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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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Subjects Covered

- Pak-China Foreign Relations
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- Business, innovation & entrepreneurship
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### Belt and Road Initiative (BRI)

**EU’s ‘answer’ to BRI: Global Gateway**

The European Commission has set out the Global Gateway, a new European strategy to boost smart, clean and secure links in digital, energy and transport sectors and to strengthen health, education and research systems across the world. It is meant toofer to its partners major investments in infrastructure development around the world. In the time frame 2021 to 2027, the EU institutions and the.....  

### China & America trade conflict

**US-China: competing governance models**
**Source:** Dr Muhammad Ali Ehsan, *The Express Tribune, Islamabad*, 2022-01-02

This is a continuation of my previous article on US-China rivalry, but I can’t help and hold myself back and want to share a domestic news item first with the readers, simply because it reflects how two worlds — the American and the Chinese — showcase two entirely different governance models. The news item is that “JUI-F leader dares the Chief Justice and the Chief Minister.....  

### Energy, Environment & Climate Change

**Gwadar to get 3200 solar power generation units with Chinese help**
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### Pak-China Relations / Foreign Affairs

**Book on Sino-Pak friendship launched**
**Source:** INP, *The Nation, Islamabad*, 2022-01-04

ISLAMABAD - As part of the celebrations of the 70 years of Pakistan and China diplomatic relations, the Pakistani Embassy in Beijing has organized a book launch event titled “You and Us - II” written by Lu Shulin, China’s veteran diplomat and former Ambassador to Pakistan. According to Gwadar Pro, the book contains impressions of leading Pakistani and Chinese politicians, di.....
### Pakistan-China Friendship Farm
In a bid to ramp up efforts for enhanced agricultural cooperation between Pakistan and China under Phase-II of the golden CPEC project, another milestone progress has finally taken shape in the conceptual launch of Pakistan China Friendship Farm. After coming into existence, Pakistan China Friendship Farm has set the tone and fervency in Pakistan-China Agriculture cooperation. For the intangible ..... more >>

### China, Pakistan step up cooperation in water-saving agriculture
BEIJING: China, Pakistan step up cooperation in water-saving agriculture, China Economic Net (CEN) reported on Friday. In this connection, a 14-day online training course on water-saving agriculture for Pakistan kicked off. The training course is sponsored by Chinese Ministry of Commerce and organized by the international exchange center of Yangling Demonstration Zone, Shaanxi Province China. ..... more >>

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### Pak-China Friendship Hospital in Gwadar under CPEC to be completed by Dec 2022
Source: News Desk, The Nation, Islamabad, 2022-01-10
Quetta - Pak-China friendship hospital Gwadar China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) Project at a cost of 100 million US dollar will be completed in Dec 2022. Chinese government is financing the Pak-China Friendship Hospital being established over 68 acres of land which would be equipped with a modern medical facility for the people of the port city of Gwadar. The project has been proposed for i ..... more >>

### Chinese embassy distributes flood relief package in Gwadar
KARACHI: In the first week of January, Gwadar witnessed heavy precipitation which resulted in a flood like situation. Many houses were collapsed, lives of local populace threatened and property severely damaged. The Balochistan government announced state of emergency and Gwadar was declared a ‘Calamity-Hit District’. Chinese embassy, together with the Chinese enterprises in Gwadar ..... more >>

### PM to interact with private sector during China visit
Source: Mushtaq Ghumman, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-01-15
ISLAMABAD: As Prime Minister Imran Khan is bracing for a three-day official visit to China during the firstweek of February 2022, Prime Minister Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives and Board of Investment (BoI) have started interactions with other line ministries to finalize agenda of Premier’s meetings with Chinese leadership and pri ..... more >>
## Chinese cos help Pakistan cut cellphone imports

**Source:** [APP, Business Recorder, Islamabad], 2022-01-03

BEIJING: Chinese mobile phone manufacturing companies have played a crucial role in helping Pakistan bypass import of mobile phones in the year 2021. For the first time in the history of Pakistan, in 2021, the production of mobile phones by local manufacturing plants surpassed the imports of mobile phones, China Economic Net (CEN) reported on Sunday. According to official data, during Ja.... [more >>]

