

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 initiatives that promote national unity and brotherhood".

Sharif added that gifted students from disadvantaged backgrounds are 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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PEEF, A TRANSFORMATIVE EFFECT

The Punjab Educational Endowment Fund (PEEF) is making a transformative impact on the lives of the poor through the scholarships it awards. Over 100,000 scholarships have been awarded within the past six years, through a merit-based selection process, supported by the Government of Punjab and the UK-Aid, Department for International Development (DFID). Punjab Educational Endowment Fund (PEEF) not only awards scholarships for students belonging to Punjab Province but also other provinces as well.

SCHOLARSHIPS AWARDED AND DISBURSEMENT

| Sr. No | Year | No. of Scholarships Awarded | Active Scholarship | Scholarship Disbursements (Rs. in Millions) | |
|--------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|---|-------|
| 1 | 2008-09 | 5,326 | - | 22 | |
| 2 | 2009-10 | 5,484 | - | 250 | |
| 3 | 2010-11 | 6,982 | 11 | 362 | |
| 4 | 2011-12 | 13,345 | 238 | 709 | |
| 5 | 2012-13 | 9,952 | 1,505 | 760 | |
| 6 | 2013-14 | PEEF | 10,529 | 2,550 | 796 |
| | | DFID | 9,069 | 325 | 174 |
| 7 | 2014-15 | PEEF | 11,070 | 11,070 | 940 |
| | | DFID | 8,527 | 8,527 | 356 |
| 8 | 2015-16 (In Process) | PEEF | 61,642 | 61,642 | 2,367 |
| | | DFID | 8,650 | 8,650 | 187 |
| Total | | 150,576 | 94,518 | 6,923 | |



LUMS STUDENTS VISIT PEEF



Undergraduate students from Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) Lahore visited The Punjab Educational Endowment Fund (PEEF) on February 19, 2016. Dr. Kamran Shams Chief Executive Officer gave an overview session on PEEF and the importance of value based Leadership in developing a role model organization. After that Manager Administration & HR Mr. Anser Nawaz Chattha briefed on the dynamic HRM System of PEEF and leveraging technology.

In question answer session Chief Executive Officer, PEEF shed light on the importance of Endowment Fund and its impact on future generations. In reply to scholarship award methodology, Senior Manager Scholarship, Mr. Naveed Akber Cheema said; "PEEF Scholarship methodology is unique, we obtain student's data from Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education and scholarship offer letters are sent to short listed students".



PEEF RECOGNITION IN INTERNATIONAL PRESS



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

Irfan Shamoon'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 National Transmission and Despatch Company (NTDC) Limited, Pakistan. "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". Shamoon Masih. In recognition of the particular challenges for young people in remote and conflict prone areas of Pakistan, including



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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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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



COMMUNITY WORK BY PEEF-DFID SCHOLARS IDENTIFICATION OF 50,000 OUT OF SCHOOL CHILDREN

Since its establishment in 2009, PEEF is planning to award 150,000 scholarships worth Rs. 7.2 billion, by the end of current financial year to both boys and girls students studying in private and public sector institutions.

To further harness the potential of PEEF Scholars, by making them part of a campaign to increase enrollment of out of school children. More than 10,000 PEEF-DFID Intermediate and Graduation level scholars from 11 Districts of Southern Punjab were involved to identify out of school children in their respective areas.

Orientation sessions were conducted with Deputy Directors, Colleges and 600 Heads of partner Educational Institutions at 11 Districts i.e. Chiniot, DG Khan, Muzafargarh, Layyah, Bhakkar, Rahim Yar Khan, Bahawalpur, Bahawalnagar, Lodhran, Vehari and Rajanpur, on community work by PEEF Scholars. As a next step, Heads of Institutions (Hols) arranged training sessions with PEEF Scholars at Institutional level.

In these sessions the Scholars were briefed on entire process of identification of out of school children including area of responsibility, age group of children, recording of data in prescribed format and submission of reports/data.



It is expected that through this activity PEEF scholars will learn importance of the community work including reasons of low enrollment rate at primary level, role of community/parents in enhancing enrollment of children and Scholars will also learn coordination and interpersonal communication skills.

