



The Islamia University of Bahawalpur

Convocation Ceremony

Governor Punjab and Chancellor, Honourable Rafique Rajwana was the Chief Guest of the 8th Convocation of the University. On this occasion, he said that the present government is striving for the development of higher education sector and in the age of globalization, we have to equip our youth with the latest technology to play his role actively. Youth should possess the purpose of serving their nation and the nation has complete trust in the abilities of the young generation. On this occasion, the Governor distributed medals and degrees to 881 graduates of 2011 session. These included 16 PhD, 41 MPhil and 661 MA/MSc

golden opportunity for national development and our young generation will materialize this dream of mega project with their God gifted potential. He further said that IUB is set up on the Rohi soil of Hazrat Khawaja Ghulam Farid (RA), so the people of this area would have to promote love, peace and tranquility and play their due role in the society. He was delighted to learn about the recent distinctions of IUB and said



Honourable Rafique Rajwana, Governor Punjab/Chancellor and Prof. Dr. Qaiser Musthaq, Vice Chancellor along with a graduate during convocation ceremony

and BS degrees and 89 gold medals and 66 silver medals. He further advised the faculty to promote education based on research and urged students to get acquainted with the market based disciplines. As a nation we can only get our share of international development by learning science and technology. China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is a

that the University under the leadership of present Vice Chancellor is moving ahead steadily in the academic, research and development sectors. In this regard the hiring of merit based manpower, the completion of development projects in



time, imposing two semesters in a year and promotion of research activities are measures for a bright future. Mr. Rafique Rajwana congratulated the students who were conferred degrees and said that the achievement of degrees possesses immense significance in their life and they have become capable of benefitting the nation through their education. It is hoped that now they will be able to fulfill the passions of their parents and the nation. The Governor assured the Vice Chancellor of his support for the employees housing scheme, administrative matters at HED and incentives for special students. Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor said in his address that he is striving hard to upgrade the IUB as a top class university through four dimensional strategy, which includes academic excellence, financial discipline, developing infrastructure and research for national prosperity. The first priority is to prepare such manpower which may promote top class research along with high quality development and the administrative staff may get acquainted with the latest tools of administration and may run the university affairs in an exemplary way. For this purpose six selection boards were held within a few months. Action on 46,000 applications for non teaching posts is being rapidly taken for recruitment. In

this way the university is going to appoint 256 academic and 947 administrative staff by the end of this year. Training sessions for 300 employees have been held for raising their working skills. The approval of mega projects worth Rs. 850 million from the federal government is a landmark for the IUB and the VC is making efforts to get under completion mega projects completed as soon as possible. Work on two hostels and a Chemistry lab will start during next month. The building of Educational Training Department is under completion with the funds from USAID worth Rs. 270 million. For the early completion of Rahim Yar Khan Campus, request has been submitted for the additional grant of Rs. 726 million. Furthermore, a grant of Rs. 16 million is also expected very soon for ICT block. The provision of facilities to special students is being continued which include pick and drop facility and special ramps while the



request for the provision of wheel chairs and lift system has been submitted to the Governor's Secretariat. The day care center inaugurated by the Governor during his last visit is functional now while the study park will be completed in the next month. On this occasion he thanked the Honourable Chancellor and the distinguished guests for gracing the occasion.



Parliamentarians, government officials and other dignitaries attending the convocation ceremony

Seminar on Prime Minister's Kissan Package



The Department of Information, Government of the Punjab, in collaboration with the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and the All Pakistan Newspapers Society organized a seminar to launch the Honourable Prime Minister's Kissan Package in Bahawalpur Division. Engineer Muhammad Baligh ur Rehman, Minister of State for Education and Interior Affairs was the Chief Guest while Malik Muhammad Iqbal Channar, Provincial Minister for Cooperatives and Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor, were guests of honour. Engineer Muhammad Baligh ur Rehman in his address said that His Excellency Mian Muhammad Nawaz Sharif is well aware of problems of farmers and the historic kisan package introduced by him shows his commitment to the farmers. Under this package cotton and rice growers will be provided financial support of Rs. 5000 per acre, Rs. 500 subsidy on every fertilizer bag, duty free import of agriculture machinery and provision of solar tubewells on interest free loans. Malik Muhammad Iqbal Channar said that agriculture is the backbone of our

economy and the Honourable Chief Minister of Punjab Mian Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif is making all out efforts for the prosperity of farmers. Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor said that the Islamia University of Bahawalpur being a leading university of Southern Punjab is focusing on agricultural research. New varieties of cotton are being introduced suitable for cultivation in the local climatic conditions with better yield. A cotton variety IUB 222 is already approved by the Punjab Government for marketing. Vice President All Pakistan Newspapers Society Mumtaz A Tahir also spoke on this occasion. Farmers, faculty members and students attended the ceremony.

International Chemistry Conference

The 26th National and 14th International Chemistry Conference organized by the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, Higher Education Commission and Pakistan Chemistry Society was inaugurated by Rana Mashhood Ahmad Khan, Provincial Minister of Education, Youth Affairs and Archaeology. On this occasion, Rana Mashhood Ahmad Khan said that the promotion of national development depends on the knowledge based economy, so the Punjab government is putting efforts in the light of the vision of Mian Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif, Chief Minister Punjab to harmonize the academic and economic development rapidly. The high quality learning and scientific research particularly is being focused, so that Pakistan may achieve progress in the knowledge based economy at the regional and global level to get a prominent position among the fraternity of nations. He said that a technology park is being established in Lahore, which will be the first of its kind in Pakistan and will be a landmark in

the promotion of knowledge based economy. He congratulated Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor for organizing the conference and further said that Bahawalpur region possesses great academic and historic traditions. The Punjab government is making efforts for the academic development of this region. A mega project is being launched to protect the cultural heritage of Bahawalpur and the university is also collaborating in this regard. In his address Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor said that after assuming the charge of IUB, last December, he has launched academic and administrative reforms and some significant measures were taken to promote academic



Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor presenting shield to Rana Mashhood Ahmad Khan, Provincial Education Minister during inaugural session of International Chemistry Conference

excellence in university. The important forums of Syndicate and Selection Board have been made functional which were dormant previously. Many delayed measures and plans were approved by the Syndicate in its meeting of 24th June 2015 and the forthcoming Syndicate meeting will be introducing a new era of development and progress in academic standards. Five mega selection boards were held to address the shortage of teachers. Similarly, the new project of Rs. 270 million provided by USAID, the building of the faculty of Management Sciences, two hostels and a modern Chemistry lab with mega project of Rs. 850 million funded by the federal government will be set up. The project of Study Park and Rahim Yar Khan campus are near

completion. Special focus is being given to human resource development and measures are also being taken for the development of faculty and employees. He expressed his gratitude to Rana Mashhood Ahmad Khan for gracing the occasion. Focal Person of the conference, Prof. Dr. Faiz ul Hassan Nasim and Dean Sciences Prof. Dr. Muhammad Asghar Hashmi also spoke on the occasion.

