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## SINDH HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

**T**he Sindh Human Rights Commission (SHRC) is dedicated to the promotion and protection of human rights across the Sindh province. The SHRC's mission is to ensure the implementation of human rights standards, provide redressal mechanisms for violations, and foster an environment where every individual's dignity is respected. The SHRC envisions a society where justice, equality, and respect for human rights are the foundation of a prosperous and inclusive community.

This newsletter aims to raise awareness about the training programs conducted by the SHRC. By highlighting these initiatives, we intend to engage our audience, report on our activities, and encourage collaborative efforts to enhance human rights protections in Sindh. The training programs are crucial for equipping various stakeholders with the knowledge and skills necessary to safeguard and promote human rights effectively.



# Chairperson's Message



**Mr. Iqbal Ahmed Detho**  
**Sindh Human Rights Commission (SHRC)**

This quarter, SHRC deepened its grassroots engagement—bridging institutional mechanisms with the lived realities of our most vulnerable communities. Through our sustained efforts to implement landmark legislation such as the Sindh Women Agricultural Workers Act and the Sindh Home-Based Workers Act, we are not only advocating policy reform, but ensuring that laws translate into protections on the ground.

We intensified our focus on police training, prison monitoring, child protection, and minority rights, conducting over a dozen capacity-building sessions and civil society consultations from Jacobabad to Kamber Shahdadt, and from Sanghar to Badin. Our efforts around birth registration, legal aid, and identity documentation for brick kiln workers have brought thousands of underserved citizens closer to the rights and services they deserve.

In a historic moment, we witnessed the launch of Sindh's first Model Police Station in Thatta, a concrete example of citizen-first justice and transparency in action. We also engaged directly with stakeholders on emerging challenges such as mental health, gender-based violence, and the alarming surge in child marriages and forced conversions. We continue to strengthen our institutional tools such as SOHRIS (State of Human Rights in Sindh), expand our partnerships with local governments, civil society, and the private sector, and advocate for justice where silence persists.

None of this would be possible without the resilience of communities we work with, the dedication of our team, and the collaboration of rights-based institutions and allies.

Human rights are not abstract ideals, but are lived realities that require vigilance, compassion, and action. SHRC will remain at the forefront, ensuring the state remains accountable to its people and committed to the principles enshrined in our Constitution.

**Iqbal Ahmed Detho**  
**Chairperson**  
**Sindh Human Rights Commission**

# April 2025

## SHRC's April 2025 Activities

### 1. Redefining Rural Labor: SHRC Champions Rights of Women Agricultural Workers

In a decisive step toward securing the rights of women agricultural workers, the Sindh Human Rights Commission (SHRC) convened a high-level stakeholders' consultation in compliance with the Sindh High Court's directive (C.P. No. D-6265 of 2024). The meeting was chaired by Chairperson Mr. Iqbal Ahmed Detho and brought together a focused panel of legal, labor, and civil society actors, including Barrister Sara Malkani, Mr. Rejhu Mal (Law Officer, Law Department), Mr. Naeem Mangi (Secretary, Sindh Minimum Wages Board), and representatives from Hari Welfare Association, NARI Foundation, and the Labour and Human Resources Department.

The session centered on the urgent need to revise the draft rules of the Sindh Women Agricultural Workers Act, 2019 to ensure they reflect the realities of Sindh's rural labor force. Discussions highlighted the necessity of:

- Broadening the definition of "worker" to explicitly include women in agriculture
- Enabling union formation and representation within rural labor communities
- Ensuring inclusion of agriculture in minimum wage notifications
- Aligning social security protections with labor registration frameworks, such as BISP and local government records
- Protecting vulnerable groups, including pregnant and home-based workers



The meeting concluded with a strong consensus to submit SHRC's recommendations to the Labour and Law Departments, where they will inform the finalization of the Act's implementation rules. Mr. Rejhu Mal confirmed that the suggestions would be incorporated into the revised draft, underscoring a shared commitment to ensuring gender equity, legal clarity, and dignity for Sindh's women agricultural workers.

## 2. Youth as Peacebuilders - Countering Extremism Through Education

On April 14, 2025, SHRC Chairperson Iqbal Ahmed Detho addressed a thought-provoking seminar at Jinnah Sindh Medical University (JSMU), as part of the Paigham-e-Pakistan initiative, focusing on preventing violent extremism in educational institutions.

Speaking to youth, academics, and religious scholars, Mr. Detho emphasized the human rights dimension of extremism and the pivotal role of youth in promoting inclusive, resilient societies. He underscored that education and community engagement are the strongest tools in dismantling hate-based ideologies.

Keynote speakers, including Prof. Dr. Muhammad Zia ul Haq and Dr. Rustam Khan, enriched the dialogue, making this event a powerful platform for nurturing tolerance, interfaith understanding, and civic responsibility among the next generation.



## 3. Suo Moto Notice: SHRC Responds to Targeted Killing of Ahmadi Citizen

In a deeply distressing development, Mr. Laeeq Cheema, a member of the Ahmadiyya community, was murdered in Saddar, Karachi. SHRC swiftly took suo moto notice under its mandate, with Chairperson Iqbal Ahmed Detho urging DIG Raza to ensure an impartial, senior-level investigation focused on accountability and swift justice.

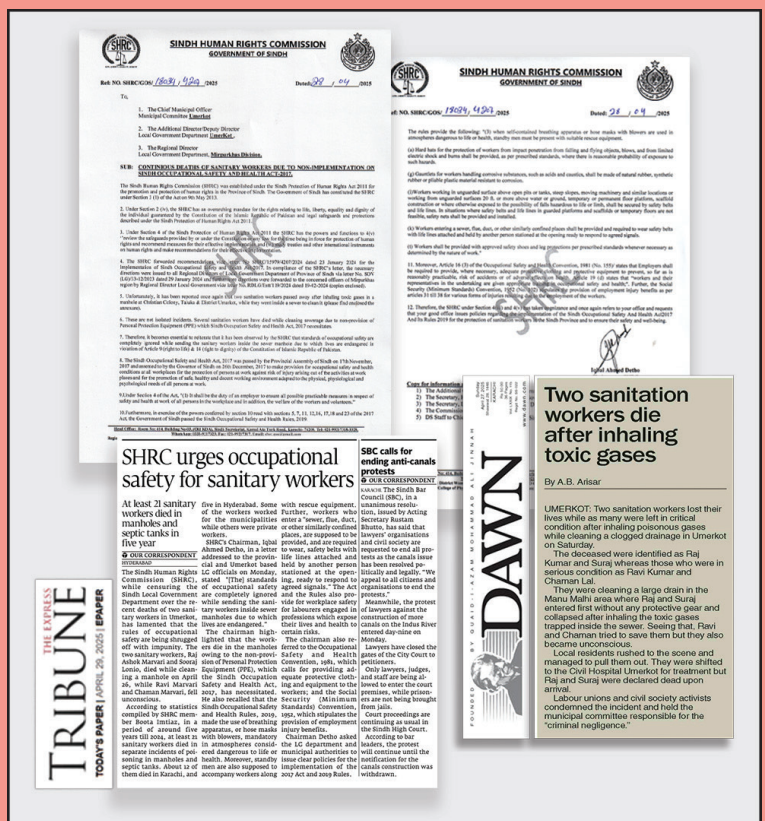
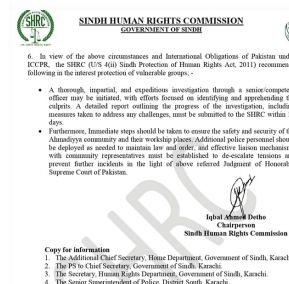
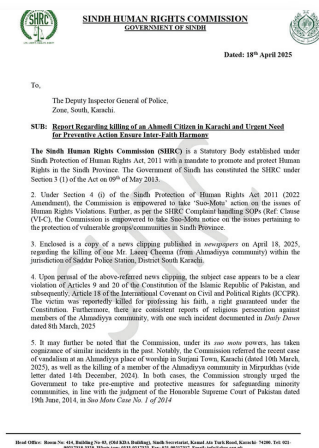
The Commission strongly condemned the act as an assault on religious freedom and interfaith harmony, reaffirming its commitment to upholding Article 9 (Right to Life) and Article 20 (Freedom of Religion) of Pakistan's Constitution.