As a result of that community work, PEEF scholars under the guidance and supervision of Heads of Institutions (HOIs) will identify/collect data of 50,000 (estimated) out of school children (boys & girls) of ages between 4 to 14 years. This is an effort of PEEF-DFID Scholars to augment the drive for enrollment of children in schools.



NEWS & EVENTS



President International Cricket Council (ICC)

Zaheer Abbas Visits PEEF

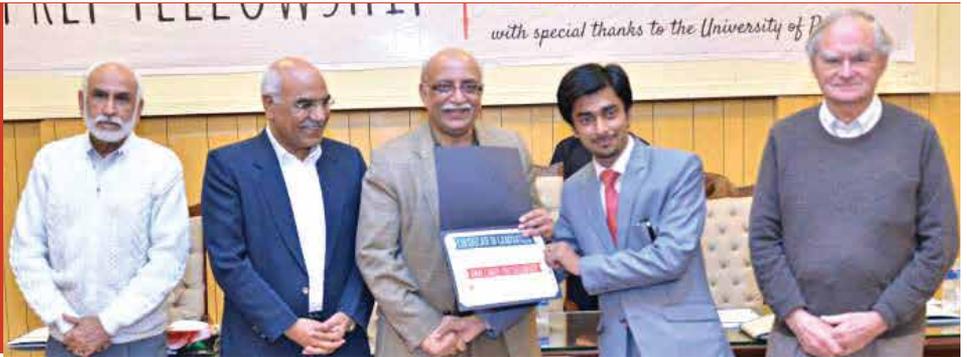
President International Cricket Council (ICC) Zaheer Abbas visited Punjab Educational Endowment Fund (PEEF). Dr. Kmranshams Chief Executive Officer PEEF briefed him regarding PEEF objectives, scholarship Methodology and award procedures.

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



PEEF CAREER PREPARATION PROGRAM

in collaboration with Stanford University, USA & Acumen Fund through AMAL Academy



PEEF in collaboration with AMAL Academy recently completed its 7th and 8th Batch at Punjab University (PU) and University of Engineering & Technology (UET) respectively and trained almost 60 students over the period of 3 months Career Preparation Fellowship. The training sessions were held to develop soft skills such as teamwork, communication, interviewing, leadership, and problem solving to help professional growth and development of students and polish them to find a good job. After successful completion of the fellowship, AMAL fellows are currently working in different reputable companies like Oppo Electronics, Nestle, AMC, UBL,

HBL, Engro Foods, Lotte Chemicals, Pak Arab Fertilizer, Fatima Fertilizer, KIPS, PEEF, PTCL, Descon, Pakistan Railways, Pakistan Ordnance Factory, Nippon Paints, Honda, NTDC, Mari Petroleum Company Ltd, Attock Oil Refinery, Coca Cola, World Health Organization, Mayo Hospital, Shahkam Textile, Leads Group of Colleges, Concordia Colleges and EFU Life Insurance. The applications for the next fellowship will be launching soon and can be accessed by visiting facebook page of Amal academy and PEEF website. Career preparation program training sessions helping Pakistani youth to realize their dreams.

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.



AWARENESS PLANNING MEETINGS

PEEF achieved the goal of awarding 100,000 scholarships worth Rs. 5.61 billion in Academic Year 2015-16 since its establishment. In a commemorative ceremony Chairman PEEF/Chief Minister Punjab announced a milestone of awarding 100,000 additional scholarships by 30th June 2017. In lieu of additional scholarships, planning meetings were held at all the Districts of Punjab during the month of March 2016.





GILGIT-BALTISTAN DELEGATION VISITS PEEF



A delegation from Gilgit-Baltistan visited PEEF for orientation of Punjab Government initiatives. Dr Kamran Shams; Chief Executive Officer, Punjab Educational Endowment Fund (PEEF) briefed the delegates regarding scholarship award methodology and performance of PEEF.



Audit Committee Meets

Member BoD of PEEF and Chairperson of Audit Committee Ms. Bushra Anjum Butt presided the meeting of Audit Committee held on 15th February, 2016. In the meeting, Internal Audit committee reviewed the report of External auditors and the half yearly accounts of the PEEF.

