Public Information Officers designated under section (7) of The Punjab Transparency and Right to Information Act 2013 have been given significant responsibilities in the implementation of law. For successful implementation it is imperative PIO's are well aware of their duties and functions. CPDI took an initiative to arrange consultation meetings with PIO's which aimed for enhancing capacity on Law and to understand challenges on their part which hampers flow of information. These consultation meetings mobilized eighty officers of different district and provincial government departments in the four districts of Punjab including the provincial capital.

In order to popularize RTI among the masses CPDI team on regular basis reach to different citizen groups to educate them on law and enable them to connect RTI with their issues. 14 such meetings were organized with students, IT professionals, farmers, media representatives and business persons.

RTI empowers a common men and reaching them at large our RTI stalls are arranged on fortnightly basis at the prominent public places to guide citizens on law and to share relevant RTI material. 12 RTI stalls were arranged at District Multan, Lahore, Sargodha and Jhang.

Our volunteers activated in four districts of Punjab filed 20 requests pertaining to inspection of record, samples collection and information seeking based on common governance and service delivery issues in their respective districts.
Developing Employability Skills among Educated Youth (DESEY)

Developing Employability Skills among Educated Youth aims to prevent youth from joining the violent groups by imparting employable skills and Civic education. Under this initiative so far CPDI had trained 1500 youth of four districts (Multan, Muzaffargarh, Lodhran and Muzaffargarh).

CPDI in collaboration with Umeed e Jawan has organized second DESEY Job fair (career expo) in Multan this month. The aim of this continuous practice was to provide the opportunity to the qualified trainees to meet with the employers and get their desired job according to their skills and preferences.

Trainees after successfully completing the modules of skill development training are now ready to enter into local and national job market. The event has opened the opportunity for students and enabled them to meet a large number of employers and will get prompt information about requirements and preconditions of employment.

Meanwhile employer also got an opportunity to display their products and can choose the desired skilled employees from the pool to enhance their human resources.

Advocacy Consultancy on Rights of Minorities:
Panel Discussion

CPDI in collaboration with The Asia Foundation (TAF) conducted a panel discussion on minority right at Islamia University Bahawalpur to highlight the need for advocacy on minority rights in the country. In the discussion Dr. Mussawer Bukhari while sharing the importance of the constitutional rights of Minorities and its implementation in Pakistan said that the constitution of Pakistan gives equal rights to minority to participate in the economic, social and political activities. Dr. Asif Ranjha said that without the participation of minorities it is very difficult to bring a positive and social change in society. On the occasion Nethelson John representative of Christen Community and director of Fatima Old Age home shared his experience with all participants and bring a light on the issue of minorities facing in society.
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