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Chief Minister of Punjab Inaugurates Lincoln Corner at ITU



The Chief Minister of Punjab, Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif, inaugurated the Lincoln Corner at the Information Technology University (ITU), Arfa Software Technology Park on the 21st January, 2017. The Punjab Minister for Higher Education Syed Raza Ali Gillani, Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) Chairperson Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin, US Consul General in Lahore Yuriy Fedkiw, ITU Vice Chancellor Dr. Umar Saif and US Embassy Islamabad's Counsellor for Public Affairs Christina Tomlinson were present on the occasion.

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Editorial

The Editorial Board takes immense pleasure in presenting the fourth issue of the PHEC Quarterly Newsletter. This issue has not only highlighted various activities of PHEC and its brilliant team, but also highlights how these practices are coagulated into robust educational excellence within a short span of time.

The concept of dynamic Community Colleges has been materialized in various colleges as a model project to be replicated in other colleges of Punjab. The purpose of these colleges is to create a skilled work force which can productively engage in the knowledge economy. This issue will highlight the views gathered from experts who were sent to US to evaluate Community Colleges there. Their expert opinion will be instilled into future projects of Community Colleges to make their governance transparent, effective and delivering.

Secondly, the Staff Development Academy in line with the Civil Services Academy has been established with the help of Punjab Government. This Academy will generate fully trained teachers after a rigorous training process.

Thirdly, PHEC launches Split Ph.D Scholarship program in collaboration with local and foreign universities. Students, academicians and scholars will benefit from this program by gaining an international exposure.

We all require your cooperation to make PHEC successful for the greater cause of higher education in Punjab.

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PHEC to Establish Staff Development Academies for Faculty of HEIs of Punjab

PHEC trained 700 teachers last year, 200 million have now been allocated for faculty development program of public sector universities & colleges: Dr. Nizamuddin

The Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) has planned to establish state-of-the-art Staff Development Academies (SDA) in **Lahore, Multan and Rawalpindi** to provide capacity-building training to the faculty of public sector Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in the province. At the initial stage, it has envisaged setting up Staff Development Academies (SDAs) at the University of Education, Lahore and Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan.

This proposal was divulged during a meeting held at the PHEC Secretariat, chaired by the Punjab Higher Education Minister Syed Raza Ali Gillani along with the Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. M. Nizamuddin. The meeting reviewed the progression of interventions to improve the quality of higher education in Punjab.

The Chairperson PHEC Dr. Nizamuddin informed that **200 million** had been allocated for the faculty development program of public sector universities. The meeting agreed that linkages between industry and academia should be developed so that the industrial sector could benefit from universities'

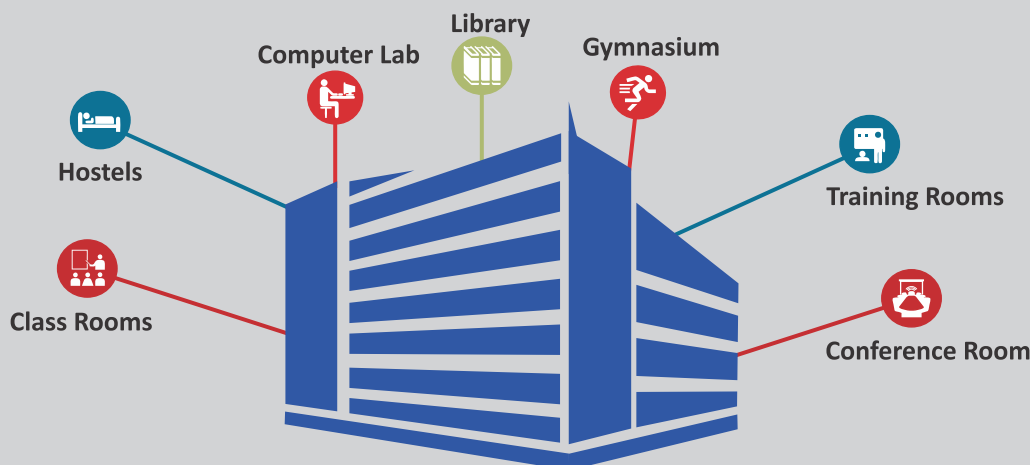
innovative research. He said that the process to review the interventions to improve the quality of higher education had begun.

