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Interfaith League Against Poverty (I-LAP) inaugurated its latest project on education under the title of "the Institute of Emerging Leaders (TiEL)" in a grand ceremony held in Bahar Colony, Lahore on July 4, 2015. This project is the vision of Mr. Sajid Ishaq, Chairman Interfaith League Against Poverty (I-LAP), Chairman Pakistan Interfaith League (PIL) and President Minority Wing PTI, who believes that the education and uplift of youth from the Christian Community will play a major role in the progress of Pakistan as it is a big segment of the society.

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Message from the Chairman

Greetings to all readers!

I find immense pleasure in addressing all of you from this forum and presenting the activities of TiEL to you.

All through my professional years, I have felt a deep sadness while I have watched the gradual loss of dignity of the Christian Community of Pakistan in the eyes of the Majority community. Innumerable factors can be attributed for this great loss however I personally believe that partly the Christian Community itself is to be blamed for this present day despondency.

Mentioning a few main factors, I would say that unfortunately the Christian Community has very seldom had good leadership that was sincere in its efforts towards their prosperity and welfare. Religious leadership combined with political leadership is foremost for guaranteeing protection of the rights. Unfortunately, the self-proclaimed Christian leaders and political representatives have either remained unaware or unconcerned of the issues being faced by the Christian Community. They have also had no voice in the parliament or on other significant forums to raise the issues of injustices and discriminatory behaviors being faced by their communities as they have had their personal vendettas to be fulfilled and their selfish motives to be gained. None of these leaders have had the courage to stand up for the rights of the Christian Minorities and in the consequence the situation has been rapidly deteriorating with progressing years.

Then the migration of the top notch and educated Christian families to other countries has left a huge gap and the migrating families had no stakes back home, they have not bothered to look back since.

The main issue I believe has been of Christian children not getting admissions in Church Institutions. After the Nationalization of Christian and Missionary Educational Institutions in 1972, the standard of education in the country went towards a severe decline. Unfortunately, as the management of these Institutions changed, admission of Christian students in these Institutions became more and more difficult. Over the years, the environment for the Christian Community worsened, increasing inaccessibility and/or unaffordability to good quality education. Christian children were either outrightly refused admission to Christian Institutions or made to attend separate evening classes as third rate citizens! The aftermath of this decision of the ruling Government of the time and the discriminatory behaviors that prevailed after that, have had a serious toll on the Christian Community, whereby today, there are a scarce number of bureaucrats, technocrats, judges, high ranking personnel in the Armed Forces, Scientists or other noteworthy and distinguished professionals in Pakistan.

I am highly hopeful in saying that "The Institute of Emerging Leaders" will serve as a beacon and play a major role in filling the vacuum created by detrimental majority dominated policies. TiEL will provide the necessary thrust and drive to the Christian youth for regaining the lost dignity of the Christian Community by achieving professional excellence through education and reclaiming their due share in all walks of life that will take them to the top positions in the Government, Private and Civil Society sectors.

I wish you and you families a Happy New Year!

Sajid Ishaq
Chairman, Interfaith League Against Poverty (I-LAP)
Chairman, Pakistan Interfaith League (PIL)



Message from the Executive Director

It is with great pleasure that we present the Newsletter of TiEL and share with you the achievements in the form of various activities that were undertaken since its inception. We extend our gratitude to those who made it possible for us to successfully carry out these activities.

As you all know, TiEL has come forth with the purpose of inculcating the importance of academic education and extra-curricular activities in the young generation so that they may excel in their studies as well as enrich their personalities with the elements that will help them compete at all levels on the basis of their qualification, which will restore their pride, self-esteem and dignity in the society.

With this purpose in mind the Administration and the Faculty Members of TiEL have put in admirable efforts in executing all tasks in accordance to the vision and mission of the Institute and inculcating in the students a certain sense of responsibility. We are also extremely grateful to the parents for actively supporting the Institute by ensuring that their children abide by all the rules of the Institute. The students also need high praise for adjusting to the highly disciplined environment and striving to come up to the standards set for them. I sincerely hope that in the future years TiEL will be able to soar to the heights that have been envisioned for achieving its Mission of nurturing future leaders from within its strength of students.

