

Newsletter

Oct-Dec, 2023



Prime Minister Pakistan, Mr. Anwaar-ul-Haq Kakar, visited the patients.

All-Inclusive Healthcare: Eighteen Prisoners Received Treatment for Blinding Cataracts

Prioritizing Eye Health for Female Agriculture and Garment Factory Workers

In the presence of Minister for P&S healthcare Mr. Jamal Nasir, MoU for "Comprehensive Eye Care for Female Agriculture and Garment Factory Workers Project (2023-27)" was signed by the Special Secretary P&S Healthcare Punjab, Country Manager The Fred Hollow Foundation and Principal, College of Ophthalmology and Allied Vision Sciences. This project, worth A\$. 3 million, is with financial support of an INGO, The Fred Hollow Foundation.



Farewell to outgoing, Nursing Instructor, Mrs. Tehsina Akram



The launch of the ROP Screening Program through telemedicine was inaugurated by Minister of Health, Prof. Javed Akram, and Prof. Clare E. Gilbert, a British ophthalmologist, at the ceremony.

The inaugural ceremony of the ROP telemedicine screening facility, provided to THQs and DHQs hospitals to facilitate the prevention of ROP blindness, witnessed the participation of a large gathering of ophthalmologists, pediatricians, and gynecologists from all over Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.





- On Request of Daewoo Bus Service, Chief Executive officer Mayo Hospital Lahore and Principal COAVS conducted eye health screening and color vision assessment of 450 Drivers of speedo Bus Service. Senior Optometrist COAVS Muhammad Anwar Awan conducted screening from December 14, 2023 to December 21, 2023.
- Prof. Dr. Muhammad Moin, Principal COAVS, conducted a workshop for optometrists and opticians in collaboration with society of optometrist, orthoptists and ophthalmic technologists Pakistan (SOOOP) on “Professionalism and ethics” (2nd December 2023).
- COAVS participated in Riphah International Conference of Rehabilitation Sciences. Three national and one international workshop were conducted at COAVS in collaboration with Society of Optometrist, Orthoptists and Ophthalmic Technologists Pakistan (SOOOP) (October 6-8, 2023).
 - a. **Dr Nicole Carnte**, Associate Professor, University of New South Wales, Sydney Australia, conducted a workshop on contact lens at COAVS.
 - b. Ms. Ayesha Saleem conducted a workshop on low vision and use optical devices.
 - c. Ms. Ayesha Sarfraz conducted a workshop on strabismus myths.
 - d. Mr. Zia ur rehman conducted a workshop on electrophysiology of vision
- Instructional courses on LOW VISION, CONTACT LENS and ORTHOPTICS were conducted by Optom. Ayesha Saleem, Optom. Anwar Awan, Optom. Beenish Latif, Optom. Madiha Nazly, Orthoptist Ayesha Sarfraz, Orthoptist Tayyaba Burhan, Orthoptist Rushda Zaidi (8th December 2023 to 10th December 2023 in OSP conference, Pearl Continental Hotel, Lahore).
- A collaborative effort of Sight Savers International and College of Ophthalmology and Allied vision sciences resulted in approval of two-year diploma program of Dispensing Opticianry technician by Punjab Medical Faculty (August 9, 2023). First batch of this course has been enrolled in COAVS under the leadership of Prof. Muhammad Moin, Principal COAVS.
- Certificate Distribution Ceremony was held in Four-Point Sheraton Hotel for opticians who successfully completed certification under the umbrella of SOOOP (December 2, 2023).

Credit : Ayesha Saleem

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COMMUNITY NEWS



International Women's day celebrated in collaboration with FHF in Khushab, Dera Ghazi Khan and Mianwali to strengthen eye care awareness among community members.

Ahsan Ali's journey to clear vision at the PIEH clinic, RHC Tulamba, Khanewal, transformed his life. With precise diagnosis and personalized care from Optometrist Akif Nazir, he received right diagnosis with therapy, enabling him to excel academically. Ahsan received his new glasses with enthusiasm, and from the moment he put them on, the world transformed. **The once blurry whiteboard became visible at age of 11.**

Project is being run in collaboration with sightsavers.



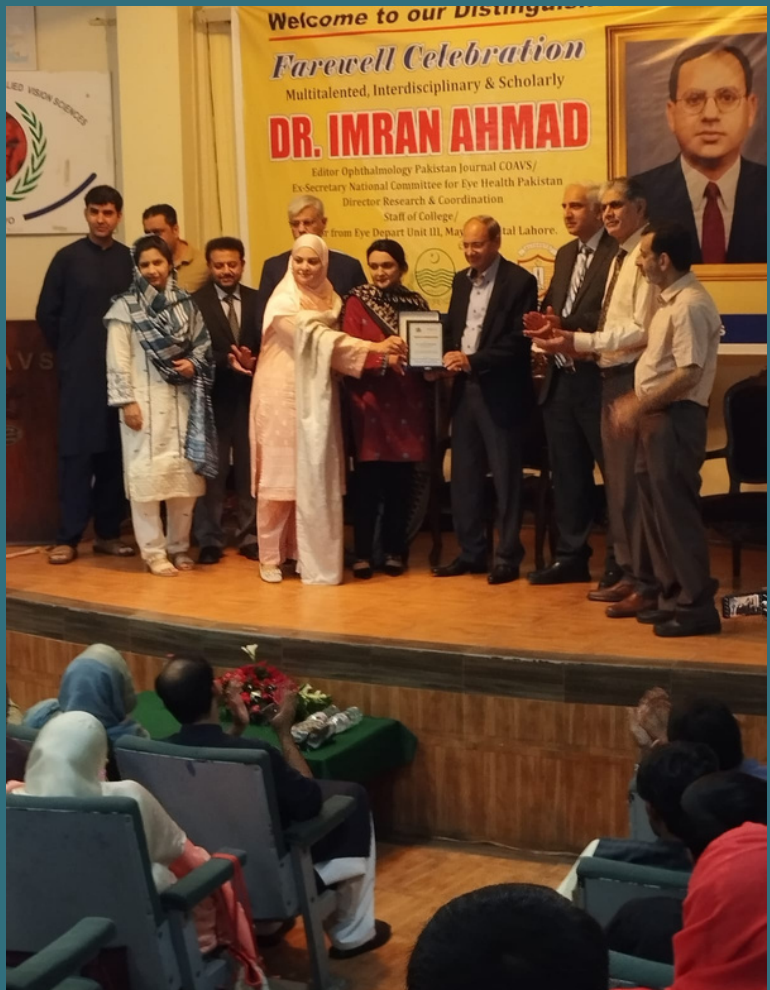
Glad to announce **SEHRA RY Khan (School Eye Health Rapid Assessment)** for mapping the need of School Screening in all Tehsils, through SH&NSs using Peek Tool.



Kickoff meeting for **Quality Spectacles** @subsidized rates, in partnership with COAVS, CBM, HANDS, BHF & DOABA held in District Chakwal. Ensuring quality services for deserving communities in collaboration with CBM.



Ophthalmoscopy Training to all Medical Officers at BHUs in Chakwal. A step ahead with Peek for accurate results & max true +ve ratios under CBM Peek Project, Chakwal.



DR. IMRAN AHMAD

Talented, Interdisciplinary and reverent Researcher
Farewell ceremony, October 20, 2024

Print and Broadcast Blitz: Spreading Vision Care Awareness Far and Wide



Credit: Hammad Farid

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