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INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF AG OFFICE BUILDING

The Auditor General of Pakistan Rana Assad Amin visited Peshawar for inauguration of B Block in the AG complex Peshawar. This was a visit by Auditor General of Pakistan after a span of 10 years.

The Accountant General Khyber Pakhtunkhwa welcomed the Auditor General and informed him about the progress and achievements during the last six months.

The Auditor General of Pakistan Rana Assad Amin informed the officers that recovery made through audit across the country add up around Rs.40 billion annually to the national kitty through transparent and impartial auditing of the government departments.

Addressing the inaugural ceremony of B Block, the Auditor General informed that a proposal has been floated to allocate one percent of the total recoveries on the instance of audit for the welfare of the AG office employees.

The proposal was under active consideration of the government and the Federal Finance Minister had agreed in principle to this effect. Paper work was in progress in this regard. He informed that the allocation of one percent Rs.400 million per

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LETION OF B BLOCK OFFICE OF
AUDITOR GENERAL KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA
ALSO INAUGURATED BY
IA ASSAD AMIN
AUDITOR GENERAL OF PAKISTAN
ON 12 JANUARY 2016



Rana Assad Amin, Auditor General of Pakistan, Inaugurating a new Block in AG Office.

annum would help provide for the welfare activities of the Audit & Accounts employees.

The Auditor General said, that a system of reward has

been started in the audit and accounts offices to encourage the officers showing best performance and in this year



six auditors have been given honoraria for best audit paras. He informed that around 500 junior auditors would be recruited by June 2016 to overcome the shortage of staff. A transparent and merit based policy has been evolved for the appointment of auditors in foreign Missions which is being implemented in letter and spirit. At present officers of PAAS are working at Pakistan missions in London and New York. Similarly new offices are being created in four more missions abroad.



Auditor General of Pakistan addressing PAAS officials

The Auditor General said that no long term planning existed before his taking over of the AGP office and for the first time a four years 2015-19 Strategic Plan has been formulated for improving efficiency of the department and various programs have been outlined.

He informed that various training programs have also been initiated within the country and abroad for capacity building of the staff members of the office of Auditor General of Pakistan.



Group photo with Speaker Provincial Assembly K.P.K

The Auditor General of Pakistan Called on the Governor K.P, Chief Minister K.P and Speaker Provincial Assembly Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. The AGP discussed matters of mutual interests regarding transparency accounting and auditing in the Province.

The AGP shared updated position of Audit Reports of the province with them.



Group Photo with Officers.

During the meeting with Mr. Asad Qaiser, the Speaker Provincial Assembly informed that sub-committees of Public Accounts Committee will be constituted soon for disposal of the pending Audit Reports.

Department and Accountant General Office.

The AGP assured full cooperation or bringing transparency, accountability and good governance in all spheres in the province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.



Shah Mahmood
ADDITIONAL
ACCOUNTANT GENERAL

CREATION OF ADDITIONAL ACCOUNTANT GENERAL K.P POST.

The Government of Pakistan approved creation of post of additional accountant General for the Office of the Accountant General Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Upon creation of this post, Mr. Shah Mahmood Khan (BS-19) officer of Pakistan Audit and Accounts Service (PA&AS) has been posted as Additional Accountant General Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.

The officer belongs to 30th CTP and was working as Chief Economist FATA Secretariat on deputation since 2011.

SMART CARD FOR PENSIONERS.



Meeting with Speaker Provincial Assembly K.P

On the initiative of the AG, KP and in collaboration with the Finance Department of K.P Government, the AG, KP Office will be issuing Smart Card to all Pensioners.

Also concerted efforts are being undertaken to convert all BPS-17 to BPS-22 pensioners to DCS before the deadline of 31th March 2016.

Facilitation of pension payment and Automation of Pension.

There are about 160,000 pensioners of the provincial government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. But instances of unauthorized payment of pension have been reported. Pension is consuming about 11% of the provincial current budget and is continuously on the rise and may become unmanageable by 2030. Manual record keeping, manual audit and control of information is very difficult and the Government is facing perpetual losses on this accounts.

Due to enormity of the information processing involved, a computerized solution, backed by comprehensive database for the use of key stakeholders is essential. The Direct Credit system (DSC) developed under of pension directly to the bank accounts in the pattern of salaries.

In addition to that the pensioners' will get rid of waiting in queues outside banks, in harsh weather and would get the facility of free ATM card, check book and convenience of their choice to withdraw pension. A system of biometric based verification is being introduced, relieving the pensioners' from manual proof of life certificates.

The Project Automation of Pension Payment System, a joint venture of Finance Department and Accountant General Khyber Pakhtunkhwa has been launched successfully. About 72 operators have been hired for the conversion process and have been trained in two batches. The first batch was trained between 14-18th December 2015 and the second from 28th December 2015 to 1st January 2016 in the FOTC Accountant General office Peshawar.

Account General Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Shehzada M. Taimur Khusrow awarded certificates to the second batch of 36 computer operators/IT Assistants. He is personally patronizing the activity and has accordingly directed all the district account officer to extend all possible support in the matter and ensure timely conversion of the manual payments to DCS.



Meeting with Governor KP

The operators posted in all the districts have triggered the conversion and 877 pensioners were converted in January 2016 (excluding AG Office). The staff has acclimatized with the system and working of pension wings in the district account offices, as well as dealing with conversion process has got momentum and continuously on the rise and would hopefully achieve the targets by 31st March 2016.

A Project Management Unit, headed by the Project Director Saif Usmani has been established in Finance Department which is continuously monitoring the progress and keeping liaison with the Pension Wing of Accountant General's office, Pension Facilitation Center, SAP-CC, District Account Offices and National Banks. Guidelines banners have been supplied to the National Banks. Guidelines banners have been supplied to the National Banks and all DAOs.

The pensioners are being facilitated in filing of option forms, opening of bank accounts, preparation of indemnity bond and verification of the record in the District Accounts Office.

Machine readable, computerized Pensioner's identity card are being issued to the pensioners. Deputy Account General Pension Mr. Shahid Ali Khan is the issuing authority and Mr. Abid Mumtaz in the pension facilitation center is the focal person for the purpose. The forms are available online on the website of finance department and Accountant General Office.

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