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Federal Minister of State Zartaj Gul Visits IUB

The Federal Minister of State for Climate Change, Ms. Zartaj Gul emphasized on the importance of giving women a higher status in society and equal opportunities for education and employment and making them central in the national mainstream. The Minister of State expressed these views

a better future so that they could continue to play their role in the development of Pakistan. She said that the provision of scholarships by the British Council to 220 female students of Pakistan is very welcome and the provision of these scholarships to the female students of South Punjab is a matter of great

on it. She said that thousands of students of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur deserved congratulations for continuing their teaching and research activities in such an excellent and conducive educational environment. She appreciated the ongoing academic and co-curricular activities in

Bahawalpur has shown significant progress and performance in every field in the last one and half years. The number of faculty has increased from 500 to 1000. Similarly, the number of male and female students has increased from 13,000 to 42,000 according to the potential of this university.



A view of Scottish Scholarships distribution ceremony

in her address at the Scottish Scholarships Distribution Ceremony at the Main Auditorium, Baghdad ul Jadeed Campus. She said that it was much pleasure that 71 female students of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur were being given

pleasure for them. The Minister of State said we have a clear example of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) that he used to stand in honor of Hazrat Fatima (RA). Women have a very high position in Islamic society and in the world in this regard and we

the university and especially the practical participation of the students in all these processes. Addition of more than 500 PhD graduates, 123 departments, Cotton Research, Scholarships for 25% students is an encouraging sign

He said that under a three year development plan, four major academic blocks and four hostels would be constructed at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur to provide quality facilities for teaching and research to the



Visit of Hakra Art Gallery and tree plantation by the honourable Minister of State



Scottish Scholarships by the British Council. “Our women are second to none in the world in terms of their talent and are performing at their best in every field,” she said. She advised the students to focus on education, character building and

have to move forward by making this high position a stepping stone to development. She praised the lush green campuses of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and congratulated the Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob

of progress. She also mentioned Ms. Fatima Jinnah, thanks to whom Quaid-e-Azam achieved the goal of Pakistan. In his address on this occasion, Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mehboob said that the Islamia University of

students. Mr. Amir Ramzan, the Country Head of the British Council, in his virtual address said that the award of 71 scholarships to Islamia University Bahawalpur is a source of joy for all of us. He said that 13,000 applications were received



Federal Minister of State for Climate Change, Ms. Zartaj Gul, Engr. Prof. Dr. Ather Mahboob, Vice Chancellor and others are addressing in the ceremony

from all over the country and 220 applications were accepted out of which 71 were given to Islamia University Bahawalpur. Director Financial Assistance Ghulam Hassan Abbasi said on the occasion that thanks to the special interest and efforts of the Vice Chancellor, now 25% of the students of Islamia University are benefiting from various scholarships schemes. He said that after the Prime Minister's Pakistan Ehsaas Scholarship

Program, Punjab Government Scholarships, Higher Education Scholarships and other Institutional Scholarships, now the British Council Scholarships are very welcome for our female students to pursue higher education. The event was attended by senior teachers, officers, civil society representatives, Malik Habibullah Bhutta, Syed Tabish Alwari, Sumera Malik and media representatives. Earlier, when the Minister of State

arrived the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, she was welcomed by Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob in his office. On this occasion, she inaugurated the Prime Minister's Tree Plantation Campaign to plant one lac trees at the Islamia University Bahawalpur. She planted a tree in the greenery outside the Vice Chancellor's office. The Minister of State also visited the College of Art and Design during her visit to the Islamia University

of Bahawalpur. On this occasion, College Principal Ms. Maria Ansari provided information about the ongoing educational activities in the college. Minister of State Ms. Zartaj Gul also inaugurated art work display at the College of Art and Design on this occasion. She appreciated the art work of faculty and students.



Federal Minister of State for Climate Change, Ms. Zartaj Gul visiting Hakra Art Gallery



A view of panel discussion with Radio Pakistan

Ground Breaking of 2.5 MW Solar Park at IUB

Provincial Minister for Energy Dr. Akhtar Malik laid the foundation stone of a 2.5 MW solar energy project at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. Talking to media persons on the occasion, the Provincial Minister said that the present government was working fast to increase efficiency and productivity in the power sector. Currently, power supply projects are underway in 43 universities in the Punjab. The solar energy

Bahawalpur Chamber of Commerce and Industries Chaudhry Tanveer Mahmood, Deans, citizens, media representatives, teachers and students were present in large number. The Provincial Minister said that the present government had redefined its priorities and formulated policies in line with national interests and aspirations. The Energy Department was activated and steps were taken to provide affordable electricity

to solar connections in phases. On this occasion, he announced the establishment of Center of Excellence for Renewable Energy and Training at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur on the request of Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob. He said that the teaching and research achievements of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur were commendable and the establishment of this center

solar energy. Punjab will become a big province with a brilliant initiative in the government's energy plan. In his address on the occasion, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, Islamia University, Bahawalpur said that today is a historic occasion for the faculty and students of the University to witness this renewable energy initiative by the Punjab Government and especially the Department of Energy. This



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor and Mr. Aamir Jan, Secretary Energy presenting a shield to Dr. Akhtar Malik, Provincial Minister for Energy

project to be set up at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur will generate 3.906 million units of electricity annually which will approximately save Rs. 70 million. Vice Chancellor, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Secretary Energy Department Muhammad Aamir Jan, Member National Assembly, Makhdoom Syed Sami ul Hassan Gillani, Members Provincial Assembly, Dr. Muhammad Afzal and Chaudhry Ahsan-ul-Haq, President

through alternative renewable energy sources. He said that the energy project of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur was a gift from the Prime Minister of Pakistan Imran Khan for the people of Bahawalpur. Punjab has been declared a solar province. The Punjab government has 95,000 public connections for which the government pays Rs. 37 billion annually. These public connections are being shifted

would boost research in the field of energy. In his address on the occasion, Secretary Energy Muhammad Aamir Jan said that the Punjab government is paying full attention to energy management and the 2.5 MW solar power project at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur is an international level project. He said that in the next few years, all educational institutions and health centers in the province would be shifted to

project will provide an opportunity for students in research and alternative energy sources. He was accompanied by Provincial Minister for Energy Dr. Akhtar Malik, Secretary Department Energy Muhammad Aamir Jan, Member National Assembly, Makhdoom Syed Sami ul Hassan Gillani, Members of Provincial Assembly and Member Syndicate Dr. Muhammad Afzal and Chaudhry Ahsan-ul-Haq, President Bahawalpur Chamber of Commerce

and Industries, Chaudhry Tanveer Mahmood. Earlier, Provincial Minister for Energy Dr. Akhtar Malik, Secretary Energy Department Muhammad Amir Jan, Member National Assembly, Makhdoom Syed Sami ul Hassan Gillani, Members of Provincial Assembly and Dr. Muhammad Afzal and Chaudhry Ahsan-ul-Haq visited Islamia University Bahawalpur Solar Park. A detailed briefing was given on the project and it was informed that the project is expected to generate 3.9 MW of electricity and the project will be completed by March 31. On this occasion, the Provincial Minister also planted trees in the Solar Park under the Prime Minister's Clean and Green Campaign. Earlier, Provincial Minister Dr. Akhtar Malik called



Dr. Akhtar Malik, Provincial Minister for Energy inaugurating the ground work of Solar Park

on Vice Chancellor Engineer Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob at his office. On this occasion, the Vice

Chancellor briefed him about the ongoing teaching, development and co-curricular activities of

the University, especially in the context of Covid 19, online classes and examinations.



Dr. Akhtar Malik, Provincial Minister for Energy, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor and Mr. Aamir Jan, Secretary Energy addressing in the ceremony

The Governor Praises Cotton Research at IUB

Chaudhary Muhammad Sarwar, Governor of the Punjab and Chancellor praised the research work in the Islamia University of Bahawalpur reviving cotton known as the silver crop. The Governor highly appreciated the cotton varieties developed by the researchers of the University, fit in short window and mature within 120 days. The Governor also acknowledged the leadership of Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor providing congenial environment for teaching and research ensuring quality education as well as enhancing

students enrolment up to 15000 during the current semester. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal, Chairman, Plant Breeding and Genetics, Department and Director ORIC briefed the Chancellor about the latest cotton varieties showing remarkable progress under conditions of drought, high temperature and successful against diseases like curl leave virus and white fly having high density per acre with enhanced yield. On this occasion, Mr. Khalid Khokar, President, Pakistan Kisan Itehad and Ch Naseer from Fatima Fertilizer were also present.



Governor Punjab and Chancellor Chaudhry Muhammad Sarwar discussing with Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal Chairman Plant Breeding and Genetics Islamia University Bahawalpur about new varieties of cotton

Minister HED Appreciates IUB Students Centric Initiatives



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur discussing about academic, research and development of the University with the Minister Higher Education Punjab, Mr. Raja Yasir Humayun Sarfraz

Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur discussed upcoming initiatives of the University with the Minister Higher Education Punjab, Raja Yasir Humayun Sarfraz. He expressed his full support to the University and its student centric strategic initiatives. He expressed desire to launch two years industry focused Associate Degree Programs through IUB and its affiliated public and private Degree colleges. Meanwhile, a meeting to discuss the policy of the Higher Education sector was held at PHEC Head Office, Arfa Software Technology Park, Lahore under the convener-ship of Provincial Minister for Higher Education & Information Technology Mr. Raja Yassir Humayun Sarfraz.

The First Meeting of Khawaja Ghulam Farid Chair Management Committee

The first meeting of Khawaja Ghulam Farid Chair Management Committee, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur was held under the chairmanship of Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor at Baghdad ul Jadeed Campus. The meeting was participated by Khwaja Moinuddin Mehboob Koreja, Co Chairman, Dr. Shehzad Qaiser, Retired Federal Secretary, Co Chairman, Prof. Dr. Javed Hassan Chandio, Dean Faculty of Arts, Saeed Sheikh, Director General, Cyber Wing, Government of Pakistan, Riaz Hussain Sindher, Assistant Professor, Mujahid Jatoy, Malik Khuda Yar Channar, Dr. Sadia Kamal, Athar Lashari, Asmatullah Shah, Khawaja Rawal Moin Koreja Honorary Director / Secretary and Mian Samad Sher Abbasi. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob said that Khwaja Ghulam Farid Chair has been established for a great and noble cause so that the teachings of this great Sufi poet could be widely disseminated. For this purpose,



The participants of first meeting of Khawaja Ghulam Farid Chair Management Committee

the Management committee has been formed to actively spread to the message of Hazrat Khawaja Ghulam Farid nationally and internationally. He said that we all have a shared responsibility in this regard. The participants in the meeting termed the initiative of activating Khawaja Ghulam Farid Chair Islamia University as a historic occasion and paid tribute to the efforts of the Vice Chancellor

Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob. It was decided at the meeting that the Khawaja Farid Chair would co-operate and collaborate with domestic and foreign institutions and all aspects of Khawaja Ghulam Farid's personality and teachings would be highlighted and broadcast on print, electronic and social media. Research work on Khawaja Ghulam Farid and publication of International General in this

regard, his poetry and manuscripts will be standardized. A special museum and gallery will also be set up in this regard. Under the Khawaja Farid Chair, Faridiyat experts will be invited to seminars and conferences and liaison with Latif Chair, Sachal Chair and other chairs will be promoted. The Khawaja Farid Chair Library will also be expanded.

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ashraf Appointed Pro Vice Chancellor, IUB

The Governor of the Punjab and Chancellor appointed Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ashraf, Department of Chemistry, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur as Pro Vice Chancellor of the University. In this regard, the Higher Education Department, Government of the Punjab issued a notification. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor and faculty members have congratulated Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ashraf on becoming Pro Vice Chancellor.



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor presenting flowers to newly appointed Pro Vice Chancellor

IUB Achieves Milestone of 4th Generation University

Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor said that the Islamia University of Bahawalpur has achieved the status of 4th Generation University, leading towards sustainable development which has made rapid progress in teaching, research, patenting and commercialization of products.

commercial sale of cotton varieties IUB-222, MM-58 and IUB-13 has started. It is very important that the increase in exports of agricultural economy and textile products will provide valuable foreign exchange which will surely lead to the stabilization of the national economy. This measure

their high productivity and better performance in local, geographical and climatic conditions and their ability to fight diseases. The Vice Chancellor credited Prof. Dr. Iqbal, Director Research and Head of Plant Breeding him and Genetics, and congratulated. Meanwhile, a meeting was held

market and Islamia University's cotton will be promoted on a commercial scale. IUB-222 has been given sale rights to a company called Kanzo while sales rights of IUB-13 and MM-58 have been given to Sun Crop Company. The sale of these seeds has been transferred to the Islamia University of



A view of meeting to award sales rights of IUB cotton varieties to commercial organizations

The IUB has become one of the leading university in the country, which is an important step towards self-sufficiency. For the first time in the history of the university,

will also help in the prosperity of the farmers and alleviation of poverty. Cotton of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur varieties are beneficial to the farmer due to

for commercial sale of seeds of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and varieties have been sold to companies offering higher rates. These companies are stable in the

Bahawalpur. The meeting was participated by Prof. Dr. Iqbal Prof. Dr. Moazzam Jamil, faculty members and representatives of relevant companies.

Consultative Workshop on National Education Policy 2021

A four-day high-level consultative workshop was held at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur on the direction of the Federal Ministry of Education and Vocational Training to formulate recommendations regarding Education Policy 2021.

Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur inaugurated the workshop in a special ceremony. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Sajjad Khan, Vice Chancellor, Cholistan University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Bahawalpur and Chief

and in line with our social and ideological needs. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Sajjad Khan, Vice Chancellor, Cholistan University of Veterinary Animal Sciences said that we have to impart moral and constructive training to the

from our research and the education policy should actually be formulated by the practitioners. There should be technology based education policy and in this regard obstacles should be removed. Urdu translations of modern sciences



A view of consultative workshop on National Education Policy 2021

The Federal Ministry has selected the Islamia University of Bahawalpur for a joint meeting of South Punjab universities, colleges, schools, madrassas and academics. In this regard, stakeholders from the public and private sectors discussed the Education Policy 2021 and after consultation, recommendations will be sent to the Federal Ministry of Education. The Inter-University Consortium for the Promotion of Social Sciences was the partner with the Islamia University of Bahawalpur to organize this consultative meeting. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice

Executive Officer Education, Zahoor Ahmad Chauhan were also present on the occasion. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob said that the vision of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur is to discuss issues of national importance by connecting directly with the community. On the directions of the Government of Pakistan, the Islamia University hosted four-day consultative workshop to make recommendations on education that are in line with national aspirations and future needs. He said that the education policy should be in line with the international education standards

students and the focus of the policy should be human development. Zahoor Ahmad Chauhan, Chief Executive Officer said that education is a basic human need and the real basis of human development. Education policy should be tailored to the needs of society. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Aslam Adeeb, Pro-Rector, National College of Commerce and Business Administration and economics Bahawalpur said that a general framework for national policy should be formulated and a green paper document should be prepared. We should get benefit

should be done. We should recognize the reality of online education. Social literacy and adult education must also be taken into account. Dr. Shehzad Karim, Assistant Professor of Linguistics, spoke on the curriculum, teaching methods and teacher training at the school level. Prof. Dr. Irshad Hussain, Chairman, Department of Education, said that under the guidance of Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice-Chancellor, heads of higher educational institutions, colleges and school centers of South Punjab, academics, researchers and teachers are



