Political Advocacy and Outreach Support for Transforming Education in Pakistan (TEP) Phase-II

All Parties Conference

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Context and Background

Institute of Social and Policy Sciences (I-SAPS) in collaboration with Alif Ailaan is implementing the *"Political Advocacy and Outreach Support for Transforming Education Pakistan (TEP)"* in Hyderabad District along with five other districts across Pakistan (Thatta, Quetta, Peshawar, Lahore and Rajanpur). The initiative aims to develop and present evidence based research products to wide stakeholders to help facilitate the demand articulation of the citizens to improve situation of education. Under this initiative, political representatives including elected members and office bearers of the political parties are engaged on regular basis to help improve their roles in improving the education services in Pakistan. We believe that inviting political actors of diverse political orientation to a common forum to present their views on a given issue and having their commitments is very successful intervention.

During implementation of the current initiative, we are intensifying and deepening the engagement process by conducting All Party Conferences (APCs) at the district level. The basic objective of the APCs is to present the district specific education issues to the political parties and to motivate them political parties to debate them and take collective measures to resolve these issues.

In the above context, a District All Parties Conference (APC) was organized in District Hyderabad on April 24, 2014 on the topic of *"Situation of Education in District Hyderabad; Issues and Opportunities"*. Proceedings of the APC are in the following:

1. Registration of the Participants

The participants were welcomed and registered by Mr. Mukhtiar Ali Zour District Coordinator I-SAPS.

2. Recitation of the Holy Quran and Welcome Note

The program was started with some verses of Holy Quran by one of the participants. Mukhtiar Zour, District Coordinator I-SAPS welcomed the participants and shared objectives and plan of APC with them.

3. Presentation on Educational Issues in Hyderabad

Mr. Ahmad Ali from I-SAPS gave a comprehensive presentation on education situation of District Hyderabad to the participants. He briefed that under the umbrella of I-SAPS and Alif Ailaan, various research products are being developed including district specific citizen agendas. The Citizen Agenda sheds light on the education indicators of the district and also provides yearly targets for enrolling all out of school children in the district in the schools. He also briefed that the Citizen Agenda also provides the targets for provision of all missing facilities in the schools of the District.

Following statistics were presented to the participants in the presentation:

- The total number of children in Hyderabad of the age 5-16 years is 558,234, out of which 319,278 are out of school
- The District has 923 government schools

- Large numbers of schools in the District have missing facilities, having a direct impact upon the quality of education in the District. Few figures of the missing facilities in the schools of the District are:
 - ➢ 19% schools are without boundary wall
 - ➢ 22% schools are without latrines
 - > 29% schools don't have electricity
 - > 37% schools don't have the facility of drinking water

Mr. Ahmad Ali said that the situation shows a bleak picture of the education in the District and demands for the corrective measures on urgent basis for improving this situation. He further said that after the insertion of Article 25A under the 18th constitutional amendment, the state is responsible to provide free education to the children of age 5-16 years. There is need for improved resource allocation at the district and provincial level to fulfill this role.

Following his presentation and briefing, he opened the forum for discussion and requested all political parties to share their point of view regarding education situation:

4. **Perspectives of Participants**

Mr. Dr Rajab Ali Memon (STP), Sindh Taraki Pasand Party Central Voice President Sindh

He thanked I-SAPS for arranging the APC and sharing the facts and figures of education situation in the District. He said that looking at the situation of education; the government should announce emergency for ten years to address them. He said that if the same situation continues to prevail for another five years, the situation will not be controllable. He said that there is need for effective education policies to address the issues in the education service delivery.

Mukhtiar Abbasi, Senior Vice President (AJP), Awami Jamhori Party

Mr. Mukhtiar Abbasi said that that facts and figures presented today are worrisome for us. He said that during 1970s, education in Sindh was on the top level and the students were sent to Punjab by the parents to pass the exam from there. He said that to address these issues is the responsibility of government; however education is all on our agenda since long. He further said that the Government has not been able to influence implementation of the education policies effectively. He said that we are with I-SAPS in its struggle to improve education situation in the District.

Dr. Dodo Maheri (SUP) Sindh United Party Central Vice President

Mr. Dodo Maheri said that education is the basic right of child. He said that the situation depicts that if these issues are not resolved, we will be removed from the map of the world one day. He said that our leaders in the past have been irresponsible and no one is ready to take the responsibility to address issues in education service livery. He further said that the education issues have been ignored in the past and still now these are not being addressed as priority. He said that we are thankful to I-SAPS that their agenda is very important and we expect hope of good results for improvement in the education system.

