



**Culture, Tourism &
Antiquities Department
Government of Sindh**

PERFORMANCE REPORT

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... And the cultural zeal and fervor
continues with more
Passion & Festivity





Highlights



The collage features a central poster for the 'LARKANO THEATRE FESTIVAL 2017'. The poster has a yellow and red color scheme. At the top, it shows a photograph of the Tughlaq Fort in Larkana. Below the title, it says 'Presented by: CULTURE DEPARTMENT GOVT. OF SINDH' and 'With the Co-Operation of: ARTS COUNCIL OF PAKISTAN LARKANO'. The bottom of the poster features a decorative frame containing the dates 'From: 12th September to 20th September' and 'Time: 09:00 AM', followed by 'At: Arts Council of Pakistan Larkano.' To the left of the poster is a photograph of the Tughlaq Fort. To the right is a portrait of a woman with dark hair, wearing a black top.




ثقافت، سیاحت و نوادرات کانون، حکومت سندھ
حیدر علي يادگار ھاميهتي، حيدرآباد
پاران
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سائين حيدر علي لقاري
جي ياد ۾ مڪ تربيپ


چنبرو، 9 سيپٽمبر، 2017ع
شارچو 5:00 وڳي
مھٽاڙ مرزا آڳيٽيو، سنڌ ميوزيم،
حيدرآباد ۾ تر تربيپ ڏني پئي وئي.
آن موقعي تي سندس شاگرد ۽
سنڌ جا سانچاڻ وڏ کيس
پيٽا پيش ڪيائين.
اسپهان کي هن تربيپ ۾
شرڪتت جي دعوت ڏجي ٿي.

مستطبيڪي



CULTURE


 **Culture, Tourism &
Antiquities Department,
Government of Sindh**

 **Sindh
Graduates
Association**

Syed Sardar Ali Shah
Minister for Culture, Tourism & Antiquities, Sindh
Cordially invites you to attend
a tribute to legendary poet, writer, playwright,
critic and journalist

**Shamsher
ul Hyderi**
on the occasion of his
5th Death Anniversary
on 12 August, 2017,
6:00 pm
at Shamsher ul Hyderi
Auditorium,
National Museum of Pakistan,
Karachi

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Message

It gives me great pleasure to see the two years' performance report of the Culture Department Government of Sindh. The immense work undertaken by this department is testament to the Sindh Government's commitment to the people of this province.

Sindh is a land steeped in cultural traditions, and it is these traditions that allow us to be more tolerant and accepting towards cultures different from ours, the model of Sindh is what the world needs today.

Pakistan Peoples Party believes in the beauty of cultures. They are like different flowers in a vase. The Peoples Party also commits for the preservation, conservation and promotion of the cultural and archeological heritage of the country. The world knows our land as the birthplace of civilization with Harrapa and Mohen Jo Daro as the known oldest sites of the Indus Valley Civilization. Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto had got the world attention when he invited them in the first ever 'Save Mohenjo Daro' seminar in 1973, and after that in 1978 Mohenjo Daro was declared a world heritage site. The recent International Mohen Jo Conference, held in Feb. 2017, has got the world's attention as UNESCO announced to set up the Mohenjo Daro fund. More sites of that period are being excavated by international archeologists and experts working in collaboration with the provincial Antiquities Department.

The world becomes increasingly polarized, today we need the Sufi message, more than ever before. We need that universal language of the mystic to unite us, to bridge the gap across religions, cultures and people, to remind us that at our very core, we are all one; we are all the same. Centuries ago, it was the Sufis that spread Islam across the Indus valley. Through love and harmony, luminaries like Data sahib, Rehman Baba, Bulleh Shah and their contemporaries strove tirelessly out of sheer devotion to the Deity. And their devotion inspired millions to embrace Islam. Sindh is known as the land of the Sufis. From Lal Shahbaz Qalandar to Shah Abdul Latif Bhittai. From Sachal Sarmast to Shah Inayat. We are destined to stand up for the Truth and only the Truth.

We tried to invigorate the governance with the young and energetic team, and the Minister Culture Syed Sardar Ali Shah is also one of them. He has, in a short span of time, has done a remarkable job. I personally have attended some of the events organized by the culture department especially the International Sufi Conference at Karachi and Shah Abdul Lateef's Urs celebrations at Bhit Shah, which were wonderful events to spread the message of love from Sindh to world at large. The two years performance report of Sardar Ali Shah strengthens the belief that PPP's government in Sindh is a responsive government. I wish him all the best for the upcoming days as he has embarked upon many remarkable initiatives that need to be completed with all of his dedication and commitment. All the best.

