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## 10<sup>th</sup> Convocation Ceremony



Syed Raza Ali Gillani, Minister, Higher Education, Punjab and Pro Chancellor IUB said that education is the top most priority of the Government and all resources have been dedicated for the welfare and promotion of the youth. The Minister expressed these views during the ceremony of 10<sup>th</sup> convocation of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. On this occasion, the Pro Chancellor conferred degrees to 1565 graduates of academic session 2014 including 17 PhD and 25 MPhil scholars, besides 134 gold medalists and 131 silver medalists. He said that our youth has immense potential and guarantees bright future that is a reason; the present government is investing in education. He congratulated the degree holders and advised them to benefit the society with their knowledge and skills. He said that we are facing huge challenges of global economic competition, only our youth with its capabilities can help to



overcome these challenges. The Minister termed CPEC, a great game changer, shaping our future and a great opportunity for our youth to brighten their career development. He also felicitated the graduating students and their parents. He praised the progress and development in all departments of the university during the tenure



of Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor in a short span of two years. He advised graduates to follow three principles unity, faith and discipline given by Father of the Nation Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah and dedicate themselves for the country. On this occasion, Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor briefed about academic, administrative and developmental activities going on in university campuses. He said that he has focused on academic excellence ensuring academic, administrative and fiscal discipline as a result the university has jumped in





general ranking from 51<sup>st</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> position. After recruitment of 128 faculty members through eight mega selection boards, faculty deficiency has been met successfully while highly competent professionals have been hired through merit based recruitment system. Long delayed mega projects have been completed while new projects are being proposed to federal and provincial governments. He added that all three university campuses in Bahawalpur and Bahawalnagar campus have been secured by the construction of

boundary walls in a record period of time to ensure security of students and employees which has been highly appreciated by the government. He praised the government for benefiting IUB students with thousands of laptops and scholarships worth millions. He thanked the Minister and other dignitaries for attending convocation ceremony. During his visit the Minister also inaugurated USAID provided Educational Training building worth Rs. 270 million at Baghdad ul Jadeed Campus.



## Tremendous Improvement in Education Sector



Governor Punjab and Chancellor Malik Muhammad Rafique Rajwana said that Government has taken tremendous steps for promotion of education in the country according to the vision of Muhammad Nawaz Sharif, Honourable Prime Minister of Pakistan. Educational budget has been doubled and special attention is being paid towards higher education sector by improving standards in

teaching and research. The Governor expressed these views during a meeting with Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Ghazi University, Dera Ghazi Khan in a seminar organized by National Accountability Bureau Multan. On this occasion, the Vice Chancellor said that the university has shown extraordinary improvement in the HEC ranking by jumping from

51<sup>st</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> position in a short period of one year due to administrative, academic and fiscal reforms. As many as 128 faculty members have been appointed as a result of 8 selection boards. Hiring of professionals in non-teaching departments has also produced good results. Mega construction projects of Bahawalnagar, Rahim Yar Khan, Agricultural College and Sports Complex delayed since many years have been completed. The Vice Chancellor apprised the Chancellor that Study Park and Day Care Center which were inaugurated by him have been completed and are fully functional. The Governor also appreciated the conduct of mega PEEF event and participation of Mian Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif, Chief Minister Punjab in the event. The Vice Chancellor also briefed the Governor about various administrative initiatives taken at Ghazi University, Dera Ghazi Khan.



## Minister of State for Education Inaugurates University College of Agriculture



Engineer Muhammad Baligh ur Rehman, Minister of State for Education along with Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor inaugurating Agriculture College building

Engr. Mian Muhammad Baligh ur Rehman, Minister of State for Education and Interior Affairs inaugurated building of University College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. The college completed at a cost of Rs. 421 million is part of three mega projects which had been delayed during the last seven years, however with strenuous efforts of Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor, all these projects have been completed during last two years. In his address on this occasion, the Minister said that under the visionary leadership of Muhammad Nawaz

