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World's Women Day 2018 at Aiwan-e-Iqbal

PEEF has performed well for women empowerment by assuring their equitable approach to education: Dr. Ayesha Ghaus Pasha

To acknowledge Women rights and their roles, World's Women Day was observed on March 8, 2018. In this regard, a commemorative event was organized by Women Development Department Government of the Punjab at Aiwan-e-Iqbal, Lahore. On the occasion, Women Ministers, Members of National and Provincial Assemblies, Representatives of Health and Education departments, Police and Non-Government Organizations were also present.

Speaking on the occasion Dr. Ayesha Ghaus Pasha, Minister Finance Punjab said that Punjab government has performed well for women empowerment by assuring their equitable approach to health, education and other sectors. Till now, as much as 130,028 deserving females have been given educational stipends worth Rs. 6.5 billion. The Punjab Educational Endowment Fund (PEEF)



decorated its awareness stall at event to exhibit its efforts regarding women empowerment. PEEF scholarships are awarded from Secondary to Masters' levels equally, between male and female students. PEEF aims to provide high quality education for girls to ensure their role in the development of society. PEEF believes that greater participation of educated women in the social, economic and political spheres would lead to a better world today as well as future generations.



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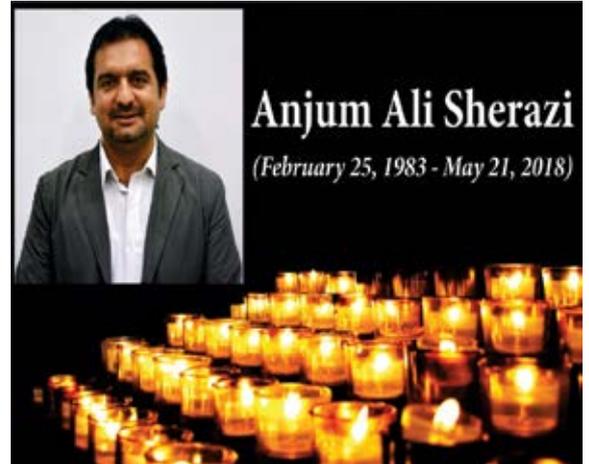
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TRAGIC DEMISE OF MR. ANJUM ALI SHERAZI (Assistant Manager PCI)

Mr. Anjum Ali Sherazi (Late) served as an Assistant Manager PCI at The Punjab Educational Endowment Fund (PEEF) from April 19, 2010 till his sudden cardiac arrest on May 21, 2018. He was a keen, punctual and dedicated worker. His sudden death is a great loss for PEEF. He left his family, friends and office colleagues in great shock and grief. Special prayers were offered in PEEF office for the departed soul.

We pray to Almighty ALLAH to forgive his deceased soul and have Mercy upon him, as He is Truly The Forgiver, The Most Merciful; AMEEN.



NATIONAL WRITERS' CONFERENCE 2018

Academy Adbiyat-e-Atfal and Monthly 'PHOOL' organised a one-day National Writers' Conference on Children Literature on Sunday, May 13, 2018 at a local hotel, urging the policy makers to make policies for the 'Protection of Children through Children Literature' which are the future of Pakistan.

The famous actor, presenter Mr. Tauqeer Nasir was the chief guest of this conference. In his address, he urged; "We should use the children literature in educating our children to protect them." While addressing, he also shared his childhood incidents and stories with the audience. Besides this, some other writers also laid stress and presented their suggestions for the betterment and upliftment the quality of contents use in children literature. PEEF set up awareness stall at conference to showcase its performance and role of PEEF scholarships in developing human capital.

In the end of the event, honorary shields were presented to Vice Chairman PEEF, Dr. Amjad Saqib and CEO PEEF, Dr. Kamran Shams for their efforts in promoting education among masses.



A number of poets, writers, thinkers and intellectuals from all over Pakistan who create children content attended the conference.



Meeting With DFID UK-Aid



A delegation from Department for International Development (DFID)-UK aid headed by Mr. Matt Wood (Senior Auditor, DFID) visited PEEF office on April 11, 2018 to review DFID Pakistan's programme management system. The specific objectives of this review are to assess DFID's management of the Punjab Education Sector Programme (PESP II), considering governance, risk management, monitoring and reporting. The purpose of this visit was to understand how the programme operates, success of the programme and how to improve the working relationship.



