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Pakistan Forest Institute, Peshawar organized the Golden Jubilee Convocation and related events including inauguration ceremony, alumni night cultural show and annual sports day during the 3rd and 4th weeks of April, 2016 as described below:

PFI GOLDEN JUBILEE CONVOCATION INAUGURATION CEREMONY

The inauguration ceremony of the PFI Golden Jubilee celebrations was held on 25th April, 2016. Mr. Imran Khan, Chairman, Pakistan Tehrik-e-Insaf was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

Besides, the Chief Guest, Mr. Pervez Khattak, Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Syed Ishtiaq Urmar, Special Assistant to CM Khyber Pakhtunkhwa on Forestry, Environment & Wildlife Department, Syed Nazar Hussain Shah, Secretary Forestry, Environment & Wildlife, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Mr. Hakim Shah, Director General PFI addressed the audience.

Provincial Ministers, Chief Secretary Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Additional Chief Secretary, Chief Conservators of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Punjab, Gilgit Baltistan and senior officers from all provinces besides faculty members and senior alumni of the Institute, and passing out forestry students attended the ceremony.

In his address Mr. Imran Khan said that the PTI-led Khyber Pakhutnkhwa government would plant one billion trees within its five-year tenure. His government would give topmost priority to afforestation and environment. Appreciating the efforts of PFI, he praised the institute for being the only one in the country which carries out research, education and training in forestry sector.

Lauding the contribution of the PFI in promotion of forestry research and education, the Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkwha said that his

PTI Chairman, Mr. Imran Khan addressing the gathering

government was striving for maintenance of the infrastructure of the institute stretching across the country. He said that Rs.271 million had been allocated for PFI in the current budget while in the next fiscal year Rs.396 would be earmarked for different projects of the institute.

Echoing Mr. Imran Khan's concerns, Syed Ishtiaq Urmar Special Assistant to CM, stressed that Pakistan was among the top countries most affected by climate changes in the last few years. He said that about 5,000 privately-run nurseries had been established in the province which provide the Billion Tree Tsunami project with seedlings.

To meet the target of afforestation under billion trees tsunami project, Secretary Forestry, Environment and Wildlife Department, Govt. of, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa said that so far 180 million saplings have been planted under this initiative in the province. Moreover, about 3,000 acres land of forest department was retrieved from the land grabbers and strict action has been taken against timber mafia. He also requested to upgrade the status of PFI to a National Forest University.

Director General PFI, Hakim Shah in his welcome address welcomed the participating and presented the report of PFI and made a request to upgrade the status of PFI to a National University of Forestry. He added that educational courses of BSc and MSc forestry have been updated and new syllabi were introduced to cater for the modern days' requirements.

Secretary Forestry, Environment & Wildlife Department, Khyber Pakhunkhwa delivering welcome address

Souvenir is presented to Mr. Imran Khan

DG, PFI Mr. Hakim Shah delivering performance report of PFI

Chief Guest alongwith high officials

PFI GOLDEN JUBILEE CONVOCATION

The Golden Jubilee Convocation of PFI was held on 26th April 2016 in the Auditorium Hall of PFI. Governor Khyber Pakhunkhwa and Chancellor University of Peshawar, Engr. Iqbal Zafar Jhagra presided over the ceremony.

The convocation was also attended by Special Assistant to Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Syed Ishtiaq Urmar, Vice Chancellor University of Peshawar, Prof. Dr. Rasool Jan, Secretary Forestry, Environment and Wildlife Department of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Syed Nazar Hussain Shah, Inspector General of Forests, Govt. of Pakistan, Islamabad, Syed Nasir Mehmood, senior forest officers of provincial forest departments, faculty of PFI and University of Peshawar, passing out forestry graduates and their parents.

Honourable Governor conferred 369 degrees among forestry graduates of MSc and BSc forestry courses sessions 2012 to 2015, and awarded gold and silver medals to 24 position holders in classes and different subjects.

In his address, the honourable Governor stressed that we should put all our endeavors to achieve the dream of green Pakistan including Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and FATA.

The Governor said that forests were crucial for our economy and environment. He said

that forests protect the upland watersheds against erosion and landslides and maintain ecological balance, provide eco-tourism and the fact that only 5% area of the country is under forest cover, is really a matter of great concern.

Appreciating the role of Pakistan Forest Institute, the Governor said that PFI has been conducting research, education and training in forestry and allied sciences in the country. He added that it was not only providing the services

Honourable Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Mr. Iqbal Zafar Jhagra delivering Key note address

Director General, Pakistan Forest Institute Mr. Hakim Shah delivering welcome address

Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa awarding Gold Medal to the position holder

Group photo of the passing out graduates with Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

to public sector but also to civil society and private sector in the country.

