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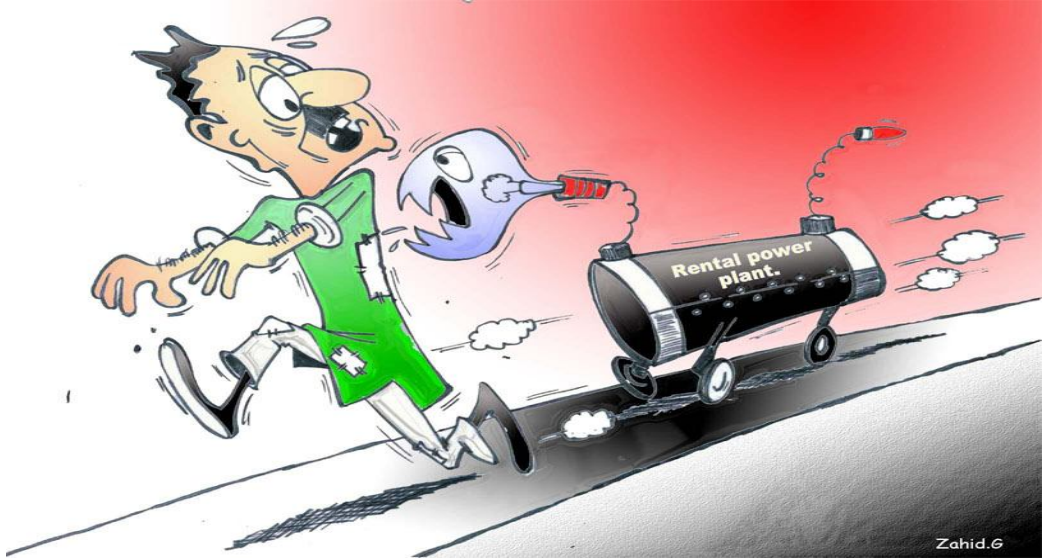
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EDITORIAL

Women have progressed from just being caretakers of their families to having successful careers all over the world and in celebration of these accomplishments Women’s Day is held every year, Pakistan also celebrated the Women’s Day in the month of March. Seminars and workshops were held in several cities and women came out onto the streets to hold rallies and show unity amongst them.

Regardless of the fact whether a woman is educated or not at the end of the day she is the real home maker. Mothers generally enjoy better relations with their children and so she also ends up being the resident consular and advisor in the various problems that children normally have. So it can be said that children do pay a lot of attention to what their mothers say and in this context the mothers can also play a very big role if they consciously start indoctrinating the thought process of their children regarding the evils of corruption that our society is facing today.

Every religion teaches moral values which when converted into deeds show that corruption is wrong. Mothers should educate their children about the actions which are deemed corrupt and how to avoid them. They should also explain that though the child may find that corrupt people appear to be happy there will come a time when their deeds will be tracked to them and justice delivered. They should also use examples to show children how corrupt practices can be harmful.

TI News

International

January

2010 European Business Ethic Forum: Sharing Ideas & Successful Practices was held on 13th to 15th January 2010 in Berlin, Germany. The organizers were European Business Ethics Network.

On 19th January a seminar on “An Alternative to Silence” – Protecting whistleblowers in Ireland was held by TI Ireland in Dublin.

Annual Anti-Corruption Asian Conference was held in Hong Kong from 25th to 28th January 2010. the conference was organized by Ethical Beacon.

The World Economic Forum’s Annual Meeting 2010 was held on January 27-31, 2010 in Switzerland.

February

Humanitarian Assistance Handbook was launched on 1st February 2010 by Transparency International in Switzerland.

Sustainability Forum 2010 on "Business as Unusual" was held in Italy on 8th February 2010 by Enel.

A workshop on “New Trends in Political Financing Regulation in Asia and Europe” was organized by Asia-Europe Foundation in Portugal from 18th to 19th February 2010.

March

The 2nd Russia and CIS Summit on Anti-Corruption was held on 1th and 12th March in Russia. The organizers of the event were American Conference Institute.

On 17 – 19 March 2010 the Fraud & Corruption Summit 2010 was held in England.