Mr. Taj Mohammad Nahyoon, District President (JUI)F Jamet Ulmae Islam

He said that education is essential for progress of the society but every stakeholder is responsible for the state of education today. He said that the situation in the rural areas of the district is even worst. Many schools remain closed and teachers are not available in the schools. He further said that the funds of the SMCs are utilized on personal expenses and not for the development of the schools for the development of the schools. He said that the monitoring system of education management is weak which also results into this situation of education. He said that these issues can be resolved if all stakeholders will take serious actions. He said that we are thankful to I-SAPS for these efforts and are ready to work with them for the bright future of our net generations.

Mr. Zulifigar Halepoto (SFCO) & Writer

He said that presented fact and figures are very dangerous for our coming nation and this situation will destroy our history of nation if we don't take effective initiatives immediately. He said that the Government should take corrective actions on the absent teachers and develop a monitoring system for the financing of education. He said that I request all participants of the APC which are present here to kindly take serious actions for education improvement. He said that we are thankful to conduct the APC for the betterment of education system in Hyderabad.

Mr. Punhal Sariyo Convener Hari Porehat Council

He said that education management is corrupt and education budgets are distributed on political preferences. He said that issues in the education sector are many folds; teachers are untrained, text books are not enough for children and are not provided in time. He said that we are with I-SAPS for working to improve the situation of education in the District and province.

Dr. Mubarak Jatoi (AWP) Awami Worker Party District President

Dr. Mubarak Jatoi said that people are not interested in resolving the education issues and situation is worst in the rural areas. He said that such large number of out of school children in the district is because of the large population living under poverty. He said that how such people can send their children to private schools as government schools are being wrongly used by feudal. He said that government is capable of developing and implementing better legislation for improving the education services in the district. He thanked I-SAPS that it is a good initiative and we are ready to work together.

Mr Noor Mohammad Katiyar Central Leader Qomi Awami Tahreek (QAT)

Mr. Noor said that the education situation and presented facts and figures are surprising. He said that all politicians are working for self benefits. If these issues remain to prevail, what will be the future of the nation? Education management of the districts and provinces don't know about the situation of education as they don't visit schools. He said that such members have to raise their voices for better education system which is main pillar of our society.

Other Participants

Other participants said that today presented facts and figures prove that educational system of Sindh is extremely worst. They said that we request the elected members to fulfill the basic rights of citizens. They

said that there is need to immediately develop the rules of business for implementation of Article 25-A. They further said that the Government should take actions to improve the monitoring and evaluation of teachers. They also said that teachers should be trained according to new technologies and techniques so that they can develop lesson plans and can teach accordingly. He said that teachers should be monitored in a better manner for better provision of services.

5. Vote of Thanks

Mr. Ahmed Ali thanked all participants and said that this engagement will continue with all stakeholders in the coming months. He invited them for refreshment.

