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‘Environ diplomacy need of hour’

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Vice Chancellor of the University of Engineering and Technology (UET), Prof Dr Shahid Munir, participated as Guest of Honour in the launching ceremony of the Burki Institute of Public Policy's 18th Annual Report 2025, held at the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The report, authored by Shahid Javed, was titled 'The State of the Economy: Climate Change - Mediating Chaos and Crisis.'

Addressing the ceremony, Dr Shahid Munir presented a new concept of Environmental Diplomacy, describing it as an idea that has not yet been discussed in global policy forums. He emphasised that

Pakistan should adopt Environmental Diplomacy as a formal pillar of its foreign policy, as the country is among the worst victims of environmental degradation caused primarily by the industrialised nations. He stated that the environmental and industrial practices of countries such as India, China, and the United States have resulted in massive financial losses for Pakistan, amounting to billions of dollars, thereby severely hindering the country's economic growth. Dr. Shahid Munir stressed that environmental diplomacy is the need of the hour to effectively address these challenges. He urged the global community to provide financial support to Pakistan to combat climate-related challenges.