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Sajjad Khan, Vice Chancellor, Cholistan University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Bahawalpur and others addressing the seminar

participating in the consultative meeting. The four-day workshop focused on uniform curriculum, technical and vocational education, skill training, quality education from school to college and university, setting standards for national and international educational goals, and collaborating with international institutions. Dean Faculty of Education Professor Dr. Akhtar Ali thanked the delegates for attending the workshop. On the second day of the workshop, the Vice Chancellors of Public and Private Universities of South Punjab participated in the consultative meeting. On the third day, scholars from madrassas discussed religious education and madrasa curriculum. On the last day of the workshop, prominent people from various sections of the society presented suggestions on education policy. Vice Chancellor's of 12 universities participated in the

national and international challenges. He thanked the Vice Chancellors, officials of the Federal Ministry of Education and Vocational Training and the participants of the Inter-University Consortium at the ongoing consultative meeting at the Islamia University Bahawalpur. Prof. Dr. Mansoor Akbar Kundi, Vice Chancellor, Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan said that collective decision making should be given priority and clear policies regarding online education system should be formulated. Prof. Dr. Sajjad Ahmad Khan, Vice Chancellor, Cholistan University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, said that we are currently undergoing a major transformation in the field of education and on this occasion coordination between faculty and students is very important and policy makers also need to be aware of their views so that more proactive policies can

laws are essential. Prof. Hameed Raza Siddiqui Member Syndicate the Islamia University of Bahawalpur while mentioning the importance of social sciences said that these sciences are very important in solving social and economic problems. Prof. Dr. Shahida Sajjad, Vice Chancellor, Malir University of Science and Technology, Karachi spoke on direct admission to PhD from the four-year BS program. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Asghar Hashmi, Registrar, Khawaja Fareed University of Engineering and Technology, Rahim Yar Khan informed about the need for online education and related policy guidelines. Prof. Dr. Jawad Iqbal, Dean, Faculty of Management Sciences, The Islamia University of Bahawalpur, highlighted the role of the Board of Advanced Studies and Research in improving standards in social and scientific sciences. Dr. Mubashir Gulzar NFC Institute of

Consortium, said that consultations held at the level of Vice Chancellors are to focus on education as well as role building in the institutions so that students can become peaceful and active citizens. The role of Student Societies is very important for the meaningful and active participation of students. Therefore, student societies should be encouraged and resources should be provided to them for the promotion of extra-curricular activities. On the third day of the high level consultative meeting on Education Policy 2021 directed by the Federal Ministry of Education and Vocational Training at Islamia University Bahawalpur, scholars from different madrassas participated. The new education policy and the up-gradation of madrassas and modern sciences were discussed. Focal Person Prof. Dr. Irshad Hussain, Chairman, Department of Education, said that the participants appreciated the



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor and Capt. (R) Zafar Iqbal Commissioner Bahawalpur along with delegates of consultative workshop on National Education Policy 2021

second day of the high level consultative meeting on Education Policy 2021 in coordination with the Federal Ministry of Education and Vocational Training at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. It was recommended that while formulating the outline of education policy, a consensus strategy should be formulated keeping in view the views of all stakeholders, policy makers, teachers, students, parents and others, reflecting the national aspirations. At the beginning of the consultative meeting, Mohi-ud-Din Wani, Additional Secretary, Federal Ministry of Education and Vocational Training, briefed about the purpose and characteristics of the National Education Policy 2021. Host Vice Chancellor Engineer Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob said that the National Education Policy should be formulated keeping in view our national ideology and current

be formulated. Prof. Dr. Amir Ijaz, Vice Chancellor, MNS University of Engineering and Technology, Multan, emphasized on uniform and standard curriculum and briefed the industry and academia. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Tufail, Vice Chancellor, Ghazi University, Dera Ghazi Khan, emphasized on single education system and education excellence. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Mukhtar, Vice Chancellor, National Skills University, Islamabad, appreciated the conduct of the consultative workshop at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and called for high level scientific research. Prof. Dr. Uzma Qureshi, Vice Chancellor, Women University Multan in her address said that implementation of policies is the real challenge and new universities are facing lack of resources. Faculty development programs, funding support, infrastructure improvements and simplification of

Engineering Multan said that accreditation institutes have an important role to play in improving the quality of education and quality and geography should also be taken into consideration in the affiliated colleges. Ayesha Zahid from Superior University emphasized on curriculum development and promotion of international relations. Dr. Aurangzeb Khan, Secretary General, Private Universities Association, appreciated the cooperation of the Higher Education Commission and the ongoing efforts in formulating the education policy. Prof. Dr. Irshad Hussain, Focal Person of the Consultative Meeting, gave a detailed briefing on the four-day Consultative Meeting and said that the recommendations of all stakeholders would be communicated to the policy makers. Murtaza Noor, National Coordinator, Inter-University

upgrading of madrassas in line with national aspirations and government policy. He said that the scholars appreciated the prudent leadership of Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor in organizing this session on behalf of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. The establishment of a model madrasa at the university was discussed on the occasion. The curriculum for Computer Science, English and Mathematics in madrassas and the provision of teachers for these subjects were discussed. Special training programs for madrasa teachers were also discussed. Final recommendations will be sent to the Ministry of Education. The four-day high-level consultative meeting on Education Policy 2021 on the direction of Federal Ministry of Education and Vocational Training at Islamia University Bahawalpur ended with a



A panel discussion on consultative workshop on National Education Policy 2021

declaration on National Education Policy. The closing session was presided over by the Vice Chancellor Cholistan University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Prof. Dr. Sajjad Ahmad Khan and Commissioner Bahawalpur Division Capt. (R) Zafar Iqbal was the chief guest on this occasion. Commissioner Bahawalpur Capt. (R) Zafar Iqbal addressed the gathering and appreciated the convening of a high level consultative meeting on National Education Policy at Islamia University Bahawalpur. He said that teachers have a key role to play in national development and nation building. Education is not a teacher's profession but a mission. Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah had clarified the educational policy in his speech at Dhaka University immediately after the establishment of Pakistan. He had openly said that a large part of the resources would be devoted to the education sector. We need to focus

on research and development and keep ourselves abreast of rapidly changing global conditions. In this regard, teachers should prepare students for this global competitive race. In his address on the occasion, Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, said that knowledge is the great heritage of Muslims and the convening of Muslim Education Conference by Sir Syed Ahmed Khan was an important milestone for the promotion of education in the Indian subcontinent. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur, which was established on the model of Al-Azhar University, is a continuation of this great intellectual heritage. Immediately after the formation of Pakistan, Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah convened an education conference. Islamia University Bahawalpur brings together stakeholders on a platform for consultation on important issues of national importance and provides an opportunity for discussion and

debate. The recommendations of this four-day consultative meeting will be sent to the Federal Ministry of Education. Vice Chancellor Cholistan University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Prof. Dr. Sajjad Ahmad Khan said that development goals should be set in all fields including education and for this purpose dialogue culture should be promoted. Focal Person Prof. Dr. Irshad Hussain said that the four-day consultative meeting was attended by Vice Chancellors, Heads of Schools and Colleges from 12 universities and teachers of religious seminaries and presented very useful and practical suggestions for formulating National Education Policy. These suggestions will be documented and sent to the Federal Ministry of Education. He also appreciated the role of the Inter-University Consortium for Development and Social Sciences on cooperation in the consultative meeting. In his keynote address, Prof. Dr. Faiz ul

Hassan Naseem outlined the education policy for 2020 to 2025 and said that the existing education system needs to be restructured to prepare young people with creative abilities to meet the global challenges. Senior Journalist Amin Abbasi termed the practical participation and consultation of teachers of local schools and madrassas in the consultative meeting as a very important development. Dean Faculty of Education Prof. Dr. Akhtar Ali appreciated and thanked the delegates for attending the consultative meeting. He said that the Faculty of Education regularly organizes national and international seminars and conferences on the education system, curriculum and teaching methods and the present consultative meeting has proved to be a fruitful endeavor in this regard.

IUB to Promote Tourism in the Region

Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur said that in accordance with the vision of the Prime Minister of Pakistan and Government of Pakistan, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur is playing a vital role in promoting tourism. For this purpose, the Department of Tourism and Hospitality has been set up where degree programs in Tourism and Hospitality Management have

been introduced. Similarly, IUB Directorate of Sustainable Tourism has been set up for the long term promotion of tourism. The Vice Chancellor expressed these views during a meeting with Managing Director Tourism Development Corporation Punjab Tanveer Jabbar at his office. Prof. Dr. Jawad Iqbal, Dean, Faculty of Management Sciences, Imran Rashid, Head, Department of Tourism and Hospitality Management, Salman

Qureshi, Director, IUB DOST and Fayyaz Ahmed, Deputy Manager Events were present on this occasion. The Vice Chancellor said that as last year, this year also the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, District Administration, Tourism Development Corporation Punjab and Bahawalpur Chamber of Commerce and Industry would extend full cooperation in organizing the Cholistan Desert Jeep Rally. A special bus service

was run for the convenience of students and tourists on this occasion. Teachers and students of Performing Arts Society and Tourism Development Society also take full part in these activities. During the meeting, the proposed Memorandum of Understanding between Tourism Development Corporation Punjab and the Islamia University of Bahawalpur was also discussed.



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor along with Mr. Tanveer Jabbar, MD TDCP and others

Honourable Vice Chancellor BZU Visits IUB

Vice Chancellor Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan Prof. Dr. Mansoor Akbar Kundi during his visit to the Islamia University of Bahawalpur signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob for mutual cooperation between the two universities in the field of Pharmacy. Prof. Mansoor Akbar Kundi also participated in the ongoing International Conference on Federalism, State and Society at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. He said that under the leadership of Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Islamia University of Bahawalpur is showing remarkable performance in the field of teaching and research. The participation of national and international delegates in the ongoing conference on the beautiful campus and reflection on the most important topic of national importance is very welcome. He said that Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob with his God-given administrative skills played a key role in the establishment of Khawaja Ghulam Fareed University of Engineering and Information Technology Rahim Yar Khan as the Founding Vice Chancellor and now the Islamia University



Vice Chancellor Bahauddin Zakariya University Multan Prof. Dr. Mansoor Akbar Kundi during his visit to the Islamia University of Bahawalpur signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob for mutual cooperation between the two universities in the field of Pharmacy

of Bahawalpur is also progressing rapidly under his leadership. Fixing Chairman Department of Political Science Prof. Dr. Musawir Hussain Bukhari, Focal Person of Conference Prof. Dr. Yasmeen Rofi thanked Vice Chancellor Bahauddin Zakariya University for attending the conference. Meanwhile, Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Bahauddin Zakariya University

Multan agreed to take steps for teaching and research in the field of pharmacy and exchange of information. Mutual exchange of faculty and students will give a new impetus to teaching and research projects and promote joint links with pharmaceuticals and allied industries. Also present on the occasion were Dean Faculty of Pharmacy and Faculty of Medicine

and Allied Health Sciences Prof. Dr. Naveed Akhtar, Dean Faculty of Management Sciences Prof. Dr. Jawad Iqbal, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Uzair, Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy, Bahauddin Zakariya University Multan and Prof. Dr. Haji Muhammad Shoaib Khan Chairman Department of Human Nutrition and Dietitians.

Seminar on Kashmir Solidarity Day



Pro Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ashraf presenting a shield to Guest Speaker Dr. Mahboob Hussain, Chairman, Department of Pakistan and History

A seminar was organized at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur on the occasion of Kashmir Solidarity Day. The seminar

was presided over by Pro Vice Chancellor Islamia University of Bahawalpur Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ashraf. Prof. Dr. Mahboob Hussain,

Chairman, Department of Pakistan and History, University of the Punjab, Lahore delivered a special address on the Kashmir issue, past

and present. The participants said that Kashmir is a global issue and a challenge to world peace. The independence movement is purely an internal movement of Kashmiris which consists of years of eternal sacrifices. The right to self-determination is a fundamental right of Kashmiris which has been recognized by the United Nations platform and is still a global issue. The present Hurriyat movement is unique from all the movements of the past and full of the spirit of freedom which the young Kashmiris are running with their sacrifices and have attracted the whole world. Pakistan has always provided moral and political support to the oppressed Kashmiris and raised its voice for them on every platform in the world. This issue is currently the focus of global attention and the United Nations



Group photo of participants of seminar on Kashmir Solidarity Day

is considering various options to solve this problem. On the other hand, the occupying country is breaking mountains of oppression on unarmed Kashmiris. The Pakistani government and people are working hard to raise global awareness on the Kashmir issue. Serious human rights violations by the occupying country are being voiced, especially in international human rights bodies. As a nation, Pakistan needs to strengthen itself

economically and academically so that we can assert ourselves as a global power and become a strong shield for the oppressed nations of the world, including Kashmir. Addressing the function, Prof. Dr. Aftab Hussain Gillani, Chairman, Department of Pakistan Studies said that under the direction of Vice Chancellor Engineer Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob a series of events are being held in all the campuses of the Islamia University under

Solidarity Kashmir Week. Prof. Dr. Jawad Iqbal, Dean, Faculty of Management Sciences, Prof. Dr. Sheikh Shafiq ur Rehman, Dean, Faculty of Islamic Learning, Senior Vice President Bahawalpur Chamber of Commerce and Industry, representatives of civil society and media in large numbers were present on the occasion. On the occasion of Kashmir Solidarity Day, a rally was also organized by Sir Sadiq Muhammad Khan

Library on the direction of Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. The staff members of the library, faculty members and students participated in the rally to show the unity and solidarity with the people of Indian-administered Kashmir, and to pay homage to the struggles of Kashmiri people and those who have martyred in the conflict.



Kashmir solidarity walk organized by Directorate of Students Affairs

An Interaction with the Federal Education Reporters

Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur said that the provision of funds for research and development is the responsibility of the government and purposeful research teachers. Vice Chancellor, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob expressed these views while talking to Federal Education Reporters Islamabad. The Vice Chancellor said that several steps have been taken for the development of the university in a short span of one and a half years. For the first time in history, 60% of the resources were provided by the university's own resources, which will be gradually increased to make the university financially self-sufficient. Increase in the number of students due to comprehensive admission policy, the number has been increased to 13 and the departments have increased from 48 to 126. 223 new teachers have been promoted and posted through selection board, including 34 Professors, 59 Associate Professors, 102 Assistant Professors and 28 Lecturers. The increase in the number of teachers will lead to significant progress in teaching and research performance. Due to the policy of the university, the



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor along with Federal Education Reporters

number of students has increased from 13,500 to 46,000. Admission facility center has been set up for the admission of male and female students. 2140 students benefited in the first phase of PM Ehsaas Scholarship while 7800 students have been interviewed in the second phase. Under the Higher Education Commission Need Based Scholarship, scholarships worth over Rs. 80 million were being distributed among 407 students.

Similarly, 200 scholarships were received from Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal, out of which 100 scholarships were allocated for students of Bahawalnagar and Rahim Yar Khan. The number of Scottish scholarships for female students issued by the British Council has increased from 6 to 93, which is a great achievement. Similarly, the university is increasing the amount of scholarships from its own resources. In addition,

scholarships will be provided by Bahawalpur Chamber of Commerce, Alumni and other industrial and commercial establishments. Faculties and departments were restructured. Establishment of Institute of Business and Administrative Sciences and addition of 9 departments, establishment of Institute of Biochemistry, Biotechnology and Bioinformatics, establishment of Institute of Physics, establishment

of 13 Departments in Faculty of Veterinary, Establishment of 6 Departments in Engineering Faculty. Establishment of Faculty of Law and Islamic Sharia, Establishment of Faculty of Medicine and Allied Health Sciences and Establishment of Directorate of Academics in new departments of Physical Therapy Post Graduate Medical College, School of Nursing and Human Diet and Nutrition, Establishment of Executive Training Implemented. With the addition of seven new buses for students, the number of buses has increased to 56. Special bus points have been set up for students of Lal Sohanra, Khanqah Sharif, Yazman, Lodhran, Ahmadpur

East and Khairpur Tamiwali. Four hostels with a capacity of 1000 accommodation for students have been activated. Five new academic blocks for Bahawalpur and Bahawalnagar have been approved under the three-year development plan including renovation of management science faculty building and provision of modern furniture. Work has begun on a 2.5 MW solar power plant. Islamia University Bahawalpur Testing Service was established. Similarly, HEC Data Center, Office of Occupational Health and Safety and International Liaison Office were established. The university's budget of Rs.