## PM Imran launches Pak-China Business Investment Forum

**Source:** [INP, The Nation, Islamabad], 2022-01-03

Prime Minister Imran Khan on Monday launched the Pak-China Business Investment Forum aimed at enhancing information exchange and promoting communication between businesses of the two countries, thereby opening up new avenues of cooperation. The forum consists of 18 Chinese and 19 Pakistani companies and its objective is to promote sustainable investment, export industry and development of moder..... [more >>]

## Pakistan-China Business Investment Forum launched; Exports now under increased focus, says PM

**Source:** [Zaheer Abbasi, Business Recorder, Islamabad], 2022-01-04

ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan said that the government has made necessary alignment for increasing the country’s exports and was moving towards industrialisation after dealing with crises. Addressing the Pak-China Business Investment Forum (PCBIF), the prime minister said the government has faced crises, one after another, as in the first year stabilisation and then Covid-19. Now..... [more >>]

## Investment Forum

**Source:** [Editorial, The Nation, Islamabad], 2022-01-04

PM Imran Khan just announced the launch of the Pak-China Business Investment Forum which is aimed at encouraging effective communication between corporations in both countries. Tackling the problem of tiresome investments and their slow materialisation in Pakistan, this forum has immense potential in transferring vital skills from professionals in China that will help boost business activity domes..... [more >>]

## PM Imran Khan launches Pak-China Business Investment Forum

**Source:** [Mateen Haider, The Nation, Islamabad], 2022-01-04

ISLAMABAD - Prime Minister Imran Khan Monday said that in Pakistan, focus on industrialisation had never been made a priority in the past and underlined that the industrial progress and exports were keys to a country’s progress and prosperity. He said that wealth creation of a country was impossible without industrial development. The prime minister was addressing a launching ceremony of ..... [more >>]

## ECC allows import of urea from China

**Source:** [Mubarak Zeb Khan | Kalbe Ali, Dawn, Islamabad], 2022-01-06

ISLAMABAD: The Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the cabinet on Wednesday approved import of 50,000 tonnes of urea from China on an immediate basis subject to clearance from the Pakistan Standards and Quality Control Authority. A meeting of the ECC presided over by Minister for Finance and Revenue Shaukat Tarin allowed the import on a government-to-government basis and tasked the Trading C..... [more >>]

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‘Green development’; SAPM Mansoor, others to discuss proposed pact with China today
ISLAMABAD: Special Assistance to the Prime Minister (SAPM) on China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) Khalid Mansoor will preside over a meeting on proposed three-year pact on promotion of investment cooperation in ‘green development’ between Pakistan and China on Thursday (today). The purpose of meeting is finalise the name of Ministry, which will sign the MoU with concerned Chin..... more >>

China’s love of pine nuts helps Afghan exporters
Source: xinhua, Daily Times, 2022-01-07
“I earn up to 1,000 Afghani a day, depending on my work,” said Samsoor, 28, who works for Zmarai Gayanwal Ltd., a pine nut processing and export company in Kabul. “I love my job and so we really need to export more to China. It’s the only way to increase our income and keep the plant operating,” said Samsoor. Established in 2015, Zmarai Gayanwal Ltd. now has over 10..... more >>

Import of urea from China allowed on G2G basis
Source: Zaheer Abbasi, Business Recorder, Islamabad, 2022-01-09
ISLAMABAD: In order to address the shortage of urea in Rabi Season 2021-22, a meeting of the Economic Coordination Committee (ECC) of the Cabinet has allowed the import of 50,000 metric tons of urea from China on government-to-government (G2G) basis after both bidders submitted regret letters. Sources said a summary was submitted by the Ministry of Industries and Production to the ECC for imp..... more >>

China-funded 1.2 MGD water plant to be set up at Gwadar
Source: INP, The Nation, Islamabad, 2022-01-13
ISLAMABAD - Reverse Osmosis Desalination (ROD) Plant having a capacity of 1.2 million gallon per day (MGD) will be set up at Gwadar with a Chinese grant of more than Rs2 billion to resolve the water shortage in the area. Federal cabinet has approved the 1.2 MGD ROD Plant for Gwadar which will be completed with the help of China. It is aimed at providing fresh potable water for the people of the..... more >>

