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Special Assistant to the Prime Minister for Food Security Jamshed Iqbal Cheema has said that the Agriculture Transformation Plan as Envisaged by the Honourable Prime Minister of Pakistan is in fact a program of economic and social emancipation of the farmers. The goal of this program is self-sufficiency in food and eradication of poverty. Mr. Jamshed Iqbal Cheema expressed these views at a mega seminar on reforms in the country’s agriculture held today at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. He said that the Prime Minister’s program of changing Pakistan from agriculture to food sufficient country basically consists of three parts. The first part is to save water, the second part is to increase the agricultural area and the third part is to increase the production of fruits and vegetables. He termed the Prime Minister’s Agriculture Development Program as consisting of food, wheat and fiber. He said that 138 million-acre feet of water is currently available in Pakistan, out of which only 13 million acres feet is being used. According to the Prime Minister’s plan, water use will be increased to 26 million-acre feet and storage capacity will be created accordingly. A total of 220 million acres of land is available for cultivation in Pakistan out of which only 55 million acres are being used for agriculture which will be gradually increased. Similarly, the population of Pakistan is grain production and encouraging the cultivation of sugar beet instead of sugarcane,” he said. He said that agriculture and food security plan have started in a comprehensive manner. Thousands of acres of land have become arable in Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and the former FATA. In areas of the former FATA where people have been fighting terrorism for decades, they are now growing olives and other crops in connection with agriculture. With the help of solar technology, areas of former FATA, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Balochistan are being irrigated and settled. He said that the Prime Minister felt the need for future food requirements in view of the growing population. He often mentions malnutrition because by international standards, our people are 38% malnourished.
It is an agricultural country but wheat is still being imported. The government is focusing on food self-sufficiency as well as textile export. After 7 years, exports in the textile sector reached to 3 billion, which will be gradually increased to 20 billion and 26 billion US dollar. The government has increased the textile subsidy from Rs 66 billion to Rs 115 billion. Electricity and gas have been made cheaper for the textile industry and imports of machinery are being promoted. The food processing sector is very important. He said that agricultural research in Islamia University Bahawalpur is commendable. Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob is playing an outstanding role in all walks of life as per the vision of the Prime Minister. On this occasion, Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob thanked the Special Assistant to the Prime Minister for Food Security Jamshed Iqbal Cheema for coming to the University and delivering the keynote address. He said that his participation in the event was very important and that Jamshed Iqbal Cheema is playing an outstanding role in this regard. On the occasion, President Kisan Ittehad Group said that the private sector is fully prepared to take advantage of the Prime Minister’s vision for agricultural development and modern farming methods. This will enable higher production at lower cost and prosperity of the farmer. The development of modern technology in agriculture and said that agricultural research needs to be encouraged and the government is paying full attention to it. Dr Muhammad Ali Raza and Fariduddin, an artificial rain expert, also addressed the gathering. On this occasion, President Bahawalpur Chamber of Commerce Chaudhry Tanveer Mahmood, Syed Tabish Alwari, Jamshed Sindhu, Director Agriculture, Malik Yousuf, Senior Director Pakistan Agriculture Research Council, Dr. Lal Hussain, Director Regional Research Institute Bahawalpur, Chaudhry Bilal Ahmed Chairman Seed Association, Dr. Shaqiq Pitafi CEO Sun Crop Pakistan, Azra Sheikh progressive farmer, Imdad Chatha, Prof. Dr. Mansoor, Agricultural University Faisalabad, Khalid Mahmood Warraich, Chairman Fazal Group, Sheikh Muhammad Arif, Khan Khudayar Channar, farmers, faculty members attended in large number.
The Federal Government has approved the largest ever grant of Rs. 4090.294 million in the history of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur which is certainly a great welcome. This will usher in a new era of educational development in the region. Leading parliamentarian and intellectual Syed Tabish Alwari said that in line with the vision of Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Islamia University is achieving new goals. Among the projects approved are the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Institute of Physics, South Punjab Agriculture Institute and a hostel and teaching block for Bahawalnagar and setting up of a campus at Ahmad Pur East. The provincial government is providing 100 acres of land to Islamia University Bahawalpur free of cost for setting up a campus in Ahmad Pur East. Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob congratulated the entire community of Islamia University Bahawalpur on this great achievement and Chaudhry Muhammad Sarwar Governor Punjab, Shafqat Mahmood Federal Minister for Education, Tariq Bashir Cheema Federal Minister for Housing Works, Raja Yasir Humayun Sarfraz Provincial Minister for Higher Education, Ms. Kanwal Shozab Member National Assembly and Parliamentary Secretary Planning and Development, Muhammad Abdullah Khan Sunbal Chairman Planning and Development, Nadeem Meboob Secretary Higher Education Department. He thanked the friendly circles and also appreciated the efforts of the team of Islamia University Bahawalpur.

Federal Government approves 6 Development Projects of IUB

The Federal Government approved 6 development projects worth Rs. 4090.294 million for the Islamia University of Bahawalpur including Ahmad Pur East Sub Campus. The Central Development Working Party will approve these plans at a meeting of the Planning Commission of Pakistan. The meeting was chaired by Deputy Chairman Planning Commission Dr. Muhammad Jahanzeb Khan. The approval of such a large number of mega projects is a historic occasion in the history of Islamia University Bahawalpur. Social and academic circles paid tribute to Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob for this historic achievement. Among the projects approved are the Department of Mechanical Engineering, Institute of Physics, South Punjab Agriculture Institute and a hostel and teaching block for Bahawalnagar and setting up of a campus at Ahmad Pur East. The provincial government is providing 100 acres of land to Islamia University Bahawalpur free of cost for setting up a campus in Ahmad Pur East. Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob congratulated the entire community of Islamia University Bahawalpur on this great achievement and Chaudhry Muhammad Sarwar Governor Punjab, Shafqat Mahmood Federal Minister for Education, Tariq Bashir Cheema Federal Minister for Housing Works, Raja Yasir Humayun Sarfraz Provincial Minister for Higher Education, Ms. Kanwal Shozab Member National Assembly and Parliamentary Secretary Planning and Development, Muhammad Abdullah Khan Sunbal Chairman Planning and Development, Nadeem Meboob Secretary Higher Education Department. He thanked the friendly circles and also appreciated the efforts of the team of Islamia University Bahawalpur.

Syed Tabish Alwari Thanks Federal Government for Announcing Mega Development Project for IUB

The Intercropping Technology of Corn and Soybean Projects of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Sichuan Agriculture University China has been included in the CPEC projects which will ultimately increase research and agricultural production in this sector. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur visited Embassy of People’s Republic of China in Islamabad and met with the Chinese Agricultural Commissioner Dr. Gu Weni and discussed the future cooperation between the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Chinese universities. On this occasion research collaboration in Wheat, Cotton, and Rice crops was discussed. Dr. Gu Weni agreed to further strengthen cooperation in research, faculty and students exchange and other relevant matters. Furthermore, he said that they have included the maize soybean strip intercropping technology in CPEC projects which will ultimately boost research and agriculture production in this field. Dr. Muhammad Ali Raza Post Doctor, Sichuan University, China was also present on this occasion.

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Vice Chancellor Praises Federal Government on Providing Mega Development Projects for IUB

Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur while congratulating the faculty, staff, students, social and educational circles of Bahawalpur, said that the federal government has included mega project worth Rs. 4 billion of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur in next year’s financial budget. The PC1 for these projects has been approved by Central Development Working Party and will lead to the construction of new teaching departments, institutes and hostels at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and its sub-campuses and a new sub-campus at Ahmadpur East. These projects are part of the Rs. 44 billion development budget allocated by the government for the higher education sector. Later, Rs. 15 billion will be added to this development package. Initially, a grant of Rs. 200 million has been earmarked for these projects.

The Chinese news agency China Economic Net has appreciated the vision of Vice Chancellor, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob for the promotion of agricultural research in the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. A research center will be set up at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur in collaboration with the Ministry of Agriculture, China in collaboration with the Sichuan Agricultural University to promote intercropping technology. Prof. Dr. Yang Wenyu has successfully experimented with corn and soybean intercropping which is becoming very popular in Pakistan. According to Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, using this technology will help to meet the growing nutritional needs of Pakistan. This will get in particular, increasing the production of edible oil can save valuable foreign exchange and improve the supply of food for livestock. Nature has provided Pakistan with the best natural source of solar energy which can make better use of intercropping technology. The Vice Chancellor said that in view of these factors, Islamia University of Bahawalpur has planned to setup Chinese Agricultural Research Institute for research on intercropping technology. It has been decided to set up a research center in collaboration with the university. In this regard, a memorandum of understanding will be signed with Sichuan University soon under which 20 students from Islamia University Bahawalpur will be sent to China for PhD scholarship. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob said that the unprecedented development of the great friendly neighboring country is a shining example for us to benefit from which students and teachers will be exchanged with Chinese universities to promote scientific research and technology exchange. The establishment of a research center at Islamia University Bahawalpur has also benefited the local farming community. He said that next year marks the 70th anniversary of diplomatic relations between China and Pakistan. On this occasion, the establishment of a Modern Research Center at Islamia University Bahawalpur would be a great gift for promoting research activities by both the countries. Many development and industrial projects will be launched in South Punjab. In this regard, cooperation with Chinese universities and institutions in engineering, information technology, agriculture, veterinary, medicine and other scientific fields will pave new avenues of development and prosperity.

Research Collaboration with Chinese University

A memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed between the Islamia University of Bahawalpur Pakistan and Sichuan Agriculture University of China for cooperation and collaboration in research activities and faculty exchange. The MoU was signed by Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Prof. Chen Daowen, Vice President, Sichuan Agriculture University of China. On this occasion, Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob described the memorandum of understanding as a historic document for progress in teaching and research between the two universities promoting joint research projects and mutual
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Selection of 20 Students for Chinese PhD Scholarships
The initiative of Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor for the promotion of agricultural research at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and the establishment of the Center for Intercropping Technology in collaboration with Sichuan Agriculture University of China is being appreciated nationally and internationally. Mr. GuWenliang, Agriculture Commissioner, Embassy of Pakistan, praised the vision of the Vice Chancellor, Islamia University of Bahawalpur in this regard. In a tweet, he said that the Vice Chancellor of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur visited the Maize and Soybean Intercropping Fields near Bahawalpur. On this occasion, he had a detailed discussion with Dr. Muhammad Ali Raza, an agricultural scientist, about this important project of agricultural development. Mr. GuWenliang expressed the hope that this development would lead to significant change and self-sufficiency in the field of edible oil production in Pakistan. It is worth mentioning that a research center will be set up at Islamia University Bahawalpur for the promotion of intercropping technology in collaboration with Sichuan Agriculture University through the Ministry of Agriculture of China. The successful experiment of corn and soybean intercropping is becoming very popular in Pakistan. By increasing the production of edible oil, valuable foreign exchange can be saved and the growing food needs of the country can be easily met. In this regard, 20 students from the Islamia University of Bahawalpur will also be sent to China on PhD scholarships and agricultural scientists and researchers from China will visit Islamia University of Bahawalpur for mutual exchange of research and technology. Next year, on the occasion of the 70th anniversary of Sino-Pakistani diplomatic relations, the establishment of a state-of-the-art research center at Islamia University Bahawalpur will be a symbol of friendship between the two great neighbors. The establishment of the center will open new avenues for cooperation with Chinese universities and institutions in the fields of engineering, information technology, agriculture, veterinary medicine and other scientific fields.

