

Press Release

Anita Ghulam Ali Teachers' Award 2008 Pakistan

**Anita Ghulam Ali Teachers' Award 2008 – Repositioning Teachers in Pakistan - Award Ceremonies Kick off in Karachi on March 28th, 2009
Final Award Ceremony to be held on April 30, 2009 Chief Guest Federal Secretary for Education - Mr. Abdur Rauf**

Ms. Abida Mukhtar, representing Sindh, was one of the 10 recipients of the Anita Ghulam Ali Teachers Award 2008 launched at the occasion of the World Teachers' Day 2008. Awarded the 2nd Prize, Ms. Abida is a Chemistry teacher at the City School in Karachi (Nazimabad Branch). She is well acknowledged by her students for making them independent learners through experiential methods, project based learning, encouraging research and analytical thinking as well as opportunities to participate in exhibitions. As remarked by one student" Ms. Abida has made chemistry fun and easy to understand, I do not need tuitions any more!"

The Anita Ghulam Ali Teachers' Award 2008 was eligible for secondary level(9-12) Science teachers, with rigorous criteria, backed by proper evidence. These criteria were: Professional Excellence (3 previous years' results); Intellectual Enterprise & Creative Writing; Active Citizenship and Sacrifices for Quality Education. The 10 winners were selected out of 163 entries.

The Federal Secretary for Education, Mr. Abdur Rauf will present the awards to the remaining winners alongside eminent Award Panel members on April 30, 2009 at the National Science Foundation in Islamabad. The Federal Minister for Education is extremely happy to participate in the Award ceremony, as a timely intervention, completely merit based in character and transparency. He said 'both virtues are truly representative of Professor Anita Ghulam Ali herself'.

The first leg of the Award ceremony was conducted on March 29th, 2009 at the Marriott hotel, in the presence of many eminent citizens and the panel representatives from Sindh: Ms. Aameena Saiyid, Country Director Oxford University Press; Dr. Mohammad Memon, Director Aga Khan University – Institute of Education Development (AKU-IED), Syed Mashood A. Rizvi, Director British Council Sindh and Balochistan; Ms. Zubaida Mustafa and Mr. Asif Noorani of Dawn Group and other dignitaries from Karachi City District Government Department of Education. The family members of Ms. Abida Mukhtar were also present, feeling proud of their daughter's achievement.

The AGA Teachers Award 2008 comprises of a citation especially created for the winner and signed by Professor Anita Ghulam Ali; a Shield, a Medal a Cheque of values : Rs. 100,000, Rs. 50,000, Rs.30,000 and Rs. 15000 to the first (1), second (3), third (3) and fourth (3) winners respectively .

Professor Anita Ghulam Ali was delighted to see that the award is symbolic of the movement towards repositioning of teachers' status in Pakistan and that 6 out of 10 winners came from the public sector. Professor Anita hoped that the number of awards will be enhanced in the years to come and extended to teachers of both science and social sciences.

A living legend as a teacher and mentor, a citizen par excellence of Pakistan, the ultimate humanist and a modern social reformer, Professor Anita Ghulam

Ali, is currently the Managing Director of the Sindh Education Foundation. She is truly an epitome of what a contemporary teacher must be about in any society across the globe. An award bearing her name carries many messages of courage, change, quality education and impeccable integrity.

Name	Institution / Address	District / City
Mrs. Qamer Zia Iqbal – 1 st	Govt. Girls High School # 1,	Chakwal
Ms. Abida Mukhtar – 2 nd	The City School, Gulshan Senior Branch,	Karachi
Ms. Saima Khusro – 2 nd	F.G Girls Model School, G-10 / 1,	Islamabad
Ms. Samina Saeed – 2 nd	F.G Girls Model School, G-6 / 1-3,	Islamabad
Ms. Haseen Bibi – 3 rd	Govt. Girls High School # 1 Fateh Jang	Attock
M. Gul Feroz – 3 rd	Govt. Model High School	Layyah
Mr. Nadeem Anwar – 3 rd	Lahore Grammar School, 55 Main Gulberg	Lahore
Ms. Shamim Fatima – Consolation (4 th)	Govt. Girls Higher Secondary School Rohillanwali	Muzaffargarh
Mr. Faiz Ullah Jan – Consolation (4 th)	Govt. Sandeman High School	Quetta
Ms. Fouzia Abid – Consolation (4 th)	Lahore Grammar School, 55 Main Gulberg,	Lahore

Out of the 10 winners, six represent the public sector.

The award is fully endorsed by the following leading educators.

Selection Panel:

Professor Khawaja Masud	A revered Pakistani Professor, Thinker and Activist (National)
Syed Raza Kazim	A teacher, thinker and inventor – the Renaissance Man (Punjab)
Dr. Arfa Syeda	(Former) Chairperson National Commission on the Status of Women & Educator (National)
Dr. Mohammad Memon	Director Aga Khan University, Institute for Education Development (National)
Professor Bernadette Dean	Principal Kinnaird College (Punjab)
Professor Shaheen Sardar Ali	Professor of Law, Warwick School of Law & University of Oslo (NWFP)
Dr. (Hon.) Zobaida Jalal	Educator and People’s Representative (Balochistan)
Mashood Rizvi	Director British Council (Sindh & Balochistan)
Ameena Saiyid (OBE)	Country Director Oxford University Press Pakistan & an Educator (Sindh/National)
Baela Raza Jamil	Educator and Chairperson ITA (National)

Endorsed by Professor Anita Ghulam Ali

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- **Anonymous**
- Zubaida Jalal
- Oxford University Press (OUP) Pakistan

- Kifayat Academy
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• Ms. Abida Mukhtar of City School – Nazimabad Branch Receiving the Anita Ghulam Ali Teachers' Award from Professor Anita Ghulam Ali Herself in Karachi on March 28th, 2009.



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