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Editorial

Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC), since its establishment in 2015, has been endeavoring to bring the higher education sector at par with international standards by introducing various qualitative reforms in this sector. To this end, PHEC is collaborating with Higher Education Commission (HEC) Pakistan and Higher Education Department (HED) Government of Punjab to achieve benchmarks and formulate policies to enhance the visibility of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) globally and to contribute to the knowledge economy of the country.

The editorial team of PHEC Quarterly Newsletter is pleased to present the current issue highlighting the activities of PHEC and HEIs of Punjab during the first quarter of the year 2020. Though with limited resources, PHEC has demonstrated good progress towards its goals, nevertheless it is working hard to reach higher levels of excellence. We believe that through setting high standards and making concerted efforts, challenges in the higher education sector of the country will be overcome and our dream of quality higher education will come true.

PHEC is committed to enhance the capacity of universities and colleges in Punjab, to impart high-quality education and conduct indigenous research in order to uplift the higher education sector.

Prof. Dr. Fazal Ahmad Khalid
Editor-in Chief

PHEC Constitutes a Committee to Facilitate Blended and Online Education

Covid 19 Pandemic

In the wake of the declaration of COVID-19 as a pandemic, the Government announced the closure of all academic institutions in the country until May 31, 2020. Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) has constituted a nine-member committee, comprising vice-chancellors of prominent varsities, to work in tandem with higher education institutions. The committee has started working for the promotion of online teaching and smart classrooms to students within the province.



The first meeting of the committee held on March 31, 2020, via Zoom, was chaired by Prof. Dr. Fazal Ahmed Khalid, Chairman PHEC, Prof Dr. Niaz Ahmad Akhtar, Vice-Chancellor, University of the Punjab, Lahore, Prof Dr. Talat Naseer Pasha, Vice-Chancellor, University of Education, Lahore, Dr. Naeem Tariq, Rector, Virtual University of Pakistan, Prof. Dr. Syed Mansoor Sarwar, Vice-Chancellor, University of Engineering & Technology, Lahore, Prof Dr. Muhammad Ashraf Vice-Chancellor, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad, Prof Dr. Khalid Masud Gondal, Vice-Chancellor, King Edward Medical University, Lahore, Prof Dr. Rukhsana David, Principal, Kinnaird College for Women, Lahore attended the meeting.

The committee proposed the following recommendations to improve the online access to higher education and mitigate the impacts of lockdown due to COVID-19;

Universities should start online and blended teaching-learning processes using different software such as Google Meet, Zoom, Microsoft Teams, Google Hangouts, etc.

Universities should provide training to faculty members involved in blended learning and ensure student engagement.

Students who are unable to attend online sessions should have an opportunity to access course material online.

As the universities are autonomous they can revise their academic calendar as required and formulate policies to ensure quality, maintenance of minimum requirements for online education and revision of assessment and grading policy for assignments/quizzes, midterm and final exams.

In case of practicals, labwork and projects the faculty members are advised to provide online guidance and advice to the students.

Institutions having good Learning Management Systems (LMS) should assist other academic institutions.

PHEC will work with HEC and HED to update on policy matters and check with universities to evaluate their needs of IT infrastructure, automation, assessment and LMS.

Provincial Universities Shine in QS Asian Ranking

Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) has an enhanced focus on improving the quality of education as per indicators being followed by top-ranking agencies of the world. These indicators include academic reputation, employer reputation, citations per faculty, faculty/student ratio, etc. With effective policy formulation by the PHEC, ten universities of Punjab have made their positions among the QS top Asian Universities 2020. Below is the list of universities:

SN	Universities	QS Asia Ranking
1	Lahore University of Management Sciences, Lahore	83
2	University of Engineering & Technology, Lahore	171
3	University of the Punjab, Lahore	195
4	University of Agriculture, Faisalabad	271-80
5	Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan	301-350
6	University of Lahore, Lahore	351-400
7	Govt. College University, Lahore	401-450
8	University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Lahore	401-450
9	University of Central Punjab, Lahore	501-550
10	University of Management & Technology, Lahore	501-550