Congratulating the graduates, the Governor said that PFI has imparted them with the latest knowledge and skills and expressed the hope that they would deliver their best in even odd field conditions to fulfill the expectations which the nation has pinned with their success. The Governor also announced Rs 10,000/- cash prize each to the forestry graduates obtaining gold medals on getting top positions in the examinations. Syed Ishtiaq Urmar, Special Assistant to the CM Khyber Pakhtunkhwa also addressed the convocation. He said that the target of planting of one billion trees under Billion Trees Tsunami Project in the province would be achieved by December 2017.

Syed Nazar Hussain Shah, Secretary Forestry, Environment and Wildlife Department, KP, said that Green Initiative Programme had already been launched in province while other steps were also being taken for the promotion of forests and improvement of environment.

Director General PFI, Hakim Shah while presented the annual report of the institute said that since its establishment PFI has produced over 3200 graduates of whom more than 100 were from different friendly countries. He enumerated the research achievements of PFI scientists. He also congratulated the passing out students on their academic success and wished them success in their career.

Students presenting skit on Alumni night /Cultural Show

ALUMNI NIGHT/ CULTURAL SHOW

The PFI Alumni night was celebrated in the Officers Club of PFI on the evening of 25th April 2016.

The Chief Guest on the occasion was Syed Nasir Mehmood, IGF, Ministry of Climate Change, Islamabad. About 1000 guests participated in the mega-event including Chief Conservators of provincial forest departments, alumni of PFI serving in forest/ wildlife departments, NGOs, faculty of PFI, graduating students and PFI staff.

The Convener of Alumni night, Dr. Mamoona Wali APoF welcomed all the guests. Current students and alumni of PFI presented different cultural items like short stage dramas, regional traditional dances, songs, comedy shows etc. which were thoroughly enjoyed by the audience. Another important feature of the event was 'fireworks' display.

In his address the IGF appreciated the artistic skill of the students. He assured PFI that IGF office will continue support and cooperation in forestry research and education.

The programme concluded with the presentation of prizes, shields and souvenirs to star performers, organizers and senior PFI alumni.

Audience of the Cultural Show

Souvenir was awarded to the Alumni

ANNUAL SPORTS DAY

The annual Sports Day event of forestry students was held on 21st April, 2016. Syed Kamran Shah, Special Secretary Forestry, Environment and Wildlife Department, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

The Chief Guest distributed prizes among winners of students races, cricket, football, basketball and volleyball matches, winners of marathon race and best male and female athletes.

In his welcome address, the Director General PFI stated that PFI curriculum includes morning PT and evening games to keep the students physically fit for practical work in the field. In his speech, the Chief Guest congratulated the winners. He appreciated the quality of sports and advised students that besides academics they should take part in physical activities for success in life and career.

Basket Ball Match

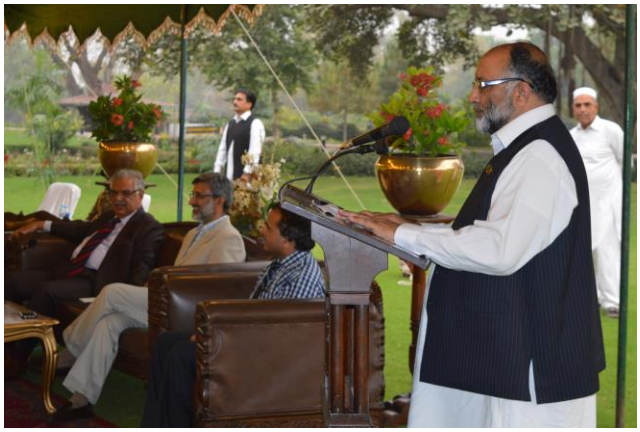
Special Secretary Mr. Kamran Shah presenting trophy to DG, PFI, Peshawar

CASH PRIZES AWARD CEREMONY IN GOVERNOR HOUSE, PESHAWAR

Honourable Governor Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Mr. Iqbal Zafar Jhagra announced Cash Price Award amounting to Rs.10,000/- for Forestry Graduates receiving Gold Medals. In this regard a function was held in Governor House, Peshawar. Ten (10) students of M.Sc. & B.Sc. forestry passed out students were awarded cash prizes. Director General, Pakistan Forest Institute, Peshawar Mr. Hakim Shah addressed the audience and thanked the honourable Governor for encouraging the top position holders. Honourable Governor in his speech congratulated the position holders and their parents and advised them to keep up the performance in their career.

Honourable Governor arriving at the ceremony

Honourable Governor with Director General, PFI, Peshawar



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