



# IUB NEWS

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## Medal Distribution Ceremony



A medal distribution ceremony for the graduates of academic session 2012 and 2013 was held at the main auditorium, Baghdad ul Jaddad Campus. Engineer Mian Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman, Minister of State for Education and Professional Training, Interior and Narcotics Control was the chief guest. He said that education is the top most priority as the government is spending a record amount of Rs. 1,800 billion on this sector. Similarly, funds for Higher Education Commission have also been doubled from Rs. 41 billion to Rs. 91 billion. These education friendly steps by the government have included our country among nations rapidly improving in the field of education. He praised the academic, administrative and fiscal reforms introduced by Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor, putting the university on the right track. He also appreciated 11<sup>th</sup> position of the IUB in recent ranking announced by the Higher Education Commission, showing a 40 points improvement in short span of 1 year. He said that hiring of candidates on merit through several selection boards, enforcement of regular semester calendar and steps to secure campuses are significant developments for the betterment of the university. He said that federal government has recently approved a historic grant of Rs. 860 million for various projects of the Islamia

University of Bahawalpur, which shows its commitment to the educational development of the region. The Government is paying full attention to the academic development of Bahawalpur. Recently, Government Sadiq College Women University has been allocated 125 acres of land. Developmental work is in progress at the site of Veterinary and Livestock University near Bahawalpur. Higher Education Commission is planning to establish a University campus in every district of the country. On this occasion, Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor thanked the Minister for his presence in the medal distribution ceremony and briefed about academic and developmental projects going on in the campuses. He said that an effort is being made to bring cultural change in the university by providing congenial environment to faculty, employees and students without any discrimination. The enforcement of regular academic calendar has ensured the conduct of semester schedule on time and admissions in fall and spring semesters have doubled the students enrolment. The University campuses in Bahawalpur have been made 100 % secure while steps are being taken to standardize the security of sub campuses of Bahawalnagar and Rahim Yar Khan. The Vice Chancellor, Government Sadiq College Women University, Bahawalpur, Prof. Dr. Tallat Afza, faculty members, officers and students also attended the ceremony.



## Worthy Vice Chancellor IUB Assigned Additional Charge of Ghazi University



The Governor Punjab /Chancellor assigned additional charge of Vice Chancellor of the Ghazi University, Dera Ghazi Khan to Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. The Higher Education Department, Government of the Punjab issued a notification in this regard. It is pertinent to mention here that Government of the Punjab had also

assigned him additional charge of Government Sadiq College Women University Bahawalpur during 27 January to 28 August, 2015. Educational circles have welcomed the appointment of Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq and termed this step of the Punjab government as a boost for future academic development of the region.

## Knowledge Monument Inaugurated

A knowledge monument dedicated to educational services of the late Nawab Sir Sadiq Muhammad Khan Abbasi V has been established in front of Abbasia Campus, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. Engr. Muhammad Baligh ur Rehman Minister of State for Education and Interior Affairs along with Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq Vice Chancellor, Saqib Zafar Commissioner Bahawalpur and Dr. Ahsan Sadiq Regional Police Officer Bahawalpur jointly inaugurated the monument. President of Bahawalpur Chamber of Commerce and Industry Zafar Sharif, Dr. Rana Muhammad Tariq, President City Police Liaison Committee, Deans, faculty members, representatives of media and civil society and students were present in large number. On this occasion, Engr. Muhammad Baligh ur Rehman said that the monument is part of the university and district government's joint efforts to revive the beauty of Bahawalpur city. Both the institutions have already decorated the streets of the city with wall paintings of IUB students. The revival of

old city gates and Fort Derawar and establishment of model and craft bazaars are part of these efforts. He felicitated Prof. Dr. Qaiser Musthaq, Vice Chancellor, Saqib Zafar Commissioner, Dr. Nasarullah Khan Nasir Principal University College of Art and Design, faculty member Ali Naeem and student Ansar Fareed for a beautiful design and completion of the knowledge monument.



