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The Editorial Board is pleased to publish its 6th issue of the PHEC Quarterly Newsletter at a time when PHEC is flourishing as an autonomous higher education regulatory body in Punjab under the visionary leadership of the Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin. This issue has not only highlighted various activities of PHEC and its meticulous team, but also aims to highlight how these practices have been synergized into robust educational excellence.

The Minister for Higher Education Punjab Syed Raza Ali Gillani just inaugurated the PHEC Faculty Development Academy established with the collaboration of Higher Education Department (HED) and the Government of the Punjab under the Faculty Pedagogy Skill Programme at the University of the Education, Township Campus.

PHEC gathered all the Vice Chancellors/Rectors of the 24 Private Sector Universities/Degree Awarding Institutions (DAIs) in Punjab to alleviate the concerns of the students and parents regarding unaccredited/unapproved programs/degrees. The Secretary Higher Education Department (HED) Punjab Barrister Nabeel A. Awan chaired the meeting. Private sector universities have been directed to comply with provincial policies for accreditation of their programmes and disciplines.

PHEC recently trained the senior management of public sector universities of Punjab with state-of-the-art apparatuses of Leadership & Management. PHEC developed a 10-days Professional Development training program in collaboration with the University of Leicester, UK.

At the end, we all seek your cooperation to make PHEC successful in its endeavours for the greater cause of improving higher education in Punjab.

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Establishment of First-ever Punjab Tianjin University of Technology in Lahore



A delegation of Chinese University of Technology and Education of Tianjin along with the Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin called on the Punjab Chief Minister. The Chinese delegation, led by university's Vice President Dr. Yan Bing agreed to setting up a modern technology university in Punjab.

The Punjab Chief Minister Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif appreciated that the Tianjin University of Technology and Education was going to set up a technology university, which would be named as the Punjab Tianjin University of Technology. The students of this university would get a dual degree, he said, adding that the teachers of technical institutes would be provided training from this varsity.

The Chief Minister said that it is his vision to provide latest technical education and training to the youth. He said that the youth would be empowered through provision of latest education and this trained force will play an important role in national development. For this purpose, the project of Punjab Tianjin University of Technology has been envisaged and Chinese expertise would be useful for the Punjab government.

He said that the decision of Tianjin Technology University to promote partnership with Punjab government for the promotion of technical education would have far-reaching results. Vice President of Tianjin University of Technical & Education of China Dr. Yan Bing said that Pakistani people are their brothers. He said that full support would be provided for the establishment of Technology university in Punjab.

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Unprecedented steps
taken for development,
my mission is to provide
latest technical education &
training to the youth:
CM PUNJAB

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PHEC Launches State-of-the-Art Faculty Development Academy for First Time in Punjab

PHEC plans to establish similar faculty development academies in each of the 9 divisions of Punjab and envisions to train 21,000 college and 10,000 university teachers: Prof. Dr. Nizamuddin



The Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) established the first-ever state-of-the-art Faculty Development Academy in Punjab with the collaboration of Higher Education Department (HED) and the Government of the Punjab under the Faculty Pedagogy Skill Programme of the Punjab government with the cost of Rs. 176.087 million at the University of the Education, Township Campus. The PHEC aims to train 21,000 college teachers and 10,000 university teachers. The ultramodern infrastructure of the academy is equipped with training rooms, seminar rooms, library, computer laboratories and a residential facility to provide a conducive learning environment to the trainees.

The Punjab Minister for Higher Education Syed Raza Ali Gillani while addressing the inaugural ceremony as the chief

guest said that the Punjab government was striving hard to bring the higher education's system at par with international benchmarks.

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The establishment of Faculty Development Academy is one of the most outstanding efforts of the Punjab Higher Education Commission to improve the quality of teaching at college and university levels.
Raza Ali Gillani

Syed Raza Gillani said the establishment of the training academy was aimed at strengthening the teaching profession in Punjab by providing substantial professional learning opportunities, modelling highly effective educational practices and identifying teachers, who are committed to the development of the youth and to their own professional excellence," he added.

The Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin said that there was a dire need of qualified faculty and staff in Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) of Punjab. "We are facing a shortage of qualified teachers in our colleges and universities, as more than 5,000 PhD slots are vacant," he added.



