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SDPI was founded in August 1992 on the recommendation of the Pakistan National Conservation Strategy (NCS), also called Pakistan's Agenda 21. The NCS placed Pakistan's socio-economic development within the context of a national environmental plan. This highly acclaimed document, approved by the Federal Cabinet in March 1992, outlined the need for an independent non-profit organization to serve as a source of expertise for policy analysis and development, policy intervention, and policy and program advisory services. SDPI is registered under the Societies Registration Act, XXI of 1860.

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To catalyse the transition towards sustainable development, defined as the enhancement of peace, social justice and well-being, within and across generations.

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To be a center of excellence on sustainable development policy research, capacity development and advocacy in Pakistan.

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*To keep abreast of emerging issues at the national/international and local level, the SDPI brings out a Bi-Monthly E-Newsletter for*

***“China Study Centre - SDPI”***

*It carries reference information's to the news items/comments/Op-Eds appearing in leading National/International daily newspapers.*

### **Newspapers Covered:**

• Dawn	• The News	• The Express Tribune
• The Nation	• Business Recorder	• Daily Times
• Pakistan Observer	• Pakistan Today	• Urdu Point
• China Daily		

## **Editor Note:**

*Launched in August 2018, China Study Centre is a broader initiative of Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) to bridge the research-policy gap on the issues of global relevance such as trade, technologies, climate change, tourism, business, finance and Pakistan-China relations. The Centre strives to foster research, knowledge and expertise on China, profoundly relevant to our engagement with China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).*

*With a large network of universities, government bodies, business and civil society organizations, the Centre aims to promote collaborations, capacity building and technology transfer based on lessons learnt and experiences of China, attributed to their scientific knowledge and policy instruments. This requires a deep insight into Chinese history, culture, and socio-economic contexts. Such an approach is essential to catalyze the active engagement with China to address the economic and development challenges towards achieving sustainable development.*

## **Subjects Covered**

- Pak-China Foreign Relations
- CPEC
- Regional integration under China's Belt & Road (B&R)
- Business, innovation & entrepreneurship
- Trade and Tourism
- Energy and Environment
- Social development
- Capacity building, learning and development
- Economic growth & governance
- Research and development
- History, language and culture
- Open Knowledge repository
- SDPI s events, visits, publications

# China Study Centre

## China & America trade conflict

### Superpower China?

Source: [Dr Niaz Murtaza](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-12-09

CHINA'S big military parade in October led many to ask if it's gearing up to upend America's sole superpower status. Being a superpower has many axes: economic, military, scientific, political and soft power. How do China's muscles compare with America's on them? Also, the superpower contest is unlike a body building one, where one displays muscles without using them..... [more >>](#)

### Silicon Branch

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-12-10

As the United States continues to offer concessions to China after having stepped back from the brink of a trade war, we now see Washington presenting what it believes is its greatest leverage: access to modern artificial intelligence capable chips. By allowing Nvidia's H200 processors, the second-best chips in this category, to be sold to China, Donald Trump has signalled that further conce..... [more >>](#)

## Economic Growth & Governance

### Beijing's big bet

Source: [Dr Imran Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-12-03

In the last quarter of 2025, China is quietly showing signs that it is turning a corner on one of its most daunting economic challenges: youth unemployment. The National Bureau of Statistics reported that the urban jobless rate for 16– to 24-year-olds (excluding students) fell to 17.3 per cent in October, down from 17.7 per cent in September. While the figure remains elevated, this modest d..... [more >>](#)

### Dual engine of China's rise

Source: [Yousuf Nazar](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-12-05

Over the past three years, Pakistan has lived through one of its most intense periods of political and institutional turbulence since 2007. From the parliamentary removal of Imran Khan in April 2022 and the polarisation that followed, to the legal battles, shifting alliances, and now the sweeping 27th Amendment, the central question has been the struggle over authority: how much power should be c..... [more >>](#)