The Sichuan Agricultural University (SAU), China, awards scholarships to 20-students of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, who previously applied for PhD studies at SAU. According to the details Sichuan Agricultural University, China, had announced 20 scholarships yearly for the students of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur through an MoU recently signed by both universities. The Sichuan Agricultural University announced the award of scholarship to all 20 students who applied through this joint academic program of both universities. These scholarships worth Rs. 80 Million, which will be provided by the Sichuan Agricultural University to the students of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor has termed this development a historic achievement panning the way for brilliant students of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur to pursue higher studies in a top-ranked foreign University. He also offered special thanks to the management of the Sichuan Agricultural University for showing great benevolence and announcing 20 scholarships on yearly basis for students of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur on the occasion of 70th anniversary of Sino-Pak diplomatic ties further strengthening the relations between the two great neighboring nations. The Vice Chancellor also praised the efforts of Dr. Muhammad Ali Raza who worked hard to materialize scholarships program, faculty and students exchange and joint research endeavors for both universities. The students selected for PhD scholarships include Hafiz Muhammad Faisal, Muhammad Juniad Jalil, Saif Sharif, Saira Rafique, Komal Nawal, Abida Parveen, Sameera Anwar, Muhammad Amir Shehzad, Sunairaa Abbass, Saman Khalid, Asma Atta, Sana Munir, Rabila Tahir, Anabat Bin Sohail, Khalid Waleed, Saim Naeem, Shafiq ur Rehman, Atiqah Najeeb, Misbah Aslam and Mamooona Zafar. In this connection, a meeting of the PhD

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The Vice Chancellor of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, met with Federal Minister for Education and Professional Training and Federal Minister for National History and Heritage Mr. Shafqat Mahmood at his office in Islamabad. The Vice Chancellor briefed the Federal Minister about increase in students, enrollments, faculties and teaching departments and the academic, research and development activities. He also briefed about the university participation and achievements in national and international rankings. The Vice Chancellor thanked the Federal Government for providing special development package and a record number of scholarships under Ehsaas Scholarships Program for the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. On this occasion, the Minister said that the Government of Pakistan is providing huge support to the Higher Educational institutions to provide quality education. He said that the government has allocated a record amount in the current budget for the development of the higher education sector. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur is a historical university and its achievements in the field of research and development are a good sign for the socio-economic development of the region. On this occasion, establishment of Cholistan Heritage Museum, Art Gallery and Academic Block at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur was also discussed. He said that the construction of this Culture and Heritage Research Center and Museum would be of immense help in promoting research on the history and cultural heritage of South Punjab and in preserving it. The Minister appreciated the proposal which will revive Cholistan Cultural Heritage and assured his full support for this project at every forum.

Federal Education Minister Lauds IUB’s Pace of Development

Vice Chancellor for signing an MoU with the Chinese university and ultimately providing them with the best learning opportunity. On this occasion, Dr. Abid Shahzad, Director International Linkages and Dr. Muhammad Ali Raza presented the future plans with the Sichuan agricultural university. The Vice Chancellor appreciated the efforts of the both the officials for the uplifting of Islamia University of Bahawalpur at the international level.

70 IUB Scientists Included in the Global List of the AD Scientific Index

The AD Scientific Index, a global organization that publishes statistics on scientists around the world, has released a list for the year 2021. The list includes 70 scientists from Islamia University of Bahawalpur. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor on the inclusion of 70 teachers and researchers of Jamia Islamia in the global list said that the inclusion of Bahawalpur University teachers in the global list is the result of hard work and dedication of our teachers in social and scientific sciences. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur is on a day-to-day journey in the field of research. The scientists included in the list are from the fields of Medical and Health Sciences, Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Business and Management Sciences, Mathematics, Engineering and Technology, Computer Science and Information Technology, Social Sciences and Economics. Among the university teachers included in the global list of scientists are Dr. Mustar Abbas Khan, Dr. Mohammad Shahid Rizwan, Dr. Zaheer Abbas, Dr. Mohammad Saleem, Dr. Rajab Ali, Dr. Wajid Naseem Jatoi, Dr. Shazia Anjum, Dr. Asghar Hashmi, Dr. Haftz Mohammad Asif, Dr. Hassan Daniel, Dr. Imran Sarwar Bajwa, Prof. Dr. Makhdoom, Dr. Rahim Bhatti, Dr. Ghulam Abbas, Dr. Samim Ahmed, Dr. Mohammad Farooq, Dr. Rana Ijaz Ali Khan, Dr. Farrukh Jamal, Dr. Abdul Rehman, Dr. Mohammad Asadullah Madani, Dr. Mohammad Amir Musood, Dr. Asmat, Dr. Muhammad Farooq, Dr. Mohammad Maksheoof, Dr. Kamran, Dr. Mohammad Ammar Khan, Dr. Mohammad Rehan Sarwar, Dr. Asif Sajjad, Dr. Hassan Mehmood Khan, Dr. Faisal Iqbal, Dr. Ghazala Shaheen, Dr. Salman Qadri, Dr. Mohammad Irfan, Dr. Khalid Javed Iqbal, Dr. Mohammad Majid, Dr. Tauseef-ur-Rehman, Dr. Mohammad Adil, Dr. Moin Alam Khan, Dr. Khan, Dr. Hamoona Agha, Dr. Mohammad Imran Rasheed, Dr. Shakeel Ahmed, Dr. Mohammad Ali Qureshi, Dr. Mohammad Akhtar, Dr. Mohammad Anjum Aqeel, Dr. Mohammad Atif Hawaz, Dr. Mohammad Amin, Dr. Mohammad Ramzan, Dr. Haftzullah Janjua, Dr. Azhar Hussain, Dr. Mohammad Nafees, Dr. Abid Rashid Gul, Dr. Mohammad Arshad, Dr. Imran Khan, Dr. Mirza Imran Shetezad, Dr. Asim Babar, Dr. Tariq Abbas, Dr. Tauseef Ahmad Ghauri and Dr. Abdul Rehman are among those who have been involved in research activities in Jamia Islamia for the last two years. The University allocated more than Rs. 100 million from its own resources to promote research activities. The activities are also hired more than two hundred PhD faculty for the promotion of research in all fields. Due to these initiatives, Islamia University Bahawalpur has become prominent in the global horizon in the field of teaching and research.
The Islamia University of Bahawalpur joined the top 500 universities in Asia. According to the details, 16 universities of Pakistan have been included in the list of top 500 in the recent Asia University Rankings of Times Higher Education. China’s Saigon University stood first, Peking University was second and National University of Singapore declared third. Academic circles have paid homage to the Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob for the continuous improvement in the national and international rankings of Islamia University Bahawalpur. In the last two years, steps have been taken very fast to get the status of a university. On achieving fourth generation status on one hand, the size of the university increased dramatically and on the other hand, the quality of education also improved, as a result of which the university appeared in the world rankings for the first time. The number of teachers in the university has increased from 550 to 1000. The number of students has increased from 13,500 to 46,000. The number of teaching departments has increased from 48 to 126. For the first time, the university has allocated Rs. 100 million from its own resources to increase research activities. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur has a leading role in agricultural research across the country as the cotton crop of Islamia University Bahawalpur is being cultivated on 45% of the agricultural land of Punjab. The Islamia University Bahawalpur has become the fourth generation university where teaching, research, patent of products and services and their market availability has become possible.

IUB Among Top 500 Asian Universities

The Islamia University of Bahawalpur has topped in three categories of UN Sustainable Development Goals all over Pakistan in Times Higher Education World Ranking of Universities for the year 2021. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur participated in the Times Higher Education World Ranking for the first time and topped Pakistani universities with first position in three fields. The move is aimed at highlighting the 100-year-old historic university internationally. The Times Higher Education is the UK’s global ranking of universities that as sess the impact of educational institutions on the social and economic sectors. Prof. Dr. Saeed Ahmed Buzdar, Director Quality Enhancement Cell said that 36 universities of Pakistan participated in the Times Higher Education Rankings and presented data in line with the United Nations Global Sustainable Development Goals. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur achieved the first position in three categories in Pakistan. These include eradication of hunger and poverty, sustainable development of cities and communities, strong institutions based on peace and justice. Similarly, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur has achieved the 5th position in clean affordable energy. Overall, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur has been ranked 18th out of 36 universities and ranked 101 globally for eradicating hunger and poverty. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur is one of the nine universities that sent data to Times Higher Education to participate in all 17 UN Sustainable Development Goals. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, Islamia University Bahawalpur felicitated Prof. Dr. Saeed Ahmad Buzdar and his team on pursuing University’s ranking at global level.

IUB Tops in 3 UN Sustainable Development Goals in Times Higher Education Ranking

The team visited strip intercropping technology's trials at Khairpur Tamewali, District Bahawalpur and praised strip intercropping technology and promised their full support for the promotion of technology. Team members also met with Vice Chancellor, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob and appreciated the efforts and technological initiatives taken by Cholistan Institute of Desert Studies (CIDS), the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. Dr. Muhammad Asim, National Coordinator for Oilseed Crops at Pakistan Agricultural Research Council, Islamabad, Dr. Faisal, Principal Scientist at the National Agricultural Research Center, Islamabad. Haftz Saad Bin Mustafa, Senior Scientist at Oilseed's Section at Ayub Agricultural Research Institute, Faisalabad, Dr. Ejaz ul Hasan, Head of Oilseed Section at Ayub Agricultural Research Institute, Faisalabad, and, Muhammad Iftikhar, Deputy Director at Oilseeds Development Board Pakistan, Islamabad. In addition, Dr. Muhammad Asim promised to include IUB intercropping technology in national trials.

Intercropping Technology Fields in Khairpur Tamewali

Dr. Muhammad Ali Raza briefing the delegation from federal agriculture research agencies during their visit to agriculture fields in Khairpur Tamewali.

A team of scientists and officers from various Pakistan Agricultural Research Council, National Agricultural Research Council, Pakistan Oilseeds Development Board, Punjab Agriculture Department and Agricultural Research Institutes visited the Islamia University of Bahawalpur on directions of Honourable Federal Minister for National Food Security and Research Syed Fakhar Imam.
Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, Islamia University of Bahawalpur visited Tehsil Liaquatpur on invitation of Syed Mubeen Ahmad Member National Assembly. During his visit, the Vice Chancellor visited seven girls and boys colleges and technical institutes in Mohsinabad, Taranda Muhammad Panah and Liaquatpur city for the proposed university campus. The Vice Chancellor also had detailed meeting with Makhdoom Syed Ahmad Alam Anwar, former Minister of State at his residence and discussed various aspects of higher education, curriculum in college and university level as well as character building of students. The Vice Chancellor invited Makhdoom Ahmad Alam Anwar to the university to interact with the senior faculty and enlighten them on educational development and relevant history of this region. Later, Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor invited with MNA Syed Mubeen Ahmad addressed to a press conference and praised the passion of political leadership and people of the area about educational development.

