

Punjab unveils new labour policy

LAHORE: The Punjab government has launched new Punjab Labour Policy and an inaugural ceremony was organized at the Industrial Relations Institute on Friday which was presided over by Punjab Labour and Human Resource Minister Ansar Majeed Khan.

A large number of workers, employers and government officials of different department attended the ceremony. According to a department's spokesperson, after assuming power in Punjab and successfully completing 100 days of good governance, numerous steps had been undertaken by the Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) government to ensure social and economic welfare of the workers.

Of these endeavors, finalization of the Punjab Labour Policy 2018 is one of them which encompasses and highlights future policy interventions focused upon result-oriented implementation of prevailing labour laws and identification of key objectives to be achieved both in the short as well as long run together with implementation strategies.

The newly-framed policy elaborates future policy and strategic interventions in predominant areas of labour interest which include elimination of child labour and enrolment in schools, payment of monetary incentives through Khidmat Cards, eradication of bonded labour, enhancement in notified minimum wages for the workers, free medical facilities even after retirement, new legislation on occupational safety and health, separate legislations for domestic and home based workers, freedom of association and facilitating trade unionism, women's participation in industrial progress, elimination of gender discrimination and harassment, establishment of more labour colonies for the workers and timely payment of welfare grants to the workers, including marriage grant, death grant and talent scholarships.

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