

Honourable Chief Minister Punjab graced PEEF Awareness Ceremony at IUB



Honourable Chief Minister Punjab, Mian Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif said the purpose of Punjab Education Endowment Fund (PEEF) was to impart education to all the students oblivious of their financial status. He expressed these views while addressing the function of Punjab Education Endowment Fund (PEEF) at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. He said the PEEF had helped deserving students continue their studies despite financial hardships. He said PEEF scholars have become doctors and engineers and are serving the nation in their respective capacities, adding that in the past, upper classes had usurped all the sources but in this government, steps are being taken for the welfare of deprived segments of the society. He gave examples of Saudi Arabia and Britain where children of drivers and barbers can study at the biggest universities with support from the state. He said all the children of Pakistan would have received education if PEEF had been established

70 years ago. He said that education was the only key to progress in the world and infrastructures merely cannot result in the prosperity of a nation. The Chief Minister said that two hundred thousand children will be benefitting from scholarships of Punjab Educational Endowment



Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq welcomes Honourable Mian Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif at IUB

Fund by the end of the current year and the time will come when the amount of this fund will increase beyond Rs. 1700 billion. He said that there was a need to invest in education, research and technology sectors to change the course of history and destiny of the nation. He said that Pakistan will emerge as a strong, dignified and independent nation in the world only when the youth gain modern education and knowledge. The Chief Minister said that Punjab government had started solar projects in the desert of Bahawalpur and 400 megawatt power is being added to the national grid. He said that these projects could have been started earlier but no one paid attention and criminal negligence was shown toward this sector. He said that darkness will be eliminated from the country by the end of 2017, and added that it is time to learn from the past and change the fate of the nation. The Chief Minister embraced a

man named Muhammad Ramazan, father of a student who had won PEEF scholarship and said that he was pleased to meet the boy. Earlier, PEEF Chairman Dr Amjad Saqib highlighted the PEEF scholarship's role in educational development. Minister of State for Education and Interior Affairs, Engineer Muhammad Baligh ur Rehman, Provincial Minister for Cooperatives Malik Muhammad Iqbal Channer, Provincial Education Minister Rana Mashhood Ahmed Khan, Senator Ch. Saud Majeed, Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor, Islamia University of Bahawalpur, Saqib Zafar, Divisional Commissioner, MNAs Ali Hassan Gillani and Begum Parveen Masood Bhatti, representatives of media and civil society, students, PEEF scholars, teachers and a large number of parents attended the ceremony.



Honourable Chief Minister Punjab Mian Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif presiding the PEEF Awareness Ceremony at IUB

6th International Conference on Innovative Computing Technology

The 6th International Conference on Innovative Computing Technology (INTECH 2016) was held in Islamabad. This three day event highlighting the challenges in computing technologies for the new generation was organized by the Islamia University of Bahawalpur in collaboration with the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan, Digital Information Research Foundation (DIRF) UK and IEEE United Kingdom and Ireland Section. Engineer Mian Muhammad Baligh ur Rehman, Minister of State for Education and Professional Training, Interior and Narcotics

Control was the chief guest at the inaugural session and Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Ghazi University, Dera Ghazi Khan was also present on this occasion. More than one hundred participants including 27 international delegates and 6 key note speakers besides representatives of IT sector participated in the conference. Minister of State in his inaugural address said that information technology industry in Pakistan is growing and rising as the government is focusing on promoting the use of information

International Conference on Innovative Computing Technology



Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur is presenting a shield to Engr. Muhammad Baligh ur Rehman Minister of State for Education in the inaugural session of International Conference on Innovative Computing Technology 2016

communication technology. Pakistani IT industry is strongly emerging as a global IT destination and the government is developing ICT infrastructure and integrating ICTs in the educational system. The field of higher education has also revolutionized by the advancement of technology. HEC's budget has been increased from Rs. 41 to Rs. 91 billion in the last three years. In recent QS ranking of universities, ten Pakistani universities have been included in the top 300 universities of Asia and 6 universities in 750 international universities. An inter-university telecommunication network as well as the interconnection of primary and secondary schools through a high speed optical fiber national backbone is being established. This initiative is part of a national vision of universal access to internet by Pakistani people. Interlinking of all campuses of 100 universities under the HEC's Smart Universities Project through wi-fi and video link is one of such recent advancements highlighting the priorities of the government in the education sector. The Minister said that the conference will bring together stakeholders of educational and industrial sectors and aims to create a forum to accelerate the building of ICT infrastructure and capacities for Pakistani business, educational and infra

