

**Government of Pakistan
Trade Development Authority of Pakistan
Peshawar**

Meetings - Business Community of Swat Region

As part of TDAP's trade promotional drive and in succession of the meeting with Swat Chamber previous day on 17-Feb-2021, Mr. Sabz Ali Khan, Director and Mr. Zahid Mohammad, Assistant Director, TDAP, Peshawar conducted three more meetings with the potential sectors stakeholders ("Swat Woolen Handicrafts 9:00 am") ("Gems & Jewelry 12:30 p.m.") & ("Wooden Furniture 3:00 p.m.") of Swat region:-

Sectors Rep(s) highlighted that :-

- 1- Islampur, Swat woolen cluster require Lab for determining quality and dying as the cluster face acute problem in fetching its due share in current export markets of Germany, Russia and Czech Republic.
- 2- Gemstone produced in Malakand Division, but the institute established at Peshawar. Either the institute (GGIP) may be shifted to Swat or a branch of the GGIP may be arranged over-there. The stakeholders would provide free of cost building for the purpose.
- 3- For jewelry sector, the stakeholders demanded for easing the SRO-760.
- 4- Furniture consignments cleared through one custom from Peshawar Dry Port for onward transportation to Port Qasim by local trucks. A dire need to arrange special train or NLC Trucks from Peshawar to Port Qasim.
- 5- TDAP may take up with the Provincial Govt. to allow furniture made of imported wood from Swat to other cities/meant for Port Qasim for exports. The Forest Department creates problem in transportation of wooden furniture from Swat to other cities.