Prize Distribution Ceremony for Position Holders of Annual BA, BSc and BCom Examination 2015

Engr. Mian Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman, Minister of State for Education and Interior Affairs was the chief guest at the prize distribution ceremony for position holders of the annual examinations of BA, BSc and BCom 2015. He said that the elimination of terrorism, economic stability, energy and education are among the top four priorities of the Government to put Pakistan on the track of development. Due to focus on these four affairs not only the dignity of the nation has been elevated at the national and international level but Pakistan has achieved solidarity and stability. The Government is taking every sector of the country on board whether it is operation Zarb-e-Azab or

restoration of peace in Karachi. This has been due to the sacrifices of our brave soldiers for keeping peace in the country that our citizens are living with the sense of security. He said that for the year 2013 the Government had allocated Rs. 40 billion for higher education sector and doubled the amount to Rs. 80 billion in just two years. The IUB is the most important university of the region. Recently a mega project of Rs. 850 million was



Engineer Muhammad Baligh ur Rehman, Minister of State and Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor delivering address during the ceremony

approved by the federal government which is unique in the history of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and will prove to be a significant advancement in the area. A new building of Management Science Faculty, two hostels for 500 students each and a modern Chemistry lab will be constructed and ten faculty members would be given scholarships to get higher education abroad. Engr Mian Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman admired the steps taken by Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor for the imposition of IUB development and academic excellence. He said that the Government supports his efforts taken for quality education. On this occasion Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq said that during past few months solid measures have been taken to set up high quality education in all departments of IUB due to which the university will achieve better position in a very short period. The vacant seats of Senate, Syndicate and Selection Board have been filled. The delayed 46,000 applications' scrutiny, written test and interviews are going on. Similarly 1,47,000 degrees of university had been withheld and now with the kind approval of the Honourable Governor Punjab/Chancellor Rafique Rajwana the issuance of pending degrees has become possible. Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq said that he

believes in such research that may benefit the common man and the success in research of cotton is a sequence of the same. All the buildings of IUB are being made comfortable for special students. He further said that up till now, 3,044 students have benefitted from Prime Minister's Laptop Scheme and an amount of Rs. 120 million has been distributed among 7,178 students under the Prime Minister's Fee Reimbursement Scheme. Similarly 1113 students have received Rs. 132 million under the Chief Minister's PEEF Scholarship Scheme. Recently 5 students of IUB getting position in BA, BSc and BCom examination 2014 were sent to Europe by the Chief Minister Punjab and within the next few days, 45 PEEF scholars will be his guests at Punjab House Murree. He thanked Engr Mian Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman, Minister of State for



Group photo of position holders along with Engineer Muhammad Baligh ur Rehman, Minister of State, Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor and faculty members

Education and Interior Affairs for gracing the occasion. On this occasion the Minister of State distributed cash prizes and certificates among position holders. In BA examination Ayesha Mushtaq of Govt. Degree College Liaquatpur stood first, Amna Khadim of Govt. Degree College Khanpur second and Haneen Muhammad of Govt. Degree College Dubai Mahal Road Bahawalpur got third position while in BSc Muhammad Jahangir of Iqra College Sadiqabad claimed first position, Umair Ali of Minchinabad second

and Mehwish Tanveer of Punjab College Rahim Yar Khan was declared third. In BCom examination Afzala Khan from Punjab College of Commerce Rahim Yar Khan was first, Komal Nayab of Allama Iqbal College of Commerce Bahawalpur got second and Farwa Seed, Punjab College of Commerce Rahim Yar Khan obtained third position.

Promotion Letters Distributed Among Administrative Staff Members



Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq Vice Chancellor giving away promotion letter to an employee

A ceremony was held to distribute promotion letters to 55 administrative staff members of administrative officers, assistants and senior clerks cadres. Another group of 14 children of deceased employees were given the appointment letters. The widows were also given benefit with employment in the university. On this occasion Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor said that honest and dedicated employees are the identity of any institution. Their welfare and development is in fact the progress of the

institution. He added that after assuming charge, he immediately noticed that hundreds of employees were awaiting promotions for years. The administrative section was directed to take immediate action and up till now 101 employees have been granted promotions. Similarly, services of deceased employees could not be ignored, hence their children were accommodated in the university. The Vice Chancellor said that he believes in deciding all cases on merit and with transparency, therefore he also expects the same in return from all beneficiaries to perform their duties with hard work and devotion. Dr. Abdul Sattar Khan, Registrar said on the occasion that on the special directive of the Vice Chancellor in teaching and non-teaching departments, all matters of new jobs, promotions and welfare of employees are being solved on priority basis.

Laptop Distribution Ceremony

Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur distributed laptops among students under the Prime Minister's Laptop Scheme in a special ceremony at Abbasia Campus. Faculty members, administrative officers and students attended the ceremony in large number. In his address the Vice Chancellor termed



Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq Vice Chancellor giving away laptop to a student

Prime Minister's Youth Programme highly beneficial for students benefitting their studies and enhancement of knowledge. He said that previously, 2,882 students availed laptops. IUB students have also got Rs. 120 millions under the Prime Minister's Fee Reimbursement Scheme. Punjab Education Endowment Fund (PEEF) is another education friendly initiative by the Chief Minister Punjab. This year IUB received Rs. 9.5 million enabling 137 university students to continue their higher studies. He said that administration is striving to further upgrade the facilities to encourage the potential of students. A state of the art building provided by USAID for educational training at a cost of Rs. 270 million is under construction. Working

on a mega project of Rs. 858.442 million to strengthen existing departments, introducing new academic programmes and construction of two hostels has been accelerated. Rahim Yar Khan Campus project appeared to be in jeopardy since 2007, however, the federal government has agreed to provide Rs. 726 million additional grant for completion of this project. The project of ICT block at Bahawalpur announced since 2012 is also going to be a

reality now as the Federal IT Ministry has recently released Rs. 16 million to complete this project. He felicitated those students who are availing benefits from these welfare schemes and preparing themselves for national service in their particular field.