structural systems. He urged the participants to explore and develop strategies for innovative use of information technology, providing low cost solutions to help in advancing the world economy. He appreciated the conduct of the conference and steps taken by the Islamia University of Bahawalpur to upgrade IT infrastructure, interconnectivity of campuses through video link and wi-fi internet availability across the campuses. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur is located in the region where Quaid-e-Azam Solar Park is setup. An advanced Institute of Solar Energy will be established in Bahawalpur. Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor in his welcome address said that the university has organized the conference and invited renowned IT experts from across the world to explore the synergies between the information technology developments and its applications in various fields of society. There is perhaps no field of human life which has not been affected by technology and INTECH 2016 is addressing all possible and innovative fields of computing and information technology. He added that the Islamia University of Bahawalpur focuses on research by promoting research groups and research conferences and in this regard six international conferences have been organized in



A view of inaugural ceremony

the past few months. He congratulated Dr. Imran Sarwar Bajwa, the conference focal person, and the organizing committee for successfully arranging an international event showing the international diversity for bringing together

participants from all parts of the world. He also thanked the honourable Minister for gracing the inaugural ceremony and the national and international delegates for productive participation in the conference.



Engr. Muhammad Baligh ur Rehman, Minister of State for Education Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor and Dr. Imran Sarwar Bajwa delivering address in the inaugural session on International Conference on Innovative Computing Technology

Chairman Punjab Higher Education Commission visited IUB

Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) is striving for bringing positive change in the educational culture of the institutions. This was stated by Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin Chairperson, Punjab Higher Education Commission, during his visit to the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin along with Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur inaugurated the Department of Management Sciences and attended a ceremony to distribute certificates to principals of various colleges for participating in a training course. He

praised efforts of Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq for bringing positive changes in the educational culture of the university, improvement in quality of teaching and research, fast paced developmental works and speedy reforms in academic and fiscal affairs of the university. He also felicitated the Vice Chancellor for completing the 11.8 kilometer long boundary wall around the campus in a record time of 41 days. Earlier, while delivering address to participants of training programme, the Chairman PHEC said that teacher's academies will be established in Lahore, Multan and Bahawalpur for capacity building of

teachers. Four community colleges will be set up in Multan, Sahiwal, Gujranwala and Lahore. The Chairperson PHEC thanked the Vice Chancellor

of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur for facilitating the conduct of five day training course at the university campus.



Tree Plantation under the Honourable Prime Minister's Green Pakistan Programme

A massive tree plantation campaign in connection with Prime Minister's Green Pakistan Programme began at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. On the direction of Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor, the estate care and farm management departments have launched this plantation drive to plant 12,000 trees across the campuses. Ch. Khalid Mehmood Jajja, Parliamentary Secretary, Irrigation Punjab and member IUB Syndicate along with Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor inaugurated the campaign at Baghda ul Jadeed Campus. The Parliamentary Secretary appreciated the tree plantation and termed it a great example for others to follow that the Green Pakistan Campaign has been implemented at the University through active participation of faculty and students. Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor on this occasion said that fruit trees have been selected for plantation which will benefit the University having nutritional and economic value. The Vice Chancellor added that 74% of the area in Baghda ul Jadeed Campus

which was barren and non-utilized, is being leveled for cultivation and till now 76 acres of land have been reclaimed for agriculture and research purposes. He lauded the efforts of estate care and farm management staff for making university campuses beautiful and environment friendly.



Ch. Khalid Mehmood Jajja, Parliamentary Secretary, Irrigation along with Prof. Dr. qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor inaugurating tree plantation drive at IUB

Azam-e-Aman Conference

Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur said that character building of youth is crucial for a congenial and peaceful society. Teachers are torch bearers of moral integrity not only for students but for the whole society. In the contemporary age teachers as well as other environmental factors specially modern communication means like internet, print and electronic media are inculcating and building moral and social values of our students. All these mediums should develop high moral values and act as a good



Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor, Sami Ullah Chaudhry, Chairman, Bahawalpur Waste Management Company and senior faculty members during conference to promote peace among youth at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur

teacher. Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq expressed these views in the Azam e Aman Conference organized to conclude the campaign of "Professors Paint Canvas of Society with Peace." He said that all noble personalities of human history enlightened the society with high moral values. They spread culture of mutual peace, respect and tolerance. On this occasion, Sami Ullah Ch., Chairman Bahawalpur Waste Management Company, said that ignorance causes extremism while knowledge brings prosperity. Prof. Dr. Razia

Mussarat, focal person of the project said that our society has been victimized by evil forces who spread non tolerance and violence. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur launched this project to develop peace, moderate thoughts and tolerance in youth. In this connection 8 training sessions were organized in all the campuses and 25 top Pakistani personalities and national heroes who have brought laurels were projected as role models by displaying their pictures and messages across the campuses.



Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor and other speakers giving address during concluding seminar of peace project at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur

Senate Meeting

The Senate of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur has fully endorsed the academic, administrative and financial reforms taken under the leadership of Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor. The 15th meeting of the senate was held at Baghdad ul Jadeed Campus. The senate also approved budget estimates for the financial

years 2014-15, 2015-16 and the current year 2016-17. The members also approved the implementation of the HEC tenure track regulations of 2008. On this occasion, Vice Chancellor thanked the honourable members for their support in elevation of the university.



Meeting of the Advanced Studies & Research Board



Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur presiding over the meeting of the Advanced Studies and Research Board

The Advanced Studies and Research Board (ASRB) of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur has approved steps to enhance quality research paving the way for a congenial environment for research activities at the University. The 69th meeting of the ASRB was held under the chair of Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor of

Islamia University of Bahawalpur. The board approved that PhD thesis will be evaluated in 90 days while MPhil thesis in 30 days on prescribed performa. Prof. Dr. Mahmood Ahmad, Director ASRB presented implementation report on decisions taken during the last meeting.

Academic Calendar Implemented



Academic Council meeting

The 43rd meeting of the Academic Council of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur was held under the chair of Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor at Abbasia Campus. On this occasion, approval to establish various academic programmes at Bahawalnagar and Rahim Yar Khan sub campuses was given. The Vice Chancellor said that a congenial academic environment has been provided at the university to enable curricular and co-curricular activities to flourish across the campuses. The enforcement of regular semester calendar and conduct of

admissions from PhD to undergraduate level twice a year are steps to achieve education excellence. A comprehensive reforms package has been launched to put academic, administrative and financial matters on right track through a solid policy mechanism. He also stressed on the need to implement rules and regulations without discrimination at all levels so that educational activities may continue without any hurdle. Academic Calendar is available on IUB website:

www.iub.edu.pk/academic_calendar_2016_2017.php

Selection Board Meeting

Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur chaired one day meeting of the selection board at Abbasia Campus. Candidates for vacant posts of Assistant Professors in College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences and College of Engineering and Technology were interviewed. This was the 8th selection board held since the joining of the Vice

Chancellor, who has paid special attention to fill hundreds of vacant posts of faculty members. As a result, appointments of Professors, Associate Professors and Assistant Professors were carried out in all the faculties. Faculty members waiting for promotions since last many years also got elevations due to these selection boards. Similarly, many important administrative slots

are also filled now as previously officials with additional charge were working on these posts since last many years. Faculty and employees have praised these steps which have also

improved the university's ranking as IUB jumped from 51st to 11th position in HEC ranking within a year.



Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor presiding over the selection board meeting

Project "Professors Paint Societies Canvas with Peace" inaugurated at IUB



Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur along with faculty and students on the occasion of launching of project to promote peace and harmony in the society

The Islamia University of Bahawalpur in collaboration with Center for Health & Gender Equality has launched a project "Professors Paint Society's Canvas with Peace: Inspiring the Future" to inculcate peace and harmony in young generation. The project aims to work with professors and course coordinators in a peace building process as the future of a nation is shaped within the four walls of a classroom. Involvement of faculty will serve as the a tool to motivate students to become peace makers. Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Ghazi University, Dera Ghazi Khan was the Chief Guest of the project's launching ceremony. He said that role of teachers is pivotal in promoting high moral values

of peace, tolerance and harmony in society. The terrorism which we are facing these days is not the result of a particular incident but a global phenomenon. It cannot be countered only by actions of law enforcement agencies, we all have to be part of this effort and change our lives to eliminate the menace of terrorism. The role of teachers at all levels is crucial and they should be convinced to impart right thinking among youth. He appreciated the launch of the project in the university and said that universities are the right forum to initiate such programmes promoting peace and harmony in the society. Prof. Dr. Razia Mussarat, focal person of the project also spoke on this occasion.