I hope that a glimpse through all our colourful activities will be as much a pleasures for you as they have been for us.

I wish all of you a Very Happy New Year!

Nazia Ansari
Executive Director
Interfaith League Against Poverty (I-LAP)

Inauguration of TiEL, July 4, 2015



The inaugural plaque was unveiled by Bishop Ishaq Mazhar, Chairman Native Baptist Church of Pakistan (NBCP) and Mrs. Venus Mazhar, an educationalist who has a notable contribution in teaching blind students.

The event hosted people from different walks of life including, politicians, religious leaders and scholars, government officials, civil society representatives, corporate sector representatives, academia and educationalists from renowned educational institutions, representatives from the electronic and print media and notables from other sectors.

The Guest Speakers included Dr. Nelson Azeem, Former MNA and Professor Christy Munir, former Principal Foreman Christian College, Lahore.

Mr. Sajid Ishaq, Chairman Interfaith League Against Poverty (I-LAP), Chairman Pakistan Interfaith League (PIL) and President Minority Wing PTI said that it was unfortunate that as the years have progressed since the inception of Pakistan, there has been a very clear divide between people who can enjoy the privilege of being educated in good institutions and those who dare not even dream about it. Today, when we stand at a distance and observe, we find that there is an embarrassing imbalance of the scale in Pakistan especially where education is concerned; one side of the scale is tipped too low and the other too high!

Good quality education is within the reach of only one segment of the society while the other segment is completely deprived.



This imbalance has created a vacuum at National level as the lack of good quality education and professional expertise among one segment of the society means that they are not being amply represented at higher levels within the country which includes the Government sector, judiciary, armed forces, medicine, engineering, police, Superior Civil Services, civil society sector, corporate sector and other pivotal sectors. Mr. Sajid Ishaq said that the role of the Government has also been deplorable in this regard which still does not consider this an issue that a high percentage of youth in Pakistan is not well educated, and remains, in the consequence, unemployed.

Nazia Ansari, Executive Director I-LAP gave presentations on the work of I-LAP since its inception in 2004 and spoke about the aim and objectives of the Institute of Emerging Leaders. While speaking on the occasion she said that we must consider ourselves fortunate that we have been blessed immensely by God. We can share our time, talent and treasure with those who have not been born as lucky as some of us. She said that it is our obligation as citizens of Pakistan to come forward and pledge to share our time, talent and treasure with the deprived youth that most deserves it. In the end she said, "You cannot pour happiness on others without getting a few drops on your-self"!

Orientation of TiEL to faculty of FC College: May 14, 2015

One of the initial orientation sessions of the Institute of Emerging Leaders (TiEL) were held at the Forman Christian College (a Chartered University), Lahore on May 14, 2015 at Library Wing Chapel. The participants were mainly the Teaching Faculty of Forman Christian College. Dr. Christy Munir, Principal FC College, extended his full support for making the Orientation Session a success.



Mr. Sajid Ishaq, Chairman I-LAP, expressed his gratitude to the College administration and the faculty members for finding time to attend the orientation session. He shared his heartfelt desire of educating the Christian youth living in Pakistan and said that without good education and worthwhile marketable skills, Christian boys and girls would never be able to progress as they would not be well equipped for being a part of the mainstream. He said that it was his aim to educate the Christian youth and enable them to compete on merit for jobs in the Public and Private sectors.



The Vision, Mission and Objectives of TiEL were greatly appreciated and the participants assured the Chairman of their full support for the great cause.



Orientation Session with Pakistan Fellowship of Evangelical Students PFES: May 19, 2015

In order to include the Christian clergy and key Christian leaders, an orientation session was organised at Pakistan Fellowship of Evangelical Students (PFES) hall at Modern Colony, Kot Lakhpat, Lahore, on May 19, 2015. Chairman Sajid Ishaq shared the concept of providing free educational support to the Christian boys and girls who belonged to non-affording families and requested the clergy to put in their due share by spreading the message so that more and more people could benefit.