Regional Integration under B&R + CPEC

Heroes of CPEC
Successful execution of CPEC projects is due to the untiring efforts from unsung heroes of CPEC who have put their hearts and souls into making it a reality. These men and women with their iron-clad hands are building a community with a shared future for mankind. With their hearts made of gold, creating a path for peace and progress in the world. Without a skillful, dedicated, and passionate team,...... more >>

Food and Agriculture Challenges
Source: Dr Shahid Raza, Daily Times, 2022-01-03
Pakistan is blessed with abundant natural resources, especially agricultural resources. Agriculture provides 16 per cent employment in the manufacturing sector and contributes 18.9 percent to GDP and absorbs 42.3 percent of the labour force. It is an important source of foreign exchange earnings and speeds up growth in other sectors of the economy. Pakistan is a major global player in agriculture ..... more >>
CPEC committee to be briefed about projects’ security on Thursday  
Source: Amir Wasim, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2022-01-04  
ISLAMABAD: An in-camera meeting of the Parliamentary Committee on China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is scheduled to be held on Thursday (Jan 6) to receive a briefing from military and civilian officials on security arrangements for CPEC projects. The Senate Secretariat has issued a one-point agenda for meeting of the 21-member committee, comprising members of the Senate and National Assembl..... more >>

PCBIF to enhance B2B ventures with China: Bol chairman  
ISLAMABAD: Prime Minister Imran Khan, on Monday, launched the Pak-China Business Investment Forum (PCBIF) aimed at enhancing information exchange and promoting communication between businesses of the two countries, thereby opening up new avenues of cooperation. Addressing the launching ceremony, Minister of State and Chairman Bol Azfar Ahsan said that the BOI is leading Phase-II of the CPEC, ..... more >>

China’s global development initiative  
President Xi at the 76th session of United Nations General Assembly announced the launch of Global Development Initiative (GDI). He proposed GDI by realizing the impacts of COVID-19, development needs of less developed countries and importance of green recovery amid the challenges of environmental degradation and climate change. President Xi Jinping tagged the goals of GDI with Sustainable Develop..... more >>

Pakistan, China satisfied with development of Gwadar Port, other projects  
ISLAMABAD: Pakistan and China showed satisfaction over steady progress on various projects related to development of Gwadar Port city and its inclusion for Afghan Transit Trade. According to official announcement made here Tuesday stating that the governments of Pakistan and China held meetings of the two Joint Working Groups on Gwadar and socio-economic development through video conferencing. ..... more >>

NTDC reveals flaws in transmission line project under CPEC  
Source: Khalid Hasnain, *Dawn, Islamabad*, 2022-01-05  
LAHORE: The National Transmission and Dispatch Company (NTDC) has revealed that the commercial operation of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor’s mega Matiari-Lahore Transmission Line Project it allowed to begin on Sept 1 last year was not in accordance with the Transmission Service Agreement (TSA). The all-important project was launched without carrying out the Capability Demonstration Te..... more >>

The fate of SEZs  
Source: Ahsan Munir, *The Nation, Islamabad*, 2022-01-05  
The first phase of CPEC had been all about developing infrastructure such as building roads and setting up power plants. Now, CPEC has entered its second phase, where special economic zones (SEZs) will be developed along the route. Four major SEZs have been initiated in the second phase—termed the industrialisation phase of CPEC. The four major SEZs are Rashakai SEZ in KP, Allama Iqbal Indus..... more >>

CPEC projects; China invested over $25bn, generated 75,000 jobs: envoy  
ISLAMABAD: Ambassador of China to Pakistan Nong Rong said China had invested over $25 billion in Pakistan on the CPEC projects generating 75,000 jobs, producing 5500kw of electricity, and building over 500 kilometres of roads and highways. The ambassador expressed these views, while addressing the launching ceremony of “All-Pakistan Chinese Enterprises Association (APCEA) Sustainable De..... more >>
CPEC investments top $25b: Chinese envoy
ISLAMABAD - Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan Nong Rong said yesterday the investments under the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor were more than $25 billion. Speaking at an event here organised by the Chinese embassy where the Pakistan-China Institute and All-Pakistan Chinese Enterprises Association launched the annual ‘APCEA Sustainable Development Report 2021,’ the envoy said China ..... more >>

