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PUNJAB VOCATIONAL TRAINING COUNCIL'S CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

After assuming charge of acting Chairman PVTC and getting detailed briefing from the team, I am of the view that PVTC is doing a great job of poverty alleviation through skill training with a 60% plus employment ratio of its graduates. Year 2023 seems productive as PVTC has been able to achieve a major milestone in implementing Competency Based Training and Assessment (CBT&A) Courses in all its VTIs across Punjab. Currently 28 CBT &A Courses and 17 conventional courses are being offered across all VTIs whereas new CBT&A curricula is being developed in collaboration with NAVTTC with focus on green skills.

Establishment of Center of Excellence at Lahore, Multan and Rawalpindi will hopefully commence this year which will be major breakthrough for PVTC. Registration of VTIs with Punjab Skill Development Authority (PSDA) is under process for the year 2023-24 and collaboration agreement with PSDF and other donor organizations are being signed for skill training.

I urge my team to put in their best to achieve our organizational, provincial and national goals with real zeal and enthusiasm. I am very positive that PVTC's overall performance in terms of quality training and higher employability ratio of graduates will be up to the national and international standards.



Mian Abrar Ahmad - Secretary Zakat & Ushr Punjab / Chairman PVTC

MEETINGS & VISITS



Secretary Industries, Commerce Investment and Skill Development, Punjab Mr. Sohail Ashraf Gor visited PVTC Secretariat and met former Chairman PVTC Maj. Shahnawaz Badar (Retd). He was introduced to team PVTC and briefed about the role and contribution of PVTC in imparting skill training to deserving Youth.



Former Chairman PVTC Maj. Shahnawaz Badar (Retd) visited VTI Rawalpindi and conducted a meeting with Regional Manager North Col. Zahid Zulfiqar Qureshi (Retd). He also visited classrooms along with labs and was further briefed about the trades. He appreciated the decorum and interacted with instructional staff and the trainees.

VISIT OF TVET SECTOR SUPPORT PROGRAM TEAM GREEN SKILLS DEVELOPMENT



A Delegation entitled “Green Skills Development Component Team” from TVET Sector Support Program - GIZ visited PVTC Head Office for formal introduction to the management of PVTC and discussion over the forthcoming projects of Green TVET.



The delegation was briefed on the contributions of PVTC in the TVET Sector and also over the geographic spread of the VTIs across Punjab. Later the Delegation visited VTI Green Town and interacted with the trainees and the staff regarding quality of training being provided in VTI Green Town, Lahore.

MR. EHSAN BHUTTA

Secretary Industries, Commerce, Investment and Skill Development Department Mr. Ehsan Bhutta visited PVTC Secretariat. Managing Director PVTC, Mr. Amjad Ali briefed him about the organizational structure, history, VTIs, trades / courses of 6 and 12 months duration with 2 months on-the-job training, future plans, targets and challenges. The Secretary also visited various trades

and their respective labs in VTI Green Town, Lahore and expressed satisfaction with the quality of training, especially the Halal Butcher training course. He further appreciated the technical knowledge of the trainees during the visit. He directed that the infrastructure of VTIs under PVTC must be improved on a priority basis.



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

PVTC organized a seminar "DigitAll: Innovation and technology for gender equality," on the occasion of International Women's Day 2023 to promote interventions and access to technology and digital skills among women. Senior Manager Curriculum Maj. Ghazanfar Abbas (Retd) inaugurated the session with opening remarks on the role played by PVTC in promoting technical learning among women in Punjab. Eminent female dignitaries participated and shared valuable views during the seminar. Senior Manager PR & Marketing Ms. Bushra Naz also shared her views

