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'Govt-people cooperation must for uplift'

By A Reporter

ISLAMABAD, July 29: The cooperation between government agencies and communities is necessary for social and economic uplift of the masses.

Arif Hassan, an eminent writer, said this on Friday while speaking at 'Participatory Development' organised by Aurat Foundation which was followed by the launch of his publication titled, 'Shirakti Taraqi'.

Mr Hassan, known for writing on the issues relating to the development in Pakistan, while delivering his lecture shared the success story of Orangi Pilot Project.

The book, 'Shirakti Taraqi', contains the detailed description of Orangi Pilot Project, its Research and Training Institute and Urban Resource Centre.

The book also highlighted the endeavours of various NGOs and CBOs which planned and implemented their projects on the pattern of Orangi Pilot Project.

Mr Hassan said that the outstanding aspects of Orangi Pilot Project were its long term implementation and the development of a working culture for the NGOs and the Community based Organisations (CBOs).

He highlighted the importance of the education in the underdeveloped areas as key for sustainable development.

Speakers at the discussion highlighted other books by Arif Hassan including 'Ba Zabta Inqilab' which discusses the observations of social and financial change in Pakistan,



AUTHOR Arif Hassan at the launching of his book. — Online

'Karachi' which throws light on the planning and development alternatives, and 'Hijrat Aur Pakistan Mein Chotay Shehr', which focuses the immigration and the issues of smaller cities.

However, Mr Hassan himself attributed his work and writings to Akhtar Hameed Khan and said that the development paradigm and practices set by Akhtar Hameed were the best example of pro-people and pro-poor development.

Dr Nasim-ul-Hassan, one of the speakers, while commenting on Arif Hassan's book 'Shirakti Tariqi', said that participatory develop-

ment was inevitable for Pakistan's prosperity as it had the potential to ensure the delivery of basic human rights and provision of basic needs like safe drinking water, food security etc.

He said that the government and non-government sectors, which control and deliver the development, should understand and practice the philosophy of 'participatory development'.

While Harris Khalique, writer and analyst, said that Arif Hassan had promoted the important notion that the education in Pakistan should be linked with the real life.

Naeem Mirza, Chief Operating Officer (COO) of Aurat Foundation, welcomed the participants and shared with them the vision of Aurat Foundation which aimed at women empowerment through their participation in politics and development.