thar Block I.

Rice & Wheat Farming Mechanization Project: RFP has been launched in May 2025 for hiring of transaction advisors. Investor solicitation process is expected to be launched in the month of September 2025. The project will enable private parties to provide farmers with modern mechanized services to improve agricultural efficiency.

Cluster Farming Development Project: RFP has been launched in May 2025 for hiring of transaction advisors. Investor solicitation process is expected to be launched in the month of September 2025. Project aims to map horticulture crops by region and enhance productivity / profitability through modern storage, processing.

Malir Expressway Phase 1: The feasibility study is in final stages and will be launched for investor solicitation in July 2025. The project aims to streamline port commercial traffic by connecting it with Shahrah-e-Bhutto Expressway, ensuring uninterrupted 24/7 access to and from the port.

Sukkur Water Supply Distribution System: The feasibility study is in its final stages and will be launched for investor solicitation in the July 2025. The project is to develop new infrastructure, upgrade existing facilities and replace the old distribution network with a modern system for efficient water supply.

Sewerage Treatment Plant (TP-4): The feasibility study of the project is currently ongoing and is expected to be launched for investor solicitation in November 2025. World Bank and ADB have committed US\$ 100 million & US\$ 50 million respectively while the GoS will contribute US\$ 80 million from its own sources.

5 MGD Desalination Project: First sea water desalination project to explore the potential of desalination as a solution to Karachi's water shortage. It will be launched for investor solicitation in the calendar year of 2025.

1000 EV buses Project 1,000 electric buses across the province of Sindh through a phased implementation plan. 500 EV buses are for Karachi, with their full integration expected to complete in FY 2025-26.

Electric Vehicle – Charging Infrastructure: To ensure strategic placement of EV charging stations at public spaces, enhancing user convenience and accelerating the shift to clean mobility. Transaction advisors will be onboarded in upcoming months and project will be launched for investor solicitation in December 2025.

Solarization of Schools with the assistance of UNICEF: Transaction advisors to be appointed in July 2025 and investor solicitation to complete in calendar year of 2025.

New Industrial Enclave Project Establishing industrial enclave at Hyderabad & Sukkur. The feasibility study is at advance stage and investor solicitation process to begin in October 2025.

Development of Livestock Farms Projects RFP has been launched in June 2025 for hiring of transaction advisors. Investor solicitation is expected to be launched in October 2025.

Early Childhood Education (ECE) Centers: RFP to launch in July 2025 for hiring of transaction advisors. Investor solicitation is expected to be launched in November 2025.

Track & Trace System (TTS): A comprehensive electronic monitoring system that affixes secure stamps at the manufacturing stage to enable real-time tracking of goods across the supply chain. RFP to launch in August 2025 for hiring of transaction advisors and the investor solicitation process to commence in December 2025.

Development Portfolio FY 2025-26

Budget Rationalization and Scheme Prioritization

Sindh started off with an ADP size reached Rs. 595 billion based on departmental demands, however, due to **anticipated shortfall in federal transfers**, we rationalized the ADP down to **Rs. 520 billion**, marking a **20% reduction**. Therefore, only **475 new schemes** have been proposed in ADP 2025–26, linked to **high-priority areas**, including Flood rehabilitation, Renewable energy, Development in 5 less-developed districts, Uplift of divisional headquarters, Clean water and sanitation.

A focused increase of 20% has been proposed for social and productive sectors, while allocations for other departments have remained constant. The budget allocations for major sectors for next financial year are Rs. 96.7 billion for Education sector, Rs. 45.4 billion for Health sector, Rs. 80.6 billion for Irrigation sector, Rs. 132.79 billion, for Agriculture, Rs. 155.2 billion for Energy sector, Rs.11.25 billion for Livestock and Rs. 23.1 billion for Fishries sectors.

Special Initiatives in FY 2025-26 have been proposed including:

New Development Initiatives	15 billion
Rehabilitation of Flood-Damaged Infrastructure	12 billion
Renewable Energy Projects	25 billion
Karachi Urban Infrastructure Development	12 billion
CSR-2024 Cost Impact	15 billion
SDG-Aligned Development	45 billion
Divisional HQ City Uplift	7.5 billion

The ADP 2025–26 reflects a **strategic balance** between fiscal prudence and targeted development. With a **focus on social sectors, resilience, and equity**, the Government of Sindh is committed to ensuring development that is inclusive, climate-smart, and aligned with long-term goals.