Sharif, Prime Minister, Pakistan is rising on the global horizon as an emerging economy. The renowned rating agencies are declaring Pakistan as the best country for foreign investment. The China-Pakistan Economic Corridor is converting Pakistan into a land of opportunities and economic and social hub in the region. Energy crises has been almost controlled and new industries like tourism are flourishing in the country. Highest budgetary allocations have been provided to education by spending record amount of Rs. 1800 billion in this sector. He expressed his satisfaction that the illustrious seat





of learning of Southern Punjab, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur has achieved another milestone with the completion and inauguration of building of University College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences. He hoped that the handing over of this building to the Agriculture College will help to facilitate the faculty and students in their quest of knowledge and research. He added that in a country where agriculture directly contributes to almost 20% of the gross domestic product, and provides direct employment to 45% of the work force along with raw material supply to 70% of the industry, it is imperative that we focus on imparting modern agricultural education to our youth and provide them all the gadgets required for research in this vital sector. He said that the Islamia University of Bahawalpur will play its leading role in this connection by developing and enhancing the expertise of scientists and researchers associated with the College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences. He praised recent academic and administrative steps taken by the present leadership of the University and said that the academic, administrative and fiscal reforms

introduced by Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor have brought the university on right track. On this occasion, Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor said that currently our country is passing through a transition period and both Federal and Provincial Governments are making sincere efforts making Pakistan a prosperous country with a clearly defined development strategy. It is now responsibility of the people to become part of this development process as a nation. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur has already accepted this challenge by bringing a cultural change in the university, aligning infrastructure development with human resource development. The ultimate goal is to produce such graduates who become useful citizens, participative in this transition phase to make the country stronger and prosperous. He said that recently faculty of education was inaugurated and Study Park is completed as a unique facility for girl students. The Agricultural College will now open new avenues of research in agriculture sector helping local farmers and strengthening agriculture based economy.



Engineer Muhammad Baligh ur Rehman, Minister of State for Education, Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor and faculty members on the occasion of inaugural ceremony of Agriculture College building at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur



Syed Raza Ali Gillani, Minister, Higher Education, inaugurating the Education Faculty Building provided by the USAID, Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor, IUB and Prof. Dr. Tallat Afza, Vice Chancellor, GSCWU are also present on this occasion



## Ceremony to Promote Reading Habits of Students



Engr. Mian Muhammad Baligh Rehman, Minister of State for Education and Punjab Minister for Education Rana Mashhood Ahmad Khan launched a project for the promotion of book reading among school children at Ghulam Muhammad Ghotvi Hall, Abbasia Campus. Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur also graced the occasion while MNA Begum Parveen Masood Bhatti, MPAs Afzal Gill, Dr Syed Waseem Akhtar, Khalid Warren, Shoaib Owaisi, Fauzia Ayub Qureshi and Hasina Naz and DCO Dr. Ahtesham Anwer Mahar distributed magazines and books among children and teachers. Welcoming the launch of the project, the Provincial Education Minister announced that the Punjab government would introduce it across the province. He advised to instill the habit of book reading into children, regretting that it had been fading. He also underlined the need for the capacity-building of school children along with the capacity-building of their teachers. Mr. Mashhood dwelt at length on the measures taken for the promotion of education sector by the government and claimed that in many recent surveys Punjab had been ranked number one in the education sector while the Khyber

Pakhtunkhwa stood second. He said education was on the road to progress due to government steps like increase in its annual budget from Rs. 62 billion in 2006 to Rs. 312 billion this year, merit in recruitment of 82,000 educators and end of malpractices in exams and construction of 36,000 additional classrooms. He said it had been decided to start the book reading at the Class V level in public schools and it would be compulsory for the schools to expose the children to book reading. He said there were about 20,000 boys and girls in Class V in public schools of Bahawalpur district and the district government was introducing them to book reading with the collaboration of the Ferozesons.



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

## —Salam Teachers Day Ceremony at Ghotvi Hall—



The total number of students enrolled in schools of Punjab has risen from 8 million to 12.5 million because of the untiring efforts of teachers, said Punjab Education Minister Rana Mashhood Ahmad Khan while addressing as the chief guest at a ceremony held in the Islamia University of Bahawalpur in connection with the World Teachers Day. The Minister said considering the increase in number of students in schools, the

construction of 36,000 new classrooms has been approved. He said teachers played a vital role in the society and their hard work and commitment ensured quality education for the youth. "Teachers are role models for students and should utilize all their abilities to provide quality education and grooming of the children," he added. He said appointments of teachers throughout the province have been done on merit and the provincial



education department's budget has been increased by 36%. Throughout the province, 150,000 teachers have been recruited and now 70,000 more teachers will be appointed, he added. School councils will be activated for overseeing construction work in schools and improving education. In appreciation of the teachers' hard work in remote areas, VIP Cards will be issued to them that will allow them to avail discounts up to 50% at pharmacies, diagnostic laboratories, hospitals, doctor appointments, hotels, restaurants and transportation. He was highly appreciative of the fact that high-achieving students in Punjab hailed from poor families and

urged them to continue their education as the government would help them with their studies. While addressing the audience, Punjab Cooperatives Minister, Malik Muhammad Iqbal Channar said teachers were the saviors of the nation and would take the youth forward. "Throughout the world teachers hold respect. Every individual working in any kind of field is there due to the teachers' efforts," he added. Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, DCO Dr. Ahtasham Anwar Mahar, faculty members and representatives of civil society and media attended the event.