World Space Week Celebrations



Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq Vice Chancellor presenting a memento to Rana Mashhood Ahmad Khan, Provincial Minister

Rana Mashhood Ahmad Khan, Minister of Education Punjab inaugurated the celebrations of World Space Week organized by the Islamia University of Bahawalpur with the collaboration of SUPARCO. He said that our young generation is the prime asset of our country and nature has blessed them with immense potential. The government is investing in this generation and relying on their capability. Provisions of laptops, scholarship schemes and many other projects have been launched for them with an investment of billions of rupees, so that our coming generation may take the reins of the country in a proper way. The youth of

Bahawalpur is extremely talented and capable and their glowing faces are prospects of a bright future. The government is also under taking measures for the development of Bahawalpur. The world's largest solar park has also been set up in this city along with an industrial zone, which will become a source of the region's development. He termed the organizing of World Space Week every year by the Islamia University Bahawalpur and SUPARCO very much beneficial for the local students. Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq in his address said that IUB is playing an active role in the promotion of scientific research and in this regard the local community is also being extended full support. Participation of hundreds of students from all over the district is an obvious proof of this fact. On this occasion Prof. Dr. Muhammad Asghar Hashmi, Dean Faculty of Science, Prof. Dr. Mahmood Ahmad, Dean Faculty of Pharmacy, Shujauddin Ahmad Taimuri, General Manager Satellite, SUPARCO Lahore, teachers and students were also present.

Role of Information Technology for Efficient Administrative Services

Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur said that the university administration will have to establish a comprehensive and transparent system at a brisk pace which should continue without any undue interference and assist in decision making. For this purpose planning with far reaching results will be required instead of ad-hocism, and it should be based on a reliable data base free of mistakes. In the current age, administrative affairs can be efficiently solved with the help of information technology. The Vice Chancellor expressed these views during his address to the officers of the Registrar branch. He said our universities have grown many times in their volume and number, but the professional skills of the employees could not be raised with the same proportion and the infrastructure has also not improved accordingly, which has weakened the system. It is the need of the hour to make plans on a permanent basis and

abolish adhoc planning. In this regard the proportion of teachers and students, PhD, non PhD among the teachers, and officers and other staff ratios must be maintained so that the work on daily basis may continue with success. On this occasion Dr. Abdul Sattar Khan Registrar briefed on the working of his section and apprised about the issues faced by him to the Vice Chancellor. Dy. Registrars Arshad Ali Khan, Bashir Hussain, Imran Bhutta and Maj (R) Saqib Aziz presented details about performance in their branches.

Seerat ul Nabl (PBUH) Seminar



Speakers and participants at the seminar

Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor said that the life of the Holy Prophet PBUH is the grand example for every human being to follow. The Holy Prophet PBUH preached Islam on the basis of his high quality character and announced his Prophethood on the basis of his truthfulness and honesty and demanded evidence of this fact from the Quraish tribe which was duly approved by them. Due to his high quality character, the life of the people of the Arab land changed all together and those who used to bury their daughters alive now began to look after the birds in their nests. The first ever Wahi (divine revelation) begins with IQ'RA (read) and seeking of education for all Muslims was made the first priority and was ordered to travel upto China to fulfill their educational needs. The Vice Chancellor presented these views at the seminar "Seerat-e-Rasool PBUH and contemporary needs" in his presidential address on the occasion of holy month of Rabi-ul-Awwal. Chairman Islamic Studies Department, Lahore Garrison University, Prof. Dr. Saeed Ahmed was the guest speaker. He expressed the dignity of the Holy Prophet PBUH and said that the meaning of Muhammad PBUH is the one who is praised again and again. The Holy Prophet PBUH for the first time ever eliminated the discrimination and ensured the supremacy of merit. Malik Habibullah Bhutta said that the life of the Holy Prophet PBUH is very simple and

comfortable and his holy life gives the feeling of protection of human rights. The meaning of "Al-Kasib-o-Habib Ullah" clearly means that we should make our position in the seeking of education specially science and technology. Senior advocate Mukhtar Ahmed Farani in his address expressed the superiority of Arabic language. First, that the Holy Prophet PBUH is an Arab, secondly that the Holy Quran is in Arabic and thirdly the language of the residents of heaven will be Arabic. The constitution of Pakistan also provides the guarantee of promoting Arabic language. The Arabic language has become the source of Muslim unity. The Muslims got superiority over other nations due to education. The host of the seminar Dr. Raheela Khalid Qureshi thanked Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor, distinguished guests, senior faculty and students for participating in the seminar.

IUB Budget worth Rs. 3100.596 million approved

The Islamia University of Bahawalpur approved Rs. 3150.255 million budget for the fiscal year 2015-16. The budget was approved in the Finance and Planning Committee meeting at the Abbasia Campus chaired by Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor. The committee estimated Rs.3150.255 million expenditure while Rs.2757.234 million was marked as income from various

sources. Total development budget was estimated as Rs. 675.716 million. Budget deficit will be met through good financial management, austerity measures and grants received from the federal and provincial governments.



Meeting of Finance & Planning Committee

Meeting of Advanced Studies & Research Board

The Advanced Studies & Research Board approved the registration of 78 scholars for PhD in various departments. The meeting of the board was held under the chair of Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor at Abbasia Campus. The board also approved dissertations topics and appointed supervisors for 14 PhD scholars. The participants decided that new MS, MPhil and PhD programmes will

begin according to defined criteria of the Higher Education Commission. Prof. Dr. Mahmood Ahmad, Director Advanced Studies & Research Board also presented the implementation report of the previous decisions of the board.



Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor chairing the meeting of Advanced Studies & Research Board

50th Anniversary of 1965 War

Faculty and students participated in a solidarity walk organized at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur to pay tribute to martyrs of the 1965 war. The walk was part of the ongoing celebrations to mark the 50th anniversary of the 1965 war. Students also visited Yadgar-e-Shuhdaa at Bahawalpur Cantonment on defence day and participated in a special ceremony. University FM radio also broadcast special programmes throughout the month of September in connection with defence day celebrations. A series of seminars was held at various campuses of the university to commemorate the sacrifices and bravery of Pakistani armed forces in 1965 war. The speakers said that on the 6th of September in 1965 our country fought a historic war with arch rival India. 17-days long war enabled the Pakistanis to discover their nationhood. While on this auspicious day of September 6, we remember our valiant soldiers who sacrificed their present for nation's future, we should not forget to remember, and pay our tributes to the sons of the soil.

