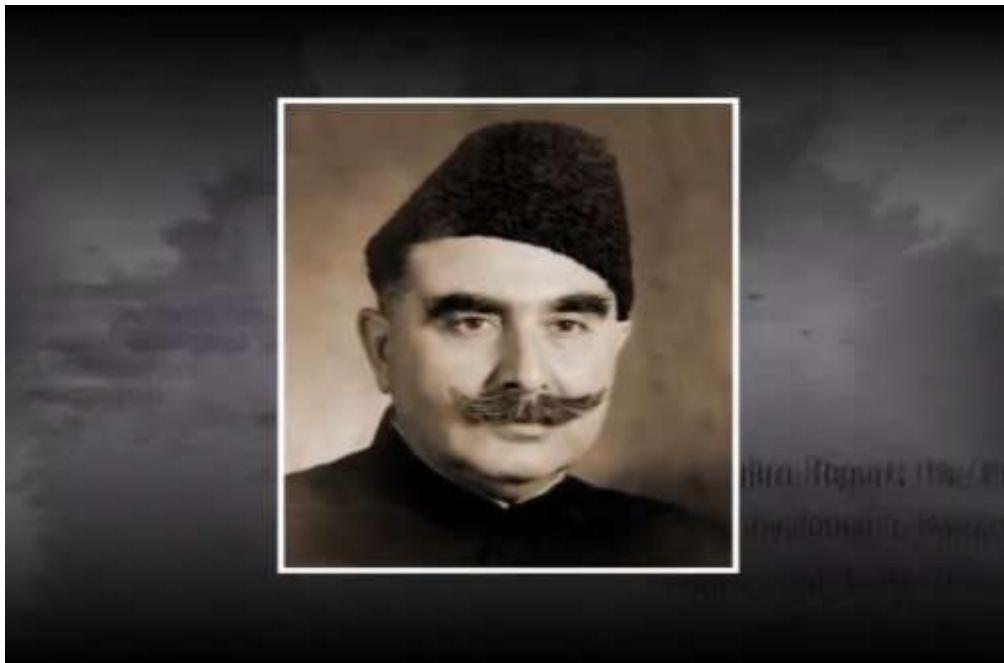


## SARDAR ABDUR RAB NISHTAR, FORMER GOVERNOR OF PUNJAB



**Sardar Abdul Rab Nishtar (1899–1958)** was a prominent Muslim League leader, freedom fighter, and close companion of **Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah**. Born in Peshawar, he hailed from a respected Pashtun family. He was educated at Edwardes College, Peshawar, and Aligarh Muslim University, where he developed his political and intellectual foundations.

Nishtar was an early supporter of the **Pakistan Movement** and played a crucial role in mobilizing Muslims in the North-West Frontier Province (NWFP, now Khyber Pakhtunkhwa). He became known for his fiery speeches, strong organizational skills, and unwavering commitment to the cause of Pakistan.

After independence in 1947, he held key positions in the government of Pakistan, including:

- **Minister of Communications** in the first federal cabinet.
- **Governor of Punjab (1949–1951)**, where he worked for administrative reforms and promotion of Islamic values.
- Later, he was also appointed **President of the Muslim League**.

### **Nishtar Ghat Bridge, Kot Mithan**

During his tenure as **Federal Minister of Communications**, **Sardar Abdul Rab Nishtar** recognized the need for better connectivity across the **Indus River**. To link **Kot Mithan (District Rajanpur, Punjab)** with **Chachran Sharif (District Rahim Yar Khan)**, he announced the construction of a bridge.

This bridge came to be known as the **Nishtar Ghat Bridge**, honoring his vision and efforts. The project aimed to:

