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## **'Chalo Parho Barho' campaign kicks off**

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"I want to read, learn and grow into a good citizen. It is my fundamental right" were the chants of street children during a rally taken out in Ali Akbar Shah Goth of Korangi 5 to launch of the Idara-e-Taleem-o-Aagahi's (ITA's) 'Chalo Parho Barho' campaign.

The "Chalo Parho Barho" is a citizen driven campaign through which children's reading and learning levels are assessed and improved. The ultimate drive of ITA is to improve the learning levels of 150,000 children per district across Public-Private Schools in Pakistan and carry through till 2015.

The event also saw the celebration of Literacy Day and the opening of a Drop-in Centre for the street children of the community. The centre is an educational set-up where out-of-school children or displaced children of the community will receive primary education or vocational training free of cost.

During the inauguration of the Drop-in Centre, Chief Guest, Riaz Kamlani, Vice-President of The Citizen's Foundation applauded the work being done by ITA and said "ITA has taken a worthy step towards making education free for the impoverished children of the community. By doing so, ITA is going in synchronisation with the newly added Article-25 A in the Constitution of Pakistan, which states that free education should be compulsory for all children between the ages of five and sixteen years of age."

He also interacted with the street children and out of school children and involved them in an interactive session.

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