## Seminars and Mahafil e Naat on Eid Milad ul Nabi (Peace Be Upon Him)



The Islamia University of Bahawalpur organized several events on the holy occasion of Eid Milad ul Nabi (Peace Be Upon Him). These events included Interfaculty Naat Khawani and Seminars, Grand Mehfil-e-Naat and Seminar at Ghulam Muhammad Ghotvi Hall. Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor, faculty members, officers and students attended naat khawani and seminar while Prof. Dr. Saeed

Ahmad, Chairman Islamic Studies Department, Garrison University, Lahore delivered an extensive lecture. Senior Advocate Mukhtar Ahmad Farani, Malik Habib Ullah Bhutta and representatives of media and civil society were also present during the seminar. On direction of Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor, first time in university's history, meal was distributed among 800 employees on Eid Milad ul Nabi (Peace Be Upon Him) Day. University buildings in all the campuses were beautifully illuminated on this holy occasion.



Beautifully illuminated gate of Abbasia Campus on Eid Milad ul Nabi (PBUH)



## Syndicate Meeting

The 64<sup>th</sup> meeting of Syndicate of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur was held under the chair of Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor. It was 6<sup>th</sup> meeting of the syndicate held during the last two years. The members lauded the efforts of the Vice Chancellor for bringing extraordinary improvement in all departments of the university. The members reviewed important administrative, academic and fiscal matters and approved various steps taken by the university administration.

Allocation of 15 percent quota for women in public service employment as well as adoption of the government of the Punjab policy for grant of payment to the legal heirs of deceased employees was approved. Recommendations of recently held selection board, selection committee and academic council were also approved. Matters related to appointment of teaching heads and extensions in service of contract employees were also considered. The syndicate also approved amended rules in pension and travel allowance.



## Academic Council Meeting

Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur chaired the 44<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council at Abbasia Campus. The council approved revised syllabi of Statistics, BSc Electronics, Electrical, Computer System and Telecommunication Engineering.

The members also reviewed examination rules of various programmes in Pharmacy, LLB and Economics departments besides considering course code details. Appointment of internal and external supervisors for various examinations was also discussed.



## 70<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Advanced Studies and Research Board

The 70<sup>th</sup> meeting of Advanced Studies and Research Board of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur was held under the chair of Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor. The board

approved registration of 35 scholars in various PhD programmes and appointed supervisors for PhD and MPhil research work.





## Ministry of Education organized Seminar on Education Information System

National Education Information System Academy of Educational Planning Management Wing, Federal Ministry of Education organized a three day training workshop at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. Engineer Muhammad Baligh ur Rehman, Minister of State for Education and Interior Affairs and Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor also graced the concluding session of the workshop and distributed certificates among participants.



## International Pharmacy Conference

Emerging Role of Pharmacist in Patient Centered Care

January 12-14, 2017

Organized by

Faculty of Pharmacy and Alternative Medicine,  
The Islamia University of Bahawalpur  
In collaboration with Higher Education Commission of Pakistan



The Islamia University of Bahawalpur in collaboration with the Higher Education Commission organized International Conference on Pharmacy Practice (ICPP-2017) at Abbasia Campus. This three day event on the theme of "emerging role of pharmacists in patient centered care" was inaugurated by Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Ghazi University, Dera Ghazi Khan. As many as 122 delegates including 22 speakers and 6 keynote speakers from Malaysia, Qatar and various Pakistani Universities participated in the event. The Vice Chancellor termed the conference a splendid opportunity for educationists, researchers and graduates of pharmacy to share their knowledge and views with national and international experts. He said the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, as an educational hub, is playing a distinguishing role

in furthering the nation's social and economic development through research and development and providing skilled man-power. Pharmacy plays a vital role in medical science and pharmacists have a major role to play in patient care and in the coming decades pharmacists are expected to become more integral with-in the health care system. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur established Department of Pharmacy in 1991. The faculty is one of pioneer institution to start higher degree programmes in pharmacy practice with foreign qualified faculty with the aim to train students in social, behavioural, and economic aspects of pharmacy practice. These programmes aim to train graduates with concept of professionalism, health care system, and pharmacy practice in institution and community settings, pharmaceutical care and professional ethics. He



welcomed the national and International delegates and appreciated the efforts of conference organizers. Prof. Dr. Mahmood Ahmad, Dean, Faculty of Pharmacy, Prof. Dr.