PHEC organizes Stakeholders Conference on Higher Education Reforms

Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) organized a "Stakeholders Conference for Higher Education Reforms" on Wednesday, January 22, 2020, at the University of Engineering and Technology (UET), Lahore. Minister for Higher Education and Information Technology, Mr. Raja Yassir Humayun Sarfraz (Chief Guest), Chairman PHEC, Prof. Dr. Fazal Ahmad Khalid, Vice-Chancellors from 22 public sector universities, DPI Colleges (Punjab), Mr. Jehangir Ahmed, and Principals from approximately 700+ public sector colleges of Punjab participated in the interactive conference.



Separate discussions with Vice-Chancellors of public sector universities and principals were also arranged, where the Minister for Higher Education Punjab and Chairman PHEC outlined plans with regard to the implementation of Associate Degrees, restructuring of the colleges' affiliation mechanism through the introduction of Divisional Universities for equitable distribution, and effective management of affiliated colleges in each division.

College Education is an important pillar of the higher education sector, however, this sector has long been ignored in the province. PHEC has taken initiative to uplift the college sector by introducing various quality reforms. The capacity building of college faculty is an important variable to achieve this goal. PHEC Staff Development Academy is equipping college faculty with the best teaching skills by organizing the training workshops. From January to March 2020, Staff Development Academy has organized 11 training workshops and imparted skills to a total of 468 faculty members including Lectures and Assistant Professors from public sector colleges from all nine divisions of Punjab.

Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) organized a one-day Workshop on "Role of Start-ups in Research Commercialization" on 21 January 2020 at PHEC. Federal Minister for Education and Professional Training Mr. Shafqat Mehmood, Provincial Minister for Higher Education & IT Raja Yassir Humayun Sarfraz and Chairman PHEC Prof. Dr. Fazal Ahmad Khalid graced the event.

Directors of the Office of Research, Innovation, and Commercialization (ORIC) of public and private universities participated in the workshop.

Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC), in collaboration with the Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC), organized a five-day training workshop on "Outcome Based Accreditation for Program Evaluation" from January 13-17, 2020 at PHEC Head Office Lahore.

Chairman PHEC Prof. Dr. Fazal Ahmad Khalid inaugurated the opening session. Chairman PEC Engr. Jawed Salim Qureshi, Additional Registrar PEC Prof. Dr. Nasir Mehmood Khan, and Engr. Prof. Dr. Saeed-ur-Rehman also attended the orientation session. Raja Yassir Humayun Sarfraz, Minister for Higher Education Punjab, was the chief guest at the concluding session. A total of 50 members of the engineering faculty members (Program Evaluators) from different universities across Punjab attended the training workshop.

Continuing Professional Development of College Faculty PHEC Staff Development Academy trains 468 College Teachers during 1st Quarter



Promoting Research Productivity: PHEC organizes a Workshop on Role of Start-ups in Research Commercialization

PHEC & PEC Jointly Hold Workshop on "Outcome-based Accreditation for Program Evaluation"



New Team Members

Join Punjab Higher Education Commission

With each passing day, Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) is growing in terms of human capital PHEC inducted new team members to enhance its capacity and better manage its affairs

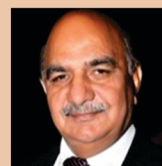
Prof. Dr. Sajjad Haider Shami

Prof. Dr. Sajjad Haider Shami has joined Punjab Higher Education Commission as Member (Academics, Research & Accreditation). Dr. Shami has a Ph.D. in Electronic Systems Engineering from the University of Essex, UK. He brings with him plenty of experience of working at prestigious national and international universities / organizations like Motorola UK, the University of Northumbria at Newcastle, UET Lahore and UMT, Lahore.



Dr. Muhammad Ramzan

Dr. Muhammad Ramzan has joined Punjab Higher Education as Director General (Academics, Research & Accreditation). He has done his Ph.D. in the Application of Information Technology from the University of Malaya, Malaysia. He has brought vast experience of working in prestigious public and private institutions like US Information Services, GIK Institute, LUMS, UCP and Information Technology University at key positions.