He said that PHEC was committed to fulfilling the deficiency and FDA was one-step closer towards achieving this target. He added that the PHEC Faculty Development Academy would offer training programmes so that faculty could excel in their respective areas.

“We are determined to bring up the student-teacher ratio in the higher education sector. This year, we are inducting 3,271 new college teachers and among them are 1,483 men and 1,788 women,” he said. “The PHEC's vision is to create a thriving critical mass of teachers and learning community so that it can significantly impact student learning and

institutions' development,” he said.

“The Punjab government has provided Rs.176.087 million for the establishment of the Academy. As many as 21,000 college and 10,000 university teachers will be trained in the Academy.”
Dr. Nizamuddin

Speaking at the ceremony, University of Education (UoE) Vice Chancellor Dr Rauf-i-Azam told the participants that the academy had been established to enhance quality of teaching in the higher education sector in collaboration with the PHEC to provide all necessary facilities for teachers' training in Punjab. For this purpose, the Faculty Development Academy has been established in the vicinity of UoE wherein all teachers will be trained on a regular and rolling basis.”



PHEC to Expand Community Colleges Project Across All 09 Divisions of Punjab

After a successful pilot project, the Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) plans to expand its Community Colleges project from the existing four divisional headquarters to all the nine divisions of Punjab. The PHEC in collaboration with Higher Education Department (HED) will be supporting at least two colleges, one male and one female, in every district of Punjab to launch specially designed Associate Degrees being offered under the Community Colleges project.

The Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin while expressing optimism said that the response received so far has been amazing. "The government of Punjab is extremely supportive and provided us with Rs. 108 million to expand the project," he said. He further added that the funds were being spent on labs and the training of faculty. "Our plan is to expand the project across Punjab," he added.

The students enrolled in the programmes would be offered paid internships, providing them opportunities for practical exposure. The Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin further said 2-year Associate Degree was equivalent to a traditional Bachelor's Degree and students could continue further studies afterwards as it was a semester system-based programme. He added that Community Colleges are the intermediary institutions of various

progressive countries, which cater to the needs of local industries.

Principals of four colleges were sent to the United States for training so that they would gain first-hand experience vis-à-vis Community Colleges and get training. The project was designed to address the pressing issue of unemployment among the educated youth. The courses being offered were demand-driven and market oriented by keeping in view local industry requirements. The Associate Degree programmes were approved as the selected colleges were affiliated with relevant public sector universities for these programmes.

The aim is to offer market-oriented courses and produce graduates equipped with employable skills in order to beat the ever-growing unemployment. The project was launched in 2016 at four colleges including Government College Township, Lahore, Government Post Graduate College for Women, Gujranwala, Government College Civil Lines, Multan and Government College for Women, Faisalabad. Programmes being offered included Associate Degrees in IT, Commerce, Mass Communication and Fine Arts with a specialisation in Textile Design.



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Govt. of Punjab Signs MoU with Tianjin University of Technology Education, China



A delegation from the Tianjin University of Technology Education (TUTE), China, visited the Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) to discuss the implementation strategy for the establishment of the first-ever Punjab Tianjin University of Technology (PTUT) in Lahore with the collaboration of Technical Education and Vocational Training Authority (TEVTA), Punjab.

The Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Nizamuddin highlighted the idea envisaged by Punjab Chief Minister Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif and informed that PTUT would be the first-ever

technology university of Pakistan, which would offer four years technology degree programmes.

The Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Nizamuddin highlighted the efforts of PHEC for the promotion of skill based and technical education in Punjab and emphasised on industrial linkages for research-based solutions to local problems and to facilitate graduate job placement. He assured that PHEC would facilitate setting up state-of-the-art laboratories for skill-based technical education by providing technological assistance and training the faculty for the new university.



Third Meeting with VCs/Rectors of Private Sector Universities/DAIs of Punjab



The PHEC gathered all the Vice Chancellors/Rectors of the 24 Private Sector Universities/Degree Awarding Institutions (DAIs) in Punjab to alleviate the concerns of the students and parents regarding unaccredited/unapproved programs/degrees. Private sector universities have been told to comply with provincial policies for the accreditation of their programmes and disciplines.