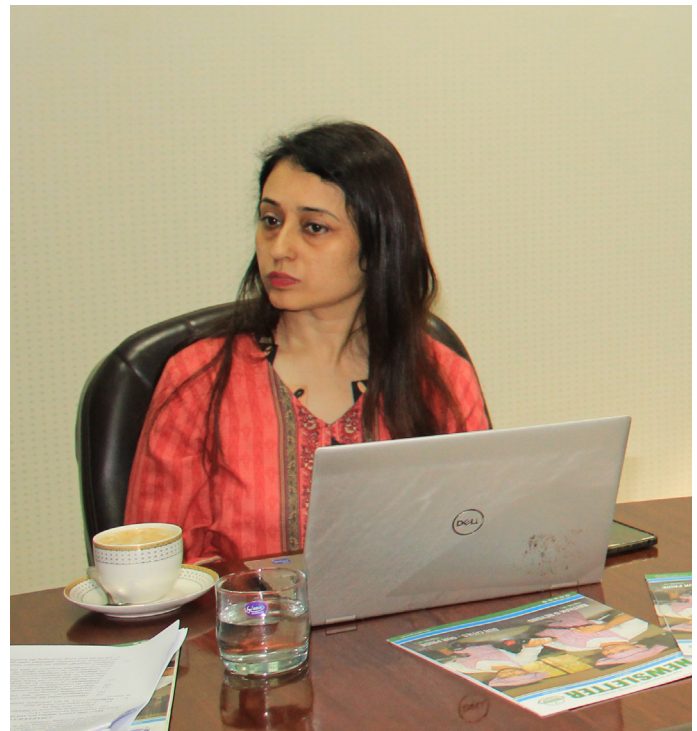
on encouraging women in leadership roles. Deputy Manager STTI, Mr. Naeem Afzal also added that TVET has brought tremendous opportunities for women in Punjab to set up their own small businesses as well as join the mainstream employment prospects. Organizational Consultant, Ms. Asma Umar, Former VP of the Women Chamber of Commerce & Industry Ms. Nilofer and Technical Consultant from JICA Ms. Aliya Ali Khan also shared their views on Gender Equality from different perspectives.



WEBINAR IN COLLABORATION WITH MRC ON SAFE MIGRATION

A webinar "Safe and Informed Migration in Collaboration with Migration Resource Center (MRC)" was held at PVTC Secretariat. It was an informative session arranged and coordinated by Public Relations and Marketing Department to raise awareness over pre and post migration issues for the trainees of PVTC across Punjab. The session started with the introduction of Institute of International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD) and Migrant Resource Center (MRC). Later Counsellor of MRC Mr. Rana Imran briefed about

migration regimes in Pakistan while Ms. Javeria Sultan Counsellor of MRC spoke about the Migration Process in Pakistan and opportunities abroad. Senior Manager Curriculum PVTC, Maj. Ghazanfar Abbas (Retd) delivered the welcome speech. Deputy Manager R&D, Rana Rafaqat Ali delivered views on the benefits of exporting the skilled workforce. Senior Manager PR & Marketing, Ms. Bushra Naz formally closed the session with her remarks on safe migration and its overall benefits at micro as well as macro level.



MS. AASIA SAAIL - DIRECTOR SUPPLY CHAIN SCHAZOO ZAKA BAITHAK & BEYOND

Ms. Aasia Saail Khan a Pharmacist, Fashion Entrepreneur, Policy and Planning consultant for Gender Expert, Speaker on Entrepreneurship, Motivational Speaker, Certified Board Director, is also a Chevening Scholar. She is a perfect example of a Muslim woman leader in business and society of Pakistan. She is an enthusiast for women development. She has excelled academically and is also a fashion entrepreneur and a Supply Chain Specialist from the Pharmaceutical Industry. She has worked in women development and became a role model for Pakistani women. She has been elected three times as an Executive Board Member at the Lahore Chamber of Commerce & Industry. She has also been nominated by the Punjab Government as council member of Punjab Vocational and Training Council and Director for Quaid e Azam Thermal Power Limited. She is one of the founder directors at LAMA Retail a fashion brand launched in 2021.

Q. Please tell us about your early life and your childhood dream!

I was Born to one of the visionary industrialist of post partition Pakistan Late Mian Zaka ur Rehman the founder/leader of the Pharmaceutical Industry of Lahore and an educated mother, a lady who assisted my father in achieving his dreams for a developed Pakistan at every step of his life. My father has been my ideal and my dream was to be a pharmacist like him.

Q. What was your motivation to become a business woman?

My father supported and encouraged his daughters a choice as far as professional education or working was concerned. He believed that women's participation in economy was essential for Pakistan's Development.