Meeting with Faculty Members of FC College, June 1, 2015

A meeting was hosted by Chairman I-LAP Mr. Sajid Ishaq at the Regional Office of Interfaith League Against Poverty for providing detailed orientation of TiEL to those faculty members of Forman Christian College who were interested in joining the mission of educating the much neglected Christian youth.



Visit of Rev. Abraham Daniel, July 3, 2015



Chairman I-LAP, Sajid Ishaq received the delegation of Pastors from Sialkot, headed by Rev. Abraham Daniel. The purpose of their visit was to visit TiEL. They were briefed about the Vision and Mission of the Programme and taken on a round of the facility. Rev. Abraham Daniel was very appreciative of the endeavor started by the Chairman and pledged his full support in the future.

Orientation Session with Administration of Dar-ul-Hikmat, August 1, 2015

A visit was carried out to Dar-ul-Hikmat which was headed by Nazia Ansari, Executive Director I-LAP. The Administration of the organisation as well as Principals from 4 Dar-ul-Hikmat Schools were oriented on the Vision and Mission of TiEL. The Administration and Staff members welcomed the endeavor which they agreed was urgently required as the number of well-educated Christians was rapidly diminishing from Pakistan.



Orientation Session at St. Anthony's High School Faisal Town, August 17, 2015

An orientation session was held at St. Anthony's High School, Faisal Town with the kind assistance of Principal Mr. Maxwell Shanti. A large number of Christian students from classes 8, 9 and 10 participated in the session and showed keen interest in joining the Institute for their future success through academic excellence and personality grooming.



Orientation Session for the Faculty of St. Anthony's College, Cecil Chaudhry Road, August 18, 2015

Mr. Shahid Ambrose Moghul, Principal of St. Anthony's College, was very gracious in inviting TiEL for an orientation session for the Faculty members. The orientation session gave them a brief outlook of the aims and ambitions of TiEL and invited them to join the noble cause by sharing their time for teaching and changing the lives of those children who cannot afford good quality education. The Administration and faculty members pledged their full support for the cause of empowering the Christian youth through education so that they may evolve into good and responsible leaders tomorrow.



Introducing TiEL to Bahar Colony Residents, August 26, 2015

An Orientation Session was organized at TiEL premises on Wednesday, August 26, 2015 for sharing the Vision, Mission and concept of "The Institute for Emerging Leaders" (TiEL) with people from different walks of life which included heads of educational institutions, representatives of the civil society, clergy, representatives of Para Church Organizations and independent heads of various organizations.

The participants gave a very heartwarming and positive feedback on the endeavor and congratulated Mr. Sajid Ishaq, Chairman I-LAP, for taking the initiative which was the need of the hour. The participants committed full support for the endeavor.



Meeting with Fr. Francis Nadeem Capuchin Office, Gulberg, September 15, 2015



Fr. Francis Nadeem was very gracious in welcoming the orientation on TiEL.

He commended the establishment of TiEL and shared his views on the necessity of providing good quality education to the Christian youth. He assured



that he would assist TiEL in reaching out to the deserving Christian families whose children were deprived of quality education.

Orientation Session with Students at St. Anthony's College, Cecil Chaudhry Road, September 16, 2015

The Executive Director Nazia Ansari held a successful orientation session with the Christian students of St. Anthony's College. She spoke to them about TiEL's Vision, Mission and Objectives and explained why it was of dire need to acquire good quality education for excelling in future years. She also deliberated regarding the importance of Career Counseling and the fact that their studies should be focused on their future professions. The students gave a very positive response and appeared enthusiastic to join TiEL for their future benefit.