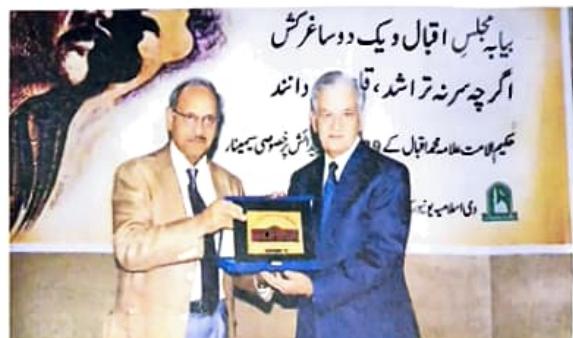
Iqbal Day Seminar



Prof. Dr. Khwaja Muhammad Zakariya delivering exclusive address in Iqbal Day Seminar

A seminar was held to commemorate the 139th birth anniversary of Allama Muhammad Iqbal. Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor presided over the seminar while Prof. Dr. Khwaja Muhammad Zakariya, Professor Emeritus, University of the Punjab, Lahore and ex principal Oriental College, delivered exclusive address on this occasion. Prof. Dr. Khwaja Muhammad Zakariya has also served as chairman Urdu department and dean faculty of arts at the Zakariya University Multan. He has also served in foreign universities of China and Japan. Government of Pakistan bestowed him "Tamgha e Husne Karkardagi" in recognition of his services for the promotion of Urdu language and literature in 2011. In his extensive lecture, Prof. Zakariya said that Allama Iqbal thought about reasons of decline of Muslim Ummah and suggested ways for revival of Muslims. He was of the view that Ummah should get rid of blindly believing in destiny stopping practical action and rediscover their potential to rule the world. He said that human being can become "Mard-e- Momin or Superman" if he has full control over himself. He also stressed on fulfilling basic human necessities as well as education and training of the masses for an active and prosperous society. He advised students to read Urdu and Persian poetry as well

as prose of Allama Iqbal if they want to understand Iqbaliat in true letter and spirit. On this occasion, the parliamentarians, members national assembly Begum Parveen Masood Bhatti and Sabiha Nazir, members provincial assembly Fauzia Ayub Qureshi and Hasina Begum, dignitaries Tabish Alvari, Malik Habibullah Bhutta , representatives of civil society and media praised the efforts of Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor for starting extensive lecture series of Khutbat-e-Bahawalpur level which were delivered in the historic Ghulam Muhammad Ghotvi Hall during the early 80s .They also appreciated the renovation, upgradation and revival of the grandeur of the historic Ghotvi Hall.



Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor presenting shield to Prof. Dr. Khwaja Muhammad Zakariya

Department of Management Sciences shifted to Baghdad ul Jadeed Campus

The Department of Management Sciences, Islamia University of Bahawalpur, has been shifted to a newly furnished building at Baghdad ul Jadeed Campus. Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur inaugurated the building at the beginning of the new academic year in the university. The building has been renovated at an approximate cost of Rs. 5 million and includes lecture rooms, workstations for faculty and computer laboratories equipped with modern facilities. While talking to the faculty members on this occasion, Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq said that a congenial academic

environment is necessary for smooth academic and research activities in the university. Previously no attention was paid to improve working environment for both teaching and non-teaching staff. There was lack of space management in both teaching and non-teaching offices. Particularly non-teaching staff direly needed new offices as they are working in congested rooms which hindered their productivity and efficiency. A comprehensive plan has been chalked out for proper placement of various offices in appropriate buildings. Recently, the Directorate of Sports and the Directorate of



Department of Management Sciences

Engineering have been shifted to new buildings. The Management Sciences Department was also facing space problems as it had become impossible to accommodate addition of more students after the closure of Rangers Campus. The new building will not only accommodate existing faculty and students of the department but also manage placement for students of Rangers Campus. The Vice Chancellor further said that students of Management Sciences after shifting

will enjoy the facilities of Central Library, Sports Complex, Study Park and Main Auditorium at Baghdad ul Jadeed Campus. He also disclosed that a new academic block will be constructed very soon at Baghdad ul Jadeed Campus for Department of a Management Sciences. This project is part of a mega grant worth Rs. 860 million provided by the federal government to construct academic and hostels buildings at the university.

Pakistan Mathematical Society organized Seminars in Universities through Video Link



Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor, Islamia University of Bahawalpur and President, Pakistan Mathematical Society attending a seminar along with students through video link

Pakistan Mathematical Society (Pak-MS) organized a national seminar in nine Universities including Bahauddin Zakariya University Multan, University of Gujarat, Quaid-i-Azam University Islamabad, UET Taxila, Fatima Jinnah Women University Rawalpindi, GCU Faisalabad, GCU Lahore, Punjab University Lahore and Islamia University Bahawalpur through video link. It was the 39th seminar of the series in which renowned scientists Prof. Dr. NM Butt, former chairman Pakistan Science Foundation, delivered exclusive lecture on the topic of Scientometrics: The Journal Impact Factor and Citation. Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia

University of Bahawalpur and President Pakistan Mathematical Society participated in the seminar along with faculty and students.