Mr. Tanvir Ahmad Zaffar

Mr. Tanvir Ahmad Zaffar has joined PHEC as Director General (Learning Innovation & Faculty Development). Mr. Tanvir holds an M.Phil. degree in Management from University of Management & Technology Lahore. He brings with him a diverse experience of working in different esteemed public and private organizations such as TEVTA, WAPDA and Government College University. He also rendered his services as Registrar in Beaconhouse National University and Pakistan Institute of Fashion Design (PIFD).



Dr. Muhammad Mumtaz Ali Khan

Dr. Muhammad Mumtaz Ali Khan has joined PHEC as Director (Administration). He earned his LLB from Punjab University Law College, University of the Punjab with distinction. Dr. Mumtaz did his Ph.D. from University of Paris (EHESS), France. Mr. Mumtaz has rendered his services as Head of Law Department at National College of Business Administration and Economics (NCBA&E). With many other distinctions Dr. Mumtaz is the youngest Ph.D. in Law in Pakistan and very first Pakistani who secured Ph.D. in law.



Dr. Hafiz Haider

Dr. Hafiz Haider has joined PHEC as Director (Academic, Research & Accreditation). He holds a Post Doctorate Endeavor Fellowship from University of Queensland Australia. He did his Ph.D. in Agriculture Agronomy from University of Agriculture, Faisalabad. Dr. Haider has served as Assistant Professor in Department of Agronomy, University of Sargodha. He was a Research fellow in European funded training program, Experts Exchange by promoting Quality Education, Research and Training in South and South-East Asia, University of Leuven, Leuven Belgium.



Mr. Tamour Ahmed

Mr. Tamour Ahmed has joined PHEC as Assistant Director (Finance). He has graduated in Commerce from Anglia Ruskin University, Cambridge, UK and is also a member of ACCA, UK.



New Team Members

Mr. Mohammad Haseeb Mirza

Mr. Mohammad Haseeb Mirza has joined PHEC as Assistant Director (Finance). Haseeb is a Masters in Commerce awarded by ACCA, UK.



Mr. Hassan Qayyum

Mr. Hassan Qayyum has joined PHEC as Assistant Director (Planning & Implementation). He has Done M.Sc. in Project Management from the University of Lahore.



Mr. Wahab Saleem

Mr. Wahab Saleem has Joined PHEC as Accountant. Mr. Wahab has done MBA (Finance) from Institute of Business Administration, IBA University of the Punjab, Lahore.



Consultative Meeting with Editors of Local Journalists



Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) organized a meeting with the editors of local research journals on March 12, 2020. The meeting was attended by more than 70 editors under the convenorship of Chairman PHEC Prof. Dr. Fazal Ahmad Khalid. Prof. Dr. Syed Muhammad Awais, Executive Director, Institute of Orthopedics and Rehabilitation Sciences, Lahore, and Dr. Muhammad Ramzan Director-General (AR&A) PHEC also attended the meeting. The purpose of the meeting was to deliberate with the editors and elicit their feedback on improving the quality of research manuscripts, capacity building of authors and issues related to the publishing of journals at par with international standards.

Expansion of Community Colleges Project under Phase-II



An interactive session with the principals of 54 public sector colleges, identified by DPI for inclusion in the expansion of Community Colleges project, was held on Feb. 2, 2020, at PHEC Head Office, under the convenorship of the Chairman PHEC, Dr. Fazal Ahmad Khalid. The participants were briefed that in the first phase, 9 colleges from 9 nine districts were approved under PC-I "Establishment of Community Colleges in Punjab" through which Associate Degrees on the semester system pattern, in market-driven subjects, were being offered to produce employable graduates.

