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Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin chairing the 11<sup>th</sup> Commission meeting of PHEC



Syed Raza Ali Gillani and Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin with the DSAs of Punjab's public sector universities of Punjab

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## Editorial

Since its inception, Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) has been implementing initiatives to bring about structural and functional reforms in the higher education sector of Punjab. It has also been working towards promoting a culture of research and cultivating teaching excellence. This quarterly Newsletter provides PHEC a wonderful opportunity to connect with our stakeholders, partners and beneficiaries in order to apprise them of our progress and achievements.

During these past three months, (October to December 2017), PHEC continued work on its major activities. The PHEC Conference and Seminar Committee convened and approved funding for 13 conferences and 02 seminars to be organized by HEIs in Punjab. Meetings of the International Travel Grant Committee and Foreign PostDoctoral Fellowship Committee were also held during this time period.

In the third week of December 2017, PHEC in collaboration with Population Association of Pakistan (PAP), organized a three-day conference on Population Growth and Investing in Human Resource Development. The conference's objective was to inspire policy action to address population growth issues and understand its strong linkages to the sustainable development agenda with emphasis on human resource development. This issue covers the conference and its recommendations with regard to population issues confronting Pakistan.

To promote the norms of peace, tolerance and social acceptability at campuses, PHEC also organized a two-day workshop for Directors of the Office of Students Affairs (OSA) of Public Sector Universities of Punjab at its Faculty Development Academy. Additionally, a training on capacity building was also conducted for the faculty members of universities.

We hope you enjoy this quarter's issue. You are welcome to make any suggestions to improve this newsletter.

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Editor-in-Chief

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## In Focus



## PHEC, PAP, GCU

### Organize 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Population Research Conference on “Population Growth and Investing in Human Resource Development”

Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC), in collaboration with, Population Association of Pakistan (PAP) organized a three-day Population Research Conference in December at Government College University (GCU) Lahore.

The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Population Research Conference titled “Population Growth and Investing in Human Resource Development”, addressed the Population growth

issues and its linkages with the sustainable development agenda, especially in the context of recent Housing and Population Census 2017. The curtain raiser ceremony of the conference held on December 17, 2017,

at GCU Lahore, which was attended by PAP President and PHEC Chairperson Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin, VC GCU Prof. Dr. Hassan Amir Shah, VC UoE Prof. Dr. Rauf-i-Azam, and Bargad Executive Director Ms. Sabiha Shaheen.

Environment Protection Begum Zakia Shahnawaz, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) representative Mr. Muqadar Shah, PHEC Chairperson Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin, VC GCU Prof. Dr. Hassan Amir Shah and

Population Council’s Country Director Dr. Zeba A. Sathar.

In his inaugural address, Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin (S.I), President Population Association of

“The recent population census has set off alarm bells; Pakistan is already a water-scarce country and if the growth rate of 2.4 persists, by 2030, Pakistan would not be able to feed its population from the indigenous resources.

Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed Bharath

Punjab Minister for Population Welfare Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed Bharath chaired the inaugural session which was also addressed by Australian High Commissioner to Pakistan Ms. Margaret Adamson, Punjab Minister for

Pakistan and Chairperson Punjab Higher Education Commission, paid gratitude to the eminent speakers and participants, saying that the annual research conferences on Population issues was being organized regularly over



the last 18 years by the Population Association of Pakistan. The main purpose of the moot was to amass policymakers, experts, academicians and students to cognizant of population dynamics, discuss the policy implications and actions, and define the discourse on several aspects of population issues.

The plenary sessions on day-2 were chaired by Punjab Minister for Youth Affairs Mr. Jahangir Khanzada and Punjab Minister for Higher Education Syed Raza Ali Gilani. PHEC Chairperson Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin, Bargad Chairman Dr. Qaiser Bangali, journalist Aamir Riaz, former Punjab University Head of Philosophy Department Prof. Dr. Sajid Ali, VC GCU Prof. Dr. Hassan Amir Shah, youth development consultant Mr. Iqbal Haider Butt, IBA Karachi Director Public Affairs and Communication Dr. Huma Baqai also addressed at the event.

The Day-3, organized in collaboration with Bargad, was dedicated for the youth to deliberate on their issues and problems.

The three-day moot was divided into nine plenary sessions which deliberated on a wide range of topics including population growth trends, tracking Pakistan's progress on Family

Planning 2020 commitments, preliminary results of 6<sup>th</sup> Population Census 2017, youth development, old age population, and increased budgetary allocations for human resource development. The conference brought together academia, scholars, researchers, provincial ministers, economists, population experts, civil society representatives and youth leaders.

## Recommendations

1. *Establishment of Population and Development Research Centre at GCU, Lahore.*
2. *Ensuring strong political and bureaucratic commitment to the policies of federal and provincial governments.*
3. *CIP development and implementation by all provincial governments to achieve FP 2020 targets.*
4. *Conduct Post-enumeration surveys to improve the census results.*
5. *Improving access and quality to family planning services.*
6. *Increase advocacy and education programming, with a focus on youth outreach and inclusion.*
7. *More resource allocations for human development.*
8. *Regularizing migration through provincial coordination.*
9. *Dissemination of population issues by Local media.*
10. *Devise policies to manage youth bulge in order to convert them into the dividend.*

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**PAKISTAN'S POPULATION TO EXCEED 390 MILLION ON 100<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY**  
**PROF. DR. NIZAMUDDIN**

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“Pakistan's population census is surprising; it's a high time for the country to address the issues related to population growth, human rights, youth bulge and human resource development. If we want a sustainable and inclusive economic growth, the engagement of women must be captured.”