5387.983 million was approved and the development budget was increased by Rs. 1271.336 million. An amount of Rs. 343 million has been allocated in the current financial year. With the launch of online classes after the Covid-19 crisis, 22,000 students were saved from losing their semesters and the Higher Education Commission declared the online classes of Islamia University Bahawalpur as 100% best. IUB employees have contributed more than Rs 7.0 Million in Chief Minister Punjab's Corona Relief Fund. University provides free hand sanitizers to police and doctors, Engineering department prepares vanity

prototype, IT department prepares app for blood plasma availability, Establishment of phone service, establishment of Health Advisory by the Department of Conventional Medicine. For the first time, a national level Bahawalpur Literary and Cultural Festival has organized. The full participation of Islamia University Bahawalpur in the Cholistan Jeep Rally has boosted tourism and economic activities and the Bahawalpur Chamber of Commerce. The Bahawalpur Trade Fair was launched in collaboration with the Commerce and Tourism Development Corporation.



Mr. Gauhar Zahid Malik, Executive Editor, Pakistan Observer presenting a book to Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor



Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor along with Mr. Tauseeq Haider and staff of PTV Morning Show

IUB Sub Campuses to be Center of Teaching and Research

Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, Islamia University of Bahawalpur, has said that the sub-campuses of Jamia Islamia will be made a center for teaching and research. New academic upto PhD Programs will be introduced. Keeping in view the local needs, higher education opportunities are being enhanced in these sub-campuses and teachers are being deployed in the same proportion.

Vice Chancellor expressed these views while addressing teachers, employees and students at Rahim Yar Khan Campus. "We have to work as a team for the promotion of education and for that we have to keep merit and self-accountability in mind," he said. Discipline and mutual respect will surely ensure our success which will in fact guarantee the development and prosperity of this region and our

tehsils, students from adjoining areas of Sindh and Balochistan will be provided quality and low-fee higher education opportunities. He said that with the development of Rahim Yar Khan Campus and launch of MPhil and PhD programs, teachers and students would have the opportunity to solve local problems which is undoubtedly a great service to the region. Islamia University Bahawalpur

Coordinator Umair Ashraf about the ongoing educational activities on campus, the Spring Admission Campaign. Meanwhile talking at District Press Club Rahim Yar Khan, Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob said that Jamia Islamia is striving for the promotion of education in the region. Their aim is to make the Islamia University of Bahawalpur an international university in line with the requirements of the modern



Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor along with faculty members at Rahim Yar Khan Campus

The Rahim Yar Khan Campus will be made as lush as the Central Campus and for this purpose, thousands of plants will be planted under the Prime Minister's Pakistan Clean and Green Program. The

dear homeland. In a short span of time the number of students on campus has increased from 900 to 3000 which has increased to 7000. Apart from Rahim Yar Khan, Khanpur, Liaquatpur and Sadiqabad

has joined and will soon be in the top 500 which will also benefit all campuses. During his visit, the Vice Chancellor also visited the Admission Cell of Rahim Yar Khan Campus and was briefed by Campus

age, in addition to provide higher education and research facilities to the youth here to develop their leadership skills and prepare them for international competition.

IUB Advanced Studies and Research Board Meets

The 80th meeting of the Advanced Studies and Research Board of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur was held under the chair of Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor. The meeting approved important steps to enhance the

quality of research activities. The meeting also approved titles and topics of 110 PhD dissertations and a post-doctoral fellowship program. Prof. Dr. Jawad Iqbal, Director, Advanced Studies and Research Board, reviewed the

implementation of the decisions taken in the last meeting. It is important to mention here that the Islamia University of Bahawalpur is a leading university in the region providing teaching and research in the fields of Science and

Technology, Engineering, Social Sciences, Humanities as well as in Islamic Studies at MPhil and PhD level.



Participants of Advanced Studies and Research Board meeting

IUB Initiates Mega Projects in Agricultural Research

The Islamia University of Bahawalpur has launched a major project to cultivate 140 acres of barren land of the University for the Acquisition of agricultural produce, supply of quality seeds and promotion of research. Under the project, the production of vegetables, fruits and herbs through unconventional farming methods is in various stages. The Department of Horticulture, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur has not only made 25 acres of barren land cultivable in the pilot phase of its unique project, but has also started regular cultivation of 19 varieties of vegetables, 12 varieties of ornamental flowers and seasonal fruits. Water and cost savings have been ensured by introducing micro-fertilization system in the process of cultivation of high quality seed crops. The trial area has produced nutritious export-quality sour fruits, while palm mushrooms, other fruits, a variety of ornamental flowers and herbs used in herbal medicine are in the early stages. Cut flowers are vegetable exotic spices, they have adaptations within the region and work is being done to produce these spices and vegetables that have to be imported at exorbitant



A briefing of media persons on IUB agriculture products

prices, and secondly, when the products are exported from here, not only the region. The economy of Pakistan will also be beneficial. Unconventional method of cultivation has been adopted in the process of preparation of vegetables throughout the year. In this method, potato, onion, cucumber, tomato, pea, chili,

eggplant, pumpkin and salad crops are prepared by tin farming under controlled temperature are in different stages. We can train our students in better ways and in an upgraded setup so that when they graduate from here, they can then go all over the country and represent us as a good producer and help themselves and also the

country. Work for at the university level, this type of farming is helping local farmers to adapt to modern agricultural requirements. The two major benefits of this far-reaching project for agricultural development are that it provides nationally trained manpower and makes the university self-sufficient in terms of resources.



Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor visiting Cut Flowers Vegetables and Fruits production and Research Cell

IUB hosts Inter-Board Students Competitions

Bahawalpur Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education and the Islamia University of Bahawalpur jointly organized a competition of recitation of Holy Quran, Naat, speeches and national songs among the students held at Abbasia Campus. Students of Bahawalpur, Dera Ghazi Khan, Multan and Sahiwal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education participated in these competitions under Inter Board Committee of Chairman Region III. The competitions were presided over by Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ashraf, Pro Vice Chancellor, Islamia University of Bahawalpur, while Dr. Ghulam Ali Mallah, Secretary, Inter-Board Committee for Chairman, was the chief guest on the occasion. Chairman Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Bahawalpur Dr Muhammad Mazhar Saeed, Chairperson Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Dera Ghazi Khan Prof Dr Kishore Naheed Rana and Murtaza Noor National Coordinator Inter University



Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ashraf, Pro Vice Chancellor giving away certificate to a position holder students

Consortium for Development Social Sciences were the guests of honor on the occasion. On this occasion, Chairman Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education, Bahawalpur, Dr. Muhammad Mazhar Saeed thanked Prof. Dr. Athar Mehboob, Vice Chancellor for the special assistance provided by the

Islamia University in organizing these competitions. In these competitions, Hafiz Saeed Adnan Bahawalpur Board and Mehmood Jan Javed Dera Ghazi Khan Board in Hassan Qiraat Competition, Malaika Nadeem Bahawalpur Board and Mohammad Abdullah Multan Board in Hassan Naat Competition,

Raheela Javed Bahawalpur Board and Mohammad Nadeem Ashraf Sahiwal Board in Urdu Speech Competition, Muzammil Mehboob Bahawalpur Board and Ali Raza Anjum Bahawalpur Board secured positions in Naghma. Certificates were awarded to the students who participated in these competitions.



Group photo of participants of Inter-Board Students Competitions

Seminar on International Scholarships

A seminar was organized by the Directorate of International Linkages, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur to create awareness about International Scholarships. On the occasion, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur said that University has developed links with international educational institutions and other universities. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur has succeeded in making its place in the world ranking of universities, time higher education ranking and QS ranking. The Directorate of International Linkages is promoting liaison with international educational and research institutions and agreements have reached with universities in China, the United States, the United Kingdom,



Group photo of seminar on international scholarships

Belarus, Brazil and other developed countries to help local students to have access to international institutions. On this occasion, Dr. Abid Shehzad, Director International Linkages,

spoke about the establishment of his office and admissions in international institutions for students, scholarships, exchange of students and Faculty. He said that the Directorate of International

Linkages is regularly organizing STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Conference, through this conference, students can present their research papers globally.

IUB and TDCP Join Hands to Promote Tourism



MoU signing ceremony at TDCP office, Lahore

A memorandum of understanding was signed between the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Tourism Development Corporation Punjab for the promotion of

tourism. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Tanveer Jabbar, Managing Director, Tourism Corporation

of Punjab signed the agreement on behalf of their respective organizations in Lahore. The two organizations have been working together for the last two years

at the Cholistan Desert Jeep Rally. Awareness and information campaigns will be including marketing and publicity of tourist destinations and events. Seminars and conferences will be organized on tourist destinations and tourist events and tours will be organized for domestic and foreign tourists. Apart from this, joint training courses and teaching and research programs will also be started and mutual information will be exchanged. On this occasion, Sohail Zafar Cheema, Chairman Board of Tourism Development Punjab, Prof. Dr. Jawad Iqbal, Dean Faculty of Management Sciences, the Islamia University Bahawalpur and TDCP officers, Tanveer Haider Kazmi, Asim Raza, Zahid Hussain, Saeed Ahmed and Faiz Ahmed, Director Tourism Management Islamia University Bahawalpur Dr. Imran Rasheed and Additional Director Salman Rashid were also present.

World Cancer Day Observed at IUB

On the occasion of World Cancer Day, the Islamia University Bahawalpur and Bahawalpur Institute of Nuclear Oncology jointly launched a Cancer Care Clinic at the Islamia University's Baghdad ul Jadeed Campus Medical Center. Ultrasound mammography facility will be free for female teachers and staff through free mobile diagnostic service of Bahawalpur Institute of Nuclear Oncology in this care clinic established under the direction of Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. On this occasion IUB Health and Safety Society organized a seminar. The seminar was addressed by Dr. Fazal Mahmood, Director Health Education Project, Dr. Iftikhar Alam, Director Bahawalpur Institute of Nuclear Oncology, Syndicate Member Sumera Malik, Chief Medical Officer Dr. Muhammad Usman Cheema and Health and Safety Society officials. Participants said that high level scientific research is needed for the prevention and treatment of cancer and other infectious



Participants of awareness walk on World Cancer Day

diseases in Pakistan for which both public and private sectors need to cooperate. People in the medical field must uphold social and moral values so that the public can benefit as much as possible. Cancer is a treatable disease but it is good if it is diagnosed and treated in time. There are 18 hospitals operating in the country under the Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission and

Bahawalpur Cancer Hospital is one of them. On this occasion, experts gave detailed information about various types of cancer, symptoms, treatment and facilities available in their institution. He said that cancer is a serious health problem in Pakistan and it is the second leading cause of death. Causes of cancer include old age, tobacco, smoking and the presence

of Western-style elements in the diet. Cancer is treated after it is diagnosed but the best strategy is to prevent cancer. Screening diagnoses various types of cancer in the early stages of breast, uterine, bowel and bladder cancers. An awareness walk was also organized on the occasion in which a large number of faculty members and students participated.

IUB and Balochistan Education Endowment Fund (BEEF) Sign MOU for Scholarships



A view of MoU signing ceremony at Quetta

In a significant development in Quetta, Balochistan Education Endowment Fund (BEEF) Govt. of Balochistan agreed to provide scholarships worth Rs 3.7 million annually to students belonging to Balochistan Province studying in the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. In this connection, an MoU was signed by Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Dr. Rasheed Masood Khan, Chief Executive Officer BEEF during a meeting at BEEF Head Office in Quetta. This scholarship package will include fee waiver and other educational expenses to BS students from Balochistan enrolled in session 2020-21 at IUB. Prof. Dr. Naveed Akhtar, Dean Faculties of Pharmacy and Allied Health Sciences and Dr. Ghulam Hassan Abbasi, Director Financial Assistance were also present on this occasion.

Meeting of Sir Sadiq Muhammad Khan Abbasi V Chair Management Committee

A meeting of the Management Committee of Nawab Sir Sadiq Muhammad Khan Abbasi V Chair the Islamia University of Bahawalpur was held under the chairmanship of Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, IUB. The meeting was attended by Prince Bahawal Khan Abbasi, Syed Tabish Alwari, Sahibzada Qamar-ul-Zaman Abbasi, Prof. Hameed Raza Siddiqui, Sahibzada Rahim Yar Khan Abbasi, Prof. Dr. Aftab Hussain Gillani, Prof. Allama Muhammad Tahir, Pervez Sadiq, Dr. Mazhar Hussain and Honorary Director Secretary, Prof. Shahid Hassan Rizvi participated. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor said that the chair has been activated to highlight the services of the great personality of Sir Sadiq Muhammad Khan-V Abbasi at national and international level which will carry out valuable scientific and literary work in this regard. Honorary Director and Secretary Shahid Hassan Rizvi presented the



Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor presiding over a meeting of Sir Sadiq Muhammad Khan Abbasi V Chair Management Committee

agenda of the meeting and thanked all the participants for coming. It was decided at the meeting that one-year, two-year and five-year targets have been set through this chair to highlight the great national services rendered by Sir Sadiq Muhammad Khan V Abbasi and other Nawabs. The research work in this regard will be carried

out in an excellent manner and for this purpose domestic and foreign personalities and institutions will be contacted. A special website in this regard will be launched soon and will also be advertised on social media. A grand ceremony will be held on May 24 on the anniversary of Sir Sadiq Muhammad Khan V Abbasi. A documentary will

also be made which will reveal the personality of Nawab Sahib. Regular seminars and conferences should also be organized in this regard. The meeting also discussed funds, staff and PhD scholars from Sir Sadiq Muhammad Khan V Abbasi Chair. Similarly, Sadiq Gallery and Museum and R Callous were also discussed.



Dr. Shahid Hassan Rizvi presenting his book to members of Sir Sadiq Muhammad Khan Abbasi V Chair Management Committee



National Freelance Training Center

The Islamia University of Bahawalpur has crossed another milestone in the field of information technology. The Federal Ministry of Information Technology and Telecom has approved the establishment of a National Freelance Training Center at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. National Freelance Training Program is a project of the Federal Ministry of Information Technology

and Telecom which is being run in Punjab through Punjab Information Technology board. The purpose of this project is to make unemployed youth self-employed by imparting information technology training. For this purpose, 20 training centers will be set up across Pakistan and Islamia University of Bahawalpur has also been selected for it. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia university

of Bahawalpur thanked the federal and provincial authorities for setting up the National Freelance Training Center at Jamia Islamia and said that the establishment of this center would provide modern training in information technology to the local youth. This will not only create a source of employment for themselves but also provide employment to other youth. The signing ceremony was

held at the Baghdad-ul-Jadeed Campus. The agreement was signed by Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ashraf, Pro Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Zulfiqar Jahangir on behalf of Punjab Information Technology. Dean Faculty of Management Sciences Prof. Dr. Jawad Iqbal, Director IT Rizwan Majeed and Syndicate Member Sumaira Malik were also present on the occasion.

Webinar on Afghan Peace Talks

Department of International Relations, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, organized a webinar on Afghan peace talks after the new US administration came to power. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur inaugurated the webinar with his address. In his keynote address, Prof. Dr. Marvin G. Weinbaum, Director, Middle East Institute, Washington, D.C., said that the new US President is taking diplomatic steps to continue the peace process in Afghanistan and to establish political stability. In his address, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ijaz Latif, Head, Department of International Relations, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur presented an analysis of the current political situation in Afghanistan.



Participants of seminar on Peace Building organized by Paigham e Pakistan

IUB and AIOU explore New Avenues of Collaboration

Prof. Dr. Zia ul Qayyum, Vice Chancellor, Allama Iqbal Open University Islamabad visited the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and called on Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob at his office. On this occasion, matters of mutual cooperation and educational development in teaching and research activities were discussed. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob said that the Islamia University of Bahawalpur has an educational institution with a history of 100 years. Recently, new departments including Allied Health Sciences, Biotechnology, Environmental Sciences, Entrepreneurship and Tourism have been established in the University. New sub-campuses are being opened and infrastructure and



Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor exchanging views with Prof. Dr. Zia ul Qayyum, Vice Chancellor

educational activities are being enhanced in the existing campuses. Prof. Dr. Zia ul Qayyum said that the campus network of Allama Iqbal Open University is spread

across the country and playing a significant role in promoting education. The ongoing teaching and research activities at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur

are commendable and both the universities can benefit from the wide network of Allama Iqbal Open University and expand the scope of teaching and research.