Naveed Akhtar, Chairman Department of Pharmacy and foreign delegates also spoke on this occasion.



Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor along with participants of International Pharmacy Conference

## First International Salinity Conference

The Islamia University of Bahawalpur in collaboration with the Higher Education Commission and Punjab Agriculture Research Board organized First International Salinity Conference at Baghdad ul Jadeed Campus. As many as 109 delegates from Turkey, Oman and various Pakistani universities and organizations attended the event. Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Ghazi University, Dera Ghazi inaugurated the conference. He said that Pakistan being an agrarian country depends on agricultural products as a major part of national economy. However, imports are higher than exports and our agriculture revolves around five crops while advanced countries have capacity to grow many more crops in a season. Pakistan started facing salinity and water logging problem during 1960s. Despite of having the best irrigation system, our agriculture is facing many

problems due to various environmental challenges. On one hand we face water scarcity and on the other hand we waste plenty of irrigation water in the sea. We have vast cultivated lands but keep facing low productivity issues. However, the Government of the Punjab has devised a comprehensive agricultural policy first time in the history of the province which is bringing fruitful results. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur being a leading university of the region is playing its role actively to promote agriculture research. He appreciated the organizers for conducting a mega event. The conference brought together international and national researchers academicians, administrators, students and farmers involved in salt tolerance related research and will be a good opportunity for learning, discussions and sharing, expertise relevant to social and economical impact of salinization. It explored



Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor along with delegates during the inaugural session of International Salinity Conference



new dimensions and challenges to develop plants with improve a salt tolerance and use of brackish water on sustainable basis. Prof. Dr. Asghar Hashmi, Dean, Faculty of Science and Prof. Dr.

Muazzam Jamil, Principal University College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences also spoke on this occasion.



Participants of First International Salinity Conference

## Seminar on Punjab Agriculture Policy



Engineer Muhammad Baligh ur Rehman, Minister of State for Education delivering address during agricultural seminar

Engineer Muhammad Baligh ur Rehman, Minister of State for Education, said that the Punjab government's initiative of formulating the Punjab Agriculture Policy will help to address issues of the farmers and ensure food security as the province is hub of agriculture production. He was addressing a consultative session on the Punjab Agriculture Policy arranged at the Regional Agriculture Research Station Bahawalpur. He said that the government was making all-out efforts to address the farmers' problems. He said that the government had launched the Kissan Package to provide relief to the farmers. The government was setting up a livestock university in Bahawalpur that would help to provide a trained manpower in the area. He said that cholistan was having the heat-tolerant livestock on which research must be carried out to multiply it. He said that promotion of education was one of the priorities of the

government. The education budget was Rs. 41 billion three years ago, now it had been raised to Rs. 91 billion. Talking about reservoirs, the minister said that the government was taking steps to build new reservoirs, including Bhasha dam and Dasu dam. He said that the government had overcome the power outages by launching the power projects. He said that loadshedding would end by 2018 while power tariff would also come down the same year. Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, Prof. Dr. Iqbal Ahmad Khan, Vice Chancellor, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad, Prof. Dr. Asif Ali Khan, Vice Chancellor, Muhammad Nawaz Sharif University of Agriculture Sciences, Multan, former parliamentarian Makhdum Ahmed Alam Anwer, progressive farmers Malik Habibullah Bhutta, Haji Muhammad Arshad, Abdul Rehman Fahim and Ms. Azra Sheikh were also present on



## Annual Degree Show at College of Art and Design



Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor and Prof. Salima Hashmi former Principal, National College of Arts, Lahore jointly inaugurated Annual Art Exhibition at College of Art &

Design. The final year's students presented art pieces of painting, print making, miniature, sculpture, graphic and textile design. Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq in his address

said Bahawalpur region has a rich cultural heritage linked to Mohenju Daru, Harappa and Hakra Valley. The students have beautifully presented their local art in modern medium. The university patronizes talented students and invites renowned personalities to acquaint them with the latest developments in relevant fields. Prof. Salima Hashmi praised the talented expression of students in various arts mediums. On this occasion, College Principal Dr. Nasrullah Khan Nasir briefed about the Annual Degree Show.



