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**LAW & JUSTICE COMMISSION OF PAKISTAN**  
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**GOVERNING BODY OF THE ACCESS TO JUSTICE DEVELOPMENT  
FUND APPROVES GROUNDBREAKING PROJECTS FOR INCLUSIVE  
AND SUSTAINABLE JUDICIAL INFRASTRUCTURE**

**FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ALLOCATES GRANT OF RS. 2 BILLION TO THE FUND**

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**PRESS RELEASE, AUGUST 18, 2025**

**Islamabad, August 18, 2025-** The meeting of the Governing Body of the Access to Justice Development Fund (AJDF) was held today at the Supreme Court of Pakistan under the Chairmanship of Hon'ble the Chief Justice of Pakistan/Chairman, Law and Justice Commission of Pakistan (LJCP). The meeting was attended by the Chief Justices of the High Courts, the Secretary Finance Division, and the Secretary Law and Justice Division, while Attorney General for Pakistan attended on special invitation. The participants expressed satisfaction over the progress made on the implementation of decisions from the previous meeting.

The Governing Body extended its deepest gratitude to the Federal Government for a grant of Rs. 2 Billion to the Fund. This landmark contribution will be utilized for advancing women-centric facilities in courts, solarization of judicial complexes, provision of clean drinking water and establishment of e-libraries in courts across the country with special focus on underdeveloped and remote districts, ensuring broader access and inclusivity.

In a unanimous decision, the Forum verified annual accounts of the Fund for the year 2024-25 and approved significant projects and financial allocations aimed at strengthening justice sector across the country by focusing litigant's facilities.

**Women Facilitation and Inclusivity:**

The Governing Body approved projects of the High Court of Sindh and High Court of Balochistan amounting to Rs. 631.579 million, with emphasis on establishing Women-

centric facilities within court premises. This will provide a safe, accessible, and inclusive environment for female litigants.

### **Solarization and E-Libraries in Underdeveloped Regions**

Approval was granted for projects of the Sindh, Lahore, Balochistan, and Peshawar High Courts under the Underdeveloped Regions (UDR) Window amounting to Rs. 317 million. These projects include the solarization of courts to ensure uninterrupted power supply and the establishment of modern e-libraries in remote and underdeveloped districts.

### **Judicial Training and Legal Aid**

The Governing Body also sanctioned various training programs for the Federal and Provincial Judicial Academies. In addition, Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) were approved to streamline the provision of free legal aid to deserving litigants, particularly for cases pending before the Supreme Court and High Courts.

### **Strengthening AJDF Rules**

The forum approved proposed amendments to the AJDF Rules aimed at broadening the scope of the Judicial and Research Window and enhancing the overall effectiveness of the Fund.

The Chair appreciated the valuable input of the participants and reaffirmed the commitment of the judiciary to ensure that the resources of the Fund are utilized for sustainable, inclusive, and accessible justice delivery across the country.

Nasrullah Khan  
Joint Secretary