Promotion of Quality Education
Through Public Private Partnership

The HOPE
PEF Celebrates Independence Day with Full Fervor

Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) has celebrated the auspicious day of independence with full fervor. The main function was held in the board room with Managing Director Dr. Aneela Salman in the chair. The ceremony was attended by Deputy Managing Directors, Program Directors, Additional Directors and others. Addressing the function, MD PEF said that Punjab Education Foundation is actively working to realize the goals of independence by promoting free quality education in the indigent communities who are living in remote and less-developed areas and are unable to arrange education for their children due to lack of necessary resources. She termed Pakistan as a symbol of pride and honor for every Pakistani and said that we should continue working for the betterment of the society in different fields through our positive work. Later, she cut the Independence Day Cake and congratulated the staff on 68th birthday of Pakistan. Earlier, she hoisted the national flag at PEF head office. Special prayers were also offered for peace and prosperity of the country. Independence Day celebrations were also held in PEF regional offices.
INDEPENDENCE DAY

FESTIVITY AT PEF

PEF partner schools celebrated the Independence Day whole month till August 31. Partner schools remained open on August 14 and different co-curricular activities and sports functions were held relating to National Day of Pakistan. National flags were hoisted on PEF offices and partner schools. PEF partner school students also visited Mazar-e-Iqbal and Minar-e-Pakistan to pay their homage to the Poet of the East, Allama Muhammad Iqbal. A four member team of Punjab Education Foundation’s communication department led by Deputy Director (Communication) Ms. Arju Salmon visited different partner school students’ homes in Mughalpura, Baghnpura, Qainchi Amersidhu and other areas in Lahore city and felicitated them on 68th National Day of Pakistan. On this occasion, the students were also given badges, national flags and caps for celebrating Independence Day. The students and their parents thanked the foundation for this gift.
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HRM- THE BACKBONE OF ORGANIZATIONAL EFFICIENCY

The Human Resource Department of Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) has introduced and implemented many far-reaching administrative reforms in the foundation. These reforms have helped a lot to improve efficiency and achieve desired results. It has also ensured congenial environment in the offices to help PEF staff to optimally utilize its potential for the collective cause of providing free education to the deserving students.

It is important to note that PEF HR Department has implemented a systematic procedure of capacity building trainings for the staff. These training opportunities have facilitated the employees to further improve their performance. In addition, Performance Management System (PMS) has also been launched to evaluate individual performance in a scientific way.

Currently, PEF HR Department is headed by Mr. Aamir Iftikhar Ahmad. He is an experienced HR professional with an illustrious career record to his credit.

TRAINING COURSE ON INCLUSIVE EDUCATION CONCLUDED

A 5-day training course on inclusive education for Subject Specialists of Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) has concluded at Government In-service Teachers Training College. The concluding ceremony was attended by among others, DMD (HRM) Aamir Iftikhar Ahmad, Director (CPDP) Bushra Saeed Khan and Director (M&E) Samina Nawaz. A total of 40 Subject Specialists attached with the foundation under its subject based support program took part in it. During the course, the participants were trained on various educational concepts relating to inclusive education. Psychologists also sensitized the participants about classroom management, Child-Psychology and other issues relating to the course.
TRAINING FOR HANDLING INTERACTIVE CLASSROOM TECHNOLOGY

Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) has completed capacity building training of 25 EVS partner schools. These schools are selected to launch interactive classroom technology. These schools are situated in Lahore, Multan and Khushab. Lahore training was attended by 67 participants of 15 schools while Khushab training was attended by 10 participants of 3 schools. Similarly, 20 school teachers of 6 EVS partners took part in the capacity building training held in Multan. The pilot project of interactive classroom technology shall be launched in September, 2014.
**FINANCE DEPARTMENT IS ENSURING PECUNIARY CONTROL**

The PEF Finance Department has introduced and implemented integrated database management system for processing financial transactions. It has also introduced online payment system for partner schools so that they could get their monthly dues well in time. It has designed annual work plan in coordination with respective departments. The innovative step of introduction of financial record for partner schools has also been taken. Similarly, the successful implementation of SQL database has been done.

It may be added here that besides performing other duties, PEF Finance Department arranges different types of audits every year and exercises strict financial control over different program payments. It is a regular activity and partner schools are paid in advance so that they could manage their expenses. Meanwhile, this department publishes PEF Annual Report every year to give a detail of funding and expenditures. It recently has provided soft loan facility to NSP partners for the purchase of personal computers.

At present, PEF Finance Department is headed by Mr. Salman Anwar Malik. He is an experienced financial expert with vast experience in the private sector.

**SPORTS GIVE CONFIDENCE TO LIVE ANOTHER DAY**

Sports bring competition; teach morality and arouse ambitions; are exciting, amusing and challenging. Keeping in view this factor, Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) has decided to organize sports activities to rejuvenate the passions of PEF employees so that they could work with more dedication and commitment. In this regard, two cricket teams have been lined up under the supervision of Mr. Kamran Hafeez Director (Finance) and Mr. Waqar Azeem Director (NSP).
**Tree Plantation Drive**

Keeping in view the importance of trees in human life, Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) launched tree plantation drive in partner schools in northern region with the aim of mobilizing students to plant trees in their schools and homes. The students were also sensitized on the importance of trees in our daily life and significance of environment-friendly schooling.