Last year, PHEC trained **700 teachers** engaged in teaching BS program at Government colleges. It is important to note that there has been no systematic training for college teachers. It shows that there is a dire need for faculty development academies in Punjab.

Raza Gillani said that the provision of all the necessary facilities in HEIs was essential to raise academic standards in Punjab. Similarly, an institutional mechanism of career counseling centers should be established, he added. The meeting also decided to set up a Higher Education Advisory Council under the Minister to recommend proposals for the improvement of the higher education sector.

Hence, the Punjab Higher Education Commission intends to establish 'Faculty Development Academy' in Punjab by keeping in view specific objectives, Dr. Nizamuddin said.

The Blueprint of PHEC Staff Development Academy



Road Map for Modernizing Mathematics & Science Education in Punjab

Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif urged the nation to focus on learning mathematics and sciences to progress in all spheres and attain a coveted place in the comity of nations



The Prime Minister of Pakistan Muhammad Nawaz Sharif addressing the report's ceremony

The Pakistan Alliance for Math & Science unveiled a report titled '*Powering Pakistan for the 21st Century: Roadmap to Transform Math & Science Education*' at the Lahore University of Management Sciences.

The Prime Minister Muhammad Nawaz Sharif, addressing the ceremony, said that the education system in Pakistan should be restructured into activity-based instruction and be focused on establishing linkages between national progress and Math & Science education. He said his government was endeavoring to focus upon the provision of quality education to take the country forward.

At the report's launch, the Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Nizamuddin said that improving education was a structural problem. He said that he had been tasked by the Prime Minister to come up with a proposal to improve Math & Science education in Punjab. "Unfortunately the focus has been on achieving statistical targets rather than improving the educational system," he said.

Dr. Sabieh Anwar highlighted the role of Math & Science education in the success of every nation. He said that they play a pivotal role in the development of a nation and are important for laying down a robust structural foundation of education.

Dr. Nizamuddin said that he would present recommendations in the meeting of the committee formed by the Chief Minister of Punjab Shahbaz Sharif. The committee headed by the Chairperson PHEC Dr. Nizamuddin comprises of the Special Secretary, School of Education Department, Special Secretary, Higher Education Department, VC UoE Prof. Dr. Rauf-i-Azam, Dean LUMS Dr. Sabieh Anwar, Prof. Dr. Mumtaz Akhtar, CCO LKP Ms. Mehwish Rafi, DG (SI) PHEC Dr. Shahid Soroya and Zohair Zaidi from Alif Ali.

PHEC Launches Associate Degree under Community College Project

We need structural changes in HEIs to produce skilled manpower: Dr. Nizamuddin

The Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) has launched an associate degree pilot project in four public sector colleges to generate skilled manpower for the emerging modern job market. The PHEC has introduced an associate degree programme in the fields of Information Technology, Media, Finance and Textile in four colleges of Lahore, Gujranwala, Faisalabad and Multan to cater to the growing market needs for now. This programme will be launched in other public colleges of the province as well later on.

The PHEC Chairperson Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin said, "*PHEC is fully committed to improving the quality of research and academics in HEIs and for this purpose we are working in line with the standards prescribed at both the national as well as the provincial level.*" The PHEC has designed this programme to address the issue of unemployed graduate students as they were finding it very difficult to acquire jobs in the contemporary job market, he added.

Directorate of Special Initiatives





The Commission is ensuring a strict compliance of the regularization criteria of academic programmes at the Higher Education Institutions of Punjab. It is relentlessly streamlining academic programmes in the Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) of Punjab with its primary focus on improving the quality of higher education.

Programs and Curriculum

Through the CC program, initially 2-years Bachelors (Associate Degree), following intermediate or equivalent certification, has been

The Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) in collaboration with the Higher Education Department (HED) and the American Institute of Pakistan Studies (AIPS) has launched a pilot Community College (CC) program in Punjab.

offered in market-driven disciplines in the 4 colleges. The areas of studies in which the CCs program have been launched are as follows:

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Associate Degree Bachelors in IT (Specialization in Networking/Web Technologies)	Associate Degree Bachelors in Commerce (Specialization in Accounting & Finance)	Associate Degree Bachelors in Mass Communication (Specialization in Media Studies)	Associate Degree Bachelors in Fine Art (Specialization in Textile Design)

Training of Principals of Community Colleges at USA

The Principals of the two nominated colleges; Dr. Ijaz But, Principal, Govt. College Township and Mr. Syed. M. Baqir Jaffery, Principal, Govt. Civil Lines College, Multan went to Unites States of America

(USA) to visit Community Colleges in the USA and participate in a 4-weeks long program to get an in-depth knowledge on how programs are being run and structured in the colleges.