Achievement of goals under CPEC linked to security
Source: Jamal Shahid, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-01-07
ISLAMABAD: A parliamentary committee on Thursday observed that the goals envisaged under the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) inevitably hinged upon the security of the mega project to boost the confidence of businesses and attract massive investments in Pakistan. “Ensuring robust security of CPEC is of vital importance. All the quarters concerned need to eliminate bottlenecks pertaining to it.” The committee ..... more >>

‘CPEC’s Phase II to initiate era of industrialisation in Pakistan’
Islamabad: Pakistan-China Institute (PCI) and All-Pakistan Chinese Enterprises Association (APCEA) launched the annual APCEA Sustainable Development Report 2021 during an event organised at the Chinese Embassy here. The event was attended by over 100 participants including the chief guest, Sadiq Sanjrani, Chairman Senate of Pakistan, Yang Jiandou, Chairman APCEA, Senator Mushahid..... more >>

Ownership of locals for CPEC vital to reap benefits: MPs body
Source: Fawad Yousafzai, The Nation, Islamabad, 2022-01-07
ISLAMABAD - Parliamentary Committee on China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) Thursday noted that the confidence of the local people over State institutions and their ownership for CPEC is mandatory to achieve the fruits of this flagship project and in this regard highlighted that SOPs for security personnel at various check-posts especially in Balochistan could be re-evaluated. The committee ..... more >>

Geo-economic strategic depth
Pakistan’s new narrative of geo-economics is facing the most crucial question: how to tackle geopolitics in the best possible way while keeping in view its geographical location. The country’s neighbour in the east has a bad record of human rights violations, denying the right to self-determination to Kashmiris and not conducting the UN-mandated plebiscite in Indian-occupied Kashmir. ..... more >>

COVID-19 slowed down CPEC implementation, says SAPM
Source: Khalid Mustafa, The Nation, Islamabad, 2022-01-10
ISLAMABAD: The CPEC projects have slowed down because of Covid-19 pandemic during the PTI government and now the authorities are in contact with their counterparts in China to expedite the projects and play their roles to complete the financial closures of some important projects. Prime Minister Imran Khan is also scheduled to visit Beijing in February apparently to attend the 2022 Winter Olymp..... more >>

SUPARCO launches web portal to monitor CPEC projects
Source: INP, The Nation, Islamabad, 2022-01-14
ISLAMABAD - Pakistan Space & Upper Atmosphere Research Commission (SUPARCO), together with the Planning Ministry, has developed a web portal and mobile application though which progress on various projects of the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) can be monitored. According to Gwadar Pro on Thursday, “SUPARCO has complemented this capability with an indigenously developed mobile..... more >>
Govt to hold int’l conference on CPEC significance soon: Khalid
Source: APP, The Nation, Islamabad, 2022-01-14
KARACHI - The fifth edition of Pakistan’s largest corporate event ‘The Future Summit’, organised by the Nutshell Group in collaboration with the Martin Dow Group, concluded at a local hotel yesterday in Karachi. Special Assistant to Prime Minister on CPEC Affairs, Khalid Mansoor, while addressing The Future Summit, said: “During the initial stage of CPEC, power was too e..... more >>

CPEC – a ray of hope for Pakistan
Source: Ali Haider, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-01-14
KARACHI: Terming China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) a jewel in the crown of Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), experts have emphasised that it carries the potential to transform the destiny of Pakistan for good. They were optimistic that the energy projects being implemented in Tharparkar district under CPEC would add another 3,500 megawatts to the national grid over the next six to nine month..... more >>

CPEC SEZs open to entire world: SAPM
KARACHI: Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) Affairs, Khalid Mansoor Thursday said that during the initial stage of the CPEC, power was too expensive because of the furnace oil cost, which could directly hit the country’s balance of payment position. Addressing the second day of “The Future Summit,” organized by the Nutshell Gro..... more >>