IUB students performing in Pakistan Day Ceremony at Bahawalpur Garrison



Newly elected Mayor Bahawalpur Aqeel Najam Hashmi called on Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor at his office and praised his contribution in academic uplift of the University



## PEACE Seminar



The Islamia University of Bahawalpur in collaboration with the Punjab Higher Education Commission's Special Working Group to Promote Peace, Tolerance and Diversity in Universities of Punjab organized a peace seminar at main auditorium, Baghdad ul Jadeed Campus. Hundreds of faculty members and students paid tribute to sacrifices of teachers and students of Army Public School, Peshawar who faced cowardly attack of terrorists with bravery. The speakers said that the whole nation stands united against menace of terrorism and fully supports

the efforts of Government of Pakistan and Pakistan Army to eliminate it. They said that enemy wants to target our security and prosperity but our people with their resilience and zeal will successfully overcome this challenge. The speakers included Prof. Dr. Mamuna Ghani, Dean Faculty of Arts, Prof. Dr. Razia Musarrat, Dean Faculty of Islamic Learning, Dr. Shahid Hassan Rizvi, Dr. Muzamil Bhatti, Zeeshan Tabasum and PhD scholars Asim Shuja Saqlain and Zeeshan Athar.



## QEC Seminar

The Quality Enhancement Cell, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur organized a training workshop on Quality Assurance Mechanism for administrators of public and private affiliated colleges. Dr. Saeed Ahmad Buzdar, Director QEC

briefed the participants about HEC quality standards, college portfolio report and incentives to promote quality culture in educational institutions.



Participants of the seminar of quality standards at college level education



## Seminar on Autism

A seminar on Autism was held in connection with International Day of Persons with Disabilities at Abbasia Campus. Ms. Rukhsana Shah, Director, Autism Spectrum Disorder Resource Center, Lahore in her lecture clarified that people suffering from autism can live a normal life with proper support. In USA, every 68<sup>th</sup> persons is suffering from this disease including renowned

personalities like Sir Isaac Newton, Albert Einstein and Bill Gates. It is important to mention that the Islamia University of Bahawalpur is highly focusing on providing special incentives to special people including jobs, pick and drop services for students and special people friendly buildings.



## Geographical Information Exhibition



Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor inaugurated 6<sup>th</sup> Geographical Information System Maps Exhibition. Final year's students of Department of Geography presented maps



highlighting regional and national geographical, social, political and economical aspects which could be helpful in planning and development.

## Seminar on Animal Rights Day



The seminar on International Animal Rights Day jointly organised by the District Administration Bahawalpur and the Islamia University of Bahawalpur held at Ghulam Muhammad Ghotvi Hall to create awareness on the animal rights. The speakers in their papers and presentations elaborated on animal protection, slaughtering, feeding and living conditions. They urged the pet owners to pay special attention towards the animals they owned. District Coordination Officer, Dr. Ahtisham Anwer Maher said that the district administration took upon itself to suggest

amendments to the law to provincial government. He said a campaign would be launched at school level, comprising painting, essay-writing and speech competitions among students on the theme of 'Animals our friends'. He said four study groups of IUB students had been constituted for research in livestock, dairy, poultry and 'beasts of burden' categories. A separate group would research the issues of animals kept in Bahawalpur Zoo, he added. The District Police Officer, Ashfaq Ahmad Khan said any complaint regarding the cruelty against



animals could be registered on police Helpline 15. He said officials of district, motorway and highway police and other law enforcement

agencies would also be sensitised on animals rights and implementation of relevant laws.



## — Fellowship of Islamic World Academy of Sciences —



Prof. Dr. Shazia Anjum, Director, Cholistan Institute of Desert Studies awarded fellowship of a prestigious institution "Islamic World Academy of Sciences". Professor Dr. Shahzia

Anjum holds PhD in Medicinal Chemistry from HEJ Research Institute of Chemistry. She did her post doctorate from CSIC, Madrid, Spain.

## — National Seerat Conference Award —



Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Lecturer, Islamic Studies Department achieved award for presenting paper in National

Seerat Conference 2016 organized by the Federal Ministry of Religious Affairs.