Inauguration of Civil Engineering Laboratory

Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur inaugurated the state-of-the-art laboratory in the Department of Civil Engineering, Faculty of Engineering. Vice

will benefit from these devices. The latest equipment for this laboratory was imported from Germany. With the formation of laboratories, the engineering laboratories of Islamia University of Bahawalpur have been

of worth Rs. 65 million contain practical training equipment for Hydraulic Engineering and Fluid Mechanics. Similarly, Flume costing Rs. 10 million, will help students in research

Electronics, Dr. Muhammad Ali Qureshi, Chairman Information and Telecommunication System, Dr. Muhammad Kashif, Chairman Computer System and faculty members of Civil Engineering



Engr. Prof . Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor inaugurating Civil Engineering Laboratory



Chancellor said that this laboratory is a great addition to the Faculty of Engineering. He said that Bachelor, Master and MPhil and PhD students in Civil and Mechanical Engineering

equipped with unique and modern machines of this kind all over the country. According to Prof. Dr. Muhammad Amjad, Dean, Faculty of Engineering, these equipment

on open channel flow, sediment transport, hydraulic and flow machinery. Dr. Akbar Malik, Head of Department of Civil Engineering, Dr. Shahab Ahmad Niazi, Chairman

Department and students were also present on the occasion.



Engr. Prof . Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor visiting Civil Engineering Laboratory

IUB and Meezan Bank Join Hands to Promote Islamic Banking



A view of MoU signing ceremony

A memorandum of understanding was signed between the Islamia University Bahawalpur, Institute of Business Management and Administrative Sciences, Department of Islamic and Commercial Banking and Meezan Bank Karachi. Under the agreement, the two institutions will

continue to co-operate in the field of Islamic banking and finance. On the occasion, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, said that the economic system of Islam is one of the best in the world. This agreement is very important for the Department of Islamic and Commercial Banking. Through this collaboration, our students will have the opportunity to study Islamic banking and finance directly and will be able to provide students with education and research as per the needs of the market. Meezan Bank Regional Manager Ijaz Nadeem, Area Manager, Shafiq ul Rehman, Dean Faculty of Islamic Learning and Regional Operations Manager Naveed Al Hassan were also present on the occasion.

Seminar on International Day of Human Fraternity



Prof. Dr. Rubina Bhatti and Prof. Dr. Musawar Hussain Bukhari addressing in the seminar to commemorate International Day of Human Fraternity

Sir Sadiq Muhammad Khan Library, IUB organized a seminar to commemorate International Day of Human Fraternity. The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 4 February as the International Day of Human Fraternity, with resolution 75/200, to promote cultural and religious tolerance, understanding and dialogue. Prof. Dr. Musawar Hussain Bukhari, Chairman Department of Political Science and Prof. Dr. Rubina Bhatti, Chairperson Department of Library and Information Science, Chief Librarian highlighted the importance of the promotion of tolerance, equality and peace for the whole of humanity. They emphasized on understanding the common values shared by all humankind belonging to different cultures and religions or beliefs. The Seminar concluded that educational institutions at all levels, need to contribute in a meaningful and constructive way for the acceptance of societal diversity, inclusion and respect for other religions and their cultural views. The schools play a significant role to raise the awareness, promote tolerance and eliminate the discrimination based on religion or cultural beliefs.



Participants of seminar on International Day of Human Fraternity

Panel Discussion on Education Reforms

Stakeholders demand declaring Education Emergency & Spending 4% of GDP on Education. Prior to 3rd Rectors Conference 2021, an important online panel discussion was successfully concluded on the topic of Debating Pakistan Education Policy 2021. The panel comprising of concerned stakeholders including government officials from Federal Ministry of Education and Professional Training, Vice Chancellors, Central President Federation of All Pakistan Universities Academic Staff Association suggested various

recommendations for incorporating in new education policy which is going to be announced on 23rd March 2021. The panel discussion was organized by Superior University, Association of Private Sector Universities Pakistan (APSUP), Inter University Consortium for Promotion of Social Sciences Pakistan (IUCPSS), University of Lahore and Government College University Lahore. There was consensus among the speakers over declaring education emergency, spending at least 4% of GDP on education and allocating one

third of education budget over universities, discouraging rote learning and improving assessment at intermediate level, respecting, protecting autonomy of universities and academic freedom at university campuses, review of recent undergraduate and PhD policies, formulation of policies in consultation of stakeholders, introducing one window procedure for award of charters, recognition of universities and approval of new academic programs to avoid years long delays, encouraging role of private sector in enhancing access

to higher education, ensuring effective engagement of students through strengthening student societies/clubs & directorate of student affairs and restoration of 75% tax rebate for researchers. The panel discussion was conducted by Murtaza Noor, Executive Director APSUP while Mr. Mohiuddin Wani Additional Secretary/Focal Person Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training shared the background, objectives and consultation process in formulating new education policy.



Participants of panel discussion on education reforms

HEC conducts Institutional Performance Evaluation of the IUB



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor presenting souvenirs to a member of HEC delegation Institutional Performance Evaluation (IPE) of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur organized by the Higher Education

Commission of Pakistan has been concluded. The review team had meetings with Deans, Chairpersons, and administrative heads. The exit meeting was done with Worthy Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, at conference room, Vice Chancellor Secretariat Baghdad ul Jadeed Campus. The team admired the innovative and constructive work started in the university. The team expressed its admiration on effective use of information technology in all affairs including admissions, examinations and financial matters of University, faculty satisfaction

level, students scholarships, enriched infrastructure, Institutional facilities, effective governance and other exemplary tasks being done in IUB. Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob thanked to IPE members and appreciated their detail evaluation of various performance components on quality standards. Vice Chancellor also appreciated Quality Enhancement Cell officials for preparing University Portfolio Report (UPR), and convening IPE as per requirements of institute as well as Higher Education Commission.

Vice Chancellor visits Dow University of Health Sciences

Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur has said that Dow University of Health Sciences Karachi is playing a significant role in the field of medicine. The Vice Chancellor expressed these views while talking to Prof. Dr. Zarnaz, Pro Vice Chancellor, Dow University of Health Sciences and Dr. Basil, Director, Institute of Nursing, Dow University on the occasion of his visit to Dow International Medical College Karachi. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor appreciated services of Vice Chancellor Dow University of Health Sciences Prof. Dr. Saeed Qureshi and his team and their outstanding contribution in the medical field. Cooperation in the field of teaching and research between the two

institutions was also discussed on the occasion. Dr. Fazal Mehmood Khan, Director Health Education Project, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur was also present during the meeting. The Vice Chancellor said that the Islamia University of Bahawalpur has recently stepped into the field of Allied Health Sciences and a state of the art nursing school. Similarly, departments of physiotherapy and medical lab technology have been set up in the University. In the field of Pharmaceutical Sciences, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur has an important place in the country. Leading institutions like Dow University of Health Sciences are the best example for Islamia University of Bahawalpur in setting up new departments of Medical



Prof. Dr. Zarnaz, Pro Vice Chancellor, Dow University of Health Sciences presenting a shield to Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor during his visit to Dow International Medical College

Sciences. During his visit, Vice Chancellor met with medical staff engaged in services and visited

clinical laboratories, radiology, the College of Nursing and other departments.

Training Course for Administrative Officers



Executive Training Center, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur organized a week-long training course for administrative officers.
Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor delivered exclusive lecture on inaugural day

Coordinator General COMSTECH Visits IUB

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal Chaudhry, Coordinator General, COMSTECH Islamabad appreciated the extraordinary development activities underway at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. During a meeting with Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, he said that the latest research of agricultural scientists of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur on cotton, mushrooms, cut flowers, fruits and vegetables is a bright hope in the field of higher education. These research activities bode well for the development of the country's agricultural economy. He also praised the ongoing research on Cholistani flora and fauna at the Cholistan Institute of Desert

Studies. He said that there are rare plants in the Cholistan Desert which are very important for the herbal medicine industry. The research on these plants and herbs at this institute is commendable. During his visit, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal Chaudhry also visited the 2.5 MW Solar Park being set up at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur in collaboration with the Punjab Government. With this project, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur will be converted into solar energy and additional power will be added to the national grid. The distinguished guest also visited the Deer Breeding Center of the Faculty of Veterinary and Animal Sciences. The breeding center



Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal Chaudhry, Coordinator General, COMSTECH Islamabad along with Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor and Prof. Dr. Muazzam Jamil, Registrar

established in collaboration with the Houbara Foundation, has hundreds of deer that enhance the

beauty of the Baghdad ul Jadeed campus in addition to research in the veterinary field.

Mega Admission Campaign for Spring 2021 Intake

The mega admission campaign of Spring Admission 2021 carried out in the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. This year, admissions held in 80 morning and evening programs of BS in the campuses

Yar Khan and Bahawalnagar for the convenience of students and parents in remote areas of Bahawalpur Division, for admissions information, guidance, career counseling and online applications.

Design. Faculty of Agriculture and Environment gave admission in BSc (Hons) in Agriculture, BS Forestry, BS Environmental Sciences and BSc (Hons) Food Science and Technology. Faculty of Medicine

Social Work. Faculty of Computing included admission in BS Computer Science, BS Information Systems, BS Digital Media, BS Network Systems, BS Information Technology, BS Software Engineering, BS Artificial Intelligence, BS Information Security and BS Data Sciences. Admission in Faculty of Education for BS admissions, Elementary Education, BS Secondary Education, four year program B.Ed, BS Physical Education and Sports Sciences, BS Special Education, BS Educational Planning and Management, BS English Languages Teaching and Linguistics were held. Faculty of Islamic Learning included BS Arabic, BS Islamic and Specialization in Quranic Studies, BS Translation Studies, One Year Diploma in Arabic for Understanding Quran, BS Islamic Studies with Specialization in Fiqah and Sharia, BS Islamic with Specialization in Hadith Studies and BS Islamic with Specialization in World religion and Interfaith Harmony were offered. Admissions in BS Intelligent Systems and Robotics, BS Cyber Security and Digital Forensics and BS Biomedical Engineering Technology were in progress in the Faculty of



Director IT Mr. Rizwan Majeed briefing admission team on Spring 2021 Intake

of Bahawalpur, Bahawalnagar and Rahim Yar Khan. On the direction of Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, like last year, a Central Admission Cell and Liaison Office were set up at Abbasia Campus under the auspices of Directorate of Academics and Directorate of IT. This year, special admission centers were also set up in Rahim

Faculty of Arts and Languages included BS English Literature, BS English Linguistics, BS History, BS Archeology, BS Pakistan Studies, BS Persian, BS Seraiki and BS Urdu and Iqbaliat. Admissions in Painting, Graphic Arts, Sculpture, Graphic Design and Textile Design were offered in the four-year program at the College of Art and

and Allied Health Sciences offered BS in Forensic Science. Faculty of Social Sciences offered in BS Applied Psychology, BS Economics, BS International Relations, BS Library and Information Science, BS Media Studies, BS Political Science, BS Public Administration, BS Political and Parliamentary Studies, BS Gender Studies and BS

Engineering. Admissions were offered in the Faculty of Veterinary Sciences in BS Animal Sciences, two year Livestock Assistant Diploma, BS Applied Microbiology and BS Physiology. Admissions in the Faculty of Science included BS Botany, BS Geography, BS Math, BS Statistics, BS Zoology, BS Physics, BS Chemistry, BS Biochemistry, BS Biotechnology and BS Bioinformatics. Similarly, in the Faculty of Management Sciences and Commerce, BS Commerce, BS Accounting and Finance, BS Leadership and Management, BS Disaster Management, BBA Honors, BBA Technology Management, BS Entrepreneurship and Enrollment in Innovation, one-year Diploma in Entrepreneurship

and Innovation, BS Tourism and Hospitality Management and one-year Diploma in Tourism and Hospitality Management were offered. It is worth mentioning that the establishment of the best online admission portal and central admission cell at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur last year resulted in more than 79,000 applications for fall admissions and after these admissions the number of students in the university increased to more than 37,000, which is more than double in a year. On the special direction of the Vice Chancellor, 11 new buses have been added to the transport fleet and the University transport fleet is not only providing transport facilities to students from Bahawalpur, Rahim

Yar Khan, Bahawalnagar city but now Lodhran, Yazman, Ahmadpur East and Musafirkhana. These facilities have been increased for the students of Khanqah Sharif, Khairpur Tamiwali and Lal Sohanra and the students are being provided with comfortable and quality travel facility. Medical facilities were upgraded in all campuses and 3 new ambulances were provided. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur became the first Hepatitis Free University in the country. The fees of Islamia University of Bahawalpur have not been increased and the fees of the university are still lower than other universities. In terms of scholarships, Rs. 343 million were provided under Prime Minister's Ehsas Scholarship, HEC

Need Based, PEEF and Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal scholarships have been allocated. Sports facilities were significantly increased, sports complex was upgraded and a modern gymnasium was set up. Student accommodation also improved and four new hostels with a capacity of 1,000 were activated. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur is one of the few universities in the country where the Covid-19 crisis did not allow students to lose their education and the semester was completed by launching online classes on time and now full preparations for the final term examinations are underway.

Balochistan Education Endowment Fund agrees to provide scholarships to IUB students belonging to Balochistan Province

Dr. Masood Rasheed Khan, Chief Executive Officer, Balochistan Education Endowment Fund, called on Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. On this occasion he said that the Islamia University of Bahawalpur is one of the leading universities in providing scholarships and financial assistance to students. Syed Tabish Alwari, Dr. Ghulam Hassan Abbasi, Director Financial Assistance and Dr. Naveed Aslam Malghani were also present on the occasion. The Education Endowment Fund thanked the Government of Balochistan for providing the annual scholarship



Dr. Masood Rasheed Khan, Chief Executive Officer, Balochistan Education Endowment Fund exchanging views with Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor

package of Rs. 3.7 million. Thanks to which hundreds of students of Balochistan benefited from

high quality education. On this occasion, he also informed the distinguished guest about the

ongoing teaching, research and development activities in the Islamia University of Bahawalpur.

IUB and UOB Agree to Promote Collaboration in Pharmacy



A view of MoU signing ceremony

A memorandum of understanding was signed between the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and University of Balochistan, Quetta

for mutual cooperation in the field of Pharmacy. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur

and Prof. Dr. Shafiq ur Rehman, Vice Chancellor University of Balochistan Quetta signed the agreement. Prof. Dr. Naveed

Akhtar, Dean Faculty of Pharmacy and Allied Health Sciences, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Prof. Dr. Umar Jan, Dean Faculty of Pharmacy, University of Balochistan Quetta were also present. Under the agreement, the two institutes will promote mutual cooperation for teaching and research in the field of pharmacy. Under the Faculty Exchange Program, faculty and researchers will exchange information on Pharmacy in addition to teaching and research services. Research activities will be promoted at the postgraduate level in Pharmacy and joint projects will be organized in this regard. The two institutions will hold joint seminars and conferences in Pharmacy and its sub-sectors and also conduct training programs for students and faculty.

