



GOVERNMENT OF SINDH
REHABILITATION DEPARTMENT
PROVINCIAL DISASTER MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY (SINDH)
BUNGALOW NO: 82, 10TH LANE, KHAYABAN-E-HILAL
DHA, PHASE-VI, KARACHI.
Phone: 021-99332701-2, Fax: 021-99332700
Karachi, dated: 8th October, 2018

PRESS RELEASE

Karachi 8th October 2018: PDMA Sindh celebrated National Resilience Day today at DABeach View Park near Sea View, Karachi. The day is celebrated in commemoration of Earthquake 2005 victims. The Advisor to Chief Minister Sindh for Information and Archives, Law, Enquiries and Anticorruption Department, Barrister Murtaza Wahab graced the occasion as Chief Guest and highlighted the importance of awareness for Disaster Resilience. He stressed upon educating the people for recurring disasters like heat waves, droughts and floods. The honorable Advisor said that we need to adopt modern/ international best practices for mitigation, rescue, relief & rehabilitation.

The Secretary Rehabilitation/DG PDMA, Mr. Akhtar Hussain Bugti, other high officials from Government of Sindh and a number of representatives of civil society, NGOs, electronic and print media participated in the event.

The Secretary Rehabilitation highlighting the importance of the day in his speech said that the Government of Sindh has been taking concrete steps to minimize the effects of natural as well as human-made disasters. Further talking about the damages of recent disasters said that the 8th October is celebrated as National Resilience Day, not only to remember those 86000 people who lost their lives in the earthquake of 2005 but it also motivates us to help each other and create awareness about disaster resilience among vulnerable societies.

The Honourable Advisor praised about the performance of PDMA during series of recent disasters like Cyclone Phet 2010, super floods 2010, cloud burst in 2011, excessive rainfall in Jacobabad and adjoining districts in 2012, urban flooding in Karachi - 2013, drought in Tharparkar - 2014, floods and heat-wave of 2015 and urban floods of 2017. He also appreciated the role of civil society, NGOs and humanitarian organizations.

The participants of the event observed Candlelight Vigil, and 2 minute silence in commemoration of the victims of past disasters at Seaview.

Sd/-
Assistant Director/PRO
(Cell# 0332-2141810)