On 18th March 2010 the “Corruption Networks and Corruptive Criminal Networks: Reforms for their Eradication” workshop took place in Guatemala.

The Egypt National Integrity System was launched by Transparency International in Egypt on 20 March 2010.

National

CSOs Networking Workshop

Transparency International Pakistan held two workshops for "CSO Networking" in Sindh and Punjab. The purpose of forming the Network was that a vast area of the grass root level population will become aware of the vast definition of corruption and its far reaching consequences. It will also get the civil society a platform from where their grievance can be addressed.

On March 28th 2010 the "CSO Networking" workshop was held in Faisalabad, Punjab in collaboration with CSO partner Rural Development Organization (RDO). 63 NGOs from all over Punjab attended the workshop and shared there thoughts on how to setup the network with TI-P. The Speakers invited to speak at this occasion were Chaudery Amjad Ali Warraich, Chairman Pakistan National Muslim League, Khalil Tahir Sandhu, MPA and Parliamentary Secretary for Human Right and Minorities affairs, Major® Abdul Rehman Rana, MPA Punjab and Mrs. N.A. Mirza, Project Coordinator TI-P.



Al Mehran Rural Development Organization (AMRDO) collaborated with TI-P to hold a workshop in New Saeedabad, Sindh on March 31, 2010. About 120 office bearers from 60 NGOs attended the workshop. Detailed discussions took place about the various modes of cooperation and sharing of information between the member CSOs. Suggestions will be dovetailed with the ones received from other provinces and finalized for implementations by all participating CSOs across Pakistan.



1st YinG Drama Competition

The 1st Youth in Governance (YinG) Drama Competition took place on 25th March 2010 at Usman Institute of Technology. 200 students from seven universities attended the competition with 4 universities competing. Judges for the plays were Mr. Khalid Anam, a prominent T.V, theatre and Radio artist, Eng. Muhammad Ghazanfar Ullah, Professor UIT and Fawad Gilani, CEO. F.G. International Karachi.



The first prize was won by Dadabhoy Institute of Higher Education North Nazimabad Campus. Their performance depicted the cruel circle of corruption and joblessness. The second prize was won by Agha Khan University of Medical Sciences who performed on the battle of evil and good and the third prize winners were the students from Karachi University whose play showed a youngster's thoughts on Pakistan's state. The prizes were distributed by Mr. Khalid Anam.

Sindh Public

Procurement Rules 2010

A Capacity Building & Training Workshop on "Sindh Public Procurement Rules 2010" took place at Hotel Marriot, Karachi on 20th March 2010. The purpose of the workshop was to clarify the amendments made in the 2004 Procurement Manual. The workshop was well attended by procurement officials of government departments and corporations.

The workshop consisted of 3 sessions. The first session was chaired by Chief Justice (R) Hazik-ul-Khairi, Trustee TI-P. The first speaker of the session was Mr. Syed Adil Gilani, Chairman TI-P who gave an introduction of Transparency International Pakistan. The next to speak was Mr. Rizwan Ahmed, M.D. SPPRA. He informed the audience that Sindh was the first province to promulgate and follow these rules. He further stressed upon the need to know and understand these rules so that transparent procurement may take place.



The last speaker of the session was Chief Justice (R) Hazik-ul-Khairi who expressed his satisfaction with the SPPRA rules. He stressed that the masses need to have knowledge of these rules as it is ignorance that leads to corruption. He also informed the audience that due to the lack of strong countermeasures, corruption was rising in procurements. The session ended with Ms. Yasmeen Lari, Trustee TI-P presenting plaques to the speakers.



The second session started with a presentation by Mr. Rizwan Ahmed, who elaborated and clarified the amendments made to the SPPRA. He explained the importance of whistleblowers and the need for them. Mr. Ahmed informed the participants about how the clause relating to emergency procurement was being misused. He further elaborated on what is meant by "emergency".

The next speaker was Mr. Khaqan Murtaza, Director SPPRA who stated that capacity building is essential in understanding the procurements rules. He spoke about the functions of SPPRA and how it was helping to curb corruption in procurement dealings.