He thanked MNA Syed Mubeen Ahmad for inviting and said that a university campus will be established in Tehsil Liaquatpur after consultation with the relevant stakeholders. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur is fully committed in educational progress of the local youth bringing higher education on their doorstep. On this occasion, Syed Mubeen Ahmad thanked the Vice Chancellor for visiting Liaquatpur and interacting with the people for the educational uplift of the region.

The Islamia University of Bahawalpur is located in a region where Sufis have inhabited the abode of human brotherhood, love, peace and harmony, which is why the vastness of this desert and the soft and warm sands of science and art are their precious and unique traditions. Rulers of the State of Bahawalpur had made their state a welfare state for his subjects by rendering invaluable services in the field of agriculture in addition to public health and education. The faculty and students work together to build the region and here the existing historical forts and the charming colors of its culture can be introduced from all over the world. The promotion of tourism in the region can open the door to economic growth. These views were expressed by the Chairman of the International Welfare Organization Muslim Hands Pir Syed Lakht e Hassnain in a special meeting with the Vice Chancellor Islamia University Bahawalpur Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob. It should be noted that Syed Lakht e Hassnain is an international level Islamic religious scholar. His charity is known for its efforts to alleviate poverty and the welfare of the needy in the Muslim community in the United Kingdom. Assistance has been provided in more than 40 countries across the country. Muslim Hands has launched various welfare issues in seven districts of Pakistan. The organization is working through direct donors especially to help the affected deprived sections of the society. On this occasion, Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob congratulated Syed Lakht e Hassnain for establishing a campus at Liaquatpur.
and presented a memorial shield, flowers and a masterpiece of calligraphy made by the students of Fine Arts College. Appreciating the international services of Muslim Hands International, the Vice Chancellor said that the Islamic Welfare Organization has a special place and status in the field of human welfare as it includes the help and prayers of Allah and the prayers and patronage of sincere servants. Undoubtedly, Syed Lakhte Hassnain is one of them. His services are commendable, valuable and noteworthy. Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob also informed about the ongoing projects in the university. On this occasion, Dr. Muhammad Shahzad, Director Community Broadcasting Radio and TV Project presented a copy of the documentary prepared under his supervision on Desert Jeep Rally. In this meeting Syed Zia-ul-Noor Shah, Director Country Muslim Hands Pakistan, Additional Registrar Arif Ramooz, Usama Shahzad, Senior Vice President, Media Society, Rehan Bin Tahir and Younus Chaudhry were also present. He announced to provide RO plant for Rahim Yar Khan Campus and water filtration plant for Baghdad ul Jadeed Campus.

4083 IUB Students to Avail Rs. 370 Million Ehsaas Scholarships in the 2nd Phase

In the second phase of the Prime Minister’s Pakistan Ehsaas Scholarship Program, 4083 students of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur will be given scholarships worth Rs. 370 million. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur has become the top university in the country to receive Ehsaas Scholarship. The number of students of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur is highest in Ehsaas Scholarship Program Phase II. A total of 14000 students of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur are benefiting from various scholarships including Ehsaas Scholarship which is 30.43% of the total number which is a record.

Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Prof. Dr. Syed Habib Bukhari, Vice Chancellor, Kohsar University Murree exchanging MoU documents during a signing ceremony at Murree.

State Bank of Pakistan organizes Mega Seminar on Kamyab Jawan Scheme and Entrepreneurial Skill Development

Faculty of Management Sciences the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Pakistan Institute of Banking and Finance State Bank of Pakistan jointly organized a mega seminar for Entrepreneurship Skill Development for students in the Main Auditorium. On this occasion, students were provided information about business opportunities under the Prime Minister’s Kamyab Jawan program. Faculty of Management Sciences the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Pakistan Institute of Banking and Finance State Bank of Pakistan jointly organized a mega seminar for Entrepreneurship Skill Development for students in the Main Auditorium. On this occasion, students were provided information about business opportunities under the Prime Minister’s Kamyab Jawan program. The seminar was chaired by Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ashraf, Pro Vice Chancellor. Prof. Dr. Jawad Iqbal Dean Faculty of Management Sciences, Najeeb Ahmad Bukhari Chief Manager State Bank of Pakistan, Bahawalpur, Gulzar Khan Joint Director State Bank of Pakistan, Mubashir Tayyab, Deputy Director, National Institute of Banking and Finance and Muhammad Arif, Officer State Bank of Pakistan spoke on this occasion. A detailed briefing was given about the Central Revenue Banking and Monitoring Authority of the State Bank of Pakistan. The Bank was inaugurated on July 1, 1948 by the Father of the Nation, Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah for monetary and banking regulations and other matters. It was informed on the occasion that the Government of Pakistan is encouraging Entrepreneurship and Startups Schemes and Rs. 100 billion has been allocated for the next financial year. Participants were briefed on successful startup schemes in Pakistan. So far 64 such startups have been set up including PITB, ITU, NUST, TIC, Pasha Funds, Seed Incubation, Microsoft Innovation Center, SMEDA, Cloud 9 Startups, National ICT R&D Funds, Eagle Investment and COMSATS Incubation Center. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa is setting up a large incubation chain. The participants were briefed on the opportunities and information of Small and Medium Enterprise Pakistan. At the end, the participants were briefed about the State Bank of Pakistan’s refinancing scheme, especially the Prime Minister’s Kamyab Jawan Program, a Rs.100 billion refinancing scheme. Under which young people can start new business startups. As on March 2021, loans of Rs 435 billion, or one per cent of GDP, have been disbursed under the scheme. The students expressed interest in the State Bank of Pakistan’s business schemes and pledged to launch new and innovative startups.

IUB and Koshar University Murree Sign MoU

Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, Islamia University Bahawalpur and Prof. Dr. Syed Habib Bukhari, Vice Chancellor, Kohsar University Murree exchanging MoU documents during a signing ceremony at Murree.
Under the Memorandum of Understanding between Islamia University Bahawalpur and Peace and Culture Organization, the Kashmir issue will be highlighted nationally and internationally. In this regard, a Kashmir Society will be formed which will promote research activities to effectively present the Kashmir issue in international institutions. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed by Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor and Ms. Mushaal Hussein Mullick in Islamabad. Students and faculty of Islamia University Bahawalpur will raise their voices as ambassadors and work on research projects for a peaceful resolution of the Kashmir issue so that human rights violations and legal aspects can be effectively highlighted. The UN Security Council resolution paves the way for the right to self-determination, and it is need of the hour to highlight this resolution internationally, the Vice Chancellor Islamia University Bahawalpur said on this occasion while Prof. Dr. Jawad Iqbal, Dean Faculty of Management Sciences, Prof. Dr. Aftab Hussain Gillani, Dean Faculty of Law and Zafar Sindhu were also present.

M. Asim Masoom Zubair from the Faculty of Pharmacy, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur has received a prestigious Diana Award (UK) due to his work for the advancement of sustainable development goals among students & youth in the last five years. He was particularly acknowledged due to his social or humanitarian efforts in Bahawalpur, Pakistan amid the #COVID19 Pandemic. He is the former president of IUB Science Society and leads more than 10 projects in 2020. Asim worked on the frontline as a healthcare professional during the initial outbreak of COVID-19 and led the IU-Care Hand Sanitizers project and produced 5,000 bottles of hand sanitizers and distributed them free of cost to reduce the spread of the disease. A countrywide campaign started by Asim helped to raise further awareness of the virus. Alongside this vital work, Asim has run many events and programs in IUB to raise awareness of cancer and other issues related to the UN Sustainable Development Goals benefitting thousands of students in Bahawalpur. Asim is a leader and role model for his fellow students, with his inspirational posts amassing him a following of 50,000 people on social media.

Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Ms. Mushaal Hussein Mullick, Chairperson Peace & Culture exchanging MoU documents during a signing ceremony at Islamabad
Established in memory of Diana, Princess of Wales, the Award is
given out by the charity of the
same name and has the support
of both her sons, The Duke of
Cambridge and The Duke of Sussex.
In an interview, Asim thanked the
Vice Chancellor Islamia University
Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob and
Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy Prof.
Dr. Naveed Akhtar and advisor
IUBSS Dr. Qaiser Jabeen for their
support in his student-led projects.
He also thanked all the faculty
members particularly Prof. Dr.
Muhammad Asadullah Madni, for his
mentorship, trust and nominating
him for this award which comes
in through a rigorous nomination
process.

Message of Prince Harry Charles, Duke of Sussex during the Diana Award Ceremony

There is great need for young leadership
and there is no greater time to be a young leader.
I BELIEVE IN YOU.
WE BELIEVE IN YOU.
And that belief in your own ability to change the world
is doing the right thing is what makes you a
force to be reckoned with.

--- The Duke of Sussex

A view of the seminar on Learning Management System

Seminar on Learning Management System

Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, Islamia University of Bahawalpur with the participants in the training session organized by Executive Training Center, Directorate of Information Technology and Directorate of Academics, Islamia University of Bahawalpur

Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur said that in the age of globalization, only the nations which are technology oriented will be successful. Information technology must be used to make teaching and administrative matters efficient, fast and transparent. The Vice Chancellor expressed these views during a training session held on effective use and monitoring of learning management system for online teaching. Organized by the Executive Training Center, the Directorate of Information Technology and the Directorate of Academics, the training session was attended by Deans, Directors and Heads of Teaching and Administrative Departments. In view of the increase in numbers of students, teachers and officers of the Information Directorate will have to work together to maintain the quality of education and the quality of teaching materials up to international standards. He said that the Islamia University of Bahawalpur is overcoming the challenges of the Covid-19 crisis in two semesters saved thousands of students valuable time. Dean Faculty of Management Sciences Prof. Dr. Jawad Iqbal said that according to the vision of the Vice Chancellor, the Learning Management System was successfully launched by the IT Directorate last year in the situation of Covid-19 and lockdown. It is the result of the hard work and dedication of our teachers and IT officers. In order to maintain this success, the monitoring chain also needs to be strengthened. Director Information Rizwan Majeed gave a detailed briefing on the teaching and management modules of the Learning Management System on this occasion. He also briefed about the new expenditure schedule and TADA modules related to administrative and financial matters. He answered the questions of the audience on the occasion and said that the learning management system is a continuous process which is being improved over time and this process of reform is not possible without the cooperation of teachers and officers.