Training on Professional Work Ethics, September 17, 2015

In today's world, retaining of jobs had become a grave issue and on a closer look it is felt that the problem most often lies with the employees who does not understand their responsibilities and transgress the limits set by the employer which results in loss of jobs. TiEL successfully carried out a one day Training on Professional Work Ethics which focused on the role and responsibilities of people as an employee as well as a colleague.



The Training content was appreciated by the participants who said that several points in the training had provided them

with food for thought while other points reinforced the importance of other people's rights at the workplace.



Visit to Pakistan Bible Society, September 18, 2015



Chairman Sajid Ishaq, Executive Director Nazia Ansari and other staff members of I-LAP visited the Pakistan Bible Society and were warmly welcomed by Anthony Aijaz Lamuel who is the General Secretary.



The Chairman briefed the General Secretary regarding the Vision, Mission and Objectives of TiEL and the dire need for producing good visionary leaders from within the Christian Community. Mr. Lamuel extended his full support for the great cause and prayed for the success of the endeavor.

Orientation Session at Talent School, Bahar Colony, September 19, 2015

With the kind assistance of Mr. Sajid Saleem, TiEL held an orientation session for the students who were apprised regarding the evening tuition classes at TiEL. They were informed that TiEL was providing free educational support to weak students who were unable to afford the fee of high end tuition centers and were in the consequence left behind in their professional lives. The Administration, teachers and students appreciated the aim and ambitions of TiEL and promised to extend their full support in making the programme a success.



Commencement of Classes at TiEL, October 12, 2015

The first batch of students at TiEL was accorded a warm welcome. The Chairman Sajid Ishaq and Executive Director Nazia Ansari addressed the students and expressed confidence that with the support of the Lord, TiEL will be able to provide to the students excellence in their academic studies as well as in their personal values, principles and grooming so that they may become able and proud citizens of Pakistan in the days to come.

Initially TiEL commenced classes for the students of Grades 9 and 10 who would be appearing for their Board examinations in March 2016. The main focus is on subjects that are difficult to understand but are highly important for their future success; Maths, Biology, Chemistry, Physics and English. The classes at TiEL start at 4pm sharp after the Evening Assembly and end at 8pm. As TiEL is providing education support, the last period has been designated for HW or any other assignment given to the students by their respective schools.



Evening Assembly at TiEL

The students at TiEL start their day with an evening assembly which is a daily ritual. A good thought of the day is shared with them and briefly explained. Students are encouraged to share with everyone any good quote that they have read. The Evening Assembly ends with the National Anthem which is sung by all students and staff members. Daily attendance is taken after the assembly and their personal hygiene is checked before they proceed to their classes.



Student of the Month, November 15, 2015



In the mid of November, TiEL took the initiative of selecting one male and one female student as the "Student of the Month" on the basis of punctuality, regularity, headwork, diligence, manners, abiding of dress code, cleanliness, timely submission of assignments, politeness with classmates and faculty members and observing of TiEL Rules. The first two students to receive the badge of "Student of the Month" were Sharoon Pervez of Class X and Samantha Nelson of Class IX.



Training on Table Etiquette, November 21, 2015

Etiquettes and good manners are fast becoming a lost art. Busy life styles force people to rush through their tasks which result in overstepping on other people's toes and displaying manners that are not accepted in any society. Training on Table Etiquette was one of the training in the series of Good manners which was provided to TiEL students by Executive Director of I-LAP, Ms. Nazia Ansari. Through the training they were shown what the difference is between good and bad manners.

The Training was very well appreciated by the students who claimed to have learnt a lot of things which they had never been told before. They committed to transfer the learning from the training to their family members and friends.



Parent Teacher Meeting, November 23, 2015

The first Parent Teacher Meeting, hosted by Nazia Ansari, Executive Director I-LAP, was a great success. Parents of all TiEL students participated in the meeting with full fervor and openly discussed the weak areas of their children. They were extremely appreciative of TiEL and the vision and mission of the programme and vowed to extend their full support to TiEL administration for providing a progressive environment to their children.