## Faculty Member Attends Annual Pharmacy Conference in USA



Dr. Muhammad Akhtar, Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmacy, presented his research paper in AAPS Annual Meeting and Exposition held at Colorado Convention Center in Denver, Colorado, USA. The event was organized by American Association of Pharmaceutical

Scientists (AAPS), a world leading and prestigious organization in the research area of Pharmaceutics and Drug Delivery. More than 6500 scientists (academia & pharmaceutical industry), business leaders, government officials, and students from around the world (more than 50 countries) shared and learned the latest scientific advances and industry developments.

## — Faculty Member Returns after Completing PhD —



IUB faculty member, Abid Shahzad has recently completed his PhD in Education from Gent University, Belgium and has re-joined his duties at Department of Educational Training. Dr. Abid Shahzad studied at one of the leading European universities under FDP Scholarship Scheme of HEC. He completed his research project under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Martin Valcke. His PhD research topic was "Teacher Education in Pakistan: Studying teacher's cognitions and didactical strategies". Dr. Abid Shahzad's research is based on mixed method and experimental research design. His

research is focused upon the current state of the art as to the teacher's training, teaching strategies and teacher cognitions in the initial teacher education system in Pakistan. The value of research is paramount as the researcher set up an experimental study on student teachers while involving them in the reciprocal peer-tutoring (RPT) in the initial teacher education in Pakistan which is an innovation in the future teachers' preparation. It is hoped that his research findings would substantiate the current practices of teacher training in the ITE in Pakistan and would provide new-directions that are in progress in the developed countries.



## Pak MS organized Seminar

Pakistan Mathematical Society organized 42<sup>nd</sup> National Seminar in seven universities simultaneously through video streaming. On this occasion, internationally renowned energy expert Dr. Gulfaraz Ahmed delivered an extensive lecture on topic of "The Sovereignty of Abundance: A Romantic Peek into the future of Humanity". Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, president and founder Pakistan Mathematical Society also attended the seminar through video link. Dr. Gulfaraz Ahmed served as Federal Secretary, Ministry of Petroleum and Naturally Resources and Chairman, Oil and Gas Regulatory

Authority, Oil and Gas Company and member Nuclear Regulatory Authority, Senior Advisor United Nations Development Programme and member of 7<sup>th</sup> National Finance Commission. It is important to mention that Pakistan Mathematical Society is dedicated to supporting and encouraging those involved in research, teaching and learning of mathematics at all levels. Pak-MS organizes and supports seminars, workshops, lectures and conferences aimed at promoting mathematics in Pakistan. The Pakistan Council of Science & Technology has merited Pak-MS as one of the top ten NGOs of Science and Technology in Pakistan.



## Training Workshop on Bio Risk Management

University College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (UCV&AS), the Islamia University of Bahawalpur (IUB) in collaboration with Pakistan Biological Safety Association (PBSA) organized hands on training workshop on "Bio Risk Management in Biological Labs". The professionals participated belonged to Clinical labs, Pharmaceutical labs, Veterinary Diagnostic

labs, Life Science research labs and health care hospitals. They also demonstrated and professed the need for Biosafety and Biosecurity while handling infectious material. The experts suggested the implementation of the WHO Biosafety and Biosecurity recommendation in routine laboratory activities.



7<sup>th</sup> January 2017



## Inauguration of Squash Court



Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur inaugurated squash court for girl students at Baghdad ul Jadeed Campus. This squash court is part of Study Park developed in 7.5 acres of land having modern facilities of outdoor studies as well as sports. On this occasion, Vice Chancellor said

that youth is the future of our country and provision of healthy environment for curricular and co-curricular activities in the university is his top priority. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur is ranked on second position in public sector universities in sports ranking of the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan. Talking about the study park for girl students, he said that the foundation stone of the park was laid down by Honourable Governor Punjab and Chancellor Malik Muhammad Rafique Rajwana in August last year and within few months it has been completed with additional facilities of tennis court, basketball court and squash court. A cricket stadium has also been constructed in Baghdad ul Jadeed Campus and sports complex with state of the art facilities is completely functional now. A sports calendar is also being implemented to regularize sports activities.

## Inter Collegiate Sports Championship



Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, Vice Chancellor inaugurated the Intercollegiate Sports Women's Championship 2016 at Sports Complex. The event was participated by teams of 15 IUB

affiliated colleges. It is important to mention that IUB is ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> best public sector university in HEC sports ranking.



