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Mission: Quality Education For All

Pillars of Mission:

- Infrastructure Improvement
- Academic Excellence
- Teacher Training
- Digital Integration



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PEN FUNDRAISING-2025



The Progressive Education Network (PEN) successfully hosted its 2025 fundraising event, "Bridges to Brilliance," bringing together philanthropists, corporate leaders, and educational advocates to secure the future of 80,000 students across Pakistan.

The evening was centered on a singular goal: ensuring that no child's potential is limited by their economic circumstances. As PEN navigates a landscape of rising costs and evolving digital needs, this event served as a critical catalyst for our roadmap moving from basic literacy to high level cognitive investment.

The highlight of the evening was an immersive visual journey that transported our guests directly into the heart of our students. Through a series of compelling documentary, videos and photos. PEN provided a transparent look at the ground reality of our schools.

The visuals didn't just show buildings, they told a story of transformation. Honorable guests witnessed the before and after of our infrastructure projects seeing dilapidated, roofless rooms evolve into vibrant, tech-enabled learning spaces. The high definition displays featured the faces of our high achievers allowing donors to see the direct results of their contributions. This visual accountability served as a powerful reminder that behind every statistic is a child whose future is being reshaped by our collective efforts.

There is a unique magic that happens when art meets altruism. At our 2025 gala, the legendary Mr. **Shafqat Amanat Ali Khan** graced the stage, donating his voice to support the voices of our students. As the strains of his world famous Qawwalis filled the room, the audience was reminded of the beauty that can be unlocked when a child is given the right tools to succeed.



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Guests were treated on an unforgettable evening of entertainment with a purpose. Mr. Shafqat's performance provided the perfect backdrop for our mission, turning a traditional fundraiser into a celebrated cultural milestone. It was a night where every note played as a tribute to the potential of our students.



The most significant moments of the evening occurred on center stage, where our esteemed guests and donors were invited to stand alongside PEN's leadership. As these individuals and corporate representatives stepped forward, they were not just recognized for their financial contributions, but for their role as visionaries.



As the final notes of the evening, PEN's deepest gratitude remains with the visionaries and partners who made the PEN 2025 Fundraising Gala a landmark success. To our esteemed donors, guests of honor, their presence was more than a gesture of support, it was a powerful vote of confidence in the potential of Pakistan's youth. By standing with PEN, they have directly fueled the transition of bad condition schools into vibrant centers of excellence to keep our achievers on the path of success. Thanks for being the heartbeat of this mission and for proving that together, we are not just funding schools we are building a nation.





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KHANA PROGRAM IN PEN SCHOOLS

At the Progressive Education Network (PEN), we recognize that quality education and basic nutrition are inseparable. The PEN Khana Program was launched as a strategic intervention to combat learning poverty caused by malnutrition. In many of our underprivileged schools, students arrive at school without having a nutritious breakfast, leading to low energy, poor concentration, and stunted cognitive growth.

A desk, a book, and a warm meal, these are the three pillars of a successful school day at PEN. Our Khana Program is designed to ensure that no child's potential is cut short by an empty stomach. Every day, across our adopted schools, the lunch bell rings as a symbol of hope. For many of our students, this is the most nutritious meal they receive all day. Watching our students share a meal with their peers reminds us that to build a nation, we must first nourish its children. We believe that when we feed a child, we are feeding a future doctor, engineer, or teacher through the support of our generous donors, Mr. Jawad Adil, CEO Excel Engineering Ptv Ltd. to Govt. Elementary School Keer Kalan, Township Lahore, through Allah Wally Trust.





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BOOKS GIFTED BY PROVIDENTIA IN PEN SCHOOLS



In a powerful demonstration of Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR), Providentia has partnered with the Progressive Education Network (PEN) to distribute a comprehensive collection of books in our most underprivileged schools. This donation serves as the cornerstone of our joy of reading initiative, designed to foster critical thinking and linguistic mastery among our students.

At PEN, we believe that a school without a library is like a body without a soul. The books provided by Providentia ranging from foundational phonics and science to world literature address a critical gap in our schools' resources.