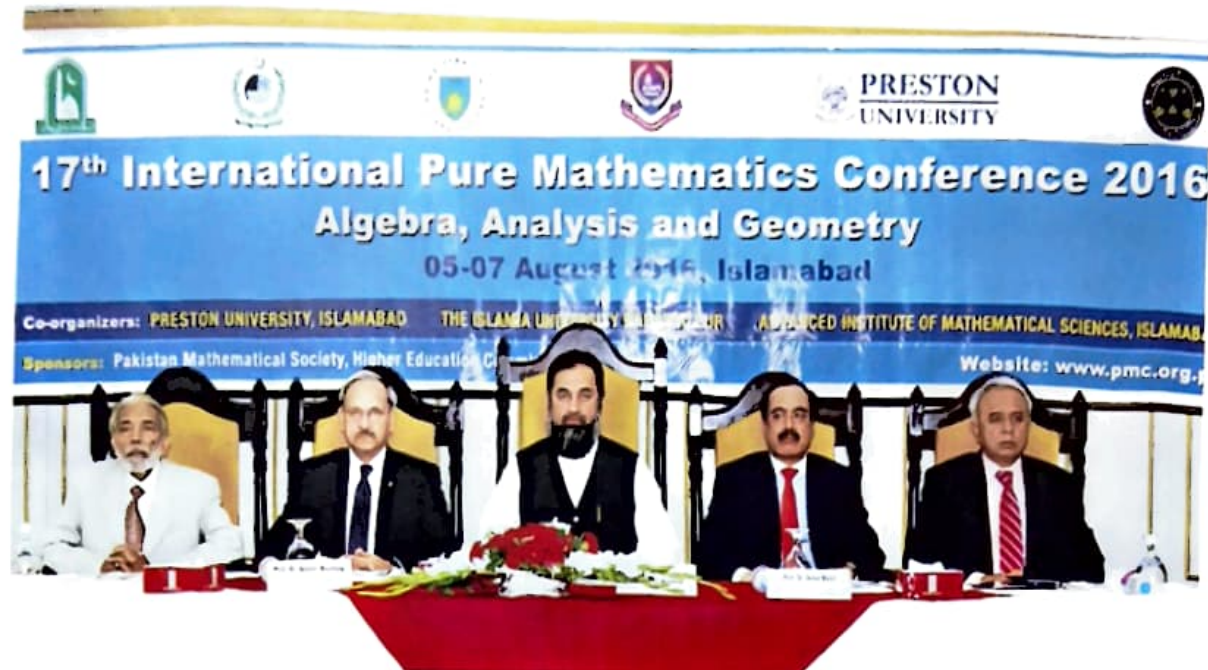
Engineer Mian Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman inaugurating the Knowledge Monument



A view of Knowledge Monument in front of Abbasia Campus



# 17<sup>th</sup> International Pure Mathematics Conference



Engineer Mian Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman, Minister of State presiding the inaugural session of IPMC 2016

The 17<sup>th</sup> International Pure Mathematics Conference 2016 (17<sup>th</sup> IPMC 2016) jointly organized by the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, Higher Education Commission and Preston University was held in Islamabad. Other partner organizations included Pakistan Mathematical Society, Advanced Institute of Mathematical Sciences and Algebra Forum. The three day conference themed on Algebra, Geometry and Analysis, was participated by 77 speakers, 363 participants, 9 keynote speakers and 6 foreign mathematicians from Taiwan, Thailand, India, Qatar, Oman and Saudi Arabia. Engineer Mian Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman, Minister of State for Education and Professional Training, Interior and Narcotics Control was the chief guest during the inaugural session. The Minister of State in his inaugural address said that Mathematics is playing a significant role in the development of science and technology all over the world and people are benefitting from scientific and technical innovations. Pakistan should also take a global view of it and play its role in this realm as well. Pakistan is one of the important countries in the world. It therefore cannot afford to undermine its role in global affairs in general and science and technology in particular. Since mathematics is like the backbone of science, Pakistan will not lag behind in contributing its share in the development of mathematics. He assured full support to organizers of the conference from the government for organizing such activities. He emphasized on mathematicians to remain in touch with international mathematicians. Our universities should ensure that their mathematical enterprise maintain contacts with the international mathematical community through various means, like

attending conferences/seminars abroad and inviting foreign mathematicians to attend conferences in Pakistan. He praised Conference Convener Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq and his team for sustained efforts and creating the forum of International Pure Mathematics Conference in generating a true mathematical culture. Earlier, Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and President Pakistan Mathematical Society in his welcome address briefed the participants about historical background, contribution and significance of thematic mathematical conference series (IPMCs) being held since 2000. International Pure Mathematics Conference has become the only forum in Pakistan bringing renowned and eminent mathematicians from around the world on one platform providing unique opportunity for researchers and scholars to share their latest ideas in this field. He thanked Engineer Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman, Minister of State, Dr. Abdul Basit, Chancellor Preston University, Prof. Dr. Raza Mahmood Bhatti member HEC, distinguished guests and participating organizations for their support in making the event a great success. After the inaugural session, technical sessions were held in which experts highlighted various areas of mathematics. Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Conference Convener and Vice Chancellor of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Ghazi University, Dera Ghazi Khan said in the concluding session that mathematics is an important discipline and it is therefore pertinent at the government level to lay proper and balanced emphasis on the development of mathematics and it is also responsibility of academicians to promote and flourish mathematics in Pakistan. Mathematics, like other sciences, is a collaborated activity. The primary aim of organizing such an activity is to enhance the





Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq presenting gold medal to wife of late Dr. Mumtaz Hosain Kazi

understanding of mathematics and to provide opportunity to working mathematicians to exchange ideas with their colleagues at the national as well as international level. The IPMC is the only forum in the country which is providing a platform on annual basis to mathematicians in Pakistan to interact and share their research contribution with eminent mathematicians from around the world. It is pertinent to mention that Pakistan Mathematical Society awards gold medal to an eminent mathematician every year. This year gold medal was presented to the late Prof. Dr. Mumtaz Hosain Kazi. Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq who is also President of Pakistan Mathematical Society presented gold medal to the wife of renowned mathematician during the concluding ceremony. Dr.