It was further briefed that a PC-I entitled "Expansion of Community Colleges (Phase-II)" of Rs. 128.719 has been approved by the Government of Punjab through which 27 colleges from the remaining 27 districts are to be identified. Under this PC-I, lab equipment will be provided to the selected colleges and local training will be given to the faculty. Moreover, these 27 colleges will also be included in the approved PC-I "Establishment of IT Labs and Smart Classrooms" of Rs. (196.879) through which smart classrooms will be established. Through both these PC-1s, each of the 27 colleges will receive an average funding of Rs. 9.63 million.

At the end of the session, a committee was constituted to identify 27 suitable colleges for the expansion of the program. The committee held its meeting on March 5, 2020, under the convenorship of Ch. Jehangir Ahmed, DPI (Colleges), Punjab. During the meeting, the assessment forms submitted by the Principals of 54 colleges to DPI were reviewed according to the pre-defined criteria for enrollment, infrastructure and available faculty. After detailed deliberations, 27 colleges were identified by the committee for further processing.



PHEC Signs MoU with Qasim Ali Shah Foundation



Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) and Qasim Ali Shah Foundation (QASF) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on January 27, 2020, at PHEC Head Office, Lahore. The MoU was signed in the presence of Prof. Dr. Fazal Ahmed Khalid, Chairman PHEC, and Mr. Qasim Ali Shah, CEO, QAS Foundation, for the promotion of professional training and development, and enhancement of learning capabilities and professional skills in the higher education sector in Punjab.

PHEC, NHSRC Join Hands to Control Tobacco Use at Higher Education Institutions



Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) and Tobacco Smoke-free Capital Project of Ministry for National Health Services, Regulations, and Coordination (NHSRC) signed a Letter of Intent (LOI) in a formal ceremony held on February 12, 2020, at PHEC Head Office, Lahore. The LOI was inked in the presence of Prof. Dr. Fazal Ahmed Khalid, Chairman PHEC, Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza, Vice-Chancellor of Lahore College for Women University, and Dr. Minhaj-us-Siraj, Project Director Tobacco Smoke-free Capital Project, and aimed at extending mutual collaboration to control, regulate and discourage the use of tobacco at the universities' campuses and attached institutions of higher learning in Punjab.

PHEC inks Memorandum of Understanding with Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI)



On February 15, 2020, Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) to collectively work for strengthening higher education, research, and industry-academia linkages. The areas of mutual interest include the promotion of Applied Research and Commercialization. Chairman PHEC Prof. Dr. Fazal Ahmad Khalid and President LCCI Mr. Irfan Iqbal Sheikh signed the collaboration document.

Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) aims to strengthen the culture of research in higher education institutions (HEIs) of the province through the provision of funds and expertise to conduct national and international conferences, seminars and symposia. Funding for conferences is an ongoing program. A committee of experts reviews each proposal submitted and decides about requests for funding on merit. In the first quarter of 2020, two meetings of the "Expert Review Committee" were held where a total of 31 cases were approved with a total of funds amounting to Rs. 14,367,709/-

31 National/International Conferences
were funded during
the 1st Quarter of 2020



Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) awarded a total of 22 international travel grants (ITGs) to the scholars (public sector universities= 16, private sector universities= 5, and public sector colleges=1) during the first quarter of 2020. The ITGs were awarded in the 32nd meeting of the International Travel Grants committee held on January 17, 2020. Prof. Dr. Fazal Ahmad Khalid, Chairman PHEC, presided over the meeting. The committee reviewed a total of 41 cases for the grant. International Travel Grants is a special initiative of Punjab Higher Education Commission, under which, faculty members, non-teaching staff and Ph.D. students are provided funding for presenting their research findings and outputs at international venues.

PHEC Awards 22 International
Travel Grants
during Jan-Mar 2020



PHEC Launches International Research Support Fellowship Program (IRSF)

PUNJAB HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION

INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH SUPPORT FELLOWSHIP (IRSF)

Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) invites applications from eligible full time PhD scholars of provincially chartered universities of Punjab for award of International Research Support Fellowship in Science and Technology, Social Sciences, Arts, Humanities and Management Sciences for a period of six-months in QS Top Ranking 200 universities of 2020 (General Ranking).

