REGIONAL TIMES
Uniting People Every Day

Jahkrani pledges govt's proactive role in promoting family planning

KARACHI: Population Minister for Sindh, Mir Mumtaz Hussain Jahkrani pledged his government's proactive role in promoting family planning for a progressive and prosperous nation. He shared these views while addressing a public rally gathered at Sea View for a walk organized in connection with the World Population Day. The day is celebrated across the globe with an aim to sensitize the masses about the concerns of rapidly increasing world population and educate them about family planning and other measure to mitigate the effects of population explosion. The walk was organized by Population Welfare Department, Government of Sindh, and had participation of a large number of people from all walks of life, including representatives of civil society, health providers and managers, youth organizations, students, media personnel,

as well as relevant government departments, People's Primary Healthcare Initiative (PPHI), Maternal, New born and Child Health (MNCH) and Family Planning Association of Pakistan (FPAP). The Minister appreciated the constructive role being played by the civil society in creating awareness on population related issues, such as gender equality, poverty, maternal health as well as human rights. The representatives of civil society present on the occasion included Sukh Initiative, Jhpiego, DKT, Aahung, AKU, Aman Foundation, Marie Stopes Society, Green Star Social Marketing, HANDS, HP+, and Health Communication Component of THUCCP. Linking poverty to poor state of healthcare, education and unemployment, other dignitaries and speakers underscored the importance of the day and called for collective efforts to mitigate the effects of rapid population growth and poverty. They said that due to excessive population in the country, women suffer the most and that they need to be empowered to take decision in their best interest. The walk concluded with a resolve to take personal responsibility in promoting family planning national prosperity.—RT