Mumtaz Hosain Kazi was born on first December, 1938. He completed his MA from University of the Punjab in 1958, M.S. from Harvard in 1964 and PhD from Cambridge in 1974. He started teaching at the University of the Punjab in 1958 and served as Chairman, department of Mathematics for brief period from 1977 to 1978. Later Dr. Kazi joined the Faculty of Science of the University of Petroleum and Minerals at Dahrn (Saudi Arabia). He was highly proficient in various branches of the subject and gave courses on topics which spanned pure as well as applied mathematics. His research paper are published in international journals of high standard on topics which include seismology, functional analysis and mathematical statistics.



Group photo of participants of IPMC 2016



## International Conference on Business Economics ICBE 2016



Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor along with participants of ICBE 2016

The first International Conference on Business & Economics (ICBE 2016) jointly organized by the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and the Punjab Higher Education Commission was held at Abbasia Campus. Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur was the chief guest at the inaugural ceremony. Around 52 speakers including two foreign delegates from Malaysia and Nigeria attended this three day event. Members of the Punjab Assembly Fauzia Ayub Qureshi and Haseena Begum, Dr. Rana Muhammad Tariq Ex President Bahawalpur Chamber of Commerce & Industry, industrialists, teachers and students were also present on this occasion. The Vice Chancellor said that universities lead the society with creativity and innovation by providing a platform to experts and scholars to give academic and practical solutions of various problems. Universities are known by its faculty and the faculty is

known by students and research work. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur has jumped from 52<sup>nd</sup> position to 11<sup>th</sup> position in recent ranking of the universities. This has been achieved when a congenial environment was provided to faculty and students. It is the joint responsibility of both academia and civil society to work together for socio-economic development and this could be obtained when positive thoughts prevail in the society. ICBE 2016 will provide the premier business and economic forum to research scholars, academicians, business practitioners, students and other relevant stakeholders to build opinions on business and challenges of economic trends which are prevailing in business and economic sectors. Prof. Dr. Mahmood Ahmad Dean Faculty of Management Sciences, Prof. Dr. Amran Bin Md. Rasli and Dr. Jawad Iqbal, Chairman Department of Management Sciences also spoke on the occasion.

## Seminar on Death Anniversary of Sir Sadiq Muhammad Khan Abbasi V

Rich tribute was paid to Nawab of Bahawalpur Sir Sadiq Muhammad Khan Abbasi V in a seminar held at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur in connection with his 50<sup>th</sup> death anniversary. Prof. Dr. Qaiser

Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor presided over the seminar while Syed Tabish Alwari, former Parliamentarian delivered exclusive lecture. Prof. Dr. Tallat Afza Vice Chancellor, Government Sadiq College Women University



Renowned parliamentarian Syed Tabish Alwari and other speakers delivering address at the seminar



Bahawalpur, Malik Habib Ullah Bhutta, representatives of media and civil society, faculty members and students attended the event in large number. Syed Tabish Alwari said that Sir Sadiq Muhammad Khan Abbasi, the last ruler of Bahawalpur, transformed the life of his people by introducing reforms in the social and economic sector. He promoted religious and sectarian harmony and a culture of peace and tolerance prevailed in his state. His most important contribution was the Satluj Valley Project to irrigate vast lands of Bahawalpur State through three head works. As a result the agriculture sector flourished leading to prosperous life of the people of the region. Nawab Sahab proved very

helpful and generous to newly established state of Pakistan and gave Rs. 70 million to the Government and also paid the salaries of all the government employees for one month. He also contributed to the development of the University of Punjab, King Edward Medical College and Aitchison College Lahore. Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor on this occasion said that Sir Sadiq Muhammad Khan V devoted all his resources to strengthen Pakistan and he was a true believer of the two nations theory. He established educational institutions, hospitals, and libraries which show his commitment to the welfare of the masses. Dr. Muhammad Tahir, Dr. Shahid Hassan Rizvi and Dr. Aftab Hussain Gillani also spoke at the seminar.