Panel Discussion on Harassment Free Workplace Institutions

A Panel discussion on How to Create a Harassment-Free Workplace in Institutions of Higher Learning was organized by the Office of the Chairperson, Committee to Deal with Cases of Harassment of Women at Workplace, the Islamia

University of Bahawalpur. The panel discussion was joined by the high-profile panelists such as Engr. Prof. Dr. Engr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, IUB, Prof. Dr. Mansoor Akbar Kundi, Vice Chancellor, BZU, Multan, Prof. Dr. Javed

Iqbal, Former Principal QAMC, Bahawalpur, Prof. Dr. Uzma Qureshi, Vice Chancellor, Women University Multan, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Tufail, VC, Ghazi University DG Khan, Prof. Dr. Sarwat Rasul, Faculty Advisor, Faculty of Social Sciences, FJWU,

Rawalpindi, and Prof. Dr. Rana Malik, Chairperson, Department of Gender Studies, University of the Punjab University, Lahore. Prof. Dr. Rubina Bhatti, Chairperson of the Anti-Harassment Committee at IUB was the focal person and

moderator of the Panel Discussion. She started the panel discussion by sharing the key points of the policy of the Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan on Protection against Sexual Harassment in Higher Education Institutions for understanding prohibited conduct and mechanism of complaints, reporting, and implementation with the purpose to sensitizing the faculty, staff, and students about the issue of workplace harassment. She said that at the IUB, the committee to deal with cases of harassment of women at workplace is working to eliminate the gender-based violence, in order to provide equal opportunities and to maintain

equality within the campus. The distinguished panelist shared their insights on the issue and said that workplace harassment is an epidemic throughout global higher education systems and affect individuals, groups and entire institutions colossally. Workplace Harassment is unacceptable, everyone has a right to have a safe workplace with dignity. We must have a Zero tolerance for all forms of workplace harassment. The discussion concludes that workplace harassment is an advanced form of disrespect. It is the responsibility of every individual to respect the differences among colleagues at the workplace. In a way, we will be able to develop and promote an



A view of panel discussion on harassment free workplace institutions environment in the higher learning institutions that will be conducive for learning and working together with respect and dignity.

IUB Officers attend Training Program at NUST

A 17 member delegation of officers from the Islamia University of Bahawalpur participated in a four-day training program at the National University of Science and Technology Islamabad. The purpose of the training program was to provide training in basic details required to achieve sustainable development goals in universities. The participants were to be imparted training on the initiatives of research management intellectual property rights technology transfer incubation center technology park university advancement in the universities. Among the participants who received training were Prof. Dr. Naveed Akhtar, Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy and Health Sciences, Prof. Dr. Ayub Jajja, Chairman,



A group photo of officers attended training program at NUST

Department of English, Prof. Dr. Asif Naveed Ranjha, Chairman, Department of Social Work, Prof. Dr. Iqbal Bandesha, Chairman Department of Plant Breeding and Genetics, Prof. Dr. Sajjad Ahmed Paracha, Contoller Examination, Prof. Dr. Abu Bakar, Treasurer, Rizwan Majeed, Director IT, Dr. Muhammad Masood, Department of Chemistry, Ms. Farkhunda Tehseen, Principal Officer State Care, Arif Ramuz, Additional Registrar, Muhammad Bilal Irshad Additional Registrar, Dr. Azhar Hussain, Deputy DSA, Dr. Rafiqul Islam, Deputy DSA, Dr. Riaz Ahmed, Chairman Department of English Linguistics, Ms. Kalsoom Akhtar, Lecturer Department of Tourism, Abdul Moeed Abid, Deputy Registrar and Umair Ashraf, Assistant Professor Rahim Yar Khan Campus.

Women’s Rally on Kashmir Solidarity Day



A view of women’s rally on Kashmir Solidarity Day

On the occasion of Kashmir Solidarity Day, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur organized a rally in the University under the leadership of Prof. Dr. Raheela Khalid Qureshi, Chairperson, Department of Arabic to express solidarity with Kashmiris. The rally was attended by Sumara Malik, University Syndicate Member, Prof. Dr. Nasreen Akhtar, Fatima Muzahir, Deputy Registrar, Abida Firdous, Deputy Registrar, female faculty members, staff and students.

Participants gathered at the Baghdad ul Jadeed Campus to pay tribute to the Kashmiris struggle for independence and the sacrifices of the martyrs. On this occasion, the faculty and students of the university paid special tribute to the struggle and perseverance of Hurriyat leader Asiya Andrabi who is an example not only for Kashmiri women but also for the women of the Islamic world.

Oath Taking of IUB Students Societies and Motivational Lecture of Prof. Dr. Javed Iqbal

The grand oath taking ceremony of the Student Societies of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur was held at the Main Auditorium Baghdad ul Jadeed Campus. On this occasion, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur administered oath to the newly appointed students and officials. In his address, he said that the aim of the student societies is to highlight the leadership abilities of the students so that they can create active members of the society by shaping the character of thousands of other students who are with them. This initiative is very good as a result of which last year 250 students in different societies fulfilled their responsibilities in a brilliant and



A group photo of participants of oath taking ceremony

responsible manner and played an active role in the mega events and celebrations of the university. Renowned Motivational Speaker and former Principal Quaid-e-Azam Medical College, Prof. Dr. Javed

Iqbal was the chief guest at the event who gave detailed lectures to the students on career planning and becoming active and successful citizens. Deans, Syed Tabish Alwari, Sumaira Malik, Member Syndicate,

Director Student Affairs, Prof. Dr. Tanveer Hussain Turabi, Deputy DSA Dr. Azhar Hussain, teachers and students in large numbers participated in the function.

Honourable Chief Minister Punjab Visits IUB Stalls at Bahawalpur Trade Fair 2021 during Cholistan Desert Jeep Rally



Honourable Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar inaugurating and visiting University stalls in Bahawalpur Trade Fair jointly organized by the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Bahawalpur Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur said that Jamia Islamia was playing a vital role in promoting tourism in line with the government’s vision. He said that like last year, this year too the teachers and students of the university are participating in the annual Jeep Rally in collaboration with Tourism Development

Corporation Punjab, Divisional Administration Bahawalpur and Bahawalpur Chamber of Commerce and Industry. With the participation of thousands of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur students, last year’s Jeep Rally emerged as a completely mega event in terms of tourism and business. The Vice Chancellor said that it was the great success of the activity that

honourable Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar especially visited IUB stalls to appreciate contributions of IUB students in success of Cholistan Jeep Rally and Bahawalpur Trade Fair. The University not only this year but also last year organized bus service to Fort Derawar on daily basis for the general public and students. It can be an important

hub. In this regard, the local industrial and business community and educational institutions and government administration together can make Bahawalpur an excellent tourist destination. Like last year, considering the arrival of thousands of tourists on the occasion of the Jeep Rally. This year also a trade fair was organized where local businesses,

artisans, universities have set up various stalls and showcased their products. A food court was set up on this occasion in which local foods as well as public facilities are provided. Food items were available for the students of University Societies and especially IUB friends, teachers and students

of the Tourism Directorate as tourist guides who were guiding the special stalls. Special stalls were set up at the University Veterinary Faculty, Institute of Desert Studies, College of Art and Design where research will be presented at the University. He said that Bahawalpur has the best features for a winter

tourist destination where there are historical forts, palaces, national parks and historical shrines of Och Sharif. The beauty of Cholistan gives this tourist destination a perfect color. On this occasion, the Vice Chancellor appreciated special arrangements by the Chairman Management Committee Prof.

Dr. Jawad Iqbal, Prof. Dr. Hussain Tahir, Dr. Asif Naveed Ranjha, Dr. Muhammad Abdullah, Dr. Imran Rashid, Dr. Imran Manzoor, Salman Mehmood Qureshi, Farjad Faiz and Fatima Junaid.



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, Capt. (R) Zafar Iqbal, Commissioner Bahawalpur and other dignitaries attending the inaugural ceremony of Cholistan Desert Jeep Rally



Glimpses of IUB participation in Bahawalpur Trade Fair and Cholistan Desert Jeep Rally

International Webinar at Mathematics Department



A group photo of participants of webinar at Mathematics Department

The Department of Mathematics, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur organized an international webinar part of the series of bi-monthly national and international webinars. Dr. Mahmood Khalid Jasim, Associate Professor of Mathematics, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Nizwa Sultanate of Oman was the

speaker of the webinar. The topic of the webinar was Anisotropic Compact Stars Model Using Two Steps Method. Prof. Dr. Ghulam Mustafa, Chairman Department of Mathematics the organizer of bi-monthly webinar expressed his gratitude and appreciation to the Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob for extending

his guidance, support and encouragement. Dr. Ghulam Abbas, Assistant Professor is the coordinator of Bi-monthly Webinar. The Department of Mathematics is enhancing its capabilities to create a leadership impact nationally and internationally in education, research, and economic development. All these activities

intend to complete the vision and mission 2025 of the Department of Mathematics. The international webinar was attended online/ onsite by the faculty members, PhD and MPhil scholars of many Universities from Pakistan and abroad.

Kashmir Solidarity Day



Activities in connection with Kashmir Solidarity Day held at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur with full zeal and fervor. Teachers, students and staff attended special events on the occasion. Special rallies were held to condemn the oppression of unarmed Kashmiris in occupied Kashmir. A special photo exhibition was organized at Hakkra Art Gallery to reflect the extraordinary situation of Tehreek-e-Azadi Kashmir, human rights violations and lockdown. The exhibition was continued till February 5 at the College of Art and Design. In order to show solidarity with Kashmiri mothers, sisters and daughters, the walk was specially organized. In this regard, a walk was organized by Character Building Society at Abbasia Campus. This was accompanied by Dr. Noveen Javed, Advisor, Muhammad Latif, Engineer Muhammad Jawad Masood, Asif Nadeem, Imran Khalid, Co Advisors, Dr. Azhar Hussain, deputy DSA IUB Students Societies, Rizwan Majeed, Director IT, teachers and students in large numbers.

International Journal Publishes Story of IUB Hand Sanitizers Project

The Hand Sanitizer project of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur entitled “Hand Sanitizers and COVID-19: A Pharmacist-Led Approach” published among the top 12% letters (COVID Edition) in Q1, American Journal, Academic Medicine, (Journal Impact Factor: 5.354). The

project is endorsed by the journal in the scope: Generalizable solutions, innovations, and/or transformations resulting from #COVID that illuminate a larger issue in medical training or #AcademicMedicine. The project was initiated pursuing the vision of the Vice Chancellor, the Islamia

University of Bahawalpur, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob for Corona prevention efforts by the university. The project was lead by M.Phil research scholars from the Department of Pharmaceutics & members of the IUB Science Society namely, M. Asim Masoom Zubair, Faizan Akram & M. Farhan

under the guidance and supervision of Prof. Dr. Naveed Akhtar & Prof. Dr. Asadullah Madni. The university distributed more than 5k bottles of Hand Sanitizers, free of cost to the frontline workers and professionals of the Bahawalpur division in 2020. Link to the article: <https://bit.ly/3kFvFWk>

International Women's Day Seminar

A special seminar was held at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur on the occasion of International Women's Day. The participants said that the establishment of new departments and enhanced in programs by Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob has created higher education opportunities for thousands of female students in the area. Similarly, hundreds of female students from Lodhran, Khanqah Sharif, Khairpur Tamiwali, Lal Sohanra and Yazman are benefiting from the bus service run by the university. It was not possible for the parents of these students to afford the hostel. Similarly, they were reluctant to send their daughters and sisters to university by public transport. Thanks to the special initiative of the Vice Chancellor, the bus service for the suburban towns by the University is no less than a blessing. Prof. Dr. Shazia Anjum, Prof. Dr. Rubina Bhatti, Prof. Dr. Raheela Khalid Qureshi and Sumira Malik Member Syndicate addressed the seminar. The seminar featured special



Participants of International Women's Day Seminar

speeches by the United Nations on the theme of the 2021 International Women's Day Challenge and Transformation, Women's leadership, future achievements on equality, and Covid-19 World. The female teachers, staff and

students were also apprised about the legislation enacted by the government for the protection of women. Many steps are being taken for the facilitation of women which are being accepted globally. Our women are exemplary in their

courage, bravery and enthusiasm and are making significant strides in all walks of life.

Seminar Series at Physics Department

As a part seminar series continued at the Institute of Physics, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, the second seminar was held. The first speaker was Dr. Gulnaz, Assistant Professor, who talked about "Ligand-assisted synthesis of metal and metal oxide nanostructures".

The second speaker, Dr. Waqar Azeem, Assistant Professor, presented about the "Defect-mediated functionalization of ZnO based materials". Both speakers shared their valuable research and experiences. Dr. Altaf Hussain, Associate Professor, gave a brief

overview of his material simulation group (MSG). He emphasized on the importance of material stimulation and its role in boosting the worth of the experimental study. Dr. Noor-ul-Ain, Assistant Professor highlighted on the role of graphene and graphene quantum dots for

optoelectronic devices. Prof. Dr. Saeed Ahmad Buzdar, Director, Institute of Physics and the faculty of the institute attended and praised the active participation of the faculty members in the seminar session.



Participants of seminar series at Physics Department

Performing Arts Festival 2021

The Performing Arts Festival 2021 held at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, the students highlighted Indian atrocities and human rights violations in

Pakistan and Occupied Kashmir through songs, hymns and dramas. Thoughtful sketches on Tehreek-e-Pakistan and anti-corruption and anti-drugs were also presented

on the occasion. This event was organized by the IUB Performing Arts Society, the one-day festival featured performances by more than 150 students. The students

demonstrated their abilities through mystical words, melodies, tableaux and sketches, which were highly appreciated. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice-Chancellor, Syed



Glimpses of Performing Arts Festival 2021

Tabish Alwari, Vice President, Bahawalpur Chamber of Commerce and Industries, Ghulam Farid, dignitaries of the city, teachers

and students participated in the festival and praised the talents of the students. Dr. Abdul Wajid Khan, Director Alumni, thanked

the Vice-Chancellor for his special cooperation and encouragement in organizing the festival. The students expressed happiness over

the long-running Performing Arts Festival at the university.



Glimpses of Performing Arts Festival 2021

Webinar on Dark Energy and Modified Gravity Theories

The Department of Mathematics, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur organized an international webinar as a part of bi-monthly national and international webinars. Dr. Kazuharu Bamba, Associate Professor, Faculty of Symbiotic Systems Science, Fukushima University, Japan was the speaker of the webinar. The topic of the webinar was “Review on dark

energy and modified gravity theories”. Prof. Dr. Ghulam Mustafa, Chairman Department of Mathematics expressed his gratitude and appreciation to the Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob for extending his guidance, support and encouragement. Dr. Ghulam Abbas, Assistant Professor is the coordinator of bi-monthly webinar.



Participants of international webinar organized by Department of Mathematics

Mega Development Projects for IUB



A View of the online meeting of the Federal Ministry of Planning and Development for the approval development projects for Islamia University Bahawalpur

An online meeting was held under the chairmanship of Member Science and Technology, the Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives which cleared the concept paper of the development projects proposed by the Islamia University of Bahawalpur worth Rs. 4.5 Billion. This project envisages establishing a sub campus of the University at Ahmadpur East, strengthening of Bahawalnagar sub campus and establishing Mechanical Engineering Department, Institute of Physics and Institute of Agro-Industry and Environment at the

Islamia University of Bahawalpur. This project will prove to be monumental in development of the IUB and ensure expansion of academic facilities for students of this region. In this connection a Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, Govt. of Pakistan was held attended by Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Amjad, Dean Faculty of Engineering, Prof. Dr. Saeed Ahmad Buzdar, Chairman Department of Physics, Afzaal Ahmad, Director P&D and Shaji ur Rehman, Additional Director P&D.

President Kisaan Ittehad Board praises Agriculture Research at IUB

Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur said that the Faculty of Agriculture, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur is striving to identify the fruits of agricultural research directly to the farmers. The Vice Chancellor expressed these views while talking to President Farmers Board Jam Hazoor Bakhsh, Markazi Chairman Farmers Board Pakistan and Senior Vice President, Bahawalpur Chamber of Commerce and Industry Ghulam Farid in his office Vice Chancellor said that farmers have a very important role to play in the agrarian economy and in this regard it is very important for them to be aware of the latest methods provided by the government through marketing with cotton gunners through the Chamber of Commerce and



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor meets with delegation of Pakistan Kisaan Board

Industry. He said that a grand seminar on cotton cultivation, varieties of cotton provided by the university and marketing would be organized in the main auditorium for local farmers early next month. Hundreds of local

farmers would participate in the seminar. Participants will be provided with special information on cotton cultivation. He said that Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal, Director Research would conduct the seminar and the farmers would

be provided information about the varieties of cotton introduced by the university which would address the local climatic conditions, water scarcity, Curl leave virus and white fly.

