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MASS COMMUNICATION SITUATION IN PAKISTAN

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The mass communication situation in Pakistan presents a coexistence of the modern and traditional modes of communication, thriving side by side and in fact assisting each other in providing information, instruction, and entertainment and influencing the moods, temperaments, and attitudes of the common man. While the press, films, radio, and TV are making substantial progress, Pakistan has also entered the space communication age. The ground stations at Karachi and Chittagong, when completed, would, through a communication satellite, bring the West and East Pakistan, now separated by more than a thousand miles of Indian territory, nearer to each other, and in course of time, technical progress would enable the mass media to derive full benefit from the space communication.

The rural life abounds in traditional modes of communication. There are bards who have at their finger-tips the entire history of families, puppeteers weaving stories of the past into the patterns of the present, ballad singers entertaining people with semi-dramatic and dramatic performances, and there is the traditional meeting place named Dara or Chanpul where the old and the young meet and at times make decisions after hot discussions. Sometimes the village teacher or any elder reads a newspaper aloud. In cities as well as villages announcements are still made by the beat of the drum and there exists a class of professional satirists who though uncouth, uncultured and uneducated, enter the birth and the marriage parties and continue giving anecdotes, tit-bits and performing short skits for about an hour mainly on current themes and sometimes make very candid and sharp comments on politics of the day. Like the champil of the village, there are meeting places in cities where the common man discusses local, national, and even international politics.

However the biggest and the most influential traditional centres of communication are the mosques of which there is no dearth in the cities and villages of Pakistan. There are thousands of mosques spread over the entire country, each serving as a religious, cultural, and even educational centre. From the pulpit of the mosque the Imam or the local religious leader addresses the congregations particularly on Fridays giving religious sermons as well as interpreting current events as he understands them.

Almost all the traditional modes of communication are utilized by the political parties, social organizations, and the information setups of the government for the propaganda aimed at influencing public opinion and shaping attitudes of the people towards social change. Particular themes are woven into the folk songs. Some of the folk songs and ballad singers are brought on radio and TV and thus an inter-mixing of the rural and the urban culture takes place.

Modern Media of Mass Communication: There are 1167 journals and periodicals appearing in English, Urdu, and Bengali. The number also includes journals in regional languages like the Punjabi, Pashto, Sindhi, and Baluchi. The number of dailies exceed one hundred of which about a dozen appear in English. They include both morningers and eveningers. However the stronger in circulation are the Urdu and Bengali dailies.

To be precise, circulation of daily newspapers was not more than three per thousand inhabitants in 1958. Today despite a substantial increase in population, it is eight per thousand inhabitants. The figure if compared to those of advanced countries, seems to be very low but it does mark an appreciable rise.

The impact of our press on urban society is far greater than the figures indicate. Our daily newspapers go to villages in a very small number. They are mainly read in the seventy-six cities--each having a population of more than twenty-five thousand. Their total population should at the moment, be in the neighbourhood of seventeen million of whom about six million are literates. If we presume that seven out of eight hundred thousand newspapers published every day reach these
cities, we could safely conclude that there exists one newspaper for every eight or nine literate inhabitants of our cities which is not at all a discouraging situation particularly because the joint family system still persists and each newspaper is invariably read by more persons. Thus we find that almost all urban literates have access to newspapers.

A reassuring aspect is the rapid growth of the national language press. Of an estimated total circulation of eight hundred thousand, the English-language newspapers account for about one hundred and fifty thousand copies. Only a decade back, no Urdu paper could even dream of attaining a circulation equal to that of the most widely-circulated English daily. Today it is just the reverse. The largest circulated daily in Urdu has a circulation more than three times that of the largest-circulated among the English dailies. In East Pakistan too, the circulation of the most popular English daily is less than the circulation of the most popular Bengali daily.

With the opening of eight new universities and scores of colleges, a tremendous rise in the number of graduates and retention almost indefinitely of English as the official language and as medium of instruction at higher levels of learning, the English-language papers ought to have made progress, but the psychological change brought about by freedom and national consciousness and material improvement in content and appearance of the national language dailies have swung the newspaper readers to their side. However, the English-language dailies retain a strong impact on the intelligentsia and their position would not, within a foreseeable future, be reduced to that of English-language newspapers in the Middle East.