**Ms. Margaret Adamson**  
The Australian High Commissioner

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**POPULATION GROWTH SHOULD BE HANDLED PROACTIVELY RATHER THAN REACTIVELY.**

**PROF. DR. HASSAN AMIR SHAH**

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*Progressing Towards its Goals Steadily ...*

## 11<sup>th</sup> Commission Meeting of PHEC



PHEC Split-PhD Scholarships, Establishment of Endowment Fund for Higher Education, and PHEC Indigenous Post-doc Program were accorded approval

The 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of the PHEC Commission held on November 13, 2017, under the chairmanship of Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin, Chairperson PHEC at PHEC Secretariat ASTP Lahore. The meeting was attended by Mr. Nabeel A. Awan (Secretary HED, Govt. of Punjab), Dr. Zafar Iqbal Qureshi (Chairman Accreditation Committee), Mrs. Farhana Afzal (MPA-Sargodha), Lt. Gen. (r) Muhammad Akram Khan (Chairman, Punjab Curriculum & Textbook Board), Prof. Dr. Najma Najam (Ex-Vice Chancellor FJWU, Rawalpindi), Prof. Dr. Muhammad

Khaleeq-ur-Rehman (Ex-Vice Chancellor GCU, Lahore), Dr. Irfana Marium (Principal, Queens Mary College, Lahore), Mr. Zaheer Sarwar (Registrar ITU, on the behalf of VC Dr. Umer Saif), Mr. Fakhar Iqbal (Representative of Secretary Agriculture Punjab), and Mr. Khurram Jhanzeb (Chief Operating Officer PHEC & Secretary of the meeting).

The Chairperson PHEC welcomed the members and briefed them about the agenda of the meeting which included the confirmation of the minutes of 10<sup>th</sup>

meeting of the commission; progress report on various activities of Punjab Higher Education Commission; PHEC Split PhD Scholarship Program; HR Matters; Accreditation Matters; Establishment of Endowment Fund for Higher Education; and PHEC Research Grant for Indigenous Post-doc Program. The commission members thoroughly deliberated on the agenda items, gave their inputs/suggestions; appreciated PHEC and accorded approval to various items.



*Towards Promoting Research Culture in Punjab...*

## PHEC Grants 32 ITGs to Provincial Scholars

Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) awards International Travel Grants (ITGs) every month to the faculty members, non-teaching staff and PhD Scholars of public and private sector universities and public colleges of Punjab.

### PHEC Has Granted Over 250 ITGs, So Far

PHEC believes that faculty members should be continuously trained so that they can keep themselves abreast. ITGs provide opportunities to our students, faculty members and academic staff to present their research work at various international forums around the world.

Sharing the research findings is beyond just spreading the knowledge; It equips the researcher with new avenues to explore beyond the boundaries of culture, language and geography.

PHEC has conducted three meetings of the International Travel Grant Reviewing Committee (ITGRC) from Oct to Dec 2017.



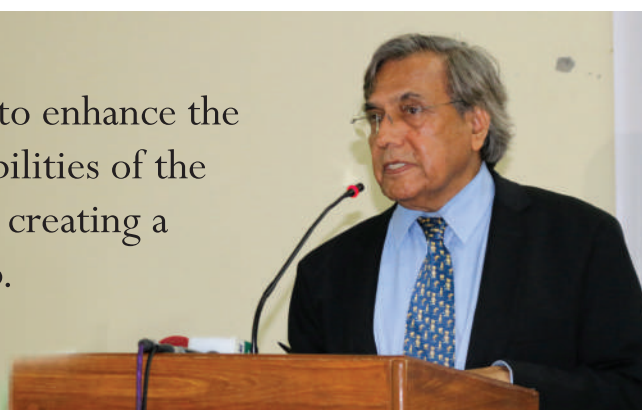
*PHEC has collaborated with the Canakkale Onsekiz Mart University, Turkey and announced three fully-funded travel grants for local scholars to participate in the conference titled “4<sup>th</sup> International Conference - Plagiarism Across Europe and Beyond 2018” to be held on 9<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> May 2018 in Ephesus, Turkey.*

A total of 32 travel grants have been awarded in this period. The awardees have presented their research work in different countries including UAE, Malaysia, Indonesia, Thailand, Sri Lanka, Japan, China, Turkey, South Africa, Egypt, England, Spain, France, USA, Canada and Australia.

ITGs are fully funded: these include airfare; registration fee; accommodation charges; and daily allowance as per PHEC rules and policies. PHEC has also taken the initiative of granting 70% of the awarded money in advance so that the scholar can have all pre-departure arrangements smoothly.

“Through these grants, PHEC envisions to enhance the exposure as well as the research capabilities of the scholars, in order to play its role in creating a research culture in Punjab.”