# 4. Sanitation Worker Tragedy in Umerkot - SHRC Demands Action on Occupational Safety

SHRC expressed grave concern over the deaths of sanitation workers in Umerkot, who died after inhaling toxic gases while cleaning a clogged drainage line. The tragic incident, attributed to the non-implementation of the Sindh Occupational Safety and Health Act, 2017, prompted SHRC to take formal cognizance under Section 4(iii) and 4(v) of its mandate.

The Commission issued letters to municipal and local government authorities, urging the urgent enforcement of safety protocols and rules (2019) to prevent further loss of life. SHRC continues to push for policy-level reforms, training, and the provision of protective equipment for frontline workers—affirming that no one should lose their life earning a living.



## 5. SHRC Convenes Second Review Meeting on Women Agricultural Workers Act

Following the momentum of its first consultation, the Sindh Human Rights Commission (SHRC) convened the second stakeholders' meeting to further refine the draft rules of the Sindh Women Agricultural Workers Act, 2019.

The meeting was chaired by SHRC Chairperson Mr. Iqbal Ahmed Detho and co-chaired by Mr. Akram Ali Khawaja, Secretary of the Human Rights Department, Government of Sindh.

This critical forum brought together a diverse panel of legal experts, government officials, and civil society representatives, reflecting a shared commitment to institutionalizing protections for women in Sindh's agricultural workforce.

Key participants included Judicial Members Mr. Arshad Noor Khan and Mir Safdar Hussain (SHRC), Mr. Ghulam Murtaza Memon (Special Secretary Law Department), Ms. Ambreen Kamil (SESSI), Mr. Naeem Mangi (Sindh Minimum Wages Board), and voices from departments of Women Development, Local Government, Labour, Agriculture, and Social Protection, as well as NARI Foundation and Awaz CDS-Pakistan.



As Sindh becomes the first province in Pakistan to legislate specifically for women agricultural workers, discussions addressed:

- Fair wage guarantees and sector-wide minimum wage enforcement
- Access to healthcare and social security benefits
- Protection from workplace harassment
- Representation in decision-making processes
- Legal alignment with other labor and social protection laws
- Training, leadership development, and union participation

Stakeholders emphasized the need to embed the Act within a broader ecosystem of labor courts, safety nets, and community-based accountability, ensuring real impact beyond paper reforms.



# May 2025

## SHRC's May 2025 Activities

### May 1: Advancing Child Protection and Nutrition Rights: SHRC at the Forefront

**Advancing Child Protection and Nutrition Rights: SHRC at the Forefront** In a dedicated meeting on Child Protection and Nutrition convened by the District South Human Rights Committee, Ms. Fareeda Tahir, Public Relations Officer of the Sindh Human Rights Commission (SHRC), reaffirmed the Commission's growing leadership in safeguarding children's rights across Sindh. She emphasized SHRC's ongoing mission to ensure that every child is protected, valued, and provided with the opportunity to thrive.

Ms. Tahir also shared SHRC's active engagement in a nutrition-centered event hosted by a local civil society organization, where the Commission strongly advocated for recognizing nutrition as a core human right. The session drew attention to the critical importance of equitable access to maternal healthcare, child nutrition, and essential health services, especially for underserved communities.

Underscoring the vital role of civil society, she called for greater collaboration between public institutions and grassroots actors.





## May 9: Human Rights Awareness Among Youth at Hamdard University



In an effort to inspire the next generation of human rights defenders, SHRC participated in an awareness session titled "Empowering Students: Awareness on UDHR & Fundamental Rights," hosted at Hamdard University, Karachi, by the Human Rights Department, Government of Sindh.

Chairperson Mr. Detho, in his keynote address, encouraged students to see themselves not only as beneficiaries of rights but as active custodians of justice in society. He highlighted the enduring relevance of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) and how Pakistan's Constitution enshrines freedoms, equality, and dignity for every citizen.

Interactive discussions and student-led Q&A sessions created an engaging, reflective environment—one that underscored the importance of embedding human rights education into academic life.

## May 13: Progress on Sindh Human Rights Policy Reviewed

The Provincial Steering Committee meeting on the Sindh Human Rights Policy was convened under the leadership of Mr. Rajvir Singh Sodha, Special Assistant to the CM on Human Rights.

Attended by Chairperson SHRC, Secretary Human Rights Department Mr. Akram Ali Khawaja, Director Agha Fakhar, TIC Coordinator Mr. Jamil Junejo, and SHRC Member Ms. Rida Tahir, the meeting focused on evaluating progress and charting a path forward.

The session reflected SHRC's role as both a policy implementer and watchdog. As a symbolic gesture, participants concluded the meeting with a cake-cutting ceremony honoring the Pakistani Armed Forces, acknowledging their role in national security and protection of constitutional rights.



# May 14: Human Rights Inspection and Community Dialogue in Kashmore-Kandhkot

## Visit to Judicial Lockup - Kandhkot

Chairperson Mr. Iqbal Ahmed Detho and Judicial Member Mr. Mir Safdar Talpur visited the Judicial Lockup in Kandhkot, accompanied by Assistant Commissioner Mr. Ali Raza Shah and Jailor Mr. Hizbullah Malik.

Though the facility held only three detainees and operations appeared orderly, a complete lack of electricity was observed—raising concerns about ventilation, lighting, and human dignity. SHRC strongly recommended the installation of a solar-powered backup system, with local officials agreeing to take immediate action.



## Inspection of Taluka Headquarter Hospital

The SHRC team also inspected THQ Hospital, Kandhkot, where they uncovered serious deficiencies in healthcare services:

- Overcrowded OPD and lack of seating
- Shortage of specialist doctors
- Poor sanitation and waste disposal
- Limited access to clean drinking water
- Deteriorating infrastructure and lack of medicines

Urgent improvements were recommended, and hospital administrators committed to addressing these issues with higher health authorities.



## Seminar on Human Rights Issues in the District

Later the same day, SHRC hosted a district-level seminar that brought together over 60 community members, including women, minorities, and civil society representatives. Participants voiced pressing concerns:

- Barriers to justice for marginalized groups
- Administrative lapses and corruption
- Gender discrimination and inadequate health/education access

Mr. Detho assured attendees that SHRC would escalate these issues and continue its district monitoring efforts to ensure rights are not only recognized, but realized. Judicial Member Talpur reiterated SHRC's commitment to community-based solutions and direct feedback mechanisms.





# May 16: Criminal Justice Coordination in Shikarpur

At the Criminal Justice Coordination Committee (CJCC) meeting in Shikarpur, SHRC was invited as a special guest by the District & Sessions Judge. Chairperson Mr. Detho and Judicial Member Mr. Talpur joined police officials, prosecutors, and service providers for a multi-sectoral dialogue on justice delivery.