This session was chaired by Syed Adil Gilani. At the end of the second session a Question/Answer session was held to remove any misconceptions.



The third and last session of the workshop was chaired by Mr. Nazar Hussain Mahar, Federal Secretary Youth Affairs. Mr. Gilani spoke about the latest TI-P Corruption Perception Index and violation of Public Procurement Rules. He also enlightened the participants of the fact that Mr. Mahar was the pioneer in establishing the Sindh Procurement Rules. After this the Question/Answer session started again.

Mr. Mahar was the last speaker of the session and workshop. He spoke on how a large amount of public money is lost due to the lack of implementation of the Public Procurement Rules. He advised the officials in attendance to follow these rules and if necessary to take up TI-P's offer of guidance.

At the end of the workshop, the participants requested TI-P for the Sindh Public Procurement Rules publications.

The Sindh Public Procurement Rules can be found on TI-P's website at:

<http://transparency.org.pk/documents/sppra%20rules%202010.pdf>

UN Global Compact 10th Principle & Corporate Sector Engagement

On March 16th 2010 TI-P in collaboration with The Center for Globally Responsible Leaders (CGRL) Lahore organized a seminar on "UN Global Compact 10th Principle & Corporate Sector Engagement" in Lahore. The seminar was attended by representatives of the corporate sector, educationists, policy makers and the media.



The speakers included Dr. Hasan Sohaib Murad, Rector UMT and Chairman CGRL, Iftikhar Ali Malik, CEO Guard Group, Adil Gilani, Chairman, Transparency International Pakistan, Mohsin Syed, Former Chairman TEVTA, Bakhtiar H Wain, CEO, Avanceon, Abid Farooq, CEO, Farooq Textile, Aasia Saail Khan, Director, Zaka Pharmacy and other prominent executives from the corporate sector.





International Women's Day

Al Mehran Rural Development Organization (AMRDO) a partner CSO of Transparency International Pakistan celebrated International Women's Day in collaboration with TI-P on 8th March 2010 in New Saeedabad, Sindh. Over 300 women (mostly from rural communities) participated in the celebration.



The program started with Abdul Jabbar Chhachhar, CEO AMRDO introducing the speakers. Next skits planned by AMRDO were performed by school students, in which discrimination and problems faced by the women were portrayed. The audience enjoyed this small show and applauded the actors whole heartedly.

During a dance segment the children were doing, some women from the audience also joined them. This is unheard of in these rural areas. This act showed that the female has woken up and has become aware that she has a mind of her own.

TI-P was represented by Nargis A. Mirza. She spoke on the aims and objectives of TI-P and the Advocacy and Legal Advice Centre. She informed the participants of the services provided by TI-P to the victims of corruption. At the end of the program, two individuals, a male and a female, came up to Ms. Mirza to seek advice on corruption that they were facing. She advised them to send the details of their cases to TI-P and it would be followed up.



The day ended with a rally taken from AMRDO's office to Press Club, New Saeedabad.

Street Theater

On Sunday, February 21, 2010 a Street Theater performance on "Corruption and its evils" took place at Jehangir Kothari Parade, Quaid-e-Azam Mazar and Empress Market.



The idea behind this programme was to create awareness and involve the lay man in the fight against corruption. The program was greatly enjoyed by the public.



Mural Paintings

Transparency International Pakistan in collaboration with Heritage Foundation held a Mural Painting Competition amongst 9 schools in the Earthquake effected area of Pakistan. The competition took place in July and December 2009 with a total of 360 students participating in groups of 10 to produce 36 murals on "Child's View of Corruption".



On the 21st of February 2010 an exhibition of the murals was held at Jehangir Kothari Parade in Karachi. A large number of people from different walks of life viewed the murals. These murals depicted some of the corrupt practices in education, politics, health, religion, law and judiciary. Some of the murals showed pollution, deforestation, drugs and terrorism also as a part of corruption.



Members Meeting

An open house for members was held at Hotel Marriot, Karachi on February 19, 2010. This meeting was held to apprise the members of TI-P about the activities and programs that have taken place since the last members meeting. The members participated actively in the discussion providing suggestions and advices.