Q. Please tell our readers about Schazoo Zaka and your role in it!

I dropped out of university without completing my Degree of Pharmacy to get married which disappointed my father. My father passed away in 1989. Eight years into my marriage in 1991, I lost my husband to an accident. I re-joined the University and completed my degree in Pharmacy. During my education to complete my Degree of Pharmacy in

1991, I started working in the Schazoo Laboratories Pvt Ltd after university hours the parent company established by my father. Following the vision of my father my siblings and I started the new purpose-built pharmaceutical plant Schazoo Zaka PVT Ltd in a rural area 25 kilometres out of Lahore in 2004. Schazoo Zaka was built by the four siblings with the vision of getting International Accreditation and exporting our products worldwide. We started manufacturing in 2008. I was heading the Supplychain of Schazoo Laboratories from 1991 to 2010 and I am the Director Supplychain at Schazoo Zaka since 2005.

Q. How was your experience being the council member of PVTC?

Other than Schazoo Zaka I started my Fashion Brand Designer Collection in 1992. I wanted skilled and trained tailors for my brand which took me through the LCCI to Technical Training Schools of Lahore. I was part of the team who came up with the idea of TEVTA and PVTC for deserving youth. Only Skill Development can turn around the quality of our manufacturing sector. I never looked back and have been contributing my time, knowledge and efforts to Technical Education

Development with a focus on girls. In collaborations with PVTC I was able to start a vocational training centre for

girls at our free school next to Schazoo Zaka in 2020. Girls from six villages are being trained at VTI Kallalwala.

Q. Please tell our readers about the major interventions taken to uplift PVTC and its employees in your tenure?

We could not contribute as much as we wanted during the Covid pandemic lockdown but the management and the boards kept PVTC going through very bad times of lockdown by focusing on improvements in curriculum and training.

Q. Have there been any gender specific projects or interventions introduced during your tenure as female council member of PVTC?

My focus has always been to provide skills and financial independence to girls and PVTC gives a lot of opportunities to girls for skill development.

Q. In your opinion, how can girls and women of our society can benefit from vocational training and how can they play their part in country's economic and

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financial progress?

Skill Development is the fastest way to financial empowerment of our youth. In my opinion, after basic formal education we must work out on skill development of students as per their aptitude to lead them to respectable livelihood.

Q. How effectively and efficiently, PVTC is playing its role in uplifting the marginalized segments of our society?

PVTC is playing a pivotal role for the marginalized segments of society by providing skill training to deserving students who cannot afford to pay. Skilled personnel are the real game changers in industrial and digital innovation and growth.

Q. In your opinion, how can the government improve overall scenario of the TVET sector and remove the social dilemma attached to it?

I have always suggested advocacy of TVET sector at mass level. The social stigma can only be removed by campaigning for Technical Education. Moreover, international accreditation shall also play a huge role in changing the image of the TVET Sector.

Q. Where do you

see PVTC in coming years as a TVET body?

We need international collaborations and Accreditations to improve the quality of training and to change the image of the TVET Sector.

Q. How would you describe Ms. Asia Sail Khan in one word or phrase?

Focused with perseverance to achieve targets.

Q. Please share a message to the young girls and women out there, who look up to you as a successful, career-oriented business women?

"Women Can" is my slogan in life. There is nothing that intelligent, confident girls and women cannot achieve in Pakistan.



Chakwal is located 90 kilometers south-west of the federal capital, Islamabad and 270 kilometers from the provincial capital, Lahore. It is located in the Dhanni Region of the Potohar in Northern Punjab, Pakistan. According to the District Gazetteer Jhelum 1904, the city Chakwal is named after Chaudhry Chaku Khan, from Jammu who founded it in 1525 during the era of the Mughal emperor, Zaheerudin Babur. It remained a small but central town of Taluka Dhan Chaurasi for many centuries. In 1881, during the British era, it was declared the Tehsil Headquarter. It was finally upgraded to district status in 1985. The history of the area dates back to the semi-mythical period of the Maha-Bharat. Chakwal is a site of famous encounter of Alexander the great with Raja Ambhi. Chakwal region's district capital is the city of Chakwal. Chakwal District has five tehsils i.e., Kallar Kahar, Choa Saidan Shah, Chakwal, Talagang and Lawa. For many early years, this region was under the reign of Dogra Rajputs and Khokhar Rajputs.