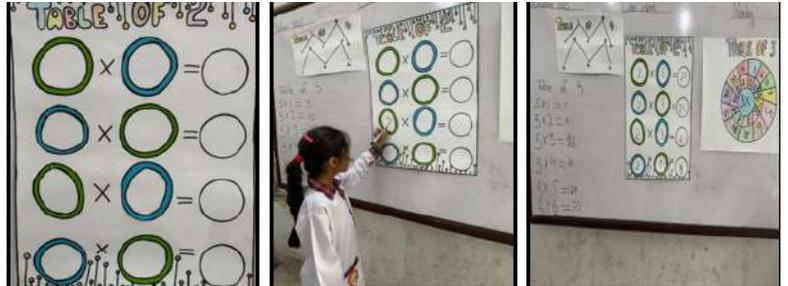


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SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



Polio Vaccination



Math Drills



Cancer Awareness



Digitalization



Budding Writers

Education at PEN is not merely the pursuit of 100% academic results, it is about nurturing the unique potential of every student. PEN co-curricular program is designed to transform passive learners into active leaders. By providing a platform for expression, competition, and creativity, we ensure that our students are prepared for the complexities of the 21st century workforce.

A majority of people think school is only for academics. But it's also about social and creative development, and we have to be more aware of that. We can't just focus on rote learning for the sake of learning. PEN Schools ensures to pay attention to subjects beyond academics.

Participating in co-curricular activities also helps in improving a child's self confidence and decision making abilities. It helps them discover their interests and passions, leading to the development of a well rounded individual.

When students get the opportunity to participate in co-curricular activities, they get to interact with their peers and teachers. They also learn how to communicate with people from different backgrounds. Not only does this help them make more friends, but it also teaches them how to think on their feet.

Many times, students are asked to express their point of view about a particular subject. This is the learning how to put your point across plays an important role. Once a student learns how to do so effectively, they will be able to solve many problems in life as well as in academics.



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PEF INTER SCHOOL COMPETITIONS



School : GPS Dhok Ladhial
Student : Aleeza Sohail
Class: 6
Category: Speech (Urdu)
Position: 1st



School : GPS dhok heral
Student : Nitash Haider
Class: 4
Category: Naat
Position: 1st



School: GGCMS Maira Khambali
Student : Ayeza Noor
Class: 4
Category : Speech
Position : 4



Student : Atta Muhammad
Class: 5
Category : Recitation of Holy Quran
Position: 4th



School: GGCMS Maira Khambali
Student name: Umair Sadiq
Class: 5
Category: 100 meter race, Position 1st



Student name: Ajwa Babar
Class 5
Category : Speech
Position 3rd

"RISE AND SHINE, IT'S YOUR TIME"

In a vibrant display of talent and tenacity, the Progressive Education Network (PEN) recently participated in the PEF Inter-School Extracurricular Competitions. This initiative, supported by the Punjab Education Foundation, serves as a vital benchmark for our students, allowing them to test their mettle against the brightest minds from across the province.

At PEN, we view these competitions not as mere "events," but as high stakes training grounds for the leaders of tomorrow. PEF inter-school platform provides, students from underprivileged backgrounds compete on a level playing field with their peers, proving that talent is universal, even if opportunity is not.

Competitions and participation in Recitation of Holy Quran, Naat, Speech and 100 meter race proves that PEN students can excel in the different fields of the world.



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LCD INSTALLATION & PAINT WORK

LCDs in PEIMA & PSRP-I



Paint work in PSRP-II



In an era where visual literacy is as important as textual literacy, the Progressive Education Network (PEN) has achieved a major milestone in our 2026 roadmap: the successful installation of LCD multimedia screens across our primary and secondary clusters. This initiative is more than a technological upgrade; it is a strategic shift toward smart pedagogy. By bringing digital content through PEN ACADEMY into the heart of the classroom, we are ensuring that the children in our adopted schools have the same digital edge as those in the most elite private institutions.

Progressive Education Network (PEN) has completed a comprehensive painting and refurbishment project across our most critical clusters. This initiative is rooted in environmental psychology: a clean, brightly colored, and well-maintained classroom reduces student anxiety and significantly improves cognitive focus. A fresh coat of paint covers years of bad condition indicators such as dampness and peeling creating a hygienic and professional atmosphere. Aesthetically, we have observed that schools with high visual appeal see a good increase in enrollment, as parents feel more confident in the quality of the institution.



