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## Editorial

### Electrifying Start to Pakistan's NEV Era

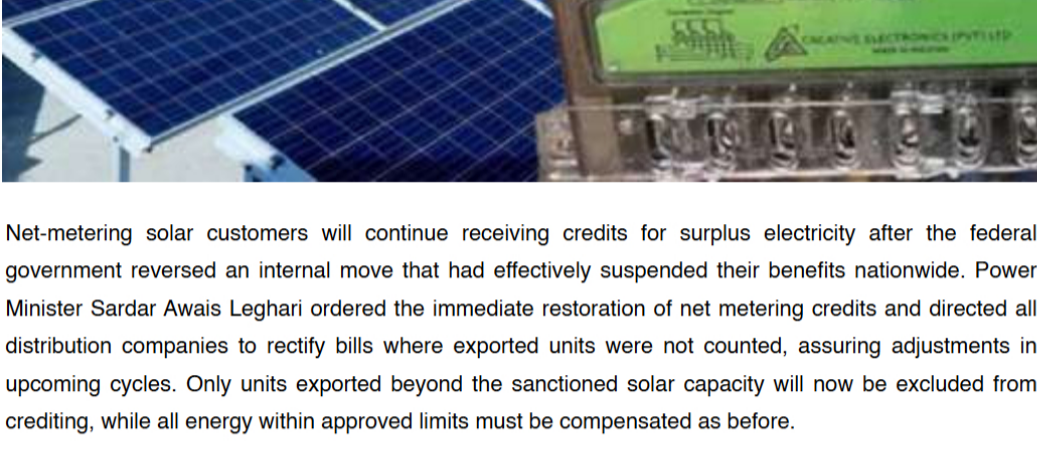
Electric mobility in Pakistan has entered 2026 with visible momentum, as global NEV leaders finally move from promises to product on the ground. BYD's debut this month, paired with government follow through on the NEV Policy 2025 30, signals that the country's clean transport vision is edging closer to reality rather than remaining a policy document.

In late January, Mega Motor Company, in partnership with BYD, launched the Sealion 7 and Atto 2, positioning them as flagship entries in Pakistan's new energy vehicle lineup. The Sealion 7 targets buyers seeking premium, performance oriented electric SUVs, while the compact Atto 2 is pitched at urban users looking for efficient daily commuting with global grade safety and technology. Bookings have opened nationwide, and BYD MMC, alongside HubcoGreen, is rolling out a 1,300 kilometre NEV charging corridor from Karachi to Peshawar, directly addressing range anxiety and inter city connectivity.

These private sector moves intersect with an increasingly assertive state framework under the NEV Policy 2025 30, which targets 30 percent of all new vehicle sales to be NEVs by 2030, rising to 50 per cent by 2040 and a net zero transport fleet by 2060. The policy combines fiscal incentives, localisation ambitions of up to 90 per cent for 2 and 3 wheelers, and a roadmap for 3,000 public charging stations by 2030, with fixed tariffs and mandatory chargers at fuel stations to stabilise investor expectations. Licences for local NEV manufacturers, skill development programmes and new testing and R&D centres are designed to shift Pakistan from being a pure importer of EV technology to a participant in its value chain.

For now, high end launches like BYD's SUVs will test the purchasing power of an inflation squeezed middle class, but they also serve as rolling billboards for a decarbonised transport future. The real question for 2026 is whether policymakers can translate today's headline grabbing launches and corridor announcements into affordable mass mobility before the decade's NEV targets come due.

### Solar Credits Restored as Pakistan Eyes Net Billing



Net-metering solar customers will continue receiving credits for surplus electricity after the federal government reversed an internal move that had effectively suspended their benefits nationwide. Power Minister Sardar Awais Leghari ordered the immediate restoration of net metering credits and directed all distribution companies to rectify bills where exported units were not counted, assuring adjustments in upcoming cycles. Only units exported beyond the sanctioned solar capacity will now be excluded from crediting, while all energy within approved limits must be compensated as before.

The intervention comes as NEPRA moves ahead with draft Prosumer Regulations 2025, which propose phasing out one-to-one net metering for new rooftop solar users and shifting them to a net billing and gross metering framework. Under the proposed regime, consumers would pay full grid tariffs on imported power, while surplus solar exports would be bought at a lower fixed rate linked to the national average energy purchase price, a change expected to lengthen payback periods and potentially dampen new solar investments. A public hearing on the draft rules is scheduled for February 6, with regulators facing pushback from solar stakeholders who warn the shift could slow Pakistan's distributed renewable energy rollout.

### Energy Dialogue Urges Shift From Silos to Systems



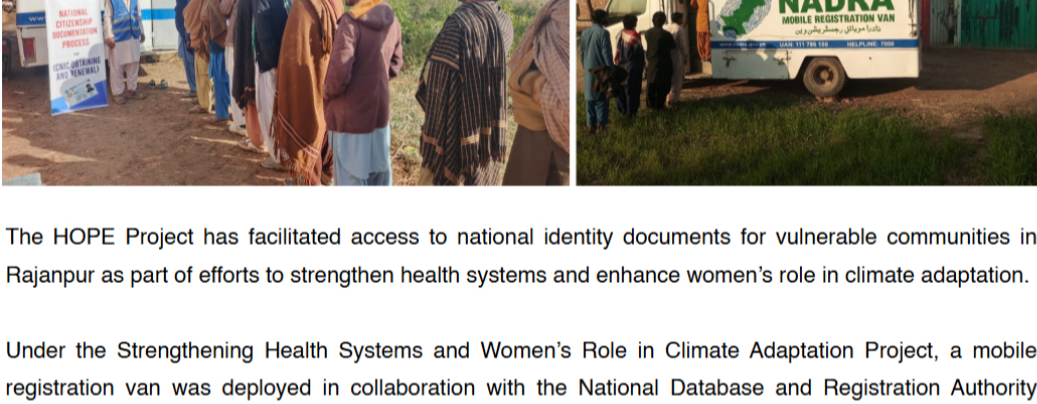
Indus Consortium hosted a cross-organisational dialogue on energy transition in Islamabad, bringing together more than 12 organisations from across Pakistan under the theme "From Silos to Systems". The organisation organised the dialogue in collaboration with the Institute for Transformative Leadership (ITL) and focused on strengthening collaboration and systems thinking to accelerate sustainable energy transitions.