- The accelerated process of urbanization, industrial expansion, improvement in communication and transport facilities and the rapid progress in the domain of education brought about by the Second Five-Year Plan have produced five groups of population educated enough to read and appreciate newspapers. These are labourers, students, women, children and small businessmen. These groups have been catered to by the national press by affording them better opportunities of projecting their problems. That has changed the character-pattern of the press particularly that of the national language press. Every paper worth the name has introduced special features, pages and even special weekly supplements in order to respond to the call of the times. As the general mass of the people keen to read the newspaper is either just literate or half-educated, there is a growing emphasis on pictorial journalism, colour printing, large headlines, short editorials and simpler language. This has also been made possible through a technological revolution in the production processes. Most of the Urdu papers have abandoned the slow-processed archaic litho method of printing, have by-passed the letter-press stage and jumped right to the offset method of printing, the most modern in newspaper production. This has given a boost-up to pictorial journalism and use of colour in printing.

Another important aspect of progress is the emergence of the mass circulation “Digest magazines” in Urdu and recently of the Sunday journalism that includes not only the Sunday supplements of the dailies but also the other widely-circulated and general—purpose illustrated weeklies. The digest magazines in Urdu have hit hard the sale of foreign digest magazines in Pakistan and probably a daring venture in the yet unexplored news magazines field would help in reducing the influence of foreign news magazines in the country.

The mass movement for the restoration of democracy in 1968-69 and the revival of full political life during 1970 leading to the general elections to the National and Provincial Assemblies on adult franchise and “one man, one vote” basis transformed the character of our entire press. A large number of new dailies appeared in both Urdu and English which were political in character and thus partisan journalism emerged on a large scale. Not only that, a number of important weeklies too, appeared on the scene which represented militant political views. They included the leftist as well as the leftist viewpoints. The new press made considerable contribution to the promotion of political consciousness among the literate masses but at the same time was responsible for liberty of an unbridled type, bordering on license.

Though some newspapers have little regard for the accuracy and authenticity of the data they publish in order to expose personalities and institutions and therefore, at times, their credibility undergoes sharp decline, yet the very existence of these journals is useful in the
sense that it keeps many public officials and administrators of institutions alert and on the right path. These newspapers could be much more useful to the society if they pay due attention to the accuracy and authenticity of the data and refrain from using vulgar language.

This long survey of our progress does not indicate that the circulation of our papers has reached the saturation point. Their is yet a long distance to cover. Our press has reached only one-third of the urban population. The rest has yet to be approached. Then the rural society provides a large vacuum. The rural population forming eighty-five per cent of the total population does not have access to dailies. They are generally fed by radio, to a certain but very limited extent by the T.V. and by small weeklies appearing from small towns and the regional dailies. The number of such papers is pretty large but their circulation is very low, therefore their impact leaves much to be desired. The primary reason of the low circulation is paucity of editorial talent and the attempt to ape the Metropolitan dailies which invariably and for obvious reasons, fails. Secondly they do not give enough coverage to local and regional news. Thirdly, they do not have the money to invest and fourthly the volume of advertisements is too small to sustain a newspaper of good standard.

However, these difficulties would disappear in the course of time as we are passing through an industrial and social revolution bringing in its wake great changes in every sector of our national life. The next twenty years are going to be very crucial in the history of our society as well as of our press. The 20 year Perspective Plan aims at a tripling of our Gross National Product, provision of full employment to the entire labour force, universal literacy and elimination of dependence on foreign assistance and all this is expected to happen despite an 8 crore estimated increase in population. Even during the current Third Five-Year Plan, the national economy is making great strides. Creation of four and a half million new jobs, development of basic industries, better housing, more health services and greater facilities for education are bound to make substantial impact. Besides seventy per cent of the children in the age groups of 5 to 10 years will be attending primary school in 1970. All this will provide immense

Coming back to the progress achieved by the national press in getting closer to the people, one might discuss a few points raised from time to time by the fast disappearing small groups of conservatives in the newspaper world. Unmindful of the fact that in an era of industrial and social revolution aiming at achieving within a few decades what was accomplished elsewhere in the slow and inevitable movement of history over centuries, the press has to be development-minded, they lament over the past when spicy but vulgar political acrobatics were considered indispensable for a newspaper. However they forget that in that phase of our past partition press, circulation remained blocked. It was only when the development era came that the press began to march from strength to strength. This is because the people wanted bread, not philosophy, clothing and shelter, and not fanciful slogans and when they saw newspapers projecting their own immediate needs and aspirations as well as their grievances, they began to take interest in newspapers and developed reading habits.