PROF. DR. NIZAMUDDIN





## CAPACITY BUILDING THROUGH TRAINING

### PHEC Organizes Workshop on “Producing Quality Research in Social Sciences”



Keeping in view the significance and need for quality teaching and research at HEIs, the Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) organized a two-day Residential Training/Workshop on “Producing Quality Research in Social Sciences” at recently established PHEC Faculty Development Academy. The training was attended by nominees of all public sector universities of Punjab. The workshop was aimed at enabling university teachers to build their capacity and subsequently to ensure the highest quality of teaching through research and an outstanding contribution to student learning.

The training was focused on providing basic theoretical knowledge and skills to enhance opportunities to teach the principles and practice of engaging in

social sciences research as an academic discipline in higher education so that it could contribute to their career advancement. The training sessions on the very first day was conducted by Prof. Dr. Najma Najam (Former Vice Chancellor of Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi and Kurukram International University). She deliberated on an overview of Pakistani research, the role of social sciences research in societal evolution and significance of research in career development. She also discussed the ethical issues in social sciences research.

The second day sessions were conducted by Prof. Dr. M. Zakriya Zakir, who briefed on research proposals/design and scientific writing for publication of research. A separate session on

referencing styles was also organized for the participants. The participants appreciated the expertise of the resource persons and were deeply engaged in the training sessions.

The closing ceremony was chaired by Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Nizamuddin. DG Ms. Zia Batool and DG Mr. Anees Sadozai along with other officers of PHEC were also present on the occasion. Chairperson PHEC briefed about the overview of the research in social sciences in global perspective. He appreciated the efforts of the Directorate of training for conducting the workshop. The Chairperson PHEC distributed certificates among the participants at the end of the ceremony.



## CONFERENCES & SEMINARS FUNDED BY PHEC

### “International Conference on Biotechnology (ICB): Challenges and Opportunities in Pakistan” at Lahore Garrison University



The scope of the conference was to increase public awareness and understanding of biotechnology, to inform educators of the resources and programs available locally and nationally, to coordinate training workshops for students and professionals, and to support biotechnology training and education locally, nationally, and internationally.

An “International Conference on Biotechnology: Challenges and Opportunities in Pakistan” was organized at Lahore Garrison University on October 11-12, 2017, in collaboration with the Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC).

The idiopathic goal of the ICB was to promote research and developmental activities in Biotechnology and

Healthcare to encourage scientific information interchange between researchers, developers, students, and practitioners working in Pakistan and abroad. The conference provided an opportunity to share knowledge and channels for expanding businesses between industry and academia.

The conference proved to be an excellent opportunity for researchers

and students from different universities to interact with eminent scientists and knowing about their cutting-edge research ideas.

The students appreciated the efforts of PHEC and thanked the organization for such an informative session. Students greatly benefitted from the conference sessions.

### International Conference titled “Locating the Transcultural Humanities in Pakistan/South Asia” at Forman Christian College University

An international conference titled “Locating the Transcultural Humanities in Pakistan/South Asia” was organized at Forman Christian College University on October 13-15, 2017, in collaboration with the Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC). Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin was the chief guest.

Addressing the conference he said that Humanities in the current political scenario was an important domain which must be highlighted in Pakistan as a way of not only initiating thoughtful dialogue but of resisting politely to undue post-colonial conflict of binaries. This conference provided a platform to the youth to express their ideas and

contribute to the overall spirit of academic discourse by understanding the importance of liberal arts education and critical thinking in Pakistan/South Asia.

Despite human potential in South Asia, the cultural contribution of the region is marginalized within the Humanities and



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social sciences in the academic settings particularly. Through this conference, the scholars attempted to look at the possibilities of reorienting the production of knowledge by interrogating the relevance of such a project for Pakistan, South Asia, and other post-colonial regions of the world

which aspired to move beyond the battle of binaries, thus becoming more globalized/transcultural.

Holding international conference of this standard enabled us to mentor Pakistani budding scholars in any field by inspiring them to get involved in higher education

and career building through the Humanities.

The participants appreciated the efforts of PHEC and thanked the organization to highlight the importance of Humanities in the growing transnational world.

### “International Conference in Inclusive Education” at University of Management and Technology, Lahore

The debate on inclusive education is important in Pakistan today because the government is facing multiple challenges to meet its international obligations under the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities (UNCRPD) and similar treaties.



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“International Conference in Inclusive Education” was organized at the University of Management and Technology on October 24-25, 2017, in collaboration with the Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC).

PhD and M. Phil scholars from different national and international institutions attended the conference. Top theorists and implementers of inclusive education from across the globe addressed the sessions and presented their research papers on this unique platform. Representatives of all the stakeholders

(government and civil society institution like DSD, SED, PWTD, UNESCO, UNICEF, DFID, Government of the Punjab, Federal Government, etc.) shared their experiences and thoughts on Inclusive Education.

The conference was aimed to change the mindset of our policymakers so that the dream of INCLUSIVE EDUCATION can be actualized.

The conference provided an interdisciplinary platform for researchers, practitioners and educators

to present and discuss the recent innovations, trends, and concerns as well as practical challenges encountered, and solutions adopted in the fields of Inclusive and Special Education. The conference also highlighted the global movement towards Inclusive Education and explore how Pakistan fits within the current global trends.

The participants thanked PHEC for this informative conference. PHEC hopes that the conference significantly contributed to advocate policy-making for Inclusive Education at national level.