New Initiatives for FY 2025-26

Mr. Speaker,

As part of our forward-looking development agenda, the Government of Sindh is proud to announce a series of **transformative new initiatives** across key sectors—education, health, agriculture, infrastructure, social protection, and local governance. These initiatives reflect our commitment to **equity, innovation, and inclusive growth**.

Education & Skill Empowerment

- **Teacher-Led School Specific Budgets**

- In a historical transformation in the NFY, GoS has launched the initiative of decentralizing the education budget at the lowest functional unit of education sector. i.e. Schools. Through this initiative the head teachers, regardless of their grades, will be empowered to draw and incur expenditure from their respective cost centres which have been created specifically for the purpose. This is the first of its kind of initiative in the entire country. As a result of this initiative, 34,100 plus cost centres have been created for government schools with allocations for operational budgets.
- Operational budgets will now cover stationery, transport, co-curricular and sports activities, stipends for girls, furniture, playground maintenance, and minor repairs

Empowerment of Persons with Disabilities (PWDs)

- Assistive Device Outreach will be doubled to benefit 40,000 PWDs via 90+ NGO collaborations
- Monthly stipends will be raised from Rs. 2,000 to Rs. 3,000, including free meals and uniforms
- Total outreach will increase from 70,000 to 120,000 beneficiaries
- Following new centres will be established/ completed:
 - C-ARTS / Neuro-Rehab Complexes in 7 districts
 - Sindh Institute of Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation (SIPM&R) in Larkana and Sukkur
 - New rehabilitation centres in 10 locations, including Karachi, Badin, Shahdadpur, Mithi
 - New Neuro Development Centre in Karachi

Mr. Speaker,

As part of our comprehensive development strategy, the Government of Sindh is proud to introduce a **wide array of new initiatives** across sectors that touch the lives of millions—from **youth empowerment and healthcare access** to **climate-resilient infrastructure, sustainable energy, and community development**.

Youth Empowerment

Regional Youth Development Centers

The Government of Sindh has focused on creating an enabling environment for the youth of the province and tried to channelize their energies in positive direction by establishing Youth Development Centers. This intervention will remove the sense of deprivation, on the one hand, and create avenues for the youth to have structured interactions at one platform. Provision of youth development facilities will ultimately generate healthy / skill based training activities for the youth. Youth Development Centers will serve as nucleus for all age groups and income levels following activities will be carried out.

- ✓ Computer Training Programme.
- ✓ Skill Development Programme.
- ✓ Career Counseling Programme.
- ✓ Seminar of Youth empowerment
- ✓ Capacity Building of Youth on Local Economic Development.
- ✓ Youth Citizen Journalism.
- ✓ Capacity Building of Youth on E-Commerce & Freelancing.
- ✓ International Youth Exchange Programme/ International Provincial Youth Programme.

During the NFY, GoS will operationalize 19 Youth Development Centres at following districts:

- ♣ Youth Development Centre at Hyderabad.
- ♣ Youth Development Centre at Larkana.
- ♣ Youth Development Centre at Mirpurkhas.
- ♣ Youth Development Centre at East Karachi.

- Youth Development Centre at Shikarpur.
- Youth Development Centre at Kashmore.
- Youth Development Centre at Kamber.
- Youth Development Centre at Jacobabad.
- Youth Development Centre at Matiari.
- Youth Development Centre at Badin.
- Youth Development Centre at Jamshoro.
- Youth Development Centre at Umerkot.
- Youth Development Centre at Ghotki.
- Youth Development Centre at Tando Allahyar.
- Youth Development Centre at T.M Khan.
- Youth Development Centre at Naushehro Feroze.
- Youth Development Centre at Sujawal.
- Youth Development Centre at South Karachi.
- Youth Development Centre at West Karachi.

We will also complete 08 YDC Schemes by December 2025 and operationalize them under Public Private Partnership model.

