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Governor Punjab and Chancellor, Engr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman, Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, and Pro Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Naveed Akhtar on the occasion of the 19th Convocation

The Islamia University of Bahawalpur celebrated 19th Convocation at the Khawaja Ghulam Farid Auditorium, Baghdad-ul-Jadeed Campus. Engr. Muhammad Baligh ur Rehman, Governor of the Punjab and Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur said that universities play a key

national development. Governor Punjab expressed these views while addressing the 19th Convocation of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. On the occasion, degrees to 1024 graduates, including 28 PhD, 66 MPhil, 79 gold and 68 silver medals were conferred. During his visit to the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, the

Education Endowment Fund (BEEF). He inaugurated the Centre for Sustainable Development Goals and the College of Art and Design annual degree show. Governor Punjab said that our educational institutions should produce graduates with high academic skills and excellent personal qualities. The Islamia

consortium, inter-cropping technology of maize and soybean crops, the establishment of National Cotton Breeding Institute, initiation of a pilot project in Cholistan on rain enhancement project with international cooperation to develop agro-economic zone, the establishment of first-of-its-kind



Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob presenting a memento shield to the Governor Punjab & Chancellor Engr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman

role in promoting a knowledge-based economy. Human resource development and advanced research are indispensable for

Governor of Punjab distributed more than PKR. 6.13 Million Scholarships to 48 students belonging to Balochistan under the Balochistan



Prof. Dr. Moazzam Jamil, Registrar IUB, Prof. Dr. Sajjad Ahmad Paracha, Controller Examination and Treasurer Prof. Dr. Abou Bakar on the occasion of the 19th Convocation

University of Bahawalpur has shown extraordinary progress in every department in the last few years. The establishment of an inter-university

Nursing College in any university are exemplary steps. Governor Punjab appreciated organizing of the Bahawalpur Literary and Cultural



Deans on the occasion of the 19th Convocation



Engr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman, Governor Punjab and Chancellor, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor awarding medals to scholars

Festival at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Bahawalpur Trade Fair to promote tourism. He said that the establishment of the Centre for Performing Arts and Digital Media Production is commendable. In his address, Vice Chancellor, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob said that the Islamia University of Bahawalpur has been included in the top 800 universities of the world in the Times Higher Education Rankings. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur is implementing teaching,

administrative, and financial reforms to join the top 100 world universities. Under these reforms, the number of faculties has increased from 7 to 15, and the number of departments has increased from 48 to 142. Around 2,000 full-time and part-time teachers are providing educational services to more than 65,000 students across seven campuses. More than 100 student societies have established at university faculty and department level for the character building of students. Along with the

activation of Khawaja Farid Chair and Sir Sadiq Muhammad Khan Abbasi-V Chair, Institute for Siraiki Language and Literature has also been established. Along with the addition of more than 40 buses to the university transport, the scope of this facility has been extended to the neighboring towns. As many as 28 selection boards and 63 selection committees were organized for the increase of competent and hardworking manpower in teaching and non-teaching fields, as a

result of which 3500 people were appointed. The development budget of the university increased from 3 billion to 12 billion, and the non-development budget increased from 3 billion to 8 billion. Along with that, Governor Punjab Engr. Muhammad Baligh ur Rahman also attended the condolence reference of late journalist Islam Zamir at Abbasia Campus and paid tribute to his journalistic services.



PhD Scholar receiving her degree from the Chancellor, Engr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman



Engr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman, Governor Punjab and Chancellor Inaugurating the Thesis Display Center at Hakra Art Gallery

Governor of the Punjab and Chancellor Engr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman inaugurates the SDGs Center

■ Governor of the Punjab and Chancellor Engr. Muhammad Baligh ur Rehman along with Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob Vice Chancellor inaugurated the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) Cooperation Center established at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. According to the Focal Person Prof. Dr. Rubina Bhatti, the SDGs Collaboration Center aims to make a meaningful impact in eradicating poverty, protecting the planet, public-private partnerships and cooperation to ensure peace and sustainable prosperity. The SDGs-2030 Agenda aims to provide a coherent and innovative framework for implementing a coherent and innovative strategy to accelerate progress on a priority basis. Including social security, social inclusion, environment, sustainability and innovation, economic development.