1st Annual CSOs Meeting

The first Annual Partners Meeting took place on 18th February 2010 in Karachi. It was attended by the six Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) with whom TI-P has signed MoUs. These CSOs represented all 4 provinces of Pakistan i.e. Al Mehran Rural Development Organization (AMRDO) and Fundamental Human Rights and Rural Development Organization (FHRRD) from Sindh, Citizens Commission for Development and Rural Development Organization for Punjab, Kuchlak Welfare Society from Quetta and Community Appraisal & Motivation Programme from N.W.F.P. Along with these six CSOs some other NGOs, with which TI-P could cooperate, were also invited to attend the meeting.



In the first session of the meeting a workshop on At the meeting each partner spoke regarding the work being done by them and what they envisaged about the future work with TI-P. This forum also provided a platform for networking amongst them. Next Syed A. Gilani, Chairman and Mr. Saad Rashid, Executive Director of TI-P addressed the gathering. The guests took active part by sharing their point of views and ideas.



Capacity Building Workshop

Capacity Building workshops were held for CSOs in Punjab and N.W.F.P from January 17 – 22, January. Mrs. N.A. Mirza represented Transparency International Pakistan at these workshops.

On 17th January the Capacity Building Workshop was held in Faisalabad in collaboration with Rural Development Organization (RDO). The workshop was attended by over 40 RDO volunteers and other social activists. The topic of the workshop was “corruption and its negative impact on society” and how RDO could disseminate this information.

RDO has set up another office in Faisalabad headed by a coordinator. This office will be a focal point in collecting corruption cases for onward processing to TI-P. Ms. Mirza was given the honor of opening this office..



7th YinG Workshop

The 7th YinG Workshop was held on the 29th and 30th of January, 2010 at Shah Abdul Latif University, Khairpur. Along with the students from Shah Abdul Latif University, students from 12 other universities from all over Pakistan attended the seminar.



On January 19, 2010 a workshop was held in collaboration with Citizens’ Commission for Human Development (CCHD) in Lahore. They had invited their social mobilizers, teachers and other members of the society working with them. The audience took active part in the discussion. The idea of making small groups to handle the problems was welcomed. They pledged to take TI-P’s message onwards.

Transparency International Pakistan along with Community Appraisal & Motivation Programme (CAMP) held a workshop in Peshawar on 22nd January 2010. The workshop was attended by CAMP’s social mobilizers. TI-P was represented by Mrs. N. A. Mirza.



TI Engagements

January 2010

January 4, 2010 Mr. Syed Adil Gilani and Mr. Saad Rashid were invited to a meeting with the Managing Director, Pakistan State Oil Irfan K. Qureshi at their headquarters in Karachi.

January 5, 2010 Mr. Zia ul Islam Zuberi Director and Mr. Naveed Iqbal Ansari General Manager M/s Siemens Pakistan Engineering Co Ltd visited the office of TI Pakistan. They discussed how Siemens could collaborate with TI-P on anticorruption. TI-P was represented by Mr. Syed Adil Gilani and Mr. Saad Rashid.

January 5, 2010 Mr. Sajid Aziz of the newspaper Financial Daily interviewed Mr. Syed Adil Gilani regarding the activities of TI Pakistan and the corruption situation in the country.

January 06, 2010 Mr. Arshad A. Zuberi, Secretary of the Board of Trustees, met Mr. Nawaz Sharif, chief of the second largest political party PML(N) in the National Assembly. Mr. Zuberi presented to him the recommendations of TI-Pakistan regarding the Holder of Public Office (HOPO) Accountability Bill that has to be debated in the Parliament.

January 9-16, 2010 A seminar took place in the Gujrat University organized by YinG.

January 12, 2009 A meeting took place between USAID and TI-P at the Hotel Marriott, Karachi. The USAID team consisted of Mr. Michael Hryshchysyn and Ms. Humaira Ashraf. TI-P was represented by Mr. Syed Adil Gilani and Mr. Saad Rashid.