- Youth Development Centre at Dadu.
- Youth Development Centre at Sanghar.
- Youth Development Centre at Thatta.
- Youth Development Centre at Sukkur.
- Youth Development Centre at Tharparkar
- Youth Development Centre at Malir Karachi.
- Youth Development Centre at Keamari Karachi.
- Youth Development Centre at Korangi Karachi.

Agriculture Reform Interventions in Sindh

Mr. Speaker,

Agriculture remains the backbone of Sindh’s economy and a lifeline for millions of rural families. Recognizing its transformative potential, the **Government of Sindh is launching a comprehensive, multi-year agriculture reform program**—an ambitious initiative aimed at modernizing farming, improving livelihoods, and enhancing food security.

Program Highlights

- **Target Group:**
1.3 million **small and medium farmers** (with 1–25 acres of landholding)
- **Geographic Impact:**
Reform program to span across **3.5 million acres** of farmland in Sindh
- **Implementation Mode:**
Through **budgetary support** and **Public-Private Partnership (PPP)** models over the next 3–4 years

Special Package for Farmers via Benazir Hari Card

- The **Benazir Hari Card** will be the delivery platform for subsidies and services.
- So far, **200,000 farmers** have been registered under this program.

Key Interventions Include:

- ✓ **Laser Leveling (Free-of-Cost)**
- ✓ One-time laser leveling for farms up to 25 acres
- ✓ Delivered through accredited **Service Providers**
- ✓ **Subsidized Farm Machinery (Up to 80% Support)**

These interventions are expected to increase farm yields by 30–35% and raise farmer incomes by 25% with high-efficiency drip irrigation support. The government has provided 80% subsidy on DRIP irrigation systems that will benefit 20,000 acres of orchards (mango, papaya, guava, lemon, banana, date palm. Likewise, the input Subsidies include price support for fertilizers, seeds, and pesticides to make agriculture more cost-efficient

Public-Private Partnership Projects in Agriculture

Rice & Wheat Mechanization Project

- Full-cycle mechanization for rice and wheat farming (from laser leveling to drone spraying)
- **RFP for transaction advisors launched (May 2025)**
- **Investor solicitation to begin in September 2025**

Cluster Farming Development Project

- Region-wise mapping of **horticulture clusters**
- Plans for modern storage, processing units, and transportation

Strategic Infrastructure Under PPP Mode

Malir Expressway Phase 1

- 12.5 km access-controlled expressway, partially elevated
- Will connect Karachi port traffic with Shahrah-e-Bhutto Expressway
- Feasibility study to conclude by June 2025
- Investor solicitation to start FY 2025–26

Electric Buses Project

- Deployment of 1,000 EV buses across Sindh
- 500 buses designated for Karachi
- Full integration expected by FY 2025–26

Health Sector Expansion & Innovation

- **Sindh Institute of Child Health & Neonatology (SICHN) Expansion**
 - Establishment of **6 new satellite centres** in **Mirpurkhas, Kamber, Sujawal, Ghotki, Jamshoro, and Shahdadpur**
 - SICHN now operates with **over 700 beds**—exceeding the combined capacity of major private hospitals
 - Its **Neonatal Intensive Care Unit (NICU)** has **262 incubators**, making it **one of the largest networks in the world**
 - Its **Pediatric Intensive Care Unit (PICU)** with **114 beds** is the **largest in Pakistan**
- **SIUT Expansion**
 -
 - **Rs. 4.5 billion** allocated for establishing a **full-fledged SIUT Centre in Larkana**
 - Construction of a new **tertiary care hospital** in Larkana with allocation of Rs. 10 billion in CFY to expand specialized care access

Sindh Integrated Emergency Health Services (SIEHS)

- **Ambulance fleet expanded from 283 to 508**
- Addition of **25 Rapid Response Bikes** and **12 Boat Ambulances** to improve reach in congested or flood-prone areas
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- **New Thalassemia Centres**
 - **5 new centres** to be established to serve patients across remote regions
- **Baby-Friendly Hospital Initiative**
 - Launched in major public hospitals to promote safe, inclusive, and nurturing childbirth environments

Livestock & Fisheries

- **Installation of Vessel Monitoring Systems (VMS)**
 - To ensure **safety and traceability of fishermen at sea**, improving maritime livelihoods and national security

