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About SDPI

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, policy and programme advisory services and training. SDPI is registered under the Societies Registration Act, XXI of 1860.

Mission

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

Vision

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

About the Newsletter

SDPI publishes this **Monthly E-newsletter** to keep researchers, practitioners, and policymakers informed about emerging issues, trends, and developments in the field of Information Technology and Telecommunications at the national, regional, and international levels.

This e-newsletter is an outcome of the public and private policy dialogues organised by SDPI's Study Group on emerging issues in the ITT field. It presents analysis, planning perspectives, and policy recommendations developed by SDPI's IT and Telecom team. The newsletter also consists of relevant references from news reports, commentaries, and Op-Eds published in leading national and international media outlets.

About the Study Group on Information Technology and Telecommunications

SDPI's Study Group on Information Technology and Telecommunications brings together a multidisciplinary network of consultants, scientists, academics, economists, and policy practitioners who periodically convene to deliberate on emerging developments in the rapidly evolving domains of telecommunications, digital technologies, data processing, networking, mass media, and information systems. The Group serves as a platform for informed policy dialogue and evidence-based analysis on issues related to the generation, management, governance, and utilisation of information and communication technologies (ICTs).

The Study Group aims to strengthen awareness and informed decision-making among stakeholders from the public and private sectors by identifying opportunities for harnessing digital and information resources, addressing institutional and regulatory challenges, and anticipating technological transformations that may shape Pakistan's economy, governance systems, and society. Through its deliberations, the Group contributes to policy discourse on digital inclusion, innovation, connectivity, knowledge economies, and technology-driven development.

A key outcome of the Study Group's work is the development of policy and planning recommendations grounded in research, stakeholder consultations, and sectoral analysis. Over the past three decades, the Group has consistently contributed to national policy discussions on ICTs and telecommunications, with many of its recommendations informing government strategies, regulatory frameworks, and sectoral reforms. Its long-standing engagement has positioned the Study Group as an important knowledge and policy resource for advancing Pakistan's digital transformation agenda.

Media Sources

The e-newsletter draws upon reporting, analysis, and commentary published in leading national media outlets, including:

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

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- Mobile and Wireless Communications
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- Educational Technology and Digital Learning
- IT and Telecom Policy, Governance, and Regulation

Information Technology & Telecommunications Technology

Public Private Dialogue on
“Building the 5G Economy: Industry 4.0, Enterprise Uptake, and Ecosystem Preparedness”

01. Pakistan can't afford to miss emerging knowledge economy: Senator

Source: [APP](#), [Associated Press of Pakistan](#), 2026-05-14

ISLAMABAD, May 14 (APP): Senator Dr Afnan Ullah Khan, Member of Senate Standing Committee on IT and Telecommunications, has warned that Pakistan cannot afford to miss the emerging knowledge economy after historically missing earlier industrial revolutions, as digital infrastructure and related legislation are critical for the future competitiveness. Pakistan can't afford to miss emerging kno..... [more >>](#)

02. Experts for demand-driven 5G policies, tax reforms & stronger industry-academia linkages

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2026-05-14

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03. \$20 Billion Opportunity: Experts Call for Urgent Tax Reforms to Launch 5G in Pakistan

Source: [TWA](#), [The World Ambassador](#), 2026-05-14

ISLAMABAD — Leading policymakers, health and education experts, and telecom industry giants warned today that Pakistan risks falling behind in the global digital race without urgent tax reforms and infrastructure upgrades. Speaking at a seminar hosted by the Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), stakeholders revealed that a successful 5G rollout could contribute up to \$20 billion [more >>](#)

04. Pakistan Cannot Miss the Knowledge-Economy Boat, Dr. Afnan

Source: [Sohail Majeed](#), [Global News](#), 2026-05-15

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05. فانیو جی معیشت کے لئے جامع اصلاحات اور ٹیکس میں نرمی ناگزیر، ایس ڈی پی آئی ماہرین

Source: [SABAH](#), [SABAH News](#), 2026-05-14

اسلام آباد (صبح نیوز) ماہرین، پالیسی سازوں اور ٹیلی کام صنعت کے نمائندوں نے خبردار کیا ہے کہ اگر پاکستان نے فانیو جی ٹیکنالوجی کو صنعت، زراعت، تعلیم، صحت اور کاروباری شعبوں کے ساتھ موثر انداز میں نہ جوڑا تو ملک ایک بار پہ..... [more >>](#)