Journalism has become an industry but that does not deprive it of its missionary character. The very existence of a newspaper depends and shall always continue to depend upon popular approval, therefore journalism could not possibly refrain from playing missionary role.

Some regard it nothing less than a tragedy that high cost of production and still competition has led to the exit of the newspapers owned by individuals. This is a phenomenon common to the whole world and therefore without a remedy. However, this is true in Pakistan only in relation to Metropolitan dailies. For regional or local dailies or weekly newspapers requiring small investment, the field remains open for daring individuals provided they do not seek quick profits and could live on bare subsistence for the sake of their ideals. Such newspapers do exist in Pakistan and they are playing a notable role, however limited it may be.

It was not the Press and Publication Ordinance itself that infringed upon the freedom of the press but its application which left much to be desired. The biggest hurdle in the development of a free press was the rather unreasonable restrictions on the grant of declarations.
had no power to inflict a penalty of its own accord. Thirdly, with the exception of the Chairman and an observer on behalf of the Ministry of Information, no non-journalist was associated with the Court. All the six full members of the Court were elected by the CPNE. All these features demonstrated that our Press Court stood at par with that in any advanced country of the world and probably much more independent than the one in Italy which is a statutory body and is official-ridden.

A word about the Code of Ethics. The taboos placed on the press were the same as placed in the most advanced parts of the world. The law of the land everywhere taboos publication of matter tending to undermine the security of the state or solidarity of the nation or loyalty and allegiance of any member of the Armed Forces or that is apt to create ill-will among different sections of the people. Similarly aid from a foreign source is prohibited. The ethical values prevalent all over the world formed substantial part of the Code. They included avoidance or immorality, obscenity, use of vulgar expressions, exposure of private lives, libel or false allegations. Similarly fair and objective presentation of news including those of Courts of law and tribunals, headlines accurately presenting the content, non-publication of "off-the-record" statements, observance of embargoes on release dates of matter for publication, avoidance of publishing commercial matter as "reading matter", prompt publication of denials and corrections and protection of the journalists' right to professional secrecy are principles to which all respectable newspapers of the world adhere faithfully.

The non-publication of the "expunged" portions of parliamentary proceedings is a good principle as what is expunged ceases to be a part of the proceedings. However this is an aspect on which two opinions exist everywhere. Section 15 of the Code restricted the press from encouraging or provoking labour strikes and from publishing that might encourage agitational activity among students. This was needed by the peculiar requirements of Pakistan and probably in every developing country such a provision would be required.

However during the mass movement as well as in 1973 when
political activity was in full swing, the Press Court of Honour almost ceased to exist and it is very sad to say that the Code of Ethics too was no longer in vogue.

At the moment the press is rather restricted because of the Martial Law Regulations. However when power is transferred to the elected representatives of the people and democracy is restored, perhaps the Press Code of Ethics as well as the Press Court of Honour shall have to be revived and probably the cumbersome provisions of the Press and Publication Ordinance too would be removed.

Lastly we have to take cognisance of the economic problems faced by the industry in whose solution government could play an effective role. Firstly the need of the hour is to set up a high level committee to go into the question of high prices, bad packing, uneven quality and the unsatisfactory system of the distribution of Khulna Newsprint. If the prices could be brought down to the level of the international prices it would go a long way in relieving the delicate financial situation in which our newspapers are placed at the moment.

In 1971 due to the mass civil disobedience movement launched by Awami League in East Pakistan leading to separatism culminating in the establishment of a more stringent Martial Law, the newsprint supply underwent a crisis. That is why number of papers and a certain amount of newsprint was also imported from China to relieve the shortage. That, once again, brought into focus the need for a newsprint plant in West Pakistan. It may here be recalled that in September 1965 War too, newsprint supply was restricted leading to the reduction in the number of pages in newspapers. The time has come when we should give serious thought to the proposal. A rich advantage would be a healthy competition between the newsprint production in the two wings and that may lead to improvement in quality and decrease in price.

Secondly, a liberal policy is called for in connection with the import of machinery, spare parts, chemicals and other accessories. It is gratifying to learn that the Government has enhanced the advertisement further is required. That relates to commercial advertisements. Our industrialists tend to allocate small sums for publicity and a substantial part of even that goes to channels other than newspapers. It would perhaps be feasible to force the industrialists, may be through legislation, to earmark larger amounts for newspaper advertisements.