Mr. Detho raised critical issues, including:

- Establishing Women and Children Police Stations
- Improved forensic capabilities and digital evidence handling
- Need for training in gender-sensitive investigation protocols
- Activation of Special Sexual Offence Units under the Anti-Rape Act
- Operational challenges of Safe Houses and legal aid funds

The session concluded with a renewed resolve to coordinate efforts between law enforcement, judiciary, and social services, enabling better support for survivors and detainees.



## 16 May: Health Rights in Crisis - SHRC Visits Taluka Hospital Lakhi Ghulam Shah

Amidst record-breaking temperatures of 51°C, SHRC Chairperson Mr. Iqbal Ahmed Detho, accompanied by Judicial Member Mr. Mir Safdar Talpur, conducted an inspection of Taluka Hospital Lakhi Ghulam Shah in District Shikarpur.



The conditions were deeply concerning. Power outages left wards without ventilation, with patients and attendants using handmade fans to cope with the heat. The lack of clean drinking water, unsanitary environment, and non-functional infrastructure added to the distress.

The delegation found a severe shortage of specialist doctors, no radiologist, and an insufficient supply of essential medicines. Mr. Detho expressed grave concern over these systemic gaps and recommended immediate solar energy installations, improved resource allocations, and urgent recruitment of medical staff.



# 17 May: Seminar in Sukkur - Listening to the People, Responding to Realities

In a dynamic community dialogue held in Sukkur, SHRC hosted a seminar titled “Grassroots Socio-Economic Issues & Human Rights Challenges”, chaired by Mr. Iqbal Ahmed Detho and Judicial Member Mr. Talpur.

Attended by over 45 participants, including civil society activists, minority representatives, human rights defenders, and media, the seminar offered an open platform to surface deep-rooted challenges faced by marginalized populations.

## Concerns raised included:

- Gender-based violence and child marriage
- Discrimination against women and minorities
- Inadequate schooling and medicine shortages
- Police abuse, illegal detentions, and child/bonded labor
- Environmental degradation and denial of inheritance rights
- Use of illegal jirga systems that undermine formal justice



Chairperson Detho reaffirmed SHRC's dedication to **institutional advocacy, monitoring, and legal reform**, referencing SHRC's efforts to:

- Establish Women & Children Police Stations
- Recommend creation of Remand Homes and Old Age Homes
- Monitor health and education institutions
- Push for enforcement of laws protecting women agricultural workers

Judicial Member Mr. Talpur emphasized the Commission's commitment to follow through on community concerns, with continued field presence and legal support. The event closed on a strong note of solidarity, collective responsibility, and a shared pursuit of justice.

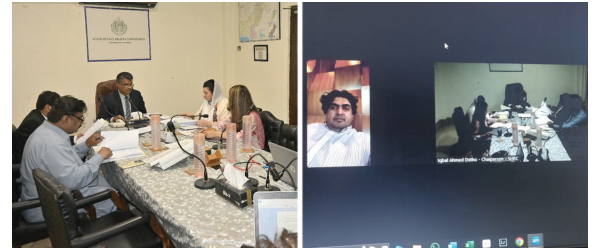


# 19 May: SHRC Board Meeting - Aligning Strategy with Ground Realities

The SHRC Board Meeting was held under the chairmanship of Mr. Iqbal Ahmed, bringing together Judicial Member-I Mr. Mir Safdar Talpur, MPAs Mr. Sheeraz Shaukat Rajpar and Ms. Arooba Rabbani, Deputy Secretary (Admn) Mr. Nazeer Ahmed Khaskheli, and SHRC Member (Business & Human Rights) Ms. Rida Tahir. Key discussions focused on:

- Strengthening field-based monitoring
- Institutional accountability
- Enhanced interdepartmental coordination
- Commission's visibility and responsiveness across Sindh

The Board reaffirmed its strategic goal of making human rights a lived reality, not merely a legal promise.



## 21 May: Promoting Women's Economic Rights through Land and Business Reforms

As part of the GRASP project, the Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF) organized a multi-stakeholder seminar to empower women in agriculture and entrepreneurship, particularly in horticulture and livestock sectors. SHRC Chairperson Iqbal Ahmed Detho and Member (Business & Human Rights) Ms. Rida Tahir were key contributors.

Mr. Detho delivered a compelling talk on "The Role of Land and Property Rights in Empowering Women Entrepreneurs." He stressed that secure access to land directly enhances women's decision-making power, improves household resilience, and creates economic independence—a cornerstone of human dignity.

Ms. Rida Tahir emphasized the importance of applying human rights principles in business practices. She called for:

- Inclusive financial policies
- Better access to credit
- Stronger institutional support for women-led enterprises





# 24 May: Elevating Trans Voices - Business and Human Rights Consultation with the Transgender Community

In a landmark initiative, the Sindh Human Rights Commission (SHRC) hosted a consultation focused on the business-related human rights of transgender persons in Sindh, chaired by Chairperson Mr. Iqbal Ahmed Detho.

This inclusive forum welcomed transgender community leaders, government officials, and development partners for a bold and necessary dialogue on economic barriers, identity challenges, and systemic discrimination faced by transgender individuals in business and employment.

Barrister Rida Tahir, SHRC Member (Business and Human Rights), delivered an in-depth presentation on the legal protections available under Sindh and Pakistan's legal frameworks, drawing attention to:

- Discrimination in formal employment
- Hurdles in registering businesses
- Access issues within legal identity systems
- Exclusion from social and public services

Key community leaders such as Ms. Kami Ch, Ms. Aaradhya, Ms. Bebo, Ms. Zehrish, and Ms. Masooma shared lived experiences, underscoring the urgent need for inclusion, access, and legal enforcement.



Representatives from NADRA, UNDP, Human Rights Department, and the Sindh Assembly lent their voices to the call for gender-diverse legal reform, community-led implementation mechanisms, and targeted economic protections.





## 27 May: SHRC Holds Special Board Meeting

At the requisition of its members, SHRC convened a Special Board Meeting at its Karachi office. Chairperson Mr. Iqbal Ahmed Detho presided over the session with participation from Judicial Member Mr. Mir Safdar Talpur, MPAs Barrister Sheeraz Rajpar and Ms. Arooba Rabbani, Barrister Rida Tahir, and Additional Secretary Human Rights Department Mr. Jamal Yousuf.

Key agenda items included:

- Strengthening internal governance frameworks
- Enhancing inter-member collaboration
- Setting the roadmap for upcoming advocacy and policy actions

The meeting reflected SHRC's commitment to transparent, accountable, and responsive governance, both internally and externally.



## 28 May: Training Human Rights Defenders - Regional Workshop in Sukkur

SHRC organized a Capacity Building Workshop for Human Rights Defenders (HRDs) at its Sukkur Regional Office, bringing together activists, journalists, lawyers, and social workers from across the district.

Chairperson Mr. Detho emphasized the importance of legal literacy, institutional linkages, and grassroots advocacy to protect the defenders of human rights. He urged HRDs to collaborate with state institutions to bring structural reform and deliver justice where it's most needed.



Commissioner Sukkur Mr. Fayaz Hussain Abbasi endorsed SHRC's field presence and highlighted the need for women and children police stations and shelter homes for the elderly.

Barrister Aashir and Kashif Siddiqui conducted technical sessions on:

- Juvenile justice
- Domestic violence laws
- Referral and redress mechanisms
- Strategic advocacy planning



This training reaffirmed SHRC's commitment to grassroots empowerment through education and protection of human rights defenders.