06. فانیو جی معیشت کے لئے جامع اصلاحات اور ٹیکس میں نرمی ناگزیر، ماہرین

Source: [Sufyan Paracha](#), [Daily Mudabbir](#), 2026-05-15

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07. فانیو جی معیشت کے لئے جامع اصلاحات اور ٹیکس میں نرمی ناگزیر، ماہرین

Source: [Staff Reporter](#), [Daily BBC Report](#), 2026-05-15

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08. Stronger industry-academia linkages stressed

Source: [Rasheed Khalid](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-05-17

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5G / 6G Technologies

09. Limits of 'unlimited'

Source: [Muhammad Aslam Hayat](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-05-04

In Pakistan's increasingly digital economy and after the 5G spectrum auction, where 480 megahertz (MHz) were auctioned for \$507 million (total allocated spectrum across cellular operators is 754 MHz), a familiar question continues to surface in policy debates and public discourse: if fixed broadband providers can offer unlimited internet packages, why can't mobile operators do the same..... [more >>](#)

10. TECNO CAMON 50 Ultra 5G launched in Pakistan

Source: [Press Release](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-04

LAHORE - TECNO Mobile has launched the CAMON 50 Ultra 5G in Pakistan, expanding its camera-focused 5G lineup with a device built for speed, performance, and advanced photography. The smartphone is powered by an advanced 5G chipset that enables faster connectivity, smooth streaming, and responsive multitasking, supported by up to 24GB extended RAM for seamless app switching and gaming. For imaging..... [more >>](#)

11. Plan to make 5G handsets 'affordable' hits roadblock

Source: [Kalbe Ali](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-11

ISLAMABAD: A policy proposal that could put 5G-enabled handsets in the hands of more and more Pakistanis seems to have hit a snag, with the government still awaiting a response from certain industry stakeholders. The proposal to make costly smartphones available to purchase on instalments, has been in the works for some time. The need for the policy has become more apparent after the 5G spectrum [more >>](#)

Artificial Intelligence

12. Punjab eyes AI-driven sanitation

Source: [Imran Adnan](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-06

LAHORE: The Punjab government has decided to introduce a "smart sanitation" system across the province under its Suthra Punjab programme, with a formal rollout planned ahead of Eidul Azha. Officials said following a meeting chaired by Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz Sharif that the initiative marks the first large-scale use of artificial intelligence (AI) in the province's waste manage..... [more >>](#)

13. The new war machine

Source: [Asad Baig](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-18

ON Jan 17, 1961, Dwight D. Eisenhower sat before a television camera to deliver his farewell address as the president of the United States. Instead of a simple ceremonial goodbye, the former five-star general, who had commanded Allied forces in Europe during World War II and later presided over America's Cold War security state, issued a warning. America, he said, had built something new:..... [more >>](#)

14. Pakistanis advised to follow secure passwords rules

Source: [Recorder Report](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-15

ISLAMABAD: A leading cybersecurity company Thursday advised Pakistanis to follow secure passwords rules and shared practical advice to make passwords more complex and secured. In modern terms, truly secure passwords not only meet the gold standard of 16+ characters, but also consist of random, non-repeating letters, numbers, and symbols, and are unique for each account, the report recommended..... [more >>](#)

15. Deepfake Threat

Source: [Editorial, The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2026-05-07

Artificial intelligence was sold to the world as a revolution in productivity, creativity and access. Increasingly, however, it is also becoming a weapon of humiliation, blackmail and misogyny. Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni's public condemnation of AI-generated fake images of herself should not be treated as an isolated political controversy. It is part of a global crisis that is alr..... [more >>](#)

16. Researchers across AKU harnessing AI, DI to address some key challenges

Source: [Recorder Report, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2026-05-20

KARACHI: From AI-powered cough analysis for diagnosis of tuberculosis to machine learning models supporting maternal and child health, researchers across Aga Khan University (AKU) are harnessing Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Digital Intelligence (DI) to address some of today's most pressing challenges in health, education, and development. These innovations took centre stage at the A..... [more >>](#)

17. AI as cop

Source: [Maria Lungu & Steven L Johnson, The News, International](#) , 2026-05-13

