



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

Punjab government 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 Master's 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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PEEF 29th Executive Committee Meeting

PEEF's 29th Executive Committee Meeting was held on March 2, 2018. Vice Chairman PEEF, Dr. Muhammad 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 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 also 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 informed that PEEF and OPF have signed an MoU to award 732 scholarships annually from Intermediate to Master's Levels of education under "PEEF-OPF Scholarship Program". The meeting ended with a note of thanks to all the participants.

DFID Delegation visits PEEF

A delegation of Department for International Development (DFID) UK-aid visited Lahore on March 9, 2018. The delegation 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, 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 addresses PEEF Staff

Provisions of education are necessary for everyone: Dr. Amjad Saqib

Vice Chairman, Dr. Amjad Saqib addressed PEEF staff on March 22, 2018. In his address, he enlightened the PEEF vision that is to create a mass of educated Pakistani youth from less privileged background; contributing towards economic and social development of the country. He further said that the Punjab Educational Endowment Fund (PEEF) believes that, provision of Education in true sense with knowledge and wisdom are necessary for everyone. In his closing remarks, Dr. Amjad Saqib appreciated the efforts of PEEF team. He added that PEEF transparency is because of its employee's sincerity, hard work and dedication.



Trainings at YDC, Murree

The Punjab Educational Endowment Fund (PEEF) arranged two training cohorts at Youth Development Centre (YDC), Murree in March 2018. 53 participants from Punjab Board of Technical Education (PBTE) and trainees from Balochistan took active part in these trainings. Trainers polished participants' skills in such a way that it would be beneficial in their practical life.

Summary of Training Participants

Sr. No.	Participants	No. of Trainees	Duration
1	Punjab Board of Technical Education (PBTE)	32	9th March to 11th March
2	Training of Trainers (ToT) Workshop Balochistan	21	24th March to 27th March

Comments from the Participants

- 1) Trainers at YDC provided us comprehensive knowledge, regarding practical field.
(Fatima Babar, Rawalpindi)
- 2) YDC is an education friendly initiative by Punjab Government.
(Umar Silachi, Sibi)

Success Story

My name is Suman Shehzad. I belong to a middle class family consisting of 7 family members. My father is a TV technician by profession. His earning is not enough to support me for getting higher education. As I am good in studies, so I fixed my focus according to my wish to study in a well-known institution. Though I did not have much financial resources, but it was need of the hour to get quality education for a better future.

I scored excellent grades in Board examination. I was worried about how I will continue my education because my father's health and financial conditions never allowed me to do so. One fine morning, I got a letter of PEEF scholarship at my home. I was awarded with PEEF scholarship because of getting good grades in my Intermediate. That was a time of comfort and amusement for me and my family.

Due to this scholarship letter, I continued my B.Sc. (Hons.) in Economics from Kinnaird College for Women University, Lahore. PEEF scholarship helped me in payment of my semester fees on time without any hurdle. After completing my B.Sc. (Hons.), I enrolled in MS Economics at Forman Christian College, Lahore.

However, the problem remained unchanged that how I will manage tuition fees to continue my MS. I came to know regarding PEEF Master's Level scholarships from students' resource office of university. I applied immediately being eligible for PEEF Master's level scholarships.

It was my good luck that I was again selected for PEEF Master's Level Scholarships Program. It was great news indeed. Now, I am a PEEF scholar and studying in this prestigious institution.

After ALLAH, I am highly indebted to Government

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of the Punjab and Punjab Educational Endowment Fund (PEEF) for this outstanding project. PEEF is a massive and transparent project by Government of the Punjab. It is because of PEEF, that thousands of hardworking and deserving students are getting education.

After completing my education, I want to serve my country and will play an active role in Pakistan's Economy.

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