Past midnight on 5/6 September, without a formal

declaration of war, India Army crossed the international border and attacked Lahore and Kasur fronts. Pakistan Army and Pakistan Air Force halted the attack in its tracks, inflicting heavy casualties on the aggressor. The brave soldiers of Pakistan Army and people of Sialkot and Chawinda made Chawinda and surrounding areas the biggest graveyard of Indian tanks by saving the dear Motherland from the invading enemy. The people of Chawinda wrote a golden history of bravery by sacrificing their lives for defending the motherland near Chawinda-Badiana during the September 1965 Indo-Pak War. While we remember the 1965 war, we owe a debt of gratitude to the personalities for without them, the memories of those days will remain incomplete.



University Students paying tribute to heroes of 1965 war

Life Time Membership of Central Library Bahawalpur



The Chief Librarian, Central Library of Bahawalpur Rana Javed Iqbal presented lifetime membership of the central library and a memento to Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor. The Vice Chancellor on this occasion said that Nawab of Bahawalpur Sir Sadiq Muhammad Khan V was a visionary ruler who took extraordinary measures for the welfare of his people specially in the field of education. He established grand academic institutions in his state to promote education which gave him a distinguished status in the subcontinent. The Central Library Bahawalpur was established in 1924 and is the second largest public library in the country with many rare collections of books. He thanked the chief librarian for presenting the life time membership.

Syndicate Praises Steps taken by the University Administration for Development

The syndicate approved the appointment of one professor, one associate professor and 83 assistant professors besides promotion of 54 administrative staff members. The annual budget of Rs 3100.596 million for the year 2015-16 and development budget of Rs 675.716 million was also approved. The members also appreciated the completion of Selection Board and Board of Advanced Studies by appointment of members by the Vice Chancellor. The implementation of two semesters per year and receiving of fee in two installments was also praised. The members also approved the adoption of 3% job quota for disabled persons in the university as per the policy of the government of the Punjab. The agreement between the university and the National Testing Service for scholarships and admission tests was also approved. The members praised various administrative, academic and financial steps taken by the Vice Chancellor for the betterment of the University. The 60th meeting of the Syndicate of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur was held under the chair of Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor at Abbasia Campus. The

members included Khalid Mahmood Jajja Parliamentary Secretary Punjab, Prof. Dr. Zia ul Qayyum, Vice Chancellor University of Gujrat, Justice Ameer Iqbal Bhatti, Honourable Justice Lahore High Court Bahawalpur Bench, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Asghar Hashmi, Dean faculty of Science, Prof Dr Mahmood Ahmad, Dean faculty of Pharmacy, Ms Rabia Yasmeen, Principal Government College for Women Bahawalpur, Khalil ur Rehman, Assistant Professor, Ch Munir Ahmad, representative of Finance Department Punjab, Mian Ghulam Rasool, representative of Higher Education Department Punjab, Fakhar Bashir, Treasurer and Dr. Abdul Sattar Khan, Registrar.



The 60th meeting of the Syndicate

Faculty Dinners



Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor delivering address to Arts Faculty members

Faculty dinners were arranged at the Vice Chancellor's House, Baghdad-ul-Jadeed Campus participated by members of the faculties of Arts, Education, Islamic Learning, Management Sciences, Pharmacy and

university so these may be rightly utilized. In this situation we will have to impose rules and regulations to strengthen the system of the university



Gathering of Science Faculty members

Alternative Medicine and Sciences separately. Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur during these occasions said that in higher educational institutions, there is no room for adhocism, ill planning, nepotism, and compromise on merit. Such institutions cannot be run by short term decisions and measures and neither the academic programmes can be advanced without the implementation of real merit and harmony. The development of the university relies on the inter linked and long term planning to produce cohesion with the international standards. The Higher Education Commission of Pakistan has enforced standards of international quality to implement these in the universities of the country. Among these standards the ratio of students and teachers, the difference of PhD and Non PhD teachers plus their proportion of regular employees are included in these acts. Unfortunately, this process was ignored in IUB which badly affected the entire system of the university and hindered academic progress. The Vice Chancellor said that being the most historic university of Southern Punjab, the government has great expectations from it, and due to this reason the government has granted generous funds to this

and then we can show some improvement in the affairs of the university to bring IUB in the row of top ranking universities of the country. The time is ripe now to take decisions based on merit and transparency to avoid adhocism. Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq added that he expects faculty attention to be focused on learning and research. Similarly, the administration staff will perform its responsibilities dutifully and prove to be the role model for others and will ultimately result in academic excellence. On these occasions, Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq exchanged views with the faculty members individually and asked them to recommend proposals. The teachers praised his measures for the betterment of IUB affairs with the consultation of faculty and hence the University is moving towards academic excellence.



Pharmacy and Management Sciences Faculty Dinner



Dinner of Education and Islamic Learning Faculty

Trainee Officers from National Institute of Management Islamabad Visit IUB

Civil officers participating in the 20th national mid-career management course of the National Institute of Management visited the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and called on Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor. On this occasion, the Vice Chancellor said that for effective university governance, enhancement in academic standards, financial management, development of

building with the help of USAID grant of Rs. 270 million is going on rapidly. Similarly, the unique Study Park which is exclusively for girl students is under construction at a very low cost. He added that due to uprightness in academic standards, Pakistan



Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor along with trainee officers of Pakistan Institute of Management

infrastructure and research benefitting people and the country are included in his priorities. He elaborated that the improvement in the academic standards can only be achieved when the teachers and employees are provided with the conducive environment where they could perform their duties with devotion and commitment. For this purpose a proper semester calendar has been launched and two semesters have been finalized for each academic year so that the precious time of the students could be saved. In this regard, five sessions of the Selection Board have been held, five training courses were also held with the help of HEC to equip the administrative staff with knowledge about the latest tools of management principles in which about 300 employees participated. He said that in the development sector, due to special focus building of the university sports complex and Bahawalnagar campus have been completed. The progress on the construction of educational training

Engineering Council and Pakistan Veterinary and Medical Council have declared the Engineering and Veterinary programmes of IUB as valid. The students are showing better performance in the sports competition and IUB has achieved overall second position in the HEC annual sports. The chief of the delegation and coordinator of Pakistan Institute of Management, Mr. Tariq Javed lauded the high quality academic environment and development in IUB. Earlier, Director Planning and Development, Mr. Muhammad Ali Wallana, briefed about governing bodies of IUB and academic and administrative departments.