Observations of the American Model By Dr. Ijaz Butt

According to Principal Government College Township, Lahore, Dr. Ijaz Butt, Community Colleges are established in different communities of the US. The basic spirit of the establishment of these colleges is to provide skilled education to the youth. This has been observed that the communities' colleges of Houston are providing education to the people of Houston and are being run by autonomous bodies which are organizing academic and administration affairs. The financial needs of these community colleges are being provided by the people of the communities through

the taxes, which they contribute to their States. The taxes provide for the skilled education of these communities' colleges.

In these communities' colleges, 2-year Associate Degree Programs in various disciplines are being offered to the students, which in comparison with universities' programs are cheaper. The students of these community colleges, ultimately get their credit hours transferred to the universities.



Dr. Ijaz Butt talking to the students of Austin Community College Texas

In Houston, around 70% students after spending a specific period ultimately go to the University of Houston for their higher education degree. They continue their Four Years BS Programs in respective faculties in these universities. This reveals that within a short period of time and with lesser fee, they are able to get a degree of higher education.

Establishment of Accelerator Computer Laboratories

Furthermore, these community colleges have very innovative pedagogical facilities. High-tech Computer Laboratories with the availability of a computer teacher are provided. The Accelerator can be defined as an immediate support in form of any academic materials. All these students are able

to get individual attention which we do not have in our educational system. This also enables the students to resolve academic issues on the spot. The students of Mathematics, Biology, Chemistry and Physics are getting benefits by these Accelerators.

Linkage of Community Colleges with Industry in America

These community colleges have a deep association with academia and industry. Industrial representatives and the representatives of Houston Chambers have given their input in designing syllabus and in implementation of the administrative policies of these community

colleges. These people keep on modifying the curriculum to meet the challenges of our time. After getting education, these industries offer internships to the students by paying reasonable remuneration.

Faculty Development Programs

These community colleges are keen in equipping the faculty. There is a regular wing which takes responsibility to train the faculty to equip them with contemporary and challenging needs of teaching and learning.

Considering the basic source of learning and teaching, Americans consider Mathematics very

important. This has been observed in these American Community Colleges that Mathematics is a compulsory subject. Mathematics has been given priority as a core subject in each discipline. Even in the education of Sociology and Social Work, the students have to learn basic Mathematics.

Implications of American Model of Community Colleges in the Pakistani Context

Although, it is very difficult to replicate the American Model of Community Colleges like the establishment and working of high-tech Accelerator Labs, yet it is believed that if we are determined, we can follow this model to some extent in Pakistan.

The PHEC is delighted to hear from Dr. Ijaz Butt about his training session in USA with respect to the Community College project. His account of the training and other observations will be highly beneficial for this initiative and add to its all-encompassing expertise as an exemplary role model.



Dr. Ijaz Butt & Baqir Jaffery with President & Vice President of Austin Community College Texas

PHEC Envisages to Launch Split PhD Program in Collaboration with Foreign Universities

This program will infuse a new spirit of globalization of higher education within Pakistan: Dr.Nizamuddin

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collaborating foreign university for their dissertation as an additional benefit.

The PHEC will engage auxiliary support for the mentoring of scholars through the American Institute of Pakistan Studies (AIPS) and the French national agency, Campus France, for the promotion of higher education in the region, international student services and international mobility.

The Institute of Social & Cultural Studies has already established international linkages with the Arizona State University (ASU), United States of America (USA). The Institute can manage the faculty exchange programs, scholars' mentoring and supervision for scholar's dissertation in collaboration with the ASU. The G.C.U Lahore has also established linkages with several universities in Europe and USA.

Why Split PhD Program:

- To bring quality in the local PhD programs and international research practices through strengthening foreign academic collaboration.
- To provide international research expertise to our scholars in Pakistan by creating foreign and local university partnership especially in social sciences, arts and humanities.
- To get Pakistani university scholars a supervisor from the collaborating foreign university for their dissertation.
- To provide opportunity to local scholars to take up research work in the collaborating foreign universities and conduct research under the supervision of advisor/supervisor from foreign universities.