### Kashmir Solidarity Seminar



Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Ghazi University Dera Ghazi Khan said that Kashmir has become a global issue and it is responsibility of the international community to recognize their right of self determination. We cannot confine this issue in regional perspective as it is a global human issue. The Vice Chancellor expressed these views during a ceremony held at Abbasia Campus to mark Black Day as announced by the Government of Pakistan to condemn brutal violations of human rights by the Indian occupied forces in Jammu & Kashmir. He added

that universities are part of the global community which act as think tanks providing solutions to various social, political and economic issues. Dr. Shahid Hassan Rizvi said that all segments of society including government and opposition always stand shoulder to shoulder with the people of the territory till the dispute is resolved according to their wishes. Dr. Rozina Anjum Naqvi said that freedom is basic right of every nation which cannot be suppressed by state violence. On this occasion, one minute silence was also observed to show solidarity with the people of Jammu & Kashmir.

### Syndicate approved appointments on academic posts

The Syndicate of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur approved appointments on important administrative posts vacant since the last many years. These posts included director planning and development, chief security officer, principal transport officer, director

information technology and system analysts. The 63<sup>rd</sup> syndicate meeting was held at Abbasia Campus under the chair of Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor. The meeting approved the university budget of Rs. 3194.307 million for the fiscal year 2016-17. Total income was



63<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Syndicate



estimated at Rs. 2977.205 million while Rs. 960.901 million was allocated for development budget. The significant decrease in financial deficit was also applauded at the meeting. The members also approved the adoption of revision of basic pay scales

and increase in allowances and pension as announced by the Punjab Government. Similarly, special conveyance allowance of Rs. 1,000 per month for disabled employees was also approved.

### IUB Syndicate endorsed steps in administration



62<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of the Syndicate

The Syndicate of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur fully endorsed the administrative, academic and financial steps taken by Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor for progress and development of the university. The members also appreciated the security measures taken at all the campuses to ensure safety of employees and students, particularly the construction of 11.8 kilometer long boundary wall around Baghdad ul Jadeed Campus in a record time of 41 days at appropriate cost. The 62<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the syndicate was held under the chair of Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor at Abbasia Campus. The appointment of professors, associate professors in various departments including some administrative posts was

also approved. The proposal of five percent job quota for minorities was also given approval. The members included Prof. Dr. Zia ul Qayyum, Vice Chancellor, University of Gujrat, Justice (R) Muhammad Zafar Yaseen, Dr. Shehzad Qaiser, Ex Federal Secretary, Prof. Dr. Ghazala Yasmin, former Chief Executive PIMS, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Asghar Hashmi, Dean Science Faculty, Prof. Dr. Mahmood Ahmad, Dean Pharmacy Faculty, Khalil ur Rehman Assistant Professor Geography Department, Rabia Yasmin, Principal Government College for Women Bahawalpur, Dr. Shoaib Anwer, Additional Secretary Higher Education Department, Dr. Abdul Sattar Khan, Registrar and Fakhar Bashir, Treasurer.

### Academic Council Meeting

The meeting of Academic Council was held at Abbasia Campus. Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur on this occasion said that academic affairs of the university have been put on the right track after establishing faculty boards and implementation of a unified semester calendar. True implementation of rules and regulations will ensure

recognition of our degrees at the national and international level. Academia and administration both are responsible for enforcement of academic rules and standards. The academic council considered to introduce 5 year LLB programme and approved amended syllabi of various MPhil and PhD programmes.



Participants of the Academic Council



## Selection Board Meeting



Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq chairing meeting of selection board

The selection board meeting of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur was held under the chair of Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor. The Vice Chancellor, since his joining has taken serious notice of deficiency of teaching staff at every level in all the departments. As a result, selection board meetings were conducted on regular basis participated by top level experts from across the country to appoint professors, associate professors and assistant professors. It is pertinent to mention here that the process of appointment and promotion of faculty member had ceased since 2012

and selection board meetings have been convened to recruit faculty based on the posts advertised during 2012 and 2014. The university had advertised teaching posts during these years but was unable to hold selection board meetings. Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq prioritized the regular meetings of the selection board and now most of the posts have been filled. The meritocracy and transparency in the recruitment process has been lauded both in government and education circles. This step has also helped in raising the university's ranking significantly.

## Selection Committee Meeting



A view of selection committee meeting

The Selection Committee of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur interviewed candidates for the post of Director Information Technology, Director Planning & Development, Chief Security Officer, Principal Transport Officer and System Analyst. Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor chaired the meeting while members included Prof. Dr. Muhammad Asghar Hashmi, Dean Faculty of Science, Prof. Dr. Mahmood Ahmad, Dean Faculty of Pharmacy & Alternative

Medicine and Dr. Abdul Sattar Khan, Registrar. It is pertinent to mention that hundreds of teaching and non-teaching posts were lying vacant since many years. On direction of the Vice Chancellor, the recruitment process was started to fill these posts and in the first phase teaching posts have been filled and how administrative posts are being filled through an organized and transparent selection process.

