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Nine PEEF Scholars Awarded Degrees in Namal Convocation Ceremony

Namal College held its Convocation Ceremony of the graduating class of 2018 on January 27, 2019 to confer upon the graduates of BS. Electrical & Electronic Engineering and Computer Science.

Mr. Imran Khan, Chairman Namal Education Foundation (Prime Minister of Pakistan), distributed the degrees and awards and also expressed his heartfelt felicitations to the graduates for their hard work and perseverance. Congratulating the shining students and their parents, the Chairman advised them to develop high moral and professional values in themselves and keep themselves updated with knowledge of their relevant fields. Nine PEEF scholars were awarded graduation degrees in the event.

NAMAL College Mianwali is a partner institution of The Punjab Educational Endowment Fund (PEEF) and listed as a Centre of Excellence (COE). PEEF awards scholarship to Namal College's students.



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PEEF –DFID Scholarship Program A land mark program for Female students of Southern Punjab



Education is the tool which eliminates ignorance and poverty and changes the destiny of the nation. The Punjab Government along with international donors is providing resources for provision of opportunities for the education of needy and talented students. This objective is being achieved especially for girl students of Southern Punjab under PEEF-DFID scholarship program. [The phase I of PEEF-DFID scholarship program](#) was started in year 2013. This five (5) year scholarship program (2013-18) was budgeted at Rs. 1.625 billion and it was agreed that PEEF will award 28,000 scholarships to students of Punjab, as follows:

i. [Duration](#): 2013 to 2018

ii. [No. of districts](#): 11

[DG Khan, RajanPur, Muzafargarh, Layyah, Bahawalpur, Bahawalnagar, Khan, Vehari, Lodhran, Khanewal, Chiniot,] RY

iii. [No. of Scholarships](#): 28,000



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v. Scholarships for Graduation Level:

500 scholarships for boys & girls of Punjab to study in COEs

It is worth mentioning that the PEEF not only achieved the stipulated target of 28,000 scholarships but awarded more than 34,000 scholarships within the same financial resources. These scholarships have been awarded to the meritorious and deserving students for pursuance of Intermediate and Graduation level education. The year wise breakdown of scholarships awarded is given below:

PEEF-DFID Scholarships

Year	Allocation	Scholarship Awarded
2013-14	7,750	9,070
2014-15	7,150	8,595
2015-16	6,600	8,533
2016-17	6,000	7,293
2017-18	500	523
Total	28,000	34,014

PEEF - DFID SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME PHASE II

As a result of the progress made in the phase of the project (2013-18), the DFID – UK Aid extended the project to award 20,000 additional scholarships worth Rs. 915 Million. The details of the phase II project are as follows:

i. **Duration:** 2019-20

ii. **No. of districts:** 16

[DG Khan, RajanPur, Muzafargarh, Layyah, Bahawalpur, Bahawalnagar, RY Khan, Vehari, Lodhran , Khanewal , Chiniot , Jhang , Kasur , Bhakkar , Pakpattan,Okara]

iii. **No. of Scholarships:** 20,000

Intermediate level scholarships for girl students from 16 less developed / low performing districts of Southern Punjab

The process of award of scholarships to the girl students of sixteen (16) district is in progress. It is expected that PEEF will complete the process of award of scholarships by 30th May 2019.

The PEEF-DFID scholarship program review meeting was held on Wednesday, Feb 13, 2019. Naveed Akbar Cheema Senior Manager Scholarship presented an update of scholarships and apprised the participants' that scholarships were awarded to girl students of sixteen less developed / low performing districts.



MEETINGS

DFID Team Meets PEEF Scholars

Department for International Development (DFID) Team met recipients of PEEF-DFID scholarships at PEEF office. Students from different institutions who have received scholarships got the chance to meet the donor.

Scholarship recipients shared their gratitude with DFID Team.



“I’m definitely grateful for that scholarship, and it came at a perfect moment,” Nimra Ahmad said. “I was almost on the verge of dropping out, because I was worried how I was going to pay for my fee.”

“Scholarship helped me to do the right thing, I want to thank DFID for that.” (Bilal Yasin)

Meeting with DFID team in person is exciting because it reaffirmed to me that “there are a lot of people around who are going to be there to support you.” (Azra Hameed)

Executive committee meeting

PEEF’s 30th Executive Committee Meeting was held on 14th January 2019. Vice Chairman PEEF, Dr. Muhammad Amjad Saqib presided over the meeting. Dr. Kamran Shams, CEO PEEF gave an overview of annual scholarship disbursements to the Members. CEO PEEF further added that DFID UK Aid has extended the duration and number of scholarships of PEEF-DFID scholarship project. The extended scholarship project will provide 20000 additional scholarships for female students .

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to all the participants.





Chief Minister Merit Scholarship (CMMS) Program for PhD

7th meeting of the Selection Committee of Chief Minister Merit Scholarship (CMMS) program was convened on Saturday, 15th December, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., at PEEF Office, Link Wahdat Road Lahore. Dr. Muhammad Amjad Saqib, Vice Chairman PEEF chaired the meeting. CEO, PEEF explained the performance and financial status of PEEF. Members were informed that for the year 2018-19, thirty (30) students were awarded PhD level foreign scholarships vide decision of the Selection Committee CMMS Program.