Features



Directorate of Human Resource Development

Who can apply?

- A regular faculty member of public sector university/college in Punjab; domiciled from any district of Punjab.
- The program is meant for scholars' only. Family will not be allowed to accompany the successful scholars during their visit abroad.
- Less than 45 years of age on the closing date of advertisement.
- Minimum 02 years of experience as a permanent/regular faculty member.
- Has completed 18 years of education (MS/M.Phil) in chosen discipline of studies.
- Has secured admission in the specific department of a university offering Split PhD scholarship.
- Has a strong research proposal relevant to the needs of Pakistan in general and/or to Punjab province specifically.
- Minimum 3.0 CGPA in MS / MPhil.

How to apply?

The eligible applicants should secure admission in the local universities offering Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) Split PhD Scholarship Program and apply for funding to PHEC after confirmation of their admission.

Financial Provision

Fully funded scholarship will cover local and foreign university tuition fee, return air-fare for research at a foreign university, stipend at home and abroad, cost of books, research allowance and health insurance.

PHEC's Foreign PhD Scholars Excelling Abroad



Muhammad Danyal Khan pursuing his PhD degree in Brunel University, United Kingdom (UK) was appointed as the 'Fellow' of the "Asian Yearbook of Human Rights & Humanitarian Law" published by the "British Institute of International And Comparative Law" on 17th March, 2017. This Journal is one of the most esteemed journals among the legal research initiatives.



Ahmad Timsal, a Foreign PhD scholar at the Lancaster University and Mustabsar Awais from the University of Sheffield presented their paper titled "Board Effectiveness and Role of

Female Board Members in the Development Sector of Pakistan" in an international conference on "Qualitative Research in Governance & Accountability" held at the Sheffield University

Management School. This conference was organized by the British Accounting & Finance Association (BAFA) Special Interest Group on Corporate Governance, with a complete session conducted by Professor Christopher Napier from the Royal Holloway University, UK.

PHEC takes immense pride in the outstanding performance of these scholars as they excel in their research fields with utmost dedication.

PHEC Scholars are currently studying at the following universities



PHEC Awards 160 International Travel Grants to Scholars of Punjab

PHEC is working towards the development of authentic research culture in Punjab: Sidra Maqsood

The Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) has so far awarded 160 International Travel Grants (ITGs) to scholars in Punjab for presenting their research work at various international conferences. The 9th meeting of the International Travel Grant Reviewing Committee (ITGRC) was chaired by the PHEC Chairperson Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin, while the Government College University (GCU) VC Prof. Dr. Hassan Amir Shah, Prof. Dr. M. Zakariya Zakar of the Punjab University, Lahore School of Economics (LSE) Rector Prof. Dr. Shahid Amjad Chaudhry, DG (SI) PHEC Dr. Shahid Soroya and PHEC Director (A&R) Miss. Sidra Maqsood participated in the meeting.

Talking to the committee members, the Chairperson PHEC reiterated his resolve to uplift the standards as well as the quality of higher education and research in the province by facilitating students of public and private sector universities/colleges with international scholarships and grants in their respective fields.

"We encourage students to learn innovative knowledge in their fields through their exposure to such venues where they can present their work and interact with the international scholars," said the Chairperson. "The PHEC is working towards the development of research culture in Punjab, as it is imperative that our faculty members and PhD scholars engage in intellectual analytical work and

then share the knowledge and experience with others, he said." He further added, "The PHEC offers International Travel Grants to public and private sector universities and public sector colleges of the province to facilitate participation of faculty members, non-teaching staff and PhD scholar in international conferences."

The applications were evaluated on a variety of parameters such as the scope of the conference, repute of the organizers, professional standing of invited keynote speakers, relevance of the conference with the applicant's professional career, relevance of the paper with the applicant's current job and research track of the applicant in peer reviewed journals, he explained.

He further said that the grant was awarded purely on merit, which covered registration fee, airfare, accommodation charges and daily living expenditures up to a specified limit. "70 percent of the awarded money is granted in advance prior to participation in

the event in order to make the arrangements smoothly."

Additionally, the PHEC has been funding applicants for international conferences to give them an international exposure to present their research work at prestigious international forums. PHEC has funded approximately 50 applicants so far.

"We are more committed to bringing quality rather than quantity in higher education sector. Our goal is to bring the institutions of higher education at par with the international standards."