The senior officials of the Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) and the Higher Education Department (HED), Punjab attended the meeting. The HED Secretary Nabeel A. Awan along with Chief Operating Officer (COO) PHEC Khurram Jhanzeb and Chairman Accreditation Committee Dr. Zafar Iqbal Qureshi chaired the meeting held at the Government College University (GCU), Lahore.

Nabeel Awan, while addressing the meeting, said that the private universities held a pivotal position in the higher education sector of the country, which is why it is essential to uphold a strict form of regulations. “HED is working in collaboration with PHEC to facilitate private sector universities of the province,” Awan added.

Dr. Zafar Iqbal Qureshi said that the issues of the private universities were being addressed in the light of accreditation rules and guidelines.

The COO PHEC Khurram Jhanzeb said that the higher education sector is the primary focus of the Government of the Punjab. It is our duty to make students and parents aware of approved programs of universities/DAIs so that the students do not face problems in the job market. He added, the programs approved by PHEC would be strictly monitored under the code of regulations so that the standards of higher education could be maintained uniformly across Punjab.

The PHEC is working in close collaboration with the Punjab Higher Education Department (HED) to ensure the accreditation process of HEIs in Punjab. The PHEC is mandated to bring HEIs at par with international standards. It envisions ensuring good governance of DAIs by due process. It aims to promote the socioeconomic development of a prospering Punjab by reinforcing the knowledge-economy along with a focus on equitable and quality learning.



PHEC Partners with University of Leicester, UK for Capacity-building of Senior Management of HEIs



Under its initiative of capacity building of academic faculty, the Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) organized a 10-day training programme on Leadership & Management in the higher education sector for registrars and deans of public sector universities. The training was conducted during September 2017 at the University Of Leicester, United Kingdom.

The programme aimed to improve participants' strategic planning and leadership through interactive themed sessions led by senior leaders at the University of Leicester and other esteemed UK institutions. The course provided an insight into leadership challenges. It produced an interactive space for reflection as well as debate on the implications within the Pakistani context.

The course was planned in order to give the participants a true insight into leadership, strategic level management and decision-making in the Higher Education sector. They were given practical advice to translate this learning into practice and they discussed implications for the local context.

The programme offered a combination of academic inputs that provided a conceptual framework alongside practitioner sessions that offered insight into best practices.

The leadership course provided an opportunity to the management of the universities in Punjab to interact with other UK universities to discuss internationalization in higher education, exploring opportunities for collaboration and mutual projects to work on in the future.

The group discussed various ideas from their UK experience and hoped that they would be able to bring some change in their educational institutions upon their return. Apart from the academic session, the participants also visited other educational institutions like Bishop Grosseteste University, Cambridge University, School of Archeology and Leicester University.

The administration of Leicester University appreciated the dynamic interaction of the group and the energy they all brought in together in discussion. The participants admired the excellent arrangements and discipline, which the host university had managed. They also appreciated the efforts of the Punjab Higher Education Commission in organizing the programme and opined that such programmes should be a regular feature by PHEC.

PHEC Participates in the Express Education & Career Expo

The Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) has always yearned to maximize the career prospects for the students. To make them aware of the scholarship/fellowship opportunities for higher education both locally and internationally and to provide them with effective counselling on career planning, the Media & Publications department represented the PHEC at the Express Education and Career Expo held in Faisalabad and Lahore.

Faisalabad

The Expo was held on July 2017. The Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) placed a stall at the event. A large number of students and academicians attended the stall and sought information as well as guidance related to higher education and future career planning. The visitors were told about the formation of PHEC, its activities, mandate and various initiatives taken by PHEC so far.

Lahore

The Expo was held on August 2017. The event was inaugurated by Minister for Punjab Higher Education Syed Raza Ali Gilani whereas the Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin was the chief guest at the closing ceremony. For the purpose of student's guidance, PHEC also placed a stall there.

More than 50 national and international universities, schools, colleges, consultants and other organisations took part in the annual Express Education & Career Expo 2017. The Expo attracted thousands of students, parents, teachers and academics who sought information about education opportunities and took part in various competitions organised for the Expo.

The Punjab Minister for Higher Education Syed Raza Ali Gillani said that the Punjab government encouraged the youth and would extend its full support to organisations, which conducted such informative activities.

The Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin said that it was great to see so many youngsters taking part in the expo. "Having access to a large number of universities, colleges and consultants will give students an opportunity to understand existing options and resources about education facilities."