January 27, 2010 A press conference was held on the restoration of buildings burnt by arsonists on the 28th of December, 2010. Besides Transparency International Pakistan, speakers from Heritage Foundation Pakistan, Association of Architects and Town Planners aired their views on the subject.

January 27, 2010 Mr. Syed Adil Gilani was interviewed by the private TV channel Zindagi TV on the subject of corruption in the award and execution of the contract of Shanghai Expo Pakistan Pavilion.

January 27, 2010 AAJ TV interviewed Mr. Syed Adil Gilani on the corruption in the Rental Power Plant Contracts. Mr. Gilani spoke on the steep increase of tariff in electricity if the Rental Power Plant contracts were awarded in its current form.

January 27, 2010 Mr. Syed Adil Gilani was interviewed by Samaa TV on corruption by the land mafia in the city of Karachi. He spoke on the widespread looting of the public's hard earned money by the builders in conjunction with the building control authority.

January 28, 2010 Mr Syed Adil Gilani was a panelist on the Indus TV program on heritage buildings of Karachi.

January 17, 2010 A workshop was held in Faisalabad in collaboration with RDO.

January 19, 2010 Ms. N. Mirza conducted a workshop in Lahore in collaboration with CCHD.

January 22, 2010 CAMP collaborated with TI-P to conduct a workshop in Peshawar.

January 29-30, 2010 The 7th YinG workshop was held in Shah Abdul Latif University, Khairpur.

February 2010

February 1, 2010 Mr. Daniel P Altman and Mr. Gregory E Picur, Special Agents USAID/OIG visited the TI Pakistan office. They had discussions on the views of TI Pakistan regarding ways and means to curb corruption in the utilization of foreign aid. TI-P was represented by Mr. Syed Adil Gilani and Mr. Saad Rashid.

February 1, 2010 Mr. Syed Adil Gilani was invited to a talk show by Express News on the topic of corruption in the Rental Power Plants project. The government was represented by Mr. Qayyum Jatoi, MNA Peoples Party.

February 2, 2010 The private TV Channel Business Plus invited Mr. Syed Adil Gilani for a discussion on the RPP projects. The anchor was Tammy Haq.

February 4, 2010 Mr. Syed Adil Gilani was invited to a talk on the RPP projects by AAJ TV

February 3, 2010 Mr. Syed Adil Gilani and Mr. Saad Rashid visited the headquarters of Pakistan International Airlines. The MD of PIA Capt Aijaz Haroon and Mr. Syed Adil Gilani signed an MOU under which TI-P would vet the tenders' documents of PIA for all major procurements.

February 18, 2010 The 1st Annual CSOs meeting took place with all CSOs members participating.

February 18, 2010 A half day workshop on Proposal Writing was conducted for the TI-P employees and CSO members.

February 19, 2010 Open House for members to apprise them of the activities and programs of TI-P took place at Marriot.

February 21, 2010 An exhibition of "Mural Paintings" painted by schools students from Hazara and Earthquake effected areas took place at Jhangir Khotari Parade, Karachi.

February 21, 2010 Street Theater Performance took place at 3 different locations in Karachi.

February 23 Mr. Syed Adil Gilani was invited to an interview with CNBC on the topic of Corruption in Pakistan.



February 24 Mr. Saad Rashid met with Mr. Todd Sorensen Governance Specialist. He gave a presentation of the programme and activities of TI-Pakistan.

February 26, 2010 2nd Essay Competition on Child's View of Corruption took place in 4 private Schools.

March 2010

March 8, 2010 International Women's Day Celebration was held in New Saeedabad, Sind. Al Mehran Rural Development Organization arranged this event with the collaboration of Transparency International Pakistan. TI-P was represented by Nargis A. Mirza.

March 9, 2010 International Women's Day Seminar was held by the Aurat Foundation at the Regent Plaza Hotel, Karachi. Nargis A. Mirza attended the seminar from TI-P.

March 11, 2010 Mr. Syed Adil Gilani was interviewed telephonically by AAJ TV on the press release of TI-P for re-promulgation of the law for the Competition Commission of Pakistan. He also gave a TV interview to CNBC on the same subject.