Radio Pakistan: Radio Pakistan wields tremendous influence over the 120 million people of Pakistan—much more than the daily newspapers. While the circulation of newspapers per thousand inhabitants is only eight and these too are read in cities and towns, Radio Pakistan with its 14 transmitting stations, and 36 transmitters comprising a total power of 3650 kilowatts covers the entire physical space and population of East Pakistan and 88 per cent of the population in West Pakistan. The number of radio receiver licenses was 932333 in mid-1966 which must have crossed the million mark by now. However the number of radio sets is much larger as many people do not have the license and with the coming in of the transistor age, it is very difficult for the authorities to detect the existence of unlicensed sets. Radio seems to be the absolute necessity for even the poorest people and one often comes across farmers in fields, street vendors and labourers at work keeping transistor sets at hand.

All stations of Radio Pakistan broadcast programmes of a total duration of ten hours each per day. The programmes include news, talks, discussions, newsreels, skits, features, plays, music and outside broadcasts and relays. The Central News Organisation puts out 71 news bulletins in 21 languages. For home consumption major bulletins are in English, Urdu and Bengali while thirteen bulletins are broadcast in regional languages like Kashmiri, Pushto, Sindhi and Baluchi. In addition local news bulletins in national and regional languages are broadcast by every station. Topical talks and commentaries on current events are broadcast regularly. Special programmes are broadcast regularly for school students as well as University students. There are programmes for women and children mostly conducted by themselves. The religious programmes and the forces' programmes cover about an hour today from each radio station. A programme for rural listeners is broadcast daily from almost all stations from 15 minutes in Karachi to one hour in Peshawar. These programmes deal with day to day
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...members of families. During the Indo-Pakistan War of 1965 the credibility of Radio Pakistan was simply tremendous and it helped in mobilising national effort for the preservation of independence. During East Pakistan crisis, Radio Pakistan again showed its capabilities of countering Indian propaganda.

Television: Television is a rage not only with the younger generation but also with the older one. The entire families along with visitors from neighbourhood remain glued to the TV throughout the five-hour programme on each of the six days of the week while on Monday when there is no programme, fans seem to be rather sad. The clientele of radio in TV homes is almost nil at the evening time. That clientele exists only during the day-line or after 10,30 p.m. or on Mondays when there is no TV programme.

It is about eight or nine years back that the people in Lahore and Karachi had their first glimpse of TV when Phillips Company installed a few TV sets in an exhibition and televised crude amateur programmes from improvised studios. That was only for a few days. It was in November 1964 that the Pakistan Government, in collaboration with Niappan Electric Company of Japan established two pilot stations—one in Lahore and the other in Dacca, on an experimental basis for a period of 90 days. Now under the auspices of the Pakistan Television Corporation, four TV stations are functioning namely in Lahore, Dacca, Rawalpindi-Islamabad and Karachi. The old 300 watt transmitters at Lahore and Dacca have already been placed by 5 kw and 6 kw transmitters, considerably extending their viewing range.

With the commissioning of a 10kw transmitter in the Murree Hills at a height of 7,750 feet about the sea-level Rawalpindi-Islamabad TV station signal has been extended to most of the important towns of the North-West Frontier Province and Northern Punjab, including Peshawar, Sialkot, Sargodha and Gujrat, some of them more than a hundred units from the Federal Capital. The fourth five-year plan envisages a network of further telecast transmitters relaying programmes of the four originating stations and with eventually cover about ninety per cent of the population.
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"Provincial Election '70' programme televised in December 1970. The correspondents appointed in all districts of East and West Pakistan as well as those stationed in election offices supplied in-the-minute information and election results. Four analysts drawn from senior journalists in each of the four stations gave a number of short talks on their assignments.

Films: With theatre almost non-existent and the stage performance of dramas being conducted on a limited scale, films constitute the only major source of entertainment for the people. The film industry in Pakistan is a thriving business, producing over 150 films a year. There is a growing trend of producing colour films. In fact, half of the total number of films prepared in West Pakistan are coloured films.

The history of the film industry in the sub-continent dates back to the early decades of this century, when a number of cinemas sprang up showing foreign films. This was soon followed by indigenous production of silent films. The talking movies began to be produced in the mid-thirties. When Independence came, all the important film-making centres remained in India while in Pakistan Lahore was the only city that could be called a film-producing centre. Even there were branches of the industry dominated by the Hindu community.