Annex I- Photo Gallery



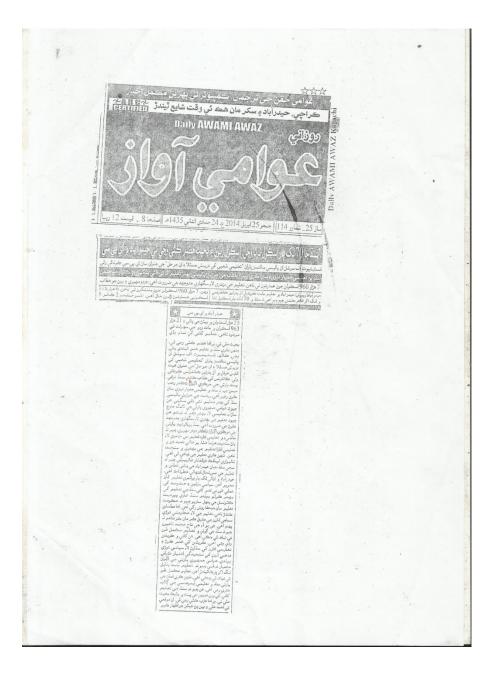


Annex II- List of Participants

Sr#	Name	Designation	Organization
1	Muhammad Rafique Magsi	Member CC	PML (F)
2	Mukhtiar Araen	Member CC	PML (F)
3	Rao Saleem	District J.J	PML (F)
4	Dr. Dodu	Vice President	SUP
5	Anwar Khaskheli	General Secretary Hyderabad	SUP
6	Mukhtiar Ahmed Memon	District President	SUP
7	Abdul Hakeem Khoso	Member	РРР
8	Haji Fayaz	District President	PPP-SB
9	Altaf Hussain	District General Secretary	QAT
10	Noor Ahmed Katiar	Deputy General Secretary	QAT
11	Mansoor Lakho	Office Secretary	QAT
12	Assad Ullah	Worker	QAT
13	Saleem	Worker	QAT
14	Maulana Azam Jahangiri	Spokesperson	JUI (F)
15	Maulana Taj Muhammad Nahyon	Ameer	JUI (F)
16	Humayun Khan Mandokhel	Ex Candidate	JUI (F)
17	Ameer Khan	Worker	JUI (F)
18	Abdul Waheed Dahri	Member	JUI (F)
19	Ali Nawaz Samejo	President	ITI
20	Zulqar-nainHydri	Member	ITL
21	Munsif Ali Lashari	Member	ITL
22	Mukhtiar Abbasi	Senior Vice President	AJP
23	Advocate Liaquat Malik	District President	AJP
24	Muhammad Asif Khar	District Joint Secretary	ANP
25	Ibrahim Saafi	District Vice President	ANP