## Jashan-e-Azadi Celebrations

Like other parts of the country, the 70<sup>th</sup> Independence Day of Pakistan was observed with traditional zeal and enthusiasm with the renewed pledge to make the country strong, prosperous and invincible through

own sources, solidarity, honesty and hard work. The campus was decorated tastefully with national flags, bunting, banners, posters and arches. National flag hoisting ceremony was held at the Abbasia Campus. A



Jashne Azadi Seminar was also held in Ghulam Muhammad Ghotvi Hall. Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq Vice Chancellor presided at the event while Prof. Dr. Hameed Raza Siddiqui and Amjad Bukhari, Resident Editor Daily Dunya Multan delivered extensive talk on Pakistan Movement and the current situation in the

country. Members of the Provincial Assembly Fauzia Ayub Qureshi and Hasina Begum, Malik Habibullah Bhutta, Rana Ejaz Mehmood, Director Information, faculty members and students also attended the event.



### Karwane-e-Yakjehti Quetta

A 41 member contingent of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur left for Quetta to participate in Karwan-e-Yakjehti organized by the Higher Education Commission. The members included 13 girls and 26 boys students along with two faculty members Dr. Rahila Khalid and Dr. Muhammad Ramzan. The delegation was given warm send off and Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur was also present on the occasion. He said that our students will join students of other universities from across Pakistan to express solidarity with their Baluchi brethren. The participants pledged to dedicate their efforts for unity, sovereignty and betterment of the motherland.



Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq sending off students to participate in Karwane-e-Yakjehti

### Ghulam Muhammad Ghotvi Seminar



Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq delivering address in the seminar

Sahibzada Maher Farid ul Haq Golra Sharif paid rich tribute to Sheikh ul Islam Allama Ghulam Muhammad Muhadis Ghotvi, Sheikh ul Jamia Abbasia during a seminar held at Abbasia Campus, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor presided over the seminar while Allama Ghulam Moeen ul Din Junaaid was the guest of honour. Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq in his address said that Hazrat Ghulam Muhammad Ghotvi was a beacon of light for the people of the area and the university has dedicated this hall to his name. Prof. Allama Nasir ul Din Shibli, Allama Fayyaz Qasim, Prof. Aun Muhammad, Khawaja Muhammad Ahmed, Sahibzada Abdul Salam Samar and Dr. Abrar Mirza also spoke on this occasion.

### Human Rights Seminar

The Federal Ministry of Human Rights in collaboration with Social Work department, the Islamia University, Bahawalpur organized a seminar on Human Rights Education and Sensitization. The seminar was conducted under the Action Plan for Human Rights, in order to give orientation to the university students on

human rights issues and initiatives taken by the Government of Pakistan for protection of human rights in the country. Around 300 students and faculty members participated in the Seminar. Ms. Lubna Mansoor, Regional Director (Human Rights) Lahore shared the Government's national and international commitments in the field of



human rights. While highlighting the role of duty bearers and stakeholders she emphasized on the importance of "Students' Drive for Promotion of Human Rights" in the country. Mr. Zulfiqar Ali, Director, Ministry of Human Rights Islamabad, urged the students and faculty members to undertake research on human rights related issues with concrete recommendations for appropriate interventions. He conducted interactive session with the students and shared a number of initiatives being undertaken by the Government. He highlighted that the Action Plan for Human Rights approved by the Prime Minister is being implemented to create conducive environment for realization of human rights in the country. He also motivated the participants to refer victims of human rights violations through Toll Free Helpline (1099) for Legal Advice on Human Rights Violations. Dr. Hafiz Rasheed Ahmad Qazi, Head of Social Work Department highlighted the role of academia and Mr. Sabir Farhart (President PRWSWO) spoke on the role of civil society in promotion of Human Rights. Dr. Asif Naveed Ranjha, Assistant Professor, Social Work department appreciated the role of Ministry of Human Rights and assured to continue collaboration with the

Ministry, as a regular feature. While concluding the Seminar Prof. Dr. Muhammad Asghar Hashmi, Dean Faculty of Science appreciated the Government's current initiatives for promotion of Human Rights and stressed on creation of awareness among general public and duty bearers on fundamental rights. Mr. Mansoor Ali Shah and Ms. Sadia Inam Khan, Lecturers facilitated the programme, while Mr. Aftab Ahmad, Lecturer, Social Work department and Ms. Rukhsana Omer, Assistant Director, Ministry of Human Rights acted as Programme Coordinators.