### China's leadership in green development highlighted

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-12-06

Islamabad: Pakistan-China Institute (PCI), under its flagship initiative "Friends of Silk Road," here Friday organised a conference titled "The Five-Year Plan and China-Pakistan Future: Innovation, Youth Development, and Shared Opportunities". PCI Executive Director Mustafa Hyder Sayed highlighted China's leadership in green development at a time when the world, accor..... [more >>](#)

### China's economy in new era

Source: [Shakeel Ahmad Ramay](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-12-15

China has been striving to transform its economy for some time. However, efforts have been fast-tracked since 18th National Congress of Communist Party of China for multiple reasons. First, China realised its status as a world factory, reliance on exporting traditional products, export-led growth, and conventional growth drivers would not help its transition to next stage of development. There is ..... [more >>](#)

## Governance / Trade &amp; Services

**Xi's vision for a new era**

Source: [Dr Zafar Mahmood, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-12-10

When historians look back at the early twenty-first century, they may well identify Xi Jinping's articulation of 'Modernization with Chinese characteristics' as one of the defining frameworks of our time, a comprehensive reimagining of what it means for a civilization to achieve prosperity while remaining true to its own character and values. In the decades since Deng Xiaopi..... [more >>](#)

**China turning towards Europe**

Source: [Shahid Javed Burki, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-12-15

One of the themes I have explored in the essays written for this newspaper is the impact on Pakistan of the massive changes occurring in the global economy and the structure of world politics. In the article today, I will examine how China is cultivating a closer relationship with the countries of the European Union and how that could affect the geopolitical space of which Pakistan is one part. Ch..... [more >>](#)

## Pak-China Relations / Foreign Affairs

**Pakistan reaffirms solidarity with China**

Source: [Our Staff Reporter, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-12-01

ISLAMABAD - Pakistan yesterday reiterated its unwavering solidarity with China during a meeting between Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister Ishaq Dar and Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Jiang Zaidong at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. According to the Foreign Office, Dar offered heartfelt condolences on behalf of Pakistan over the tragic killing of three Chinese nationals in Tajikistan, nea..... [more >>](#)

**Pakistan reaffirms support to China**

Source: [Fida Hussain, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-12-06

ISLAMABAD: Foreign Office said on Friday that Islamabad firmly supports China on matters related to its sovereignty and territorial integrity. At his weekly press briefing, Foreign Office spokesperson Tahir Hussain Andrabi defended Pakistan's decision to close the border with Afghanistan for trade. He said that Pakistan has opened the border crossing for humanitarian assistance only. Th..... [more >>](#)

**Tarar reaffirms strength of Pak-China ties as enduring 'iron brotherhood'**

Source: [Nuzhat Nazar, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-12-09

ISLAMABAD: Federal Minister for Information and Broadcasting Attaullah Tarar on Monday reaffirmed the strength of Pakistan-China relations as an enduring "iron brotherhood," lauding Chinese enterprises for contributing over Rs 34 million in flood-relief donations for Pakistan, while stressing that China has consistently stood by the country through its most challenging moments. .... [more >>](#)

## Pak-China Trade

**CDA gets advanced rescue kits to save lives in water emergencies**

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-12-09

ISLAMABAD: A Chinese rescue foundation on Monday gifted special water rescue kits to the Capital Development Authority (CDA) to tackle water-related emergencies. The Chinese Blue Sky Rescue Foundation handed over special water rescue kits to the CDA teams, headed by Member Administration Talat Mahmood, at CDA headquarters. The Director General of Islamabad Emergency Services, along with officers..... [more >>](#)

### **Chinese company starts selling buffalo embryos**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-12-01

LAHORE: In a significant progress, Chinese company “Royal Cell Biotechnology (Pakistan) Co” has begun selling buffalo embryos produced through advanced Chinese IVF technology on commercial basis in Pakistan. In collaboration with Ministry of National Food Security and Research, these buffalo embryos are being made available at affordable price of Rs 30000 each in the local markets..... [more >>](#)

### **Ahsan urges deeper regional connectivity, proposes four-point cooperation plan at Tian Shan Forum**

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-12-03

ISLAMABAD - Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Professor Ahsan Iqbal on Tuesday called for renewed commitment to regional connectivity, economic integration and long-term cooperation among China, Central Asia and South Asia, stressing that “great nations and great cultures do not rise in isolation; they flourish through exchange.” In his televised add..... [more >>](#)