26	Dr. Rajab Ali Memon	Member CC	STP
27	Abdullah Soomro	General Secretary	JSQM Arrisar
28	Ghulam Ali	Vice President	JSQM Arrisar
29	Shahjehan Mirani	Finance Secretary	JSQM Arrisar
30	Fayyaz Sindhu		JSQM Arrisar
31	Dr. M. Mubarak Jatoi	District President	AWP
32	Allama Imdad Ali	Joint Secretary	MWM
33	Asim Mirza	Media	MWM
34	Umair Rajput		Anwami Awaz
35	Ghulam Nabi	District Programme Manager	NCHD
36	Muhammad Hassan	Manager	NCHD
37	Ch. Nizam	Chairman	РСН

Sr#	Name	Designation	Organization
38	Zulfiqar Halepoto	Advisor	SAFWCO
39	Javed	ED	SCF
40	Niaz Chandio	Programme Manager	SCF
41	Punhal Sario	President	SHPC
42	Advocate Amanullah	Bar Council	SNBI
43	Rashid	Photographer	SOBH
44	Akram Ranjhni	Staff Reporter	Daily Sindh Gelop
45	Abdul Ghafoor Sarohi	Bureau Chief	Dharti TV
46	Musharraf	Cameraman	Dharti TV
47	Abdul Ghafoor	Bureau Chief	Dharti TV
48	Rashid Leghari	Staff Reporter	Sindh Express
49	Adeel Ahmed	Photographer	Sindh Express

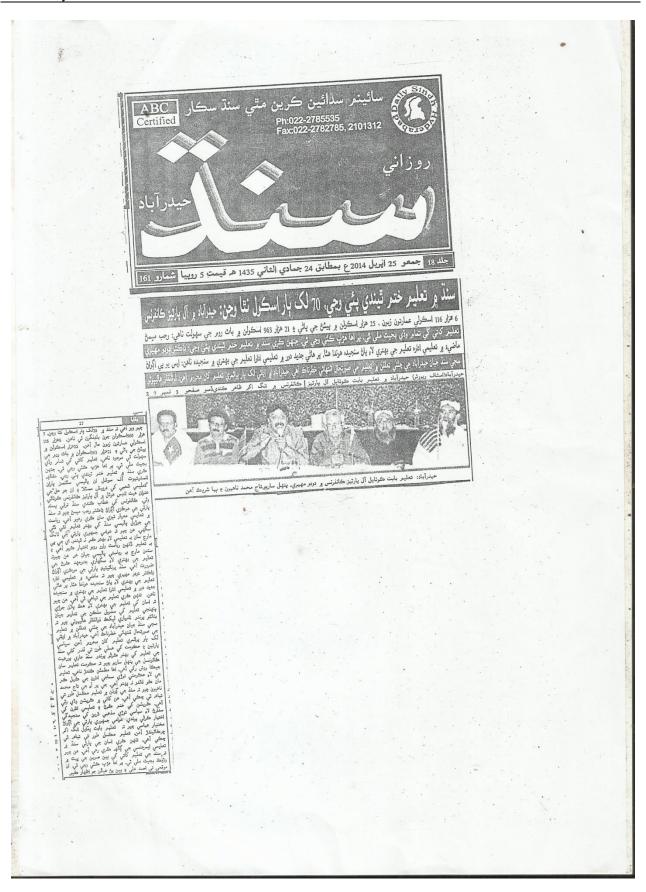
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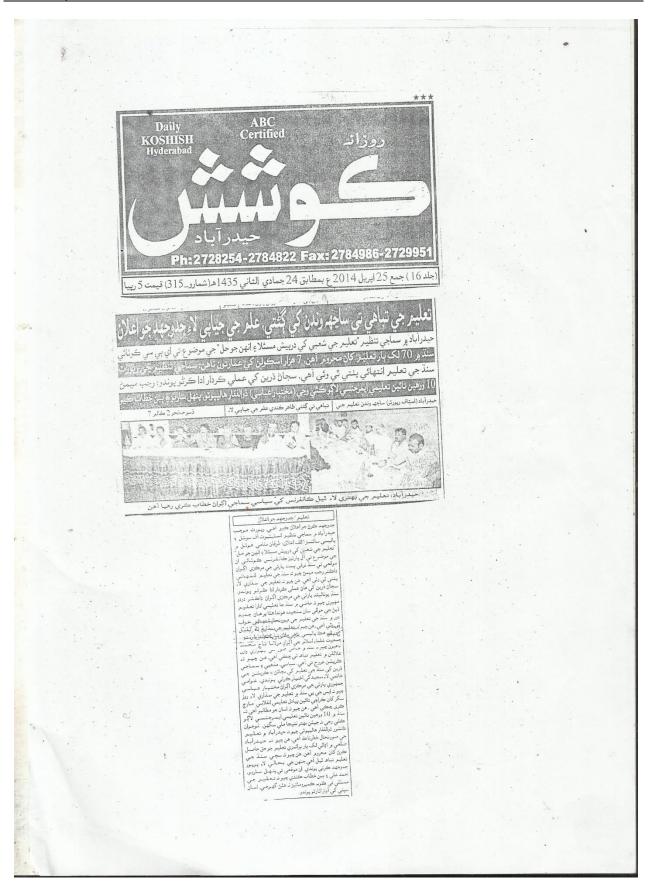




