

The Institute of Emerging Leaders



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Message from the Chairman



Dear Readers!

First of all I would like to appreciate the students of TiEL for the hard work that they have put in for their exams as well as the faculty members of TiEL who devoted their time and efforts in preparing them for the Board exams. I feel confident that the students will be able to attain good grades even though they only joined in October 2015 and spent only a short span of four months to get focused individual attention from TiEL subject teachers, get their concepts cleared and dedicatedly prepare for the exams.

The Lent Season is a time of Peace and sharing of Joy for the Christian Community the world over. However, in Pakistan, this Easter has unfortunately left sad memories for the entire nation, irrespective of which caste, creed or religion they belong to. The horrific incident of a suicide blast that took place in a crowded park in Lahore on Easter Sunday took more than 80 innocent lives. It has left an ugly scar on the face of every citizen of the country with a big question mark as to where we are heading with so much hatred for the religious minorities!

The need of the hour is for all of us to highlight the true teachings of our respective Holy Books which teach us Peaceful Co-existence, Tolerance and Interfaith Harmony. These are difficult times for all of us as a Nation which call for unity against the miscreants and religious extremists by setting aside all our ethnic, cultural and religious differences as well as provincial divides so that together we may work to make Pakistan a better place to live and leave behind good examples for the generations to come.

Kind regards,

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

Message from the Executive Director



Dear All,

Greetings from TiEL!

The month of March was dedicated to the Board Exams! As Class 10 students were taking their papers, Class 9 students were buried deep in their books, preparing hard for their exams which started on March 19. Unexpected rains and cold winds brought back a chill to Lahore weather and the old and young alike, fell prey to flu, fever and pneumonia. We, at TiEL, kept our fingers crossed for the health of our students and requested them to keep themselves well covered lest they fell ill before their exams!

Class 10 students took their last exam on March 16 and took a deep breath of relief as the pressure was high on the poor students! The pressure is still there as Class 10 has yet to take their practical exams for Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Hence the students are busy completing their Practical Copies and brushing up on their experiments in the Laboratory.

The International Women's Day was also a big festivity in March. Just ONE precious day in a whole year when the male dominant societies acknowledge the endeavors of women in every field! It is unfortunate that according to a global report on Gender Equality Global Ranking, Pakistan ranked second last among 145 countries. Pakistani women still face the world's worst inequality in access to health care, education and work. Yemen is the only country where conditions for women are worse than in Pakistan! It is high time that the Pakistani society realised the worth of a woman and acknowledged her strength and abilities by providing her equal opportunities to excel in fields of her choice. The irony of the matter is that it is women themselves who undermine the abilities of their daughters and prefer sons over them. Our mindsets will definitely change when mothers in every household break away from the age old traditions and start giving equal rights and privileges to their sons and daughters. They rightly say that the first learning institution is the mother's lap!

I would also like to take this opportunity to extend my heartfelt sympathies to the aggrieved families who lost their loved ones in the suicide blast on Easter Sunday, yet I know that no words can give solace to the hearts of the mothers and fathers whose their little angels have been taken away from them on the basis of religious intolerance and religious extremism. May the souls of the departed rest in Peace!

Sincerely,

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

Students Awarded at TiEL

As per the Chairman's commitment in January 2016, students who showed 100% attendance for the month of February as well as those who secured high grades in In-House Tests were awarded for their exemplary performance.

The awards as announced in the month of January were:

1. Full monthly attendance of the student: 20 kg wheat flour for the parents
2. 97% marks and above in monthly tests: Rs. 3000 in cash
3. 85% to 97% marks in monthly tests: Rs. 2000 in cash
4. 75% to 85% marks in monthly tests: Rs. 1000 in cash
5. Those students who secure 97% marks in their Board Exams will be supported for their College Fee.

