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Prime Minister's Youth Programme celebrated International Youth Day with the launch of five new initiatives

Prime Minister's Youth Programme held Pakistan Youth Convention on the occasion of International Youth Day. Federal Ministers Including Minister of Education Rana Tanveer Hussain, Defense Minister Khawaja Asif, and Minister of Information and Broadcasting Marriyum Aurangzeb attended the event. Senators, representatives of different organizations, and youngsters from all across Pakistan were also present at the convention.

Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Youth Affairs Ms. Shaza Fatima Khawaja announced the revival of the Prime Minister's Laptop scheme along with the launch of 4 other initiatives which include Prime Minister National Innovation Award to support the best business ideas in the country, National Youth commission to increase the role of youth in policy-making, National Youth Employment Policy for the creation of 2 million jobs annually, and Revised Prime Minister's Youth Business Loan Scheme to empower youngsters with an entrepreneurial mindset. She emphasized the enhanced inclusion of women in different initiatives of the Prime Minister's Youth programme. She announced that under the banner of "Girls learn Girls Earn" Youth Programme is focusing on providing women the maximum number of opportunities. 50 percent quota has been specified for the women in the laptop scheme and Skills Development Programme. A 25 percent Quota is now reserved for women in Prime Minister's Youth Business Loans. She further said that under the Vision of "Mehnat mein Azmat" the promotion of dignified blue-collar jobs is the top priority of the government. So that people with less education can also be benefited from the programme. Shaza Fatima Khawaja said that keeping in view the future trends, High tech skills training is being given to male and female students all across Pakistan.

Narrating about the progress of the Prime Minister's Youth Programme since 2013, Sapm said that till now 74 billion rupees have been disbursed under the loan scheme, whereas more than 4 hundred thousand men and women have been trained under the Skills Development Programme. Highlighting the lower number of women applicants in loan scheme she urged them to apply for business loans and begin their journey of entrepreneurship. Shaza Fatima showed positive hopes for the success of newly launched initiatives and said that they will play an integral in empowering the young population of Pakistan.

Federal Minister for Education and Professional Training Rana Tanveer Hussain also addressed the convention and appreciated the contribution of the Prime Minister's Youth Programme in assisting the young population of Pakistan through different initiatives. He said that along with formal education, skills training is also necessary for youth to earn a decent livelihood and contribute to the development of Pakistan. Education Minister said that our women are performing exceptionally well in different spheres of life. He requested the higher education commission and other stakeholders to ensure a 50 percent share for women in every scholarship.

While Defence Minister Khajawa Asif highlighted the need for a national pledge to further strengthen the country and said that Youth is the future of Pakistan. He highlighted that there is a big need to discourage hatred and division in Pakistan. He narrated that we need to make Pakistan a country that upheld the noble values of tolerance, love, and empathy for each other.

During the ceremony, 11 young stars from all over Pakistan were conferred with the Prime Minister's excellence award for their work in different fields Khawaja Muhammad Asif, Rana Tanveer Hussain, and Shaza Fatima formally launched the five new initiatives under the Prime Minister's Youth Programme at the end of the convention.