Dr. Nizamuddin



PHEC Reviews Two-year BA & MA Programs

The two-year BA and MA programs would only be phased-out in Punjab after PHEC has finalised the decision: Syed Raza Ali Gillani



Syed Raza Ali Gillani & Dr. Nizamuddin chairing the meeting

A meeting was convened with all the Vice Chancellors of public sector universities and principals of public sector colleges to review the decision of the Federal Higher Education Commission (HEC) to end the two-year BA and MA programmes. The Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) had been directed by the Higher Education Punjab Minister Syed Raza Ali Gillani to produce a follow-up report to evaluate its impacts on the state of education in Punjab.

The Minister said that the two-year BA and MA programmes would only be phased-out in the province after PHEC has finalised the decision. He was of the view that any sudden decision can result

into chaotic state in colleges. Raza Ali Gilani said that restructuring was needed in the college education system. He added that it was not possible for Punjab to end the existing system within a year or two in a large number of colleges and replace it with a new one in such a short span of time.

It was not possible to launch a four-year BS programme at every college of the province and the decision would be taken on a “case-to-case” basis. “We will consult the vice chancellors, private sector colleges, principals of public colleges and all stakeholders before submitting the findings.” The PHEC would devise a workable plan that would not harm the education system in Punjab and especially students.



A group photo of the participants

Events

Chairperson PHEC Graces GIFT University's 6th Convocation

GIFT University held a landmark celebration for its 6th convocation at its main campus on January 28, 2017. The Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. M. Nizamuddin graced the occasion as the guest of honour of the ceremony.

While addressing the ceremony, he emphasized the importance of higher education in Pakistan and urged the private sector to further support the rich potential of human resource in the region. He also gave an assurance that the PHEC was striving hard to award scholarships in collaboration with international universities for PhD students. He acknowledged the vital role of GIFT University in

the development of the region as a model private sector university.



The commencement of the Convocation

Dr. Nizamuddin Chairs Consultative Session on Social Protection Policy at PERI

Dr. Nizamuddin: This policy would contribute to Punjab's progress in achieving the vision of Punjab Growth Strategy 2018



The Chairperson PHEC chairing the Consultative Session on the Punjab Social Protection Policy at the Punjab Economic Research Institute

The Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) Chairperson Prof. Dr. M. Nizamuddin chaired a consultative session on the Punjab Social Protection Policy at the Punjab Economic Research Institute (PERI).

Addressing the session, Dr. Nizamuddin expressed optimism that this policy would significantly contribute to Punjab's progress in achieving the vision of Punjab Growth Strategy 2018. This would help in ensure Punjab to be on the road to progress and development.

Dr. Sohail Anwar Chaudhry CEO Punjab Social Protection Authority gave an overview of the social protection policy and highlighted the key issues which demanded a need for a comprehensive social protection policy.

Several researchers, academicians and policy-makers participated in the session. The objective of the session was to take the experiences of the participating experts in the development of a coherent national social protection framework.

Workshop on Resume Writing at University of Education by PHEC



A Workshop on Resume Writing was held at the University of Education (Bank Road Campus) in collaboration with PHEC under it's Career Counselling Centre (CCC) Project situated at the University. The PHEC has established this CCC to facilitate students of the university in their career prospects. Such events promote a steady learning process for the students during their time at the university and prepare them for the future.

The purpose of this workshop was to aid the student's future career prospects by helping them to write better resumes. The workshop enlightened the students about various techniques for resume writing. Such workshops enable students to harness their potential in a better way.

Chief Minister of Punjab Inaugurates Lincoln Corner at ITU



The Chief Minister of Punjab giving the inaugural address



The CM talking to students at the Lincoln Corner

The Chief Minister of Punjab, Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif, inaugurated the Lincoln Corner at the Information Technology University (ITU), Arfa Software Technology Park on the 21st January, 2017. The Punjab Minister for Higher Education Syed Raza Ali Gillani, Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) Chairperson Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin, US Consul General in Lahore Yuriy Fedkiw, ITU Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Umar Saif and US embassy, Islamabad's Counsellor for Public Affairs Christina Tomlinson were present on this occasion.

Addressing the inaugural ceremony, Chief Minister Punjab Shahbaz Sharif said that the facility was named after Abraham Lincoln, the 16th President of the United States of America. "Pakistan enjoys deep-rooted bilateral relations with the United States in various fields, as we look forward to further enhancing the continuing friendship ties," said the Chief Minister.