A view of the seminar on Learning Management System
Health and Safety Society, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur in collaboration with Faculty of Pharmacy, observed World Health Day 2021 by organizing the “1st International Virtual Health Conference (IVHC-2021)” with the Theme: ‘Achieving Sustainable Health in the Era of Covid Pandemic’ by bridging health care professionals and highlighting emerging trends related to advancements in the health sector nationally and internationally to address the Global Health Issues with a principal focus on COVID Pandemic, the global concerned areas in health that this epidemic has brought, and the promotion of a healthy lifestyle at personal and allied health level. Inaugural Session IVHC-2021 started with the Address of Vice Chancellor, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, he emphasized on the fact that the world is facing many health challenges but the first and foremost is the deadly Covid Pandemic, but beyond that there are challenges that depend on issues like nutrition, clean water and safe and healthy environmental, there are other challenges like Cancer, AIDS and many yet unforeseen pandemics that will arise in the future. He said IUB Health and Safety Society and especially students are performing an exceptional Job in spreading the awareness word and eventually creating a strong advocacy for developing the healthcare, as much as possible. Prof. Dr. Naveed Akhtar, Dean Faculty of Pharmacy, Madni, Advisor IUB Health and Safety Society in his said during corona virus pandemic, health issues have gotten to a new peak. So it is need of the hour to educate the community in every possible way. He ensured that in near Future, IUB Health and Safety Society will be organizing such conferences to cancer advocacy by Dr. Christos Tsagkaris, Sustainable Diet for better Health Outcomes by Dr. Hina Iqbal, Expected Burden of Diseases due to Covid Pandemic by Dr. Sheikh Safeena Sidiqui, the Role of Pharmacist in promoting Health by Prof. Dr. Erwin Faller, Antibiotics Consumption/Surveillance and emerging Antibiotic Resistance, Evidences from Pakistan by Dr. Iram Malik, Role of Stake Holders in overcoming Vaccine Hesitancy by Dr. Samar Fahd, Impact of Covid-19 on Antibiotic Resistance Surge in the community by Dr. Muhammad Bilal and Multiplexing Surface Coated Nano-Tracer for Protein Harvesting: An early Cancer Detection Technique by Dr. Muratza Hassan. Scientific Session-II, IVHC-2021 comprised five renowned international and national speakers who shared their insights on emerging topics like Science Beyond boundaries: A Pharmacist Led approach in Covid Pandemic by Dr. Asim Masoom Zubair and Dr. Faizan Akram, Adverse event following Immunization AEFI by Fahmida Aslam, Dr. Ashfaq Ahmed and Dr. Hamad Masood also addresses on different topics.

IUB Provides Own Produced Cotton Seeds to Farmers

The Islamia University of Bahawalpur having the status of the fourth-generation university started the provision of seeds developed by the University for trial cultivation to the farming community. Vice Chancellor, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob distributed seeds of cotton varieties IUB-4 and IUB-21 to farmers from different parts of South Punjab at Baghdad ul Jaded Campus. These seeds will be planted in demonstration fields in different areas of districts of South Punjab, Dr. Muhammad Iqbal Bandesha, Head, Department of Plant Breeding and Genetics and Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, he said that the cotton varieties IUB-04 and IUB-21 have the best yield, low water, high temperature, best performance against curl leaf virus and white fly. This initiative is in line with the vision of Vice Chancellor, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob to connect with the community, promote the welfare of farmers and promote agricultural research according to national aspirations.
Prof. Dr. Habib Bokhari, Vice Chancellor of the Kohsar University Murree visited the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. The honourable guest called on Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur at his office at Baghdad ul Jadeed Campus and discussed various avenues of collaboration in the areas of mutual interest. On this occasion Prof. Dr. Habib Bokhari apprised about the vision and working of Kohsar University. Both sides agreed to sign an MoU of cooperation and collaboration in tourism and hospitality management areas as well as to start faculty and student exchange between the two institutions. Prof Dr. Athar Mahboob assured his full support to newly established university. Later, the Vice Chancellor Kohsar University visited Cholistan Institute of Desert Studies and interacted with Director Prof. Dr. Tanveer Hussain Turabi and faculty members where he was briefed about research on Cholistani flora and fauna and collaboration with Houbara foundation International for conservation of Cholistani wild life. Prof Dr. Habib Bokhari also visited the Department of Tourism and Hospitality Management of the Institute of Business Management and Administrative Sciences, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. He was introduced with the faculty members and was given a brief presentation by Dr. Muhammad Imran Rasheed, Head of Department of Tourism Director on the working and activities of the Islamia University Bahawalpur in the areas of Tourism promotion in the region and the country. Participants also discussed that there is a need to establish a tourism education accreditation council in Pakistan to promote the standards of the newly started degree of BS Tourism. They also discussed a consortium of public sector universities for working in the field of tourism in Pakistan.

Directorate of Fund Raising and University Advancement, IUB organized Launching Ceremony for ‘Khushi Scholarship’ with collaboration of Khushi Development Organization in Ghoti Hall, Abbasi Campus. Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob was chief guest on this occasion. Director, Fund Raising and University Advancement, Dr. Asif Naveed Ranjha welcomed all guests from IUB, District Social Welfare and Civil Society and briefed about Initiation and sustainability of ‘Khushi Scholarship’ to be funded by Khushi Development Organization Bahawalpur. Waseem Aslam from Khushi Development Organization told that organization will provide amount of one million rupees scholarships annually to IUB.
students. Deputy Director Social Welfare, Muhammad Uzair also appreciated efforts of Directorate of Fund Raising and University Advancement and KHUSHI Welfare Organization for scholarship initiative. Vice Chancellor also admired the Directorate and Khushi Development Organization and extended IUB cooperation for such public private partnership to help students. He advised the scholarship awardee students to work hard for bright future. Vice Chancellor launched Khushi Scholarship on IUB website. Chairman Khushi Development Organization, Mr. Farrukh and Waseem Aslam presented Rs. one million cheque to Vice Chancellor and Dr. Ghulam Hassan Abbasi, Director Financial Assistance on this occasion. MoU was also signed between IUB and Khushi Development Organization for further collaboration. Vice Chancellor awarded scholarship certificates among students of IUB at the end. Dean Faculty of Social Sciences, Dr. Rubina Bhatti, Dr. Abu Bakar, Treasurer, Director Student Affairs Rizwan Majeed, Prof. Dr. Ayub Jaja, Chairman, Department of English, Director Academics, Dr. Makshoof Ahmed, Director Media and Communication Shahzad Ahmed Khalid, Director Alumni, Dr. Azhar Hussain and Deputy Registrar Fatima Muzahir were also present in the ceremony. Members of Social Welfare Society IUB played a major role in arrangements of the ceremony.

Environmental Protection Department Provides 5000 Saplings to IUB

Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor along with delegation of Environment Protection Department

Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor distributing scholarship cheques to students

Seminar to Welcome the Holy Month of Ramadan

Participants of the seminar
Deputy Commissioner Bahawalpur Irfan Ali Kathia visited Islamia University Bahawalpur to attend the ceremony of District Bait-ul-Mal and met with Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob in his office. On this occasion, the ongoing teaching and development activities in the university were discussed. Irfan Ali Kathia said that Islamia University Bahawalpur is a national asset and is playing a significant role in the field of higher education. The Vice Chancellor invited the Deputy Commissioner to inaugurate the Green Campus Management Project in Baghdad Al Jadeed. Syed Salahuddin Jilani Chairman District Bait-ul-Mal, Tariq Majeed Chaudhry General Secretary District Bait-ul-Mal, Syed Tehseen Nawaz Gardezi District President PTI, Syed Eijaz Hussain Bukhari Bait-ul-Mal and Makhdoom Syed Amjad Bukhari Member District Peace Committee were present on the occasion. Later Deputy Commissioner Bahawalpur along with Vice chancellor attended cheques distribution ceremony in Ghulam Muhammad Ghotvi Hall at Abbasia Campus. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur will provide scholarships for higher education to the children of martyrs of Bahawalpur Police. The University will give full scholarships to two children of Police martyrs every semester. These scholarships will be for bachelor programs in all departments and children getting admission on merit will be eligible for these scholarships. Directorate of Financial Assistance, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur will provide scholarships to these children. These scholarships have been named as Al-Sadiq Scholarship for Martyrs of Bahawalpur Police. An MoU signing ceremony was held at Abbasia Campus, Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob-Vice Chancellor and Muhammad Faisal Kamran, District Police Officer signed the MoU. Later, DPO Bahawalpur accompanied Deputy Commissioner Bahawalpur Visits IUB

IUB announces Scholarships for the Children of Martyrs of Bahawalpur Police

The department of Persian Islamia University Bahawalpur organized a welcome Ramadan seminar. Prof. Dr. Moeen ud Din Nizami, Principal Oriental College Punjab University Lahore delivered an extensive lecture. Apart from Figr-e-Rumi, he also gave a brainstorming session on topics of confession, mysticism and literature. Prof. Dr. Shoaib Ahmed, Head, Roomi Chair, Punjab University, Lahore also attended. Dr. Nizami and Dr. Shoaib presented sets of their books to Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, during activity and assured all possible academic support from the Oriental College. On the occasion, Pro Vice Chancellor Islamia University Bahawalpur Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ashraf, teachers and students was present.
Deputy Commissioner Multan Ali Shehzad said that the book plays its full role in the evolution of man, society and civilization. In this age of digital technology, any book can be easily accessed through the internet. He was speaking as the chief guest at Multan Tea House on the occasion of unveiling of Razish Liaqat Puri’s book “Islamia University Bahawalpur, Dr. Athar Mahboob”. Dr. Amjad Bukhari, Brigadier Qaiser Mahe, Zahoor Dhareja, Prof. Maqbool Gilani and other literary personalities were also present on the occasion.

Addressing the function, Deputy Commissioner Ali Shehzad said that his first wish is to play a full role in the development of Multan. Ali Shehzad said that being a literary friend, he was very happy to come to Multan Tea House. Multan Tea House will be renovated and facilities will be enhanced. Vice Chancellor of Islamia University Bahawalpur Dr. Athar Mahboob said that economic development of any country is not possible without higher education. Research on bean and corn seeds was included in the CPEC project the completion of this research project will save the country 4.4 billion annually. Mian Noor ul Haq Jhandeer said that the power of knowledge is gained through the book which becomes a source of success. Prof. Hameed Raza Siddiqui said that Vice Chancellor is playing a role in the development of education through a special vision and thinking. Dr. Amjad Bukhari said that Razish Liaqat Puri’s book will increase the pressure on Prof. Dr. Athar Mehboob to perform better. He said that despite the increase in literacy rate, the Pakistani nation is not responsible in fulfilling its social responsibilities. Zahoor Dhareja said that Deputy Commissioner Ali Shehzad was planning to restore the grandeur of Multan which is a welcome sign. All the speakers in their speeches paid rich tributes to the Vice Chancellor Dr. Athar Mehboob for his services for the development of Islamia University Bahawalpur and Khawaja Farid University of Engineering and Technology Rahim Yar Khan.