Chakwal city in itself, although heavily influenced by the village lifestyle, has more of an urban environment. Chakwal is also known as Military valley. Chakwal's unique culture and its rich history make it a very interesting region. Chakwal has been bestowed by rich culture, history, art and extravagant environment. Once been known as a picnic spot of the Mughal Dynasty and the British Lords, Chakwal still offers a unique landscape to its visitors. World-renowned Kallar Kahar Lake, Takht-e-Babri, a stage built of stone by Emperor Babar to address his Army, Bagh-e-Safa and above all Katas Raj Temples (famous temples-fort and Medieval University surrounded by 100 temples built over a period of 1000 years by the Hindu rajars) are some ideal places for tourists. The famous temple of 'Katas' holds great significance for Hindus who come here for worship as Kitar's name is mentioned in Hindu holy book 'Maha Bharat' (written in 300 BC).



Chakwal is mainly an agriculture area. Currently Chakwal is famous for production of international standard oranges, wheat, barley, sugarcane, peanuts, olive and many other fruits and vegetables. Many international cement companies have planted their factories around the city. The Chakwal District is divided into five Tehsils, namely, Kalar-Kahar, Choa Saidan Shah, Talagang, Lawa and Chakwal itself. Total Area of the district is 1,864,934 acres out of which cultivated area is 831,772 acres while the irrigated area consists of 10,894 acres. Forest makes up 143,377 acres in the whole district. Chakwal's literacy rate is above 90%. Chakwal is the 66th largest city of Pakistan by population with a total population of 1.495 million out of which 49.96% population is male and remaining 50.04% is female.



The climate of Chakwal is considered to be a local steppe climate. The summer season starts from the month of April and continues till October. May and June are the hottest months. The winter season begins from the month of November and continues till March. January is the coldest month. Dust storms occur occasionally during summer season relieving temporarily the intensity of heat. Monsoon spells start from the end of June.

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Some famous personalities of the district are; Air Marshal Malik Nur Khan, Sub. Abdul Khaliq (Fastest Man of Asia, Flying Bird of Asia, Olympian, Pride of Performance), Ayaz Amir (Journalist, Columnist), Fozia Behram (Politician), Sardar Zulfiqar Ali Khan Dullah (Politician), Dr. Yasmeen Rashid (Physician, Politician), Yahya Khan (Third President of Pakistan), Gen. Faiz Hameed (Ex. DG ISI), Madan Mohan (Music Director of India), Raja Yasir Humayun Sarfraz (Former Minister of Education and IT, Punjab), Manmohan Singh (Former Prime Minister of



India), Awais Zia (Cricketer)

District Chakwal has 13 small dams having a total storage capacity of 26,411 acres, irrigating 11,089 acres of area. These dams are names as: Khokher Zer Dam, Surlah Dam, Dhok Talian Dam, Kot Raja Dam, Dhoke Qutab Din Dam, Nikka Dam, Walana Dam, Khai Gurabh Dam, Pira Fatehal Dam, Bhagtal Dam, Dhurnal Dam, Mial Dam, Kanwal Dam, Dhrabi Dam, Khai Dam, Chowkhandi Dam, Minwal Dam. Industrial portfolio of the district consists of the following industrial units;

★ Cement Plants	04
★ Textile Mills	04
★ Packing Material Mills	03
★ Poultry Feed Mills	03
★ Brick Kilns	120
★ Flour Mills	06
★ Poultry Farms	2267

Keeping in view the need of skilled workforce in industrial, agricultural and services sector PVTC established its first institute i.e. VTI Chakwal in 1999. Currently VTI Chakwal is offering 07 trades. Total passouts of VTI Chakwal since inception are 10,698 with employability ratio of 62%.

VTI Jhamra in Tehsil Kallar Kahar was established in 2006 with 04 trades. VTI Jhamra is also offering a trade in SVTI Choa Saiden Shah. It has total of 4,102 pass outs with an

overall employability ratio of 52%.

VTI Talagang was established in --- and currently it is offering 5 trades in its 02 campuses which are VTI Talagang (Main) and SVTI Balkasar. Total pass outs of 5055 with employability ratio of 59%.