### International Conference on “New Trends in Natural Sciences: from Basics to Applied” at Lahore College for Women University



The Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) funded a three-day conference at Lahore College for Women University on “New Trends in Natural Sciences: from Basics to Applied” held on October 25-27, 2017. Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin participated as

the chief guest.

The theme of conference was to bridge the gap between university and industry, practitioners and stakeholders. It served as a platform for in-depth discussions on scientific, technological and commercially applicable developments

The conference was aimed to update participants on scientific advances and regulatory development. It further enhanced the understanding of science-based decision processes and harmonized approaches based on internationally recognized standards and methodologies.

leading to new trends and innovative applications. The conference highlighted the value of “Applied Research” that is being carried out for the advancement of knowledge and working for the long-term economic as well as social benefits.

Eminent scientists from international and national higher education and research institutions shared their perspectives and discussed the new trends in the field of Natural Sciences to equip the young researchers with a broad base of knowledge (epistemological – general).



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The conference served as a platform for in-depth discussions on scientific, technological and commercially applicable developments in applied sciences. It gave the students and faculty members a chance to discuss and share

valuable knowledge regarding implementation of proper applied scientific strategies to strengthen the economy of Pakistan.

The participants thanked PHEC for this

informative initiative and suggested PHEC to fund such conferences generously in order to inculcate a scientific thinking in the education sector.

### 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on “Poultry Processing: Farm to Fork Management” at University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences



A two-day International Conference on “Poultry Processing: Farm to Fork Management” was organized at University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, in collaboration with Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) from November 1-2, 2017.

The VC UVAS Prof. Dr. Talat Naseer Pasha while addressing the participants said that Pakistan was the 11<sup>th</sup> largest poultry meat producer in the world and poultry meat was contributing 35-40% in total meat consumption of the nation. Owing to the lack of proper processing

and wet market dependency, this industry had to face swift price fluctuations around the year. To cater with the consumer needs of persistent, safe, ready to cook and ready to eat products, the poultry meat processing needs should be encouraged. This conference focused on the capacity enhancement of academia/industrial personals to equip themselves with latest knowledge of poultry processing along with human resource development.

Various poultry sectors emerging industrialists were invited along with

eminent scientists. The conference served as a platform for emerging industrialists and scientists to interact and discuss the innovative trends in the poultry industry due to which latest innovations in the fields of poultry processing and quality meat production were transferred to industry.

Vice Chancellor, UVAS appreciated the efforts of Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) for organizing such an enlightening session.

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### “International Research Conference in English Language & Literature: Pakistani Literature in English Language” at University of Sargodha, Mandi Bahauddin Campus



A four-day “International Research Conference in English Language & Literature: Pakistani Literature in English Language” was organized by University of Sargodha at Mandi Bahauddin Campus, in collaboration with Punjab Higher Education Commission, from November 9-12, 2017. Chairperson PHEC was the chief guest of the conference.

The conference proved a fruitful effort by the PHEC and UoS to pay homage to Pakistani English writers. Research and artwork presented by the scholars and organizers highlighted different social and political issues of Pakistan.

*The conference aimed to promote the significance of art as it had been ignored in our society and to encourage Pakistani authors to do research on English Language & Literature. The conference provided rich knowledge by local and foreign scholars which helped researchers to refine their concepts on the theme.*

### International Conference titled “Mathematics and its Applications” at Government College University, Lahore



A three-day international conference on “Mathematics and its Applications” was organized at GCU Lahore, in

collaboration with PHEC from November 13-15, 2017.

The purpose of the conference was to create a forum for mathematicians, scientists, researchers and engineers of the world to discuss the current challenges in Pure, Applied and Computational Mathematics. Leading researchers from different fields of Mathematics from all over the world

attended the conference and deliberated on the newly developed methods in various branches of mathematics and their applications in the fields of natural science, computer science, engineering, finance, medicine, and biological sciences.

The conference provided an exposure to the students and encouraged them to pursue their research in the new areas of Mathematics.



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### “International Conference on Religious Pluralism & World Peace” at Minhaj University, Lahore



PHEC funded a two-day “International Conference on Religious Pluralism & World Peace” organized by Minhaj University, Lahore on November 11-12, 2017.

The conference aimed to provide the participants an opportunity to discuss ways by which terrorism could be

discouraged to achieve peace in Pakistan. Scholars from all over the world belonging to different religions discussed the connections between the religions of the world and their collective role in peacemaking.

The scholars spoke on key issues such as the role of ideology in the distortion of

religious language, the relationship between religious identity and civil society, the interaction between religious pluralism and social cohesion and last but not the least, the impact of religious terminology on counter-terrorism.