DFID Delegation visits PEEF for 20,000 New Scholarships



Department for International Development (DFID)-UK Aid delegation met CEO PEEF, Dr. Kamran Shams. Chief Executive Officer briefed the delegation about PEEF progress related to DFID funded scholarship programme. He stressed the need for a stronger cooperation among the two organizations for promotion of education. They discussed bilateral issues regarding scholarships disbursement. DFID delegation praised the efforts of PEEF for spreading education amongst masses.

Annual General Meeting

The 10th Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Punjab Educational Endowment Fund (PEEF) was convened on Thursday, 29th November, 2018, 12:00 noon, at PEEF Office, Link Wahdat Road, Lahore. Justice (R) Aamer Raza Khan Chairman, PEEF presided over the meeting. Dr. Kamran Shams, CEO PEEF gave an overview of annual scholarship disbursement to the Members. It was informed that so far PEEF has awarded 336,973 scholarships, including DFID & SSMS scholarships, worth Rs.15.489 billion. Members of the General Body appreciated the overall progress of PEEF. The meeting was ended with a vote of thanks to the participants.



Training Workshops at YDC, Murree

The Punjab Educational Endowment Fund (PEEF) organized 3 days training cohorts at Youth Development Centre (YDC), Murree for PEEF scholars. Career counseling, interpersonal communication and team building skills, professional ethics and leadership traits were the core outlines of these trainings.

Summary of Training Cohorts are as under:

In December , 96 trainees participated in High Achievers Development Workshops (HADP). Participants from BISE Faisalabad, BISE DG Khan, BISE Bahawalpur, BISE Lahore, PBTE Position Holders.

•In January , 35 PEEF scholars from Institute of Business Administration (IBA) (Talent Hunt Program), Karachi, PBTE 2nd Position Holder 2019.

•In February 88 participants from fatima Jinnah University, Information Technology University (ITU), Lahore, University of Sargodha, COMSATS Institute of Information Technology (CIIT), Lahore and Sahiwal.

These cohorts provided a worthwhile opportunity to the young scholars which surely are beneficial in their practical life.



Participants' Comments:

• The discussion regarding business was very good and informative

(Ayesha Kamran)

• I learnt a lot from training sessions. Lectures were very informative and motivational.

(Hamayon Sajid DG Khan)

• Punjab Government has taken great initiative in the form of PEEF and YDC.

(Aneela Saleem, Lahore)



SUCCESS STORIES

“I was unable to afford financial resources for higher education. But I did not lose hope .

I am Bilal Ahmad Khan from district Mianwali. I belong to a family of 4 members. My father is a labourer by profession. It was difficult for him to make both ends meet. After completing my Intermediate, I wanted to pursue my higher education for better future. But financial constraint created big hurdles for me in order to continue my education. It became more like a dream for me to continue my studies.

I knew that I was bright, talented and capable; but I was unable to afford financial resources for higher education. I did not lose hope and continued exploring opportunities and came to know about PEEF's scholarships. I found myself fortunate when I got admission in Namal College, Mianwali. PEEF awarded me scholarship; it was undoubtedly an immense sigh of relief from financial constraints. I completed my BS in Computer Sciences, from Namal College Mianwali. Without PEEF Scholarship, it was not possible for me to achieve my goals and make my future.



Bilal Ahmad Khan
BS in Computer Sciences),
Namal College Mianwali

Nowadays I am working as a software developer in a software house. I am happy to find my dreams. PEEF is indeed the best platform created by the Government of Punjab for deserving and talented students like me to make their dreams come true. PEEF is an organized and remarkable project of the Government of the Punjab. It is a helping hand and a ray of hope for many deserving and brilliant students.



Aasma Jabin
BS Computer Sciences
Institute of Business Administration (IBA) Karachi
Chakwal, Punjab

"I'd like to pay gratitude to PEEF, for being a major support in my career achievements and empowering girls like me who can play a vital part in our country's future development .

My name is Aasma Jabin. I am from Talagang, District Chakwal. My father is a labourer with limited means. It was always hard for my parents to make both ends meet while trying to get us the best possible education within their limited financial resources. In Matriculation I obtained good grades but these grades also brought worries how I can continue my studies for intermediate.

PEEF scholarship became a ray of hope as I selected for merit scholarship from PEEF. I was able to discover my true potential and realize my dreams. PEEF scholarship helped me to get good grades in intermediate and lit a hope for further studies. Now I was relaxed about my graduation because I know PEEF will help me in this regard.

IBA-PEEF talent hunt program helped me to get admission in IBA, Karachi. I got admission in BS Computer Sciences and PEEF scholarship under PEEF-IBA scholarships. Now I am completing my last semester at IBA .During my stay at IBA I was also able to get selected as cultural ambassador to represent Pakistan at USA for a semester.

Throughout my education PEEF helped me to achieve major milestones. In future I want to become a Data Scientist to serve my country. I want to open a School



and mentoring center for girls in my area so they can know about their choices and opportunities available for them.

Lastly I'd like to pay gratitude to PEEF, for being a major support in my career achievements and empowering girls like me who can play a vital part in our country's future development.

Thank You PEEF for making my dream comes true!

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