Award for 100% monthly attendance:

Three students who fulfilled the criteria of 100% monthly attendance were each awarded 20 kg of wheat flour. TiEL students were quite excited at the new precedence set for punctuality and seriousness in attending the classes on daily basis and they said that they were looking forward to achieve this award in the months to come. The following three students bagged the prize for the month of February:

1. Oriya Asghar - Class 9
2. Mehek Javed - Class 10
3. Christina Hashim - Class 10

Award for securing high grades in class tests:

There was a healthy competition among students for achieving good grades in their monthly tests however five of the most hardworking students who succeeded in securing marks between 75% to 85% were:

1. Sana Saleem - Class 9
2. Vishal Pervez- Class 10
3. Atlia Asghar- Class 10
4. Christina Hashim- Class 10
5. Mehek Javed- Class 10

The names of the award winning students were announced by the Chairman while the awards were handed over to the students during the Parent Teacher Meeting, in the presence of their parents.



Students Awarded at TiEL



Parent-Teacher-Meeting

A good number of parents attended the Parent Teacher Meeting in March. The enthusiasm is growing among parents as they observe improvement in the attitudes of their children towards their studies.

It must be realised that the parents of TiEL students have not been fortunate enough to acquire education and are thus mostly employed at menial jobs. The atmosphere at home does not encourage their children to be studious and serious towards their school assignments. The parents are mostly away at work and the young ones are left unattended at home. Under these circumstances it is next to impossible for parents to motivate their children, let alone their teenage sons to pay attention to their studies instead of roaming the streets with bad reputed boys. In the given scenario, TiEL pays serious attention to their teenage boys and girls and keeps a strict eye on their discipline, conduct, mannerisms, speech and attire during the hours when they are most vulnerable.

This month the parents were very expressive in commending the efforts of TiEL and acknowledged that their children have truly shown tremendous overall improvement and are desirous of attending TiEL instead of staying at home.

The positive feedback from the parents always boosts our morale and we thank the Lord for the improvement in the attitudes of the targeted community.



International Women's Day Celebrated With Full Fervor

The International Women's Day was celebrated by inviting women from all walks of life, belonging to the Christian, Hindu, Baha'i and Muslim Faiths. Women who are skilled and are contributing towards economic generation by making the most of their talents were invited to display their hand crafted products at the event as well as to participate in Dress Designing and Make-up competitions. Celebration of the International Women's Day was aimed at highlighting the pivotal role that women are playing in different sectors across the globe, especially in Pakistan.

The Guest Speakers and Judges at the event included Mr. Sajid Ishaq, Chairman I-LAP, Ms. Zainab Mahmood, Assistant Director, Directorate of General Intelligence & Investigation FBR; Ms. Rawa Haider Zaidi, Beauty Expert; Ms. Aiman Mohkam, Dress Designer, Mrs. Ayesha Tahir, Associate Professor of Language & Literature in the Professionals' Academy of Commerce and Dr. Hoyyam Karimian, Dentist at Fatima Memorial Hospital.

The event hosted guests and participants belonging to the Civil Society, academia, doctors, designers, entrepreneurs, students and representatives from the print media.

A total of 30 contestants participated in various competitions which included individual entries as well as students enrolled in Skill Development Institutes and Trainees from Beauty Parlors. The prizes went to the following contestants:

- Party Make-up Competition
1st Prize: Hina Ilyas
2nd Prize: Noreen Farooq
3rd Prize: Shemaiha Nelson
Consolation Prize: Nasreen Zaffar for Bridal Make-up.
- Dress Designing (Formal Category)
1st Prize: Miysha Usman Malik
2nd Prize: Naseem Saleem
- Dress Designing (Informal Category)
1st Prize: Neelum Pervez
2nd Prize: Maria Francis
- Table Display of Hand Crafted Items
Prize: Moiza Khalid

A quiz was also carried out and the guests were asked questions regarding the laws that provide security to women in Pakistan. The winners were given prizes.



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Sajid Ishaq, Chairman I-LAP welcomed the guests and congratulated the winning participants. He highlighted the importance of International Women's Day and applauded the role of women at the home front as well as in economic activities. He said that women have always made a great contribution towards Nation Building however even in this age women are not being given their due rights in our society. Their right to education, marriage, decision making for reproduction, property rights and employment are still being ignored. He said that the women population in Pakistan is 52% and more than half the country is still unaware of their rights. He said that the need of the hour is to educate women on their rights as well as their obligations in order to develop a healthy society. He said that the Government should have special job quota for women in the Government and Public Sectors to enhance women participation in all fields of life.