### International Conference on “Gender, Human Rights & Islam” at Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan

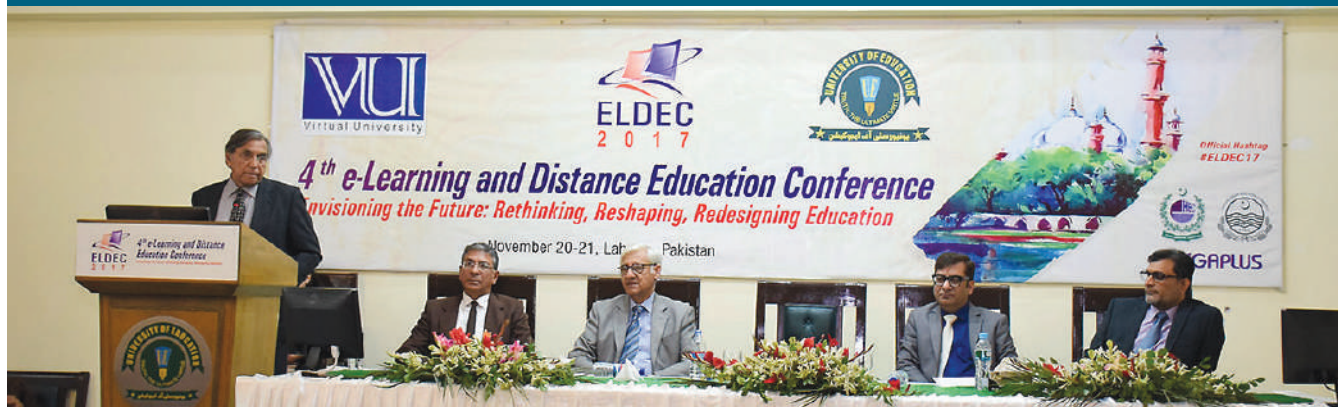
An international conference on “Gender, Human Rights & Islam” was organized at Bahauddin Zakariya University Multan in collaboration with PHEC. Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin was the chief guest. The conference was aimed to provide a platform for academia and researchers to present their research findings, experiences and case studies in different fields pertaining to Human Rights and Gender Studies. Experts from industry/academia/R&D and other user communities huddled to discuss and share their expertise in gender and human rights issues, and analysis of its various aspects.

The conference proved to be valuable for those who were already active in community-based and participatory research i.e. teachers, citizens, researchers, students, civil society organizations, administrative officers, policymakers, etc.



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### International Conference titled “4<sup>th</sup> e-Learning and Distance Education Conference” at University of Education, Lahore



A two-day International Conference titled “4<sup>th</sup> e-Learning and Distance Education Conference” was organized at the University of Education, Lahore in collaboration with PHEC.

Around the world, efforts were being made to offer education at the lowest cost. The conference aimed to share the knowledge and the latest trends in

e-learning and m-learning among students, faculty of universities and persons of other relevant organizations.

The conference highlighted the roles and uses of existing and emerging information communication technologies in the evolution of open distance learning. Eminent educationists explored the innovative ways of using

technology to enhance learning experience beyond the dimension of 'anywhere anytime' to “Ubiquitous Learning” (U-Learning), innovation in pedagogies, potential and impact of open distance learning on socio-economic development and the role of government policies in technology enhanced learning.

### “One Health International Conference (OHC-2017)” at University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Jhang Campus



A three-day “One Health International Conference (OHC-2017)” was organized at UVAS, Jhang Campus in collaboration with PHEC.

The conference provided a platform for academicians, researchers, public and private practitioners to interact with each other and share their experience, expertise and work with fellow researchers.

Professionals from Pakistan Medical and Dental Council, Pakistan Veterinary Medical Association, Pakistan Nurses Association, Pakistan Association of Public Health, the World Societies of Tropical Medicine and Hygiene, and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) presented their research work and discussed the solutions to current and emerging medical problems.

The conference disseminated the concept of “One Health” which implied that the health of humans, animals and ecosystems are interconnected.



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### Conference on “Conventional and Modern Approaches in Plant Sciences” at University of the Punjab, Lahore

Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin participated in the first international conference on “Conventional and Modern Approaches in Plant Sciences” organized by the Punjab University's Department of Botany on 29.11.2017.

Addressing the concluding session, Dr. Nizamuddin urged the scientists to make efforts for saving the environment. He said the institutions of higher learning must focus on creating knowledge that could avert drastic effects of the climate change. He said botany had a lot to do in this regard, especially if its applied aspects were kept in view and the PHEC would fund such projects and conferences to help control climate change.

PU Vice Chancellor Dr. Zafar Moeen

Nasir, Dr. Danielle Donnelly from McGill University Canada, Dr. Tarlok Singh Sahota from Thunder Bay Agriculture Research Station Canada, Dr. Miklas Scholz from the University of Salford Manchester, UK, Dr. Jaswinder Singh from McGill University Canada, Islamia College University Peshawar's Vice chancellor Prof. Dr. Habib Ahmad also addressed the conference.

The conference provided a platform for local and international researchers, academicians and scientists to interact with each other, learn the advance knowledge and approaches in the field of plant sciences.

The guests were presented the mementos at the end. The participants appreciated the conference and suggested PHEC to fund such conferences on regular basis.



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### “5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Research in Education (ICORE)” at IER, University of the Punjab, Lahore

In a bid to actualize its dream of promoting a research culture in the province, Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) funded a two-day 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Research in Education (ICORE) organized by Institute of Education and Research, the University of the Punjab, Lahore.

Director General PHEC Dr. Muhammad Shahid Soroya, Vice Chancellor Dr. Zafar Moeen, Dean Faculty of Education Prof Dr. Mumtaz

Akhtar, Director IER Prof Dr. Rafaqat Ali Akbar, Dr. John Buchanan, Prof Dr. Abid Hussain Chaudhary, senior faculty members and a large number of students attended the inaugural ceremony.