## 29 May: Mapping Human Rights Mechanisms Across Sindh - A Multi-Stakeholder Consultation

In a major step toward institutional reform, SHRC held a consultation in Karachi to begin mapping the existing human rights infrastructure across Sindh.

**The objective:** identify service gaps, align inter-departmental efforts, and build an accessible, people-first protection network.

Barrister Rida Tahir led the session, presenting legal pathways to protection and aid, while highlighting the fragmented nature of existing services.



Chairperson Mr. Detho, joining virtually, called for activating the Rs. 440 million legal aid fund, stressing the need to connect government support with community needs.

Participants included representatives from:

- Social Welfare, Minorities, Women Development, Home, and Human Rights Departments
- Civil society organizations such as SPARC, PILER, PLUS, and Sindh Women Lawyers Alliance



The event laid the groundwork for a first-of-its-kind institutional map, which will serve as a planning tool for more cohesive, inclusive, and coordinated human rights governance in Sindh.



# 30 May: Steering Committee Advances Business and Human Rights Agenda



At the Third Meeting of the Provincial Steering Committee on Business and Human Rights, SHRC Member Barrister Rida Tahir represented the Commission with key recommendations on grassroots implementation and financial accountability.

Chaired by Mr. Rajvir Singh Sodha, the meeting focused on ensuring that the National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights doesn't remain a document of aspiration—but becomes a tool for real change.

Barrister Tahir underscored:

- The systemic exclusion of women and children from safe labor practices
- The lack of access to remedy in economic abuses
- The need for public-private compliance mechanisms and transparency in business

SHRC's participation reiterated its cross-cutting approach to labor rights, economic equity, and legal access, especially for the most marginalized.

# June 2025

## SHRC's June 2025 Activities

### 1 June - Human Rights Training for Police Officials in Jacobabad

SHRC launched the month with a focused training session in Jacobabad on "Capacity Building of Police Officials in Human Rights Education". Over 30 police officers—including SHOs, SIOs, ASIs, and WHCs—participated in a comprehensive training on contemporary human rights laws, especially those protecting women and children.

Barrister Aashir Masood Mahar led core sessions covering:

- The Juvenile Justice System Act, 2018
- The Anti-Rape (Investigation and Trial) Act, 2021
- Penal Code provisions on rape, child abuse, and domestic violence

Advocate Mohsin Shaikh facilitated a dynamic Q&A session, and Advocate Zubeda Jakhrani discussed workplace harassment and support mechanisms for domestic violence survivors.

The distinguished Member of the SHRC and celebrated Pakistani actor Ayub Khoso attended the ceremony as the Chief Guest. In his speech, he passionately highlighted the urgent importance of developing a police force in Sindh that is grounded in integrity, actively engaged with local communities, and focused on meaningful, long-term reforms.

Every participant was awarded a certificate in recognition of their valuable involvement, and the formal proceedings concluded with group photographs to commemorate the occasion, followed by a well-organized lunch. This successful event marked yet another significant achievement in SHRC's ongoing mission to cultivate a culture within law enforcement that is both well-informed and deeply rooted in respect for human rights.





## 2 June - SHRC Expands Human Rights Training to Sukkur Police

Continuing the police education drive, SHRC organized a similar training at the SSP Office Sukkur, attended by Chairperson Mr. Iqbal Ahmed Detho, AIGP Shahla Qureshi, SSP Azhar Mughal, and District Council Chairman Syed Kumail Hyder Shah.

The sessions reiterated the need to establish:

- Remand homes
- Women and Children Police Stations
- Shelter homes for senior citizens in Sukkur

Barrister Aashir Masood Mahar led sessions on juvenile justice, child marriage laws, trafficking, and gender-based violence, while AIGP Qureshi called for tighter coordination with GBV services and trauma-informed approaches.

The event concluded with strong inter-departmental commitments and certificate distribution to the participating officers.



## 3 June - Bridging Gaps for Home-Based Women Workers

Despite the Sindh Home-Based Workers Act, 2018, many women remain without legal protection or visibility in the workforce. To address this gap, SHRC and Bhattai Social Watch & Advocacy (BSWA) held a key consultation in Sukkur focused on implementation.



Speakers including **Abdullah Dayo (FES)** and **AIGP Shahla Qureshi** emphasized:

- Integration of GBV response mechanisms like Anti-Rape Cells
- Survivor-centered support systems
- Registration and legal recognition of home-based women workers (HBWWs)

Chairperson **Mr. Iqbal Detho** proposed bold action steps:

- Launching an Endowment Seed Fund in Sukkur for HBWW registration
- Convening a multi-stakeholder policy dialogue
- Strengthening coordination with SESSI, Labour Department, and civil society
- Promoting women's craft work via digital and government-supported platforms

The session reinforced SHRC's role in ensuring the law transitions from paper to protection for women workers.

## 4 June - Eid Joy at Sweet Home Sukkur

In a moment of heartfelt celebration, Chairperson SHRC Mr. Iqbal Ahmed Detho joined children at Sweet Home Sukkur for an Eid Gift and Clothes Distribution Ceremony.

Amid cheerful faces and shared laughter, Mr. Detho commended the organizers for creating joy and dignity for children in state care. The event symbolized SHRC's ongoing commitment to supporting institutions that protect and uplift the most vulnerable segments of society.



## 5 June - Strengthening GBV Response through Multi-Sectoral Coordination



SHRC participated in the Technical Working Group (TWG-III) on the Operationalization of Special Sexual Offences Investigation Units (SSOUIs), chaired by DIG Amir Farooqi and organized by Legal Aid Society, UNFPA Pakistan, and Pathfinder International.

Representing SHRC, Chairperson Iqbal Detho made critical recommendations, including:

- Increasing trained female IOs and constables for survivor-sensitive investigations
- Institutionalizing trauma-informed training frameworks
- Creating a standardized inter-agency GBV data management system

The TWG called for faster, safer, and more survivor-focused responses across Sindh, and SHRC's contributions added weight to the conversation around multi-sectoral reforms and data-led accountability.



# 5 June - Advancing the Right to Food and Nutrition in Sindh

In collaboration with the NARI Foundation, the Sindh Human Rights Commission hosted a pivotal consultation focused on nutrition, food security, and the right to food, especially for women and children in underserved regions.

The session, held in Sukkur, was graced by Mr. Rajvir Singh Sodha, Special Assistant to the Chief Minister on Human Rights, who reaffirmed the provincial government's commitment to aligning food security with fundamental rights.

Chairperson Mr. Iqbal Ahmed Detho emphasized grassroots implementation, recommending that District Health Officers (DHOs) spearhead nutrition awareness campaigns at Taluka and Union Council levels. He also called for:

- A proactive role by the Standing Committee on Health
- Enforcement of the Sindh Breast-Feeding and Young Child Nutrition Act, 2023
- Integration of SHRC's work with local civil society and NGOs



He reiterated SHRC's commitment not only to complaint redressal but also legislative review and constitutional alignment, referencing Article 38(d) and international commitments under the Geneva Conventions.

# 10 June - Inspection of Remand Home and Women Prison in Karachi

SHRC Chairperson Mr. Iqbal Ahmed Detho, alongside his team, visited the Youthful Offenders Industrial School (YOIS) and Women's Jail Karachi to assess prison conditions and rights-based compliance.

