

The Pain of 2020 and the Hope for 2021

Hope is a powerful thing. It inspires us to do the impossible and helps us carry on during difficult times. And hope can come in many different shapes and forms.



We are finally about to leave this dreadful 2020 behind! This year was stacked with natural and man-made disasters, economic and mental collapse, bleeding healthcare and the unnecessary deaths of thousands of people. No wonder we are all waiting for the year to end and find some peace of mind that it will all be over soon and that 2021 will be better. Hope, is what we have. Because throughout 2020, amazing advances have given hope in science, technology, digital, health, and in basic human care and kindness. More people wash hands than ever before, people started searching for the real meaning of their lives.

Devastating bushfires, a deadly pandemic, living in lockdown, experiencing curfews, hearing conspiracy theories, protests, the rise of fake news and people who believe them, incompetent politics and hesitant scientific decisions and other disasters. Before 2020 we would've thought this could only come up in the imagination of a dramatic scriptwriter. But no. This is what we've been through, and I think we all have to lie back for a moment, take a deep breath and unwind for a second. We've made it so far and it wasn't easy. But there is hope:

- 1. Hope in Science:** Before it was even called a global pandemic, Pfizer and BioNTech had already started collaborating on a new vaccine against coronavirus. They have started trial base testing, it might backfire but there is always hope that keeps us going.
- 2. Hope in Humanity:** Humanity showed its strengths throughout the difficulties. Random people helping each other in shopping and support groups lifting those struggling with challenges. People really caring for each other like never before; and messages of hope, love and support given to medical personnel all over the world. This wave of giving gives hope that the future can be somewhat brighter than the past.
- 3. Hope in Healthcare:** Due to better diagnostics over the past couple of years, the number of chronic patients has been growing, putting a huge burden on doctors. On top of this came an even worse adversary that was invisible, fearful and deadly. And yet, medical personnel and medical systems were able to react in a matter of moments. They have been working tirelessly since the outbreak, often without sufficient protective gears and enough sleep, keeping the frontlines of healthcare and risking their own lives to save others.

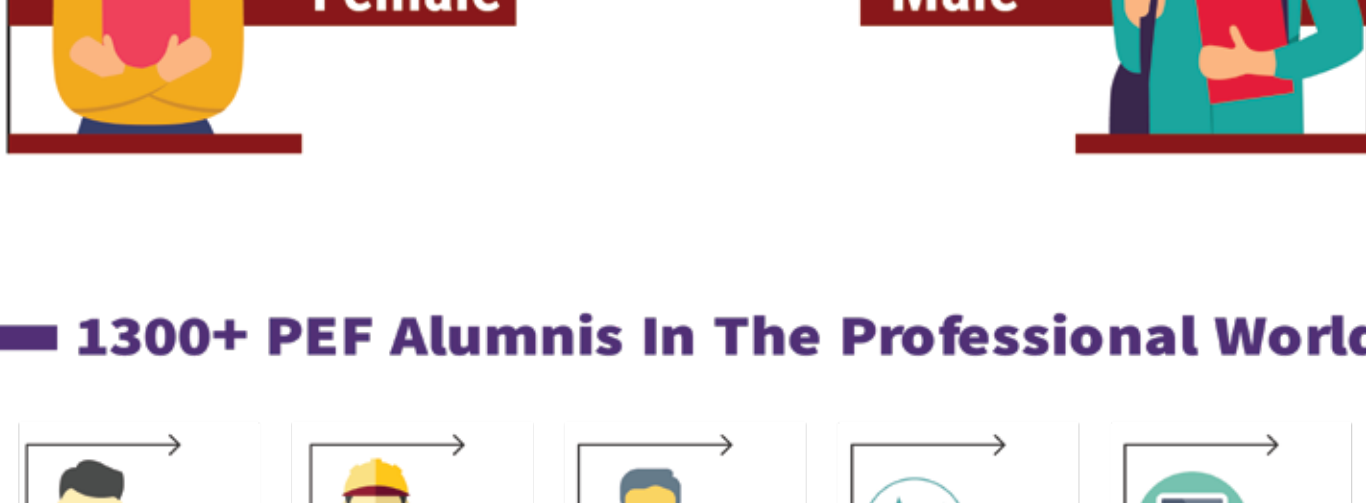
We will not start 2021 with the naivety of Jan. 1, 2020, but we are now armed with knowledge, understanding, and hard lessons learned from this past year. 2021 will be filled with new opportunities and challenges. Let us all work together to create kindness, understanding, and healing in our country. It is said, "Fight for the things you care about, but do it in a way that will lead others to join you."

PEF RECAP - 2020

PEF Achieving It's Milestone

We have been working to provide quality and equal, Professional Education, to the students who cannot afford it, since past 11 years. The donations to these students for education have provided them with better job opportunities, which have enabled them to sustain their families.