In Baltimore on Oct. 20, 2025, a 17-year-old student named Taki Allen was sitting outside his high school after football practice when an artificial intelligence-enhanced surveillance camera falsely identified the Doritos bag in his pocket as a gun. Within moments police cars arrived, officers drew their weapons and Allen was forced to his knees and handcuffed while they searched him. All they fou..... [more >>](#)

18. AI's threat to global finance

Source: [Editorial, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2026-05-13

A warning issued by the IMF on May 7 has injected fresh urgency into the debate surrounding artificial intelligence and financial security. In a blogpost published on its website, the Fund has cautioned that the rapid evolution of AI could threaten global financial stability by enabling increasingly sophisticated cyberattacks against critical financial infrastructure. Using the example of Claude M..... [more >>](#)

19. Pakistan's AI push needs good governance

Source: [Muhammad Faizan Fakhar, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2026-05-17

Pakistan recently announced its plans to invest \$1 billion in Artificial Intelligence (AI) projects by 2030. The country is accelerating the pace of developing and deploying AI on a national level; however, the corresponding governance architecture remains missing. In 2025, Pakistan adopted the National AI Policy with a central aim of developing a national AI ecosystem. The policy charts the plan..... [more >>](#)

20. Should you trust AI for everything?

Source: [Fozia Nisar Ahmad, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2026-05-17

From diagnosing symptoms and planning diets to deciding what to cook for dinner or what to gift a friend, Artificial Intelligence (AI) has moved into roles once reserved for medical practitioners or trusted confidants and, stranger still, for companionship itself. At the same time, it has become the first stop for life's random questions: "What is the capital of Turkiye?" and &ld..... [more >>](#)

21. Governing AI

Source: [Muhammad Rafay Waqar, The News, International](#) , 2026-05-17

The global race to govern artificial intelligence has already produced its first significant failure, and it has done so quietly. The European Union, the US and China are each constructing competing governance frameworks that reflect their own economic and strategic interests, while the technology these frameworks are designed to regulate continues to advance faster than any of them were built to [more >>](#)

22. SHC launches AI-enabled search engine, mobile app

Source: [Jamal Khurshid](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-05-17

The Sindh High Court on Saturday launched two transformative digital initiatives, an AI-enabled search engine and a mobile application, aimed at providing litigants, advocates and citizens with convenient access to court services and case information. Both digital initiatives, LRC-Assistant (AI-enabled search engine) and the Mobile App (CFMS) on the iOS platform, were developed in-house by the IT..... [more >>](#)

23. The machines are already trading

Source: [Bilal Bin Saqib](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-05-18

I just watched a machine pay another machine. No bank. No card. No human in the loop. \$0.01 in USDC, settled in four seconds, across the open internet. The agent requested a premium data endpoint. The API returned a payment requirement. The agent signed the authorisation. The gateway verified it. The resource was delivered. The seller received stable coins into a wallet. Most people will read abo..... [more >>](#)

24. 'Look me in the AI'

Source: [Bina Shah](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-30

FOR the last three years since ChatGPT was introduced, prominent writers, editors and litterateurs have been openly hostile to the idea of AI being able to write fiction, poetry or prose — indeed, any kind of literature. The tech companies that introduced all these LLMs, imagining ChatGPT, Claude, Gemini, Grok, and Copilot as writing aids, study buddies, collaborators and co-authors, have th..... [more >>](#)

25. UK will use AI to screen migrants 'posing as minors'

Source: [Monitoring Desk](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-30

AN artificial intelligence age estimation tool that aims to detect adult migrants posing as children will be deployed at the UK's borders from next year, BBC News reported. A software company has been awarded a contract to develop and test the technology, which would estimate a person's age by analysing photographs of them taken at the border. The report cited the UK Home Office as s..... [more >>](#)

26. Meta plans AI pendant, 'wearables for work' in hardware boost: report

Source: [Reuters](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-30

Meta Platforms plans to start testing an AI pendant in the next year, as it charts a roadmap for wearable devices in an effort to reverse losses in its hardware division, The Information reported on Friday, citing a memo. Meta declined to comment to Reuters on the report. The Facebook and Instagram owner plans to significantly expand its selection of AI glasses and ad..... [more >>](#)

27. The ecosystem of ambition

Source: [Syed Asad Ali Shah](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-05-09