PHEC Encourages Liberal Arts Education to Produce Better Leaders of Tomorrow

The chronological development of liberal arts education stems from different epochs of the Islamic world. It flourished during the Islamic era from 750 AD - 1150 AD - the "Golden Age for Liberal Arts": Dr. Detweiler



A symposium on "Liberal Arts Education; Grooming the Youth" was organised by the Forman Christian College University (FCCU) Lahore in collaboration with Punjab Higher

Education Commission (PHEC). The Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin chaired the symposium.

While speaking on the occasion, the Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin said, "All of our focus has been on rote learning of concepts in our colleges and universities. We need to include other subjects such as Liberal Arts, which trigger thought processes and develop critical capacities among the students, as the youth is our future," he said. He was of the view that the entire education system needed an overhauling. He proposed a national-level conference for the promotion of liberal arts in Pakistan.

The Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin further said it was high time to promote liberal arts education in Pakistan. He said that liberal arts should be promoted across

Pakistan, as it would better help students become well-rounded individuals.

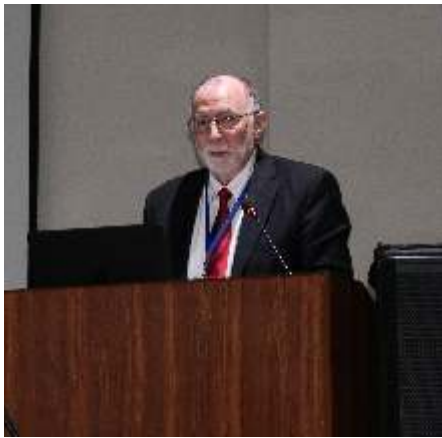
National and international speakers, including Rector FCCU Dr. James Tebbe, VC Government College University (GCU)



Lahore Dr. Hassan Amir Shah and Dr. Richard Detweiler addressed the symposium. Speakers stressed the need for liberal arts education in Pakistan and outlined its history in the Muslim world, stating that students need to develop critical capabilities, as it would enlighten them.

Liberal Arts infuses critical thinking and problem-solving capabilities, which is why it is high time to promote Liberal Arts education in Pakistan so that the students become enlightened well-rounded individuals, as they are our future leaders

Prof. Dr. Nizamuddin



The VC Government College University Dr. Hassan Amir Shah gave the historical development of liberal arts education in the sub-continent. He deliberated upon the impediments to the promotion of liberal arts education in Pakistan. Dr. Detweiler emphasised the need for the liberal arts education in universities. He gave a chronological development of liberal arts in the western and Islamic world. He emphasised the exigency of liberal arts universities in Pakistan for the

development of mental faculties among students. He outlined the policy implications for Pakistan to promote liberal arts education in the country.

FCCU Rector Dr. Tebbe said that there was a dire need to focus on liberal arts education to broaden the career, leadership, and job prospects for students. He thanked the Punjab Higher Education Commission for funding the event.

University of the Punjab Launches “Inspiring the Future” for Promoting Tolerance



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PHEC envisions a peaceful and tolerant
society by making our students
enlightened citizens

Dr. Nizamuddin

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The Chairperson Punjab Higher Education Commission Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin said that the role of educational institutions was vital in changing attitudes of students for ensuring peace in society. He expressed these views while addressing the launching ceremony of a project “Inspiring the Future” for promotion of peace and tolerance in society at the University of the Punjab Lahore.

The Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Nizamuddin said, “We must move forward towards training programmes for making our students the best citizens.”

He said that change could not happen without dialogue. He said that there was a need to know the reasons why a few highly educated citizens fell prey to extremist elements. “Injustice, inequality and tyranny are common in our society,” he added. There is a need to debate on ideas as dialogue is the only solution to cope with such challenges,” Dr Nizamuddin said. He said that the difference of science and arts subjects must be eliminated when it came to character building and citizenship among students.

This project is a joint venture of the University of the Punjab College of Earth and Environmental Sciences (CEES) and the Centre for Health and Gender Equality (CHANGE) under which efforts were being made for achieving harmony and peace in the country.

The PU Vice Chancellor Dr. Zafar Mueen Nasar said that PU would utilise all possible resources for promotion of peace and tolerance. He said that it was time to give a message that

institutions were meant to deliver.