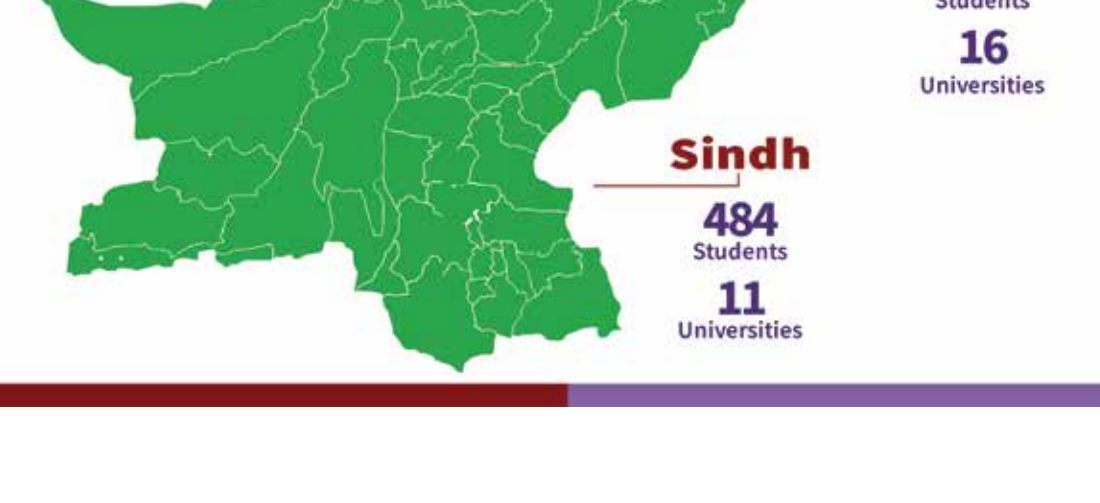
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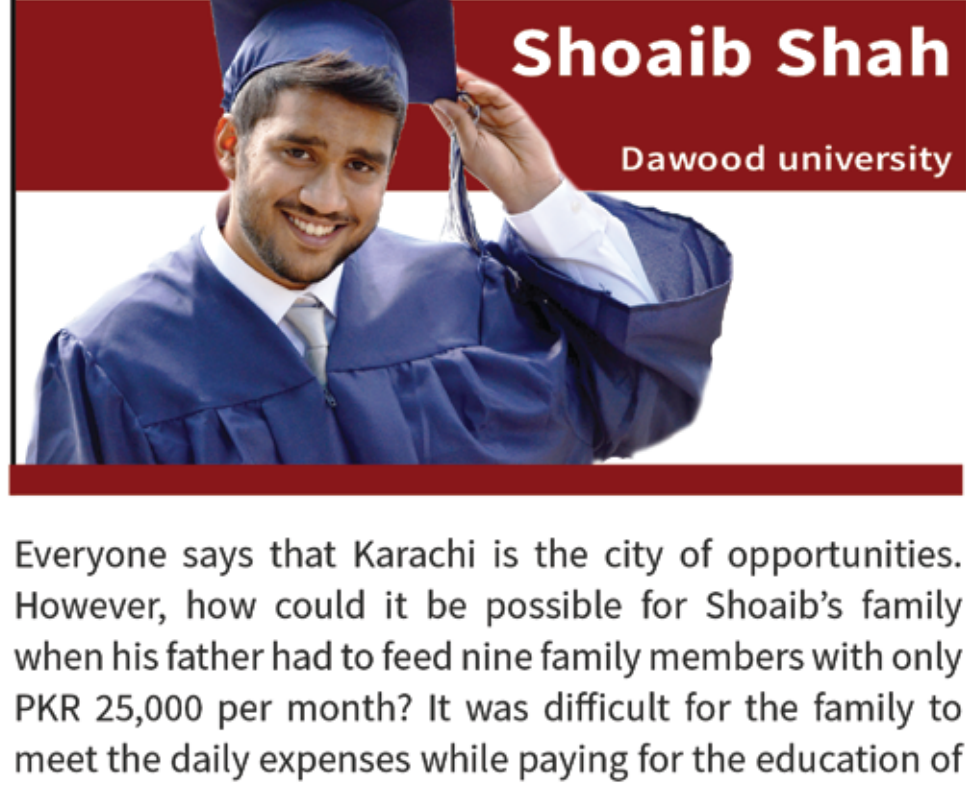
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PEF Across Pakistan In 2019-20



Being An Inspiration For Others



Everyone says that Karachi is the city of opportunities. However, how could it be possible for Shoaib's family when his father had to feed nine family members with only PKR 25,000 per month? It was difficult for the family to meet the daily expenses while paying for the education of the children.

Shoaib had four more brothers and despite the shortage of money, they were still a very happy family, as they had learnt to make the best out of their limited means. Shoaib got a job in his school as a janitor, which he was grateful for as it ensured the family would have a little more cash. His school had a morning and an afternoon shift. Shoaib would attend the morning shift and would work as a janitor in the evening shift.

As a student and as a hardworking man, he was fascinated with computers. After his work was done, he would go to the computer lab and see how the other students were working on the computer. Shoaib knew that if he wanted to study further, it would be in the field of IT and Computer Sciences. He gave all he had to his studies and ended up with an A grade in his Matric and Inter exams. With this result, he went to a reputable technical university and applied over there.

The university was impressed by Shoaib's results and sent his information to PEF. Today, Shoaib has graduated with a BS in Computer Sciences and has been offered jobs from multiple software houses. He is an inspiration amongst his family and peers.



Saturday, March 07, 2020: A musical evening of world-renowned artist Rahat Fateh Ali Khan, was organized by PEF at the Marriott Hotel, Karachi.

The generous contribution and support of the event partner, Martin Dow, who has been supporting this cause continuously for the last three years was mentioned along with other sponsors.

Rahat fateh Ali Khan took the night by storm and left the audience mesmerized by a soulful performance of all of his famous numbers. The fact that the crowd sang along and cheered served as proof that the night was a success.

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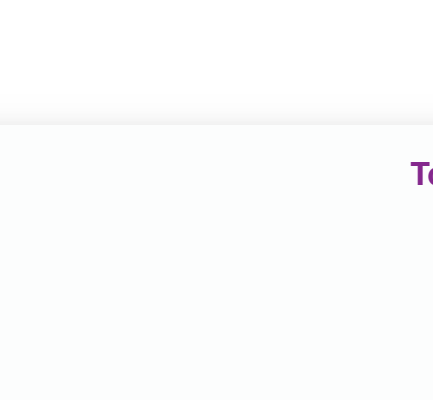
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