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The eligible candidate must have:

1. Domicile from any district of Punjab.
2. Maximum 45 years of age on closing date of application.
3. Enrolled in a PhD program of any public/private sector university of Punjab and should have completed course work.
4. Applied after 1.5 years of enrolment and maximum up to 3.5 years in PhD program.
5. Passed the comprehensive examination (as per university norms).
6. PhD synopsis/ research proposal approved by the Board of Advanced Studies and Research (BASR) or equivalent statutory body of the university.
7. Valid acceptance letter from a foreign university/supervisor among QS top ranking 200 (General).

GRANT PROVISION

PHEC will provide funds to meet the following expenses:

- 1) Bench fee (as per actual max. up to Rs.250,000/-)
- 2) Living allowance/stipend as prescribed.
- 3) Air ticket (as per actual max. up to Rs.130,000/-)

HOW TO APPLY

Application complete in all respects must reach at Punjab Higher Education Commission, Lahore on or before **January 06, 2020 at 05.00PM** through registered post. Application submitted by hand will not be accepted.

Application form and related details are available at PHEC website: www.punjabhec.gov.pk

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In order to provide scholars with international exposure during their research work, Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) has launched an International Research Support Fellowship (IRSF) Program. The program is of six-month duration, and specifically designed to provide first-hand experience in research to the highly motivated scholars who are currently pursuing a full-time Ph.D. degree in HEC recognized universities in Punjab.

The IRSF shall provide the doctoral students with bench fees, living cost/stipend, and return airfare, provided that the candidates have secured acceptance from research supervisors in the top 200 QS ranked universities. PHEC has launched the program through advertisement in national dailies in response to which students and faculty members from all over Punjab have forwarded their applications with research proposals. Shortlisted candidates have been interviewed for further processing.

Snippets

Meeting of Education Reforms Committee at Governor House Lahore

Prof. Dr. Fazal Ahmad Khalid, Chairman PHEC attended, on Feb. 24, 2020, the first meeting of the Education Reforms Committee, which was constituted to address the problems of private sector universities in Punjab. The meeting, held at the Governor House Lahore, was chaired by Governor Punjab Chaudhry Muhammad Sarwar. President of Pakistan H.E. Arif Alvi also graced the meeting.



Snippets

Commission Meetings of Punjab Higher Education Commission

The 16th and 17th Commission meeting of Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) were held on January 20, 2020, and February 18, 2020, respectively, at Arfa Software Technology Park, Lahore. Chairman Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) Prof. Dr. Fazal Ahmad Khalid chaired the meetings.



Meetings of PHEC Accreditation Committee

Two meetings of the PHEC Accreditation Committee were held at PHEC Head Office Lahore on January 15, 2020, and Feb. 28, 2020, respectively. The meetings were presided over by Prof. Dr. Khalid Aftab, Chairman of the Accreditation Committee. The committee reviewed various agendas including the opening of sub-campus by the private sector institutions, outposts, faculties, directorates and disciplines and requests for grant of charter of Private Sector DAIs.



Nobel Laureate Sir Venki Ramakrishna Meets Chairman PHEC

Chairman PHEC Prof. Dr. Fazal Ahmad Khalid had a meeting with the laureate of the 2009 Nobel Prize in Chemistry, Sir Dr. Venkatraman 'Venki' Ramakrishna on the sidelines of Afkar-e-Taza ThinkFest, on January 11, 2019, at Alhamra Arts Council, Lahore. Chairman HEC Prof. Dr. Tariq Banuri was also present in the meeting.



Snippets

Meeting of Directors

QEC of Private Sector Universities/DAIs

On February 10, 2020, Minister for Higher Education Punjab Raja Yassir Humayun Sarfraz and Chairman PHEC Prof. Dr. Fazal Ahmad Khalid co-chaired a meeting to discuss matters related to quality enhancement in the universities and uplift of higher education standards as per national criteria. Prof. Dr. Arif Nazir Butt and Prof. Dr. M Khaleeq-ur-Rehman and Directors QEC of all private sector universities/DAIs also attended the meeting.