Orientation visit of Directorate of Staff Development (DSD)



Trainees at Directorate of Staff Development (DSD) visited Punjab Educational Endowment Fund (PEEF). Objective of this visit was orientation of PEEF operations. Mr. Rana Nasir Subhani Manager Verification & Disbursement briefed all the

participants regarding PEEF objectives, scholarship methodology and performance of PEEF. The Delegation apprised on the policy, procedures and processes adopted for award of Scholarships to the deserving and talented students.



YOUTH DEVELOPMENT TRAINING WORKSHOPS



The Punjab Educational Endowment Fund (PEEF) organized training workshops at Youth Development Centre (YDC), Murree. To date, 222 cohorts were arranged in which 5,141 participants were trained.

The objective of these training workshops was to transfer knowledge and skills to youth at different geographic 'levels'; significantly to perk up their communication and presentation skills effectiveness whereby they can act as role models for students at the very grassroot level.

DETAIL OF TRAINING SESSIONS CONDUCTED

| Sr. No | Programs | No. Of Cohorts | Participants |
|---------------|--|----------------|--------------|
| 1 | Entrepreneurial Skills Development | 39 | 888 |
| 2 | High Achievers Development Program | 53 | 1,071 |
| 3 | IBA (STHP and NTHP) | 4 | 95 |
| 4 | Special Capacity Building Program for Physically Challenged Children | 26 | 625 |
| 5 | PEEF Scholarship Training Program | 37 | 778 |
| 6 | Centre of Excellence (COE) | 11 | 220 |
| 7 | Training of Trainers (TOT) | 11 | 206 |
| 8 | Punjab Board of Technical Education (PBTE) | 12 | 281 |
| 9 | DG Protocol | 7 | 321 |
| 10 | Guard of Honor | 4 | 110 |
| 11 | Others | 18 | 546 |
| Total: | | 222 | 5,141 |





SUCCESS STORIES

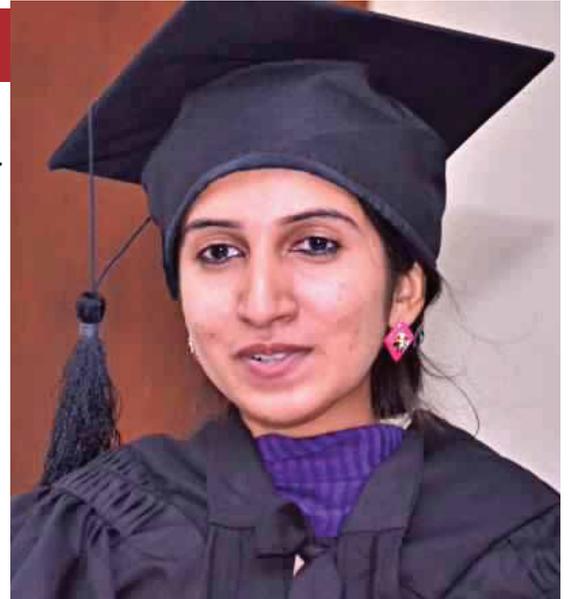
SHAMAZAT BABER

"I was driven by my mother's dreams".

My father passed away while I was in Grade 9. In the absence of my father, it was difficult for my mother to provide me education, but she managed. There were times when it seemed like I would have to give up school, but somehow we pulled through because of my mother's faith in me.

I have always been driven by the hopes she placed in me and have always tried my best to live up to her expectations. That is why I have been a scholarship holder since beginning. My academic excellence was one of the factors that made it possible. I achieved fee concessions during my under-graduate studies, these motivated me to work harder and look for every possible opportunity to save money on my schooling and use that money on our living.

My academic achievements helped me to get PEEF scholarship. If I were not selected, I would have had to discontinue my studies. Financial worries affect peace on mind and prevent from focusing on my studies. This scholarship has not only given me moral boost but mental relief as well. Thank you CM Punjab, Muhammad Shahbaz



Sharif.

I am confident that one should always push forward and never succumb to the difficulties. Where there is a will, there is a way. So, never give up in life whatever the circumstances you face.

MUHAMMAD SHOAIB

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



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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.