A photograph circulating widely this week shows the first offices of companies now worth over \$20 trillion combined: a garage, a dorm room, a rented apartment. Paul Graham, co-founder of Y Combinator, offered a deceptively simple explanation: Europe does not have enough garages. He meant it seriously. Garages allow people to work on things that do not matter yet, which is precisely how the bigges..... [more >>](#)

Cybersecurity & Information Security

28. IMF warns of 'inevitable' AI cyber threats

Source: [AFP](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-08

WASHINGTON: The International Monetary Fund (IMF) warned on Thursday of the risks to global financial stability posed by cyberattacks powered by advanced artificial intelligence tools, calling for greater international cooperation

on the issue. "IMF analysis suggests that extreme cyber-incident losses could trigger funding strains, raise solvency concerns, and disrupt broader markets," [more >>](#)

29. Toxic spaces

Source: [Editorial, The News, International](#) , 2026-05-12

Pakistan's digital spaces are becoming increasingly unsafe and the state can no longer afford to treat cybercrime as a secondary issue. The figures presented before the Senate Standing Committee on Information and Broadcasting paint a troubling picture: with nearly 140 million Pakistanis active online and officials estimating that around 20 per cent of social media accounts are fake, the sca..... [more >>](#)

30. Digital Rights Foundation warns of rising digital threats against vulnerable communities

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2026-05-15

ISLAMABAD: The Digital Security Helpline of the Digital Rights Foundation (DRF) has highlighted that harassment in Pakistan often relies on coded language, local slang, religious and political insinuations, and context-specific hate campaigns. As a result, moderating systems — whether human or automated — are often unable to accurately interpret such harassment. Consequently, h..... [more >>](#)

31. Banking consumers; Fake APK files pose growing threat of financial frauds

Source: [Rizwan Bhatti, Business Recorder, Islamabad](#) , 2026-05-15

KARACHI: Fake Android Package Kit (APK) files have emerged as a growing cyber threat to banking consumers in Pakistan, as fraudsters increasingly use malicious apps to hijack mobile phones, steal banking credentials and carry out financial fraud. Fraudsters commonly approach users through SMS, WhatsApp, Telegram, social media messages, fake courier alerts, challan payment links, investment of..... [more >>](#)

32. Unkind cyberspace

Source: [Editorial, Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2026-05-18

WHEN abuse occurs face to face, the boundaries are clear. Yet, the same behaviour online is treated less seriously. Harassment in Pakistan's digital space takes place through coded language, slang, political and faith-based insinuations, and "context-specific hate campaigns", stresses the Digital Rights Foundation's security helpline. The new DRF report logs digital intimid..... [more >>](#)

33. Digital hygiene A cybersecurity firm found 68% of passwords crack in under a day, signalling alarm

Source: [Editorial, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2026-05-18

Amidst a whirlwind of digital advances embedded in Pakistan's economy, as well as the gradual takeover of fintech over most businesses, digital hygiene is not being awarded the attention that it deserves. The phrase 'digital hygiene' was popularised around 2006 and highlights the importance of practices that secure our data and devices - arguably the most important one being password m..... [more >>](#)

34. Gang hacking mobile phones, WhatsApp accounts busted

Source: [Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2026-05-19

LAHORE: The National Cyber Crime Investigation Agency (NCCIA) on Monday busted a gang involved in hacking mobile phones and WhatsApp accounts to defraud people, arresting 15 suspects from different parts of the province. According to NCCIA Punjab Director Muhammad Ali Wasim, the gang would contact citizens through WhatsApp, impersonating senior government officials and first building friendly rel..... [more >>](#)

35. NCCIA busts gang selling citizens' data

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-23

ISLAMABAD: A gang allegedly involved in stealing sensitive data of prominent Pakistani individuals and selling it to foreign agencies has been busted, National Cyber Crime Investigation Agency (NCCIA) Director General Syed Khurram Ali said on Friday. Addressing a press conference in Islamabad, the DG said the NCCIA apprehended the group in South Punjab. "So far, four individuals belong..... [more >>](#)

36. Pakistan's growing banking and cyber fraud crisis

Source: [Yousuf Raza](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-21

Pakistan stands at a critical digital crossroads. On one side lies the promise of financial inclusion — millions of citizens now access banking services through their smartphones for the first time. On the other side looms an alarming and growing threat: banking and cyber fraud has exploded into an industrial-scale crisis, draining billions of rupees from consumers, eroding institutional trust..... [more >>](#)