Local Government Infrastructure

- **Dumlottee to DHA Water Pipeline (Rs. 10 billion)**
 - A vital urban water connectivity initiative for southern Karachi
- **Completion of the Hub Canal Project (Rs. 12.7 billion)**
 - Enhancing urban water supply and resilience in peri-urban areas

Public Health & Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

- **Rs. 45 billion allocated for SDG-related projects**
 - With **50% earmarked specifically for water sector schemes**, supporting clean water access and climate resilience

Renewable Energy Access

- **Home-Based Solar Systems (Rs. 25 billion)**
 - A **block allocation** has been made to scale decentralized, **off-grid solar solutions** for households in rural and underserved areas

Cooperative Sector Reform

- **Establishment of the Sindh Provincial Cooperative Banking System**
 - To promote **financial inclusion**, support **agricultural cooperatives**, and facilitate **community-level lending and savings**

Mr. Speaker,

These initiatives are not just expenditures—they are investments in opportunity, sustainability, and dignity. From empowering the next generation to modernizing healthcare and agriculture, the Government of Sindh is building a future rooted in equity, resilience, and inclusive progress.

Religious Harmony

A provision of Rs.550 million has been earmarked in Budget Estimates 2025-26:

- ✓ for organizing special events on various religious occasions across the province
- ✓ for Repair & Maintenance of Shrines & Mausoleums in Sindh and for Conservation and Rehabilitation of Dargah Hazrat Sachal Sarmast.

Irrigation Sector

The proposed allocation for the Irrigation Sector stands at Rs. 42 billion representing the Sindh Government's unending commitment to farmer community and improvement of irrigation system in the province.

It includes around Rs. 10 billion proposed to be utilized for:

- ✓ Desilting of N.W. Canal and Dadu Canal at the time of Sukkur Barrage closure-next year
- ✓ regular maintenance of irrigation infrastructure
- ✓ to ensure smooth flow of water in different Canals of Sindh.

Livestock and Fisheries

Budget Estimates for livestock and fisheries sector has been proposed to be Rs. 12.9 billion for next FY. To give awareness to Livestock Farmers regarding various breeds, modern methods of breeding, fodder cultivations and fishing & aquaculture an amount of Rs.120.00 million have been allocated in next financial year.

Tax Measures

As I discussed earlier, we had to prioritize provincial expenditure commensurate to the provincial revenues. However, the revenue could not be increased proportionate to the rising expenditure.

The prevalent need for social development and international financial obligations require raising additional funds through indigenous sources. Accordingly, this year we are going to present the Finance Bill. However, we have ensured to restrict its impact to a bare minimum on poor segments of society. Its details can be seen in the policy document provided along with these documents.

Relief Measures

Salary & Pension

- ✓ Government of Sindh has proposed 10% adhoc relief allowance for the employees (from BPS-01 to BPS-22) in order to equip them to bear the impact of inflation. For the pensioners we have proposed an increase of 7% in the next

FY 2025-26. The cumulative impact of these relief measures will be around Rs.52 billion per annum.

- ✓ The Govt. of Sindh also proposes to continue with the provision of Personal Pay to the employees between BPS-1 to BPS-6 in order to ensure that none of the employees in the said category fall below the minimum wage threshold level of Rs. 37,000. Under this arrangement, 216,667 employees were provided this relief during the current financial year with the financial impact of Rs. 8.277 billion. During the next financial year, 163,701 employees will be provided the similar relief with the financial impact of Rs.4.424 billion per annum.
- ✓ In line with our Government's inclusive policies, we have proposed to enhance the monthly rate of Special Conveyance Allowance from **Rs. 4,000 to Rs. 6,000** to the differently abled employees. This measure will have additional financial impact of **Rs. 114.48 million**. The initiative aims to provide meaningful support to a historically underprivileged segment of society, ensuring greater accessibility and dignity in public service.
- ✓ The Government of Sindh has fully cleared all outstanding pension dues of civil servants who retired on or before June 30th 2025 with the financial impact of Rs. 35 billion during the CFY. This province-wide resolution executed within the current financial year reflects the Government's steadfast commitment to the welfare of its employees and sets a new benchmark in public sector financial governance.

Tax/ Non-Tax Relief

I would like to share some important changes being planned to make our tax system simpler and to reduce the financial burden on both individuals and businesses.