Bilawal Bhutto Zardari
Chairman
Pakistan Peoples Party



Message

It gives me immense pleasure to know that the Culture Department has launched its two years performance Report. This is a good move to inform the people that their government is working hard to promote their culture and protect heritage. Sindh is a culturally rich province with enormous archaeological sites. The culture department has successfully enlisted important heritage sites of the province on agenda of Unisco. The Culture Department has organised a number national and international conferences, seminars and programmes for promotion of our cultural value and norms. I had attended their international events such as International Conference on Mohen jo Daro, Indus Valley Civilization, International Sufi Conference, International Conference on Makli and Asia Peace Film festivals among others. The events were the manifestation of the commitment of the Sindh Government towards the protection, preservation and promotion of its cultural and archeological sites.

The Culture Department has also republished the rare books about Sindh's history during British period. This report has beautifully highlighted the annual activities organised by the department, but I believe still there is a long way to go. I congratulate the department for publishing this performance report. I assure my full support and I wish the culture Minister Syed Sardar Ali Shah all the best in his future endeavours.

Syed Murad Ali Shah
Chief Minister Sindh



Message

Actions speak louder than the words! Our two years' performance report is in your hands. It's like we have presented ourselves in front of the public for accountability. I am humbled because of this feeling that I strived my best to deliver what I was entrusted for. I feel contented that my department cashed in on every moment of the past one year, nine months and 28 days of my tenure as Minister of the department. We utilized our maximum efforts to make most of it, and by and large we have been successful in bringing about the continual cultural activism throughout the province. Today every second individual is talking about the recent surge in the activities organized by our department. Yesterday culture was pushed behind the preferences, but today everyone is sensitive about it. This is really one of the greatest achievements for us. Yet there is a long way to go.

To count on the special moments of achievements by our department during this period, there are so many such hallmarks to enlist here in this short space of A4 paper. Yet, we can claim for some unique events that we organized successfully e.g. International Conference on Mohenjo Daro after 44 years, First International Conference on Makli, saving Makli from delisting as World Heritage Site with the help of much needed and long ignored conservation measures at Makli, inauguration of tourists' Shuttle service at Makli, the restoration of historical Umerkot Fort after 200 years, Laar Melo after 26 years, after a gap of almost 30 years, successfully organizing the Cultural festival in different countries like UK, Egypt, Dubai and Canada. On Tourism side, establishment of facilities for tourists at different sites like Narerri lake, Kelangar Lake, Manchhar lake, Saardharo point, at Dodo Soomro's Mausoleum in Badin, Rooplo Kolhi Motel in Nangarparkar. The establishment of new institutions like Majid Bhurgri Institute of Language Engineering, Sindh Institute of Music and Performing Arts (SIMPA), M.H. Panhwar Institute of Physical Heritage, Amjad Sabri Institute of Qawwali and Sufi Music, and Kaashi Institute Bhit Shah are the top most institutes, besides others, that we have pioneered and feel proud of these. On Antiquities side, the viral photos on social media, pertaining to the conservation and preservation works at different archeological sites and their "before-after" images depicted therein, are self-explanatory. The readers will themselves see such details in this report.

