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Annual Environment Conference 2019

Provinces should assume responsibility to protect environment

52 companies win 16th Annual Environment Excellence Awards-2019

Report by Mustafa Tahir

The National Forum for Environment & Health (NFEH) in collaboration with its partner organizations have organized perfect day-long event to discuss threadbare serious environmental issues concerning Pakistan.

The NFEH collaborated with Environment Management Consultant, Sindh Environment Department, and other partner organizations to organize the Annual Environment Conference-2019.

The day-long moot was organized to discuss environmental challenges of the country in the context of the global issues of climate change.

At the conference, representatives of all the concerned stakeholders in the country, be it the representatives of industry, NGOs, or the regulator; were



Glimpse of Speakers at Annual Environment Conference 2019. From Left to Right Javed Jabbar Former Minister Information, Capt. Fahim uz Zaman Khan Former Administrator Karachi, Shams Ul Haq Memon, Nauman Khan NED, Syed Nadeem Arif CEO EMC & M. Naeem Qureshi President NFEH.



Group Photo of 16th AEEA Award Winners with Chief Guest Chief Secretary Sindh Mumtaz Ali Shah

AAEA 2019 Winners:

1. Abbott Laboratories Pakistan Limited
2. ASG Metals Limited
3. Artistic Denim Mills Limited
4. Archroma Pakistan Limited
5. Attock Refinery Limited
6. Bestway Cement Limited Chakwal
7. Bestway Cement Limited Farooqia
8. Bestway Cement Limited Hattar
9. Bestway Cement Limited Kallar Kahar
10. Byco Petroleum Pakistan Limited
11. Century Paper & Board Mills Limited
12. D.G.Khan Cement Company
13. Engro Fertilizers Limited
14. EFU General Insurance Company
15. Fatima Fertilizer Company Limited
16. Fatima Fert Limited Plant Site Shaikhupura
17. Fast Cables Limited
18. GSK Consumer Healthcare Pakistan
19. Habib Oil Mills Pvt Limited
20. Haleeb Foods Limited
21. Huaneng Shandong Ruyi Pakistan Energy Pvt Limited
22. Indus Motor Company Limited
23. Kot Addu Power Company Limited
24. K-Electric
25. KSB Pumps Company Limited
26. Liberty Mills Limited
27. Lotte Chemical Pakistan Limited
28. Lucky Cement Limited
29. Lucky Textile Mills Limited
30. Martin Dow Limited
31. Martin Dow Marker
32. Mal Pakistan Limited
33. Mondelez International Pakistan
34. Mughal Iron & Steel Industries Limited
35. Mustaqim Dyeing & Printing Industries
36. National Refinery Limited
37. Oil & Gas Development Company Ltd.
38. Pak-Arab Refinery Limited
39. Pakistan Accumulators (Pvt) Limited
40. Pakistan Cables Limited
41. Pfizer Pakistan Limited
42. Pharmevo (Pvt) Limited
43. Qarshi Industries (Pvt.) Limited
44. Quality Testing Services (Pvt) Limited
45. Roots School System
46. Security Papers Limited
47. Sindh Engro Coal Mining Company
48. Sui Southern Gas Company Limited
49. Thal Engineering Limited
50. The Aga Khan University Hospital
51. The Searle Company Limited
52. Uch Power (Pvt.) Limited

Tree Plantation Award Winners:

53. Samsons group of companies pvt ltd.
54. Archroma Pakistan Limited
55. Engro Fertilizers Limited
56. Abdullah Rafi Chairman Aladin Park
57. Saylani Welfare Trust



(From R to L) Chief Secretary Sindh Mumtaz Ali Shah, Dr. Mirza Ikhtiar Baig, Javed Jabbar, Capt. Fahim Zaman Khan, Adv Shahab Usto, M. Naeem Qureshi, Shams ul Haq Memon, Saquib Ejaz, Najia Arif, Amber Ali Bhai, Abdullah Rafi, Engr. Nadeem Ashraf, Junaid Makda, Kamal Amjad, Khalid Iqbal, Salman Mohiyuddin, Engr. Pervez Saidq and others speaking at the conference.

invited to discuss the issues of environmental degradation and climate change.

