

Water and Sanitation Services Peshawar



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Chief Executive Officer's Message

I am thrilled to share that WSSP has made considerable achievements, improving services delivery system and implementing environment-friendly projects. Among these projects are reconstruction of drainage network, replacement and expansion of water supply network. But the project that we take pride is the construction of a first of its kind decentralized wastewater treatment system that has started treating wastewater which then used for irrigating Wazirbagh Park – thanks to UNICEF for its financial assistance.

A wastewater treatment plant plays a vital role in ensuring that the water we use every day is clean and safe. Without it, untreated wastewater could contain harmful pollutants that can contaminate our waterways and pose a serious risk to public health.

WSSP is well-aware of wastewater harmful effects. The system is essential for protecting the environment and our freshwater resources that will lead us towards a sustainable development. By removing harmful pollutants from wastewater, we can prevent damage to aquatic ecosystems and help to conserve our natural resources. The system is being run and maintained by a team of engineers.

The treated wastewater is being recycled and reused for non-potable purposes, such as irrigation of Wazirbagh park at a reduced cost.

This is smaller system, but definitely a significant one and days are not far when will would have a larger system that will treat wastewater of the whole city.

As a responsible member of the community, WSSP's management considers it its duty to prioritize the health and well-being of our citizens and protect our environment. I strongly believe that investing in a wastewater treatment plant is a necessary step towards achieving sustainable development goals.



UNICEF Delegation Visit: Discussions on Collaboration Across Various Sectors

A delegation from UNICEF met with Dr. Hassan Nasir, CEO WSSP. The delegation, led by UNICEF Pakistan's WASH Manager Itsuro Takahashi, included UNICEF's WASH Specialist for Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Sajjad Akbar, and WASH Officer Rahmanullah.

On the occasion, Dr. Nasir General Manager PMER, Syed Zamir ul Hassan, briefed the delegates on WSSP's mandate and potential collaborations in water supply networks, construction of drains and valves, suction trucks, ground water monitoring, rainwater usage, solar energy for tube wells, workforce training, underground water level monitoring using water sensors, and other common areas of interest.

The delegation was informed that WSSP is implementing projects using new technologies for solid waste management, recycling of waste, and converting it into energy. The proposal for using river water for drinking purposes has been submitted to the government. WSSP is also working on a project to run more than a hundred tube wells using a self-operated system. The delegation praised WSSP's performance and expressed confidence in collaboration.





WSSP Solarizes Tube Wells for Sustainability

WSSP, in collaboration with Islamic Relief, has successfully solarized three tube wells in Audit Colony, Gullay Baba, and Bahadar Colony, reducing operational costs and promoting sustainability. An automated water testing machine has been installed, and the SCADA system expanded to 133 tube wells. The initiative, inaugurated by Caretaker Minister Aamer Durrani, enhances service delivery, ensures fault detection, and records electricity consumption. Plans for solarizing three more tube wells are in progress, aligning with WSSP's commitment to renewable energy solutions amid the country's energy challenges.



SCADA & Solarisation Inauguration by Minister LGE & RDD

Environment Friendly



Economical



Renewable Energy





WSSP's Innovative Solution: Reinforced Plastic Manholes Combat Theft Menace!

WSSP has replaced conventional iron manholes with Reinforced Plastic Composite (RPC) manholes on an experimental basis, marking progress towards introducing RPC manholes on experimental basis firstly at two locations in Gulbahar. These manholes are being evaluated for their durability, strength, and capabilities before potential wider implementation across the city's busy streets.

Notably, approximately 80% of iron manhole covers are stolen by drug addicts and petty thieves, leading to accidents and incidents of people falling into uncovered manholes. Due to the lack of authority, WSSP cannot take action against those stealing manhole covers, prompting them to report such incidents to the police and administration. However, in a fundamental decision to curb theft, RPC manholes are being installed, which are not susceptible to theft due to their composition and cannot be easily melted down. According to GM Operations, Engineer Turab Shah, if the experiment with RPC manholes proves successful, an additional 80 to 100 manholes will be installed, for which a budget of one million rupees has been allocated.

