

Press Release

GIS Cell established in in Karak District

Karak: April3, 2015: Geographic Information System (GIS)cell has been established in the district government Karak for bringing efficiency and improvement in the government service delivery system especially in health and education departments at the district level .

Speaking at the inaugural ceremony, the Deputy Commissioner Mr Shoaib Jadoon said,“The establishment of the GIS cell will bring revolutionary improvement in the delivery of basic services in line with the present government reform agenda of improving government system in the province” . He said that the cell will initially focus on health and education and will be later on extended to other service delivery sectors. The GIS will provide new ways and means to the district government departments to monitor the activities of all schools as well as health facilities.

Deputy Commissioner further said that GIS is an emerging technology worldwide and it will prove very beneficial for improving governance and public sector service delivery within Karak district. GIS technology can be used for mapping diseases’ pattern to plan preventive measures and monitoring students’ attendance within schools. The GIS technology will help government save scarce resources spent on field surveys and strengthen public sector decision-making.

Education and health service facilities District Karak have been initially mapped on the GIS system.The district administration plans to add other service sectors into the GIS system so that it becomes a central platform for all district level planning. DFID-funded Sub-National Governance (SNG) programme has provided technical assistance to the district administration for establishing GIS Cell in Karak.

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