He said that differences not only damaged individuals but institutions as well. He said, "We must take steps to control growing intolerance in our society, for which, we need to dig out reasons behind this menace." He said that PU had appointed advisers in all departments and they were peace ambassadors.



Seminar on “Developing an Effective Research Proposal”



The PHEC collaborated with the University of the Punjab to organize a seminar on “Developing an Effective Research Proposal”. The Department of Information Management, University of the Punjab, Lahore organized a seminar on “Developing an Effective Research Proposal” with the collaboration of PHEC. The DG (AH&R) PHEC Dr. Muhammad Shahid Soroya was the chief guest at the inaugural ceremony.

The Chairperson Department of Information Management Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen shared her vision of facilitating the community in the pursuit of research and thanked Dr. Shahid Soroya and the Punjab Higher Education Commission for the financial support in this regards.

The inaugural session was presided by Prof. Dr. Anjum Nasim Sabri, (Chairperson, Doctoral Program Committee, University of the Punjab). Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen, Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood,

Prof. Dr. Zakria Zakir, and Dr. Saira Hanif Soroya were the resource persons. More than 80 postgraduate students from different universities attended the seminar.

PHEC Funds International Conference on “CPEC: Political, Economic & Social Perspectives” at University of the Punjab



The Punjab Higher Education Minister Syed Raza Ali Gilani, while addressing the inaugural ceremony of an international conference on “CPEC: Political, Economic and Social Perspectives” at the University of the Punjab, Lahore, said that the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) would prove to be a game-changer for the whole region and it will also guarantee the socio-economic development of Pakistan.

The Director General (AH&R) PHEC Dr. Shahid Soroya, Prof. Dr. Taqi Zahid Butt, Prof. Dr. Iqbal Chawla, Prof. Dr. Razia Sultana, Nanjing University China Prof Dr Yu Wenjie, Vice President Nanjing University Xianlin Campus Dr. Zhu Qinbao, Dr. Mahboob Hussain, researchers from abroad, faculty members and a large number of students were present.

Syed Raza Ali Gilani said that the completion of CPEC and Gwadar Port would boost economic activities in Pakistan. He said that CPEC was a multidimensional project with its road links linking all the provinces and territories into a close-knit economic unit. He said that Pakistan

would witness rapid economic growth. He said that the Government had envisioned a stronger and highly prosperous Pakistan and we would see the actualisation of this vision through CPEC.

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**CPEC is a game-changer
 for the whole region**
Syed Raza Ali Gillani
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Dr. Muhammad Shahid Soroya said that CPEC was an opportunity as well as a challenge. He said there were two important challenges in the CPEC project i.e. provision of skilled work force and development of human resource. He said that PHEC had taken up these issues seriously and we would set up technology universities for the promotion of advanced knowledge.

The PHEC had signed several MoUs with Chinese universities for exchange programmes.





The PU Acting Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Taqi Zahid Butt announced the establishment of CPEC Integrated Study Centre at the University of the Punjab. He said this centre would serve as a platform for dissemination of evolving and latest information about the development relating to the CPEC. He said it would also serve as a catalyst for developing ever-closer ties between Pakistan and China through frequent exchange of scholars, researchers, academicians and

specialists in related areas.

The Dean Faculty of Arts and Humanities Prof Dr Iqbal Chawla said the two-day international conference would provide an important platform for renowned historians, economists and social scientists from China, England, Poland, Australia and Pakistan to deliberate, discuss and analyse important aspects of the CPEC.

Inauguration of Superior Entrepreneurial Expo 2017

The Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin along with the Chairman Punjab Information Technology Board (PITB) Dr. Umar Saif inaugurated the Superior Entrepreneurial Expo 17. DG (AH&R) Dr. Shahid Soroya and Director (HR) Muhammad Luqman were also present.

Addressing the participants, the Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin said that entrepreneurship plays a significant role in economic growth, innovation and alleviating poverty. It may affect economic growth in various ways. Entrepreneurs may introduce important innovations by entering markets with new products or production processes. Entrepreneurship boosts efficiency by mounting competition. It would enhance our knowledge of what is technically viable and what consumers prefer by introducing variations of existing products and services in the market.