A delegation from the University of Palermo, Italy led by Prof. Micari Fabrizio, Rector of the university and accompanied by Salvatore Casabona, Associate Professor, visited Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) on January 31, 2020, and met with Prof. Dr. Fazal Ahmad Khalid, Chairman PHEC. Mr. Sajid Zafar Dall, Secretary Higher Education Department, Govt. of Punjab and representatives of the Higher Education Commission (HEC, Islamabad) Pakistan were also present in the meeting. The possibilities of mutual collaboration between Pakistani and Italian Universities were discussed in the meeting.

On February 7, 2020, Prof. Dr. Fazal Ahmad Khalid, Chairman PHEC, attended a meeting of the "Engineering Curriculum Development and Review Committee" at Pakistan Engineering Council, Islamabad. Committee reviewed the curriculum of engineering disciplines to meet national and international challenges being faced by Engineers and Engineering Profession.

Delegation from Society of Dyers and Colorists (SDC) Meets Chairman PHEC

A delegation from the Society of Dyers and Colorists (SDC) led by Mrs. Sue Bolton, President of SDC, met with Prof. Dr. Fazal Ahmad Khalid, Chairman PHEC on Feb. 27, 2020, and discussed the various opportunities of cooperation in the field of higher education and research.



Delegation from University of Palermo Italy Visited PHEC



Meeting on Engineering Curriculum Development



Snippets



Graduation Ceremony Amal Career-Prep Fellowship



Prof. Dr. Fazal Ahmad Khalid, Chairman PHEC, attended The Graduation Ceremony Amal Career-Prep Fellowship in Collaboration with PepsiCo at University of Engineering and Technology, Lahore. PepsiCo always supported training to develop professional skills needed for a successful career and life. Amal Fellowship is being offered at multiple venues in Lahore, Faisalabad, Karachi, and Peshawar and offering activities based in-person sessions, job preparation, resume writing, interview preparation, Individual career counseling in a 1on1 session, building confidence, fun challenges and games, online courses and Google Classroom projects. While speaking on the importance of youth skills development, Chairman PHEC, Dr. Fazal Ahmed Khalid said, "We are proud to be partnering with Amal Academy and PepsiCo to bring this program to the youth of Pakistan; we must look beyond conventional means to ensure our next generation is equipped with the skills that will help uplift the country."

PEC and American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP) Sign MoU

On January 27, 2020, the Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) and the American Society of Safety Professionals (ASSP) Pakistan Chapter signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to facilitate collaboration between ASSP Pakistan and PEC. Prof. D. Fazal Ahmad Khalid, Chairman PHEC/Vice Chairman PEC and Mr. Farrukh Majeed, Vice President ASSP signed the agreement. Chairman PEC Engr. Jawed Saleem Qureshi was also present on this occasion.



Pakistan International Auto Show 2020 at Expo Center Lahore

Chairman PHEC Prof. Dr. Fazal Ahmad Khalid participated in the Pakistan International Auto Show 2020 organized by PAAPAM at Expo Center Lahore on Feb. 22, 2020. The Pakistan Auto Show aimed at providing academia and industry with a platform to showcase their capabilities and potentials to the world. Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC), through this forum, endeavored to strengthen the linkages between universities and local industries and to improve mutual trust and bridge the industry-academia gap.

Universities Corner

Launching Ceremony of

Prime Minister's Hunarmand Pakistan Programme at ITU Lahore



Information Technology University (ITU) Lahore, launched the Prime Minister's Hunarmand Pakistan Program on Feb. 21, 2020. Federal Minister for Education and Professional Training, Shafqat Mehmood was the Chief Guest of the event. Prof. Dr. Fazal Ahmad Khalid, Chairman PHEC, Chairman TEVTA Punjab Mr. Ali Salman, Chairman PITB Mr. Azfar Manzoor and DG NAVTTC Mr. Rana Muhammad Saleem Afzal also graced the occasion.



Symposium at Virtual University

Virtual University of Pakistan, Lahore organized a symposium entitled "Emerging Trends in Big Data Architectures, Frameworks and Technologies" on January 1st, 2020. Chairman PHEC graced the event as chief guest.