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Gwadar will replace Dubai, predicts SAPM on CPEC
KARACHI: Gwadar as a very attractive venue for investors from all over the world with the best master plan of Gwadar city, will replace Dubai in near future. Special Assistant to Prime Minister on CPEC Affairs and Minister of State, Khalid Mansoor in his briefing about the latest developments on China-Pakistan Economic Corridor projects at Pakistan Stock Exchange, on Friday said that water su..... more >>

Developing Gwadar Port
Source: Aiyza Javaid, The Nation, Islamabad, 2022-01-15
The Gwadar Port is viewed as a flagship project under the umbrella of the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) and the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). The development of Gwadar Port, located in Southwestern Pakistan is opening avenues for global prosperity and regional connectivity. China has been successfully implementing its own experience pertaining to the development of its coastal areas wh..... more >>
Research, Development & Capacity Building

China Study Centre inaugurated
Source: Our Correspondent, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-01-01
QUETTA: Governor Balochistan Syed Zahoor Ahmad Agha has said that Pakistan and China were reaching new heights in friendly relations, development of Gwadar Port and especially with the implementation mega project China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). He expressed these views while addressing at ceremony of inauguration of China Study Center (CSC) at Sardar Bahadur Khan Women's University ..... more >>

IMDC, Chinese varsity to collaborate in medical education
Source: Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-01-09
ISLAMABAD: Islamabad Medical and Dental College (IMDC) and Anhui Medical University (AHMU) China have entered into an agreement to initiate academic collaboration. According to a statement, IMDC Managing Director Yasser Khan Niazi and AHMU President Dr Cao Yun Xia signed the agreement on Friday. IMDC chairman and Dr Akbar Niazi Teaching Hospital (ANTH) owner Dr Gulam Akbar Khan Niazi inaugurated..... more >>

IMDC, Chinese university join hands for academic collaboration
Source: APP, The Nation, Islamabad, 2022-01-09
ISLAMABAD: The Islamabad Medical and Dental College (IMDC) of Pakistan and Anhui Medical University (AHMU) of Chinese province Hefei Anhui here on Saturday entered into an agreement to initiate academic collaboration. According to press statement issued here, Managing Director IMDC, Yasser Khan Niazi and President AHMU Dr. Cao Yun Xia signed the agreement on behalf of their respective organisation..... more >>

Collaboration with China to help in ginger cultivation
Source: China Economic Net, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-01-12
ISLAMABAD: Collaboration with Chinese scientists through the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) programme can help in successful cultivation of ginger in Pakistan. “A team of scientists including breeders, soil scientists, economists, etc should be funded to develop new ginger varieties suitable for the local environment,” said a Planning Commission report titled “Cluster ..... more >>

SDPI s Events

MoUs News

Pak, Turk NGOs join hands for research on education
Islamabad: Sustainable Development Policy Institute and ILKE Foundation for Science, Culture and Education, Istanbul, Turkey, have signed a formal Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to enhance cooperation for joint research, joint trainings for faculty and students, Internship and exchange programmes, and leadership development initiatives. The MoU was signed here by Dr. Abid Qayyum Suleri, Execu..... more >>

SDPI-ILKE Foundation Turkey Sign MoU For Joint Research & Development
Source: Staff Reporter, Daily Frontier Star, 2022-01-08
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Demystifying the mini-budget
The writer heads the Sustainable Development Policy Institute. The bad news is that the Finance (Supplementary) Bill 2021 (mini-budget) will increase prices, mainly of luxury items. The good news is that the impact of the general sales exemption withdrawal on the price hike will not be very significant, as claimed by many commenters. Before explaining how, let me give you some background. Most e.... more >>

Governing the Bank
The State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) Amendment Bill 2021 sailed through the National Assembly amidst the opposition's protest. Some of their suggestions were already incorporated in the bill when discussed in the National Assembly Standing Committee on Finance. Now dual nationals are barred from serving as SBP governors, and the governor would have to wait two years after leaving that position b..... more >>