List of Trades in Chakwal:

- ★ Industrial Electrician
- ★ NVC L-2 Computer Operator
- ★ Safety Officer
- ★ NVC L-2 Electronic Home Appliances Technician
- ★ NVC L-2 Plumbing cum Solar Water Heating Technology
- ★ NVC L-2 Dress Making
- ★ NVC L-2 Hair & Beauty Services (Beautician)



The TVET sector is the backbone of a nation's economic prosperity, and Chakwal District stands as a shining example of how savvy resource management can yield impressive financial outcomes. With VTI Chakwal and other top-tier institutes leading the charge, the region has become a hub for producing high-caliber human capital that dominates both manufacturing and service sectors.

These talented individuals make their mark domestically and carve out a name for them globally; fueling the country's economic growth through foreign remittances. As the president DBOM, I feel incredibly privileged to support and encourage the PVTC institutes in Chakwal District, and I am honored to be part of such a dynamic and visionary team. My heartiest wishes go out to them for all their future endeavors.

Sheikh Haroon
President DBOM, Chakwal

WEBINAR IN OBSERVANCE OF INTERFAITH HARMONY DAY

Webinar on Interfaith Harmony in observance of World Interfaith Harmony Week was held in PVTC Secretariat Lahore. It was a counseling session arranged and coordinated by Public Relations and Marketing Department PVTC to raise awareness among trainees and staff for promoting harmony between all segments of the society and regardless of their faith or religion. The session was chaired by Senior Manager Curriculum Maj. Ghazanfar Abbas (Retd) and moderated by Senior Manager PR & Marketing Ms. Bushra Naz. Famous Islamic Scholar Mr. Muhammad Abbas Shad as Guest Speaker shed light on importance of Inter-Religious Dialogue and Interfaith Harmony and shared Ayaat of Qur'an which clearly share Allah's directions to Muslims for building tolerance and

understanding among different religions. Member TMC Wazirabad and Member Church of Pakistan, Mr. Rahat Zamurd also shared his views on Inter-Religious Harmony from Bible's perspective and effective role of Christians for this. Moreover, Principal VTI Wazirabad, Mr. Asif Iqbal also shared his views on Minorities Project implemented in VTI Wazirabad.

Principal VTI Nankana Sahib, Mr. Rana Tariq also shared his views and contributions of PVTC in Nankana Sahib. in providing opportunities to the Sikh Community through Minorities Project and ETPB Scholarships. Mr. Lakhveer Singh and Mr. Balraj Singh from VTI Nankana Sahib also shared their success stories and requested Team PVTC to extend such opportunities to other cities.



WORD OF WISDOM



There was once a group of 100 people attending a seminar on personal development. In the middle of their talk, the speaker stops and decides to run a group activity. He hands out a balloon to each attendee and tells them to write their name on it. The balloons are then collected and placed in an adjacent room. The speaker then instructs the 100 attendees to enter that room and, within 5 short minutes, find the balloon with their name on it. Pandemonium breaks loose as they charge in, pushing and colliding with each other as they desperately search for their name.

The 5 minutes pass and nobody succeeds. The speaker then tells each person to pick up any random balloon

and give it to the person whose name is written on it. Within a few minutes everyone has their balloon back. He then said, "What just happened with those balloons is exactly what happens in our search for happiness. We desperately look for it all around us, not knowing where it is."

"Yet our happiness lies in the happiness of others. By giving them their happiness, you get yours."

Moral of the story:

Happiness and fulfillment rarely come from selfish pursuits, but almost always come from doing good deeds for others. By helping others we help ourselves.

PRIME MINISTER DELIVERY UNIT (PMDU)

PAKISTAN CITIZEN'S PORTAL

682

Total
Complaints

679

Resolved
Complaints

99%

Complaints
Resolution

62%

Positive
Feedback

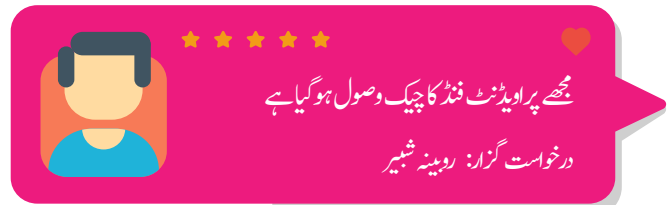
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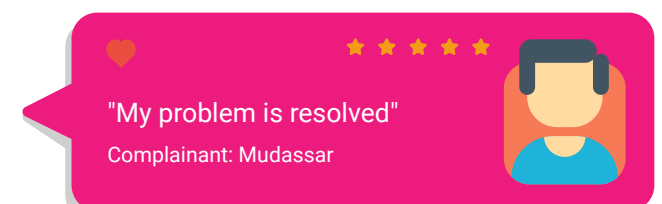
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Audit
Compliance