Glimpses of Summer Musical Gala
Department of Mathematics, The Islamia University of Bahawalpur (IUB), Pakistan, organized an International Conference on “Impact of Mathematics in Modern Era, 2021” on 8th April 2021. The conference was planned in hybrid mode (onsite and online) at Baghdad-ul-Jadeed Campus of IUB. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob (Tamgha-e-Imtiaz), Conference Chief Patron/Chair, Vice Chancellor of IUB and Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ashraf Conference Patron, Pro-Vice Chancellor of IUB congratulate to Prof. Dr. Ghulam Mustafa, Conference Chief Organizer, Chairman Department of Mathematics and Dr. Ghulam Abbas Conference Coordinator. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob conveyed heartfelt gratitude to Prof. Dr. Saqia Imtiaz Asif, Vice Chancellor of the Government Sadiq College Women University Bahawalpur, Pakistan for gracing the occasion and extending her support to the conference and IUB. Prof. Dr. Ghulam Mustafa thanked to all the members of the organizing committees, for their commitment and efforts in ensuring the success of this conference. At this conference, eight high profiles international and national keynote speakers have presented their work in two parallel onsite and online sessions. The International keynote speakers: Prof. Dr. Dumitru Baleanu (Cankaya University, Ankara, Turkey), Prof. Dr. Muahmmad Aslam (Lock Haven University of Pennsylvania, USA) and Dr. Sebastian Bahamonde (University of Tartu, Estonia) presented their work regarding the Impact of Mathematics in Modern Era, 2021. The National keynote speakers Prof. Dr. Muhammad Sharif Muhammad Akram (University of the Punjab, Lahore Pakistan) and Prof. Dr. Imran Javaid (Director, CASPAM, BZU, Multan, Pakistan) shared their knowledge at conference. There were 300 hundred participants in this conference. Most of the speakers and participants were refused by the organizing committee due to the Occupational Safety and Health measures of COVID-19.
IUB Distributes Project Award Letters to Faculty Under ORIC-Research Grant Program-2020

The Office of Research, Innovation, and Commercialization (ORIC) of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur organized a ceremony in the varsity’s Baghdad-ul-Jadeed Campus for distributing award letters among the IUB faculty members who secured the funding under ORIC-Research Grant Program-2020. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice-Chancellor, attended as a Chief Guest. The program envisages promoting indigenous and applied research; innovative product or idea development; and commercialization of the progress in teaching, research, patenting, and commercialization of its research. He added that the commercial sale of IUB-developed cotton varieties i.e., IUB-222, MM-58, and IUB-13 has been started for the first time in the history of the university, making it the first public sector university in Punjab to reach this distinction so far. The Vice-Chancellor remarked that today’s a big day as the ORIC has leaped forward to promote thriving research culture in the university which will not only strengthen the R&D activities but help achieve the dream of a potential industry/end-user solutions. It further aims at inspiring partnerships between the research community of the IUB and industry/end-users. A total of 147 research proposals/projects were submitted by the faculty members across all five campuses of the university under this flagship grants program. After detailed scrutiny and competitive evaluation involving the concerned Deans of Faculties and Chairpersons of the Teaching Departments, 42 projects were finalized for the award of funding worth a total of 32.2 million rupees. It is important mentioning that this initiative is the first of its kind in any public sector university in Pakistan where such a generous research grant has been provided to the faculty members solely through the varsity’s own sources. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob in his address to the participants said that the University has achieved the status of “4th Generation University” and leading towards sustainable development of the country through its rapid knowledge-based economy in the country. He explained that 42 projects have been funded in the first phase of the program and the number will be increased gradually in the years to come. He expressed his satisfaction with the process adopted for the evaluation of the projects and stressed that all-out efforts be made to facilitate the research fraternity of the IUB. He cherished the hope that the program will serve as an avenue to provide workable solutions to the indigenous problems faced by the industry and community at large. He also appreciated the concerted efforts made by Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal, Director Sciences, thanked all the Deans, Directors, and faculty members for sparing their time and participating in the ceremony. He elaborated that the purpose of ORIC is to serve as a pivotal point to encompass all research activities, develop, expand, enhance, advance, and manage the university’s research programs, and link research activities directly to the educational, social, and economic priorities of the university and the community at large, under a single umbrella. He further added that the ORIC has been instrumental to promote research culture across all disciplines of the University and vibrantly supported academia-academic, academia-industry, and university-community linkages. Further, the office is putting focused efforts to cope up with the challenges in the field of research, innovation, and commercialization. He also shed light on the community-centered projects initiated by the ORIC for the awareness and training of the farmer community including the Farmers’ Convention-2020. While explaining the aims, objectives, and TORs of the program, he laudably acknowledged the generous support and vision of the Vice-Chancellor for patronizing ORIC, and the entire ORIC team for making the commercialization of the university’s intellectual property happen. He assured his utmost support and guidance to strengthen ORIC’s capacity for promoting the university-industry linkages at large. In his welcome remarks, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal, Director ORIC/Dean Faculty of Agriculture and Environmental Research, thanked the Faculty and encouraged them that today’s a big day as the ORIC has been instrumental to promote research both nationally and internationally. He urged them to take maximum advantage of such initiatives and utilize these small projects as pilot studies for undertaking more advanced and sophisticated research in the relevant field in the future.
Online Seminar on Shab-e-Qadar

Under the auspices of the Department of Media Studies, Islamia University of Bahawalpur, a special online seminar was organized on the topic of Shab-e-Qadr and Ramadan. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the

IUB and Quaid e Azam University Agree to Promote Pharmacy Education

IUB and Quaid-e-Azam University Islamabad agreed to co-operate for the promotion of pharmacy education, training and research. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed at Quaid-e-Azam University Islamabad. The agreement was signed by Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ali Shah, Vice Chancellor, Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad. On the occasion, Prof. Dr. Naveed Akhtar, Dean Faculty of Pharmacy and Dr. Gull Shahnaz, Chairperson Department of Pharmacy, Faculty of Biological Sciences, Quaid-e-Azam University Islamabad were also present. According to Prof. Dr. Naveed Akhtar, the two universities will cooperate in teaching and research projects, exchange of information, technology and scholars and training of students and teachers. In addition, conferences, seminars and joint research projects will be organized from the same platform.

Charity during the Holy Ramazan

The Social Welfare Society of Islamia University of Bahawalpur launched a campaign to collect rations to help poor and needy families during the holy month of Ramadan. These students distributed rations to 60 needy families in the presence of Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob. The Vice Chancellor appreciated the spirit of empathy and selflessness of these students.

Webinar on Political and Administrative Reforms

Department of Political Science, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur organized webinar on the topic of “The Politics of Administrative Reforms: Myths and Realities”. The general and theoretical perspective of administrative reforms were discussed by the moderator Dr. Dawood Nawaz also highlighted the administrative reforms in the context of Pakistan. The administrative system of a state can never be permanent or be applicable to all cases and the purpose of administration is to meet the demands of people and execute the policies taken by the government. But when it is felt that the prevailing system of public administration fails to reach the target and to meet the demands of people then the question of reforming the administration arises. The webinar started with the inaugural remarks of the Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob Vice Chancellor appreciated the efforts of department of Political Science and welcomed to the foreigner speaker and stated that the
Affairs. Dr. Azhar Hussain had been appointed Director of Alumni Hussain, Assistant Professor, has is being activated. Dr. Azhar Islamia University of Bahawalpur The Directorate of Alumni at the institution throughout their lives. associated with their educational their alma mater and remains actually become the strength of all over the world. These alumni services in various fields of life by performing meritorious the name of their institution University graduates brighten of University is an important asset. Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur said that the Alumni Administrative Reforms: "Politics of Administrative Reforms: Myths and Realities". He said that administrative reforms in the public sector of Pakistan have undergone several stages and the success of these reforms depends upon complete cooperation from the bureaucrats. It is also important to note that any form of reform has to be supported by political regimes if the reforms are to be successfully implemented. Dr. Shakila Noor Sindhu, Assistant Professor at the Department of Political Science, Forman Christian College Lahore elaborated about the “Politics of Administrative Reforms in Pakistan: Myths and Realities”. She reflected on the topic that administrative reforms are introduced to ensure good governance in any country and Pakistan has launched these reforms only a few times. However, the desired goals could not be achieved because political will was missing. Zulfiquar Ali Bhutto’s lateral recruitment discouraged meritocracy in desk government and particularly from late 1980s onward the politicization of bureaucracy transformed it from "public servants" to “political government servants”. In the end, Chairman of the Department of Political Science, Prof. Dr. Syed Mussawar Hussain Bukhari concluded the session by saying that administrative reforms are the need of the time and the continuous process. The countries need to institutionalized the reforms department and multiple alterations are required in accordance with the technological advancement.

Welfare organization Diya Pakistan will provide scholarships to 100 students of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) in this regard was signed in Islamabad. Director Financial Assistance the Islamia University of Bahawalpur

Diya Pakistan will Provide 100 Scholarships to IUB

Dr. Gulham Hassan Abbasi was also present on the occasion. He said that the provision of scholarships by Diya Pakistan was commendable and assured that the number of scholarships would be gradually increased.

IUB Alumni Network

Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur said that the Alumni of University is an important asset. University graduates brighten the name of their institution by performing meritorious services in various fields of life all over the world. These alumni actually become the strength of their alma mater and remains associated with their educational institution throughout their lives. The Directorate of Alumni at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur is being activated. Dr. Azhar Hussain, Assistant Professor, has been appointed Director of Alumni Affairs. Dr. Azhar Hussain had played an important role in the establishment and activation of Student Societies and he has also been playing a practical role as Deputy Director Student Affairs. He has been given the task of setting up the IUB Alumni Network so that he can connect the University Alumni around the world with his university. A special web portal has also been launched online for this purpose and the alumni network has also been activated on social media where alumni will be able to share with the IUB community about their personal and professional successes. They will also be able to participate fully in the development and well-being of their University. The office of the Alumni has been set up at the Syed Tabish Alwari building in Baghdad ul Jadeed Campus and alumni will be able to register through a web portal alumni.iub.edu.pk

Ceremony to Welcome Newly Appointed Director Students Affairs

Literary Society of the Islamia University hosted a reception on the nominations of Mr. Rizwan Majeed as Director Student Affairs and Dr. Azhar Hussain as Director Alumni. At the function, the President of IUB Literary Society Tariq Aziz Baloch gave a detailed briefing on the previous performance of the society. Advisor Islamia University Literary Society Dr. Ismat Durrani while addressing the gathering congratulated Dr. Azhar Hussain and Rizwan Majeed on their nominations as Directors. Addressing the function, Dr. Azhar Hussain said that this, of course, includes the guidance of the members of the Advisory Board and the hard work of the cabinet members day and night. He expressed satisfaction over the excellent performance of the society. Guest of Honor Director Student Affairs Rizwan Majeed in his speech thanked the society and said that it is welcome that the Literary Society has become a personality building society. The Directorate of Student Affairs values the services of the Literary Society. Soon we will also be introducing the Society Portal. Dr. Ramzan Tahir, Advisor, thanked the guests and delivered concluding remarks.
messages paying tribute have been issued by Sir Sadiq Muhammad Khan Management Committee and Department of Studies Pakistan Islamia University Bahawalpur on the occasion of 55th death anniversary of Nawab of Bahawalpur Sir Sadiq Mohammad Khan V. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor said that May 24 is the day of death anniversary of Sir Sadiq Muhammad Khan V who was the last great Nawab of Bahawalpur State. He fought hard for the establishment of Pakistan in his life and in this struggle, he sacrificed everything. Nawab Sir Sadiq Muhammad Khan was the last great Nawab of the State of Bahawalpur which was established in 1828. This state emerged as one of the largest Muslim states in the region after the decline of Mughal period. He dedicated all the resources of Bahawalpur. Besides, when Pakistan came into being, there was no money to pay salaries to government employees, so Nawab Sir Sadiq Muhammad Khan V opened the treasury of Bahawalpur State Bank for the State of Pakistan. He also integrated the army of his state of Bahawalpur into the army of Pakistan and played an important role in strengthening the defense of Pakistan. In addition, Nawab Sir Sadiq Muhammad Khan V provided all the resources of his state of Bahawalpur to resettle the refugees who migrated from the areas of India where Muslims were a minority. He also founded a public school and allotted 500 acres of land while established Jamia Abbasia which later became the Islamia University of Bahawalpur which played an important role in providing education and development to the people of the region. Prof. Dr. Aftab Hussain Gilani, Dean Faculty of Law and Honorary Secretary of Sir Sadiq Muhammad Khan Management Committee Dr. Muhammad Shahid Rizvi in their statements said that Sir Sadiq Muhammad Khan was a man of taste, creative, sociable, eloquent, eloquent and glorious ruler. With his style of governing, he left a lasting impression on the culture, livelihood and society of the state of Bahawalpur. In his time, the region was the cradle of religious and sectarian harmony, equality and tolerance, justice and knowledge and literature. He left no stone unturned in making Bahawalpur a modern, developed and prosperous state. In fact, the area had become a mini-Pakistan even before the formation of Pakistan.