## Key Observations:

- 194 women inmates, including 5 foreign nationals, are currently held
- Critical gaps were identified in ventilation, sanitation, sleeping arrangements, and recreation facilities
- The remand section was in fair condition but in need of systemic upgrades

## Legal Aid & Rights Training:

- Mr. Detho pledged SHRC's legal aid support to under-trial prisoners unable to afford counsel
- SHRC will also coordinate with the Home Department for the repatriation of foreign inmates
- Prison staff were invited to attend rights-based training programs at the Sindh Judicial Academy and Saeedabad Police Training Centre



In a compassionate gesture ahead of Eid, SHRC distributed books and new clothes to women inmates—bringing moments of dignity and inclusion to often overlooked voices within the justice system.



# 11 June - Human Rights Education for Future Civil Servants



Chairperson **Iqbal Ahmed Detho** delivered a keynote lecture on "Human Rights and Challenges for the Public Sector" during the 8th Civil Services Training Program (CSTP) for PMS probationers.

Organized by the Training Management & Research Wing (SGA&CD), the session was attended by 28 probationers (20 male, 8 female) and introduced by Mr. Abdul Waheed Shaikh (ACS), Secretary of the Sindh Civil Service Academy.

## Core Themes Addressed:

- Fundamental concepts of human rights, national and international frameworks
- The Sindh Human Rights Protection Act (2011), SHRC's mandate, and the Sindh Human Rights Policy (2023-2026)
- Treaty Implementation Cell, SDG linkages, and special laws
- Provincial enforcement challenges, particularly in gender equality, child protection, and business and human rights

Mr. Iqbal Ahmed Detho stressed the importance of building rights-respecting governance structures and encouraged officers to prioritize equity, inclusion, and access to justice in their administrative roles.

# 13 June - World Day Against Child Labour: SHRC Leads the Call to Action

In commemoration of the World Day Against Child Labour (June 12), the Sindh Human Rights Commission (SHRC) organized a high-level consultation in Karachi to bring urgent attention to the widespread issues of child domestic labour (CDL) and bonded child labour in Sindh.

The session convened child rights advocates, trade unions, civil society, and senior officials, fostering a strong, rights-based dialogue around ending child exploitation.

## Key Outcomes & Recommendations:

- Raise the minimum employment age to align with Article 25-A of the Constitution (ages 5-16)
- Amend Article 11(3) and Section 374 of PPC to recognize CDL as slavery and forced labour
- Ratify ILO Convention 189 to protect domestic workers
- Establish child protection centers in all Sindh districts
- Set up community-based child labour reporting systems
- Train police, labour, and social welfare officers on child trafficking and protection laws
- Launch financial and social safety schemes for children at risk



The event ended with a call for stronger public awareness, enhanced institutional accountability, and media partnerships to dismantle the normalization of child labour.

# 14 June - Human Rights Education for Police Officials in Kamber Shahdadt



The SHRC organized a dedicated police training session at the Deputy Commissioner's Office, Kamber Shahdadt, focused on rights-based policing and gender-sensitive law enforcement.

With attendance from senior police officers, investigation officers, and field personnel, the training covered:

- Juvenile Justice System Act 2018
- Anti-Rape (Investigation and Trial) Act 2021
- Laws on child abuse, domestic violence, and child marriage



Chairperson Mr. Iqbal Ahmed Detho delivered an interactive session on the Sindh Child Marriage Restraint Act, highlighting gaps in enforcement and advocating for trauma-informed interventions.

Mr. Imran Gohar, Additional Deputy Commissioner-II, and Deputy Commissioner Mr. Imdad Ali Abro joined the session and lauded SHRC's proactive approach.

The training concluded with certificate distribution and a joint call to institutionalize human rights modules in regular police training curricula.

# 14 June - Interfaith Unity and Minority Rights Take Center Stage in Larkana

The Minorities' Convention, hosted by Rwadari Tehreek in Larkana, was a vibrant gathering of interfaith solidarity. Leaders and participants from Christian, Hindu, Sikh, Bheel, Baghri, and Muslim communities convened to advocate for religious freedom, tolerance, and constitutional equality.

Chairperson Iqbal Ahmed Detho of SHRC delivered a powerful address highlighting key issues:

- Discrimination in education and employment
- Forced conversions and underage marriages
- Insecurity at places of worship
- Underrepresentation of marginalized communities like Bheel and Baghri

He cited landmark cases such as Arzoo Raja, Pooja Kumari, and the Shah Nawaz Kunbhar case to illustrate SHRC's active role in intervention and legal advocacy. Detho further emphasized SHRC's legal contributions to the Forced Conversions Bill, Hindu Marriage Act, and Christian Marriage Bill, and stressed training local registrars for proper enforcement. Referencing Articles 20 and 36 of Pakistan's Constitution and Quaid-e-Azam Jinnah's vision, Mr. Detho reaffirmed the Commission's independent commitment to ensuring religious harmony and protection for all faiths.





## 15 June - A Powerful Call to End Child Marriages in Khairpur Mir's



More than 500 women from 20 Union Councils convened at Sachal Academy Auditorium, Khairpur Mir's, for a large-scale advocacy event against Child, Early, and Forced Marriages (CEFM).

Chairperson Iqbal Ahmed Detho termed child marriage a grave human rights violation, robbing girls of their education, health, and future. He called for stronger enforcement of the 2013 Child Marriage Restraint Act, where Sindh made history by setting 18 as the minimum marriage age for both genders.

The event featured youth-led sessions, cultural performances, and expert panels. Commissioner Fayaz Abbasi emphasized cross-sectoral collaboration among police, health, social welfare, and local government to end the practice.

Organized by BSWA, SPO, Save the Children, and community stakeholders, the day amplified local voices demanding change, protection, and justice for children.

## 15 June - Strengthening State-Civil Society Collaboration in Kamber



The SHRC held a civil society consultation at the DC Office Kamber-Shahdadt, jointly chaired by Chairperson Iqbal Ahmed Detho and Deputy Commissioner Imdad Ali Abro. The meeting provided a platform for Human Rights Defenders (HRDs), local NGOs, and concerned citizens to:

- Share local human rights concerns
- Seek redress on issues like rural health, school access, gender discrimination, and documentation gaps
- Provide feedback on SHRC's community-based initiatives, including library development and education access

Mr. Detho reiterated that HRDs are the bridge between communities and institutions and emphasized SHRC's ongoing support for their safety and effectiveness. The meeting concluded with a renewed commitment between SHRC, the district administration, and civil society to sustain inclusive development, community empowerment, and coordinated human rights protection in Kamber.

## 15 June - SHRC Advances Police Reform in Larkana



The SHRC's district-level police training at the SSP Office, Larkana, brought together officers from across the district for a deep dive into human rights and the legal responsibilities of law enforcement. Chairperson Iqbal Ahmed Detho and Barrister Aashir Masood Mahar led sessions on:

- Juvenile Justice System Act 2018
- Anti-Rape Investigation Act 2021
- Domestic Violence Act
- Child Marriage Restraint Act 2013

Mr. Detho stated:

**"Police is the symbol of the state—if policing is strong, the state is strong."**

**ASP Muhammad Ali** and **Deputy Commissioner Wajahat Ghafoor** commended SHRC's initiative, highlighting the need for ongoing training, legal awareness, and compassion in policing.

# 16 June - SHRC Strengthens Civil Society Ties in Larkana

SHRC Chairperson Iqbal Ahmed Detho hosted a consultative dialogue with Human Rights Defenders (HRDs) and civil society members in District Larkana. Issues raised included:

- Poor health services and drug abuse among youth
- Custodial abuse and delayed justice in bonded labour cases
- Gender-based violence, shelter shortages, and education deficits
- Encroachments on minority properties and lack of vocational training

Mr. Detho assured participants that SHRC would escalate these concerns to relevant authorities and continue to monitor implementation. The meeting closed with mutual appreciation and a joint commitment to sustainable human rights development in Larkana.