### **Pakistan proposes 4-point plan to boost regional connectivity at Urumqi summit**

Source: [APP](#), [Daily Times](#), 2025-12-03

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### **Chinese firm to begin bus manufacturing in Pakistan by mid-2026**

Source: [News Desk](#), [Daily Times](#), 2025-12-03

Chinese bus maker Zhongtong Bus Holding Co. Ltd. is set to begin local assembly of its luxury buses in Pakistan by mid-2026, following a newly formalized partnership with Ghandhara Industries Limited (GIL). A filing submitted to the Pakistan Stock Exchange on November 28 confirms that GIL has “formally signed an agreement with Zhongtong for the introduction and distribution of luxury buses ..... [more >>](#)

### **Import values of Chinese silicon revised**

Source: [Sohail Sarfaz](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-12-07

ISLAMABAD: The Directorate General of Customs Valuation Karachi has revised import values on the import of silicon in primary form from China and other origins. In this regard, the directorate has issued a valuation ruling 2028 of 2025 on Thursday. The directorate has re-determined minimum customs values on the import of silicon in primary form (emulsion grade) and silicon in primary form (fl..... [more >>](#)

### **Import of 11 medical items from China: new values fixed**

Source: [Sohail Sarfaz](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-12-09

ISLAMABAD: The Directorate General of Customs Valuation, Karachi, has fixed new Customs values for 11 different medical items/equipment being imported from China for the assessment of duties and taxes. In this regard, the directorate has issued a fresh ruling number 2030 of 2025 to re-determine the values of the import of certain medical equipment. The new Customs values have been fixed ..... [more >>](#)

### **China continues to source nearly 51pc of global copper imports from global markets**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-12-11

LAHORE: China continues to source nearly 51 percent of its global copper imports from international markets, including Pakistan. Recognizing the increasing potential of this sector in 2025, Nazir Hussain, President Pakistan China Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCJCCI), emphasized the importance of integrating modern technology and advanced mining practices to further accelerate copper tra..... [more >>](#)

**Ongoing counterterrorism exercise 'Warrior-IX'; Pakistan, China mark Distinguished Visitors Day**

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-12-12

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and China on Thursday marked the Distinguished Visitors Day of their ongoing joint counterterrorism exercise Warrior-IX, as senior leaders from both countries reaffirmed their commitment to deeper military cooperation and regional security. The exercise, which began on November 28 and will continue until December 14 at the National Counter Terrorism Centre (NCTC) in Pabbi,..... [more >>](#)

**Longhua International Cooperation Center, Shenzhen to support B2B initiatives between China & Pakistan**

Source: [APP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-12-13

The Longhua International Cooperation Center, Shenzhen, will support B2B initiatives between China and Pakistan, it was decided in Shenzhen on Friday. The meeting was held between Muhammad Imran, Trade & Investment Counselor from the Consulate General of Pakistan, Guangzhou, China, and Guo Ziyu (Xavier Gui), Director of Longhua International Cooperation Center & Head of International Co..... [more >>](#)

**Investors' delegation from China visits TDAP**

Source: [Press Release](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-12-12

KARACHI: Following the Prime Minister's investment-focused visit to China in August 2025, the Trade Development Authority of Pakistan (TDAP) hosted a high-level Chinese investor delegation at its Karachi headquarters on December 10. The delegation, led by Patrick Zheng, CEO of Sino-Pak Tech Industry (Pvt.) Ltd., explored significant investment opportunities in Pakistan's mining, minera..... [more >>](#)

**Pakistan's copper export potential strengthens under Pak-China coop: PCJCCI**

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-12-14

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**Chinese firm eyes EV assembly investment under CPEC**

Source: [Israr Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-12-03

ISLAMABAD: A Chinese company is exploring the establishment of electric vehicle (EV) assembly operations in Pakistan's Special Economic Zones under CPEC, as a high-level delegation from Tianjin Chuanhui Group held talks with the Board of Investment (BOI) on Tuesday to advance industrial cooperation between the two countries. The three-member delegation visited the BOI's Project Manage..... [more >>](#)