Lahore had four film studios in operation with a fifth under construction. With the exit of a large number of Hindu producers, directors, technicians and artists and the damage inflicted on the equipment in the studios, the trade was virtually paralysed. Only one studio was left in some shape.

The set count presents a very hopeful picture. Till December 1970, the total number of licenses issued (Rs. 50.00 per TV set) was 98,699. However, unofficially it is learnt that 140,000 sets have so far been sold in Pakistan besides those privately purchased from abroad or installed sets, the actual number of viewers far exceeds the million and a half estimate.

The programmes range from five minutes to two-hour duration. The programmes usually start with a five-minute talk by the news anchor, followed by a five-minute commentary on the news, and then a five-minute serial. The programmes could be categorised thus: news programmes; educational programmes; current affairs; musical programmes; music programmes; drama programmes; and documentaries. The programmes are broadcast in Urdu, Bengali and English from all stations.

The most outstanding achievement of television was the 'Elections '70' programme, which was a 36-hour continuous broadcast.

At the moment, Lahore, Karachi and Dacca are the main film-making centres. There are five studios in Lahore, three in Karachi, and one in Dacca, producing 100 films at any one time, the biggest of which is broadcast for 40 to 50 concurrently, running four shifts a day. The studios have a staff of about 100 persons, including producers, directors, technicians, and artists.
there exists a Government-sponsored Central Advisory Council having complete powers to deal with the problems of the film industry, particularly on the following issues: provision of raw material, technical equipment and machinery; fixation of tariff rates on raw material and different kinds of equipment; provisions of incentives such as awards or exemption from entertainment tax for approval films on national themes; pre-censorship guidance in respect of subjects and themes; policy-making relating to export, import and exhibition of foreign films; film exchange; promotion of film clubs and film festivals and joint production of films.

The emergence of Television has had no adverse effect on the film industry. In fact full-length features films are exhibited on TV twice a month from each of the four TV stations. Moreover a number of TV artists have entered the film industry and are making progress.

Documentary Films: Documentary films are produced by the Department of Films and Publications of the Ministry of Information and National Affairs (Government of Pakistan), the information set-ups in the provincial governments, the public relations cells of autonomous and semi-autonomous bodies and in some cases by private enterprises. The Department of Films and Publications has so far produced more than two hundred documentaries as well as hundreds of news-reels for both national and international consumption. Seventeen of these documentaries have obtained 23 awards in international film festivals.

Book Production and Publishing: There are two kinds of publishers in Pakistan, the commercial and the non-commercial ones. The commercial publishers undertake the publication of books from the sellers' point of view while the non-commercial publishers afford facilities to author whose works are academically of great value but their publication is not a feasible economic proposition or where the economic proposition is in doubt and a commercial publisher would not take the risk of investing money on its production and publication. The non-commercial publishers include the universities and learned societies as well as the government-subsidised autonomous boards and academies.
These voices are situated in Islamabad—Rawalpindi, the capital of Pakistan. The details are as follows:

**LAHORE**

The Department of Journalism at the Punjab University (Lahore) is the oldest of its kind in the Indo-Pakistan sub-continent. Founded in 1941, it had a one-year diploma course till 1959 when a two-year M.A. Course was introduced.

Staff: There is an Associate Professor who heads the Department, two Assistant Professors and two Lecturers in addition to ten part-time lecturers drawn from amongst the senior working journalists of Lahore employed in the various media of Mass Communication.

Students: Each year thirty students are admitted, so in all, the Department has 90 students. Admission is restricted to those graduates who take up either journalism at B.A level or some social science subject and are conversant with writing either in English or in Urdu. However, they know both languages.

Courses: The following subjects are taught:


Each candidate is expected to write a research report relating to public opinion poll or content analysis, capable students are also encouraged to write these on any aspect of Mass Communication. The others do a paper in Essay.

