

# Fourth Session Report of 18th Youth Parliament Pakistan®



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The 18th batch of the Youth Parliament Pakistan®, in partnership with TikTok, convened for its 4th session in Karachi, focusing on '**Digital Literacy, Media Literacy & Critical Thinking**'. This session featured primary members representing all constituencies of Pakistan, including Azad Jammu & Kashmir, Gilgit-Baltistan, and Overseas Pakistanis. The day's agenda included a series of activities aimed at fostering understanding and dialogue, including a moderated parliamentary style debate on the National Civic Education Commission Act, 2018.

### Attendance and Participation

The 18<sup>th</sup> Youth Parliament Pakistan® (YPP) held its fourth session with a total of 106 Members of Youth Parliament Pakistan® (MYPs), consisting of 72 virtual attendees and 34 in-person. Out of the MYPs attending in person, 20% were female, while 80% were male. In the virtual setting, there was a slightly higher representation of females at 32%,

with



males comprising 68%. This diversity in gender representation demonstrated a commitment to inclusivity and equal participation.

### Welcome Address

Ms. Anna Kausar, Senior Projects Manager at PILDAT, warmly welcomed the youth parliamentarians at the fourth session in Karachi. She extended heartfelt gratitude for the collaboration with TikTok, underscoring how this partnership significantly enriches the YPP

experience by integrating contemporary digital engagement tools. Ms. Kausar emphasized that TikTok's involvement serves as a crucial bridge, connecting the Youth Parliament Pakistan's initiatives with a broader audience of young people through modern digital platforms. This collaboration not only amplifies the reach and impact of YPP's activities but also empowers youth by providing them with innovative avenues for civic participation and democratic discourse.



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## **Selection of Acting Speaker**

In an effort to improve the sense of participation among MYPs and inculcate leadership skills, the Acting Speaker of the House was chosen through a hand-raise method, a practice that underscores the democratic values upheld by the Youth Parliament Pakistan® (YPP). From this selection, **Ms. Rakhshanda Ramzan**, who represents **NA-256 Karachi Central-IV**, was elected as the Acting Speaker for the session. Her election to this pivotal role highlights the inclusive and impartial approach of the YPP, giving equal opportunity to all members to lead and contribute significantly to the parliamentary proceedings.



Acting speaker of the session selected from the MYPs; Ms. Rakhshanda Ramzan NA-256 Karachi Central- IV at the Fourth session of 18th Youth Parliament Pakistan® on May 11, 2024 at Karachi

### Presentation on Legislative Drafting

Ms. Amna Kausar, Deputy Speaker and Manager of Youth Parliament Pakistan®, delivered a presentation titled **"Drafting Legislation: From Idea to a Bill."** During this session, the Members of Youth Parliament (MYPs) posed questions and explored key aspects of legislative drafting, highlighting the processes involved in transforming an idea into a formal bill and the importance of thorough legislative research and public consultation.



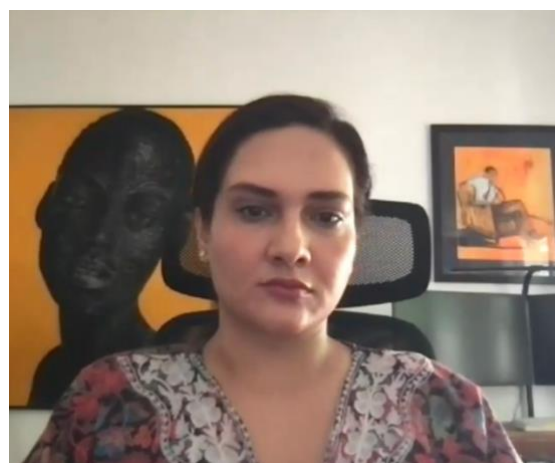
Ms. Amna Kausar, Manager YPP & Senior Projects Manager, PILDAT, giving a presentation on Drafting Legislation: From Idea to a Bill at the Fourth session of 18th Youth Parliament Pakistan® on May 11, 2024 at Karachi

### Panel Discussion on Digital Literacy, Media Literacy and Critical Thinking

Moderated by Ms. Amna Kausar, this discussion featured distinguished panelists including:

- Ms. Zara Basharat Higgs, Head of Public Policy Programs for METAPSA at TikTok
- Mr. Javed Jabbar, Former Senator & Former Federal Minister
- Ms. Amber Rahim Shamsi, Director CEJ at IBA Karachi
- Mr. Ghazi Salahuddin, Journalist and Writer
- Mr. Jami Chandio, Writer & Activist

The discussion covered the evolution of media in Pakistan, the importance of digital literacy and strategies to combat misinformation. Panelists emphasized the need for comprehensive digital literacy programs tailored to the youth enabling them to critically evaluate information and discern fact from fiction. The panelists also discussed the significance of media literacy in fostering informed citizenship in the digital age.