Dr. Athar Mahboob participates in a Special Show of Qutab Online on Pakistani Issue

The IUB Literary Society and the Persian Department jointly organized a literary session with renowned poet Qamar Raza Shehzad. Qamar Raza Shehzad’s wife Rubina Anjum Naqvi, Associate Professor was also present on the occasion. Other participants included Dr. Ismat Durrani, Advisor, IUB Literary Society and Chairperson, Department of Persian, Dr. Ramzan Tahir, Adviser, Hamid Nawaz Khan, Adviser, Dr. Rozina Anjum Naqvi and Dr. Mustafa Zaidi, Department of Persian, besides Cabinet and General of the Literary Society. Members attended. President Literary Society Tariq Aziz Baloch Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob is talking about the atrocities against Muslims in Palestine and Kashmir in SAMAA TV program Qutab Online.

Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob said that atrocities perpetrated on Muslims in Palestine and Kashmir are to be stopped by joint strategy of the Ummah at every forum while speaking in the popular program Qutab Online of SAMAA TV. Referring to the Holy Quran, Dr. Athar Mahboob said that good and bad times are a test and a moment of reflection by God so that we can prepare for the future, and such situations keep coming in the lives of nations. Muslims should abandon the policy of reaction and adopt a strategy of action instead of reaction and take steps in the field of science and technology. We have no choice but to prepare our next generation and bring them into competition, he said. Universities need to focus on education and research as well as training. He recited a poem of Iqbal’s glorious reply, saying that he was honored at the time by being a Muslim and that Muslims were disgraced by abandoning the Qur’an. Other speakers at the event included senior journalist Mujeeb-ur-Rehman Shami, Abdul Qadir Awad, head of the Brotherhood, and Ziaulah Shah Bukhari, a member of the Islamic ideological Council. Syed Bilal Qutb was the host.

Literary Session with Poet Qamar Shehzad Raza

The recitation of the Holy Quran was blessed by Muhammad Ayub while the Naat was presented by Osama. Guest of Honor Dr. Qamar Raza Shehzad in his talk said that the establishment of Student Societies in Islamia University of Bahawalpur is a testament to the foresight of Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob. With their hard work day and night, the university is on the path of development. The largest literary and cultural festival of Islamia University, Bahawalpur Literary and Cultural Festival is the only festival of its kind in which art and artist are sponsored. The distinguished guest appreciated the efforts and capabilities of the Advisory Board and Cabinet of the Literary Society. The students asked various questions to the special guest about poetry and literature which were answered satisfactorily. At the end, the special guest benefited the audience with his speech.

World No Tobacco Day Observed

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The department of Media Studies, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, hosted a webinar on the topic of bloody Palestine, Israeli aggression and silence of the world powers. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, in his inaugural address, thanked the distinguished guests and participants and said that the foundation of this issue is a century old. Referring to Muhammad Assad’s book Road to Makkah, he said that the Palestinian issue could only be resolved with the help of the Arabs. He said that the ongoing bloodshed was not the solution to the problem. He appreciated the initiative of the department of Media Studies and said that it would help the participants to understand the Kashmir issue and its background. Former Punjab Chief Minister and Analyst Prof. Dr. Hassan Askari Rizvi in his address said that the tragedy of Palestine is highly reprehensible and this condemnation is also necessary so that people can understand the difference between right and wrong. It is a mean of paying homage to courage and spirit of Palestinian people. He said that Pakistan and its leaders have supported Palestine even before and even before the establishment of Pakistan. But these advances and statements can reduce the severity of the violence but do not offer a solution to the problem. “We have to understand that a small country with many Muslim countries around it has gone beyond tyranny. On one side Israel has made the world happy with its knowledge, technology and economic stability.” At the same time, the weak economies of Islamic countries and frivolous diplomacy and tactics have forced the Muslim world to accept Israeli policies. He described in detail the role of Arab countries, Hamas, Al-Fatah and Western countries. Prof. Dr. Rafat Hussain, former Chairman, department of Defense Strategy, Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad, addressing the webinar, said that Israel’s siege of Gaza is illegal and immoral. Israel justifies its security but use its soft power, research, technology and knowledge, to wreak havoc on the world. He slammed the Arab countries that have targeted Israel. He acknowledged that the Muslim world could not develop a common strategy because of the interests of these countries. Former Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Tasnim Aslam said: “Muslims have no statement of their own. We are only a Western statement at the end of the international order.” The Western media is still presenting the Israeli-Palestinian issue as if Palestine and Israel are on the same level in their power and technology. The OIC seems to be failing again. All Muslim countries will come together to condemn the US, but no one will be ready to go against Israel. He said that the West is formulating its strategy in the light of our book and hadiths but we are not taking advantage of them. We have to take light from Quran and Hadith in our research. Bureau Chief Al-Arabiya TV Dr. Mansoor Jaffar spoke on Palestine elaborating on the current and historical situation, he spoke in detail about the efforts and role of Palestinian Movement leader Yasser Arafat and Hamas. In this regard, he said that the Palestinians will continue this goal with their blood and efforts. In response, he said that we should teach the reality of the Palestinian issue in our courses so that our generation is aware that the Western statement based on lies is false. If this fact is not revealed to our generation, then the Western statement will be solid. In response to a question, he did not discuss the role of Russia and China, saying that Russia and China may be hostile to human rights, but Muslims. At the end of the webinar, Dr. Abdul Wahid Khan, Chairman, department of Media Studies, thanked all the guest speakers and said that all Muslim governments should form a platform. He said that the Islamia University Bahawalpur will continue to express sympathy with the Palestinians and raise awareness among the students about the historical background of Palestine and the development of the Muslim world. The program was attended by a large number of faculty and students of the department of Media, Deans, Heads of departments and teachers and citizens of various universities of Pakistan and appreciated the efforts of the department of Media Studies in organizing this webinar in a timely manner.

Vice Chancellor Visits Child Protection and Welfare Bureau Bahawalpur

Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor Islamia University of Bahawalpur visited Child Protection and Welfare Bureau Bahawalpur. During his visit, the Vice Chancellor attended the ongoing Quranic lessons for the children in the institution and addressed the students. He said that we should focus on our education and take full advantage of the facilities available from the government. One must prepare oneself to become an active member of society. He said that Islamia University Bahawalpur would play a vital role for the development and welfare of the center and soon all the children would be given a tour of the university campus and students will be involved in the tree planting campaign. He said that the Faculty of Veterinary and Animal Sciences would also create a beautiful bird garden for these children and painting training would also be imparted under the College of Art. Naushaba Malik Incharge of the center while giving briefing said that at present more than 100 children are living in the center for which there is a complete system of food and education. Renowned journalists Islam Zamir, Khalid Zamir and Muhammad Khalid Sheikh Secretary to Vice Chancellor were also present on this occasion.

Webinar on Scientific Writing and Reference Management Tools

The Publication Society of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, Pakistan conducted an international webinar and a hands-on training under its series of workshops in science writing on reference management tools. Dr. Umer Farooq, Advisor of the society was the focal person of this online workshop. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur in his inaugural address reiterated the role of using various tools/software for reference management as a dire
need for each research scholar. He applauded the initiative taken by the society to create an atmosphere of effective science writing at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur in specific, and in whole country in general. The panel of experts consisted of Prof. Dr. Khalid Mehmood, Dean Economics, Punjab University Lahore, Prof. Dr. Rubina Bhatti, Dean Faculty of Social Sciences the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, Prof. Dr. Nuzhat Sial, Chairperson Zoology the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Dr. Imitiaz Rabbani Chairman Physiology, University of Veterinary & Animal Sciences, Lahore. Technical session on hands-on training was provided by Vishal Gupta, Consultant and Certified Trainer of Elsevier. All the panel experts were of the opinion that allied aspects of science writing were down the drain in Pakistan and the quality of science documents (thesis/dissertations/articles etc) was at a decline. Hence, it was a dire need of time to create effective science writing within researchers and post-graduate scholars through such hands-on trainings and workshops. Prof. Dr. Rubina and the focal person were of the view that the thesis guidance booklet may be amended and updated as per latest global trends. Furthermore, Dr. Rabbani and Prof. Dr. Nuzhat Sial mentioned a lack of adaptation of latest writing tools in Pakistani universities. It was hence concluded that regular workshops, seminars and hands-on trainings must be conducted at regular intervals both for the faculty members as well as research-oriented students so that effective scientific writing may be attained nationally.

World AIDS Vaccine Day

World AIDS Vaccine Day is observed on 18th May every year. This day is also known as HIV Vaccine Awareness Day, which raises awareness about the need for HIV vaccine to prevent HIV infection and AIDS. There are two clear purposes for this day. One, it is primarily to honor healthcare workers, scientists, and volunteers / helpers who have dedicated their lives bringing an effective and safe AIDS vaccine. And the second focuses on the importance of the vaccine, which is a shield against the deadly virus. This year’s theme for World AIDS Vaccine Day is Global Solidarity, Shared Responsibility. In this connection a statement issued by the Health and Safety Society of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur said that HIV stands for Human Immuno Deficiency Virus which attacks the body’s immune system. It can also be spread through syringes, blood, unprotected sex. Or it can be passed from mother to baby during pregnancy. Symptoms of flu, fever, sore throat and fatigue are signs that the infection has spread within a few weeks. Antiretroviral therapy (ART) is known to hinder the development of the disease, but no permanent cure has been found. Therefore, the creation of an HIV vaccine can serve as a precautionary measure in people who do not have HIV. The day aims to encourage healthcare workers to accelerate vaccine development. In 2019, 38 million people worldwide were infected with HIV, while another 1.7 million people became infected in 2019. In the same year, 690,000 people died of AIDS and related diseases.