Training on Table Etiquette; Eating Soup and Bread, November 28, 2015

This Training was a sequel to the Training on Table Etiquette; a practical of eating soup and bread in a hotel setting; each table was set for 4 persons, one host and three guests. The students were able to practice what they had learnt in the previous training. They all enjoyed their training and learnt by correcting each other's mistakes!



Training on Discovering of Talents, December 3, 2015

Chairman I-LAP, Mr. Sajid Ishaq conducted the Training on Discovering of Talents with the students of TiEL. It was a very interesting training which provided the students with the opportunity of speaking their minds and discovering the many talents that they were born with or have acquired over time and how they can make the most of them. The students participated with full fervor and enjoyed the training.



Fun Fair at St. Anthony's College, Cecil Chaudhry Road, December 6, 2015



TiEL was invited to participate in the Annual Funfair at St. Anthony's College by setting up a stall. TiEL's stall displayed the Vision, Mission, Objectives, Guiding Principles and various rules of the Institute on a large backdrop. The stall was decorated with Christmas decorations, handmade by the students. The event provided TiEL with an opportunity to disseminate to the visitors the aim of educating and grooming Christian youth so that they may emerge as future leaders.



Christmas Activities

The students displayed a lot of enthusiasm in preparing Christmas decorations for TiEL and the boys did as much artistic work as the girls. Ms. Miysha Usman, Former President of the I-LAP Peace Youth Club, volunteered her time for supervising the students and assisting them in making beautiful and creative decorations.



Interfaith Christmas Dinner, December 17, 2015

I-LAP is the pioneer in celebrating the "Interfaith" Christmas Dinner. In 2007, for the first time, I-LAP celebrated Christmas by inviting people from all faith groups based in Pakistan. The purpose was to include them in the festivities and provide them an opportunity to observe the rites and rituals of the Christian community.

The Interfaith Christmas Dinner at TiEL was a huge success and was greatly appreciated by the guests that included Christian clergy, representatives from Civil Society Organisations, Academia from renowned education institutions of Lahore, Media representatives, parents, students and guests from other walks of life.

The Chairman, Sajid Ishaq wished everyone a Merry Christmas. In his speech he especially emphasized that our prime objective in life should be to share our blessings with those who are less blessed as all of us are blessed by God in different ways. He said that we are eager to "Buy 1 Get 1" but have we ever thought about "Buy 1 Give 1"? He said that today the spirit of charity is seen less and less whereas Jesus Christ proved through his life that he was here only to give. The Chairman also asked the guests to donate generously to TiEL by supporting the Adopt-a-Student Programme whereby one student may be adopted for one academic year for a meager amount of Rs. 1000 per month.

TiEL was superbly decorated for the occasion and Christmas bunting prepared by the students adorned the walls all around the campus. A Christmas tree was also set up and lighted which gave a very festive look to the evening.

The students had been asked to make Christmas cards for their parents and speak a few lines for appreciating their efforts in making them what they were. Each student called his/her parents to the stage, presented the Christmas card and thanked them in their own words. It was an emotional moment especially for the parents as it was the first time that their children had thanked them for their love and care and that too on the stage, in-front of so many guests. The students also presented a Christmas card to the Chairman and thanked him for providing them the opportunity of being a part of TiEL.



The Interfaith Christmas Programme included games and competitions for the guests which were enjoyed by all. 'Lady of the Evening' and "Gentleman of the Evening" competition was held among the students. Christina Adwin from Class 10 and Zeeshan Javed from Class 9 were declared the winners and were awarded prizes.



A Christmas cake cutting ceremony was also held whereby all the guests and participants joined the TiEL administration on the stage.

The event was especially appreciated by the parents who said that they observed a marked difference in their child/ren with regards to confidence, behavior and composure. They sincerely thanked the Chairman for his noteworthy efforts in providing good quality education to their children along with grooming of their personalities.

The year 2015 ended on a happy note and all hearts were merry on the occasion of Christmas and the approaching New Year!





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