March 16, 2010 Launching of YinG club in University of Faisalabad took place. A seminar was held with prominent speakers. Debates also took place.

March 16, 2010 Seminar on "UN Global Compact 10th Principle & Corporate Sector Engagement" took place in Lahore in collaboration with Center for the Globally Responsible Leaders. Mr. Syed Adil Gilani chaired a session of the seminar.

March 18, 2010 Mr. Syed Adil Gilani gave an interview with the private channel CNBC. The topic of the Interview was the promulgation of the law for the continuation of the Competition Commission of Pakistan

March 20, 2010 A Capacity Building & Training workshop on "Sindh Public Procurement Rules 2010" took place at Hotel Marriot, Karachi.

March 24 2010 a team from USAID comprising of Ms. Humaira Ashraf, Governance Specialist and Mr. Imran Baluch, Financial Analyst visited the TIP office. They checked the financial procedures followed by TI Pakistan. A discussion on the activities of TI P followed.

March 25, 2010 Mr. Saad Rashid met Mr. Shahid Latif Khan Director General Trade Development Authority of Pakistan. They finalized the modalities of the MOU to be signed between TI Pakistan and TDAP under which TIP will assist TDAP to comply with the Public Procurement Rules 2004

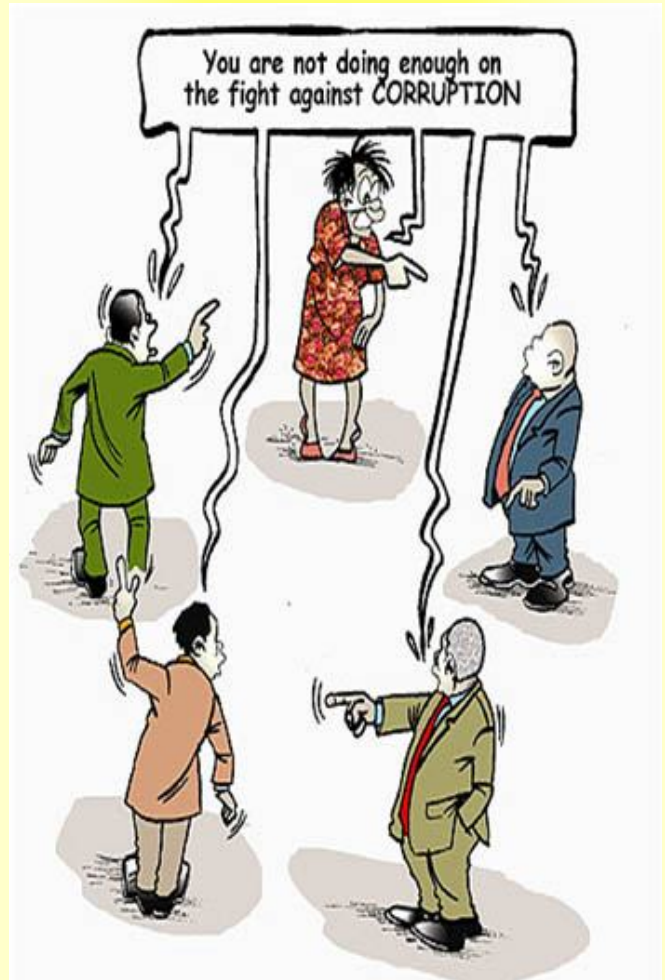
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March 31, 2010 A workshop on CSO networking took place in New Saeedabad in collaboration with Al Mehran Rural Development Organization. A large number of CSOs from Sindh attended this workshop.

March 31, 2010 Stephanie March of Radio Australia interviewed Mr. Saad Rashid on the Supreme Court 24 hour ultimatum to NAB Chief.





Poll

Do you think that Youth can play a role in eliminating corruption?

Yes 69%
No 31%

Next Poll

In your view which of these organizations is the most corrupt in Pakistan?

- I. Education
- II. Health
- III. Power
- IV. Land Revenue
- V. Taxation
- VI. Police
- VII. Judiciary
- VIII. Customs
- IX. Media
- X. Local Government
- XI. Tendering and Contracting

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