Addressing the participants, Dr. Shahid Soroya said that universities were not meant for awarding degrees only but to promote dialogue, ideas and research. He said that the prime aims of PHEC was to ensure quality education in the province at the graduate and postgraduate level.

Dr. Zafar Moeen Nasir, while speaking at the event, urged the students to work on new ideas to pull our beloved homeland out of the problems which it was facing. He said that our 50 percent people were living below the poverty line; we could help our nation and payback through research that could contribute to socio-economic development. He said that there was a need to impart skills that could create confidence among our students because they were nation builders and future of Pakistan.

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Universities are not meant for awarding degrees only but to promote dialogue, ideas and research:

**Dr. Shahid Soroya**

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### PHEC deliberates with DSAs on Peaceful and Tolerant University Campuses

PHEC working group on peace, in collaboration with University of Education, Lahore and Inter-University Consortium for the Promotion of Social Sciences (IUCPSS) organized a two-day workshop of Director Student Affairs (DSAs) on “Peaceful and Tolerant University Campuses” at University of the Education (UoE) Township Campus Lahore.

Punjab Minister for Higher Education Syed Raza Ali Gilani was the chief guest at the event. PHEC Chairperson Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin, Vice Chancellor UoE Prof. Dr. Rauf-i-Azam, Ex VC LCWU Prof. Dr. Rukhsana

Kausar, addressed the workshop. The DSAs from public sector universities of Punjab participated in the workshop.

The purpose of this workshop was to deliberate on the prevailing issues in the context of peace & harmony at university campuses as well as the greater role of university communities in the promotion of peace & harmony in the society at large and devising strategies for the promotion of the subject cause through engagement of concerned stakeholders.

The DSAs presented an action plan to promote peace and tolerance at

university campuses to counter extremism and violent tendencies and suggested that the solution lies in the strengthening the Directorate of Student Affairs (DSAs) at campuses.

Appreciating action plans prepared by the public sector universities, Syed Raza Ali Gillani, Provincial Minister for Higher Education Punjab and Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin, Chairperson Punjab Higher Education Commission assured their utmost cooperation in effective implementation of the plan and to curb the curse of terrorism from our society.



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*A step towards peaceful campuses*

## PHEC Commemorates the Martyrs of APS

Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) is committed, not only, to ameliorate the quality of higher education and research in higher education institutions, but also strives its best to support any activity, curricular and co-curricular, aimed at building a peaceful and pro-learning environment at campuses across Punjab. For this purpose, it collaborates with

universities, social welfare organizations and other platforms to raise awareness about peace and tolerance among the students.

Making this commitment, PHEC, in collaboration with University of Education and IUCPSS, organized a peace seminar and a week-long awareness campaign to commemorate

the martyrs of APS Peshawar.

The inaugural ceremony was held at University of Education, Bank road Campus, Lahore on December 15, 2017. DG PHEC Dr. Muhammad Shahid Soroya, Vice-Chancellor UoE Dr. Rauf-e-Azam, number of faculty members, students and media persons attended the event.



The concluding ceremony of the week-long campaign was organized at the University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (UVAS) Lahore. PHEC Chairperson Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin was the chief guest of the concluding ceremony, while UVAS VC Prof. Dr. Talat Naseer Pasha, VC GCU Dr. Hassan Amir Shah, VC UoE Lahore



Dr. Rauf-i-Azam, VC GUC Faisalabad Dr. M. Ali Shah, VC BZU Dr. Bashir Ahmed (acting), Senior Columnist Salman Abid and a large number of UVAS students, faculty members and representatives from civil society attended the ceremony.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Dr.



Mohammad Nizamuddin, paying tribute, said that the blood of APS martyrs had united us as a nation against the menace of terrorism. He said that there was an exigency to bring the structural reforms into the education system and needed to take serious efforts to counter the curse of terrorism from our society.



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Peace is not just a desire,  
it is a way to achieve  
the socio-economic  
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“We need to revive and strengthen the student societies in our higher education institutions. Beside this, we also need to work for minimizing the role of political parties in student politics” Dr. Nizam added.

He maintained that students must obtain skill based education. “Punjab HEC has taken several steps to inculcate the

market-driven skills in students” he added. Dr. Nizam also said that peace was not the responsibility of government only, civil society, and our academic institutions were the equal stakeholders. “Peace is not just a desire, it is a way to achieve the socio-economic development of the country” he emphasized.



## CONFERENCES & SEMINARS PHEC's PARTICIPATION

### “Conference on Health & Wellbeing” at Lahore College for Women University, Lahore



Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin participated as Chief Guest in the inaugural session of a three-day International Conference on Health & Wellbeing organized by Lahore College for Women University. In his address, Dr. Nizam stressed on creating awareness among the people to achieve the targets of Sustainable Development Goal No. 3 which required ensuring healthy lives and promote well-being for people of all ages.

Dr. Nizam called for an integrated approach to progress across multiple goals including alleviating poverty and hunger, commitment to end up the epidemics of AIDS, tuberculosis, malaria and other communicable diseases by 2030. “SDG 3 aims to

achieve universal health coverage, and provide access to safe and effective medicines and vaccines for all,” said Dr. Nizam.

He added that health and well-being were much more than the absence of disease; It included a wide spectrum of issues like nutrition, exercise, mindfulness, healthy environment, psychology, public health policy and more” he further said.