PVTC has been active on PMDU since launch of the portal and has made Pakistan Citizen's Portal (PCP) complaints resolution a top priority. As per the statistics of PCP dashboard of Managing Director PVTC, 682 complaints have been received so far, out of which 679 have been resolved, yielding 99.5% complaints resolution rate and satisfactory feedback of 62% by the complainants which reflects the commitment, efforts and transparency of complaint resolution process of PVTC.



مجھے پراویڈنٹ فنڈ کا چیک وصول ہو گیا ہے
درخواست گزار: روینہ شبیر



"My problem is resolved"

Complainant: Mudassar



PVTC participated in Women Economic Empowerment Expo (WEEE) 2023 organized by Islamia University Bahawalpur. Skills show casing stall of Embroidery and Fashion Designing Trade by PVTC were displayed at the symposium. Area Manager Bahawalpur Mr. Farasat Hassan participated as Guest Speaker in panel discussion. Mr. Muhammad Amir Shaheen, Principal VTI Jatoti coordinated the facilitation for the participants. Mr. Sabur Khalid Qureshi, Principal VTI Bahawalpur Male and Ms. Afhsan Siddique, Principal VTI Bahawalpur Female Campus also participated. PVTC as the premier Vocational Training Body of Punjab in TVET Sector is looking forward to mutually collaborating with Islamia University Bahawalpur on future avenues of Women Empowerment in the Bahawalpur Area.



CONDOLENCE

Team PVTC condoles over the sudden death of the Wife of Mr. Tahir Akram Senior Manager Internal Audit, Father of Area Manager Faisalabad Mr. Nasir Abbas, the mother of Mr. Wasim Jamil CO Examination & Certification Department and the mother of Mr. Maqsood Ahmad, Store Keeper Administration Department. No one can be prepared for or understand the pain of losing someone so special until it happens.

GENDER AWARENESS SESSION IN MULTAN

CELEBRATING WOMENHOOD

PVTC organized Gender Awareness Session for Celebrating Womanhood in continuation of International Women's Day in collaboration with TSS Program in Multan. Many inspiring women from different fields of life like Entrepreneurship, Industrial linkage, community development were invited as guest speakers for the panel discussion and staff and trainees of VTIs participated in the event for defining an inclusive approach in facilitation regarding access to jobs and businesses, right to get education, access to technology, decision making, leadership roles and getting recognition in male dominant society. Chairman Farmer Development Organization, Social Welfare Activist and Board Member of various Local Government Departments including Ms. Zahara Sajjad Zaidi who shared her success story and the

progress which made her a Strong Woman. Chairperson FemiTech Business and Former President WCCI, Ms. Seerat Fatima guided and inspired young girls to become entrepreneurs. Member of APBUMA Ms. Aneela Iftikhar and Designer Ms. Shehnaz shared their views on female participation in Entrepreneurship. Ms. Shaista Bano shared her views on how to improve role of gender with disabilities more effectively for sustainability of their self and society through Embrace Equity motives. Senior Manager PR & Marketing Ms. Bushra Naz moderated the session and shared her focused vision on Women Empowerment, the inclusion of deserving female trainees through Skilled Training and ways to encourage women in leadership roles.



SPORTS FOR DEVELOPMENT

As we all know playing various sports helps trainees to develop life skills such as teamwork, leadership, accountability, patience, self-confidence and prepares them to face challenges of life. Students get a chance to work on their physical and mental abilities to achieve goals in their life. Keeping this in view, PVTC across

Punjab arranged to celebrate sports festivities from March 02, 2023 to March 06, 2023. Games included Cricket, Football, Kabaddi, Athletics, Track & Field, Table Tennis, Volleyball, Tug of War (Rassa Kashi), Sack Race, Egg in the Spoon Race and Badminton.





