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The Population Explosion in Pakistan and where it might take us



Pakistan is the sixth most populous country in the world with an estimated population of over 207 million. The growth rate of 2.40 percent is the highest in South Asia and stands in sharp contrast to the 1.0 to 1.15 percent growth rate with other South Asian countries. Our population has increased more than six-folds since the last census carried out in 1951.

Between 1993 to 1998, Pakistan ran a successful family planning programme which was instrumental in reducing the fertility rate and increasing contraceptive prevalence. However, since 2000 onwards, successive governments attention to family planning programmes started to reduce.

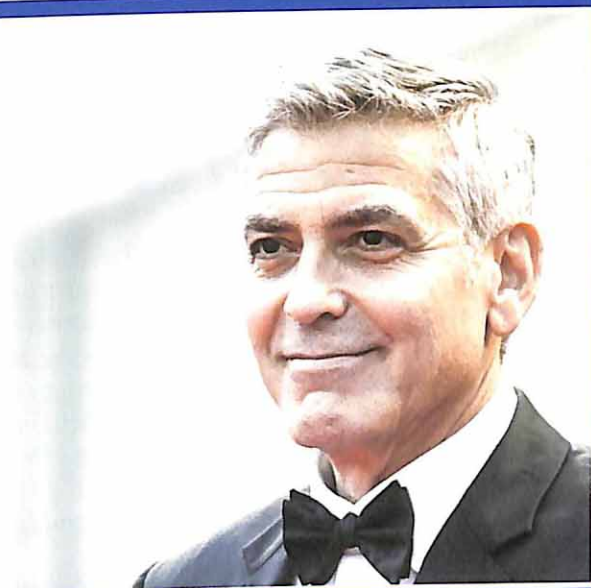
It is encouraging to note that population and family planning is now again gaining space on the government's policy agenda. The Federal Government has constituted a Task Force on Population and Family Planning to develop a strategy for controlling population growth and guiding its implementation. The Task Force, headed by the Prime Minister, which includes all provincial Chief Ministers as members, is working towards three key targets; increasing contraceptive prevalence rate to 55 percent, reducing fertility rate from 3.6 births per woman to 2.1, and decreasing population growth rate to 1.5 percent. Given the devolved governance structure in Pakistan, the inclusion of Chief Ministers in the Task Force is key to implementing a coordinated and comprehensive family planning programme.

We hope the government will share with the public, on how far they have been successful, as it is imperative to find a solution to this sword of democle's hanging over our heads. The fallout could be disastrous in terms of food, water, employment and housing, if this explosion in population is not controlled.

George Clooney

"I don't believe in happy endings, but I do believe in happy travels, because ultimately, you die at a very young age, or you live long enough to watch your friends die. It's a mean thing, life."

George Clooney is an American actor, director, producer and filmmaker. He is the recipient of three Golden Globe Awards and two Academy Awards.



Muniba Mazari



"I could not find a hero in my life so I became one."

Muniba Mazari is an activist, anchor artist, model, singer and motivational speaker, also known as the Iron Lady of Pakistan, after surviving multiple injuries in an accident, leaving her physically challenged.

Muhammad Ali

"He who is not courageous enough to take risks will accomplish nothing in life."

Muhammad Ali was an American Olympic and professional boxer and activist, widely regarded as one of the most significant and celebrated sports figures of the 20th century. (Born: 1942. Died: 2016)



SUPER ART CONTEST



Sponsored by Soya Supreme, Art TV Pakistan's 'SUPER ART CONTEST' initiated to promote young talent in the arts field. It was an open call for all age groups living in Karachi. Judges for the contest were renowned Pakistani visual artists – Nahid Raza, Masuma Halai Khwaja, Mehreen Hashmi and Abdul Jabbar Gull. Australian artist Gabrielle Brinsmead hosted the event. More than 500 artists sent entries, of which 25 participants were selected to produce paintings on canvas, of which 8 participants were selected for the final round, who painted on the given theme of 'BANDAR ROAD SE KIMARI' that required artists to associate Karachi's surroundings with a nostalgic memory, onto canvas.

Besides being awarded cash prizes, participants will exhibit their work at ARTONE62 in Gallery Karachi, in June 2020.

Judges awarded cash prizes to three winners, with one supporting prize :

1st Prize: ASRA BATOOL	Rs. 100 Thousand
2nd Prize: ABDUL KARIM SAMOO	Rs. 50 Thousand
3rd Prize: SAFIYA PISHORI	Rs. 25 Thousand
4th Prize: SALMA JAVED	Rs 10 Thousand

You can watch video coverage of the contest on ART TV PAKISTAN's Facebook page: facebook.com/arttvpakistan