IUB Launches Pick and Drop Service for Special Students on International Day for Persons with Disabilities



The Islamia University of Bahawalpur started a pick and drop service for special students on the international day for persons with disabilities. Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice

Chancellor inaugurated this facility at Abbasia Campus in a special ceremony organized to mark the day attended by

senior faculty members, officers and special students. On this occasion a special card was also issued enabling such students to avail all university facilities on priority basis. Talking to media persons, the Vice Chancellor said that the present administration is making efforts to turn IUB in to a special people friendly university by providing all possible facilities. A plan is going on to make all university buildings friendly for special persons by constructing ramps, installing of elevators and provision of wheel chairs and other audio visual instruments helpful in studies.

Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq added that a summary has been sent to the Governor's Secretariat for the provision of financial support to facilitate special students. The university has also waived off tuition and hostel fee for these students besides allocating three percent quota in jobs according to the Punjab Government policy.

Exclusive Address of Worthy Vice Chancellor on Ethics in Academic Research



Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur said that in order to ensure quality in academic research, a researcher must be competent, dedicated, honest, rigorous, daring and self confident. He should always be ready to apply his intellectual capabilities with zeal and enthusiasm to express his creative ideas and never be afraid of intellectual dialogue. The scholars and researchers should also maintain mutual respect, harmony, impartial approach and sense of responsibility. Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq expressed these views while delivering an exclusive lecture on ethics in academic research during a seminar organized by Directorate of Quality Enhancement. He said that our social values are based on universal teachings of Islam but we have failed to build our society on pillars of religious teachings. Many students never show reluctance in plagiarism and our

teachers also compromise and tolerate such practices. Our researchers mention names of their friends and colleagues in research papers who have never contributed in the exercise. This is actually nepotism and intellectual dishonesty which needs to be abolished. He advised researchers and scholars to observe full integrity and devote energies toward their research endeavors. Dr. Saeed Ahmed Buzdar, Director Quality Enhancement Cell thanked the Vice Chancellor and faculty members for delivering exclusive lecture and participating in the event.

Online Catalogue Launched at Sir Sadiq Muhammad Khan Library



Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor inaugurating online catalogue of main library

Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur said that Sir Sadiq Muhammad Khan Library is one of the leading libraries of Pakistan and is being upgraded on contemporary lines. Recently, a website has been launched and an online catalogue of a total of 2,41,899 books is also now available online. The Vice Chancellor expressed these views during his visit to IUB's Central Library.

Seminar on Cancer "Experts Stress Efforts to Fight Cancer"



Awareness session on breast cancer

Breast Cancer is a chronic disease and spreading rapidly in Pakistan and other Asian countries due to lack of awareness and traditional social norms and restrictions. It can be cured if diagnosed at an early stage. A comprehensive campaign is required to be launched in this regard to develop awareness among breast cancer patients to save our females from this disease. These views were expressed by the speakers at a seminar arranged jointly by the Higher Education Commission, Pink Ribbon Campaign Pakistan and the Islamia University of Bahawalpur to promote know how about this disease among the students and faculty members of the university as this section of society can play an active role in this regard to save the majority of our population from this chronic disease. Dr. Asiya Shahid of the Bahawal Victoria Hospital, Bahawalpur, Prof. Dr. Mamuna Ghani, Dean Faculty of Arts, IUB and other experts spoke on the occasion and said that due to expensive treatment and short of knowledge, one out of every nine cases of breast cancer in our country had become victim of this disease so we had to work on it seriously. They

underlined the need for the media and educational institutes to come forward and join hands to fight against this chronic disease as both these sectors could help a lot to develop awareness about it as a social service. Backwardness, financial problems and less diagnostic and treatment facilities were the major causes of this rapidly growing disease which needed special attention of all the concerned sectors of the society for early remedy and public health. Dr. Asiya Shahid also informed the audience about the symptoms, diagnosing process and treatment of breast cancer. Around 200 students and faculty members of the University attended the seminar and were advised to promote this information as a social service.

Worthy Vice Chancellor Delivers Exclusive Address to Participants of HEC Training Course for Administrative Staff



Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor along with the participants of the training course

Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur has said that the basic responsibility of an administrator is the promotion of knowledge through cooperation and supporting the academia. The administrative section has to establish a

comprehensive system in the university because it ensures that learning and research activities go on continuously without any delay. The university administrator must be impartial and

capable so that the university system may run smoothly. Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq expressed these views on the occasion of the professional training course conducted for officers from grade 16 to 19. He also delivered an extensive lecture on university governance and said that in this modern age, the meaning of university is formation of such community, which may explore various corners of knowledge from a joint platform and promote these through innovative methods. In the present day world, the universities perform the role of guiding the society. Knowledge is created in the universities and this duty is performed by the teachers and if the university environment is conducive for such activities, then it is due to the university administrators. Ultimately, the practical benefit is taken by the country and society. It is worth mentioning that on the directive of Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor, management courses are being conducted in collaboration with the Higher Education Commission and these have proved beneficial. Training programmes such as governance, public administration, information technology, office communication, finance at management, examination management, administrative management, leadership, administrative rules, budget and audit have proved helpful to the officers. This step is a part

of comprehensive programme of HEC, under which the working of the manpower of administrative departments of the university is improved and organized along the latest principles of management. At IUB 300 employees have successfully participated in this training programme and in the past the administrative officers of IUB were neglected, but now proper attention is being paid to them, which is bringing encouraging results and performance of the employees is showing a lot of improvement. In the current phase the officers from Bahawalpur and both campuses of Bahawalnagar and Rahim Yar Khan also participated. Furthermore, employees from district administration, Govt. Sadiq College Women University, Directorate of Colleges, and Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education Bahawalpur also participated.

Worthy Vice Chancellor Participates in Youth Programme of Radio Pakistan

Academic excellence can only be achieved by ensuring true implementation of rules and regulations and promoting quality of education. This was stated by Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur during a youth programme of Radio Pakistan Bahawalpur. He said that the Islamia University of Bahawalpur is the leading university of the region where both quality of education and training of youth are being focused simultaneously. While answering a question about government's support for welfare of students, the Vice Chancellor said that the present government has initiated many programmes for students of Southern Punjab. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur has distributed Rs.120 million among 4,700 students under the Prime Minister's Fee Re-imbursement Scheme, while 3,000 students have received laptops under the Prime Minister's Youth

Initiative. Similarly, Punjab Education Endowment Fund has recently distributed Rs. 9.5 million among 137 students. The Vice Chancellor said that Islamia University of Bahawalpur has established a Study Park for female students, first of its kind in Pakistani universities, spreading over an area of 7.5 acres. Governor Punjab Rafique Rajwana inaugurated this project recently. Replying to a question, Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq said that the university has established a career development centre for counseling and job placements for students.