In Pakistan, there are 19 Lincoln Corners, including 05 Lincoln Corners in Punjab at Lahore, Faisalabad, Sargodha, Bahawalpur and Multan. There are over 700 Lincoln Corners in 169 countries.

Seminar on Role of Media in Higher Education



A session was organized by the PHEC for the "Role of Media in Education" at Arfa Karim Technology Park. The Punjab Minister of Higher Education Syed Ali Raza Gillani was the chief guest and the PHEC Chairperson Dr. M. Nizamuddin was the guest of honour.

The PHEC Chairperson Prof. Dr. M. Nizamuddin told the audience that a plan for providing systematic training to 20,000 teachers had been chalked out. Similarly, 500 faculty members will be provided doctoral scholarships in coming years.

The Punjab Minister for Higher Education Syed Raza Ali Gillani said that a holistic approach had been adopted to enhance the quality of higher education in the province and several projects were underway to improve the capacity building of teachers.



Chairperson PHEC Urges to Commercialize Innovative Products at PU Entrepreneurial Gala



The Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) Chairperson Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin was invited as the chief guest at the inaugural and closing ceremony of the first-ever entrepreneurship gala organised by the Punjab University's (PU) Hailey College of Commerce (HCC). The mega entrepreneur gala was the first-ever event in which 600 students participated and presented 120 entrepreneurial ideas at different stalls.

Dr. Nizamuddin, while addressing the participants said that indigenous innovative products must be commercialized for the benefit of our society. In his address, Dr. Nizamuddin said that there was an abundance of resources in Pakistan, which must be utilized in an effective manner. Dr. Nizamuddin further said that incubation centres must be set up to market ideas of students to a wider targeted audience. He said we were setting up community colleges to provide entrepreneurial opportunities to the students.

The Chairperson PHEC congratulated the PU VC Prof. Dr. Zafar Mueen on organising the event.

Invention to Innovation Summit at PU Concludes

Pakistan should efficiently utilize its abundant resources: Dr. Nizamuddin



The Chairperson PHEC as the chief guest

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Addressing the concluding ceremony of the “Sixth Invention to Innovation Summit” at Punjab University (PU), he said there was an abundance of resources in Pakistan that must be utilised in a right manner. He added that innovative products of students must be commercialised in order to encourage them.

Dr. Zafar Mueen Nasir said the summit had provided a platform to industrialists and academia to work together. Dr Amjad Saqib said entrepreneurship created opportunities for everyone. Dr Tahir Jamil said that the two-day summit featured 200 posters and 50 presentations.

Minister for Higher Education Punjab & Chairperson PHEC Distributes Laptops Under PM's Laptop Scheme at UOG, Lahore Campus

A ceremony was held at the University of Gujrat, Lahore sub-campus to distribute laptops to 38 MPhil students under the Prime Minister's Laptop Scheme.

The Chairperson Dr. M. Nizamuddin emphasized students to hone their research skills through IT based skills. Later, the Minister and the Chairperson PHEC distributed laptops among the students.

The Punjab Minister for Higher Education Syed Raza Ali Gillani was the chief guest of the ceremony. The Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) Chairperson Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin was the guest of honour.

The Minister urged students to use this laptop facility for improving their research skills and finding solutions to contemporary challenges. He said that the Information Technology sector had overpowered every section of society as well as

education and its potential had to be acquired on productive lines.



International Conference on Electrical Engineering at UET

A two-day international conference on electrical engineering was arranged at the University of Engineering and Technology (UET).



The Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) Chairperson Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin, while addressing the participants said that the Commission had a firm belief in upholding the standards of quality of education to compete with the world. Addressing the participants, he said that the engineering sector could contribute to society through applicable and durable solutions to many structural problems in industrial fields. "For attaining this task, result-oriented research must be explored with the assistance of contemporary techniques," he added.

UET Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Fazal Ahmad Khalid termed research as the backbone of higher education and said that it must be taken up seriously by all stakeholders. He added that UET was promoting the culture of applied research and establishing relations with the industry to secure placements for the graduates.