IOHCF 2018 AT UET, LAHORE



University of Engineering & Technology Lahore (UET), arranged two-day Industrial Open House & Career Fair (IOHCF) from April 4 to April 5, 2018, as a mega event to present its current research and design (R&D) activities to the industry and provide a platform where the industry, faculty and the graduating students interact for future projects, hiring and future collaboration.

Governor Punjab, Malik Muhammad Rafique Rajwana was the chief guest of this event. In his speech, he appreciated this activity of UET and considered it as a beneficial for upcoming engineers in modern industrial environment. The Punjab Educational Endowment Fund (PEEF) displayed its awareness stall at IOHCF to showcase scholarship opportunities and achievements, to educate students about scholarship opportunities and timelines.

DFID Delegation Visits PEEF

A delegation of Department for International Development (DFID) UK-aid visited Lahore on March 9, 2018. The delegation was led by Ms. Mahvesh Adil, DFID Representative along with Ms. Saima and Ms. Eraj Ali, Deputy Programme Manager, DFID Pakistan met PEEF-DFID female Scholars from Center of Excellence (CoE) Universities i.e. COMSATS, LUMS, and FAST.

They had a comprehensive conversation with scholars and inquired them about scholarship disbursement and benefits of scholarship in getting education. They further asked students about their future plans regarding education for females.



VC PEEF Appreciates PEEF Team

“PEEF transparency is because of its employee’s sincerity and dedication” Dr. Amjad Saqib



Vice Chairman PEEF Dr. Amjad Saqib addressed to PEEF team. Speaking on the occasion, he highlighted the vision of PEEF that is to create and develop the human capital through education. PEEF distributed more than 350,000 scholarships to Pakistani youth from less privileged background; contributing towards economic and social development of the country.

He further said that PEEF believes provision of education in true sense with knowledge and wisdom are necessary for everyone. In his closing remarks, Dr. Amjad acknowledged and appreciates PEEF team. He motivated PEEF team that if we continue our efforts, we will maintain and attain our milestones in future as well.

He acknowledged the enthusiastic efforts of PEEF team under the supervision of CEO, PEEF Dr. Kamran Shams. He added PEEF transparency is because of its employee’s sincerity, hard work and dedication.



Meetings

PEEF 28th BoD Meeting

PEEF 28th Board of Directors meeting was held on May 2, 2018. Vice Chairman PEEF, Dr. Amjad Saqib presided over the meeting. Dr. Kamran Shams, CEO PEEF, briefed meeting agenda. Half yearly accounts till 31st December, 2017 and Internal Audit reports were presented and discussed in the meeting. The appointment of new Chairman PEEF Justice (Retd.) Aamer Raza Khan was also approved in 28th BoD meeting.



PEEF 29th Executive Committee Meeting

PEEF's 29th Executive Committee Meeting was held on March 2, 2018. Vice Chairman PEEF, Dr. Amjad Saqib presided over the meeting. Senior Manager Scholarships, Mr. Naveed Akbar Cheema, briefed that The Government of the Punjab has released Rs. 750 million as grant in aid for the initiation of Educational Endowment Fund in Azad Jammu & Kashmir; on the pattern of Punjab Educational Endowment Fund (PEEF).

The fund will be managed by PEEF and the investment proceeds of the proposed educational endowment fund in Azad Jammu and Kashmir (AJK) will be used to scale up the scholarship program to Master's level education as well and increase the number of scholarships awarded from 50 to 500 annually. The number of scholarships, in the following years will further be raised proportionately to the increase



of income proceeds from the endowment fund.

It was agreed that PEEF may sign partnership with Balochistan Education Endowment Fund (BEEF) to execute the award of scholarships annually to strengthen the disbursement process of PEEF scholarships and timely award of scholarships to the students of Balochistan.

Committee was also informed that PEEF and Overseas Pakistanis Foundation (OPF) have signed an MoU to award 732 scholarships annually from Intermediate to Masters' Levels of education under "PEEF-OPF Scholarship Program". The meeting ended with a note of thanks to all the participants.

PEEF Budget Committee Meeting

PEEF 12th Budget Committee meeting was held on April 2, 2018. Vice Chairman PEEF, Dr. Amjad Saqib chaired the meeting. CEO PEEF, Dr. Kamran Shams briefed the members regarding ongoing projects of PEEF. CFO shared PEEF expenditures and income statements for the half yearly review till December, 2017.