Renowned local and international scholars including vice chancellor of LCWU also addressed the conference and highlighted the exigency of an awareness drive about health and well-being at all tiers of society.

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# PHEC Envisions to Enhance Access & Bring Reforms to Higher Education



Punjab Higher Education Commission Act 2014 empowers it to provide guidance to the provincial government on the planning processes and the development needs of the PHEC as well as of public sector universities of Punjab. Planning and Development (P&D) department of PHEC, for this purpose, liaisons with various ministries & departments for planning, designing and developing purposes. It oversees the development projects funded through Annual Development Program (ADP) of Government of Punjab, as well as maintaining the key statistics of public and private sector HEIs in the province.



## Establishment of Punjab Tianjin University of Technology, Lahore

As per the directions of Chief Minister Punjab, Planning & Development Department of PHEC worked closely with TEVTA for the establishment of Technical University in Lahore in collaboration with Tianjin University of Technology.

It is the first institution in Pakistan embracing a vision of being a world-class institution to adopt the state-of-the-art Technical and Vocational training at Graduation Level. Mr. Nouman Maqbool Rao, Director (P&D), PHEC

along with Minister for School Education and TEVTA officials visited China where an agreement was signed with below mentioned three Chinese Universities on November 01, 2017.

- i. Tianjin University of Technology & Education, Tianjin
- ii. Tianjin Polytechnic University, Tianjin
- iii. Tianjin Chengjian University, Tianjin

Admission for Tianjin University has been announced. The classes will be commenced from March 2018.

### *The university will offer:*

- Advanced Certificate in Chinese Language

### *BS 4-Year Degree Programs in*

- Civil Engineering Technology
- Mechanical Engineering Technology
- Electrical Engineering Technology
- Automobile Engineering Technology
- Textile Engineering Technology
- Architecture Technology
- Fashion Design Technology



## Proposal for Establishment of University of Murree

Under the directions of honourable Prime Minister of Pakistan, H.E. Shahid Khaqan Abbasi, Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) is working on the establishment of University at Murree. PHEC Officials visited the proposed site for the University at Jheeka Gali Murree on September 22, 2017.

P&D Department has prepared the draft of Charter/Act of the proposed

University in Murree along with PC-I of the Project and forwarded to the Prime Minister Office in December 2017 for further processing. In this connection, Prime Minister called a meeting on December 26, 2017, which was attended by Chairperson, PHEC Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin, along with Director (P&D); finalization of land and other related matters were discussed in the meeting.

## Preparation and Processing of PC-1 of Various Universities

The P&D department of PHEC is responsible for the timely preparation of PC-1s of various development projects and their submission to HED and P&D departments of Government of Punjab for final approval.

In past three months, P&D department has forwarded the PC-1s of the following schemes, as reflected in ADP 2017-18, to the HED for their approval.

- i. Establishment of University of Jhang, District Jhang.
- ii. Establishment of University of Okara, District Okara.
- iii. Construction of Building of GC Women University Sialkot on Acquired Piece of Land at Sialkot.
- iv. Establishment of University of Sahiwal, District Sahiwal.
- v. Establishment of Sub Campus of GC University, Faisalabad at Toba Tek Singh.

## Up-Gradation of GCT Rasul College into Technology University

PHEC's P&D department is working as focal person for the up-gradation of Government College of Technology (GCT), Rasul into "Technology University, Rasul" at Mandi Bahauddin. A summary of the university has already been approved by the Chief Minister, Punjab. P&D department of PHEC is closely collaborating with TEVTA,

Industries Department, UET Lahore and with GCT Rasul in preparation for the Act of the university, proposed disciplines of the university and other documents. Various meetings with all the stakeholders have been arranged in this regard. The draft of the Act of the University has been prepared by P&D Dept. PHEC and forwarded to

Industries, Commerce & Investment Department in November 2017 for further processing and approval. A development scheme (PC-I) of the University has also been prepared and forwarded to TEVTA, Punjab for approval of the scheme.



# PHEC reviews the performance of Career Counseling Centers and Community Colleges project



Since colleges are the student nurseries for universities, Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) has always endeavoured to uplift the standards of college education in order to contribute to the knowledge economy of the province. For this purpose, two important initiatives viz. Community College program and Career Counseling Centers have already been launched, at four public sector colleges of Punjab, to offer education in market-driven subjects to the students and permeate in them the job-ready skills and a careerist approach. Students are enlightened

through various campus-based activities, seminars, workshops as well as field visits.

In order to review their progress, a meeting of PHEC staff, Principals and Directors of Community Colleges and Career Counseling Centers and PHEC was held under the chairmanship of Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin, Chairperson PHEC, on 13<sup>th</sup> December, 2017 at PHEC secretariat ASTP, Lahore. Director General PHEC, Dr. M. Shahid Soroya briefed that the aim of establishing Career Counseling Centers.