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Broadening autonomy debate: SBP bill to help pave way for low inflation
ISLAMABAD: The proposed changes in the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) Amendment Bill have triggered a heated debate across the country while some experts, including one politician, have extended support for the objective of targeting inflation as the sole mandate of the central bank. Interestingly, Pakistan Muslim League (Nawaz) MNA Daniyal Aziz told The News on Tuesday that “after enactment ..... more >>

Amid global crisis, Pak economy shows resilience: Economic Experts
Source: APP, APP, 2022-01-05
ISLAMABAD, Jan 5 (APP): Despite several challenges on the internal and external fronts, the Pakistan Tehreek-i-Insaf (PTI) government has successfully managed to bring sustainability to macroeconomics as is indicated by the unprecedented resilience of economy during the past couple of years. Economic experts believe that the economy of Pakistan is resilient despite the economic shocks caused due t..... more >>

Govt, UNEP launch initiative for chemical, hazardous waste management
Islamabad: Minister of State for Climate Change Zartaj Gul Wazir on Thursday said the government was committed to protecting the people's health and environment from devastating impacts of chemicals and hazardous waste materials through their management along scientific lines. "The management of hazardous waste materials in improper and unscientific manner over the years in the country ..... more >>

Govt committed to protect public health, environment from impacts of chemicals: Zartaj
Source: APP, APP, 2022-01-07
ISLAMABAD, Jan 6 (APP): Minister of State for Climate Change Zartaj Gul Thursday said the incumbent government is committed to protect public health and environment from devastating impacts of toxic chemicals and hazardous waste materials through their management in scientific manner. Addressing a national event here, the state minister noted that management of hazardous waste materials in impor..... more >>
Efforts on to strengthen hazardous waste management: Zartaj Gul
Source: Staff Reporter, Dawn, Islamabad, 2022-01-07
ISLAMABAD: Efforts are underway for implementation of a project that has been planned to strengthen national capacity for chemical and hazardous waste management. Both the environment and people’s health must be protected from the impact of hazardous waste through creation of a proper channel to get rid of it. Minister of State for Climate Change Zartaj Gul said this on Thursday while speak..... more >>

Businessmen decry hurdles to trade
Source: Usman Hanif, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-01-07
KARACHI: Businessmen have said that Pakistan-Turkey cargo train has kick-started operations in a smooth manner, however, commercial banks are creating bottlenecks in the way of issuing export forms on the pretext that the trade route involves journey through a sanctioned country, ie Iran. In a statement on Thursday, Federation of Pakistan Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FPCCI) President Mian N..... more >>

PM asked to showcase economic progress
Source: Shahbaz Rana, The Express Tribune, Islamabad, 2022-01-07
ISLAMABAD: The members of the Prime Minister’s Economic Strategy Group on Thursday advised Imran Khan to set up a war room to build a positive narrative of the government on the economic front. The members suggested bringing improvement in media management amid prime minister’s dissatisfaction with the performance of the government’s representatives at the public platforms. So..... more >>

Pakistan received over $3 billion from expats in RDAs since September 2020
ISLAMABAD: Pakistan has received $3.16 billion in remittances from expatriates through the Roshan Digital Account (RDA) service since it was launched in September 2020, Arab News quoted the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) as saying. The RDA service was introduced by the central bank in collaboration with eight commercial banks across the country. The main objective of the service is to facilitate over..... more >>

Pak yet to fully capitalize on digital economy potential
Source: News Desk, Pakistan Observer, 2022-01-10
Leading economists urge the government to fast-track the process of digital financial inclusion in order to enhance tax revenue. Since its inception, Pakistan has been struggling for sustainable, durable economic growth due to its very low tax-to-GDP ratio, less volume of exports and other factors. The current position of tax revenue and exports is far below its real potential, as the tax to GDP..... more >>

ABID QAIYUM SULERI VISITS DIFFERENT INSTITUTES OF NARC
Source: DNA, Daily Islamabad Post, 2022-01-12
Islamabad, /DNA/ – Abid Qaiyum Suleri, Convener National Coordination Committee (NCC) on Agriculture Transformation Plan visited different institutes of National Agricultural Research Centre (NARC), Islamabad. Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali, Chairman, PARC given comprehensive briefing about Research finding of PARC and impact on Agriculture Productivity. He also highlighted the technologies develop..... more >>

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