# 19 June - Brick Kiln Workers Gain Legal Identity Through SHRC & NADRA CNIC Drive

In a groundbreaking initiative, SHRC, in collaboration with NADRA, SPARC, and local organizations, launched a CNIC registration drive for brick kiln workers across Sindh.

From June 16 to 19, NADRA's Mobile Registration Vans (MRVs) visited kilns in Tando Hyder (Hyderabad), Umerkot, Mithi (Kaloi), and others, providing on-site CNICs to hundreds of undocumented workers.

Kilns covered included:

- Zaman Brick Kiln (June 16)
- Super Chand Brick Kiln (June 17)
- Subhan Brick Kiln (June 18)
- Lucky Brick Kiln (June 19)



With legal identity comes access to healthcare, education, social safety nets, and voting rights.



## 21 June - SHRC Visits Darul Aman in Sukkur to Review Women's Welfare

Chairperson Mr. Iqbal Ahmed Detho visited Darul Aman Sukkur to assess the living conditions, safety, and rights of women housed in the shelter.

Engaging directly with staff and residents, Mr. Detho emphasized the need for:

- Regular institutional monitoring
- Provision of legal aid
- Access to psychosocial support

He reiterated SHRC's commitment to a rights-based approach in shelter management, calling for transparency and accountability.

The visit highlighted SHRC's proactive oversight of women's welfare institutions, ensuring that vulnerable women are protected, heard, and treated with dignity.



## 21 June - SHRC Investigates Alleged Forced Conversion of Minors in Sanghar



Following widespread reports of forced religious conversions in Shahdadpur (District Sanghar), Mr. Iqbal Ahmed Detho held an urgent meeting with Deputy Commissioner Ms. Sarah Javed and SSP Mr. Ghulam Nabi Keerio at the SSP Office, Sanghar.

The case involved three minor girls and one teenage boy from a Hindu family. Mr. Detho:

- Demanded a detailed briefing on protection and legal safeguards
- Met with the affected children and their parents
- Sought factual clarity in light of public and media narratives



Civil society member Mr. Rajesh Kumar Harsadani and DSP Shahdadpur Mr. Tanveer Shah participated in the discussions. SHRC emphasized its role under Articles 20, 35, and 36 of the Constitution to ensure religious freedom and protection of minority rights.

## 22 June - SHRC and Cybernet Explore Tech for Human Rights



Chairperson Iqbal Ahmed Detho met with Mr. Kashif Hafeez, Chief People Officer at Cybernet - Lakson Group, and his team to explore avenues of collaboration to enhance digital accessibility and public awareness around human rights.

Discussions centered around:

- Supporting SHRC's complaint handling systems
- Strengthening data analytics and legal access
- Expanding the reach of [www.sohris.com](http://www.sohris.com), the State of Human Rights in Sindh platform

Both sides agreed to pursue shared goals in building a rights-based, inclusive digital ecosystem for Sindh.

## 22 June - SHRC and SPO Collaborate on Child Marriage & Birth Registration

The SHRC hosted a strategic meeting with Strengthening Participatory Organization (SPO) to address child marriage prevention and birth registration challenges across Sindh.

Chairperson Mr. Detho proposed:

- Joint training for judges
- Legislative reform engagement
- Awareness sessions for Nikkah Khawans and Marriage Registrars

SPO's Ms. Afreen Kanwal emphasized the need to integrate Human Rights and Civic Education into school curriculums. Together, SHRC and SPO aim to advance child protection frameworks and legal awareness at the community level.





## 23 June - Young Lawyers Forum (YLF) Meets SHRC for Rights-Based Legal Engagement

Chairperson Mr. Detho, accompanied by Judicial Member-I Mr. Mir Safdar Hussain, welcomed members of the Young Lawyers Forum (YLF) to the SHRC office. Discussions focused on:

- SOHRIS as a centralized human rights data platform
- Empowering lawyers through legal aid, policy reform, and public interest litigation
- Youth participation in legal awareness campaigns

Mr. Detho encouraged young legal professionals to become agents of change, working to uphold justice, equality, and constitutional protections.



## 23 June - Strengthening Home-Based Workers' Rights: Progress and Policy Dialogue

In collaboration with Bhattai Social Watch & Advocacy (BSWA) and Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), the Sindh Human Rights Commission (SHRC) organized a review meeting at NILAT, Karachi to assess the progress and roadblocks in implementing the Sindh Home-Based Workers Act, 2018. Participants including labour experts, civil society members, and government officials discussed persistent implementation gaps:

- Absence of provincial council and verification officers
- Incomplete gender-inclusive data
- Cumbersome registration processes
- Weak grievance redress mechanisms
- Poor budgetary support and inter-agency coordination

Mr. Abdullah Dayo (FES) presented findings from Khairpur and Sukkur, while Chairperson SHRC, Mr. Iqbal Ahmed Detho, stressed the urgency of institutional capacity building, calling NILAT and the Tando Jam training model strong examples to replicate.



## 24 June - Sindh's First Model Police Station Inaugurated in Thatta

A landmark moment for citizen-police relations unfolded in Thatta, as Sindh's first state-of-the-art Model Police Station was launched. During his visit, Chairperson SHRC, Mr. Iqbal Ahmed Detho, commended Sindh Police and SSP Dr. Imran Muhammad Khan for championing community-based, transparent policing. The new facility includes:

- Survivor-sensitive counters for women, children, and minorities
- Modern surveillance technology
- A people-friendly reporting environment

Calling it a shift from fear-based policing to trust-based justice, Mr. Detho stressed ongoing gender-sensitive training, particularly for women officers, to elevate standards of care and protection.



## 26 June - SHRC Engages District Badin Leadership on CSR, Mental Health & Legal Rights



In District Badin, Chairperson SHRC, Mr. Iqbal Ahmed Detho, met with Deputy Commissioner Mr. Yasir Bhatti and SSP Mr. Qamar Raza Jiskani to assess the regional human rights landscape.

### Key themes from the twin meetings included:

- Rising suicide rates and lack of mental health services
- Gaps in justice access for marginalized women
- Under-resourced police and limited birth/CNIC registration access
- Strategic importance of Badin in Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) frameworks

### Mr. Detho proposed:

- A baseline survey on human rights and mental health
- Legal literacy and mental health awareness campaigns
- Expanded CNIC registration drives for brick kiln and informal workers
- Advocacy for the establishment of a Driving License Office in Badin and Tharparkar

SSP Jiskani welcomed SHRC's support, recognizing the need for systemic mental health initiatives. SHRC reaffirmed its commitment to developing localized, inclusive responses rooted in human rights law and public accountability.



## 26 June - Oversight Visit to District Jail Badin: Legal Aid, Overcrowding & Health Rights

Chairperson Mr. Iqbal Ahmed Detho, accompanied by SHRC team members and the Assistant Commissioner Badin, conducted a detailed inspection of District Jail Badin. In a comprehensive meeting with Superintendent Mr. Mazhar Behan, the Chairperson reviewed inmate conditions and legal safeguards.

Commending the solarization of the jail and rehabilitation programs like inmate handicrafts, Mr. Detho emphasized the need for timely medical referrals, improved hygiene, and legal aid access for under-trial prisoners.

Highlighting the overcrowding issue—with inmates from Thatta and Sujawal being housed in Badin—he recommended regular District Jail Committee visits and cross-district planning to relieve pressure on the facility.