### Prime Minister's Laptop Distribution Ceremony

A ceremony was held to distribute Prime Minister's Laptop among students at Abbasia Campus. Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur said on this occasion that education friendly steps of the Government have ensured supremacy of merit. Both the federal and provincial governments have launched various welfare

scheme for students which are in fact huge investment in our youth with far reaching results. Meritocracy, encouragement and open recognition of the talent shows full commitment of the government towards education. He said that 1,764 students will receive laptops under the current phase while 4,751 students have already benefited from this scheme. The government is focusing



Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq giving away laptop to a student during the ceremony



on educational development of Southern Punjab and every year the number of grants and beneficiaries are increasing significantly. Rs. 120 million have been returned to 7,178 students of the IUB through Prime Minister's Fee Reimbursement Scheme. 1,747 students received various types of scholarships worth Rs. 130 million during 2015-16. The provincial government through Chief Minister Punjab Education Endowment Fund has disbursed Rs. 132 million among 1,113 IUB students. On this occasion the Vice Chancellor disclosed that the Punjab Government has recently fully endorsed all administrative and

academic steps bringing the university's affairs on the right track. He said that universities are known by the faculty and the faculty is recognized by its capable students. We all have to work for academic excellence as the government desires justified utilization of funds for academic and research activities. We should judge and compare our performance with faculty members working in our fellow organizations. There is no doubt about the capabilities of our teachers and students who have always brought laurels to our university. On this occasion, faculty and students were present in large number.

## **Delegation of Bahawalpur Chamber of Commerce called on Worthy Vice Chancellor**

A delegation of Bahawalpur Chamber of Commerce and Industry led by Mr. Zafar Sharif, President called on Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor at his office. The delegation members appreciated the pace of development and improvement in education

standards at IUB. Mutual collaboration and matters relevant to innovative business ideas, internships and placement of university students in various organizations were also discussed on this occasion.

## **Talent Grooming Workshop**

A two-day training workshop on talent grooming and career counseling of 46 students was held at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. The workshop was organized by the Higher Education Commission and USAID under Pakistan-USAID Merit and Need Based Scholarships Programme. The students were trained about communication skills, presentation skills, interactive group discussions, research report writing, confidence building, decision making skills, CV writing, interview techniques, job searching, entrepreneurship, e-marketing and e-business. It is pertinent to mention here that the Government is paying special attention to the financial assistance of students from Southern Punjab. During the last year, due to special efforts of Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur has seen significant increase in scholarships from various

sources. The Prime Minister's Fee Reimbursement amount has been raised to Rs. 129 Million. Rs. 20 Million was received under Chief Minister's Punjab Educational Endowment Fund and similarly 99 students are availing Rs. 9.9 million scholarships through the Pakistan USAID Merit & Need Based Scholarships Programme.



## **Delegation of National Agriculture Education Accreditation Council**

The Higher Education Commission's National Agricultural Education Accreditation Council (NAEAC) has praised the progress and development in academia and research at the College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, the Islamia University under the leadership of Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor. The delegation of NAEAC recently visited the University Agriculture College to observe the performance of newly established departments of Agronomy, Entomology, Plant Breeding and Genetics and Food Sciences and Technology. The members included Naseer Alam Khan, Secretary NAEAC, Prof. Dr.





Bismilla Khan (Agronomy), Prof. Dr. Muhammad Aslam (Entomology), Dr. Abdul Qayyum (Plant Breeding and Genetics) and Dr. Saeed Akhtar Sheikh (Food Sciences and Technology). On this occasion Prof. Dr. Muhammad Asghar Hashmi, Dean Faculty of Sciences and Dr. Muazzam Jameel, Principal College of

Agriculture and Environmental Science briefed the members about degree programmes, board of studies, admission procedure and relevant documentary material. The delegates also visited research laboratories and interacted with faculty and students.

## Research Productivity Allowance for 8 Faculty Members

Pakistan Science & Technology Council has announced research productivity allowance for eight faculty members of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. It is first time in the University's history that three faculty members have been included in category "B". The faculty members who achieved 'B' category included

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Asghar Hashmi (Physics), Prof. Dr. Mahmood Ahmad (Pharmacy) and Dr. Ghulam Abbas (Mathematics) and 'C' category winners were Prof. Dr. Abdul Jabbar (Chemistry), Dr. Muhammad Saleem (Chemistry), Dr. Farooq Warsi (Chemistry), Dr. Makshoof Ahmad (Soil Sciences) and Dr. Azhar Khan (Physics).



Prof. Dr. M. Asghar Hashmi  
Physics



Prof. Dr. Mahmood Ahmad  
Pharmacy



Prof. Dr. Abdul Jabbar  
Chemistry



Dr. Muhammad Saleem  
Chemistry



Dr. Ghulam Abbas  
Mathematics



Dr. Farooq Warsi  
Chemistry



Dr. Makshoof Ahmad  
Agriculture



Dr. Azhar Khan  
Physics

## QEC Training Workshop

The Quality Enhancement Cell organized a capacity building workshop on Research Methodology and Paper Writing for Social Sciences. Nominated non PhD faculty members and senior PhD scholars of the faculty of Education, Islamic Learning, Arts and Management Sciences attended the workshop. The speakers highlighted all aspects of research methodology and

data analysis techniques comprehensively. The QEC team of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur also visited Bahawalnagar Campus to take teacher and course evaluation by students for fall semester 2016. Dr. Saeed Ahmad Buzdar, Director QEC highlighted the objectives of the QEC team's visit to the students.