30th Audit Committee Meeting



30th Audit committee meeting of PEEF was held on April 6, 2018 at PEEF office. Member Board of Directors/Convener Audit committee, Ms. Bushra Anjum Butt, MPA, chaired the meeting. In the meeting, half yearly accounts till December, 2017 were presented and recommended to BoD for consideration. Beside this, Internal Reports of scholarships audit were presented. Committee approved the audit reports.

PEEF-SSMS Consultative Meeting

5th Consultative meeting of Shahbaz Sharif Merit Scholarships (SSMS) selection committee was held on April 13, 2018. Vice Chairman PEEF, Dr. Amjad Saqib, presided over the meeting.

Dr. Kamran Shams, CEO PEEF gave an overview of SSMS Ph.D level foreign scholarships for the year 2016-17 & 2017-18. In the meeting, the SSMS selection committee approved the weight-age index, interview dates of short-listed candidates and time lines for the year 2019-20. The meeting ended with a note of thanks.





Training Workshops at YDC, Murree

The Punjab Educational Endowment Fund (PEEF) organized training workshops at Youth Development Centre (YDC). These workshops took place from March 2018 to May 2018 at Murree for PEEF scholars. Personality grooming, team building, leadership and communication skills were the highlighted topics of these training sessions.

Summary of Training Workshops are following:

- In March, 53 participants comprised PEEF scholars from Punjab Board of Technical Education (PBTE) and trainers from Balochistan took part in workshops.
- In April, 39 participants included trainers from Balochistan and PEEF scholars from Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (BISE), Dera Ghazi Khan took part in workshops.
- In May, 104 participants consisted PEEF scholars from Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education (BISEs) Bahawalpur, Faisalabad, Multan, Sahiwal and Sargodha and trainers from Balochistan took part in workshops.



Comments from Participants:-

- These cohorts provided a worthwhile opportunity to the young scholars.
(Asher Siddiqui, Sargodha)
- Every trainer proved his best, owing to sharpen our skills.
(Farah Gulfad, Rajanpur)
- YDC is a noteworthy initiative by government of the Punjab. Other provinces should follow it.
(Hafeezullah Kakarr, Pishin)

Success Story

I Sikander Ali belong to Lahore. I am 2nd amongst my 4 siblings. It was my parents' utmost dream that their children attain higher education and achieve a reputable position in society. Life seemed to proceed steadily; but suddenly my father died when I was in Matriculation. His sudden death left me and my family in a state of agony. Being the only son, a huge responsibility shifted on my shoulders to serve my family. After my father's death financial constraints hovered like dark clouds on us.

My mother managed our expenses somehow or other. On the other hand, I also gave tuitions in my area. I have firm belief that 'ALLAH Helps those, who help themselves'. My earnings helped me to continue my studies and I got admission in Intermediate. The urge for attaining higher education in a reputable institution aroused in me day by day. This factor paved my educational path and I scored excellent grades in Intermediate. I wanted to pursue my studies in Commerce field, so I got admission in B.Com. (Hons.) in one of the worthy institutions of the country, Hailey College of Commerce (University of the Punjab-PU). Problem to manage educational expenses was still in my way. But 'where there is a will, there is a way'. One day, I was skimming a newspaper in college library. I saw an advertisement of The Punjab Educational Endowment Fund (PEEF) Special Quota Scholarships for Orphans. I applied immediately. My fate was with me and I was successfully selected for PEEF scholarship. The unforgettable moments of joy and pleasure of my mother and sisters were speechless when I received PEEF scholarship letter.

Undoubtedly, it was a huge sigh of relief financially, for me and my family. PEEF boosted my courage and I studied with more zest and zeal. The scholarship award

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method is very impressive and transparent. There are no complications in scholarship disbursement. PEEF is purely a merit based scholarship program. I am thankful to PEEF for my whole life. If I was not awarded PEEF Special Quota scholarships, I surely will not be able to complete my B.Com. (Hons.). PEEF supported me in hard times.

I am determined to help other students of society who face financial difficulties while getting education, like PEEF helped me. After ALLAH Almighty, I am thankful to PEEF and salute Government of the Punjab for this monumental project.

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