Conference at MNS-UET, Multan

On January 17, 2020, Muhammad Nawaz Sharif University of Engineering & Technology, Multan organized the 1st National conference on "Recent Trends in Engineering and Applied Sciences 2020". Chairman PHEC Prof. Dr. Fazal Ahmed Khalid attended the event as chief guest.

SARS-COV-2: KEMU Establishes Telemedicine Desk

In the wake of the current COVID-19 pandemic, King Edward Medical University Lahore established a Telemedicine Desk at the e-library of the university. The desk is launched to cater to the various outdoor patients online and reduce the burden on local hospitals so that they are relieved to effectively cope with the pandemic.



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KFUEIT Inaugurates ORIC

Khawaja Fareed University of Engineering and Information Technology (KFUEIT), RYK inaugurated the Office of Research, Innovation & Commercialization (ORIC) on 16th January 2020. Chairman PHEC Prof. Dr. Fazal Ahmad Khalid was invited as chief guest of the ceremony.

3rd Convocation of Riphah International University, Lahore

Riphah International University, Lahore held its 3rd Convocation on January 19, 2020. Chairman PHEC Prof. Dr. Fazal Ahmad Khalid attended the event as chief guest. Degrees and medals were distributed among the graduating students.



Multidisciplinary National Conference on Meeting Emerging Educational Trends



The University of Jhang organized the first national multi-disciplinary conference on March 04, 2020. Chairman PHEC Prof. Dr. Fazal Ahmad Khalid attended the event as guest of honour. Provincial Minister for Cooperatives Mehar Muhammad Aslam Bharwana was the chief guest at the event.

3rd World Islamic Economics & Finance Conference 2020

3rd World Islamic Economics & Finance Conference 2020 (WIEFC 2020) on January 25, 2020. Chairman PHEC Prof. Dr. Fazal Ahmad Khalid attended the event as Chief Guest on the 2nd day of the conference. Dr. Hussain Mohi Ud Din Qadri, Dr. Hassan Mohi Ud Din Qadri, and Dr. Sajid Mahmood Shahzad were also present during the occasion. Minhaj University holding the series of World Islamic Economics & Finance conferences is implementing its vision with planning to leave a golden legacy in the sphere of Islamic Economics & Finance enactment in its true spirit.



Universities Corner



KEMU holds Infectious Diseases and Corona Virus Workshop

King Edward Medical University (KEMU), in collaboration with Medical Microbiology and Infectious Diseases Society of Pakistan (MMIDSP), arranged a workshop on "Pediatric infectious Diseases" and an interactive discussion on "Corona Virus infection" on February 28, 2020, in the Department of Pediatric Medicine (Unit-I), KEMU Mayo Hospital Lahore. Prof. Dr. Khalid Masood Gondal, Vice-Chancellor, was the Chief Guest at the occasion. Prof. Sajid Maqbool from The Institute of Child Health, Lahore chaired the workshop. A large number of Pediatricians, doctors & residents from the Pediatrics Department of various public and private hospitals from Lahore, GMC/DHQ Hospital, Gujranwala, SMC/DHQ Hospital Sargodha, Sahiwal & Sialkot attended the workshop.



1st World Engineering Day at University of the Punjab, Lahore

The Institution of Engineers Pakistan (IEP) and the University of the Punjab jointly organized 1st World Engineering Day at the University of the Punjab, Lahore on March 4, 2020. Chairman PHEC Prof. Dr. Fazal Ahmad Khalid was the chief guest of the event. Prof. Dr. Niaz Ahmad Akhtar, Vice-Chancellor University of the Punjab, and Engr. Dr. Javed Younas Uppal, President of IEP were also present on this occasion.