Towards the end of the conference, the occasion was befittingly utilized to duly recognize the companies and organizations, which during one last year took care of the environment in best of the manner through their exemplary corporate and industrial practices.

One of the most emphatic calls of the conference was that the provincial governments before wasting any more

time should assume their responsibilities pertaining to the protection of environment in the light of 18th Constitutional Amendment as there is no obstruction in the way of the provinces to do their part to contain the phenomenon of climate change.

This was one of the demands contained in the keynote address of Annual Environment Conference-2019 delivered by former Federal Information minister and noted scholar Javed Jabbar.

“The provinces should strengthen

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Glimpses of the Panelists

their institutions and provide resources to protect the environment in the light of the powers they gained after the 18th Constitutional Amendment. Nobody is stopping the provinces from doing so,”



Ms. Ruqiyah Naeem presenting shield to Secretary Sindh Mumtaz Ali Shah

said Jabbar on the occasion.

He said that the provinces had no choice other than to play this role in the light of the responsibilities passed on to them after the 18th Amendment. “There exists Environment Department in the provinces as it needs to be strengthened. Till now the situation is such that the ministry of Environment Department in the provinces is given to someone either as an act of punishment or charity as this trend needs to be changed,” he said.

The former federal minister said that provinces should enact more effective laws for serving the cause of the environmental protection in best of the manner.

Mr. Jabbar said that population welfare was another aspect whose responsibility should be assumed by the provinces in the light of their increased role

in governance.

He said that population growth rate had a direction relation with the situation of environmental degradation in terms of availability of resources, which are vital for human life.

“It would be grave oversight on the part of the authorities concerned if they are ignoring the impact of population on the environment,” he said.

He said that only 35 per cent of the married couple in Pakistan use contraceptives, which is way too less practice of population control methods as compared to much higher prevalence of contraceptives in the nearby countries of Iran, Turkey, and Bangladesh all having Muslim majority population.

“One should keep in mind that Paki-



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stan was one of the earliest countries in the Asian region, which adopted a population control policy in the decade of 1960s," he said.

Also speaking on the occasion, Prof Dr Noman Ahmed of Department of Architecture and Planning of the NED University of Engineering & Technology, mentioned a recent statement of Commissioner Karachi according to whom there were 1578 designated public parks in the city as nearly half of them were encroached.

He said that clearing these parks of encroachments was not an easy task as human settlements were involved in many of such instances whose eviction would cause a major social uproar.

He said that if in case all the proposed seven lines of the Bus Rapid Transit Service were built and made operational in Karachi then they would only cater to eight per cent passenger traffic that had to rely on commuter services daily in the



Group photo of Sponsors with Guest of Honour Dr. Mirza Ikhtiar Baig

Former Administer Karachi Captain Fahim Zaman Khan said the census of 1998 showed that there were just 300,000 four-wheelers in Karachi whose number had increased to 3.5 million in the census of 2017. Similarly there were 1.4 million

in the Himalayas, which feed to the Indus River as the melting of these glaciers had started fast due to the phenomenon of global warming.

He lamented that work on the K-IV bulk water project for Karachi had been stopped for last eight months as the design and cost of the scheme was being re-evaluated as in such a situation people of the city had to gravely suffer due to the shortage of the water resource.

Advocate Shahab Usto emphasized that Supreme Court-mandated commission on water and sanitation issues in Sindh should continue its work as projects initiated by it would go a long way in serving the cause of environmental conservation.

He said that the Water and Sanitation Commission had identified 750 points all over the province where sewage was being mixed with fresh water resource as 190 of them already been addressed.

He said that owing to the efforts of the Water Commission, industries of the province had given written undertakings to install pre-treatment effluent plants at their sites individually as earlier the Sindh Environmental Protection Agency had completely failed to discharge such responsibilities.

NFEH President Naeem Qureshi urged the provincial governments to empower their respective environmental protection agencies so that a cohesive nation-wide action could be initiated to tackle the damaging phenomenon of



Group photo of NFEH Team with Junaid Makda, President KCCI

city.

He said that a fresh city-wide plan should be adopted at the earliest so to tackle the ever exacerbating civic issues of Karachi in view of its depleting resources.