The Vice Chancellor Thanked the Honourable Chief Minister Punjab for Announcing Electronic Arms for a Special Student of IUB

Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor the Islamia University of Bahawalpur expressed his gratitude to Mian Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif, Chief Minister Punjab for announcing electronic arms to special student Hafiz Muhammad Waqar Nizami. He said that the knowledge friendly and educational vision of the Chief Minister has proved to be a landmark in the human resource development of the province. Provision of billions of rupees to the students in the form of scholarships, laptop to thousands of students, the provision of solar energy through solar lamps under Ujala Scheme and the appreciation given to position holders is an obvious proof of

the knowledge friendly Chief Minister. Similarly, the special students are also getting benefit from these facilities on priority basis and under the patronage of Chief Minister, students are achieving the academic progress with comfort. Hafiz Muhammad Waqar Nizami is a student of MPhil in Islamic Studies Department at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, who lost his arms in an accident twelve years ago and was facing problems in his daily life

for seeking education. The provision of electronic arms was announced for him by Chief Minister Punjab. Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq further added that the government of Punjab is making efforts for special persons which is highly commendable and IUB is providing facilities to special students by remaining within its resources, including provision of special transport and wheelchairs. A special information center in this regard has been established in Abbasia Campus, where special students without any obstacle submit their issues which are addressed immediately. The IUB has made efforts to convert all the buildings into special persons friendly and a special package has been submitted to the Governor Punjab Secretariat. According to this package all buildings of the university will

be provided with lift system, construction of special ramp and provision of electronic chairs are included. Vice Chancellor said that very soon special cards will be issued to special students so that they may avail the facility in hostel, finance, bank and other offices on priority. Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor also lauded the courage and bravery of Hafiz Muhammad Waqar Nizami, special student, who has been continuing his studies in spite of his disability and has also excelled in co-curricular activities.

Cotton Research Aiming at Better Quality and Yield

Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor the Islamia University of Bahawalpur has said that research activities at varsities must be purposeful and compatible with national objectives as well as beneficial for the common man. Cotton plays an important role in the national economy and is a major cash crop of Southern Punjab. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur has been focusing on exclusive research on cotton and introducing its new varieties in market suitable for the local climatic conditions. The Vice Chancellor exchanged these views during his visit to experimental cotton fields of the Department of Plant Breeding and Genetics, University College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. On this occasion, head of department, Dr. Muhammad Iqbal Bandesha briefed about new cotton varieties IUB-62, IUB-13, IUB-222 and IUB-QM65 which can tolerate high temperature and water deficiency. These varieties have also successfully resisted Curl Leave Virus with better yield and fiber quality. Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor appreciated the research work on cotton beneficial for local farmers community. Meanwhile, the Punjab Seed Council has approved cotton varieties, IUB-13 and MM-58, introduced

by the College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, Islamia University of Bahawalpur, for general cultivation. National Biosafety Committee has also approved these varieties for commercial usage. These cotton varieties were approved because they were showing better productivity and performance under conditions of high temperature, drought and water scarcity. Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor IUB has highly encouraged the agricultural scientists from the university to grow such cotton varieties which are compatible with geographic and climatic conditions of the Southern Punjab, the cotton belt of Pakistan. A cotton variety, IUB-222, is already approved by the Punjab Government for marketing.



Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor visiting cotton crop at University Agriculture Farm

IUB Students Witness Army Preparedness

More than 100 male and female students of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur accompanied by their teachers spent a day in the military training area along with army troops. The one day programme was aimed at highlighting the spirit of awareness, self confidence and patriotism and apprising the students of the defence responsibilities and professional capabilities of the army. The programme

began with the demonstration of army jawans' professional skills and their abilities to move swiftly in that direction. The students were briefed about the use of army weapons and were also taught the use of small military arms.



IUB students during visit of Army Training Center

Martyrs of Army Public School Remembered



Students of University Model School paying tribute to martyrs of APS Peshawar

Commemorative ceremonies were held at all the campuses to pay tribute to martyrs of the Army Public School Peshawar. The students of College of Art and Design presented the great sacrifice of students and parents of

Army Public School Peshawar through their art work. A graphic design depicted the sad incident and later operation Zarb-e-Azab launched to get rid of terrorists from our sacred homeland. Another student showed this incident through coffins and school shoes dipped in blood of innocent children. Around 500 students of the Department of Management Sciences participated in a peace walk at Abbasia Campus. Students of Fatima Girls Hostel remembered the martyrs by lighting candles. A security and first aid briefing was also held to train students in case of any emergency. Students of University Model School participated in a declamation contest and presented national songs.



Faculty and students marked the day with an awareness walk to highlight the sacrifice of APS students

Allama Iqbal Day Ceremony

A seminar was organized by Urdu and Iqbaliat Department in collaboration with the Persian and Media Studies departments on the 138th birth anniversary of the national poet and philosopher Allama Muhammad Iqbal. The event was part of the celebrations organized at all the campuses on the direction of Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor to commemorate Iqbal Day. The speakers paid rich tribute to Allama Iqbal and said that his personality, philosophy, poetry and perceptions are our national asset. The philosophy of Allama Iqbal is the beacon of light for the youth. The need of the hour is that students must become the flag bearers of the struggle for righteousness and truth. They must implement the self-respect for the building of individual and collective role because at this time the mother land needs the youth to apply continuous action, discipline and belief. Allama Iqbal also provided an obvious guidance in his message through poetry and philosophy. He studied the reasons of decline and shuttering of the Muslims of South Asia, analyzed various movements with this point of view that with reference to Muslims, what aspects are hidden in these movements. He also decided after complete consideration and the events and incidents that Muslims must be acquainted with Islamic teachings and traditions,

the urge for freedom must be produced in them and they must also be prepared for the renaissance of Islam. He had the feelings that the Muslims required a separate homeland for their specific conception. So, they must live there with dignity, unity and a powerful nation. On this occasion, Naeem Iqbal Bukhari, Director Cholistan Development Authority, Prof. Dr. Mushtaq Ahmed, Dr. Sajjad Ahmed Paracha and Dr. Mustafa Zaidi also addressed the audience. The students presented Kalaam e Iqbal literally and with melody. In another seminar at Pakistan Studies Department, scholars presented research papers under the topic of "Iqbal and the Youth of Today".