HITEC University Signs MoU with GIKI and UET

HITEC University Taxila and Ghulam Ishaq Khan Institute of Engineering Sciences and Technology, Topi, signed a Memorandum of Understanding on Feb. 24, 2020. The university has also signed another MoU with Grafton College, Islamabad, Pakistan, an affiliated institute of University of Engineering and Technology, Lahore on March 13, 2020



UoE organizes Capacity Building Program for Faculty

The University of Education, Lahore organized a capacity building program on Feb. 29, 2020 for its faculty member. The program was sponsored by Qasim Ali Shah Foundation. Prof. Dr. Fazal Ahmad Khalid, Chairman PHEC, graced the Inaugural Ceremony as Chief Guest. Prof. Dr. Talat Naseer Pasha, Vice-Chancellor UoE, and Qasim Ali Shah were also present on the occasion.

Universities Corner



UVAS Organized

Walk & Seminar to Create Awareness Among the Public Regarding COVID-19

The Department of Microbiology of the University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (UVAS) Lahore, in collaboration with Institute of Public Health Lahore (IPH), arranged a seminar and walk to create awareness among the general public regarding "Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)" in City Campus on February 4, 2020.

One-day Annual Job Fair 2020 held at UVAS

The Office of University Advancement and Financial Aid (OUAFA) of the University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (UVAS) Lahore organized a one-day job fair in City Campus Lahore on January 30, 2020. Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Maxim International, Mr. Faisal Fareed along with UVAS Vice-Chancellor, Prof Dr. Nasim Ahmad inaugurated the job fair 2020 while Director (OUAFA) Dr. Muhammad Hayat Jaspal and a large number of industry representatives, UVAS faculty members and students were also present.



MoU Signed between the UoE and Special Education Department, Government of Punjab

A memorandum of understanding has been signed between the University of Education and Special Education Department, Government of Punjab. According to MoU, both parties will enhance cooperation to upgrade system of special education institutions to provide quality services including skills development, socializing economic empowerment, recreation, and sports, etc. Vice Chancellor UoE, Prof. Dr. Talat Naseer Pasha and Secretary Special Education Department, Syed Javed Iqbal Bukhari signed the MoU on behalf of UoE and Special Education Department respectively.



Govt. Sadiq College Women University Bahawalpur Organized One-day Seminar on Corona Virus Outbreak

An awareness seminar on Corona Virus outbreak along with screening and preventive guidelines was organized by department of Zoology on 10th of March, 2020. Prof. Dr. Mazhar Ayaz, Professor, Cholistan University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Bahawalpur joined the event as guest speaker and Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Saiqa Imtiaz Asif was the Chief guest at the occasion.

Colleges Corner



Govt. Postgraduate Islamia College for Women Lahore Organizes Conference on Social Sciences

Govt Postgraduate Islamia College for Women Cooper Road Lahore organized a conference on "Advances and Challenges in Basics of Social Sciences in Contemporary Research" on Feb. 12, 2020. Honorable Minister for Higher Education Punjab Raja Yassir Humayun Sarfraz was the chief guest of the event. Prof. Dr. Fazal Ahmad Khalid, Chairman PHEC, was the guest of honor at the inaugural ceremony.



4th Convocation of Govt. College Township, Lahore

Govt. College Township, Lahore organized its 4th Convocation on Feb. 19, 2020. Chairman PHEC attended the event as chief guest. Degrees and medals were distributed among the graduating students.

Chairman PHEC Visits Govt. Islamia College Civil Lines Lahore

Prof. Dr. Fazal Ahmad Khalid, Chairman PHEC visited Govt. Islamia College Civil Lines Lahore on January 15, 2020, and had a meeting with Principal and faculty members regarding the improvement of college education in Punjab.

Professor Rana Muhammad Aslam Pervaiz, Principal of the college briefed the Chairman about the initiatives and achievements of the college



Chemistry Science Exhibition at Govt. College for Women, Farooq Colony, Sargodha

Department of Chemistry, Govt. College for Women, Farooq Colony organized a "Science Exhibition Cum Competition" Students prepared industrial models within cement industry, oil refinery, urea manufacturing, and paper industry. Well designed projects related to environmental pollution, water purification systems, recycling of waste into useful resources were also showcased by the students