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In Memoriam: Mansoor Rahman

With heavy hearts, the management of WSSP laments the untimely passing of Mansoor Rahman, Manager Administration and Accounts. His sudden departure has left an irreplaceable void within organization. Led by Dr. Hassan Nasir, CEO WSSP and esteemed colleagues, the management, and staff joined in solemn reverence at his funeral rites, offering solace to his grieving family. Mansoor Rahman's tenure at WSSP was marked by unwavering dedication and invaluable contributions, making him an indelible part of our institutional fabric.

Mansoor Rahman, one of the founding officers of WSSP, utilized his skills and abilities to contribute significantly to the company's progress. He commenced his career as Manager Admin & Accounts from Zone-A on January 1, 2015. He was later given additional charge as Zone B's Zonal Manager on December 24, 2020, where he served with dedication and utmost professionalism. Mansoor exemplified professionalism and commitment until his last breath. Though he has departed from our midst, his legacy of excellence and integrity shall endure in our memories and endeavors.



WSSP and UNICEF

Forge Path to

Clean Water

and Sustainable Solutions

WSSP's Chief Executive Officer, Dr. Hassan Nasir, met with a UNICEF delegation led by country WASH Manager, Itsuro Takahashi, discussing various areas of collaboration. The meeting covered WSSP's mandate, water sanitation and operational matters, including sewage lines, drainage systems, rainwater harvesting, and solar energy utilization. Plans were discussed for utilizing modern technology in civic service provision, recycling waste, and treating polluted water, including the establishment of five treatment plants, one of which has already received government approval. The delegation praised WSSP's efforts and expressed confidence in cooperation moving forward.



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27 OCTOBER

BLACK DAY



WSSP's Rally Highlights Plight of Kashmiris on Black Day, Calls for UN Action

On Kashmir Solidarity Day, WSSP organized a protest rally, vehemently rejecting India's oppressive occupation of Kashmir. Like other institutions, WSSP demonstrated its commitment to the cause by affirming that every possible support would be extended to Kashmiris in their struggle for freedom, and no sacrifice would be spared to rescue them from India's authoritarian rule. WSSP offices were adorned with black banners on Kashmir Solidarity Day, bearing slogans in support of Kashmiri self-determination and against India's usurpation.

The rally was led by Zonal Manager Engineer Tariq Aziz. Participants emphasized that India's forcible occupation of Kashmir is unacceptable, as it not only violates international laws but also egregiously violates human rights. The international community's silence on India's atrocities against Kashmiris, especially by the United Nations, is deeply regrettable and condemnable.



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Officers Trained in Asset Management and Energy Optimization

WSPP has successfully completed a three-month online training for 19 officers and staff in asset management and energy optimization. The training, funded by Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and conducted by German experts at Al-Jazari Academy, aimed at enhancing operational efficiency and ensuring effective energy utilization. During the course, participants were trained in 12 modules covering topics such as solid waste management, tubewells, leakage control operations, and efficient energy usage through e-learning. At the conclusion of each module, participants underwent tests, and those who passed were awarded certificates.

The objective of the training is to bring further improvement in operational matters and ensure optimal energy use, ultimately leading to cost reduction. Mr. Zameer Ul Hassan, GM HR & PMER, commended JICA for their support and emphasized that the skills acquired by the trained officers will benefit both the company and the consumers. He underscored the importance of ongoing training to enhance the workforce's capabilities and indicated that such initiatives will continue in the future.



Cleanup Drive Clears Garbage Piles in Ameen Colony and Landi Arbab Cemetery Road

Under the directives of Caretaker Minister for Local Government, Engineer Aamer Nadeem Durani, heaps of garbage were cleared from Ameen Colony on Kohat Road, and the road passing through the Landi-Arbab Cemetery. The caretaker Minister had visited various areas to assess the cleanliness situation throughout the city. It was brought to the notice of Minister that it was not an assigned point for dumping waste, but a private plot where local residents were disposing of garbage. However, the plot owners were not allowing the authorities to clean it up. Upon the provincial minister's intervention, the issue was promptly resolved, and the garbage piles were cleared from the plot. Upon the directive of the provincial minister, the road passing through Landi-Arbab Cemetery was also cleaned. Later, CEO Dr. Hasan Nasir visited Ameen Colony and Landi-Arbab Cemetery Road, where he assessed the cleanliness operation and directed the staff to ensure cleanliness on a permanent basis.





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