*Panelists discussing at Digital Literacy, Media Literacy & Critical Thinking at the Fourth Session of 18th Youth Parliament Pakistan® on May 11, 2024 at Karachi; From T to B: Ms. Zara Basharat Higgs, Head of Public Policy Programs for METAPSA at TikTok, Mr. Javed Jabbar, Former Senator & Former Federal Minister; Ms. Amber Rahim Shamsi, Director CEJ at IBA Karachi; Mr. Ghazi Salahuddin, Journalist and Writer; and Mr. Jami Chandio, Writer & Activist.*

## **Debate on the National Civic Education Commission Act, 2018**

After a group photo and lunch break, a moderated parliamentary-style debate on the National Civic Education Commission Act, 2018 took place. MYPs discussed flaws and areas for improvement in the Act, focusing on:

- Enhancing civic education outreach to rural areas
- Updating the curriculum to include contemporary civic issues
- Engaging local stakeholders to strengthen community participation



*MYPs debating on the National Civic Education Commission Act, 2018 at the fourth session of the 18th Youth Parliament Pakistan® on May 11, 2024, at Karachi*

### **Presentation on Local Government System of Pakistan**

Mr. Ahmed Bilal Mehboob, President of PILDAT and Founder of YPP, delivered a presentation on empowering the local government system in Pakistan. Key points included:

- Devolving administrative authority to local governments
- Providing financial autonomy and resources at the grassroots level
- Building capacity and ensuring accountability of local government officials



*Mr. Ahmed Bilal Mehboob, President PILDAT/ Founder YPP, giving a presentation on 'The Local Government System of Pakistan' at the Fourth session of 18th Youth Parliament Pakistan® on May 11,2024 in Karachi*

The session concluded with remarks from the YPP Secretariat/PILDAT, reflecting on the day's discussions and outlining the path forward. The 18th Youth Parliament Pakistan®, supported by TikTok, remains dedicated to promoting civic education, democracy, peace, and tolerance among Pakistani youth. The success of the fourth session sets the stage for a promising future of youth-led policy discourse in Pakistan.

## Appendix A: Attendance of MYPs

The following list of Members was present at the fourth session of the 18<sup>th</sup> Youth Parliament Pakistan®, held on May 11, 2024, Saturday.

### Virtual participants

Sr.	Names of MYPs	Constituency Number
1	YP 195 - UnsiaBatool	NA-59 Rawalpindi-III
2	YP384 - Ishfaq Hussain	NA-4 Swat-III
3	YP-032 - Badaruddin Kalhoro	NA-200 Larkana-I
4	YP 140 - Muzammil Majeed	NA-140 Kasur-IV
5	YP 071 - Abbas Ali	NA-22 Mardan-III
6	YP 329 - Muska Khan	NA-28 Peshawar-II
7	YP 341 - Mamoona Mahmood	NA-74 Sialkot-III
8	YP 389 - Asad Ullah	NA-46 Tribal Area-VII
9	YP 334 - Hamza Khan	NA-109 Faisalabad-IX
10	YP 169 - Fatima Mirza	NA-130 Lahore-IX
11	YP 031 - Muhammad Samama Saleem	NA-188 Layyah-II
12	YP 178- Hassan Raza	NA-172-Bahawalpur-III
13	YP 156- Sumbal Zeb Khan	NA-3 Swat-II
14	YP 332 - Asia Arif	NA-110 Faisalabad-X
15	YP 164 - M Siddique Madani	NA-263 Killa Abdullah
16	YP 183 - Muhammad Adeel Abbas	NA-183-Muzzafargarh-III
17	YP 310- Sumiyya Qamar	NA-54 Islamabad-III
18	YP 313- Wasiq Anwar	NA-78 Narowal-II
19	YP 342 - Hamza Ahmed	NA-130 Lahore-VIII
20	YP 259 - Muhammad suliman Saif	NA-259 Dera Bugti-cum-Kohlu-cum-Barkhan-cum-sibi-cum-Lehri
21	YP 151 - Ayesha siddiqa	NA-147-Sahiwal-I
22	YP 235 Overseas Pakistani -Zafar Hassan	Overseas Pakistani
23	YP 148 - Nathan Danyal	NA-116 Jhang-III
24	YP 038 - Sana Shakeel	NA-90 Sargodha-III
25	YP 028 - Saareena Asrar	NA-131 Lahore-IX
26	YP 125 - Hasnain Khan	NA-20 Mardan-I
27	YP 086 - Hussain uz Zaman	NA-51 Area-XII
28	YP 90 - Muhammad Khalid	NA-122 Shekhupura-IV
29	YP154 - sami ullah sheikh	NA-148 Sahiwal-I
30	YP 104- Muhammad Saqib	NA-6 Lower Dir-I
31	YP 304 - Malik Abdullah Khan	NA-28 Peshawar-II
32	YP 093 - Maryam Tahir	NA-127 Lahore-V
33	YP 272 - Inzamam Ulhaq	NA-272 Lasbela-cum-Gwadar
34	YP 112 - Shanza hameed	NA-72 Sialkot-I
35	YP 119 - TehreemFatima	NA-119 Shekhupura-I
36	YP 129 - Syed Ali Naqi	NA-135 Lahore-XIII
37	YP 305 - Naveed Hussain	NA-2 Swat-I
38	YP 146 - Maliha Fayyaz	NA-55 Attock-I
39	YP 067 - Hina Shabbir	NA-178 Rahim Yar Khan-IV
40	YP 094- Humayon Shehzad Shah	NA-194 Rajanpur-II
41	YP 18 - umm e maliha	NA-265-Quetta-II
42	YP 111-Josna Ajmal	NA-125 Lahore-III
43	YPP 322 - Hina Khan	NA-52 Islamabad-I
44	YP10 - Muhammad Azharuddin	NA-10 Shangla

