



EDUCATION, HEALTHCARE REMAINS FOREMOST PRIORITIES

Chief Minister Punjab

LAHORE: Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif said on Friday that ensuring the provision of quality education and healthcare would continue to remain the government's foremost priorities in 2016.

The Chief Minister said; "Developing the health and education sectors on a strong premise was the government's priority. No stone was being left unturned in this regard".

"Funds spent on education should not be seen as an expense but as an investment in the nation's future. Revolutionary reforms had been introduced in the health and education sectors. The establishment of the Punjab Educational Endowment Fund (PEEF), the Daanish Schools, the Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) and international study tours were all revolutionary initiatives of the government which left a positive imprint on the education sector"; CM said.

Shahbaz Sharif said; "Education is not only a weapon against terrorism, religious extremism and sectarianism but also the secret of progress and development.

The students from Azad Jammu & Kashmir, Balochistan, Gilgit-Baltistan, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa, Sindh and Islamabad Capital Territory had been included in these educational revolutionary programmes was a note-worthy feature of the initiatives that promote national unity and brotherhood".

Sharif added that gifted students from disadvantaged backgrounds had been getting education by PEEF scholarships and at Daanish Schools. He appreciated PEEF's efforts that over 100,000 students were enrolled across local and foreign educational institutions.

"The Punjab Educational Endowment Fund (PEEF) is a revolutionary initiative of the government" CM Punjab.



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News & Events

Scholarship Review Meeting with Department for International Development (DFID)

A delegation of Department for International Development (DFID) met PEEF Team on January 19, 2016 for scholarship program review. During the meeting, the DFID team discussed a range of issues, including scholarship award mechanism and its methodology and future course of action regarding scholarship program.



President International Cricket Council (ICC)

Zaheer Abbas Visits PEEF

President International Cricket Council (ICC) Zaheer Abbas visited Punjab Educational Endowment Fund (PEEF). Dr. Kmrn Shams Chief Executive Officer PEEF briefed him regarding PEEF objectives, scholarship Methodology and award procedures.

President International Cricket Council (ICC) appreciated education friendly efforts of PEEF; providing congenial opportunities for talented and deserving students of Pakistan.

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MORE TO PAKISTAN THAN CRICKET AND TERRORIST THREATS SENSATIONAL STORIES POORLY REFLECT THE ASPIRATIONS OF YOUNG PAKISTANIS

Irfan Shamoan's father used to work as a sweeper, a career that is normally consigned to the poorest in minority castes. However, Irfan had higher hopes. Today he is an Assistant Manager at one of Pakistan's largest engineering firms. "I've broken the shackles of poverty," he says. The story of social mobility is not told too often in Pakistan. It is not as newsworthy as the Pakistan cricket team or the efforts to address terrorist threats, but for thousands the ability to continue education and move out of a rigid class system gives hope and inspiration to many facing bleak and class-bound futures. Irfan grew up in a country of nearly 200 million people. Within this diverse population are competing ethnicities, regional languages, class divisions, political struggles and sectarian strife of a very large nation.

Discrimination excludes the under-privileged from employment opportunities, which are already difficult to find and often require an education from which many, especially in the Punjab province, are excluded.

"I understood from the beginning that working hard was the only means for me to overcome poverty," says Irfan. "I studied electrical engineering at one of the most prestigious universities in the country and I'm now part of a large organisation. This scholarship has not benefitted just me, but has transformed the future of my family". Shamoan Masih. In recognition of the particular challenges for young people in remote and conflict prone areas of Pakistan, including



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interior Sindh, FATA and Baluchistan, the scholarship programme has been extended to these areas. Pakistan has a different story to tell. It is not just a country of a successful

cricket team and terrorist threats, it is a country that is supporting the upward mobility of its most marginalized population – the youth – to escape a life predestined by circumstances at birth.

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TRAININGS AT YDC MURREE

The Punjab Educational Endowment Fund (PEEF) organized 3 three-days Development Workshops for PEEF Scholars at Youth Development Centre (YDC), Murree during the month of January 2016. Scholars from Bhauddin Zakria University (BZU) Multan, GIKI University Sawabi, NAMAL Mianwali, Bahria University Karachi and Punjab Board of Technical Education (PBTE), Lahore took active part in these training sessions. The objective of these trainings was to impart and transfer knowledge and skills to youth at different geographic 'levels' importantly to improve their communication and presentation skills effectively whereby they can act as leaders /role models for students.



COMMENTS FROM THE PARTICIPANTS

- The tour arranged by YDC was very informative.
(Shumail Shah, Sawabi)
- Training at YDC gave me very useful knowledge and tips which helps us to prove myself successful person in practical life.
(Aasma Niazi, Esa Khel)
- The atmosphere at YDC was so learned which highlights our abilities for future.
(Waqas Ali, Faisalabad)

Success Story



MUHAMMAD SHOAIB
B.Sc Chemical Engineering,
Punjab University

"I didn't let physical adversity prevent me from succeeding".

I have polio and living with this disability can be very difficult, especially if you come from a family that is financially constrained. My father, a farmer, barely made enough income to support his five children. I attended a school far from home, with bare minimum facilities and every day was a challenge.

Even though I come from a far flung village in Lodhran, yet I have been able to study at one of the best universities of Pakistan. I have had to face many difficulties over here too. Most of my classmates come from a better educational background and from developed areas. They had more exposure and experience of life than I had. I had to work even harder to make up for the deficiency in my basic education.

Now thinking back, I realize that I could have easily given up my education due to physical and financial challenges, but these challenges can be defeated with will power and high morale.

I was always told that my disability would prevent me from achieving my potential. I wanted to prove everyone wrong and be successful in life. Despite my adversity, I completed my education. I was lucky enough to receive a four-year PEEF scholarship, which allowed me to complete my Bachelors in Engineering from Punjab University. I am grateful to Government of Punjab for providing me the PEEF Scholarship.