Dr. Nizamuddin at University of Education's 5th Convocation

We need to invest for the strengthening of our education system, so that we can deliver good education: Dr. Nizamuddin

5,888 graduates were conferred degrees at the 5th convocation of the University of Education (UoE) Lahore. The UoE Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Rauf-i-Azam presided over the Convocation while Higher Education Minister Syed Raza Ali Gillani and the Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) Chairperson Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin were the chief guests at the occasion.

The PHEC Chairperson Prof. Dr. Nizamuddin appreciated the efforts of all those who had contributed their efforts to establish a university dedicated to the teachers' education on sound footings. He hoped the university would continue to grow and strengthen. "We need to invest for the strengthening of our education system, so that we can deliver good education," he added.

Speaking at the ceremony, Gillani said the government was committed to ensuring quality education. For this, he said appointment of teachers on merit basis, establishment of computer labs at schools and colleges, provision of laptops for the high achievers and scholarships had been given. "We have gathered here to celebrate your

brilliant success. It is now your duty to pay back to society and contribute to nation building," Gillani added.

Dr. Rauf said, "The UoE is swiftly achieving the milestones of need-based multi-level education and developing talent enhancement institutions by using its knowledge, resources and skills for growth of human resource."



Dr. Nizamuddin Inaugurates the Department of Management Sciences at IUB

PHEC is bringing a reformative change in the educational culture of HEIs: Dr. Nizamuddin

The Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin inaugurated the Department of Management Sciences at the Islamia University, Bahawalpur. He distributed certificates to Principals of various colleges for participating in a training course. He praised the efforts of Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq for bringing positive changes in the educational cultural of the University.

"The Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) is striving to bring a reformative change in the educational culture of the Higher Education

Institutions (HEIs)," said the Chairperson Punjab Higher Education Commission Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin during his visit to the Islamia University of Bahawalpur.

While delivering his address to participants of the training program, the Chairperson PHEC said that teacher's academies will be established in Lahore, Multan and Bahawalpur for the capacity building of teachers. Four community colleges have been set up in Multan, Sahiwal, Gujranwala and Lahore.

1,454 Graduates Conferred Degrees at Punjab University's 125th Convocation

PHEC is establishing a culture of quality research and meritocracy in universities: Dr. Nizamuddin

1,454 degrees, medals and prizes were distributed among graduates at the Punjab University's 125th convocation. A total of 126 PhDs, 738 MPhil/MS, 238 master's, 178 undergraduate degrees and 174 medals were awarded during the ceremony.

The Chairperson PHEC Dr. M. Nizamuddin said that the PHEC wanted to establish a culture of quality research in universities and the central point of this policy was meritocracy.

The Punjab Higher Education Minister Syed Raza Ali Gillani presided over the ceremony and congratulated the degree holders and medal winners. The Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. M. Nizamuddin was the guest of honour.

The Minister said that the government was taking initiatives to bring 5 universities of Punjab in QS rankings with special focus on Punjab University.



IN FOCUS



The PHEC's 8th Commission meeting in progress at the PHEC Secretariat.

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The Chairperson PHEC chaired a meeting with the UNESCO mission, aiming to promote the potential of Science, Technology and Innovations (STIs) through placement of enabling systems in HEIs of Punjab.



The Chairperson PHEC chaired the 1st meeting of the Social Science Research (SSR) Reviewing Committee. Prof. Dr. Samina Qadir, Prof. Dr. Mian Ghulam Yasin, Dr. Saeed Ul Hassan, Dr. Shahid Soroya & Ms. Sidra Maqsood were present at the meeting.



The Higher Education Minister Punjab Syed Raza Ali Gillani along with the Chairperson PHEC met officials from the British Council. They discussed important matters related to enhancing cooperation in the higher education sector. DG (QA) Ms. Zia Batool, COO PHEC Khuram Jhanzeb, Director (HRD) Syed Mussa Hassan were also present in the meeting.



The Provincial Minister for Higher Education Syed Raza Ali Gillani while addressing a media briefing at the PHEC Secretariat. The Minister said that the two-year BA and MA programmes would only be phased-out in the province after PHEC has finalised the decision.



The Chairperson PHEC met with Dr. Robert Nichols (USA) Nadeem Akbar (AIPS) Dr. Ijaz Butt (GCT) & M. Baqir Jaffery (GCCL). The Community College Principals were being sent on a Faculty Exchange Program to USA for training. DG (SI) Dr. M. Shahid Soroya and Director (A&R) Ms. Sidra Maqsood were present in the meeting.