## 27 June - Public Hearing on Business and Human Rights in Badin

In a landmark multi-stakeholder Public Hearing on Business & Human Rights, SHRC joined hands with Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Pakistan and the District Administration of Badin. The event, centered on GSP+, connected trade incentives with citizen rights, examining corporate social responsibility and labor conditions.

Chairperson Detho called GSP+ an “opportunity to trigger legislative enforcement and accountability,” urging ongoing institutional monitoring and civil society collaboration. He reaffirmed SHRC’s commitment to providing technical support to district stakeholders.

DC Yasir Bhatti appreciated SHRC’s efforts, while Mr. Abdullah Dayo (FES) highlighted GSP+ as a tool for inclusive economic growth. Stakeholders called for urgent attention to child labor at brick kilns, vacant labour department posts, and weak enforcement mechanisms.



## 28 June - Mental Health & Elderly Rights: SHRC Visits Sir Cowasjee Jehangir Institute

During a field visit to the Sir Cowasjee Jehangir Institute of Psychiatry, Chairperson SHRC, Mr. Iqbal Ahmed Detho, emphasized the importance of finalizing the under-construction elderly care home, a mandate of the Sindh Senior Citizen Act.

He praised music therapy and patient recovery programs, but stressed the need for inter-departmental coordination, staff support, and enhanced security measures.

Mr. Detho proposed the formation of a dedicated inter-agency task force to ensure the delivery of rights-based, rehabilitative care for both mentally ill and elderly citizens.



## 30 June - Addressing Domestic Violence: Provincial Consultation on Costed Action Plan



At a Provincial Consultation Workshop organized by UK International Development, Pathfinder International, and UNFPA Pakistan, Chairperson SHRC Mr. Iqbal Ahmed Detho was invited as guest speaker to discuss the Domestic Violence Act, 2013.



In his address, Mr. Detho emphasized that “legislation must evolve into lived reality.” He highlighted the intergenerational trauma caused by domestic abuse and urged for a multi-sectoral survivor-centered approach, involving police, judiciary, and healthcare professionals in rights-based response systems.

## 30 June – SHRC at Sindh Judicial Academy: Training on Trafficking in Persons & Migrants Acts

As Chief Guest, Mr. Detho concluded a Training Workshop organized by Sindh Judicial Academy and UNODC Pakistan, focusing on the Trafficking in Persons and Smuggling of Migrants Acts.



Addressing 24 newly appointed judges and FIA officials, Mr. Detho reinforced Pakistan’s international obligations under ILO, UNCRC Article 35, and CEDAW Article 6. He encouraged participants to view their roles beyond adjudication:

**“You are not just interpreters of the law—you are guardians of hope for the most vulnerable.”**



# SHRC in the News

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Consultation meeting of Provincial Stakeholders Alliance to strengthen implementation framework of Sindh Women Agricultural Workers Act held in Karachi

Last updated: Apr 30, 2025

The meeting was chaired by SHRC Chairperson Mr. Iqbal Ahmed Detho and co-chaired by Secretary of the Human Rights Department, Mr. Akram Ali Khawaja. Representatives from key government departments including Labour, Law, SSSI, the Minimum Wages Board, the Social Protection Authority, Local Government and Women Development—as well as civil society organizations, participated in the session to review the draft rules of the Act and ensure a gender-sensitive, rights-based legal framework for women agricultural workers.

Mr. Detho emphasized that the consultation was held in compliance with the Sindh High Court order (C.P. No. D-265 of 2024) with SHRC taking the lead role in issuing detailed recommendations. These recommendations aim to ensure that the implementation of the Act is legally precise, socially inclusive, and aligned with existing provincial laws.

The SHRC recommended aligning the Act with the Sindh Industrial Relations Act, 2013, and addressing the inclusion of agriculture in the Sindh Minimum Wages Act, 1948 (Laws) to provide equivalent comprehensive leave to workers engaged in agriculture. Provision on breastfeeding, childcare, and protection from harassment should be harmonized with provincial laws such as the Sindh Protection and Promotion of Breastfeeding Act, 2023, and the Sindh Domestic Violence Act, 2013.

It was further recommended that the implementation framework be linked with the Sindh Local Government Act, 2013, to ensure district-level monitoring and service delivery. The SHRC also proposed realigning relevant rules with the operational framework of the Sindh Social Protection Authority to ensure clarity in the composition and responsibilities of the governing body.

The Commission presented a structured model for Targeted Activation Boards (TABs) with representation from women agricultural workers, landowners, relevant government departments, and civil society. Additionally, it recommended reforming the Sindh Tenancy Act, 1950, to safeguard women against exploitation and eviction related to land and tenancy issues.

Mr. Za U Rehman, Chief Executive of AwazCDS-Pakistan, appreciated the Government of Sindh's commitment to meeting this landmark law and emphasized the importance of strong implementation mechanisms. Sindh remains the first province in Pakistan to pass legislation exclusively focused on the rights of women agricultural workers—marking a major milestone for gender justice in the labor sector.

Discussions also focused on formally recognizing women in agriculture as workers, enabling union formation, and integrating labor protections with social security frameworks. Emphasis was placed on the need for coordinated registration systems with BPS and local government bodies to ensure the inclusion of vulnerable groups, especially pregnant women.

Mr. Rafiqul Malik suggested that the recommendations would be reviewed for incorporation into the revised rules. He also shared that the Labour Department has already held consultations with stakeholders to gather input and suggestions.

Concluding the session, Secretary Human Rights Department Mr. Akram Ali Khawaja stated, "The empowerment of women in agriculture must go beyond policy rhetoric. These rules must be legally sound, socially inclusive, and administratively enforceable to ensure protection, dignity, and justice for Sindh's women agricultural workers."

Ammar Mahar Executive Director, Shalab Project Manager of NARI Foundation thanked all the participants for their presence and specially thanked the Sindh Human Rights Commission Chairperson and officials for supporting this cause.

**DAWN KARACHI**  
02 JUN 2025

## SHRC recommends setting up of remand homes and police stations for women, children

By Our Correspondent

KARACHI: The Sindh Human Rights Commission (SHRC) has urged the establishment of remand homes and police stations for women and children in Sindh. The commission, in a report submitted to the provincial government, emphasized the need for a more inclusive and supportive system for women and children, particularly those involved in legal proceedings.

SHRC Chairperson Iqbal Ahmed Detho said at a training session on capacity building of police officers in human rights education, organized by the commission, that such facilities are essential for ensuring that women and children are treated with dignity and respect during the legal process.

He said that the commission has identified several gaps in the current system, including the lack of dedicated facilities for women and children in police stations and remand homes. He urged the government to take immediate action to address these issues.

The report also highlighted the need for a more inclusive and supportive system for women and children, particularly those involved in legal proceedings. It emphasized the importance of police officers' knowledge in effectively applying these laws.

The report concluded with the distribution of certificates among the participants.

Earlier on 30 May, a consultation meeting on the representation of women home-based workers under the Sindh Home-Based Workers Act, 2018, was held at the SHRC's regional office here.

**THE EXPRESS TRIBUNE**  
TODAY'S PAPER JUNE 02, 2025 EPAPER

## Home-based women workers' rights ignored

Govt enforcement failure ignores law safeguarding rights of home-based women workers

By Our Correspondent

HYDERABAD

Although the Sindh government has legislated a law to grant and protect rights of the women home-based workers, a lack of implementation on the law continues to deny rights to these workers.

A consultation meeting organized in Salsaur by the Sindh Human Rights Commission (SHRC) and Bhitai Social Watch and Advocacy (BSWA) on proactive roles by police Saturday night, shed light on the issue, identifying bottlenecks and suggesting solutions.