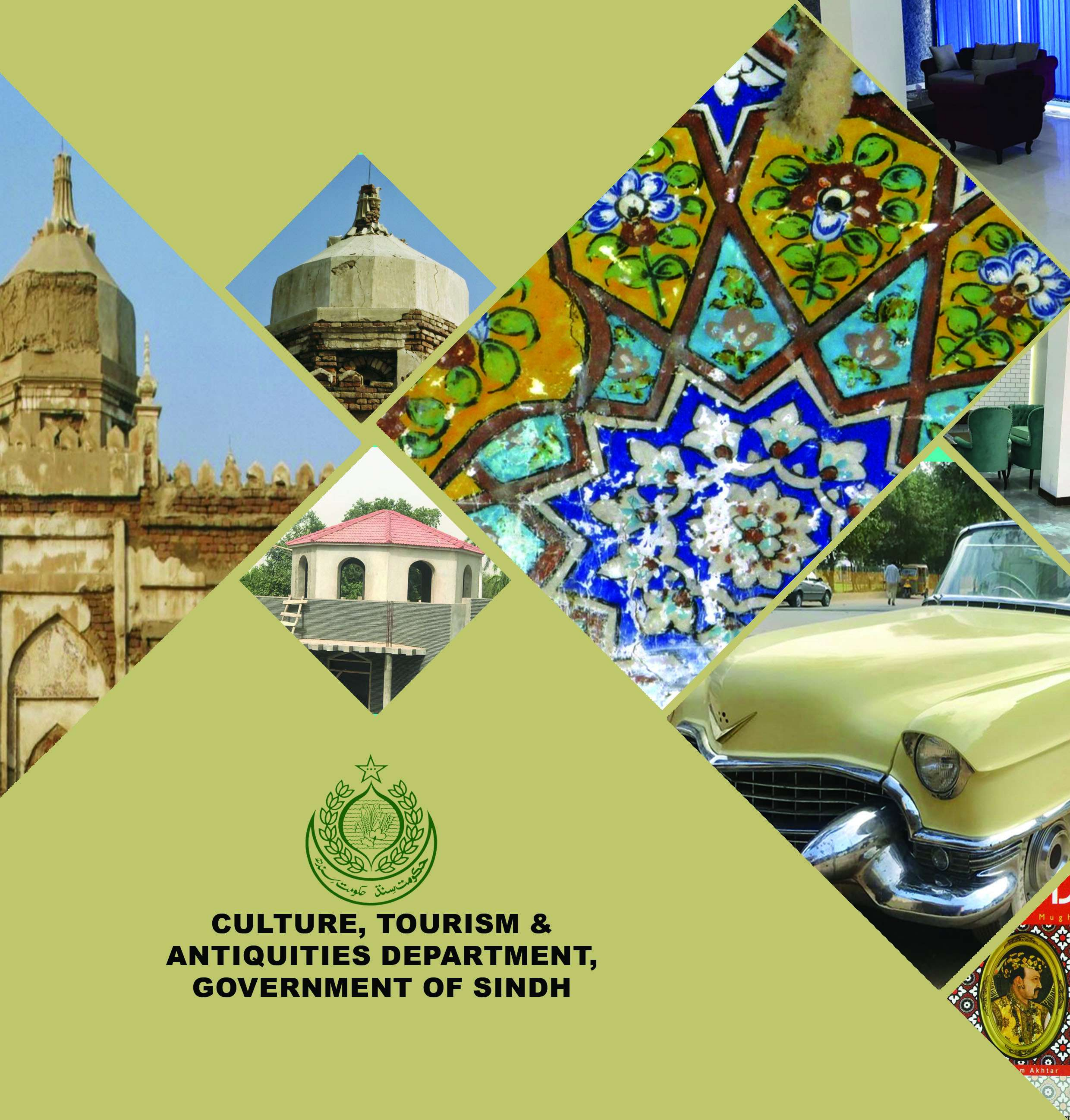
I am grateful to my party leadership for their trust and support. My team at the department, the Secretary Akbar Laghari, DG Antiquities Manzoor Kanasro and his team, Director PDMI Roshan Kanasro and team, Director Archives & Culture Abdul Aleem Lashari and his team, and every staff member of my office has played his/her crucial part in overall performance of the department. I also thank to the intelligentsia, civil society and the media for their constant check and appreciations of our activities.

Regards

Syed Sardar Ali Shah
Minister Culture, Tourism & Antiquities

ADP Schemes

**Planning, Development,
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**CULTURE, TOURISM &
ANTIQUITIES DEPARTMENT,
GOVERNMENT OF SINDH**



MISSING & ALLIED FACILITIES AT ROOPLO KOLHI MOTEL NAGAR PARKAR

The Department of Culture, Tourism and Antiquities, especially its tourism arm, STDC, is working tirelessly to establish, develop and promote the tourist facilities throughout the province. For this, the department has established the Rooplo Kolhi Resort at Nagarparkar (Thar) as this area is rightly depicted as the best summer tourist spot specially right after the rainy season. The newly established resort is having twenty four (24) rooms along with drawing, dining room, which is also completed during the year 2017-18. Thar is always the eye capturing site for the visitors but due to the lack of stay facilities, visitors could not enjoy upto the fullest. But now after the inauguration of the Rooplo Kolhi Resort, it can be the heavenly stay for visitors coming from any corner of the world.