Five levies have been proposed to be completely removed from NFY:

- the **Professional Tax**, which affects salaried people and small businesses;
- the **Cotton Fee**, which adds cost to the agriculture and textile sectors; and
- the **Entertainment Duty**, which will help encourage cultural and entertainment activities across the province.
- **Local Cess** and
- **Drainage Cess**

In addition, the yearly tax under the **Motor Vehicle Ordinance** for commercial vehicles is being reduced to mere Rs.1,000, giving much-needed relief to transporters and goods carriers.

There is also a proposal to **end the requirement for third-party insurance for motorcycles**, which has been difficult to enforce and causes problems for many motorbike users.

Along with these changes, more tax and fee reductions are being proposed to give further relief to the public. These include cutting the **Mutation Fee** and **Sales Certificate Fee** from Rs. **1,000 to Rs.500**. The cost of **Certified Copies** is being reduced by **50%**, and the fees for **Solvency Certificates** and **Heirship Certificate** have been proposed to be lowered from Rs.**1,000 to Rs.500**.

In addition, it has been proposed that the **Stamp duty on Motor Third-Party Insurance** to be set at only Rs. **50**, making it cheaper and easier to follow the rules.

Sindh Revenue Board

The existing Positive List system for Sindh sales tax shall be transformed to a system based on Negative List implying that all services shall be taxable except the ones specified in the Negative List. This will expand the sales tax base and will also reduce possible tariff disputes and litigations.

Under the existing law, all major services are taxable and a smaller segment of services is not taxable. This situation creates disputes regarding taxability of services, which leads to unnecessary litigation and also problems for taxpayers. Therefore, the decision is being made to transform to negative list regime by taxing all services but at the same time taking care that essential and social services are kept exempt and that a significant part of new services is subjected to a reduced rate. Further, to protect small businesses, those with annual turnover below Rs 4 million will remain exempt from payment of sales tax.

Among other facilitative measures relating to Sindh sales tax,–

- (i) the rate of services presently subjected to 10% is being reduced to 8%.
- (ii) to ensure general public welfare and to promote third party insurance of vehicles, the rate of sales tax on such insurance is being brought down significantly from 15% to 5%.
- (iii) The exemption threshold for restaurants and caterers is being increased from annual turnover of Rs. 2.5 million to Rs. 5 million
- (iv) Other procedural simplifications are also being introduced such as ease of opting for reduced rate services

All these steps are meant to create a tax system that is simpler, fairer, and more helpful for the people, while also boosting economic activity and improving access to public services.

Relief for Lawyer Fraternity & Journalist

- ✓ A provision of Rs. 800 million has been kept as grant in aid:
- ✓ for Sindh Judicial Academy to gear up its activities for grooming and imparting training to the judicial officers.
- ✓ for Lawyer/ Bar Associations and Legal Aid Society, and
- ✓ for endowment fund for various Press Clubs and Deserving Journalists in Sindh.

Specific Provision for Minorities

A provision of Rs. 1 billion as Grant-in-aid has been proposed for Financial Assistance, Medical Treatment, Scholarships, Dowry/Jahez, Marriage and Repair & Maintenance and Construction of Worship Places of Non-Muslim Communities. Rs.250.00 million has been kept for completion of works of Repair & Maintenance of Building & Structure of Non-Muslim Communities. Further, a grant-in-aid of Rs.50 million has been proposed to Pakistan Hindu Council for welfare of poor and deserving populace of Hindu community.

Minimum Wage

Considering the surging inflation and increasing cost of living, we would consider revision in minimum wage for laborers after due consultation with all the stake holders.

Conclusion

Mr. Speaker,

Pakistan stands at a crossroads today. We have untapped resources and unlimited potential. The key is utilization. And utilization is only possible when we all come together to work for one goal - the progress of Pakistan.

The roads we take may diverge Mr. Speaker, but the destination must remain the same. A peaceful, progressive and prosperous Pakistan. And it is towards this

destination that the Pakistan Peoples Party has always steered the people, firm and steadfast.

Together we can and must continue to take our province and our nation on the path of progress and prosperity. And I am confident that the Almighty Allah will guide us on our journey

Long Live Pakistan