**Chinese submarines to give Pak Navy offensive punch: Admiral Ashraf**

Source: [Muhammad Anis](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-12-10

ISLAMABAD: Chief of the Naval Staff Admiral Naveed Ashraf has said the induction of eight Hangor-class submarines will give a formidable boost to an offensive punch and provide operational flexibility to Pakistan Navy. "Pakistan Navy places special emphasis on our sub-surface offensive capability and our ongoing submarine acquisition programme with China bears testimony to this vision,&rdqu..... [more >>](#)

**China donates solar street lights to Karachi**

Source: [INP](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-12-04

KARACHI - China has donated 58 solar-powered street lights to Karachi, in what officials described as a small but practical boost to the city's public safety and local infrastructure. The lights were handed over at a ceremony in Clifton organised by the Chinese Consulate General. Consul General Yang Yundong and Karachi Mayor Murtaza Wahab attended the event, Gwadar Pro reported. Yang s..... [more >>](#)

### **Chinese group eyes setting up solar panel plant in Pakistan**

Source: [Amin Ahmed, Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-12-10

ISLAMABAD: China's Hebei Juhang Energy Technology Group has expressed keen interest in establishing a large-scale solar panel manufacturing plant in Pakistan to cater to both domestic demand and export markets. A Chinese delegation headed by the Group's Chairman, Wang Jianbin, accompanied by representatives of China-Pakistan Business Forum, met Minister for the Board of Investment (..... [more >>](#)

### **Solar energy and related high-tech sectors; Chinese cos ready to make huge investments**

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-12-10

ISLAMABAD: Chinese companies have expressed keen interest in investing billions of dollars in Pakistan's solar energy and related high-tech sectors. Federal Minister for Investment, Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh, held a high-level meeting on Tuesday with a delegation from China's Hebei Juhang Energy Technology Group Co, Ltd. The Chinese delegation was led by Chairman Wang Jianbin, along with..... [more >>](#)

## Regional Integration under B&R +CPEC

### **South Asia Reimagined**

Source: [Atif Mehmood, The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-12-08

The Pakistani vision of a new regional bloc involving Pakistan, Bangladesh, and China is more than just an experiment on the diplomatic circuit. In fact, it is a new direction necessitated by, and perhaps also a reaction to, the failure of regional cooperation. SAARC is what could have been, but never actually has been, and what is left to prove it. Against such a background, it is not surprising ..... [more >>](#)

### **PCJCCI welcomes new roadmap to accelerate CPEC Phase II**

Source: [Our Correspondent, The News, International](#), 2025-12-03

LAHORE: The Pakistan China Joint Chamber of Commerce and Industry (PCJCCI) has hailed the government's new roadmap for accelerating Phase II of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), calling it a decisive step towards high-tech industrialisation and long-term economic renewal. The shift signals Pakistan's move from infrastructure-heavy development to an innovation-centred model ..... [more >>](#)

### **Rs23bn NGC-PMLTC dispute lands in CPEC panel's camp**

Source: [Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-12-02

ISLAMABAD: A financial dispute of Rs 23 billion between National Grid Company (NGC) and the Pak Matiari-Lahore Transmission Company (PMLTC) has landed in the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) Review Committee, headed by Minister for Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Ahsan Iqbal. According to sources, the Chinese company PMLTC has reported that the National Transm..... [more >>](#)

### **What CPEC 2.0 means**

Source: [Ahsan Iqbal, The News, International](#), 2025-12-11

The 14th Meeting of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) Joint Cooperation Committee (JCC), held in Beijing on September 26, 2025, represents a historic shift in Pakistan-China cooperation. More than a review platform, it signaled the evolution of CPEC from an infrastructure-led initiative to a comprehensive, productivity-driven development partnership. For Pakistan, it marked the consolid..... [more >>](#)