## HEC Best Teacher Award



The Higher Education Commission conferred best teacher award for the year 2014 to Prof. Dr. Mamuna Ghani, Dean Faculty of Arts, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. She was presented the award and cash prize during a special ceremony at Islamabad.

## Gold Medal from International Association of Advanced Material



International Association of Advanced Material, Sweden awarded gold medal to Prof. Dr. Muhammad Asghar Hashmi, Dean Faculty of Sciences, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. He was bestowed this medal for showing extraordinary performance in the field of Advanced Material Technology.

## Faculty Member Nominated Member of Punjab Forest Academy



Department of Forestry, Wildlife and Fisheries Government of Punjab has established Punjab Forest Academy in Ghora Gali near Murree. The Academy will offer one year pre service training courses to forestry graduates. An

academic council has been constituted to propose syllabi for this course. Dr. Tanveer Hussain, head of Forestry Department, College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur has been nominated member of the newly established academic council of the Forest Academy.

## Pakistan France Joint Research Grant



Dr. Malik M. Saad Missan, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science & IT, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur won the Pakistan-France joint research project worth Rs. 4 million. The project is jointly offered by the Higher Education Commission of

Pakistan and Ministry of Higher Education France. This research grant has been awarded under a joint research project titled "An Intelligent Collaborative Platform for Learning Writing under the HEC PERIDOT Research Programme 2016". Under this programme, three PhD students will also get the chance of working in French laboratories and similarly researchers from France will visit the Islamia University of Bahawalpur.

## Research Grant for Management Sciences Project



The Higher Education Commission given thematic research grant of Rs. two million to Dr. Jawad Iqbal, HoD, Department of Management Sciences, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. He has been

given this grant under the research grant education policy and management programme. His research topic is "antecedents of social entrepreneurship initiatives in Pakistan and its outcomes: collaboration between quadruple Helix sector".



## Research Grant for Entomology Project



Higher Education Commission has approved the grant for the project of Dr. Hafiz Mahmood Ur Rehman, Assistant Professor, Department of Entomology University College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences IUB. This grant will be used for the

research on the development of biological control product against cotton mealy bug, a pest for cotton, vegetables, fruits and ornamental plants. The project aims to establish biological control laboratory at Department of Entomology, IUB and provide farmers with economical and eco-friendly technology for the control of mealy bug and protect the environment from harmful effects of pesticides.

## Research Grant for Media Studies Project



Dr. Zuber Shafiq, lecturer, Department of Media Studies, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur has won Higher Education Commission grant for a project to study and analyses the stereotypical images of

Pakistani women in television dramas. He got Rs. 1 million grant under thematic research programme of the HEC and will complete his project in 12 months.

## IUB Cotton Varieties Approved for Cultivation

Punjab Seed Council has approved cotton varieties IUB-13 and MM-58 introduced by College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur for general cultivation. A meeting of the Punjab Seed Council was held under the chair of Dr. Farukh Javed, Provincial Agriculture Minister to review progress of various cotton varieties presented by different institutions. The IUB varieties were approved for showing better productivity and

performance under conditions of drought and water scarcity. It is pertinent to mention here that Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor has highly encouraged the agriculture scientists at the university to grow such cotton varieties which are compatible with geographic and climatic conditions of Southern Punjab. A cotton variety IUB-222 is already approved by the Punjab Government for marketing.

## Mobile Medical Team of University Veterinary College Visited Cholistan

A medical team of College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur examined respiratory disease in camels in various areas of Cholistan desert. The team members visited Desert Ranger's camel farm in Mojhgah, Chak No. 335 and 430 and Tobajat Kundal and Munshiwalla. They also collected blood and nasal samples of affected camels for laboratory tests. Officials from University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Lahore and Punjab Livestock and Dairy Development Department were also present on the occasion. It is important to mention here that respiratory disease among camels has been observed in some parts of Thar and Cholistan desert. Punjab Government dispatched special teams to these areas for medical treatment and provision of medicine. On direction of Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor, a team of veterinary doctors from IUB also joined to prevent the spread of this disease in camels.



IUB veterinary team providing medical treatment to a camel in desert area



## Officers Joined IUB



### Chief Security Officer

Lt. Col. (Retd.) Kamran Mushtaq Malik TI(M) joined the Islamia University of Bahawalpur as Chief Security Officer on August 31, 2016. He commenced military career by undergoing initial military training at Naval set up for

two years, and later, joined the Pakistan Military Academy (PMA Kakul) for advanced military training of two years.

Commissioned in First Abbasia (Five Star) Infantry Battalion, he served on Command and Staff Appointments and looked after Operational & Administrative affairs of the unit, both at peace locations and deployed field areas.

He has served on Independent Field Appointments since 1996, covering all facets of Security Management, Risk Analysis, Crisis Handling and Intelligence Craft.