Methods of Teaching: Editorial Techniques are taught in an atmosphere of a newspaper office. There is a reporting laboratory with the necessary equipment including more than a dozen typewriters.
There is a News Room in which Reuter and APP services are received on teleprinter. We do not have a newspaper of our own as we consider it better to let the students serve as trainees in newspapers and news agency offices for a fixed period of time. Students are encouraged to write features. Every year hundreds of features written by our students appear in newspapers. A large number of books have been prescribed. Most of the foreign books are purchased in bulk and placed in the library. The library contains more than 2500 books on the subjects listed in the courses besides various newspapers and other periodicals, both national and foreign. We are also producing basic text-books in Urdu. Five books on Press History, Mass Communication, Editorial Techniques, Sub-Editing and Editorial Writing have already been published while another few are under preparation.

Liaison with the Industry: The liaison with the industry has the following features:

1. The Managing Committee of the Journalism Department consists of leading press, radio and television executives.
2. The Board of Studies includes a number of senior journalists.
3. Part-time lecturers are drawn from amongst the newspapers, wire services, radio and television.
4. Students work as trainees in the field under the care of senior journalists in their offices.

All graduates are absorbed in newspapers, news agencies, radio television, information departments of the Central and Provincial Governments, and in Public Relations Department of autonomous, semi-autonomous and commercial bodies.

Research and Reference Sections: This has recently been organised and placed under the care of a Research Assistant. This comprises all research reports and theses written under our auspices during last ten years, their descriptive catalogue, files and foreign journals related to the Mass Communication Media, a clipping record on all news-items connected with the media of Mass Communication, placed in yearly files under various heads and other miscellaneous things. The section also includes Encyclopaedia, American, Everyman’s Encyclopedia, Keosing’s Contemporary Archives and various Almanacs.

KARACHI

A diploma course in Journalism was introduced in 1955 whose duration was one year and the subjects included English Grammar and Composition, theory and practice of journalism, current affairs and shorthand and typing. Ten years ago a 2-year M.A. Course was introduced.

Staff: An Associate Professor functions as head of the department. There are two hole-time lecturers and a couple of part-time teachers drawn from amongst the senior journalists of the city.

Students: From fifteen to twenty are admitted annually.

Courses: The following subjects are taught:

- English Grammar and Composition
- Principles, history and legal aspects of journalism
- Media of mass communication
- Reporting, sub-editing and make-up
- Current Affairs: Radio and Television
- Public Relations
- Remedial Urdu
- Features, Editorial Writing and pictorial journalism
- Advertising: Financial, Commercial and Industrial Journalism
- Research Report: Media and Opinion Measurement

Method: Lectures and field work.

Note: One could take up either Urdu or English medium.

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The University of Dacca, the record oldest university in Pakistan, initiated a diploma course about a decade back which was of one year’s duration. Later a 2-year M.A. Course in Journalism was introduced.

Staff: An associate Press heads the department. He is assisted by a number of whole-time and part-time lecturers.

Students: About 20 students are admitted each year.
Courses: The following subjects are taught:

- Remedial English and English Prose or Remedial Bengali and Bengali Prose or Remedial Urdu and Urdu Prose
- Principle of Journalism
- Current Affairs with special reference to History of Pakistan Movement
- Reporting
- Sub-editing: Concept of Mass Communication, its theory and practice
- Advanced Reporting
- Advanced Feature Writing
- Advanced Editing and Make-up
- Advanced Advertising and Copywriting
- Advanced Radio and Television Journalism
- Advanced Commercial Reporting

Methods: Lectures, laboratory work and field work.

Television Training Institute: The Pakistan Television Corporation collaborates with the Pakistan Government in the maintenance of a Central Training Institute for television personnel in programme and news production and engineering. There are two kinds of courses—those for freshly recruited personnel and specialised in-service courses. A total of 159 programme, news, design, camera and engineering trainees have passed out from the institute since its inception in January 1967.

Information Service Academy: The Ministry of Information and National Affairs runs an Information Service Academy for specialised training in Public Relations techniques for those who are finally selected in the Central Superior Services Examination and given preference for joining Pakistan Information Service. The courses include Science of Communication, Social Sciences (Social Psychology, Sociology, Social Anthropology), Social and Human Background of Pakistan, Government Public Relations and Research both "documentary" and "living".

Radio Training: The ten-year old technical training school set up by Radio Pakistan serves the needs radio personnel. Lectures are arranged on various technical problems which a programme producer faces in his daily assignments. There are courses on a number of other broadcasting activities, such as listeners' research, development of drama, history of Pakistani music and broadcasting system in other countries. The school also arranges preliminary courses in radio technology and holds seminars whose recommendations as finally formulated are circulated to all stations for implementations.

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