Speaking at the event, Indus Consortium Chief Executive Officer Hussain Jarwar described ecosystems as living systems, drawing parallels with the Indus Valley civilisation. He stressed that trust, reciprocity, and collective stewardship are essential foundations for long-term, sustainable change.

Young leaders from participating organisations shared perspectives on organisational challenges and discussed opportunities for cross-learning and future collaboration. Discussions highlighted gaps in organisational culture, coordination, and strategic alignment.

Participants underscored the importance of adaptability and systems thinking, noting that meaningful impact on energy transition requires integrated approaches that connect individual action with organisational, national and global systems.

### HOPE Project Expands CNIC Access in Rajanpur



The HOPE Project has facilitated access to national identity documents for vulnerable communities in Rajanpur as part of efforts to strengthen health systems and enhance women's role in climate adaptation.

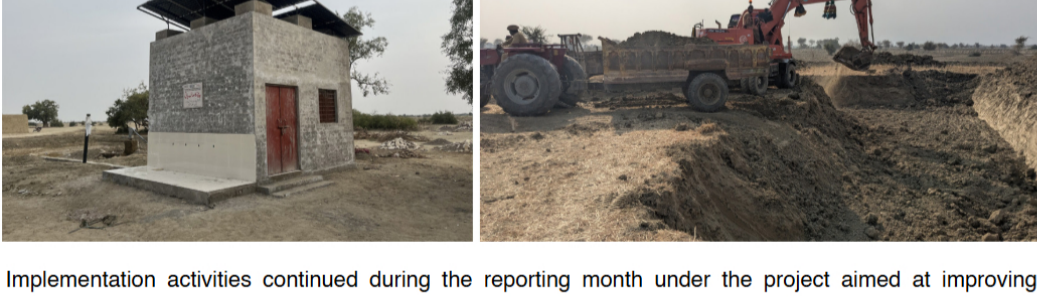
Under the Strengthening Health Systems and Women's Role in Climate Adaptation Project, a mobile registration van was deployed in collaboration with the National Database and Registration Authority (NADRA) to selected Union Councils. The initiative aims to improve inclusion and resilience by enabling access to legal identity, particularly for women and marginalised groups.

In the Union Councils of Wang and Rakh Kotmihan, more than 500 individuals received support to obtain new or renewed Computerised National Identity Cards, renew expired cards, secure B Forms and complete biometric verification.

Project organisers said access to CNICs is critical for enabling communities to benefit from healthcare services, social protection programmes and climate-responsive assistance, especially in drought-prone areas.

Mobile registration services will continue in the remaining eight Union Councils, with the aim of expanding coverage, strengthening local health systems and improving community resilience to climate-related risks.

### Watershed Project Boosts Resilience in Rajanpur



Implementation activities continued during the reporting month under the project aimed at improving range and watershed management in the hill torrent areas of District Rajanpur through locally owned solutions.

The project focuses on strengthening community resilience by promoting sustainable watershed management practices and enhancing local ownership. As part of these efforts, capacity-building training sessions were conducted for Community-Based Organisations to improve their technical understanding and long-term stewardship of watershed resources.

Alongside training activities, fieldwork progressed across the target areas. Key interventions included land levelling for forest development to reduce soil erosion and improve vegetation cover.

Construction of Reverse Osmosis plants also advanced, with the aim of improving access to safe drinking water for local communities. In addition, work continued on the construction of water ponds to increase water storage capacity and enhance resilience to water scarcity.

Project officials said the combined focus on skills development and infrastructure is expected to strengthen watershed management, support sustainable livelihoods and reduce vulnerability to climate-related risks in the hill torrent areas of Rajanpur.

### Rajanpur Watershed Project Progress Shared at Seminar



Oxford Policy Management organised a seminar bringing together project grantees, government stakeholders and subject experts to review progress on climate adaptation initiatives in Punjab.

During the seminar, Indus Consortium Chief Executive Officer Hussain Jarwar presented updates on the organisation's project titled Improving Rangeland and Watershed Management in Hill Torrent Areas of District Rajanpur through Locally Owned Watershed Management Solutions.

The project is being implemented in the Union Councils of Wah Lashari and Lundi Saidan in Tehsil Jampur, District Rajanpur. Under the initiative, Indus Consortium has established 15 community organisations aimed at strengthening local capacity in organisational management and supporting the development of locally driven climate adaptation plans.

Mr Jarwar said the construction of two solar-powered water filtration plants in each Union Council has been finalised. Once operational, the facilities are expected to collectively provide safe drinking water to around 8,000 people per day.

He added that small Rod Kohi water ponds have also been developed to conserve rainwater for livelihood activities, forestry and other productive uses in the area.

Further interventions, including the establishment of a nursery, the distribution of 5,000 fruit plants and the development of 40 demonstration plots, are scheduled for completion in February.