WOMEN ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

EMPOWERING WOMEN



Empowerment of women refers to giving decision making power to women in social, economic and political sphere of life. Empowerment of women is very much essential to achieve sustainable development. It is prerequisite to gender equality and sustainable development. Having women involved in decision-making broadens the perspectives, increases creativity and innovation, diversifies the pool of talents and competences, reduces conflicts, and improves the process of decision-making. Women play an important role in taking decision on important family matters. The educated working women are enjoying more rights and privileges than those who are uneducated and unemployed. But, these uneducated and unemployed women are also performing important economic roles in their respective households. Though, the women perform various roles in their family, yet women are not given due importance to unemployed women are also performing important economic roles in their respective households. Though, the women perform various roles in their family, yet women are not given due importance to associate themselves in the decision-making process in the family.

Women are less likely to be entrepreneurs and face more disadvantages while starting businesses: In 40% of economies, women's early stage entrepreneurial activity is half or less than half of that of men globally. Women are constrained from achieving the highest leadership positions as only 5% of Fortune 500 CEOs are Women. Violence and harassment in the world of work affects women regardless of age, location, income or social status. Women's economic empowerment is central to realizing women's rights and gender equality. Women's economic empowerment includes women's ability to

participate equally in existing markets; their access to and control over productive resources, access to decent work, control over their own time, lives and bodies; and increased voice, agency and meaningful participation in economic decision-making at all levels from the household to international institutions. Increasing women's and girls' educational attainment contributes to women's economic empowerment and more inclusive economic growth. Education, upskilling and re-skilling over the life course; especially to keep pace with rapid technological and digital transformations affecting jobs are critical for women's and girl's health and wellbeing, as well as their income-generation opportunities and participation in the formal labour market.

Empowering women in the economy and closing gender gaps in the world of work are key to achieving the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, particularly Goal 5 which is to achieve gender equality, and Goal 8, which is to promote full and productive employment and decent work for all; in addition to Goal 1 on ending poverty, Goal 2 on food security, Goal 3 on ensuring health and Goal 10 on reducing inequalities.



Keeping in view the above facts, I felt the need to provide our women platform to sit and work together to not only identify these gaps but to come up with the remedies with the collective wisdom of the prominent female figures to whom our community looks up as role models. A webinar in this context was held in PVTC secretariat in addition to a seminar held in Multan which proved very helpful in identifying the gaps and the learned participants through discussion and experience sharing came up with effective ideas to fill those gaps, on the occasion of International Women's Day 2023.

Bushra Naz
Senior Manager PR & Marketing

WEBINAR FOR AWARENESS REGARDING CYBER SECURITY, CRIMES & LAWS

PVTC organized an awareness session on "Cyber Crimes" on Thursday 30th March 2023; steered online for all the trainees and staff of VTIs as well as for the Area and Regional Offices. Chief Guest and Speaker Mr. Zain Ali Qureshi was invited to the webinar for sharing valuable views. Guest Speaker Mr. Zain Ali Qureshi, The professional lawyer, Analyst, Columnist, and Expert in Cyber Laws delivered the lecture on Cyber Crimes and Cyber Laws to the audience from VTIs and PVTC. Cyber Stalking, Cyber Bullying and Online Harassment were elaborated on in detail. Mr. Zain Ali Qureshi also

highlighted: The Misuse of Sim Cards, Online Shopping Fraud, the Role of Self-Awareness over Cyber, Information and Info Systems in Cyber, Technology related Laws, and Usage of social media, Device Usage by the youth are few topics to name. Senior Manager PR & Marketing Ms. Bushra Naz moderated the session and shared her views on "Device is the Responsibility". It was one of the most informative and knowledgeable sessions both for the youth and the staff teaching youth about the increasing trend of social media and devices.

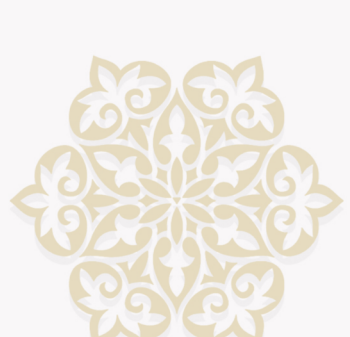
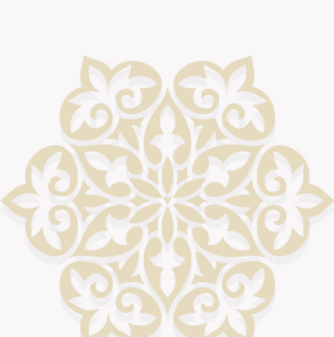


