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FWO: SIX DECADES OF ENGINEERING EXCELLENCE AND NATIONAL PROSPERITY

Established in October 1966, with the construction of iconic Karakoram Highway (KKH) - a 1,300-kilometre engineering marvel connecting Pakistan and China; the Frontier Works Organization (FWO) has evolved into a premier infrastructure development organization, shaping the nation's connectivity and economic landscape.

From a network of highways, bridges, tunnels and dams to trailblazing the mining sector, oil infrastructure, IT solutions and Safe City initiatives, FWO continues to serve, diversify and grow exponentially. Our role in disaster response reflects FWO's enduring commitment to national service, while the ultimate sacrifices of more than 879 personnel stand as a testament to our unwavering dedication to the nation.

KARAKORAM HIGHWAY (KKH) – 8TH WONDER OF THE WORLD

Commissioned in 1978, the Karakoram Highway (KKH), linking Pakistan to Kashgar in China, traversing the Khunjerab Pass at an altitude of 15,397 feet above sea level. Its year-round operations, ensured by FWO, provide all-weather accessibility, significantly enhancing regional trade and tourism with China.



QASIM MARKET AND CHARING CROSS UNDERPASSES

Work on underpasses is in full swing at Qasim Market and Charing Cross as part of the signal-free corridor in Rawalpindi. The project will streamline traffic flow, reduce travel time, enhance road safety and strengthen urban connectivity.



SIGNAL FREE CORRIDOR – RAWALPINDI

MARKA-E-HAQ SQUARE – TRANSFORMING URBAN MOBILITY

After commissioning of **GPO underpass** on Mall Road, Rawalpindi and the transformation of **Marka-e-Haq Square** (Entwhile Kachery Chowk) long-standing traffic congestion alleviated, significantly enhancing commuter convenience and pedestrian safety. Featuring two flyovers, three underpasses and a pedestrian bridge, this major upgrade has seamlessly integrated into the signal-free corridor linking Rawat to the M-2 Motorway via Peshawar Road, thereby ensuring smooth vehicular movement across the city.



26 NUMBER INTERCHANGE

FWO is upgrading the 26 Number Interchange through the construction of a new underpass, renovation of three existing loops, construction of an additional loop and extension of existing bridge to streamline traffic movement at this critical road junction. The project will reduce commuting delays, facilitate uninterrupted travel and accommodate mass transit EV buses, thereby transforming the transport network and improving intercity connectivity.



RECENT BENCHMARKS

YADGAR-E-FATAH – A TESTAMENT TO NATION'S RESOLVE

Carved as a tribute to the nation that stood, Yadgar-e-Fateh commemorates the historic victory of Marqa-e-Haq. Symbolizing the iron will of the Nation; artistically crafted with inspiration from the architecture of Masjid e Nabvi, transforming the legacy of Marqa-e-Haq into a vision of progress, prosperity and a promising future.



RATHOA-HARYAM BRIDGE – MANGLA DAM

The 3.4-km long Rathoa - Haryam Bridge, the longest bridge in Azad Jammu and Kashmir, stands testament to FWO's technical prowess. Bridging a critical 240-meter span with a cantilever box-girder, the project resolves a long-standing engineering challenge by connecting Mirpur to Islamgarh, reducing travel time from approximately 40 minutes to just five minutes. It also significantly enhances mobility and economic opportunities for around 1.5 million people.



MARGALLA ENCLAVE UNDERPASS – FACILITATING SEAMLESS ACCESS

Commissioned in September 2026, the underpass is facilitating the daily commute for residents of the twin cities by easing traffic bottlenecks and improving route efficiency. The project streamlines traffic flow and complements the capital's expanding urban infrastructure.



LATEST VENTURES

RAWALPINDI RING ROAD – EASING URBAN CONGESTION

The 38.3-km long Rawalpindi Ring Road linking GT Road (N-5) to Motorway (M-2) is designed to divert heavy and intercity traffic away from twin cities and ease off road congestion. With strategically located interchanges and underpasses connecting existing communities and roads, it will reduce travel time, facilitate freight movement and support economic activity.



ELECTRIC BUS DEPOTS – MASS TRANSIT PROJECT

Developed by FWO at Green Town in Lahore, the electric bus depot features nine dedicated charging stations. Initially supporting a fleet of 27 electric buses operating along a 21-km corridor between Lahore Railway Station and Green Town, the facility represents a major step towards cleaner and more efficient urban transport. Expanding the vision of an efficient and sustainable Mass Transit system, the development of five additional electric bus depots is underway across Punjab.