He managed independently for twenty years, security operations through intelligence, investigation / vigilance & analysis, to ascertain the actual degree of threat / risk, in order to ensure crime prevention and law enforcement in coordination with Police, Civil Administration and other Law Enforcement Agencies.

He is a dynamic professional with excellent communication skills and analytical ability and elegantly influenced in decision making at senior level.

In recognition of the meritorious service and devotion to duty rendered in discharge of military responsibilities, he was conferred the award of TAMGHA - I - IMTIAZ (MILITARY).

In addition to various in-land and military courses abroad, he has done Masters in Criminology with Distinction along with Diplomas in Forensic Science, Advanced Security Management, Legal Studies, Forensic Psychology, Counseling Psychology and Cyber Crime to his credit.



### Director Planning & Development

Mr. Afzal Ahmad joined IUB as Director (P&D) on 05-09-2016. Born in 1955 in a Village namely "Shadoke" Tehsil & District Narowal (Ex. District Sialkot), he did Matriculation in 1971 from Govt. High School Narowal, F.Sc

from Wah Cantt., B.Sc from Garden College in 1979, MA (Economics) from Government Post Graduate College Asghar Mall Rawalpindi in 1982 and MA (Economics of Development) from Institute of Social Studies (ISS) Hague, the Netherlands in 1994.

He joined Planning & Development Department,

Government of the Punjab in November 1982 and served in different capacities at Regional, District, Divisional as well as Provincial level as Research Officer, Deputy Director Development / Planning Officer, Executive District Officer (Finance & Planning) / (Community Development), Director (Development & Finance) and Chief of Section at Provincial Headquarter.

He retired from Govt. service in June 2015 as Chief of Section (BS-19). After retirement he joined Punjab Rural Support Programme (PRSP) as District Support Manager (DSM) Faisalabad and resigned on 03-09-2016.



### Principal Officer Transport

Mr. Waqas Ahmad Amin joined the Islamia University of Bahawalpur as Principal Transport Officer on 1<sup>st</sup> September, 2016. He completed his

BS-Mechanical Engineering and MS-Engineering Management from Superior University Lahore. He has 12 years working experience in renowned national and multinational transport organizations.



### Farm Manager

Mr. Amir Manzoor joined the Islamia University of Bahawalpur on 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2016 as Farm Manager. After completion of MPhil in Agriculture, he had joined Agriculture Water Management Department and

worked in different federal, provincial and internationally funded projects on irrigation management techniques. During his 10 years of experience in water management, he got opportunity of getting training in new techniques and technology on irrigation management and growing successful crops with the help of these techniques.



### Assistant Registrar, VC Secretariat

Ms. Rozina Sadiq joined the Islamia University of Bahawalpur as Assistant Registrar, Vice Chancellor's

Secretariat. She completed MA Economics from University of the Punjab, Lahore and is currently pursuing MS from University of Gujrat. Before joining IUB, she was serving as Assistant Registrar at University of Gujrat.





Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor along with newly appointed officers

### Farewell to Officers



Mr. Muhammad Ali Wallana, Director Planning & Development, retired from service on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 2016. He served as Assistant Professor, Chairman Department of Management Sciences, Director Campus Bahawalnagar, Controller Examinations, Registrar and Director Planning & Development at IUB.



Ms. Sumayyah Ambreen, Assistant Registrar had been working at IUB since 2008. She recently left IUB and joined Muhammad Nawaz Sharif Agriculture University, Multan as Dy. Registrar. We wish her a successful career ahead.

### Training Workshop in Malaysia

Thirteen faculty members of University College of Veterinary & Animal Sciences, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur attended a 5-day hands-on training workshop on "Isolation and Quarantine Response Strategies for Biological Disease Outbreak" at Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. The training was sponsored and organized by Center for Agriculture, Food Security & Preparedness and Institute of Agriculture, University of Tennessee USA. The participants were apprised of zoonotic diseases associated with domestic animals and wildlife that pose a threat to human communities. The training will help the participants to handle and control major epidemics in the communities of Cholistan desert of Bahawalpur.



IUB faculty members along with foreign experts during training workshop in Malaysia



### IUB Student Selected Member of Youth Parliament

Wardah Gull, student of Department of Management Sciences, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur has been selected as a member of Youth Parliament Pakistan (YPP) for the year 2016-2017. Sixty members from across Pakistan are selected as members of Youth parliament on the basis of their expression of interest and other screening interviews.





Department of Management Sciences shifted to upgraded building in Baghdad ul Jadeed Campus



The future academic block of Department of Management Sciences, another state of the art building going to be completed at Baghdad ul Jadeed Campus very soon under a project of Government of Pakistan worth Rs. 860 million





Newly constructed office of the Vice Chancellor at Baghdad-ul-Jadeed Campus



A view of the newly renovated main auditorium at Baghdad-ul-Jadeed Campus