A seminar in connection with 138th birth anniversary of Allama Iqbal

Seminar on Financial Literacy



Faculty and students participating in the seminar

The Department of Economics, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur in collaboration with the Lahore Stock Exchange, Lahore organized a seminar on "financial

literacy initiative 2015". The resource persons Dr. Barkat Ali Anjum and Dr. Gull Muhammad Khan from Lahore Stock Exchange Lahore briefed on the importance of financial market in Pakistan and its role in economic development. They highlighted the importance of savings culture in an economy and discussed the role of stock market to channelize the savings to investment. Dr. Rana Ejaz Ali Khan, Chairman Economics Department delivered an extensive lecture on the mechanism of financial markets in Pakistan. He also explained the techniques to choose the company for investment in stock exchange.

Written Test for Lecturer Posts



Candidates participating in written test

The process of the recruitment on the vacant seats of lecturers delayed since 2012 was started in the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. In this regard written test for lecturer's posts in 21 departments was held. The written test was organized under the auspices of National Testing Services. A total of 1,786 candidates appeared in the test. It

is worth mentioning that five large selection boards for the post of Assistant Professors' vacant seats have been held. Similarly scrutiny of 46,000 applications for the vacant non-teaching posts has also been completed and the written tests and interviews are being undertaken. The university was facing acute shortage of manpower in teaching and non teaching departments for the last seven years. In this regard advertisements were published but no recruitment could be made on the posts of teachers and administrative staff. However, the process of written tests and interviews is being conducted on priority to fill the vacant posts of teaching and non teaching staff.

Annual Projects Exhibition at UCET

Annual IEEE Projects Exhibition was held at University College of Engineering & Technology. Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor while inaugurating the exhibition said that the industrial revolution in the country is not possible without the mutual collaboration of industrial organizations and academic institutions. Industrial and commercial organizations must take the benefit of the innovative inventions of the young students, so that the products based on novelty and expertise may be promoted in the market. Around 250 students entered their 83 projects from Electrical, Electronics, Telecommunications and Computer System Engineering. The Vice Chancellor said that the students have presented modern projects keeping in view the current environment, social and economic situation, which amply proves their immense skill and potential. The students on the basis of their capability have also presented solution of various problems by applying latest technology, which is undoubtedly highly commendable. In this exhibition the students, apart from

solar system, also generated electricity through nontraditional modules, wireless alarming, security system, the robotic machine to clear land mines and fire fighting vehicles, special portals for providing information about agriculture, robot controller green houses, anti-terrorism squad, smart railway system, on line and rental shopping modules, wheel chair controlled with sound for disabled persons, and projects similar to these were also presented. On this occasion Prof Dr Muhammad Asghar Hashmi, Dean Faculty of Science, Dr. M. Amjad Principal UCET, and students of Electrical, Electronics, Tele-Communication and Computer System were present.



Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor visiting the Engineering projects exhibition

IUB Celebrates Anticorruption Week

Fifteen day celebrations were organized with reference to anticorruption in collaboration with the Higher Education Commission, National Accountability Bureau, Higher Education Department Punjab and Directorate of Anti Corruption Punjab. In these celebrations special seminars, Urdu and English debates, essay writing, paintings, posters competitions were held. A special seminar was held in which Regional Director Anti. Corruption Bahawalpur Akbar Ali Bhatti delivered a special lecture. Dean faculty of Pharmacy and Management Sciences Prof. Dr. Mahmood Ahmad and Dr. Rana Ejaz Ali Khan were also present on the occasion. There were two topics to be attempted in Urdu Essay writing competition. In Urdu essay competition, Rana Pervaiz of Political Science Department got 1st and Muhammad Touseef of Arabic Department was 2nd. In the English essay writing competition, the first topic was "Role of media in impeding or breeding Corruption" and the second topic was "Power makes a man corrupt and absolute

power make him absolutely corrupt." Muhammad Usman of Management Sciences got 1st position and Miss. Fatima Arif of same department got second position. In the Urdu speech contest, Hafiz Muhammad Salam Saeed of Management Sciences got 1st and Miss Sumaira Khan of Arabic Department got second position. In the English speech contest Miss. Warda Gul and Miss. Sharifa Ahmed Qazi of Management Sciences got 1st and 2nd positions respectively. Similarly, in the painting and poster design competition Faizan Shah and Hamid Hassan of University College of Art & Design got first and second position, respectively.



Faculty and students participate in seminar on anticorruption

Anti Dengue Campaign



Seminar to curb dengue at Agriculture College

A three-week anti-dengue campaign was launched in all campuses of the IUB with the collaboration of district administration in the light of Chief Minister Punjab Anti Dengue Programme. The first activity comprised of dengue awareness walk and distribution of information material in class rooms of education department. This was followed by Dengue awareness campaign in Faculty of Arts, prevention awareness through video clips and distribution of printed material in class rooms. Afterwards Dengue Awareness sessions held at Girls hostels with the extensive lecture by

Dr. Shazia Anjum, Director Cholistan Institute of Desert Studies and Ms. Imrana Ajmal, Dy. District Collector. The fourth activity of the series comprised of a seminar on dengue prevention/awareness at Ghotvi Hall, Abbasia Campus. A dengue awareness seminar under the aegis of the University College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences, College of Veterinary and Animal Science and Department of Life Sciences was also held at Faculty of Science Auditorium. IUB medical division has been specially directed to promote the campaign and similarly, Estate Care Division has been advised to maintain cleanliness and eradication of stored water in the buildings.



HEC and PVMC Recognize IUB DVM Programme

Higher Education Commission and Pakistan Veterinary and Medical Council included Veterinary College of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur among the recognized institutions for veterinary degree (DVM). In this connection, a list of 14 recognized universities was published in various newspapers. It is pertinent to mention here that the College of Veterinary and Animals Sciences

was established at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur in 2006 to provide veterinary education to local youth and medical facilities for livestock of Cholistan and adjacent areas.