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The Chairperson PHEC chaired the 6th Expert Review Committee meeting for the funding of international conferences and seminars.



The Chairperson PHEC at the 3rd UMT International Conference on Pure and Applied Mathematics.



The Punjab Minister for Higher Education Syed Raza Ali Gillani along with the Chairperson PHEC jointly chaired a meeting for the development of a framework of the Math & Science program to address the related issues in Punjab.



The Chairperson PHEC while addressing the concluding ceremony of "Commemoration of Firdowsi Toosi" organized by the Lahore College of Women University and the Cultural Department of the Islamic Republic of Iran.

He said that Pakistan and Iran could collaborate in several academic areas like technology, literature, art, and research. Both countries share a similar literary and cultural heritage. Speakers from Iran were also present.



The PHEC collaboratively organized the "First International Conference on Medical Ethics in Challenging Times" at the University of Health Sciences Lahore.

جنگ

تبدیلی لائیں گی، ڈاکٹر نظام الدین

مراہم کریں گی، کانفرنس سے خطاب

ڈاکٹر نظام الدین نے کانفرنس میں سائنس کی تعلیم کے پر زور دیا ہے۔ اس موقع پر اس نے اساتذہ کی تربیت کے خصوصی اہتمام کی تلقین کرتے ہیں۔ انہوں نے مزید کہا کہ تعلیمی اور تحقیقی کانفرنسوں میں شہرت تبدیلی لائیں گی اور فیلڈ میں کام کرنے والے پروفیسرز کو ہنرمانی فراہم کریں گی انہوں نے کہا کہ کانفرنس کے انعقاد سے تعلیم کے تبادلات خیال اور طلباء کو سیکھنے کا موقع ملتا ہے۔

ایک پریس

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فی تعلیمی اداروں کے طلباء کو بین الاقوامی کانفرنسوں میں شہرت تبدیلی لائیں گی اور فیلڈ میں کام کرنے والے پروفیسرز کو ہنرمانی فراہم کریں گی انہوں نے کہا کہ کانفرنس کے انعقاد سے تعلیم کے تبادلات خیال اور طلباء کو سیکھنے کا موقع ملتا ہے۔

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Call for Research Proposals

Conforming to the current global trends and indigenous needs of society, PHEC is taking step to address the issues and impediments to social, economic and political development of the province and to offer practical solutions for policy makers which could contribute to actualizing the vision of the Government of Punjab. Under this baseline, PHEC invites research proposals and applications from the qualified faculty members from public sector Higher Education Institutions of Punjab for Thematic Research Grants and the development of Indigenous Research Database (IRD) respectively.

A- Thematic Research Grants

Research proposals are invited for Thematic Research Grant on the following themes:

- Skill Based Education as a Promising Indicator of Knowledge Based Economy
- Academia-Industry Linkages
- Pakistan's Current Democratic Transition: Drivers and Implications
- Demographic Transition and Urbanization: Implications for Policy Makers

B- Proposal for Development of Indigenous Research Database (IRD)

Applications are invited to design state-of-the art Indigenous Research Database (IRD) that should include:

- A Search Engine that will be openly available to all students, staff and faculty members of universities to cater their research demands.
- Full Text Database for indigenous research repository where librarians or research administrators of the university could upload meta-data of research such as journals/research articles/conference papers, books, chapters, thesis, and patents published by faculty members, students or researchers affiliated with Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) of Punjab.

Eligibility Criteria

1. The Principal Investigator (PI) of proposed research project has to be a full-time regular faculty member holding a PhD, either on BPS/ TTS or on contract not less than the project life in public sector HEIs of Punjab.
2. Period of execution of the research project should not be exceeding 12 months.
3. Maximum funding for a Research Proposal may be up to 03 million.
4. PI cannot submit more than one (01) research proposal.
5. **Applications may be considered ineligible if;**
 - a) Incomplete
 - b) Not filed in prescribed proforma
 - c) Not received by Academics & Research (A&R) Division of PHEC on or before the closing date.
 - d) Application forms are not signed/countersigned/endorsed by head of institution, vice chancellor/Rector/Director of HEIs.
 - e) CV of PI is not attached.
 - f) Report generated by Turnitin is not attached.

The last date for the submission of application (*completely filled on prescribed proforma available at www.punjabhec.gov.pk*) along with research proposal is **29 May, 2017**.

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