Ceremony to Award Marketing Rights of IUB Cotton Seeds

An agreement signing ceremony was held for sole marketing rights of cotton varieties developed by Department of Plant Breeding and Genetics, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. The University has recently ranked from generation II to generation IV and is first public sector university in Punjab. Sole marketing rights of IUB-222 were awarded to Kanzo Quality Seeds Multan, while sole marketing rights of IUB-13 and MM-58 were awarded to SUNCROP Group Multan. Dr. M. Shafique Khan, CEO SUNCROP group and Mr. Habib Asif, representative of Kanzo Quality seed signed the agreements. Chairman, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal briefed about the current research and developmental activities on cotton



A view of MoU signing ceremony

crop at the department of Plant Breeding and Genetics in order to combat the challenges faced by the cotton growers like Whitefly, Cotton Leaf Curl Virus and Salinity. In his presentation, he focused to develop varieties with short critical window and Okra type leaves to combat the climate challenges. Vice Chancellor, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob appreciated the efforts of Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal for commercialization of Intellectual Property Research product. He also assured his support and guidance to strengthen the University and Industry linkages in future. He further stated that the public-private partnership assures provision of quality seed of cotton varieties of IUB to cotton growers, which will be helpful in the



A group photo after the ceremony to award marketing rights of IUB cotton seeds

revival of cotton crop economy of Pakistan. At this occasion all Deans,

Chairman Faculty of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, ORIC

Team and staff of department of PBG were present.

Webinar on E-Governance



Participants of webinar on E-Governance

In continuation of its webinar series, the Department of Political Science at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur organized a webinar session on the Role of E-Governance

in Effective Public Service Delivery. In his inaugural remarks, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice-Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, appreciated the

initiative of conducting a series of webinars by the Department of Political Science under the dynamic leadership of Prof. Dr. Syed Musavir Hussain Bukhari, and pledged his utmost support for such initiatives. While welcoming and thanking the learned speakers, he stressed that E-Governance is the way forward necessitating concerted and integrated efforts by all quarters to reap the dividends of prosperity. Prof. Dr. Rashid Aftab, Director, Riphah Institute of Public Policy, Riphah International University, Islamabad delivered a comprehensive presentation on E-Governance: Prospects and

Challenges for Pakistan’s Public Sector. Ammara Durrani, Assistant Resident Representative/ Chief Development Policy Unit, UNDP Pakistan talked about the role of “E-Governance for Realizing the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda (SDA)/ Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). She also highlighted the role of UN Agencies and UNDP in particular to this effect. Prof. Dr. Shafiqur-Rehman, the Vice-Chancellor University of Balochistan, shared his thoughts regarding E-Governance and delivery of Higher Education: Navigating towards a Knowledge-based Economy.

World Wetlands Day

Environmental Society of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur organized walk and seminars on the occasion of World Wetlands Day to create awareness among teachers and students. On the occasion, Pro Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ashraf, Chief Conservator Forest Punjab Muhammad Faisal Haroon, Deputy Director Wild Life Bahawalpur, Director Student Affairs Dr. Tanveer Hussain, Dr. Muhammad Abdullah, advisors of various student societies, officials of various departments and others were present. The speakers said that the United Nations Educational,

Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) celebrate this day every year. This year the theme of the day is Watersheds and Water. The speakers said that water bodies are a great source of fresh water. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur is playing a significant role in the protection of the environment, especially the Cholistan life, flora and fauna and birds. Research on Cholistan wetlands is also underway. Over time, population growth has led to increased environmental imbalances, which have also affected wetlands. There is a need to prevent further depletion of natural life-sustaining



Students organized a walk on World Wetlands Day

wetlands in order to maintain the ecological balance necessary for life on Earth. Water is a symbol of life. Pakistan is at risk of future

fresh water shortages. Individual and collective efforts will have to be made to prevent water loss.



Participants of a walk on World Wetlands Day

International Conference on Federalism, State and Society

A two-day international conference on Federalism, State and Society was held under the auspices of the Department of Political Science, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob inaugurated the conference. The conference was attended by Germany, Sudan, UK, Belgium and Pakistan delegates from various universities participated in hybrid mode. Addressing the inaugural session, Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor said that the international conference on a very important and unique topic is welcomed. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur is emerging as a university that is leading the society in social, political and economic affairs through advanced teaching and research. Similarly, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur has a leading role in the promotion of sciences, social sciences and other modern sciences. Our forefathers, through a democratic struggle, achieved a separate federal system that is designed to last forever. He said that the main objective of the federation and the state was to create a conducive environment for development by creating an atmosphere of peace and harmony in the society. The Pakistani constitution guarantees a strong federal system. He said that we have to learn from history and work out a plan of action for the future so that a peaceful, prosperous and egalitarian federation becomes the identity of our dear country Pakistan in the world. Addressing the conference, Dean Faculty of Social Sciences Prof. Dr. Rubina Bhatti said that the federal system is a very important subject of the political system and its evolution would have started



A view of inaugural ceremony

very successfully in more than 25 countries of the world and our political system in Pakistan is also based on the same federalism. The focal person of the conference, Prof. Dr. Yasmeen Rofi said that this conference was organized by the Department of Political Science. It is part of a series of national and international conferences organized by the University. The central idea of the federal system is based on democratic and human values. In this two-day conference, researchers, scholars and students were introduced to various aspects of federalism. On the first day, former Vice Chancellor Bahauddin Zakaria University Multan Prof. Dr. Khawaja Alqama, Prof. Dr. Zafar Nawaz Jaspal of Quaid-e-Azam University Dr. Iram Khalid, Head of the Department of Political Science Punjab University Lahore and Dr. Thoran Kail of University of Candbray UK addressed the gathering. The system is the guarantor of unity between

Arsalan Rasool, participated in the conference. Samara Azma, Sehar Bano, Musarrat Fatima, Dr. Salman Bin Naeem, Ansar Abbas, Jibran Jamshed, Ahsan Riaz, Ayesha Bibi and Hussni Mubarak are acting as coordinators of online and hybrid sessions. In the concluding session, the conference declaration was announced according to which the federal system was considered as an excellent model for Pakistan's social and societal development and it was emphasized that social and economic opportunities for development should be given equally to all units of the federation. Respect for human rights and promotion of democratic values is the key to the success of the federal system. All sections of society, irrespective of race, religion, provinciality and linguistics are equal in the state. Prof. Dr. Yasmeen Rofi, the focal person of the conference, expressed her special thanks to Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice

Islamia University of Bahawalpur played an important role in the success of the conference. The keynote speakers of the conference were Prof. Dr. Khawaja Al-Qama, Dr. Chitra Sinha, Dr. Francois Boucher, Dr. Malte Riemann, Prof. Dr. Nazir Hussain, Prof. Dr. Iram Khalid, Prof. Dr. Zafar Nawaz Jaspal and Dr. Mushtaq Ahmed. It was considered very important in terms of its subject matter as the conference reviewed the federal system of Pakistan and other countries and made suggestions for their further improvement and development. Among the important articles presented at the conference were China and Russia. Review of Federalism and Conflict Resolution in the Federal System, Legislation on Family Freedom in the Federal System, International Federalism and Economic Relations, and the Positive and Negative Impacts of the CEPC and Belt and Road Initiative on the Pakistani Federal System The review reviewed the



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor presenting a shield to a delegate

with human evolution. He said that experts from different fields would discuss the important topic of the two-day conference which would be a source of guidance for teachers and students. Chairman Department of Political Science Prof. Dr. Musawir Hussain Bukhari welcomed the delegates. He said that the federal system is running

different nations and regions. Equitable economic development of all units is the key to the success of the federal system. In the current context, the speakers said that CPEC is in fact important for strengthening the Pakistani federation. Dr. Shakeel Akhtar, Dr. Safdar Hussain, Dr. Sarfraz Batool, Shahbaz Ali Khan, Shehzad Ali Gill,

Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur for organizing the conference. Whose special thanks to the patronage, cooperation and guidance, the conference was successfully held. Prof. Dr. Musawir Hussain Bukhari, Head of the Department of Political Science, said that teachers, students and administrative officers of the

evolution of the federal system in Pakistan, local governments and the federal system and social and economic development in the provincial areas and states, and discussed the movement for power sharing in Pakistan and the federal system.

Annual Flower Show 2021

The annual flower show was inaugurated by Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Station Commander, Bahawalpur Cantt. Brig. Abdul Rashid in front of the Main

Auditorium at Baghdad Ul Jadeed Campus. More than 200 types of flowers were displayed in this exhibition which gives a beautiful view of spring to the teachers, students and the general public. The Department of Estate Care, the

Islamia University of Bahawalpur organizes flower exhibitions in all the campuses every year. On this occasion, flowers of all kinds grown in the gardens of all departments and offices add to the beauty of the campus. The Vice Chancellor and

Station Commander appreciated the hard work of Principal Officer Estate Care Department Farkhanda Tahseen, Deputy Registrar Adnan Majeed Rahmani, supervisors and staff.



Glimpses of IUB flower display at university campuses and Noor Mahel



Glimpses of dignitaries visiting the IUB flower display at university campuses and Noor Mahel

Vice Chancellor Visits Rahim Yar Khan Campus

Vice Chancellor the Islamia University of Bahawalpur Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob visited Rahim Yar Khan Campus and reviewed the educational, developmental and administrative activities. The popularity and acceptance of the quality of the ongoing educational programs in the campus is very welcome. He said that the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, Rahim Yar Khan Campus offers higher education to students from all districts of Rahim Yar Khan as well as surrounding districts of Sindh and Balochistan. In the past, the number of students in this campus was less than one thousand, which is a huge excess with this district with a population of millions. Soon after taking charge of the university, he turned his attention to it and in a very short span of time, the number of students has exceeded 3,000. In this regard, steps were taken to increase all scientific subjects and also to launch MPhil program. New



Group photo of Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob with faculty and staff of Rahim Yar Khan Campus

teachers have been recruited to enhance the quality of the subjects already taught and teachers have been deployed for new programs. Transportation facilities on campus and hostel facilities are being enhanced. Student Societies have been launched for sports activities as well as other co-curricular activities. This will

give the students an opportunity to hone their leadership skills as well as build their character and they will be able to enter practical life with confidence. The Vice Chancellor said that landscaping of the campus would be done, lush playgrounds and greenery would be created around the buildings and one lack saplings would be planted

in Rahim Yar Khan Campus which would be environmentally friendly. He said that Rahim Yar Khan district administration and local civil society are with the university in the development of the campus. He created job opportunities for the students by connecting with the local chamber of commerce.

IUB and NUST Collaborate for Library and Information Sciences



Prof. Dr. Rubina Bhatti, Chairperson Department of Library and Information Science along with the officials of Central Library of National University of Science and Technology (NUST), Islamabad

Prof. Dr. Rubina Bhatti, Chairperson Department of Library and Information Science, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur visited the Central Library of National University of Science and Technology (NUST), Islamabad, and the National Library of Pakistan (NLP), Islamabad. The Purpose of visit was to observe the library services and systems in these libraries, so the state of the art library and information sources, services and facilities may be provided to students, researchers, entrepreneurs and academia as envisioned by Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. She exchanged her views with Dr. Midrarullah, Chief Librarian, NUST Library and Syed Ghyour Hussain, Director General, NLP. Some proposals for future course of action were discussed for more formal cooperation and close collaboration between the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and the National Library of Pakistan.

Article of Faculty Member of the IUB Rahim Yar Khan Campus Published in Renowned International Journal

A proud achievement of Muhammad Umer, Associate Lecturer, Computer Science Department IUB, Rahim Yar Khan Campus. His research article entitled "The Role of Internet Things to Control the Outbreak of COVID-19 Pandemic" has been accepted for publication in the IEEE Internet of Things Journal with 11.75 5-year Impact factor, 0.2268 Eigenfactor, 17.66 Impact Score and SCIE-indexing (<https://iee-iotj.org/>). IEEE IoT is ranked in the top 10 journals in Electrical and Electronic Engineering by Journal Impact Factor and in Telecommunications by Article Influence Score. This

research provides a road-map by highlighting the IoT applications that can help to control the COVID-19 pandemic. This study also proposed a real-time identification and monitoring of COVID-19 patients. The proposed framework consists of four components using cloud architecture: data collection of disease symptoms (using IoT-based devices), health center or quarantine center (data collected using IoT devices), a data warehouse (analysis using Machine Learning models), and health professionals (provide treatment). The authors investigated how IoT applications are helpful for

management, health professionals, and patients to investigate the symptoms of contagious disease and manage COVID-19 positive patients worldwide. Muhammad Umer is an enthusiastic and diligent researcher in the field of computer science and working on different aspects of has been working data analytics, IoT, Computer Vision, optimization, and predictive modeling using machine learning and deep learning models. He is making a difference by going the extra mile in publishing several research articles in high impact factor journals. In short period of time Muhammad Umer got multiple



Muhammad Umer, Associate Lecturer

SCI-E impact factor publications in IEEE Transactions of Industrial Informatics, IEEE ACCESS, PLoS One, Ambient Intelligence, and Wiley journals.

The First International Conference on Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Social Sciences (STEMS 2021)



a view of inaugural ceremony

The first International Conference on Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics and Social Sciences (STEMS 2021) held at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. This multi-thematic conference was inaugurated by Prof. Dr. Saleem Mazhar, Pro Vice Chancellor, University of the Punjab, Lahore and Prof. Dr. Saigra Imtiaz Asif, Vice Chancellor, Government Sadiq College, Women's University, Bahawalpur and Prof. Dr. Manzoor Hussain, President, ECO Science Foundation were the guest of honor on the

whole world. Even today, we have the best opportunity to access all modern sciences, including science and technology, and to lead the world as we have in the past, ensuring socio-economic development. He said that the Islamia University of Bahawalpur is moving in this direction and in just a short span of two years, the university has attained the status of fourth generation university. Cotton varieties developed by the scientists of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur are being cultivated on 45% area of Punjab. The university

45,000. The faculty has also increased from 500 to 1000 who are always engaged in teaching and research. The establishment of successive international conferences is a sign of Islamia University Bahawalpur becoming a world class university. Dr. Abid Shehzad, Conference Focal Person said that due to Covid-19, 9 sessions will be held on the first day after the inaugural function. More than 160 domestic and foreign delegates from Pharmacy, Engineering, Arts, Business, Commerce, Social Sciences and Technology

experiences in their fields. They exchanged observations and shared new developments and innovative ideas, research projects and state-of-the-art teaching methods in these areas. Teachers and students benefited from this activity. He said that only education can bring improvement and welfare in society and only through education the easiest solution to the problems and difficulties of the world can be offered. More effective solutions to various problems are possible through multi-thematic teams. He appreciated the efforts of Director



Presentation of souvenirs to visiting delegates

occasion. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur in his address said that the convening of the first multi-disciplinary International Conference at the University is a great achievement for which Dr. Abid Shehzad, Director International Links deserves congratulations. He said that the Muslim Ummah had access to all modern sciences in one era and thanks to it ruled the

will earn Rs.100 million annually from its sale and marketing. In the last two years, the faculty, researchers and students of the university have been engaged in their academic activities in the best and most conducive environment. The university is fastly gaining prominence in the world rankings. Due to the popularity of its teaching programs, the enrollment has increased dramatically and the number of students has exceeded

Conventional Medicine will discuss in hybrid and online sessions. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor was the Chief Guest of the closing session. He said that the multi-thematic conference is a unique opportunity in the history of the university where educators and researchers from universities, colleges, schools, industrial and commercial areas, cultural and information and other public and private institutions shared their

International Links Dr. Abid Shehzad in organizing the conference and inviting experts from across the country. The development and expansion of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur is in fact a part of national development and is in line with national aspirations and priorities and all these efforts are to make the beloved homeland a great country.