Sr. #	College	Activities			
		Seminars	Workshops	Field Visits	Talent Hunt
1	Govt. College Township, Lahore	2	1	2	-
2	Government College for Women Model Town Gujranwala	1	2	-	-
3	Government College Civil Lines Multan	1	2	-	1
4	Government College For Women Karkhana Bazar Faisalabad	-	4	-	-



Community College Seminar on: "Basic Imperatives of TV Production" at GCT, Lahore



Community College students visit PTV Station Lahore



Orientation session of Associate Degree academic at Govt. College for Women Gujranwala



Workshop on "Template Designing" at Govt. College Civil Lines Multan



Workshop for Associate Degree in Mass Comm. Students Govt. College For Women Faisalabad

# Success Stories



**AHMAD AQEEL  
SARWAR**

Lecturer in English  
Higher Education Department  
Government of the Punjab

Ever since my childhood, I had the dream to study abroad which became a reality through the CM Faculty Development Program initiated by the government of the Punjab and facilitated by the Punjab Higher Education Commission. I was granted full scholarship for MA in Global Literature and Culture from the University of York, UK.

The program enhanced my research skills and helped me in understanding the dynamics of latest research in the field of Literature and Arts. The best thing about the program was that it provided me with an opportunity to explore the research-based higher

education in the UK. After the successful completion of the program, I feel more capable of teaching according to the international standards.

The role of the Punjab Higher Education Commission for the success of this program is commendable, especially the vigorous efforts of Mr. Musa Syed Hassan and Mr. Feroze Alam to facilitate the scholars to the maximum. I thank PHEC for giving me the best phase of my life as a student. I hope the government of Punjab will keep on introducing such programs to enhance the research and teaching capabilities of the college academics.



**SANIA BATOOL**

Assistant Professor of  
Computer Science  
Higher Education Department  
Government of the Punjab

I am quite fond of enhancing my skills, expertise and knowledge as I am associated with the profession of teaching. Through CM Faculty Development Program, I found a chance to study abroad. I was selected for scholarship for one year MSc in Advanced Computer Science at Cardiff University for session 2016-2017.

It was a very good experience and exposure for me. I learned a lot during my course and dissertation work. This degree enhanced my expertise in research. Throughout my program, support from PHEC was fabulous; I received stipend and other funds on time, so no financial worries were

encountered throughout the course and I was able to focus completely on my studies.

I am really thankful to all PHEC team for their efforts to make my course successful. I strongly recommend this scholarship to juniors and peers. I also hope that Government of Punjab will provide me further opportunities to enhance my research and teaching skills.



# Convocations



Governor Punjab Muhammad Rafique Rajwana, Minister for Higher Education Punjab Syed Raza Ali Gillani, Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin, Vice Chancellor ITU Dr. Umar Saif at the 1<sup>st</sup> Convocation of Information Technology University, Lahore



Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin at the UVAS Convocation



Governor Punjab Muhammad Rafique Rajwana, Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin, Vice Chancellor ITU Dr. James A. Tebbe at the Commencement of Forman Christian College, Lahore



Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin awarding Degree to a student at Convocation of Children Hospital



Chairperson PHEC Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin awarding Degree to a student at Convocation of Ripha International University, Lahore



# Snippets



A delegation from University of Bristol, UK visited PHEC



Chinese delegation from Shandong Jianzhu University presented mural to Chairperson PHEC during their visit to PHEC



President of Federation of All Pakistan Universities Academic Staff Association (FAPUASA) met Chairperson PHEC



Minister for Higher Education Punjab and Chairperson PHEC inaugurated the Center for Coal Technology at the Punjab University, Lahore.



Members of Accreditation Committee of PHEC visit University of Wah, Wah Cantt



# Media Coverage



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**DAWN**

PHEC reviews faculty development initiatives

LAHORE: Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) on Monday held its 11th meeting to discuss approval of various initiatives and its grants.

The meeting was presided over by its Secretary General, Dr. Muhammad Aslam Khan.

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## PHEC RESEARCH GRANT for INDIGENOUS POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS 2018 (Social Sciences)



The Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) invites applications for "Research Grants for Indigenous Post-doctoral Fellowships" (12 months) from the faculty members of public sector colleges/ universities and HEIs of the Punjab through an open competitive process. The interested eligible faculty members will apply to PHEC through their respective Institutions. PHEC Research Grant Selection Committee will select the Post-doctoral research proposals through a rigorous evaluation process. After the selection of Research Supervisor an advertisement for the selection of Post-Doctoral fellow/researcher will be given. The selection process will be competitive.

### Eligibility Criteria

- Supervisor should have post-doctoral research from local/foreign university.
- Be a regular (BPS/TTS) faculty of College or Public Sector University/ Institute chartered by Government of the Punjab.
- Faculty members retiring in the same fiscal year will not be entitled to receive research project grant.
- HEC/ PHEC/ University scholarship defaulters (Overseas, Indigenous and Split) are not eligible for this grant.
- Submit a clearly written post-doctoral research proposal.

### How to Apply?

STEP 01

Please download the application form from the following website  
<http://punjabhec.gov.pk/research-grant-indigenous-post-doctoral>

STEP 02

The complete application should have:

- Application form along with the post-doctoral research grant proposal
- Attested copies of Post-Doc Research Certificate & PhD degree from Gazetted officer
- Appointment/regularization letter as regular (BPS/TTS) faculty in public sector college/university/HEI
- Attested copy of CNIC
- CV/Resume

Further details are available on the website  
[www.punjabhec.gov.pk](http://www.punjabhec.gov.pk)

**Last Date**  
to submit application is  
**10<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

Incomplete/ Applications submitted by hand will not be entertained

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