

Media Coverage

AGM & Conference 4th Day November 25, 2021



35th Annual general meeting and conference of PSDDE organized by PIDDE

ISLAMABAD: Today was the second day of the 35th Annual Meeting, CEO, Knowledge UP sessions since January, a monumental thinking about issues, we have to move from the question of 'what is your business' to 'what is your future'. The agenda for the second day included a panel discussion on 'Opportunities to Grow', special invited lectures delivered by Iqbal Tahir, Arif Habib, and the President of the Pakistan Business Council, the World Bank, and the Chief Economist of the International Development Economics (IDE), in collaboration with the Institute of Management Sciences (IMSciences). The Conference is being sponsored by the World Bank Group, UNCTAD, Center of Excellence, the Bank of Punjab, Institute for Strategic Studies, and the National Trade Union Council, National Productivity Organization (NPO) Pakistan, Pakistan Power Association (PPA), and the group of companies, Pakistan Merchandise Investment Company (PMIC), and the bank of China.

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Economists conference gets underway

PESHAWAR: The 35th Annual General Meeting and four-day conference of the Pakistan Society of Development Economists (PSDE), on "Opportunities to Excel: Now & the Future", formally began in the IMSciences Peshawar here on Monday.

The Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE), in collaboration with the Institute of Management Sciences (IMSciences) has hosted the moot. The AGM and Conferences of the PSDE was inaugurated by Muhammad Aurangzeb, President and CEO of HBL.

The conference is being sponsored by the World Bank Group, CPEC Centre of Excellence, the Bank of Punjab, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), Gul Ahmed Textile Mills Limited, NPO Pakistan, HBL, PPAF, Saif Group of Companies, PMIC, and the Bank of Khyber.

Dr. Nadeem Ul Haq, Vice-Chancellor of PIDE and president of the PSDE, in his presidential address, expressed his gratitude for the overwhelming participation and magnanimous support from

IMSciences. He said the returns to education in Pakistan are very low, as 50 per cent of graduates with a university degree do not gain much by getting higher education.

The question then arises, what are the opportunities that we are offering to our youth. These factors are resulting in highly discouraged workers and significant dropout rates. The PIDE vice-chancellor apprised the audience that according to PIDE research, the government's footprint on the economy is approximately 60-80 per cent.

In his inaugural address, Muhammad Aurangzeb, President and CEO HBL, said coming all the way from Karachi just to attend this conference is worth it, he remarked. Earlier, in his welcome address, Dr Muhammad Mohsin Khan, IMSciences Peshawar Director, welcomed PIDE team and all the participants to the conference and assured PIDE its full support.

Dr Idrees Khawaja, secretary for PSDE, presented the secretary's

report of the PSDE. He welcomed all the participants to the 35th AGM and conference of the PSDE and PIDE, hosted in collaboration with IMSciences, Peshawar.

Several drug peddlers were arrested and Shah 3kg charas and around 1kg crystal meth (ice drug) recovered from them in the district here on Monday.

A spokesman for Mardan Police said that the actions were taken in the limits of Shahbaz Garhi police station and the arrestees were identified as Shah Fahad and Bakht Zameen. The spokesman said the district police have recovered a huge quantity of drugs and arms as part of the campaign for which special Narcotics Eradication Teams have also been formed under the directives of the KP Police bosses. The police recently also held public forums in all tehsils of the district and asked the residents to cooperate with the district police by pointing out drug pushers and other criminals.