## Research, Development &amp; Capacity Building

**UoS to open first Pakistani university campus in China**

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-12-08

ISLAMABAD - In a landmark move for Pakistan's higher education sector, the University of Sargodha (UoS) has signed a Letter of Intent with Hainan Leyin Investment Co. Ltd. to establish an international campus and an affiliated hospital in Sanya, Hainan Province, Gwadar Pro reported. According to UoS, the agreement positions the institution as the first Pakistani university to launch a campu..... [more >>](#)

**Art, dialogue, and diplomacy shine at Pakistan-China friendship event**

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-12-08

ISLAMABAD - Art, student dialogue, and academic ex-change took center stage at Bahria Univer-sity Islamabad on Thursday, where an in-ternational conference titled "Bridging Ho-rizons: Celebrating Pakistan-China Deep-Rooted Friendship" was held to mark 75 years of diplomatic ties between the two countries. The event was jointly organized by the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sci-ences..... [more >>](#)

**previous next news 2nd batch of 1,000 agri specialists returns from China with cutting-edge expertise**

Source: [News Wire](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2025-12-08

ISLAMABAD - The second batch of 1,000 Pakistani agricultural specialists has returned to Pakistan following intensive training in China, bringing with them advanced expertise in smart farming technologies to propel the modernization of the country's agricultural sector. The training, conducted under the Pakistani Prime Minister's Capacity Building Initiative, featured specialized cour..... [more >>](#)

**Pak-China educational ties strengthen with new partnership**

Source: [INP](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-12-11

Islamabad: A memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed between the Islamabad China-Pakistan One Heart Step and Cure Home (ICOSH) and the Smart School, Quaid Campus (PWD), Islamabad, marking a step forward in deepening educational cooperation and youth development between the two sides. The MoU establishes a long-term partnership dedicated to empowering the next generation through shared academ..... [more >>](#)

**Pakistani scholar wins China research award**

Source: [INP](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-12-15

Islamabad: Muhammad Zubair Tariq, a lecturer in marketing at Malik Firoz Khan Noon Business School in University of Sargodha (UoS) has won Outstanding Academic Research Paper Award from the School of International Education, Southwest Jiaotong University (SWJTU), Chengdu, China. He received the honour as the sole awardee in the Business and Management category, recognised for producing the highest..... [more >>](#)

## Technology, Trade &amp; Innovation

**How China built rare earth elements empire**

Source: [Shakeel Ahmad Ramay](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-12-01

The future relies heavily on rare earth metals. Their unique magnetic, luminescent, and chemical properties make them essential components of the Fourth Industrial Revolution. They are critical for developing modern technologies such as smartphones, clean energy systems, televisions, computers, electric vehicles, missiles, fighter jets, airplanes, and electronic warfare tools. It is difficult to e..... [more >>](#)

# SDPI's Engagement

## SDPI Articles

### **Belem and climate politics**

Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-12-01

COP30 in Belem is being read in two ways: symbolic theatre to some, a gathering with substance to others. Torrential rains flooded the Amazonian host city in the opening days. A fire then tore through the conference venue, forcing delegates to evacuate on the second-to-last day. Some sections of the media called the blaze “a disturbingly apt metaphor” for a process that many fear may ..... [more >>](#)

### **Rising terror, rising fear**

Source: [Dr Rafia Batool Khan](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-12-02

Pakistan is facing a dangerous convergence of crises. The country's already fragile social fabric is under severe strain as the Afghan Taliban regime's escalating cross-border assaults coincide with soaring inflation, political uncertainty and economic distress. For millions of Pakistanis, fear of violence now blends with financial insecurity, creating a pervasive sense of vulnerability..... [more >>](#)

### **Are the children safe?**

Source: [Hassan Murtaza Syed](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-12-03

Every morning, millions of children walk into schools across Pakistan with hopes, dreams and a desire to learn. Yet, behind these school walls, many face risks that threaten not only their education but their safety, dignity, and emotional well-being. Safeguarding our children in educational institutions is no longer just a policy debate; it is a moral obligation that demands urgent national attention..... [more >>](#)

### **Mutirao: post-COP climate test**

Source: [Dr Khalid Waleed](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-12-04