The Chairman said that today women, as mothers and teachers, have a greater challenge as they are responsible for nurturing a generation that will create a peaceful nation, free from prejudice, discriminatory behaviors and hatred on the basis of religion. He added that it is high time that men understood the importance of woman in various fields especially in bringing up their children and stressed upon the fact that mothers should ensure education for their children and instill character building qualities in them so that tomorrow Pakistan is counted among those nations which are educated and peace loving. The Chairman said that women are an integral part of the society and need to stand side by side with men so that Pakistan is recognised as a civilized nation in the world.

In the end he applauded the Punjab Government for passing the Protection of Women Against Violence Bill and said that I-LAP and PIL stand firm for the rights of women!

Nazia Ansari, Executive Director I-LAP said that Special Days are celebrated for those whom we ignore, forget or disregard the whole year round. Women's Day is one such day when once a year the whole world focuses their attention to the many endeavors of women and what they have achieved no matter how small they may be. Every woman is special; every woman has dreams and these dreams may be of happiness, of a loving life partner, a comfortable life, but most of all every woman dreams of being respected and appreciated. She said that I-LAP highly appreciates the endeavors that are being made for protection of women and giving them the status that they rightfully deserve. Addressing the women she said that it is of utmost importance to bring up sons the way we want to see them tomorrow; respectful of women, helpful, caring and responsible because what we sow today, our daughters will reap tomorrow!



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Celebrates the **International Women's Day 2016**
"Planet 50-50 by 2030: Step It Up for Gender Equality"



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Initiation of Two New Courses at TiEL

The following two new courses were commenced at TiEL during the month of March which are open to people from all walks of life. The purpose of these courses is to provide learning opportunities to house wives, students, teachers, entrepreneurs, young girls and boys who are presently unemployed and young professionals especially office assistants and secretaries who are desirous of improving their skills in English Language and Computers for a better and brighter future.

The classes will be held in the morning hours, from 11 am to 12:30 pm, at TiEL premises. These courses are compulsory for TiEL students of Class 10 as they are free after their final exams and are encouraged to reap the utmost benefit.

I. Basic Computer Course (Two months)

This Course is designed to provide basic knowledge about the hardware and software of computers and equip the learners with computer proficiency for better efficiency at work and improved job opportunities, no matter which field they belong to.

II. Basic English Language Course (Two months)

The course will provide confidence in recognizing and effectively using parts of speech, forming phrases and sentences using proper tenses, understanding the purpose and usage of punctuation and learning new vocabulary and usage in different situations.



Give a Student a Better Future!

Join Hands with I-LAP and Adopt a Student

Adopt-a-Student Programme is an endeavor which will help you in reaching out to those neglected and marginalized youth that live in the urban low income areas, often referred to as *slums*, and have limited access to education, let alone *good education* due to financial restraints.

Under the **TiEL Adopt-a-Student Programme** you may adopt several students at a time; your kind pledge will support their educational expenses for one academic year. You may pay on monthly or annual basis:

Monthly: PKR 3000

Annually: PKR 36,000

Monthly: US \$ 30

Annually: US \$ 360

Monthly: Pound Sterling 20

Annually: Pound Sterling 240

Remember, the more children we help to educate today, the less destitute we will see on the streets tomorrow!

Adopt-a-Student and help us in educating a whole generation for a brighter, progressive and prosperous Pakistan!

Vision:

To regain the lost dignity of the Christian Community through professional education for obtaining their due share in all high ranking positions in the Government and Private sectors.

Mission:

Inculcating the significance of professional education and grooming self-motivated visionary Christian leaders, for competing in all walks of life, on the basis of merit, to surmount future challenges.

TiEL dedicatedly plays a much awaited role of not only imparting academic education but pays extra attention on character building of students; instilling visionary leadership qualities for addressing the challenges being faced by the Christians in the country; career guidance for helping them select white-collar professions; personal grooming and developing self-confidence. It also provides political awareness to the students and makes them aware of the parameters of good governance, importance of rule of law, Minority rights, significance of Interfaith Harmony for a peaceful coexistence and most importantly maintaining balance between rights and obligations for exemplary law abiding citizens of Pakistan.

In Education is your *WISEST* Investment!



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Parent-Teacher-Meeting





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