Engr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman, Governor Punjab and Chancellor Inaugurating the SDGs Center

Talent Hunt Youth Sports League Volleyball Provincial League (Men)

The Talent Hunt Youth Sports League Volleyball Provincial League (Men), organized by the Prime Minister's Youth Program and the Higher Education Commission, took place at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. The Chief Guest of the event was Governor Punjab Engr. Muhammad Baligh ur Rehman, Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Youth Affairs Ms. Shaza Fatima Khawaja and Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob were the guests of honor. On the occasion, Governor Punjab and Chancellor Engr. Muhammad Baligh ur Rehman said the youth constitute 60% of our population and are an asset to the economy. It is important that they are provided with the best opportunities in both education and extracurricular activities like sports to vitalize their energies. Prime Minister Youth Program is a link of this series which has been successfully running since 2013. Talent hunt is very important in Prime Minister Youth Program. SAPM on Youth Affairs Ms. Shaza Fatima Khawaja deserves congratulations for holding trials in remote areas of the country in collaboration with the Higher Education Commission and universities under the Prime Minister Youth Program. The Governor said that despite facing many challenges we are hopeful that the youth will be given guidance and equal



Governor Punjab and Chancellor, Engr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman along with Vice Chancellor, Engr. Prof Dr. Athar Mahboob giving a commemorative shield to Shaza Fatima Khawaja, Prime Minister's Adviser on Youth Affairs

opportunities. In this regard, sports, academies and resource centers are being established in 13 universities. With these measures, the name of Pakistan will undoubtedly be bright. Under the youth program, laptops will be distributed among students on merit. Prime Minister's Advisor on Youth Affairs Shaza Fatima Khawaja said that 12 different sports trials are being held at 25 places in the country's universities under the auspices of the Higher Education Commission. These provincial league sports competitions are aimed at creating

an atmosphere of competition and tolerance among the youth. Also, the Government of Pakistan will distribute 1 lac laptops. Apart from this, skill education has been given to hundred thousands of children under the Skills Development Programme. Vice Chancellor, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob said that the Islamia University Bahawalpur is actively working in the field of sports with the cooperation of Higher Education Commission and federal and provincial departments. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur

has been holding the second and fifth positions in Higher Education Commission Sports Ranking. It is an honor for the University to organize sports trials on behalf of Prime Minister Office, Higher Education Commission and Punjab Sports Board, talent hunt youth program and volleyball provincial league in the university. Meanwhile, 74 players have started sports trials under the Volleyball Provincial League in the Islamia University of Bahawalpur.



Governor Punjab and Chancellor, Engr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman, Vice Chancellor, Engr. Prof Dr. Athar Mahboob and Shaza Fatima Khawaja, Prime Minister's Adviser on Youth Affairs addressing the event

Consul General of the American Consulate in Lahore Mr. William K. Makaneole, visits the Islamia University Bahawalnagar Campus



Engr. Prof Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor along with Mr. William K. Makaneole Consul General of the American Consulate in Lahore and others



Engr. Prof Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor briefing to Mr. William K. Makaneole Consul General of the American Consulate in Lahore

■ Consul General of the American Consulate in Lahore Mr. William K. Makaneole, visited the Islamia University Bahawalnagar Campus. On the occasion Ms. Kathleen Gibilisco, Political and Economic Chief, Mr. Paul Garr, Public Affairs Officer and Amina Anas, Economist, were also present. On arrival at Bahawalnagar Campus, Vice Chancellor the Islamia University of Bahawalpur Engr. Prof.