37. Data security

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-26

Pakistan's digital transformation has accelerated rapidly over the past decade. But while the country has embraced technology, it continues to treat data protection with an alarming degree of complacency. A case in point are the recent revelations surrounding a network of individuals involved in stealing sensitive information of Pakistani citizens and selling it onward. More troubling is the [more >>](#)

38. Twenty pc social media accounts used for fraud, harassment, blackmail: NCCIA

Source: [Our Correspondent](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-05-07

ISLAMABAD: The sub-committee of the Senate Standing Committee on Information and Broadcasting was informed here on Wednesday that a total of 13 FIRs had been registered against journalists, of which 11 were cancelled after initial investigations. The forum was further told that 689 FIRs had been registered in connection with cybercrimes involving the general public. The Additional Inspector General..... [more >>](#)

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40. Security Synergy

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-17

The recent discussions between Interior Minister Mohsin Naqvi and an Egyptian delegation regarding cooperation in counter-terrorism and cybercrime are a pragmatic acknowledgement of the evolving nature of global threats. By focusing on intelligence sharing and the synchronisation of security protocols, Pakistan and Egypt are attempting to build a defensive wall against non-state actors who operate..... [more >>](#)

Information Technology

41. Embracing change and the new order

Source: [Sirajuddin Aziz](#), [Business Recorder, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-27

Change and the speed of change have always been overwhelming. With each passing century and decades, the speed of change is only getting even more accelerated. The impossible and the inconceivable have become a reality;

and the surprise of change hasn't altered itself, it is only growing. One can only wonder if our great-grandparents could imagine with belief that mankind would leap forward [more >>](#)

42. Sixty-eight pc of passwords can be cracked within a day: report

Source: [Ikram Junaidi](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-15

ISLAMABAD: An analysis of 231 million unique passwords leaked between 2023 and 2026 has revealed several alarming patterns, according to a report by cybersecurity company Kaspersky. Firstly, 68 per cent of modern passwords can be cracked within a day. Secondly, the vast majority of compromised passwords either begin or end with a digit — a common habit that makes them vulnerable to brute-..... [more >>](#)

43. Slow lane

Source: [Editorial](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-16

THESE days, our public representatives seem to be confronting challenges on unfamiliar frontiers. On Thursday, when urged by the National Assembly chair to embrace a paperless workflow, several MNAs complained that "slow internet" was preventing their transition to parliament's newly introduced digital systems. The deputy Speaker reminded lawmakers that they had been provided wit..... [more >>](#)

44. Stuck in the slow lane

Source: [Editorial](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-05-18

For years, Pakistanis have endured the same frustrating routine: paying hefty internet and mobile data bills only to struggle with sluggish speeds, dropped connections and inexplicable disruptions. What was once dismissed as a temporary inconvenience has now become a structural crisis. The latest discussion in the National Assembly over slow internet speeds, raised during deliberations on making p..... [more >>](#)

45. Pakistan mandates local data storage

Source: [Kalbe Ali](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-27

ISLAMABAD: The Ministry for Information Technology and Telecommunication (MoITT) has begun registering Cloud Service Providers (CSPs) to ensure that cloud services not only meet the required standards but also safeguard national and public data. The government has set strict "Accreditation Criteria" for the CSPs under the Pakistan Cloud Fir..... [more >>](#)

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IT & Telecom Policy & Regulations

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Mobile & Wireless Communication**48. Indus Cloud, Indus DC REIT, UBL forge strategic partnership to boost Pakistan's cloud, data infrastructure**

Source: [Press Release](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-02

Karachi - Indus Cloud Limited, Indus DC REIT, and UBL announced a landmark strategic partnership to develop and expand next-generation cloud computing and data center infrastructure across Pakistan. This collaboration marks a significant step toward strengthening the country's digital backbone and enabling secure, scalable, and locally hosted cloud services for enterprises and public sector [more >>](#)

49. Smarter phones, weaker bonds

Source: [Editorial](#), [The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-03

Almost two decades ago, the vortex of the world wide web was mostly limited to one smartphone per household, or perhaps a family computer. Access to the internet was much more tedious and largely a communal experience. But in the span of a fairly limited amount of time, devices have shrunk from shared household fixtures to personal accessories. Now, a smartphone alongside an Instagram account, a l..... [more >>](#)

50. Lawmakers decry slow internet in National Assembly, across country

Source: [Kalbe Ali](#), [Dawn, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-15