Training of Community College Teachers on “Andragogical Skills”



The Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) organized a training for the faculty members of three colleges affiliated with the University of the Punjab for the Community College Program (CCP). The CCP aims to provide 2 year associate degrees in practical and employable fields of studies to prepare students to enter the job market and produce a skilled work force for the province.

Keeping in view that the associate degrees are being offered on the semester system pattern and the function of the CCP is to augment theoretical knowledge with practical skills, PHEC held a 2-day training for the faculty members of these affiliated colleges over the course of two days. On both days 02 sessions were held:

◆ General session on the semester system and examination rules and regulations of the University of the Punjab

◆ Specialized session with a focus on guiding participants with regards to teaching methodologies and execution of 16 week plans for the courses being taught in the 2nd semester of the 04 areas of study being offered in the affiliated colleges - IT Management, Accounting & Finance, Media Studies and Textile Design

Resource person nominated by the Office of the Controller of

Examinations of the University of Punjab was selected to conduct the general session and resource persons nominated from PUCIT, Hailey College of Commerce, Institute of Communication Studies and College of Art & Design of University of Punjab conducted the specialized sessions.



PHEC Facilitates TEVTA for Establishing Punjab Tianjin Technology University



The Government of Punjab is committed to promote technological education to provide better economic opportunities for students. To provide state-of-the-art training facilities to the students, it has been decided to establish a new technical university to introduce technological education.

The Punjab Minister for School Education Department (SED) Punjab Rana Mashood Ahmed Khan met with a delegation of Tianjin University of Technical Education of China at the Civil Secretariat. The Chairman TEVTA Irfan Qaiser was also present on the occasion. The Minister was told that the Chinese delegation had visited Raiwind and Township to select a suitable spot. Director (P&D) PHEC Mr. Nouman Maqbool Rao represented the Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) during the meeting and assured the support of PHEC in all steps for establishment of new institution.

Minister Rana Mashood said that practical steps were being taken to promote quality education in Punjab. The Government of Punjab is taking revolutionary measures to improve the quality of education in all the areas of the province. The Minister Rana Mashood asked PHEC to lead the process for the establishment of the university.

In this regard, PHEC is facilitating TEVTA in the formulation of draft ACT of the university and also the preparation of the development project. Director (P&D) PHEC Mr. Nouman Maqbool Rao on behalf of the Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin has ensured full support of PHEC in this regard and stated that PHEC would completely facilitate TEVTA in all matters pertaining to the university.





The Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin chaired a meeting to discuss the formation of the Technology University at Faisalabad.



The Chairperson PHEC chaired a meeting to discuss themes for an international conference on school education planned by the School Education Department, Government of the Punjab. The conference highlights best practices in school education in Punjab in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG-4). The meeting was attended by VC GCU Lahore Prof. Dr. Hassan Amir Shah, VC LCWU Dr. Uzma Qureshi, VC UoE Prof. Dr. Rauf-i-Azam, Dean IER PU Dr. Mumtaz Akhtar, Additional Secretary School Education Department Munzer Javed, Dr. Samia Naz, ASER Dr. Bela Raza Jamil, DG (AH&R) PHEC Dr. Shahid Soroya, Director (Training) PHEC Dr. Mubashar Nadeem, Director (Monitoring) PHEC Tahir Bashir PHEC, Director (A&R) PHEC Sidra Maqsood and Deputy Director (AH&R) PHEC Syed Imaad.





The 10th meeting of the PHEC Commission held at the PHEC Secretariat.



The Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin chaired the 14th and 15th meeting of the International Travel Grant Reviewing Committee at the PHEC Secretariat.

The Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin chaired a seminar on "Issues of National Integration in Pakistan" as the chief guest at the Lahore College for Women University (LCWU).





The Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Nizamuddin addressing the seminar titled, "Non-compatibility of our education system with job opportunities and character building" at the Hameed Nizami Press Institute. The VC Punjab University, Lahore Prof. Dr. Zafar Mueen Nasar and Principal Govt. College Township Dr. Ijaz Butt also spoke at the seminar.



The Chairperson PHEC Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin participated in an event titled, "Building a Great University", organized by the Mir Khalil-ur-Rehman Memorial Society (Jang Group of Newspapers).



The Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin met with Registrar FC College Hamid Saeed.