45	YP 205 - Gul E Zehra	NA-225 Hyderabad-I
46	YP205 - Danish Ahmad	NA-20 Mardan-I
47	YP 223 Shah Rayz	NA-170 Bahawalpur-I
48	YP 90 Muhammad Khalid	NA-122 Sheikhpura-IV
49	YP 186 - Asim Ali	NA-68 Gujrat-I
50	YP 070 - Daniel Massey	NA-131 Lahore-IX
51	YP 051 - Ubedullah Rahimoon	NA-221 Tharparkar-I
52	YP 196 - Muhammad Mursaleen Mairaj	NA-79 Gujranwala-I
53	YP 007 - Rimmsh Fatima	NA-117 Nankana Sahib-I
54	YP 083 - Tayyaba Ayoob	NA-98-Bhakkar-II
55	YP 147 - Nayla Fareed	NA-160-Lodhran-I
56	YP-182 - shazma ijaz	NA-84 Gujranwala-VI
57	YP 371 - Arham Salahuddin	NA-127
58	YP-197 - Saadia Babar	NA-129 Lahore-VII
59	YP-143 - Munir Usmani	NA-12-Battagram

## Appendix B

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### Youth Parliament Pakistan® Secretariat

The following list of Members was present at the fourth session of 18th Youth Parliament Pakistan®, held on May 11, 2024, Saturday.

#### In-Person participants

<b>Sr.</b>	<b>Names of MYPs</b>	<b>Constituency Number</b>
1	Kishor Kumar	NA-222 Tharparkar-II
2	Mustafa Wynne	NA-63-Rawalpindi-VII
3	Muhammad Sheroze Sandal	NA-71 Gujrat-IV
4	Abeera Noor	NA-242 Karachi East-I
5	Danial Asadullah Khan	NA-97 Bhakkar-I
6	Rakhshanda Ramzan	NA-256 Karachi Central-IV
7	Ram Parkash	NA-220 Umerkot
8	Taif Ullah	NA-44 Tribal Area-V
9	Muhammad Umair	NA-251 Karachi West-IV
10	Gul e zehra	NA-225 Hyderabad-I
11	Erabah Ilyas Siddiqui	NA-253 Karachi Central-I
12	Muhammad Ali	NA-243 Karachi East-II
13	Anas Sheikh	NA-255 Karachi Central-III
14	Sami ul Haq	NA-252 Karachi west-V
15	Abdul Basit Ansari	NA-243 Karachi East-II
16	Muhammad Shaoor	NA-243 Karachi East-II
17	abdul haseeb	NA-205 Ghotki-II
18	Shafiqat Rasool	NA-212 Naushahro Feroze-II
19	Badaruddin Kalhoro	NA-200 Larkana-I
20	Hammad waheed	NA-250 Karachi West-III
21	Parkash Kumar Rathor	NA-227 Hyderabad-III
22	Erabah Ilyas	NA-253 Karachi Central-I
23	Gul Muhammad Khan	NA-196 Jacobabad
24	Muhammad Saad	NA-213 Shaheed Benazirabad-I
25	Masroor Ahmed	NA-199 Shikarpur-II
26	Muhammad Fatir	NA-240 Korangi Karachi-II
27	Zahid Ali	NA-213 Shaheed Benazirabadr-I
28	Abdul Fatah	NA-233 Jamshoro
29	Mir Muhammad Balaj	NA-214 Shaheed Benazirabadr-II