Similarly, Pakistan Mathematical Society organized the 40th National Seminar in 10 universities simultaneously through video link. Prof. Dr. Rauf-i-Azam, Vice Chancellor, University of Education, Lahore delivered an extensive lecture on the topic "Adding Meanings to the Teaching/ Learning of Mathematics". Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor, Islamia University of Bahawalpur, president and founder of Pakistan Mathematical Society thanked and appreciated him for delivering a well thought and extensive lecture. It is important to mention here that Pakistan Mathematical Society was founded in year 2000 in Islamabad. Within a year it became eligible to get itself registered as a scientific NGO with the Government of Pakistan and within a short period of time rated amongst 10 top such organizations by the Pakistan Council for Science and Technology. It organizes several regular activities and the quarterly national seminar on mathematics is one of such activities.

Training Workshop in Malaysia

Fifteen faculty members of University College of Veterinary & Animal Sciences, University College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, Life Sciences, Political Sciences and Economics attended a training workshop on "Community Based Prevention, Detection and Response to All-Hazards" at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The training was organized by Center for Agriculture and Food Security and Preparedness, University of Tennessee, USA. The participants were provided the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to effectively prevent, detect, respond to, manage, and mitigate all-hazards issues. The training will help the participants to deal with major hazards like disease outbreak, flood and earthquake etc. in the local communities of Pakistan.

Faculty Member attended conference in Colombo



Dr. Maqsood Ahmed, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry attended the South East Asia Meeting on Crystal Engineering (SEACCE) at Colombo, Sri Lanka. He delivered an invited lecture on "Applications of charge density methods to crystal engineering". The meeting was jointly organized by the University of Sri Jayewardenepura and International Union of Crystallography (IUCr).



Annual Meeting of Federation of Asian Veterinary Association

Dr. Riaz Hussain, Assistant Professor, College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur attended annual meeting of Federation of Asian Veterinary Association in Vietnam's capital Ho Chi Min City. He also presented research paper during the conference.



Research Grant for Domestic Animals

Dr. Mushtaq Hussain Lashari, Assistant Professor, Department of Life Sciences, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur has been awarded Rs. 1.17 million research grant under National Research Programme for Universities of the Higher Education Commission.



Conference on Climate Change

Munaza Fatima, Lecturer, Department of Geography, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur attended 8th International Summer School in Bielefeld University Germany. She attended special session on "Spatial Epidemiology Climate" and learned latest software and modules on climate research.

International Conference on Water Pollution

A faculty member of College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur Dr. Muhammad Naveed Aslam participated in international conference on "Water Pollution Control and Basin Water Resources Protection" in Beijing, China". The Conference was organized by the Center for Environmental Education and Communications, Ministry of Environmental Protection, China and participated by 44 countries from around the world.



HEC Wifi Internet Project for IUB Campuses

The Islamia University of Bahawalpur has launched a project for provision of most advanced wi-fi technology giving wireless internet coverage in all the campuses. This facility will enable users free access to internet in all open and indoor areas. Initially, this project will be started in Baghdad ul Jadeed Campus and gradually expand to other campuses. The project is part of Higher Education Commission's Smart Universities Project. It is pertinent to mention that during the last one and a half year under the leadership of Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor, the university has initiated several projects to modernize official business including online admissions and recruitment process and video connectivity with sub campuses in Bahwalnagar and Rahim Yar Khan.



Anti-Corruption Week 2016

The Islamia University of Bahawalpur in collaboration with National Accountability Bureau organized various activities in connection with anti corruption week 2016. The activities included debate and painting competitions, dramatic performance and tableaus. In Urdu debate competition, Bakhtawar Irsa of University Agriculture College, got first position while Hamid Hassan of College of Art and Design was declared winner of the painting competition.

Anti-Dengue Day Observed

A seminar was held to observe anti-dengue day at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. The participants were apprised about symptoms of dengue fever and safety measures. It was briefed that dengue is an infectious disease caused by dengue virus. Dengue is transmitted to people by the bite of a female Aedes Mosquito that is infected with dengue virus. The symptoms of dengue fever include high grade fever, severe headache, severe pain behind eyes, joint pain, muscle and bone pain, rash and mild bleeding from nose or gums etc. The best way to save

ourselves and our loved ones from dengue is to prevent it from spreading. The safety measures include wearing light colored cloths that cover maximum body, use of mosquito repellent lotions, coils and mosquito nets at homes. Use of wire mesh, spray of insecticides, proper disposal of garbage, covering water utensils and keeping drain holes properly covered can be helpful to prevent dengue fever. On this occasion informative literature was also distributed among participants.



A worker of estate care department of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur carrying out fumigation to eradicate dengue



Distribution of dengue information material