ISLAMABAD: Several members of the National Assembly on Thursday raised the issue of slow internet speed in the House as well as across the country, in the context of recent efforts to switch to a paperless working environment in parliament to enhance efficiency and reduce costs. Despite repeated requests by the NA chair, the majority of MNAs from all sides paid no attention to the implementation [more >>](#)

51. Digital domination

Source: [Naveed Razaqat Ahmad](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-05-24

W We have quietly crossed a line in digital payments. A few years ago, paying a fruit seller in Liberty Market or a tailor in Anarkali meant fishing notes from a wallet. Today, it often means scanning a QR code taped to the counter. The shop owner does not need a card machine. The customer does not need cash. A small QR printed square now does the job..... [more >>](#)

52. Mobile data eases to 9.01GB from March record, stays on growth track

Source: [Aimen Siddiqui](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-05-27

KARACHI: After hitting record highs in March, mobile data usage stabilised in April as network traffic returned to its normal seasonal rhythm, according to data released by the Pakistan Telecommunication Authority (PTA). Average data consumption per subscriber pulled back to 9.01GB in April 2026, down from a historic high of 9.71GB in March. Far from signalling a structural slowdown in digital ad..... [more >>](#)

Space Technology**53. The ecosystem of ambition**

Source: [Syed Asad Ali Shah](#), [The News, International](#), 2026-05-09

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54. Beyond borrowed skies

Source: [Editorial, The News, International](#) , 2026-05-04

Last month brought a rare and welcome moment of optimism: China's decision to include two Pakistani astronauts in its manned space programme. For a country more accustomed to crises than breakthroughs, this suggests that Pakistan's future need not be confined to terrestrial constraints. This milestone builds on a trajectory that has quietly gathered pace. In 2024, the lunar satellite I..... [more >>](#)

55. China launches three-crew space flight as part of Moon ambitions

Source: [AFP, The News, International](#) , 2026-05-25

BEIJING: China launched its Shenzhou-23 mission on Sunday, which will see a Chinese astronaut spend a full year in orbit for the first time, a crucial step in Beijing's ambition to send humans to the Moon by 2030. The Long March 2-F rocket blasted off in a cloud of flames and smoke on time at 11:08 pm (1508 GMT) from the Jiuquan launch centre in China's northwestern Gobi Desert, video..... [more >>](#)

Telecommunication Networks

56. PTCL warns of internet disruption during evenings from May 11-18

Source: [Web Desk, The Express Tribune, Islamabad](#) , 2026-05-10

Pakistan Telecommunication Company Limited (PTCL) announced on Sunday that customers may face internet service degradation during the evenings from May 11-18. In a post on X, the company said that maintenance activity was planned on one of its submarine cables to repair a fault by the International Cable Consortium. "Due to this maintenance, which will begin from tomorrow (Monday) and w..... [more >>](#)

57. Internet users may face 'degraded' connectivity: PTCL

Source: [News Desk, The News, International](#) , 2026-05-11

ISLAMABAD: Internet users of the Pakistan Telecommunication Company Limited (PTCL) across the country may experience slower connectivity as the company has announced scheduled maintenance work on a submarine cable from May 11 to 18. "A maintenance activity is planned on one of our Submarine cables to repair a fault by international cable consortium," the PTCL said in a social media po..... [more >>](#)

58. PTCL warns of week-long internet disruptions

Source: [Dawn Report, Dawn, Islamabad](#) , 2026-05-11

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59. Infrastructure Paradox

Source: [Editorial, The Nation, Islamabad](#) , 2026-05-16

The outcry from lawmakers regarding sluggish internet speeds, not only within the National Assembly but across the country, is an indictment of Pakistan's digital infrastructure. When the very individuals tasked with legislating the nation's future cannot maintain a stable connection to conduct official business, the systemic nature of the failure becomes impossible to ignore. The par..... [more >>](#)

60. Jazz World advances ESG leadership across its supply chain

Source: [Press Release](#), [The Nation, Islamabad](#), 2026-05-27

KARACHI - Reinforcing its commitment to responsible growth, long-term sustainability, and its Net-Zero 2050 ambition, Jazz World has recognized leading ecosystem partners for advancing Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) excellence across its supply chain. The initiative reflects JazzWorld's broader ESG transformation agenda, focused on strengthening sustainability integration across [more >>](#)

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