Delegation of Pharmacy Council Visits IUB



A group photo of delegation of Pharmacy Council visiting IUB

A delegation of the Pharmacy Council of Pakistan (PCP) visited the Faculty of Pharmacy, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. Prof. Dr. Naveed Akhtar, Dean, along with all faculty members welcomed the delegates of the Pharmacy Council of Pakistan (PCP). The delegation comprising of Prof. Dr. Meh Jabeen, Dr. Ghulam Razaq, and Mr. Ubaid Ullah. The delegates visited various undergraduates and postgraduates lecture rooms, laboratories, computer lab and library. Prof. Dr. Naveed Akhtar, Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur briefed about the current facilities,

infrastructure, equipment, chemicals, and glassware. He also elaborated about the budget and teaching faculty positions/status. Prof. Dr. Naveed Akhtar briefed

about future projects including the construction of the state-of-the-art building of Faculty of Pharmacy and Community Pharmacy set-up and also highlighted the efforts

of Vice Chancellor, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob for up-gradation of infrastructure facilities and provision of all necessary funds. The members of the Pharmacy Council

of Pakistan appreciated the faculty and university administration for maintaining the high standards of teaching, research, and provision of infrastructure facilities.

Micro Irrigation Project

Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, inaugurated the Micro Irrigation Project of the Department of Horticulture, Faculty of Agriculture. This method irrigates the fields, greenery and plains using less water than irrigation. Currently, this method of irrigation is being used in the main boulevard of Baghdad Al-Jadeed Campus, Vice Chancellor's Office and Faculty of Agriculture. With the completion of this project, all greenery, agricultural farms and other places will be irrigated while saving water in Baghdad ul Jadeed. This will save a lot of water. On this occasion, the Vice Chancellor also distributed certificates among the faculty members and students working in the project.



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor along with team of Micro Irrigation Project

Enabling Center Established at Applied Psychology Department



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor along with faculty members of Applied Psychology Department

Vice Chancellor, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Director Health and Education, IUB, Dr. Fazal Mahmood Khan and District Health Education Officer, Zulqarnain Jatoi visited Department of Applied Psychology, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. The Vice Chancellor observed the working model of Enabling Center. This Enabling Center will provide Psychological Services to IUB community. Vice Chancellor appreciated Dr. Muhammad Saleem, Chairman, faculty members and administrative staff for this initiative towards STRESS-FREE environment. Dr. Muhammad Saleem expressed his gratitude to Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor for his visit and support.

MoU Inked Between IUB and Pakistan Boys Scouts Association

A memorandum of understanding was signed between the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Pakistan Boys Scouts Association to promote healthy activities, training of scouts and promotion of tourism opportunities Scouts Association. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Sarfraz Qamar Dahi, Chief Commissioner of Pakistan Boys Scouts signed on behalf of their respective institutions. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur Tourism Directorate will assist Pakistan Boys Scouts Association for technical and training information. Salman Qureshi, Additional Director Tourism Directorate, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and National Commission for Community Scouting Akhtar Javed nominated as focal persons. Director IUB Tourism Directorate Dr. Imran Rasheed, Dr. Javed Iqbal and Kulsoom Akhtar were also present on the occasion.



A view of MoU signing ceremony



Glimpses of MoU signing ceremony between IUB and Pakistan Boys Scouts Association

Visit of A Progressive Farmer to IUB

Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Mujib Arjumand Khan progressive grower from Sadiq Abad inaugurated the glass house established in the Department of Plant Breeding and Genetics, Faculty of Agriculture and Environment. Chairman Department of Plant Breeding and Genetics Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal Bandesha briefed that with this facility, the breeding of cotton will be expedited and varietal development duration will be reduced to one-half. The guest also took keen interest in Okra leaf genotypes that will be the future of cotton in the context of drought and whitefly tolerant. Chairman also briefed about introgressive hybrid breeding programs for developing salinity tolerant genotypes with CLCuV and whitefly resistance/ tolerance with good lint quality. Mujib Armand khan appreciated the activities and breeding programs of Department of Plant Breeding and Genetics in the Islamia University



Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal giving briefing to visiting guest on agriculture research at the University

of Bahawalpur. He suggested that University should continue this effort for revival of cotton and

ensure the supply of quality seed of varieties developed by Department of Plant Breeding and Genetics. He

also suggested different options for commercialization of research products.



A visit of IUB cotton varieties grown in glass house

Meeting to Review Scholarships for Students

Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, said that more than 8,000 students of the

over a meeting organized by the Directorate of Financial Assistance. It was informed on the occasion that more than 2140 students

worth over Rs. 80 million are being distributed among 407 students. Similarly, 200 scholarships were received from Pakistan Bait-ul-

increased from 6 to 93, which is a great achievement. Similarly, the university is increasing the amount of scholarships from its own



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor presiding over a meeting to review scholarships for students

university are benefiting from the scholarships worth Rs. 370 Million provided by the government and the university owned resources. The Vice-Chancellor expressed these views while presiding

benefited in the first phase of PM Ehsas Scholarship while 7800 students have been interviewed in the second phase. Under the Higher Education Commission Need Based Scholarship, scholarships

Mal, out of which 100 scholarships will be allocated for students of Bahawalnagar and Rahim Yar Khan. The number of Scottish scholarships for female students issued by the British Council has

resources. In addition, scholarships will be provided by Bahawalpur Chamber of Commerce, Alumni and other industrial and commercial establishments.

Delegation of Pakistan Veterinary and Medical Council Visits IUB



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor exchanging views with delegation of Pakistan Veterinary and Medical Council

Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur has said that Faculty

of Veterinary and Animal Sciences besides imparting education, is contributing significantly in the

livestock and dairy development in the region. The Vice Chancellor expressed these views during a

meeting with the Accreditation and Evaluation (A&E) Committee of Pakistan Veterinary Medical Council (PVMC). He elaborated the committee about the steps taken by the IUB to provide all resources including appointment of faculty and provision of funds for the improvement of infrastructure. He said that the university was going to hire more senior faculty of Professorial rank at FV&AS in coming couple of months. The A&E committee of PVMC felicitated the Vice Chancellors' vision towards Veterinary Education and praised his efforts for the remarkable progress during the last two years to uplift the Faculty. According to Dean, Faculty of Veterinary Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood this visit of A&E committee of PVMC was meant as a follow-up of the Council's last visit which was held on July, 2019 to evaluate the progress of last two years.

International Webinar on Libraries

International Webinar on Research Support in University Libraries: Services, Resources & Best Practices was Jointly organized by Sir Sadiq Muhammad Khan Library and Department of Library & Information Science, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor was the chief guest on this occasion and Prof. Dr. Rubina Bhatti, Chairperson, Department of Library and Information Science, IUB was the Focal Person of the webinar. International guest speakers delivered their lectures. Dr. Naresh Agarwal, President-elect ASIS&T (USA), Associate Professor and Director of the Information Science & Technology Concentration at the School of Library & Information Science

at Simmons University, Boston, delivered a lecture on Knowledge Management for Research Support in University Libraries. Dr. Joanna Richardson, Scholarly Communications Consultant from Griffith University, Australia, delivered a lecture on Research Support in University Libraries and Prof. Jesus Lau, from the University of Varacruzana, Mexico has given a lecture on Faculty Support: Shaping an Information Literacy Learning Activity Handbook. The panelist has given the answered to the questions asked by the participants at the end of each lecture. The webinar was attended by the faculty members of the department of library and information science, and library professionals of university



A view of international webinar on libraries

libraries, as well as more than 100 participants from different university libraries of Pakistan and

abroad such as Australia, India, Nigeria, Canada, and Mexico.

Condolence Reference for Seraiki Writer Zafar Lashari

Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur said that Jamia Islamia will take steps to welcome local poets and writers and publish their literary works. The Vice Chancellor expressed these views in his presidential address in a condolence reference held in the memory of renowned Seraiki writer, poet and prose writer Zafar Lashari in association with Bahawalpur Press Club. He said that steps would be taken to translate the works of local poets and writers into Urdu and English so that they would be highlighted nationally and internationally. Similarly, the establishment of Zafar Lashari Corner in the Central Library of the University will also be discussed at the relevant forum and one hour daily will be devoted to broadcasting in local languages on University FM Radio. The special guest of the function was Saqib Ali Ateel, Secretary Agriculture South Punjab. Saqib Ali Ateel said that he has known Zafar Lashari since



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor along with participants of seminar

his student days and has benefited from his literary sessions. Individual and collective efforts are essential to welcome the rare literary figures of South Punjab and to publish their work. On this occasion Sadia Kamal Vice President National Press Club Islamabad, Prof. Dr. Jawed Hassan Chandio, Dean

Faculty of Arts and Languages, Dr. Nasrullah Khan Nasir, Naseer Ahmed Nasir, President Press Club Bahawalpur, Riaz Ahmed Baloch, Athar Lashari, Nazir Khalid, former Director Information Bahawalpur and other speakers addressed the gathering. Zafar Lashari was born in Basti Mehrab Walam in 1948. His

masterpiece Seraiki novels include Nazo and Pahaj and the book Tatian Chhawan, which contains fiction, Khawaja Farid's educational ideas and the heroic Janbaz Tatoi art and life are very popular. Multan, Gomal University, Dera Ghazi Khan and Punjab University are included in the syllabus.



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor presenting souvenirs to delegates

Certificate Distribution Ceremony for International Webinar Series

The Department of English Linguistics organized certificate-distribution ceremony for the attendees and organizers of a series of International Webinars organized by Department of English Linguistics. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Chief Patron of the Webinars, graced the occasion. Prof. Dr. Jawed Hassaan Chandio, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Languages

and Webinars Patron, shared his insights on the region's academic and intellectual contribution in the sub-continent as long-standing hub of knowledge. In his address, the Vice Chancellor appreciated the efforts made by the department and talked about some of the infrastructural challenges the university is trying to address. Using a technology metaphor, he

reiterated his vision to increase the blips or status of the university on the intellectual and academic radar of the world. The ceremony concluded with distribution of certificates and plaques among participants and organizers. Prof. Dr. Jawad Iqbal, Dean, Faculty of Management Sciences, IUB, Prof. Dr. Sheik Shafiq-ur-Rehman, Dean, Faculty of Islamic Learning also

attended the ceremony. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ijaz latif, Chairman, Dept of International Relations, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ayub Jajja, Chairman, Dept of English Literature, Dr. Musawir Hussain Bukhari, Chairman, Dept of Political Science and Dr. Sher Muhammad Malik, Dept of Geography were also present on the occasion.



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor along with senior faculty members

Clinical Services at Veterinary Faculty

The Department of Clinical Medicine and Surgery, Faculty of Veterinary and Animal Sciences is providing free of cost and reliable clinical services to livestock farmers and small animal owners. To uplift veterinary education standards and produce clinically skilled veterinary graduates, the department has extended its clinical services seven days a week. This will not only facilitate

the community in provision of the treatment to their animals but it will also generate more practical learning opportunities for the veterinary students. It is also worth mentioning that the department has seven experienced PhD faculty members, who are well-trained in clinical skills of veterinary medicine and surgery. The surgery section of the department has fully functional operation

theatre equipped with all kinds of surgical instruments in addition to gas anesthesia machine and sterilization equipment required for soft tissue and orthopedic surgical procedures. The department is handling quite complicated surgical cases presented directly as well as referral cases by the government veterinary hospitals and dispensaries, and these surgical ailments are successfully

cured by the Clinical and Medical Surgery Faculty. The department also welcomed the small-sized livestock community, dairy and poultry farmers, and small animal clients, to visit the facility for free consultation about the clinical problems of their animals and satisfactory practical solutions.

IUB Engineering Students Setup Biogas Plant in Uch Sharif

The IEEE, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur Branch in collaboration with the IEEE Foundation worked on a clean and green energy project using Animal waste. A biogas plant has been constructed in a village near Uch Sharif. The produced gas is used for electricity generation and household usage. A 12 KVA generator is also installed at the site which is also funded by IEEE. The project achieves awareness of green and clean energy to the local community, production of clean and green energy, efficient decomposition of animal waste which otherwise is harmful for the environment production of super fertilizer. Talking with media, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur said that the electricity through biogas is not a new idea and a lot of work has been done around the globe on this technology. However, being a third world country, this renewable technology has not much flourished in Pakistan. It is only used for running stoves on very low scale and a very small community is taking benefits from it. Being an agricultural country, where 70% of the population belongs to the rural area, this renewable



A group photo of IUB delegation at biogas plant in Uch Sharif

technology can help people a lot by providing cheap electricity and gas. Moreover, the project reduces the waste, clean the environment, reduces the greenhouse effect, and provide excellent fertilizer for the fields. Engr. Dr. Muhammad Amjad, Dean Faculty of Engineering and Engr. Asjad Amin further said that this project consists of multiple workshops, panel discussions and public awareness sessions,

implementation of one complete plant in the local area which will make it clear to people of the specified region about the sustainable electricity through biogas. The prime goal of this project is to provide clean and sustainable electricity to an area which has been deprived of power for ages. The project will be helpful in dealing with livestock waste which is reason of many

diseases among human and cattle in rural areas. The project will provide lifelong learning and above all, masses will get awareness about from the sustainable engineering. The general public which varies from a student to a common working in fields will know about the concept of sustainable engineering.



Faculty members and students visiting the biogas plant near Uch Sharif



Webinar on International Diplomacy and OIC

Department of International Relations, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur conducted international webinar on 'Academic Collaboration, Science Diplomacy and OIC: Challenges and Opportunities' in collaboration with COMSTECH. The webinar was inaugurated by Eng. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. He emphasized the need for collaborative measures in Science

and diplomacy in order to regain the lost status of Muslims in the world. Federal Secretary Dr. Arshad Mehmood in his message appreciated efforts of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and COMSTECH for arranging this webinar and emphasized need to work in more joint fields of Science and Diplomacy. He highlighted the role of academic institutions to cope up with the challenges faced by the Muslim World. He also mentioned

that the collaboration among the educational institutes is the utmost need of the hour to address these challenges. Coordinator General COMSTECH, Prof. Dr. Iqbal Chaudhary welcomed participants on behalf of COMSTECH and shared COMSTECH's contribution in enhancing academic collaboration among OIC member states. Prof. Dr. Shahid Baig, Chairman Pakistan Science Foundation mentioned issues and challenges faced by

the stakeholders for conducting joint researches. The webinar was concluded with the vote of thanks by Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ijaz Latif, Chairman Department of International Relations, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. He highlighted the steps needed to be taken to address these challenges and shared few recommendations.

Tree plantation by Forestry Department

On the occasion of World Forests Day, a tree plantation campaign of 20,000 plants was launched at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur under the auspices of the Department of Forestry Range and Wild Life Management. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, Islamia University of Bahawalpur, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ashraf, Pro Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Tanveer, President, Bahawalpur Chamber of Commerce, Deans, Principal Officers, Punjab Forest Department, WWF representatives and students participated in the tree planting campaign. The Vice Chancellor said that a plan has been made to plant 20,000 saplings in the Islamia University of Bahawalpur every year. In this regard, faculties, employees and students of Bahawalpur, Bahawalnagar and Rahim Yar



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor along with faculty members and dignitaries participating in a walk on International day of Forests

paid to the cultivation of native plants so that these plants can be preserved for future generations. The Cholistan Institute of Desert Studies is collaborating with

forest area in Bahawalpur Division. In keeping the Baghdad-ul-Jadeed campus green, the Department for Forest, The Estate Care Department and Farm Management

fennel, soy, lettuce and clonji besides many other plants. He said that the cooperation of Punjab Agriculture Research Board is also involved in this regard. Prof. Dr.



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor along with faculty members and dignitaries participating in tree plantation on International Day of Forests



Khan campuses are increasingly participating. This tree planting campaign is part of the Prime Minister's Vision of Clean and Green Pakistan Campaign. Fruit, shade and medicinal plants are being preferred for tree planting, he said. Similarly, attention is being

the Hobara Foundation and other organizations to cultivate and preserve Cholistani plants, especially in the desert. He said that the Forest Department has been cooperating with the Punjab Government and other public and private institutions for tree planting so as to increase the

are also playing a vital role. Dr. Tanveer Hussain Turabi, Head, Department of Straight Range and Wildlife Management, said that his department is currently focusing on the cultivation of medicinal plants. These include celery, spaghetti, linseed, bagla, takhm blingo, khoob kalan,

Shazia Anjum, Director, Cholistan Institute of Desert Studies, said that the Biodiversity Park has been set up near Fort Drawar where researchers from Islamia University of Bahawalpur are conducting research on Cholistani plants and to preserve and popularize these rare plants.