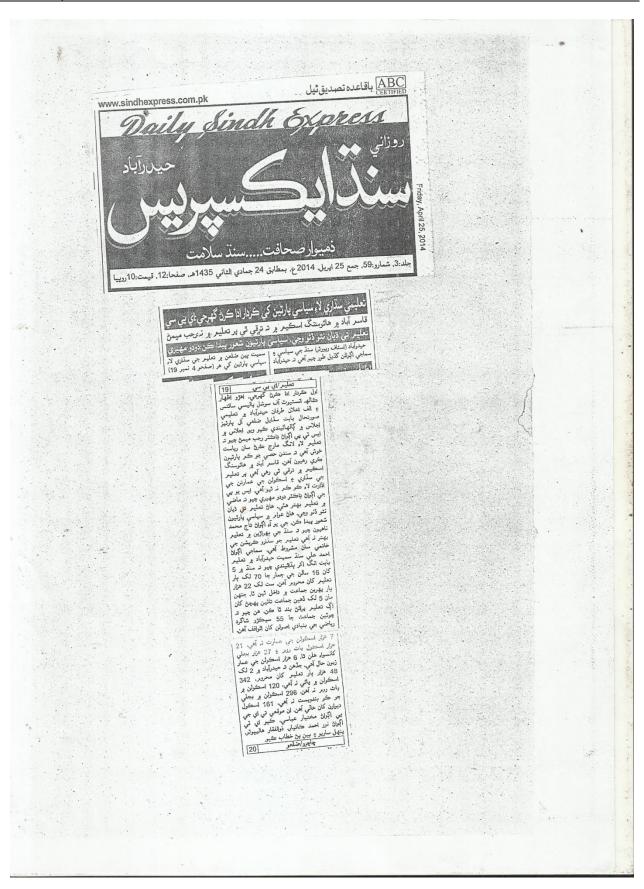


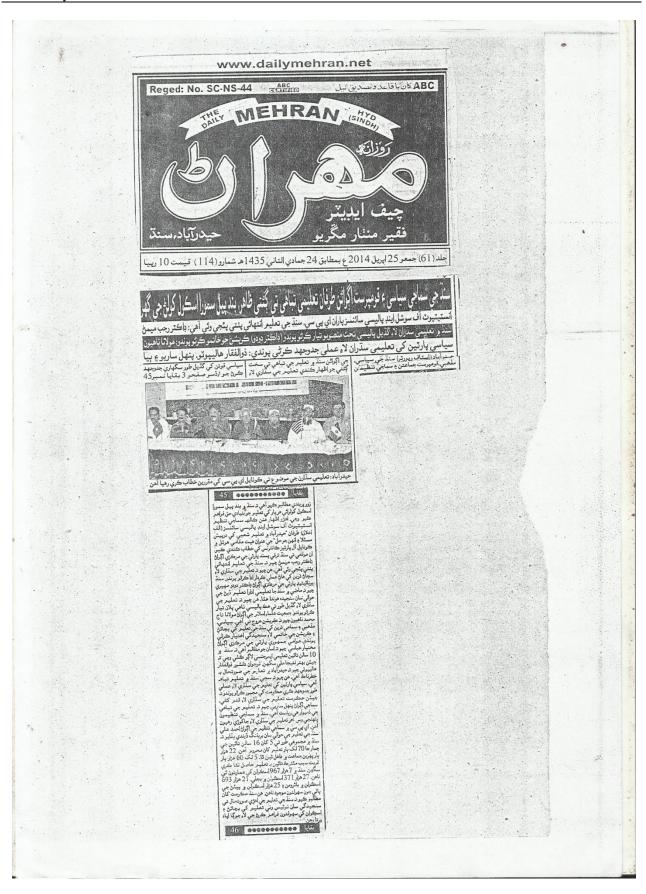
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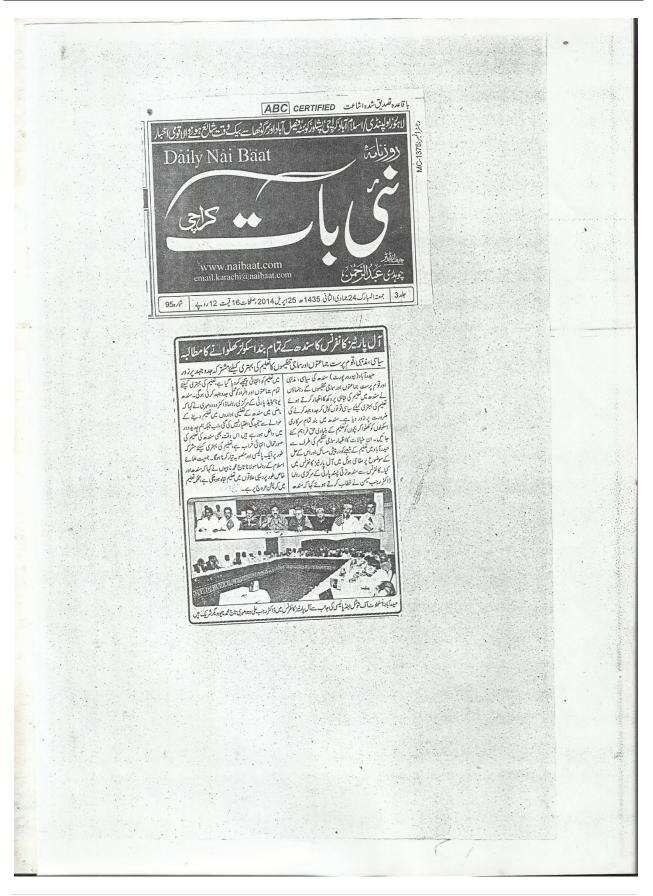




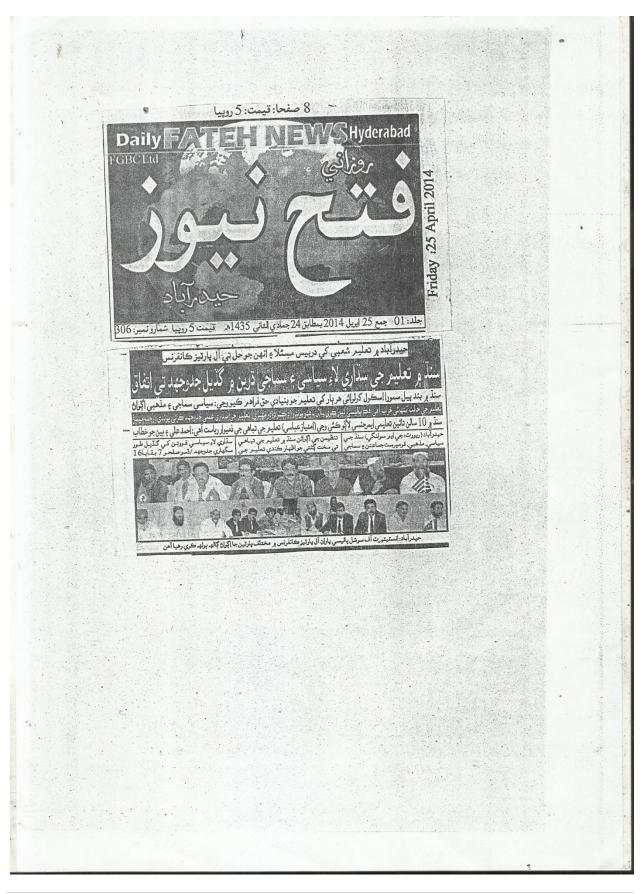




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