Webinar on Islamophobia and Western World

A webinar on Islamophobia and the Western World was organized by the Department of Media Studies, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. Scholar and anchor Orya Maqbool Jan, Former Acting Vice Chancellor and Dean Islam phobia Expert Professor Zafar Iqbal, Department of Islamic Communication, Islamic International University, Islamabad addressed the gathering. In addition to the faculty, staff and students of Islamia University Bahawalpur and other universities, distinguished citizens also participated in the webinar. In his introductory remarks, Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob said that in the current international situation but it is very important to discuss it because it is widening the gap between the Islamic world and the West. The leadership and intellectuals of the Muslim world should work together at the intellectual, scientific and diplomatic level to bridge this gap, and the West should try to understand the feelings, emotions and position of the Muslim world in a positive and constructive way. He said that holding a webinar on Islamophobia by Media Studies is a commendable initiative and hoped that this webinar would prove to be a milestone in finding a scientific solution to this problem at the scientific and intellectual level. Prof. Dr. Akram Chaudhry, former Vice Chancellor, Sargodha University, said that this fear was ingrained in the polytheists from the very beginning of Islam, but now we see it in the current context, the world’s fastest growing religion is Islam. Well-known scholar and anchor Orya Maqbool Jan said that the basis of Islamophobia is not religious in any way but it is a war of culture and economy in which the West attributes Islam to terrorism for its own benefit. Addressing the webinar, Dr. Saleem Tariq, former Dean, Faculty of Islamic Learning, said that due to this phobia, the Muslim world, despite being in the majority, is so entangled in regional issues that they launch any media attack against Islam. The Muslim world needs a strong intellectual leadership that can respond to the anti-Islamic agenda presented by the West at the international level. Prof. Dr. Zafar Iqbal, Chairman, Department of Media Studies, Islamic International University, Islamabad, said in his address that there have always been contradictions and clashes between religions. Islamophobia has now become an industry. It exists in the form of economic Islamophobia, racial and negative Islamophobia, cultural and security threats. It is now necessary for the Muslim Ummah to confront this from the OIC platform through scholarly and reasoning debate at the university level. Chairman Media Studies Prof. Dr. Abdul Wajid Khan thanked all the audience and the webinar was hosted by Muhammad Bilal Bhatti. The webinar was attended online by teachers, deans and many other participants.

Orientation on Green Campus Project

As a part of the awareness campaign of the Green Campus programme for the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, an orientation session for the faculty members was held in the Faculty of Social Sciences. Dr. Abid Rashid Gill, Coordinator/Director Green Campus Programme briefed the faculty about various aspects of the programme and highlighted the significance and importance of this programme for the university. He asked the faculty to cooperate in saving environmental resources while producing teaching and

Speakers are addressing the seminar under the Green Campus Program organized by the Faculty of Social Sciences and Faculty of Law, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur
Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob said that Islamia University has taken another giant leap in the field of literature by publishing literary cum research-based book “22 LOG” authored by renowned broadcaster and Alumni of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur Sajjad Parvez. He was talking with author of the book “22 LOG” Sajjad Parvez, who called on and presented him first copy of his book, Sajjad Parvez also thanked him for patronizing and supervising the mega project of publishing the book under the banner of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. Station Director, Radio Pakistan Bahawalpur, Muhammad Tasleem Langah, Renowned Poet Dr. Nawaz Kawish, Registrar Prof. Dr. Moazzam Jamil, Treasurer, Prof. Dr. Abou Bakar, Head of Sociology Department, Dr. Asif Ranjha, Director Media, Press and Publications Islamia University, Shahzad Ahmed Khalid, Mr. Farjad Faiz, Dr. Azhar Hussain, Senior Journalist Khalid Khalil Sayed, and Officer Bahawalpur Museum, Fawad Ahmed and other senior officials of Islamia University were also present on the occasion. Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob said that university is fully aware about performing its role as corporate social responsibility and contributed a lot by holding literary and cultural festival for the first time in the history of South Punjab. He said universities are considered as beacon of hope for civil society and they are instrumental for character building of youth which are the future of the country. He further stated that apart from imparting quality education to the students in the diverse fields of knowledge, Islamia University has become first university in the region which set a mile stone for other educational institution by publishing such a wonderful and marvelous book in the field of literature and research. Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob announced that university will organize the book launching ceremony of “22 LOG” as soon as Covid situation becomes normal. Deputy Controller News, Radio Pakistan Bahawalpur Sajjad Parvez aprised the Vice Chancellor that his book “22 LOG” is based upon the twenty two profile interviews of countries renowned personalities belongs to different walks of life. It is pertinent to mention here that the book “22 LOG” contains interviews of Intizar Husain, Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan, A. Hameed, Zia Mohyeddin, Pathaney Khan, Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Mussarat Kalanchvi, Dr. Asif Farrukhi, Wajahat Masood, Raza Ali Abidi, Asif Noorani, Zeeida Hina, Fehmida Riaz, Zahra Noor, Asif Adilzada, Saleema Hashmi and Maxim (Cartoonist), Aqeel Abbas Jaffer and Asif Noorani, Amin Gulgee and Abdullah Hussain along with their rare pictures for ready reference for the students as well as for literary buffs.
A webinar in continuation of the International Scientific Webinar Series was conducted by the Department of Plant Pathology, Faculty of Agriculture and Environment, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur (IUB) and Pakistan Phytopathological Society. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naveed Aslam along with his faculty organized this interactive session. The session was joined by Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob Vice-Chancellor and Fee. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal Dean Faculty of Agriculture and Environment, Prof. Dr. Moazzam Jamil Registrar and Prof. Dr. Tariq Mukhtar, President Pakistan Phytopathological Society. Prof. Dr. Mark Lawrence Gleason, President American Phytopathological Society and Professor, Plant Pathology at Iowa State University of Science and Technology, Ames, Iowa, USA delivered his talk on Stealth Pathogens, The sooty Blotch of the students and scientists.

The Islamia University of Bahawalpur signed an MOU with Ihsan Trust to provide interest free loans to students. The team of Meezan Bank led by Mr. Naveed ul Hassan, Operations Manager, Bahawalpur Region visited and met with Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. This MOU marks initiation of a long-term relationship between the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Ihsan Trust for the purpose of mutually strengthening each other’s capacity and playing their role in providing education to those communities and individuals who have been admitted to the Islamia University of Bahawalpur on merit and are not financially resilient to afford all the fee and other charges. Ihsan Trust commits to provide facility of Rs. 10 Million in coming few years.

Appreciation Ceremony for Volunteer Students

A ceremony to distribute certificates of appreciation for the volunteer students of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur was held at the Vice Chancellor’s Secretariat Baghdad ul Jadeed Campus. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob said that the volunteer students of the Islamia University are doing their job shoulder to shoulder with the administration for the progress and development of the university. The University has provided admission to more than 33,000 students in the last two years. Governor of Punjab Chaudhry Muhammad Sarwar has openly praised the university for its successful admission drive. Similarly, the academic circles also lauded the Jamia Islamia for the extraordinary increase in teaching programs and admissions. On this occasion, the Vice Chancellor said that the volunteer students who have come to the admission centers in large numbers have a big hand in this success. These students fulfill the responsibilities given during the admission campaign with great diligence and dedication. On this occasion Chairman Admission Committee Prof. Dr. Jawad Iqbal, Member Syndicate Sumera Malik, Treasurer Prof. Dr. Abu Bakar, Director IT Rizwan Majeed, Director Press Media and Publication Shahzad Ahmed Khalid, Director Alumni, Dr. Azhar Hussain, Deputy Registrar, Public Affairs, Medium Fatima was present. Shields and certificates were given to the volunteer who participated in the admission drive.
World Environment Day Observed

Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, said that the earth is our home and it is our responsibility to pass it on safely to future generations. The Vice Chancellor expressed these views in a message on the occasion of World Environment Day. He said that every year on this day, the United Nations celebrates World Environment Day and raises awareness for the protection of the environment so that steps can be taken for the survival of the natural environment. This year, Pakistan has been honored to host World Environment Day and the Prime Minister of Pakistan Imran Khan is leading and guiding global environmental activities. This achievement is the result of the Government of Pakistan’s efforts to protect the environment, the Billion Tree Tsunami and the Clean and Green Pakistan’s Campaign. A tree planting campaign was organized by the Environmental Protection Society at Abbasiya Campus. Dr. Mohammad Abdullah, Advisor of the Society, distributed saplings among the students. The participants said that food and fruits produced in the natural environment are better than genetically engineered commodities. Tree felling, loss of energy and natural resources and water. Improper use of is a major cause of natural disasters. All members of society should take steps to breed and protect animals, birds, plants and trees in the national interest. Due to global warming, the rate of rainfall in Pakistan is decreasing significantly. Vehicle, factory fumes and deforestation are increasing greenhouse gas emissions, resulting in changes in Pakistan’s biological balance, including the agricultural system.

Certificate Distribution among OSAH Training Course Participants

A ceremony was organized by the Office of Safety and Occupational Health (OSAH) the Islamia University of Bahawalpur to distribute certificates to teachers and administrative staff on completion of Safety and Health Training Program. On this occasion Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor distributed certificates to employees. The Office of Safety and Occupational Health has recently been established at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. The purpose of this department is to provide safe office environment, health and related awareness and training. This office provided important services related to safety arrangements during the Covid-19 crisis. During the events and meetings, the department’s personnel are committed to enforcing safety principles, especially Corona SOP’s by providing masks, hand sanitizers and ensuring social distance. The department conducts special training programs on fire and earthquake and other natural disasters for safety and first aid training. The University OSAH department is working in collaboration with Rescue 1122, District Police and Bahawal Victoria Hospital.

Webinar on Importance of Co-Curricular Activities

Senior Tutor Office Islamia University of Bahawalpur organized a webinar on the role of co-curricular activities in the role building of the young generation and the possibilities and challenges of the digital age. Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, renowned playwright, columnist, poet and outsider. Education Aghar Nadeem Syed, renowned playwright, broadcaster columnist, poet Noorul Huda Shah, renowned motivational speaker Qasim Ali Shah, Samira Jawad, Principal, University College of Arts and Design, Punjab University Lahore and Prof. Dr. Rubina Bhatti, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences talked to participants. In his introductory remarks, Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob praised the Senior Tutor’s Office for organizing a webinar on an important topic. He said that the Islamia University of Bahawalpur considers curricular activities as important as curricular activities as we understand it. The curriculum activities play an important role in shaping the personality of the students and instilling in them the qualities of unity and leadership. For this purpose, we have more than 20 Student Societies working in various areas to give opportunity to
the students to develop harmony, team management and personality. Speaking in the webinar, Asghar Nadeem Syed said that intellect and wisdom are nurtured in the young generation. He emphasized on the promotion of science and art and literature for promotion. He said that fine arts are the cause of mutual development of all sectors in any society. He said that teachers should ensure the participation of students in extra-curricular and extra-curricular activities along with traditional education. In this way, students can be helped to think, understand and develop leadership skills. “Due to distance from knowledge and literature and lack of proper training, we are turning the young generation into a mob instead of a nation,” said Noorul Huda Shah. By building student unions and societies, we can transform the younger generation into understanding and talented leaders. Such activities instill in them a sense of tolerance and tolerance for respecting each other’s opinions. Motivational Speaker Qasim Ali Shah said that it is an indisputable fact that extra-curricular activities are important in inculcating positive and constructive thinking and attitudes in the younger generation. Dr. Samira Javad, Principal, University College of Art and Design, University of the Punjab, Lahore, said that the digital age has created a technology culture. Digital culture has increased the opportunities for young people to move forward. However, it has also had some detrimental effects. Through digital library and technology culture, the youth have access to sciences and arts from all over the world. Dean Faculty of Social Sciences Prof. Dr. Rubina Bhatti and Senior Tutor Prof. Dr. Abdul Wahid Khan thanked the guest speakers, faculty and students of the webinar.