CATTLE MARKET – MODERNIZING LIVESTOCK INFRASTRUCTURE

The purpose-built Model Cattle Markets, developed by FWO in Lahore and Jhang provide comprehensive infrastructure and efficient operational arrangements to facilitate traders and customers. By modernizing livestock trading facilities, streamlining commercial activities and supporting the meat supply chain, the project contributes to enhance market efficiency and economic growth.



ONGOING DEVELOPMENTS

PAKISTAN EXPRESSWAY (N-25) – A GATEWAY TO BALOCHISTAN'S DEVELOPMENT

The 536-km long N-25 highway initiative is designed to upgrade a vital transport corridor in Balochistan comprising the 368-km Hub–Khuzdar and 169-km Mastung–Chaman sections. Improvements to road infrastructure and the associated Khojak Tunnel works are underway to enhance travel safety, facilitate trade and strengthen regional connectivity.



SIALKOT–KHARIAN MOTORWAY – ACCELERATING CONNECTIVITY

A 68-kilometre, six-lane, controlled-access motorway will connect Sialkot with Kharian at the N-5, improving access to major commercial centres and supporting industrial activity, logistics and economic growth.



THAR RAIL CONNECTIVITY – PAKISTAN'S FIRST GREENFIELD RAILWAY PROJECT

The 107-kilometre long Thar Rail Connectivity Project integrates Thar Coal mines with the national rail network, enabling the efficient transportation of indigenous lignite fuel across the country and strengthening energy security.



DIAMER BASHA DAM – THE WORLD'S LARGEST ROLLER COMPACTED CONCRETE DAM

Located in Gilgit-Baltistan, the Diamer Basha Dam is a landmark hydropower and water-storage project designed to generate 4,500 MW of electricity. Once completed, it will enhance energy security, improve water management, support agricultural irrigation, mitigate flood risks and drive long-term socioeconomic development.



DADHOCHA DAM – STRENGTHENING WATER SECURITY

Situated on Ling River near Rawalpindi, the earth-filled Dadhocha Dam is designed to store 60,300 acre-feet of water and supply approximately 35 million gallons of water daily. Its spillway will help manage high flows, while the project is expected to enhance the reliable provision of drinking water to around 1.17 million residents of Rawalpindi.



OPENING NEW FRONTIERS

FAISALABAD–THALLIAN–TARU JABBA WHITE OIL PIPELINE (FTT - WOP)

The 437-km Faisalabad–Thallian–Taru Jabba White Oil Pipeline, extending from the PARCO Machike Terminal to Taru Jabba via Thallian, completes the backbone of Pakistan's oil transportation network. With a transportation capacity of 7 million tonnes per annum and a design life of 20 years, it will significantly enhance the nation's oil transportation and strategic storage capacity.

The project will strengthen energy security through a safe, efficient and economical transportation system while promoting environmental sustainability.

TUNNELLING

FWO is a leading organization with comprehensive in-house expertise in tunnel design and construction. Our technical proficiency in field of tunneling is demonstrated by landmark projects, including Swat twin-tube tunnels, Nohoj Tunnel and extensive tunneling network of Diamer Basha Dam.

The Tunnelling Institute of Pakistan - the sixth of its kind globally, serves as a premier hub of innovation and specialized training in the field of tunnelling.

MINING

As Pakistan's only vertically integrated mining and exploration organization, we are harnessing the country's untapped mineral resources. FWO is undertaking base-metal and dimension-stone mining and has successfully achieved all facets of the mining cycle. Equipped with advanced machinery and a highly trained workforce, the Mineral Exploration & Development Operations (MEDO) directorate offers end-to-end solutions, including mineral exploration, open-pit mining, beneficiation, heap leaching and recently commissioned advanced laboratory testing services.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

ONE Network, a subsidiary of FWO, is transforming the technological landscape through innovative IT solutions that enhance traffic management through smart motorways and promote safer & smarter communities. By leveraging advanced technology, it is driving the digitalization of Pakistan; pioneering the modernization of railway networks and deploying automated axle weigh-in-motion systems to protect transport infrastructure and enhance operational life.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION

CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY TRAINING INSTITUTE (CTTI)

The Construction Technology Training Institute (CTTI), with campuses in Islamabad and Rawalpur, is accredited through partnerships with the governments of Japan (via JICA) and Korea (via KOICA). The institute provides specialized training to youth from Pakistan as well as students from brotherly countries in construction-related fields, equipping them with the practical skills needed to enhance their employment opportunities both nationally and internationally.

EPILOGUE: ENGINEERING A LASTING LEGACY

As we celebrate our **60th anniversary**, we look to the future with renewed commitment and resolve. Today, FWO stands not only as a national leader across diverse domains but also as a trendsetter, shaping the future through unwavering resilience and excellence. With regional outreach in the Middle East and Africa, FWO is exploring new horizons, strengthening its global presence while fostering cooperation and solidarity beyond borders.

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