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Editorial

Pakistan cannot ignore the Climate Warning

World Environment Day arrives on 5th June this year with a stark reminder for Pakistan. As temperatures soar across the country, Dadu in Sindh recently recorded one of the highest temperatures in its history, highlighting the growing reality of climate change. What was once seen as a distant environmental concern is now a daily challenge affecting health, livelihoods and economic stability.

Pakistan contributes less than one per cent of global greenhouse gas emissions, yet it remains among the countries most vulnerable to climate change. From devastating floods and prolonged droughts to heatwaves and water shortages, the effects are becoming more frequent and severe. Farmers face uncertain growing seasons, cities struggle with rising temperatures, and vulnerable communities bear the heaviest burden.

The extreme heat witnessed in Sindh should serve as a warning. Heatwaves are no longer exceptional events. They are becoming part of a dangerous pattern. High temperatures increase pressure on electricity systems, reduce labour productivity and put millions at risk of heat-related illnesses. For outdoor workers, including farmers, labourers and street vendors, extreme heat can mean the difference between earning a living and staying safe.

World Environment Day is not merely an occasion for speeches and tree-planting ceremonies. It is a call for practical action. Pakistan must strengthen climate adaptation measures, improve water management, expand urban green spaces and invest in renewable energy. Environmental protection should become a central part of development planning rather than an afterthought.

Citizens also have a role to play through responsible use of water, reduction of waste and support for sustainable practices. However, meaningful progress requires strong leadership and long-term commitment from governments, businesses and communities alike.

The record-breaking temperatures in Dadu are not just a weather story. They are a signal of the future that awaits unless urgent action is taken. This World Environment Day, Pakistan must treat climate change not as tomorrow's challenge but as today's reality.

Universities Join Climate Film Festival Campaign



Representatives of Indus Consortium visited several universities across Pakistan to promote the Climate Justice Youth Film Festival 2026 and encourage students to participate in a nationwide documentary competition focused on climate action and energy justice.

The awareness campaign is part of Indus Consortium's flagship initiative, the nationwide student documentary competition, which aims to engage young people in highlighting local climate and energy challenges through documentary filmmaking. This year's festival theme is "Electric Vehicles and Their Role in Combating Climate Change".

Students actively participated in discussions and a question-and-answer session, reflecting growing interest in climate issues and sustainable development.

Students were briefed on the role of electric vehicles in addressing climate change and the barriers to wider EV adoption in Pakistan. Participants were also introduced to the documentary competition, which seeks to promote youth-led storytelling on climate justice and energy transition.

A large number of male and female students attended the presentations, while designated focal persons for the film festival were also present.

The sessions explored the opportunities, benefits, and challenges associated with electric vehicles and their potential contribution to reducing carbon emissions and promoting a cleaner environment.

The documentary competition offers students a platform to share community-based stories, raise awareness, and contribute to discussions on equitable and sustainable energy solutions in Pakistan.

The initiative aims to combine climate awareness with creative expression, enabling young people to use documentary filmmaking as a tool to advocate for environmental sustainability and climate justice. The film festival will be held later this year.