THE IMPORTANCE AND EFFECTIVENESS OF ZAKAT SYSTEM IN MODERN TIMES

A conference under the title of "Importance and Effectiveness of Zakat System in Modern Times" was conducted in Services Institute of Medical Sciences Auditorium which was presided by Barrister Syed Zafar Ali Nasir, Minister for Zakat & Ushr, Punjab, Dr. Javed Akram, Minister for Specialized Health Care and Medical Education Punjab and Mr. Mansoor Qadir, Minister for HEC and School Education. Mr. Mian Abrar Ahmed Secretary Zakat and Ushr, Punjab along with Dr. Shehla Akram Javed and religious scholars also graced the event. The Minister of Zakat and Ushr highlighted how the system of Zakat has a pivotal position in Islam's economic system, and Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) established a systematic infrastructure of collection and distribution of Zakat

during his lifetime. Dr. Javed Akram, Provincial Minister for Specialized Healthcare and Medical Education, while addressing the participants of the conference, highlighted the importance and effectiveness of Zakat system for the elimination of social and economic inequalities. He expressed his views regarding the concentration of wealth and its unfair distribution as the main cause of poverty in Muslim society. The provision of funds was welcomed Mr. Mansoor Qadir, Minister for Higher Education/School Education, while highlighting the importance and usefulness of Zakat and Ushr, said that substantial improvement can be made in the lives of the marginalized and deprived sections through transparent and efficient system of Zakat.





عيد مبارك

EID MUBARAK



Eid ul Fitr marks the end of Ramadan and is a time for Muslims to celebrate with family and friends. The spirit of the occasion is rooted in unity, forgiveness, and gratitude. It is a time to put aside differences, forgive and seek forgiveness from others, and express gratitude for blessings. Eid ul Fitr is a joyous celebration that brings people together in peace and harmony, reflecting on the blessings of the past month and looking forward to a future of hope and happiness.



RAZIA BIBI
Pass Out VTI Talagang
(SVTI Balkasar)

My name is Razia Bibi. I was born in Dir, KPK but I relocated to Balkasar, District Chakwal. We used to live in a rental house. My husband had meager financial resources and his salary was not enough to cater for the needs of our 5 children. We were leading a dejected life and I was very worried about the future of my children. One of my neighbors told me about VTI Balkasar (Sub Campus of VTI Talagang) and the free courses being offered there. I was not fluent in Urdu language at that time but the teachers of VTI Balkasar motivated me to overcome that hindrance and my elder son also supported me in this endeavor.

I got myself enrolled in Dress Making course and worked industriously to hone my skills in this trade. The teachers and fellow trainees were very supportive and overall learning environment was very conducive. We were provided with free lab material to perform our daily practical activity. As soon as I completed my course, I opened Tailor Shop in my home and earned Rs.3,000 from my first order. After that, I never looked back. Alhamdulillah! Now I have established my business and earning a respectable livelihood to meet the expenses of the family. I have been running the family expense since the start of my business. We saved my husband's whole salary to buy land and now with the grace of Allah Almighty we live in our own house, our children are studying in good schools and we are leading a respectable life. I pray day and night for the VTI management especially my teachers and PVTC who enabled me to lead a sustainable life with dignity, comfort and empowerment.

My name is Muhammad Ali and I am a resident of Chakwal. I was very fond of computers since my childhood and wanted to pursue my career in IT field. After completing my formal education, I could not pursue higher education in IT field. During those days, I came to know about VTI Chakwal which was offering free of cost vocational courses. I visited VTI Chakwal and took admission in "Computer Operator" trade in 2022 which proved to be very good for me. I learnt a lot there and acquired skills related to my field with the able guidance of my teachers and fellow trainees. Class atmosphere was conducive to learning and the lab was equipped with state of the art equipment for our daily practical work.

After successfully completing the course, I joined the "Institute of Askari Learning Zone, Chakwal" by the Grace of Allah Almighty, where I am performing my duties as Computer Operator trainer. I am earning a respectable livelihood and supporting my family in a much more effective way. I am thankful to PVTC, VTI Chakwal and my dear teachers who all contributed in securing my future and pursue the field of my choice.



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