Punjab Minister for School Education Department Rana Mashhood Ahmad Khan chaired a meeting of the Steering Committee for the establishment of Punjab Tianjin University of Technology. The Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin was also present.



The Chairperson PHEC Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin chaired a workshop on "Innovation for Population Development".

The Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin chaired the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Population Association Pakistan (PAP) at Islamabad. He is the elected president of the Association.





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The power of knowledge

'Liberal arts infuse critical thinking, solving capabilities'

Speakers stress liberal arts equip students to become useful individuals

By Staff Report

LAHORE: Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) Chairperson Prof Dr Nizamuddin said that it is not only the liberal arts but also the sciences that equip students to become useful individuals.



LIBERAL ARTS: An illustration of a library in a building in Islamabad.

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PHEC chief for promoting liberal arts education

LAHORE: Punjab HEC Chairperson Prof Dr Nizamuddin has called for promoting liberal arts education in Pakistan to build capacity of graduating students. He was addressing a symposium on 'Liberal Arts Education: Grooming the Youth' organised in collaboration with the Forman Christian College University (FCCU) at its campus. Students, faculty, civil society members, and senior officers participated in the event. Speakers included Dr James Tebbe, Rector FCCU, Dr Hassan Amir Shah, VC GCCU and Dr Richard Detweiler. —Staff Reporter



LAHORE: Punjab Minister for Higher Education, Raza Ali Gillani, presenting a certificate to PHEC Chairperson Prof Dr Nizamuddin Nizamuddin.

Punjab to achieve global higher educational standards

By Our Staff Report

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By AMMAR SHEIKH

More than 50 national and international universities, schools, colleges, consultants, and other organisations took part in the annual Express Education and Career Expo 2017, which began on Wednesday at a local hotel. The expo, organised by the Express Media Group, attracted thousands of students, parents, teachers and academics who gathered information about education opportunities and took part in various competitions organised for the expo. The two-day expo was inaugurated by Punjab Higher Education Minister Raza Ali Gillani, while Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) Chairperson Dr Muhammad Nizamuddin also visited. Gillani said such activities were needed to guide the youth of the country towards higher education. —Ammar Sheikh

The expo came to Lahore after successfully holding events in Islamabad on May 10 and 11, in Karachi on May 20 and 21, in Faisalabad on May 4 and 5 and in Peshawar on July 18 and 19. Ayesha Malik, a student of Punjab University, wanted to pursue a degree in education. She said that the expo provided her with valuable information about various educational institutions and programs. —Ammar Sheikh

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THE NEWS

Over 5,000 PhD slots vacant in Punjab: PHEC chief

LAHORE: Punjab's first ever Staff Development Academy (SDA) for college and university teachers established by Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) in collaboration with the Higher Education Department (HED) has formally been inaugurated.

Punjab Minister for Higher Education Raza Ali Gillani while addressing the inaugural ceremony on Friday said the Punjab government was striving hard to bring the higher education's system on a par with international standards and the department was investing huge resources and efforts for achieving the goal. He said the Staff Development Academy (SDA) had been established under Faculty Pedagogy Skill Programme of the Punjab government at a cost of Rs 176.087 million. "The establishment of SDA is one of the remarkable efforts of the Punjab Higher Education Commission to improve the quality of teaching at college and university levels," he added.

THE NEWS

Project launched at PU to promote peace

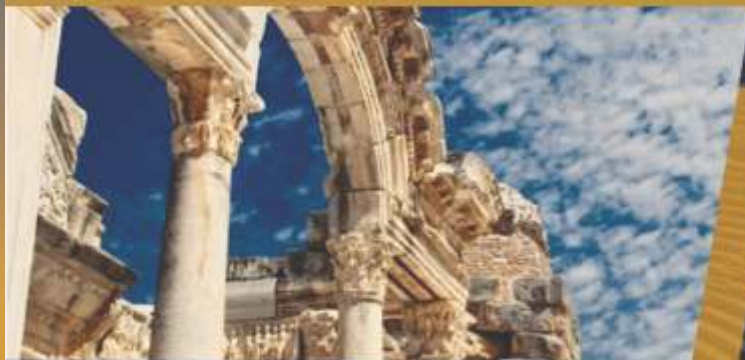
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