A National webinar on “Pre-Budget Discussion” was organized by the Institute of Business Management & Administrative Sciences, the Islamia University Bahawalpur, Prof. Dr. Jawad Iqbal Dean Faculty of Management Sciences Islamia University of Bahawalpur, Prof. Dr. Usman Mustafa from Pakistan Institute of Development Economic (PIDE) Islamabad, Associate Professor Dr. Ashfaq Ahmad from Punjab University Lahore, Associate Professor Dr. Asad Afzal Humayon from COMSATS university Islamabad were among the speakers of the webinar. Dr. Muhammad Imran Rasheed hosted the webinar whereas a large number of participants from the teachers, students, academicians, and scholars attended the event. Participants discussed several points regarding the upcoming budget from the federal government of Pakistan for the year 2021-2022. Participants discussed that despite the very adverse impact of severe pandemic COVID-19, the government has done wonderful in achieving its budget targets and for the first time in the history of the country that the government has collected more than 400 billion rupees of taxes. The exports have increased in the last year, remittances have increased to historical levels, the FDI has increased, and the stock exchange is doing wonderful and is achieving new records every other day. However despite these positive aspects of the economy in the last year, the inflation is rising and imports have also increased to a dangerous level. They specifically appreciated the government for the inclusion of Pakistan into AMAZON’s seller list which is likely to boost e-commerce in the country. The participants discussed that it is good to see that the government has set a new historical highest target for the revenue collection in the country. The government has announced to bring export friendly policies, and to introduce a business friendly environment. The government has also announced a subsidy to the housing sector which will not only boost the housing sector in the economy of Pakistan but it will also flourish many other related industries in the country including cement, steel, electrical equipment, tiles, furniture, and others. The government has also announced a special Youth Loan Policy which will hopefully flourish the new businesses in Pakistan and will boost entrepreneurship and innovation. Setting a 900 billion rupees development budget is also expected to push the economy forward. The participants were of the view that the government should not only allocate a budget for the institutions but it should also work on enhancing capacity building of the institutions in the country. The institutions have to be made able to spend the allocated budget effectively. For this purpose the government should increase the role of academia in the economic development of Pakistan. The higher educational institutions should be allocated more budgets and should be involved in policy making for the country. Participants were of the view that the current century is the century of the “Knowledge Economy”. The government should therefore divert its attention towards making Pakistan a knowledge economy by spending more on education, science, and technology. Though it’s a wonderful sign that the present government has brought 200,000 new people to the tax net but government has to do a lot in this sector, as participants argued that increasing the tax rate is not a solution but the government will have to increase the number of tax payers to achieve its revenue collection targets.

Webinar on Nature of Cyst Nematode Population Suppression

The webinar on “The Nature of a Cyst Nematode Population Suppression” in association with Pakistan Phytopathological Society. The webinar was conducted to highlight the importance of the cyst nematode problem in sugar crops. Sugar beet is an important cash crop of Punjab and Khyber Pakhtoonkhawah (KPK). It is considered to be an alternate of sugarcane of the region. Growing over an area of 1.1 million hectares, sugarcane contributes 0.5% to Pakistan’s GDP and is the most important cash crop after cotton. Sugar beet is facing a serious problem of plant-parasitic nematodes that are responsible for losses in the production. In Pakistan, the nematode problem is more serious and complex than in the developed countries which is due to several issues as Pakistan is a tropical country where the climate is suitable for the activity and reproduction of nematodes throughout the year which is supported by the sandy and warm soils that are very favourable for nematode development especially in irrigated areas, where these crops are commonly planted. Perennial crops and crops grown in the same field year after year are often heavily attacked by nematodes.

Participants of the webinar

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The Punjab government has approved the setting up of chip design centers at a cost of Rs 41.75 million in eight universities of Punjab including the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, specially thanked the Provincial Minister for Higher Education, Raja Yasir Humayun Sarfraz for giving priority to Islamia University of Bahawalpur for the establishment of Chip Design Center. He said that thanks to the special attention of the government, a chip design center would be set up in the university this year. The project will launch undergraduate and graduate level courses in chip design. With the help of these courses, students will receive training in Commercial Grade, IC & Design and their verification tools. After the training, students will be fully prepared to work in the domestic and foreign IT market and will be able to find employment easily. Integrated circuit chip technology has revolutionized the world of computers and electronics. With the establishment of these centers in these universities, Pakistan will gain a prominent position in this technology at the global level, especially in electronics. The Vice Chancellor further said that this initiative of the Punjab government would go a long way in achieving a better position in the electronics industry and nanotechnology globally and Pakistani engineers would be able to make a name for themselves not only in the domestic but also in the global market. The Vice Chancellor has extended special congratulations to the Dean Faculty of Engineering Prof. Dr. Muhammad Amjad, faculty members and students on the achievement.

IUB Souvenirs Shop

Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur inaugurated a souvenir shop at the Department of Business Management and Administrative Sciences. Graduate student Hunzala Ahmad as an entrepreneur has set up a souvenir shop at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur where Islamia University brand, various gifts including cups, pins, different models of university building and gate and different models of Bahawalpur city have been made. The Vice Chancellor said that this is a successful entrepreneurial model in which a social purpose also emerges and the brand and identity of the university will create a new relationship among the people and it is an entrepreneurial endeavor. This will inspire other young people and they will start their own small and medium businesses, the income from which will be a source of prosperity. Dean Faculty of Management Sciences Prof. Dr. Jawad Iqbal and faculty members were also present on the occasion.

Training Session on Associate Degree Program

A one-day training workshop was organized for the teachers and heads of all the affiliated colleges regarding the Associate Degree Program (ADP). Prof. Dr. Tahir Nadeem and Noshin Malik from the Department of Education spoke on education and learning. Prof. Dr. Bushra Naz from the Department of English provided information on English language teaching. Teachers from associate colleges were made aware of internal examinations, materials, teaching and learning issues and other modern methods. The training workshop was chaired by Prof. Dr. Moazzam Jameel, Registrar, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. He appreciated the special cooperation of Prof. Dr. Irshad Hussain, Director, Undergraduate Studies Center in organizing the workshop. In the expert panel, Talib Hussain, Additional Controller of Examinations, informed about the problems related to organization. At the end of the training workshop, it was reiterated that this associate degree program will introduce students to modern education system and will introduce an international level system from which graduate students from international and global educational networks will be rooted.
Vice Chancellor attends Literary Gathering at Multan

A special gathering was organized by the literary and journalistic circles of Multan in honor of Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. The event was attended by writers, columnists, civil society representatives and journalists. The program was hosted by renowned columnist and reductionist Naseem Shahid. The Vice Chancellor said that the students and providing them the best educational environment. Currently, 126 departments, affiliated colleges and institutes in 13 faculties are offering more than 300 programs. The university has increased facilities for students and 30% of students are receiving various scholarships. An amount of Rs. 370 million has been allocated for 4083 students in Phase 2 of the Prime Minister’s Pakistan of Bahawalpur is one of the few universities offering its agricultural products for sale in the market. He said that the government of Pakistan was showing great interest in development activities at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. Recently, the Central Development Working Party has allocated Rs. 4 billion for the establishment of new departments at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, hostel

Islamia University of Bahawalpur holds an important position in South Punjab and at the national level. The University of Historical Significance is a reflection of the great educational vision of the Nawab of Bahawalpur who founded this great academic institution 100 years ago. The number of teachers has increased from 1000 and about 800 visiting faculty are also engaged in the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. He said that in accordance with the Government policy the Islamia University of Bahawalpur is growing for the welfare of students and about 14,000 students are receiving financial assistance from various institutions. Safer transportation facility to pick and drop students is also provided due to which their parents are highly satisfied and cost of hostels dues is also saved. He said that the Islamia University of Bahawalpur is also gaining prominence in research activities and the university has dedicated Rs. 100 million from its own resources for research activities due to which advanced research is being done in agriculture and other fields. The Islamia University and new campus at Ahmadpur East and its disbursement has started in the recent budget. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur, being a friend of knowledge, appreciates poets, writers and columnists and is taking advantage of their experience. The university organized the first Bahawalpur Literary and Cultural Festival (BLCF) in which writers, artists, poets and other eminent persons from all over the country participated and in the coming years this Bahawalpur Literary and Cultural Festival will be organized on a large scale. The dignitaries of Bahawalpur Literary and Cultural Festival (BLCF) in which writers, artists, poets and other eminent persons from all over the country participated and in the coming years this Bahawalpur Literary and Cultural Festival will be organized on a large scale. The dignitaries

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Workshop on General Education Resources

Third Consultative Meeting of Experts for Preparation of Paigham-e-Pakistan Training Manuals at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. It was organized by Islamic Research Institute, International Islamic University, Islamabad in Collaboration with the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. The meeting was chaired by Prof. Dr. Engr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. Prof. Dr. Masoom Yasinzai, Rector, International Islamic University, Islamabad participated in the meeting via zoom. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq, Director General, Islamic Research Institute, International Islamic University, Islamabad conducted the meeting whereas, Prof. Dr. Aftab Hussain Gillani, Dean, Faculty of Law/Chairman, Department of Pakistan Studies, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, Prof. Dr. Abdul Qudoos Suhab, Chairman, Department of Islamic Studies, Bahauddin Zakariya University Multan, Prof. Dr. Musawir Hussain Bukhari, Chairman, Department of Political Science, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, and other senior faculty members including policy makers, religious leaders and member of the civil society.

In the last few years, blood disorders such as Thalassemia are on the rise. Such patients always need a continued supply of blood. Donors are quite less in the country and it gets difficult to timely arrange blood for such patients. In this context, the department of Physiology visited the Regional Blood Centre, Bahawal Victoria Hospital along with its students of BS Physiology. The students were shown the state-of-the-art set up of the centre. The different sections of the centre were visited and processing of blood samples being carried out at this facility was briefed by Syed Fayyaz, Manager Blood Mobilization of the centre. Syed Fayyaz and Dr. Umer Farooq endorsed escalated awareness to the masses regarding thalassemia and other blood disorders. It was further discussed how the two departments can work in collaboration for increased blood donation services.

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