I experienced this fragility firsthand when the fire broke out inside the COP30 venue. Delegates who moments earlier were debating commas and brackets were suddenly united by vulnerability, coughing in the open air as talks came to an abrupt halt. It was a visceral reminder that the climate crisis, much like that fire, doesn't wait for perfect consensus. In that moment, the spirit of the Mu..... [more >>](#)

### **Education without opportunity**

Source: [Dr Mohsin Ali Kazmi](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-12-07

Education has long been valued as the golden key to progress, symbolising the hope that knowledge will unlock doors to better employment, enhanced living standards and a more promising future. However, in Pakistan today, that foundational promise is increasingly unravelling. The Labour Force Survey 2025 paints a stark, disheartening picture: education..... [more >>](#)

### **COP30 and the global climate disjorder**

Source: [Zainab Naeem](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-12-08

COP30 in Belem unfolded in a setting that held both political symbolism and ecological gravity. The Amazon is a living system that stabilises the climate for the entire planet. So, hosting the summit in this landscape brought indigenous communities to the centre of the global stage. Their presence, demonstrations, ancestral knowledge and moral authority altered the atmosphere inside the negotiatio..... [more >>](#)

**Does the NFC know it's 2025?**

Source: [Dr Abid Qaiyum Suleri, The News, International](#), 2025-12-11

The Pakistan of 2025 is not the Pakistan of 2009. In the years since the 7th National Finance Commission (NFC) Award was signed in 2009, the country has lived through five general elections, two censuses, repeated economic downturns, a close brush with default, a successful defence against external aggression, three super floods and a cascade of climate-driven shocks that have fundamentally altere..... [more >>](#)

**Digital Violence – a bigger threat after poverty, climate change**

Source: [Farhana Musarat Khan, Chitral Today](#), 2025-12-11

After poverty and climate change, Technology-Facilitated Gender-Based Violence (TF-GBV) is the biggest challenge the world is confronted with today. Though both poverty and climate change are existential threats, TF-GBV is a threat to the social fabric of society. It is not a new phenomenon, but an extension of the offline Gender-Based Violence (GBV), which mainly started occupying digital space d..... [more >>](#)

**Plugging the gaps**

Source: [Dr Razia Safdar, The News, International](#), 2025-12-14

I n Pakistan, half the population lacks access to primary healthcare, leaving the universal health coverage goal—access to quality healthcare services, without any financial hardship—unfulfilled. Despite showing slight improvements over the past decade, UHC indicators still present a bleak picture, particularly in access to primary healthca..... [more >>](#)

**Learning, a privilege**

Source: [Dr Mohsin Ali Kazmi, The News, International](#), 2025-12-14

Pakistan is at a critical crossroads in its educational journey. Millions of children and adults are not merely out of school but fundamentally left out of learning. According to the 2023 Population and Housing Census, the country's overall literacy rate stands at 60.6 per cent, leaving an estimated 67 million citizens unable to read or write, d..... [more >>](#)

**Ending digital violence**

Source: [Farhana Musarat Khan, The News, International](#), 2025-12-15

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## SDPI's Related Articles

**The circular economy imperative**

Source: [Editorial, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-12-09

Pakistan is running out of space to keep growing the old way. For years, our economy has followed a simple pattern: take resources, make products, use them, and throw them away. That approach worked when everything seemed abundant and cheap. But today, the cracks are showing. Waste is piling up, water is becoming scarce, import bills keep rising, and climate shocks are hitting harder each year. Mo..... [more >>](#)

## SDPI's Related News

### Climate finance

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-12-11

ISLAMABAD: Transparency International Pakistan (TI Pakistan) has stated that while carbon markets are an effective tool for climate finance, national governments must remain mindful of the integrity risks associated with them. This observation was shared at a high-level dissemination event titled "Carbon Markets Readiness in Pakistan – Addressing Governance Gaps and Safeguarding A..... [more >>](#)