Video Conference on Drugs and Tobacco Abuse



Video conference on drugs & tobacco abuse

Faculty and students of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur attended a seminar through video link on the topic of "drugs and tobacco use, trends, impact and control" organized at the Higher Education Commission, Islamabad. The speakers said that according to available

data in 2013, 6.7 million people around the world are drug addicts which include 78 percent males and 22 percent females. Similarly, 2.5 percent young people between the age group of 15 to 19 years are also victims of drugs while 6 million people die every year due to smoking globally. It is unfortunate that Pakistani society is also badly affected by this menace and it is the need of the hour to save our people by raising awareness about the harmful consequences of tobacco and drugs. Educational institutions should be declared smoke free to keep our students safe from drugs and tobacco.

Intervarsity Archery & Wushu Women's Championships at IUB



IUB hosted Archery and Wushu sports events at university sports complex

International Conference on Semi Conductors In Finland



Prof. Dr. Muhammad Asghar Hashmi, Dean Faculty of Science, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur attended the International Conference on Defects in Semiconductors (ICDS) recently held in Finland. He presented a paper on "Growth and Characterization of 4H-SiC by Thermal Evaporation System Using Boat".

During his stay, Dr. Hashmi also met with Prof. Dr. T. Son of Linköping University, Sweden and Prof. Dr. Oleg Soltanovich from Russia who appreciated his research work

and offered collaboration in future work. They proposed to grow P-type 4H-SiC by defusing boron into 4H-SiC layer. This will provide p-n junction of 4H-SiC to generate high efficiency blue light. This LED will solve lighting problem in villages at a cost of just four battery cells. This innovative project will be submitted to the Higher Education Commission/Pakistan Science Foundation.

HEC Research Grant for Livestock Food



Dr. Muhammad Naem Tahir, Assistant Professor, University College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur has been awarded a Higher Education Commission's funded research project worth Rs. 3.2 million under the National Research Programme. This unique

research project will provide vital information to livestock farmers of the research area and will be completed in a period of 12 months.

Research Grant for Dairy Development



Punjab Agricultural Research Board (PARB) approved a research grant of Rs. 48.652 million under the Competitive Grant System (CGS) for camel research project of Dr. Zahid Kamran, Assistant Professor Animal Nutrition, University College of Veterinary & Animal Sciences, The Islamia University of Bahawalpur.

This project will not only help in generating reliable information on milk production and reproductive efficiency

of Cholistani camel but will also serve as a foundation to increase camel productivity in future. University of Veterinary & Animal Sciences Lahore and Livestock & Dairy Development Department Punjab are the collaborating institutions in this project and it will be completed in a period of 4 years.

HEC Research Grant in Life Sciences



Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Assistant Professor, Department of Life Science, won a grant of Rs. 4.5 Million from the Higher Education Commission under the National Research Programme. This project will study the health effects of pesticides on agriculture and industrial workers.

HEC Grant for Botanical Research



Dr. Nargis Naz of the Department of Life Science won Rs. 3.5 million grant from the Higher Education Commission for botanical research. She will focus on a Cholistani herb useful for livestock food.

Turkish University Offered Life Time Achievement Award to IUB Faculty Member

Prof. Dr. Najeeb Jamal, Ex Dean, Faculty of Arts was given the life time achievement award by Istanbul University for his commendable services in Urdu literature. He also participated in 100 year celebrations of Urdu teaching in Turkish universities.



International Chemistry Conference



Dr. Muhammad Saleem, Associate Professor, Department of Chemistry, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur attended the Second European Conference on Natural Product Chemistry in Frankfurt, Germany. Dr. Saleem also visited the Institute of Pharmaceutical Biology, University of Tuebingen, Germany and presented his research presentation on medicinal herbs of Cholistan Desert as indigenous sources for drug discovery. Senior German Scholar Prof. Dr Harald Gross appreciated the presentation and will visit Bahawalpur under Humboldt Foundation's Group Linkage Programme for research work.

IUB Faculty Member Attend International Conference in Amman



Dr. Maqsood Ahmed, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry attended the SESAME (Synchrotron Light for Experimental Science and Applications in Middle East) Users' Meeting held in Amman, Jordan. The meeting brought together scientists from the region and world experts in the various fields of synchrotron applications, and provided a platform for information exchange and discussions of ongoing collaborative efforts within the community. Pakistan is a major partner in the SESAME synchrotron which is about to be commissioned next year. The participants visited the synchrotron construction site and were briefed about the status of various beam lines.

Grant for Cotton Research



Higher Education Commission has released a research grant of Rs. 2.1 million for Dr Muhammad Aown Samar Raza, Assistant Professor Department of Agronomy, UCA &ES for research on cotton. Under the National Programme for Universities this research grant will be utilized for enhancing the growth of cotton and wheat in the areas facing water scarcity. The Southern Punjab, arid and semi arid zones are victim of shortage of water due to less rainfall, scarcity of underground water and few natural resources of water. In these places shortage of water can be checked with the method of partial root zone drawing to make the growth of the plant possible. This useful research for National Agriculture Economics will be completed in 36 months.

IUB Engineering Student Represents Pakistan in USA

Saad Atta Rind, a student of University College of Engineering and Technology represented Pakistan in the recently held Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers annual meeting of IEEE Industry Application Society in Dallas, capital city of Texas USA. In this meeting the experts assembled from all over the world to evaluate the usage of electrical technology in the development of industries. The young engineers consider it a great honour for them to participate in the conference, which provides them an opportunity to benefit from interaction with experts.



IUB Wins Business Ideas Competition in GIKI

The students of the Department of Management Sciences, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur won three titles in the National Business ideas competition in Ghulam Ishaq Khan Institute (GIKI). First position was given to IUB group I comprising of Afshin, Maheen, Palwasha, Niha Khalid and Gohar, second position secured by Waqas Ahmad, Salman, Muaaz and Umair while Waqar, Mansoor, Iqar, Rida and Zia got third position.

IUB gets Second Position in HEC Sports Ranking

IUB secured second position in the recent ranking announced by the Higher Education Commission for the year 2013-14 for the public sector universities in the inter-varsity sports championships for men and women players. Among all public and private sector universities IUB claimed 5th position. According to HEC ranking, IUB secured a total of 1,282 points in the men's category in the games of Archery, Baseball, Boxing, Cycling, Hockey, Jujitsu, Judo, Kabaddi, Mountaineering, Taekwondo, Rowing, Rugby, Shooting, Skiing, Wrestling, Weightlifting and Wushu. Similarly, IUB secured 1,077 points in the women's category in



the games of Archery, Baseball, Badminton, Cricket, Cycling, Jujitsu, Judo, Karate, Taekwondo, Rifle, Shooting, Skiing, Swimming, Tennis and Wushu.



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