He said that Karachi had been once gifted with strong leaders in the pre-partition era who acted as mayors of the city. "The institutions of the city were also strong in that era, which is no more the case. Now Karachi lacks both strong leaders and municipal institutions," he said.

two-wheelers in Karachi whose number had increased to 3.1 million in 2017.

While the census of 1998 had showed that there were 22,000 public buses in Karachi whose number had decreased to 10,000 to 12,000 in the census of 2017.

Acting President of FPCCI Dr Mirza Ikhtiar Baig said that fuel mix being used in the country to generate electricity had been proving too costly for the national economy and also causing damage to the environment due to heavy reliance on conventional resources of energy.

He said that there were 5,000 glaciers

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climate change.

Addressing the concluding session of the event as its chief guest, Sindh Chief Secretary Mumtaz Ali Shah said that provincial governments of Pakistan were very much onboard in the efforts being done nationally and all over the world to address the issue of climate change.

He said that one instance of such efforts was that no development project sponsored by any of the provincial government could be launched without conducting its prior Environmental Impact Assessment Study.

He said that Sindh government would allocate maximum resources and do best of its efforts to ensure best environmental practices in all development projects being undertaken in the province.

Also on the occasion, Sindh Chief Secretary also awarded 16th Annual Environment Excellence Awards-2019 to some 52 companies and organizations for observing best environmental practices during one last year.

Other speakers of the event include KCCI President Junaid Makda, Amber Ali Bhai, Saquib Ejaz Hussain, Syed Nadeem Arif, Hasan Bakshi Chairman ABAD, Moazzam Ali Khan Environmentalist, Rafi ul Haq Ecologist, Sham ul Haq Memon, Zofeen T Ebrahim, Afia Salam, Khalid Iqbal, Ijaiz Hussain Khilji and others.



Ms. Ruqiyah Naeem presenting shield to President KCCI Junaid Makda

As many 52 companies and organizations were awarded the 16th Annual Environment Excellence Awards-2019 (AEEA-2019) here at a ceremony for their excellent performance in observing best environmental practices during one last year.

The awards' ceremony was organized by the National Forum for Environment and Health (NFEH).

Sindh Chief Secretary Mumtaz Ali Shah was the chief guest on the occasion who also gave away awards to the representatives of the successful companies.

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Former Sindh Environment secretary and consultant of Sindh Coastal Development Authority Shamsul Haq Memon served as head of the jury of the awards.

Khalid Iqbal, project head of AEEA-2019, on the occasion explained in detail stringent criteria used to select the award winners. ■

16th Annual Environment Excellence Awards 2019 Winners



ABBOTT LABORATORIES PAKISTAN LIMITED



ARCHROMA PAKISTAN LIMITED



ARTISTIC DENIM MILLS LIMITED



ASG METALS LIMITED



ATTOCK REFINERY LIMITED



BESTWAY CEMENT LIMITED

16th AEEA 2019 Winners



BESTWAY CEMENT LIMITED



BYCO PETROLEUM PAKISTAN LIMITED



CENTURY PAPER & BOARD MILLS LIMITED



DR ESSA LAB



ENGRO FERTILIZERS LIMITED



FAST CABLES LIMITED



FATIMA FERT LIMITED PLANT SITE SHAIKHUPURA



FATIMA FERTILIZER LIMITED



GSK CONSUMER HEALTHCARE PAKISTAN LIMITED



HABIB OIL MILLS PVT LIMITED



HALEEB FOODS LIMITED



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KOT ADDU POWER COMPANY LIMITED

16th AEEA 2019 Winners



KSB PUMPS COMPANY LIMITED



LIBERTY MILLS LIMITED



LUCKY TEXTILE MILLS LIMITED



LOTTE CHEMICAL PAKISTAN LIMITED



LUCKY CEMENT LIMITED



MARTIN DOW MARKER



MAL PAKISTAN LIMITED



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QUALITY TESTING SERVICES (PVT) LIMITED



SECURITY PAPERS LIMITED



SINDH ENGO COAL MINING COMPANY



SUI SOUTHERN GAS COMPANY LIMITED (SSGC)



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