Students participating in tree plantation on International Day of Forests

Exhibition 2021 at Institute of Business Management and Administrative Sciences

Department of Entrepreneurship & Innovation, Institute of Business Management and Administrative Sciences, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur always believe to give exposure and practical knowledge to the students. In this regard two combined semester-end students projects were displayed on “Exhibition 2021” under the subject Creative Thinking & Design led by Instructor, Mr. Azhar Hussain and Social Ideas Poster Competition 2021 under the subject Social Entrepreneurship Creating Economics and Social Values led by Instructor Mr. Shaheer H. Rizvi. In Exhibition 2021, students displayed posters, visiting cards, and other promotional material. The purpose of this activity was to showcase their skills, design ability and creative thinking to market their product.

The purpose of this activity was to dig out social problems in line to SDG’s and create its innovative solutions, total 9 social startups were initiated in this semester which included, Walking Library, Each one Plant one, Going Zero Waste, Help Everyone, don’t use plastic bags, Secret Hands and

Food Cards for beggars. Prof. Dr. Jawad Iqbal, Dean, Faculty of Management Sciences/Director, IBMAS and Prof. Dr. Abu Bakar, Treasurer IUB graced the event as chief guest and guest of honour, respectively and appreciated the tireless efforts of Dr. Hassan Danial Aslam, Head, Department

of Entrepreneurship and Innovation towards promotion of entrepreneurship and engagement of students in positive activities even in the limitation of Covid-19 pandemic.



Faculty members and students visiting the Exhibition 2021

Baloch Cultural Day

The Islamia University of Bahawalpur, Directorate of Public Relations Government of Punjab and Baloch Educational Council Bahawalpur jointly organized a colorful “Hum Hai Baloch Hum Hai Pakistan” on the occasion of Baloch Culture Day at Ghulam Muhammad Ghotvi Hall Abbasia

Campus. The event was attended by a large number of Baloch students including Baloch elders. Speakers on the occasion said that Baloch Culture Day is recognition of unique traditions and beautiful culture. He said that conscious nations always protect their cultural heritage. He further said

that Chief Minister Punjab Sardar Usman Buzdar has approved the celebration of Baloch Culture Day at the government level in Punjab which is a very commendable initiative. He said that our country is a bouquet of different nations and tribes. Culture, traditions and civilization are the identity of the

people here. He extended special thanks to Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob for organizing the event, and providing special admissions and scholarships for Baloch students at the university.



Participants of Baloch Cultural Day

IUB Inks MoU with European Universities Consortium

The Islamia University of Bahawalpur signed an MOU with La Rochelle University. The Worthy Vice Chancellor Engineer Professor Dr. Athar Mahboob signed the MOU and chaired the ceremony. The MOU was initiated by the Department of English Literature and Directorate International Linkages, IUB. It covers exchange of faculty, students and joint training and research projects. Prof. Dr. Jawed Hassan Chandio, Dean faculty of Arts, Prof. Dr. Rubiana Bhatti, Dean faculty of Social Sciences, Prof. Dr. Aftab Gillani, Dean faculty of Law, Prof. Dr. Muzam Jamil, Registrar IUB, Prof. Dr. Irshad Baloch, Chairman department of Education, Dr Abid Shazad, Director International Linkages and the faculty and students of department of English were present. La Rochelle University was represented by its Vice President, Prof. Dr. Eric



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor and Vice President, Prof. Dr. Eric Monterio, Director Asia Pacific Institute showing MoU documents

Monterio, Director Asia Pacific Institute, Prof. Dr. David Waterman, Director International linkages, Dr. Stephane Aymard. The ceremony was conducted by Raheen Fatima.

The Chairman Department of English, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ayub Jajja, welcomed and thanked the worthy guests. The Worthy Vice Chancellor appreciated the role of

department of English Literature and Directorate of International Linkages.

Vaccination Project for Cholistani Animals



The Higher Education Commission has allocated Rs. 9.3 million for the research, diagnosis and preparation of vaccines for the diseases of animals of Cholistan especially goats and sheep. For the preparation of vaccines under the National Research Program for Universities Dr. Muhammad Khalid Mansoor, Faculty Member Department of Veterinary medicines received a grant for the preparation of vaccines Prof. Dr. Muhammad Khalid Mansoor, Faculty Member, Department of Veterinary Medicine, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. Grant received under

the National Research Program for Universities, Samples related to animal diseases in Cholistan will be collected and these samples will be analyzed in the laboratory of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. In the light of the obtained, results a vaccine will be developed that will be beneficial not only for those Cholistani animals but also for sheep and goats and livestock across the country. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur located near Cholistan, is an important place for research on local animals and plants. That is why the Higher Education Commission has selected

the Islamia University of Bahawalpur for the research on Cholistani livestock and the grant has been given to Prof. Dr. Muhammad Khalid Mansoor, faculty member of the Department of Veterinary Medicine. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur hoped that this research grant will meet the target and its findings will help to eradicate and decrease the incidence of livestock diseases which will improve the social and economic conditions of the people of Cholistan.



A group photo of security officials after a mock exercise jointly organized by the IUB Security Department and law enforcement agencies

Seminar on Pakistan Day

Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, said that Pakistan Resolution Day reminds us of the sincere commitment and constant struggle of the Muslims of the Indian subcontinent. On this day, the Muslims of India, under the enthusiastic leadership of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, declared their struggle for a separate territory and the Pakistan Resolution was passed. The Vice Chancellor also said in a seminar at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur that our forefathers changed the map of the world in just seven years by following the principles of unparalleled leadership and faith, unity and conviction. As a result of which, a new Islamic state namely Pakistan emerged. The Vice Chancellor said in his video message at a seminar held at Abbasia Campus on the occasion of Pakistan Day that on March 23, 1940, the Muslims of the subcontinent held a historic meeting at Manto Park in Lahore which is now called Lahore Park. It passed an important resolution which was then called the Lahore Resolution but is now called the Pakistan Resolution. Through this resolution, the Muslims of the subcontinent reaffirmed their determination that their destination is an independent state where they can live according to their culture and identity and their decisions will be in their own hands. The Muslims of the



Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ashraf, Pro Vice Chancellor presenting a shield to guest speaker

subcontinent did not want to be the slaves of the Hindu majority after being freed from the slavery of the British. That is why Allama Iqbal at a meeting in Allahabad in 1930 expressed the idea that the Muslims of the subcontinent would have an independent state they will be able to live according to the golden principles of Islam. On March 23, 1940, under the enthusiastic leadership of Quaid-e-Azam, the Muslims of the subcontinent passed this resolution and after that they worked tirelessly for the acquisition of Pakistan. The British wanted to give freedom to the subcontinent but they did not want to give a separate state to the Muslims but the Muslims of the

subcontinent gained Pakistan with their blood and martyrs by making eternal sacrifices. The purpose of establishing Pakistan was that the Muslims of the subcontinent should make their own decisions for the betterment of their religious and cultural identity and future. This journey was completed on August 14, 1947 when the Muslims got an independent state as per the resolution of March 23, 1940. After that only the journey of stability and development of Pakistan begin. Every March 23, we must pledge that we will never forget the sacrifices of our elders and their struggle and will continue to make Pakistan a great nation to achieve this goal. Pakistan has

made tremendous achievements in the last 70 years. We must work together as Pakistanis for a brighter future. He said that I understand that the faculty, administration and students of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur are the guarantors of a bright future for Pakistan. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ashraf, Pro. Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Aftab Hussain Gillani, Dean Faculty of Law and Guest Speaker Dr. Mujeeb Ahmad addressed the gathering. The event was attended by deans, teachers and students. Social distance, masks and hand sanitizers were managed in view of Covid-19.

IUB Soil Microbiologists Visit Cholistan to Collect Soil Samples



Faculty members visiting Houbara Foundation's Center in Cholistan Desert

A team of Soil Microbiologists from Department of Soil Science, the

Islamia University of Bahawalpur, Dr. Maqshoof Ahmad, Dr. Azhar

Hussain and Dr. Abubakar Dar along with students and Cholistan

Expert/Plant Ecologist Dr. Abdullah from CIDS visited Conservation Breeding Center established by Houbara Foundation International in Desert area of Cholistan. Team collected the rhizosphere soil sample of medicinal plants from desert to study the rhizosphere microbial community structure and functioning under desert conditions. Maj. (R) Khaild (HFI) welcomed the team and provided complete support, logistics and guidance for completion of task.

IUB Starts Commercial Production of Strawberry

Vice Chancellor the Islamia University of Bahawalpur Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob visited Commercial multistory/high density orchard and fruit research unit. Dr. Muhammad Nafees, Chairman Department of Horticulture briefed about production technology of Strawberry. He also explained production window expansion venture of this fruit. Vice Chancellor directed to work on value addition of strawberry and promote the production of stevia (Natural sweetener). Project team briefed about plantation of various temperate fruit plants in university.

Project Manager broke the news of production of water melon on an area of above 10 acres which will be available in end week of April. Vice Chancellor appreciated the project team for the completion of proposed plantation project. He also planted a guava plant. Vice Chancellor was accompanied by Dean Faculty of Science, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ashraf, Dean Faculty of Pharmacy, Prof. Dr. Naveed Akhtar, Registrar, Prof. Dr. Moazzam Jamil, Treasurer Prof. Dr. Abbu Bakar and Dr. Asif Naveed Ranjha, Chairman Department of Social Work.



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor visiting the strawberry fields in agriculture farm

A Study Trip to Observe Innovative Agriculture Techniques

Vice Chancellor Islamia University of Bahawalpur Engineer Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob Registrar Prof. Dr. Moazzam Jamil, Chairman Department of Environmental Science, Dr. Ghulam Hassan

Abbasi and Chairman Department of Plant Pathology, Dr. M. Naveed Aslam Malghani visited Al-Qasim Agriculture Farms near Sakhi Sarwar, D.G. Khan. Vice Chancellor appreciated the innovative

agricultural development on a vast and tough land by Dr. Rashid Qureshi and his father Mr. Qasim Qureshi. The team made extensive visit to Ultra High Density Plantation, Drip Irrigation System on more

than 300 acre and Organic Poultry Farming etc. He desired to share the tough and steady work of Dr. Qureshi with students of IUB for their motivations. It was really a worth full day for the team IUB.



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor visiting the agriculture farm in Dera Ghazi Khan



Online Meeting of Pakistan Veterinary and Medical Council

Pakistan Veterinary Medical Council (PVMC) conducted an online meeting with all Deans / Principals of Veterinary Degree Awarding Institutes of Pakistan. Professor Dr. Masood Rabbani, President PVMC chaired the meeting with a single agenda item i.e. Updated Status on Progress of Fulfillment of deficiencies by Universities / Degree Awarding Institutions in Pakistan as per PVMC Accreditation and Evaluation Regulations, 2015. Professor Dr. Muhammad Khalid Mansoor, Principal, Faculty of Veterinary and Animal Sciences IUB briefed the updated progress

of Faculty to the Chair after PVMC last visit in July, 2019. He mentioned that under the dynamic leadership of Worthy Vice Chancellor IUB, Engr. Professor Dr. Athar Mahboob, the Veterinary College has been upgraded to Faculty of Veterinary and Animal Sciences with 13 functional departments. He also briefed the chair about the budgetary status, addition of Professors, Associate Professors and Assistant Professors; and strengthening of laboratories in FV&AS. The Council praised the efforts made by FV&AS, IUB applauded the exemplary actions



A view of online meeting

of VC IUB, Prof Dr. Ather Mahboob for his untiring efforts and taking

keen interest to strengthen Faculty of Veterinary & Animal Sciences.

Inter-University Baseball Men's Championship

The Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Higher Education Commission of Pakistan jointly launched the Inter-University Baseball Men's Championship at Baghdad-ul-Jadeed Campus. The championship was inaugurated by Pro Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ashraf. Prof. Dr. Aftab Hussain Gilani, Chairman Sports Committee, Director Sports Amjad Farooq Warraich, Assistant Director Sports Qazi Irfan, Mohammad Naveed, Mehvish Razzaq and all other teams officials attended. Director Sports Amjad Farooq Warraich said that sports activities have been revived in the university with the special attention of Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob. Eight universities are participating in the Inter-University Baseball Championship. These were Islamia University Bahawalpur, Punjab University Lahore, University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Imperial University Lahore, Superior University Lahore, Cholistan University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Bahawalpur, University of Lahore and University of Central Punjab Lahore. The first match was played between Cholistan University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences and Punjab University of Lahore. In the first round of Inter-University Baseball Championship, Islamia University Bahawalpur, Punjab University Lahore, Superior University Lahore and University of Central Punjab won and Qualified for the finals.



Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ashraf, Pro Vice Chancellor along with officials and players

Webinar on Pets Grooming

A webinar was conducted on Pets Grooming by the Department of Clinical Medicine and Surgery (CMS), Faculty of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (FV&AS), The Islamia University of Bahawalpur. Dr. Abdul Qayyum, Chairman, CMS, was the event organizer. Prof.

Dr. Khalid Mansoor, Principal, FV&AS, gave inaugural remarks and appreciated the contribution of CMS department for organizing such kind of productive event for the students, faculty members, and pet practitioners and owners. More than fifty participants attended

the webinar. Dr. Ali Momin Bukhari, a well-known pet practitioner in France, was the speaker. He emphasized the grooming and focused on its importance for the pets. He also added that groomed pets are healthier than other pet and there is less chance for

groomed pets to be infected. Finally Dr. Abdul Qayyum thanked the speaker, principal, faculty members, students and other participants.

IUB Sports Arena

Sports Society of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur organized a seminar with the title of IUB Sports Arena to create awareness and interest in healthy activities. On the occasion, the chief guest of this event former hockey player Olympian and Flying Horse Samiullah Khan said that with constant effort and firm conviction, every destination becomes easy. Man should make every effort to achieve success and Allah Almighty does not let the efforts go in vain. He expressed these views while addressing a function held in his honor at Islamia University, Bahawalpur. Samiullah Khan said that he was grateful to Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob for

organizing a function in his honor at Islamia University Bahawalpur and promoting sports activities. Mentioning his victories in the field of hockey, he said that thanks to teamwork and hard work, Pakistan's national team has won victories in the Olympics, World Cup and Asian Games again and again. His constant hard work and professional integrity earned him confidence and he raised the banner of success in Europe and Asia. He said that Bahawalpur, is his hometown, that is why he has always focused his attention towards Bahawalpur. In the same city, he learned the mysteries of hockey from his uncle Matiullah Khan along with his brothers Hidayatullah

Khan and Kaleemullah Khan and made the country famous nationally and internationally. He said that he had set up a big eye hospital in Bahawalpur from which thousands of patients have benefited and this process is still going on. He advised the youth to start practical struggle in any field with full confidence and trust in God for success, this should be our goal. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Dr. Aftab Hussain Gillani, Chairman, Department of Pakistan Studies and National Cricket umpire said that a program called Sports Arena has been launched on a permanent basis on the direction of the Vice Chancellor. Under this program, national heroes belonging to

various sports will be invited to Islamia University Bahawalpur and they will inspire the teachers and students with their achievements and accomplishments. On this occasion Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ashraf, Dean, Faculty of Science, Prof. Dr. Sheikh Shafiqul Rehman, Dean, Faculty of Islamic Learning, Prof. Dr. Ayub Jajja, Prof. Dr. Rubina Bhatti, Prof. Dr. Rubina Rafiq and Distinguished Malik Habibullah Bhatta, Riaz-ul-Haq Bhatti, Director, Information Bahawalpur, Zubair Rabbani, Director Museum Bahawalpur, Maqsood Javed, in-charge Dring Stadium Bahawalpur, media representatives, teachers, officers and students participated in large numbers.



Glimpses of Sports Arena with Flying Horse Samiullah Khan