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IPAC TEAM VISIT SKEIKHUPURA SCHOOL



In a significant step towards redefining educational standards, PEN School had the distinct honor of hosting a delegation from IPAC. The primary objective of this visit was to evaluate the school's current facilities and devise a comprehensive roadmap to transform PEN school into a model school based on exemplary health and infrastructure standards.

Parallel to the infrastructure review, a major focus of the visit was placed on health and hygiene standards. The IPAC team inspected the school's sanitation facilities, water filtration systems, and cafeteria. They engaged in detailed discussions with the school administration regarding the implementation of regular health screenings for students and nutritional guidelines. The vision is to foster an environment where the physical well-being of every student is prioritized alongside their academic growth.

The visitors were particularly impressed by the human face of change. They saw students who were not only excelling in their studies but were also taking pride in their environment. The IPAC team's feedback highlighted that our schools are no longer just government buildings, they are safe havens where children can learn, grow, and thrive in a hygienic and modern setting.

The IPAC team's visit provided a valuable third party perspective on our 2025 operational goals. Their assessment focused on the safety, quality and health triad. The positive feedback from the IPAC team serves as a green light for our plans to scale this model to the next set of schools in the Punjab region.



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SINDH & BALOCHISTAN SCHOOL ACTIVITIES



This activity was organized to recognize and appreciate students who demonstrated outstanding academic performance, discipline, and positive behavior. Certificates were awarded to motivate students and encourage healthy competition, boosting students' confidence, self-esteem, and commitment to continuous academic and personal improvement.



Teachers' Day was celebrated to honor and appreciate the dedication and hard work of teachers. Students expressed their gratitude through speeches, cards, and special activities, creating a positive learning environment. The celebration promoted respect, motivation, and stronger relationships, enhancing cooperation and understanding between teachers and students.



In our mission to move from basic literacy to high level cognitive investment, the teachings of Dr. Allama Iqbal serve as a foundational pillar. We believe that to build a "Centurion" student, we must first instill the confidence and vision that Iqbal's poetry demands of the youth. Competitions were designed to encourage students to see themselves as Shaheen of Iqbal.



At PEN, we believe that a healthy body is the prerequisite for a brilliant mind. Recently, we hosted the "Dettol School Program" in our schools to instill life long hygiene habits in our students. This activity is a critical component of our student welfare strategy, aimed at reducing health related absenteeism. Students were encouraged to become hygiene ambassadors, by uplifting the health standards of their entire community.



Celebrating the legacy of Shah Abdul Latif Bhitai at the Progressive Education Network (PEN) is an opportunity to connect our students with the rich, pluralistic heritage of the Indus Valley. Bhitai's poetry is not just literature, it is a masterclass in resilience, universal love, and human dignity.



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The Progressive Education Network (PEN) observed Sindh Cultural Day across its Sindh schools with a series of inter-school competitions aimed at fostering cultural literacy. We believe that a child's confidence is deeply tied to their sense of identity. By celebrating Sindh Cultural Day, we integrate social-emotional learning with cultural preservation. The event highlighted and showcased the academic brilliance and cultural pride go hand-in-hand.

Schools showcased traditional Sindhi handicrafts, Rilli work, Sindhi cuisine, Ajrak, Sindhi Topi, and pottery, creating an immersive dignified learning environment. Students reenacted the legends of Sassi Punnu and Marvi, focusing on themes of resilience and patriotism.

This celebration reminds us that our students are the modern successors of an ancient and sophisticated legacy. By honoring their past, we are giving them the strength to build a brilliant future.

Sports Day is not merely an event, it is a festival of movement and spirit. This day holds immense importance in the academic calendar as it fosters holistic development beyond the confines of the classroom. It serves as a vital platform for promoting physical fitness and mental well-being, offering a necessary break from the rigors of academic study to refresh students' minds and bodies. More importantly, it instills essential life values such as discipline, teamwork, resilience, and the spirit of sportsmanship, teaching students how to handle both victory and defeat with grace.

By bringing students, teachers, and parents together in a shared celebration of energy and talent, Sports Day strengthens school spirit, identifies potential athletes, and reinforces the timeless truth that a sound body is the foundation of a sound mind. For the spectators, it is a day of community, sit on the side lines, their eyes glued to the track cheering for the collective effort of the school and teachers.



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