

Dear Readers,

Our October 2016, newsletter provides glimpse of the interactive activities and events undertaken by our team to promote peace education and social accountability in Pakistan. We have made it our prime goal to bridge the gap between public and authorities, especially facilitating youth to strive for a sustainable development goals. Enjoy reading!

## Activities undertaken during the month

### Launching of Website of City District Government Peshawar: ([www.cdgpeshawar.gov.pk](http://www.cdgpeshawar.gov.pk))

The month of October kick-off with the launch of website of City District Government Peshawar. The website of local government of Peshawar is the initiative to ensure proactive disclosure of information to the public of Peshawar and across globe under Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Right to Information Act 2013. The website of local government of Peshawar is one of the major steps towards transparency and e-governance in Peshawar and aims to bridge the gaps between public offices and citizens' by disseminating information through web based system. The initiative was taken by the local government in collaboration with Sustainable Social Development Organization (SSDO) and U-Elect. Previously both the organizations have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with District Nazim of Peshawar to facilitate district government in website development, online procurement process, recruitment process, citizens Feedback mechanism, Local Government Connect and sharing of day to day information with citizens through the website.



Photo: A Glimpse of the launching event.

### Media Coverage:

- <http://dailytimes.com.pk/khyber-pakhtunkhwa/01-Sep-16/peshawar-city-govt-goes-online>
- <http://www.thefrontierpost.com/article/405461/district-govt-goes-online-for-local-development-facilitation-of-masses/>
- <http://www.thefrontierpost.com/article/411089/official-website-launched-by-city-district-government/>
- <http://www.brecorder.com/general-news/172/92231/>
- <http://www.dawn.com/news/1281271>

### Seminar on Existing Right to Information Laws and need for Legislation at Federal Level:

Sustainable Social Development Organization (SSDO) in collaboration with Rawalpindi Bar Association organized a seminar on Existing Right to Information Laws and need for Legislation at Federal level. The seminar was organized in District Bar Association hall and was attended by over 700 lawyers of Rawalpindi and Islamabad District Bar Associations, Punjab Bar Council and Rawalpindi High Court bar Association. The seminar was chaired by Federal Information Minister Senator Pervaiz Rasheed and was attended by Former Federal Minister for Interior Senator Rehman Malik, Senator Farhat ullah Baber, Member National Assembly Ali Muhammad Khan, Chairman Human Rights Commission of Pakistan Justice Ali Nawaz Chohan, Punjab Information Commissioner Mukhtar Ahmed Ali and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Information Commissioner Professor Kaleemullah Khan. The panelists and participants raised demand for immediate legislation of Right to Information law at Federal level. The Bar council gave deadline to information minister that the bill of Right to Information should be presented to national assembly within three months. Lawyers urged the government to make legislation otherwise lawyer's movement for Right to Information will be started.



Photo: A Glimpse of the event

### Media Coverage:

- <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/158316-Public-interest-not-national-securityshould-define-RTI-law-says-Babar>
- [http://www.ausaf.pk/wp-content/uploads/2016-10-19/news/detail\\_17.php](http://www.ausaf.pk/wp-content/uploads/2016-10-19/news/detail_17.php)
- [http://e.dunya.com.pk/detail.php?date=2016-10-19&edition=ISL&id=2677673\\_66646865](http://e.dunya.com.pk/detail.php?date=2016-10-19&edition=ISL&id=2677673_66646865)
- [http://e.jang.com.pk/10-19-2016/Pindi/pic.asp?picname=16\\_05.jpg](http://e.jang.com.pk/10-19-2016/Pindi/pic.asp?picname=16_05.jpg)
- <http://www.app.com.pk/federal-govt-urged-to-pass-right-to-information-law/>
- <https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/158289-Lawyers-civil-society-to-protest-if-RTI-not-presented-in-NA-in-three-months>

### Seminar on Humanitarian Crises in Occupied Kashmir and International Response

Sustainable Social Development Organization (SSDO) in collaboration of Kashmir Institute of International Relations (KIIR) organized a seminar on Humanitarian Crises in Occupied Kashmir and International Response. The seminar was attended by senior level parliamentarians including Senator Sherry Rehman (PPP), Senator Raja Zafar-ul-Haq (PMLN), Senator Shibli Faraz (PTI), Senator Rubina Khalid (PPP) and Speaker Azad Jamu & Kashmir Assembly Shah Ghulam Qadir and large number of civil society activists. The seminar addressed the issues of human rights violations in occupied Kashmir.



*Photo: A Glimpse of the event*

### **JawabDahi Mera Haq Campaign (Endorsements)**

Like previous months our campaign #JawabDahiMeraHaq (AccountabilityMyRight) is endorsed by number of senior civil society activists, media anchors and senior parliamentarians during the month of October 2016.