### 'Disinformation negatively impacts public understanding of climate change'

Source: [Myra Imran](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-12-12

Islamabad: Climate resilience depends not only on infrastructure and adaptation planning but equally on integrating information integrity in climate governance to safeguard truth, transparency and trust. This was the stated by experts and speakers at the National Conference on Climate Disinformation organised on Thursday by the Institute for Research, Advocacy and Development (IRADA) with assistan..... [more >>](#)

## Seminar News

### Pakistan must 'move beyond rhetoric' on climate action: Naveed Qamar

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2025-12-10

ISLAMABAD, Dec 10 (APP): Pakistan must "move beyond rhetoric" and urgently strengthen homework, coordination, and institutional capacity ahead of the next UN climate summit, said Chairman of the National Assembly Committee on Finance and Revenue, Syed Naveed Qamar. He was speaking as chief guest here at a post-COP30 seminar, titled: "Beyond Belém: Pakistan's Next C..... [more >>](#)

### Climate change is a 'living issue', says Naveed

Source: [Hamza Habib](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2025-12-11

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### Pakistan Pressed to Act Before Climate Crisis Deepens

Source: [News Desk](#), [THEPENPK.com](#), 2025-12-11

Islamabad: Pakistan must "move beyond rhetoric" and urgently strengthen preparation, coordination, and institutional capacity ahead of the next UN climate summit, Chairman of the National Assembly Committee on Finance and Revenue Syed Naveed Qamar said on Wednesday. Speaking at a post-COP30 seminar titled "Beyond Belém: Pakistan's Next Climate Action Milestones&rdqu..... [more >>](#)

### Accelerating Pakistan Climate Action Ahead of COP31

Source: [News Desk](#), [Peak Point](#), 2025-12-11

A post-COP30 seminar hosted by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute urged urgent strengthening of coordination, institutional capacity and practical preparation for COP31, stressing that Pakistan climate action must shift from words to measurable outcomes. Syed Naveed Qamar, chairman of the National Assembly Committee on Finance and Revenue, said failure to convert global goodwill into pr..... [more >>](#)

**Climate Change Now a 'Living Issue' for Pakistan, Warns MNA**Source: [Waleeja Khan](#), [Bloom Pakistan](#), 2025-12-11

Climate change is a "living issue" that demands urgent preparation, Chairman of the National Assembly Committee on Finance and Revenue Syed Naveed Qamar said on Wednesday. Speaking at a post-COP30 seminar organised by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), he stressed that Pakistan must improve coordination, planning, and institutional strength before the next UN ..... [more >>](#)

**Pakistan Must 'move Beyond Rhetoric' On Climate Action: Naveed Qamar**Source: [APP](#), [Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2025-12-10

ISLAMABAD, (APP - UrduPoint / Pakistan Point News - 10th Dec, 2025)Pakistan must "move beyond rhetoric" and urgently strengthen homework, coordination, and institutional capacity ahead of the next UN climate summit, said Chairman of the National Assembly Committee on Finance and Revenue, Syed Naveed Qamar. He was speaking as chief guest here at a post-COP30 seminar, titled: "Beyo..... [more >>](#)

**Pakistan must 'move beyond rhetoric' on climate action: Naveed Qamar**Source: [Caption](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2025-12-11..... [more >>](#)**بڑھتی گرمی خوراک، مویشی اور عوامی رویوں کے لیے خطرہ، ماہرین کا انتباہ**Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2025-12-10

سیمینار میں ماہرین نے خبردار کیا ہے کہ بڑھتی COP30 اسلام آباد(صبح نیوز) پانیدار ترقیاتی پالیسی انسٹیٹیوٹ (ایس ڈی پی آئی) کے زیر اہتمام پوسٹ مہوئی گرمی پاکستان میں خوراک کی سلامتی، مویشیوں کی بقا اور عوامی رویوں تک کو خطرے م..... [more >>](#)

**Pakistan Leads Global Searches for Explicit Content**Source: [Web Desk](#), [Bloom Pakistan](#), 2025-12-15

Pakistan continues to rank at the top globally in searches for explicit content, even though actual viewership has declined, said Dr. Muqarram Ali, Director General of the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority PTA. Speaking at a cybersecurity seminar at the Sustainable Development Policy Institute SDPI, he noted that large-scale blocking of indecent websites has made a clear impact. Dr. Ali stat..... [more >>](#)