The Sindh Home-Based Workers Act was legislated in 2018 to safeguard rights of the home-based workers. Tens of thousands of women in the province in the embroidery, crafting

multi-colored tapestry quilts called rilli in Sindh language, date leaves and wheat straw, besides a range of other items. The Act is a pioneering law in South Asia, observed Abdullah Deyo, Program Advisor at Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES). "We must now focus on implementing its rules to transform legal recognition into the real-world protections for women workers."

Additional Inspector General of Police Gender and Human Rights Shabla Qureshi acknowledged the law's significance, underlining the need to integrate gender protection, police with anti-GVB services and proactive roles by police in facilitating survivors access to support services with bottlenecks and suggesting solutions.

SHRC informed about the role of Anti-Rape Crisis Cells (ARCCs) and the Gender Desks in assisting women of the home-based workers. She encouraged greater coordination between police, SHRC, and CSOs for survivor-centered responses.

**Daily PAKESTAN OBSERVER**  
06 JUN 2025

## Sindh leaders unite behind urgent push for nutrition reforms

Minister

KARACHI: A coalition of Sindh's political and social leaders has united behind an urgent call for comprehensive nutrition reforms. The group, led by the Sindh Chief Minister, demands immediate action to address the rising rates of malnutrition and food insecurity in the province.

The coalition includes members from various political parties, as well as representatives from civil society organizations and academic institutions. They have issued a joint statement outlining the need for a multi-sectoral approach to tackle the issue.

The statement calls for the establishment of a dedicated body to oversee nutrition programs, the strengthening of local food systems, and the implementation of targeted interventions for vulnerable populations. It also emphasizes the importance of community-based approaches and the role of women in improving household nutrition.

**DAILY JANG**  
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STAFF REPORT — June 01, 2025

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**BUSINESS RECORDER**

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**Daily TIMES Karachi**  
06 JUN 2025

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The event organised by Bhitai Social Watch & Advocacy brought together labour rights experts, civil society organisations, home-based women workers, and government officials to assess progress and challenges in implementing the Act.

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## Sindh Women Agricultural Workers Act discussed

By Imtiaz Hussain

SUKKUR: The Sindh Human Rights Commission (SHRC), in collaboration with AwazCDS-Pakistan and the NARI Foundation, convened a key consultation to strengthen the implementation framework of the Sindh Women Agricultural Workers Act, 2019. The session, held in response to a Sindh High Court order, aimed to build a gender-sensitive and rights-based legal structure to protect and empower women working in the agriculture sector.

Chaired by SHRC Chairperson Iqbal Ahmed Detho and co-chaired by Akram Ali Khawaja, Secretary of the Human Rights Department, the meeting brought together a diverse group of stakeholders, including senior officials from the Labour, Law, SSSI, Minimum Wages Board, Social Protection Authority, Local Government, and Women Development departments, alongside civil society organizations.

The focus of the consultation was to review and refine the draft rules of the Act to ensure they align with the province's legal and administrative frameworks. Detho emphasized that the SHRC, under judicial guidance (C.P. No. D-265 of 2024), had developed recommendations to ensure the rules are both inclusive and legally coherent.

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## SHRC stresses Peca should not be weaponised to suppress freedoms

By Our Correspondent

SUKKUR: The Sindh Human Rights Commission (SHRC) has taken a notice of the registration of a case under Prevention of Electronic Crimes Act (Peca), 2016, against 28 persons, including journalists and social activists, in Tangwani town of Kandhkote-Kashmore district.

The commission has urged all relevant authorities to ensure that Peca was not weaponised to suppress legitimate freedoms or silence voices raising legitimate concerns.

According to press release issued the other day, SHRC Chairman Iqbal Detho has directed the Kandhkote-Kashmore SSP to submit a detailed report within seven working days regarding the Peca Act invoked and justification for each.

He said the commission noted with concern that among the individuals named in the FIR were reporters and members of Tangwani Press Club, community leaders and social activists known for their work and reputation on local governance and security issues.

## Minorities' convention calls for security at worship places

Speakers also express concern over instances of 'forced conversion', underage marriages

By Our Correspondent

LARKANA: The Minority Convention, organised by the Ramdasi Tehseer, CTV, took place on Saturday night in Larkana. The convention was held in the presence of representatives of various minority communities, including Christians, Sikhs, and Muslims.

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The convention highlighted the plight of minorities in the region, particularly in the wake of the recent attacks on the minority community in the district. Speakers also highlighted the need for the government to take steps to ensure the safety and security of minorities.

One of the speakers, a Christian leader, said that the convention was a platform for minorities to voice their concerns and demand action from the government.

He said that any use of Peca must be in strict compliance with constitutional guarantees, particularly Article 19-A of the Constitution, which ensures the right of speech and expression.

He also stressed the need for the government to ensure that the Peca Act is not misused to suppress legitimate freedoms or silence voices raising legitimate concerns.

Every 'destined' matter has a 'set' time to transpire. And you will soon come to know. (Al-Quran)

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## SHRC highlights Human Rights and Justice gaps at CJCC meeting

Shah Muhammad Aslam

Chairperson of the Sindh Human Rights Commission (SHRC), Mr. Iqbal Ahmed Detho, along with Deputy Chairperson, Mr. Mirza Aslam, attended the District Criminal Justice Coordination Committee (CJCC) meeting in Sukkur.



SHRC members and CJCC officials during a meeting in Sukkur.

The meeting was chaired by the District and Sessions Judge, Sukkur, and attended by key officials including the Deputy Commissioner, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP), Superintendent of District Jail, and other stakeholders.

SHRC raised critical issues pertaining to policing, legal aid, and service delivery. He emphasized the need for strengthening dedicated Women and Children Police Stations, enhancing the capacity of investigation officers, setting up

forensic and crime scene management units, and ensuring timely registration of sexual assault cases along with the digital recording of evidence. He also stressed the importance of the prompt receipt of chemical and medical reports. It was mutually agreed that police officers would receive training on the latest amendments in the Pakistan Penal Code related to rape and sexual offenses, and the importance of the investigative capacity. The

panel of lawyers Mr. Detho shared insights from the SHRC's study on legal and mechanisms and urged efficient fund utilization by all departments. Following the meeting, the SHRC delegation visited Taluka Hospital Larkana. In a meeting with members of the civil society at the Sukkur Press Club, SHRC members discussed the challenges of the justice system, including the shortage of specialists, doctors, and medicines, and overall poor healthcare infrastructure.

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Early marriages rob youngsters of childhood, future: SHRC

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## SHRC investigates forced conversion of Hindu Family members in Sanghar

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Chairperson of the Sindh Human Rights Commission, Mr. Iqbal Ahmed Detho, convened a meeting at the SSP Office in Sanghar yesterday with Deputy Commissioner Ms. Sarah Javed and SSP Mr. Ghulam Nabi Keerio.

The purpose was to obtain detailed information on the alleged forced religious conversion of two adult women, one minor girl, and one teenage boy from a Hindu family in Sanghar, District Sanghar.

During the meeting, Mr. Detho inquired about the legal and protective measures being taken to ensure the safety and welfare of the victims and their family in accordance with Articles 20, 35, and 36 of the Constitution. SSP

also attended. Earlier in the day, Mr. Detho visited Shahdarpur to personally look into the alleged incident. He met with the affected minors and their parents to understand their account of the events and hear their concerns. The SHRC Chairperson also sought to establish facts amid reports circulating in the media.

Following this, Mr. Detho held a separate briefing with DSP Khamar Harsadani and DSP Shahdarpur Mr. Tanveer Shah.

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