**LUMS NOP**

LUMS launched its National Outreach Program (NOP) in 2001 to extend the benefits of world-class education to talented students all over Pakistan. This prestigious scholarship program focuses on identifying bright students with exceptional matriculation and FAFS results and inducting them into the LUMS Undergraduate Programs. It is good to note that numerous PEF shining stars have attended the Summer Orientation Session (SOS) at LUMS & are now gearing up for the next step.
**DISASTER RISK REDUCTION (DRR) SESSION FOR PEF SCHOOLS**

In order to educate the Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) officials and school teachers, National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) organized a two-day training course on “DRR for School” in Islamabad. The objective of the training course was to acquaint the participants with basic understanding of disaster risk reduction and formulation of schools safety and evacuation plans to minimize the losses in case of any disaster. The training course was attended by 26 individuals, representing different schools and PEF’s management. The subsequent training session was held in Lahore. The final session will be held in Multan.

It may be added here that National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA) is making an endeavor to build the capacity of school teachers and management through series of training courses planned by National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM).

**FEW Glimpses of Certificate Distribution Among Participants**
PEF Partners

Discuss New FAS Model

Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) has decided to launch pilot project of new model of Foundation Assisted School (FAS) to give free education to the needy and deserving students in the province. For this purpose, focus-group meetings were held in Lahore, Multan and Ravalpindi districts to solicit partners' opinion about it.

The FAS department arranged a focus-group meeting of FAS partners of centre zone at the head office of Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) to discuss different facets of the new model of Foundation Assisted School (FAS) program. The meeting was attended by PEF officials, FAS school partners from the districts of Lahore, Jhang, Chiniot, Sialkot, Kasur, Pakpattan, Okara and Sheikhpura besides representatives of NGOs working in the field of education in Punjab. PEF Director (FAS) Nadeem Masood presided over the meeting.

The meeting discussed in detail the pilot project which is designed to give free education to the deserving male & female children in their districts through private partner schools. The participants observed that FAS, a flagship program of the foundation, is playing a key role in serving the deserving children by arranging free education for 1.3 million such students through private partners.

PEF Student

Outshines in Youth Festival

Ms. Maheen Chaudhry has secured second position in the category of national songs in Punjab Youth Festival, 2014. She is a student of PEF FAS partner school in Ahmadpur East, Bahawalpur.
Expansion Phase 5 of PEF
NSP Launched in 9 Districts

Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) has launched expansion phase five of its New School Program (NSP) in nine selected districts in Punjab to provide free school education to more deserving children who cannot afford it on their own. As much as 11 thousand deserving children are benefitting as a result of this extension. For this purpose, partnership with 125 private schools has been made in these nine districts. In this regard, a ceremony was held with PEF Director (NSP) Waqar Azeem in the chair to distribute cheques among new partners at a local hotel in Multan.

Mr. Waqar Azeem said in his address that NSP expansion phase five has been launched in Khanewal, Bahawalpur, Dera Ghazi Khan, Vehari, Faisalabad, Lodhran, Bhakkar, Rahim Yar Khan and Bahawalnagar districts. He expressed the satisfaction that NSP program has already provided free education to 74 thousand students in 36 districts through 392 partners and with this expansion; the total number of beneficiaries will rise to 85 thousand while the total number of partner schools has reached to 517. NSP is aimed to give free education to most needy children in remote and far flung hinterlands through private partners. The function was also addressed by PEF Regional Director Multan Shafiq Ahmad and others who spoke on various issues relating to the partner schools. Later, monthly grant cheques were distributed among new partner school representatives.
Vouchers for Out of School Children

Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) has launched free school education for the children who could not go to school due to lack of resources. The six-year expansion plan will provide an opportunity of free school education to as much as 2.2 million deserving dropouts/out of school children in the province. It is important to note that PEF has introduced admission policy for accommodating such children in partner schools.

In this regard, a vouchers distribution ceremony was held at PEF Regional Office Multan to issue vouchers to such children. PEF Regional Director Shafiq Ahmad supervised the activity. On the occasion, parents thanked the foundation for arranging free education of their children.
**SIS Data Collection Activity**

Various private schools attached with Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) under its New School Program (NSP) (expansion phase 4) in the districts of Bahawalnagar and Jhang deposited CDs of updated data of their students along with photo forms to Information Technology department of the PEF.

The data collection activity was held at PEF Regional Office Multan which was arranged by PEF IT department. PEF NSP partner schools in the districts of Multan and Sahiwal also deposited their students' data to PEF IT department. This activity was arranged to keep the 1.5 million partner schools data updated.

**PEF Alumni Honored**

19 partner school students securing 90 percent or above marks in their matriculation exams held in 2013 have been given scholarships worth Rs. 5 thousand each by ‘Diya Pakistan’ in recognition of their hard work. These students, belonging to various districts of southern Punjab, have passed their matriculation exam through private schools partnering with Punjab Education Foundation. Out of 19, five are boys while rest of the 14 are girls. The purpose of this scholarship is to recognize the hard work of students belonging to deserving communities living in remote hinterlands. The cheques distribution ceremony was held at Bosan Hall, Multan with PEF DMD (F) Salman Anwar Malik in the chair.

**The Son Shines**

Mr. Muhammad Moiz, son of Imran Babar Butt PSO to MD PEF has secured 102.2/100 marks in his matric exams, 2014. PEF wishes him every success in his future endeavors.