**Pakistan Tops Global Searches for Explicit Content**Source: [ProPK Staff](#), [ProPakistani.com](#), 2025-12-15

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### **Pakistan Ranks First Globally for Online Indecent Searches**

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### **Cybercrime and online gender-based violence: experts urge capacity building, public awareness**

Source: [Web Desk](#), [The Public](#) , 2025-12-15

Islamabad: Legal experts, policymakers, educators and media professionals on Monday called for stronger institutional capacity, improved law enforcement and widespread public awareness to address the growing challenges of cybercrime and technology-based gender-based violence (GBV) in Pakistan. Seminar focuses on cybercrime and online gender-based violence The calls were made at a seminar title..... [more >>](#)

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Source: [صبح نیوز](#) , [SABAH News](#) , 2025-12-15

اسلام آباد(صبح نیوز) سائبر اسپیس میں بڑھتے خطرات، آن لائن صنفی تشدد اور ڈیجیٹل حقوق کے تحفظ جیسے سنگین چیلنجز سے نمٹنے کے لئے ماہرین نے اس بات پر زور دیا ہے کہ ڈیجیٹل حقوق کو بنیادی انسانی حقوق کے طور پر تسلیم کرنے بغیر محفوظ [more >>](#)

## Workshop News

### **German Backed DFLT Programme Launched In Sindh**

Source: [APP](#) , [Urdu Point Lahore](#) , 2025-12-01

KARACHI, (APP - Urdu Point / Pakistan Point News - 1st Dec, 2025) Sindh Minister for Labour and Social Protection, Saeed Ghani, has stressed the need to empower women by equipping them with digital tools, financial products, and confidence so that they might engage themselves in workforce, manage household resources more effectively, and strengthen their resilience to economic woes and climate-rela..... [more >>](#)

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**Sindh launches digital financial training to empower women**

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2025-12-02

KARACHI: The Sindh government on Monday launched a new digital and financial literacy training programme to help women manage money, navigate digital tools and strengthen their resilience to economic and climate pressures. Speaking at the launch, Labour and Social Protection Minister Saeed Ghani said the initiative will support women in joining the workforce, improving household budgeting and acc..... [more >>](#)

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LAHORE: Amid rising concerns over misinformation and growing public debate on delayed state notifications, Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi reaffirmed on Monday that constitutional procedures cannot be rushed, stressing that institutional reforms require time and due process. Responding to speculation surrounding the pending notification of the new Chief of Defence Forces (CDF), Naqvi said the es..... [more >>](#)

**EU-backed digital and financial literacy programme launched**

Source: [Dawn Report](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2025-12-02

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**Empower Sindhi women through digital tools: Ghani**

Source: [Observer Report](#), [Pakistan Observer](#), 2025-12-02

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**Digital tools, financial awareness to strengthen Sindhi women's resilience to economic, climate shocks: Saeed Ghani**

Source: [Jeevey Pakistan](#), [Jeevey Pakistan](#), 2025-12-01

KARACHI, Dec 01, 2025 ( ): Sindh Minister for Labour and Social Protection, Saeed Ghani, launching the Digital and Financial Literacy Training (DFLT) Programme, on Monday said equipping women with digital tools, financial awareness, and confidence would help them engage in the workforce, manage household resources more effectively, and strengthen their resilience to economic and climate-related sh..... [more >>](#)

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Source: [NNI](#), [Urdu Point Lahore](#), 2025-12-01

کراچی (اُردو پوائنٹ اخبارتازہ ترین - این این آئی۔ 01 دسمبر 2025ء) وزیر محنت و افرادی قوت و سماجی تحفظ سندھ سعید غنی نے کہا ہے کہ خواتین کو ڈیجیٹل ٹولز، مالیاتی بیداری اور اعتماد سے آراستہ کرنے سے انہیں افرادی قوت میں شامل کرنے، [more >>](#)

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