Dr. Athar Mahboob welcomed the guests and gave them a detailed briefing about the ongoing teaching, research and development activities in all campuses of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. The 7 campuses of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur are spread across the three districts of Bahawalpur Division, Bahawalpur, Bahawalnagar and Rahim Yar Khan. The number

of students in the university is more than 65 thousand who are taught by 1800 faculty members in 148 departments. Mr. William K. Makaneole praised the university leadership and administration for the development projects of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, diversity of students from Punjab province and other parts of the country and research activities

in all campuses and the excellent performance of the last few years. On the occasion, collaboration and cooperation between American educational institutions and the Islamia University of Bahawalpur for teaching and research activities were also discussed. The American General Consul interacted with faculty officers and teachers and reviewed the curricular and co-curricular activities on campus. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob Vice Chancellor the Islamia University of Bahawalpur thanked Mr. William K. Makaneole and other officials for coming to Bahawalnagar campus and invited them to visit Bahawalpur campuses. Prof. Dr. Moazzam Jameel Registrar, Prof. Dr. Aboubakar Treasurer, Director Campus Dr. Rafaquat Ali, Prof. Dr. Asif Naveed Ranjha Director Advanced Studies and Chairman Department of Social Work, Rizwan Majeed Director of IT, Shahzad Ahmed Khalid Director Press, Media and Publications, Dr. Azhar Hussain Director Alumni Affairs, Prof. Dr. Maqshuf Ahmed Director Academics, Ms. Farkhunda Tahseen Director Planning and Development, Shahzad Asif Qureshi Project Director, Arif Ramooz Additional Registrar, Zafar Abbas Additional Registrar, Faseehuddin Gillani Executive Engr. Asad Ali Additional Director and other senior officials were also present.



Engr. Prof Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor presenting a memento shield to Mr. William K. Makaneole Consul General of the American Consulate in Lahore



Engr. Prof Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor along with Mr. William K. Makaneole Consul General of the American Consulate in Lahore visiting the Computer Lab and exchanging views with Students



Engr. Prof Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor presenting a memento shield to Mr. Paul Garr, Public Affairs Officer

Governor Punjab and Chancellor Engr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman visits IUB Bahawalnagar Campus

■ Governor Punjab and Chancellor Engr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman said the Islamia University, Bahawalnagar Campus is playing an important role in the context of social, cultural, business, and economic development of the region. Vice-Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob provided educational opportunities to the youth of the remote area of South Punjab by ensuring the establishment of new campuses of the university and the expansion and development of the existing campuses. They will not only play a key role in the development of the region. The Governor of Punjab expressed these views on the occasion of his visit to the Bahawalnagar campus and met the teachers and students. On the occasion, Governor of Punjab inaugurated the extension of the academic block constructed at a cost of 137 million rupees, campus guest house, water tank, director campus residence and parking. During his



Engr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman, Governor Punjab and Chancellor along with Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob Inauguration new buses for the Students

and an academic block have been included in the next year's plans on the direction of the vice-chancellor. He said that as the Federal Minister of

Chancellor the Islamia University of Bahawalpur Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob to select a suitable site for the campus in Manchanabad for Girls

Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob said that the number of departments in the campus has been increased from 9 to 25, the number



Punjab Governor and Chancellor Engr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman along with Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob inauguration of extension of the academic block, campus guest house, water tank, director campus residence and parking at Bahawalnagar Campus

visit, Governor Punjab inaugurated 2 new buses for Bahawalnagar campus also inaugurated. He said that the Islamia University of Bahawalpur has made extraordinary progress in every field in the last four years and the excellent faculty environment and excellent infrastructure of the campuses located in remote areas are commendable. He said that the construction of two girls' hostels

Education, he approved a grant of Rs 54 crore for Bahawalnagar Campus of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, Rs 86 crore for Bahawalpur Campus and Rs 72 crore for Rahim Yar Khan Campus. Rahim Yar Khan Campus was formally inaugurated in 2017. The Bahawalnagar campus will be further developed and a new university will be established at Bahawalnagar. The Governor of Punjab instructed Vice

Degree College in Manchanabad. He said that new campuses are being established in Hasilpur, Ahmedpur and Liaquatpur. The Vice-Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob and his team have given extraordinary development to the University and have established a prominent position across Pakistan. Work on Rain Enhancement Project is welcome. On this occasion, Vice

of students has increased from 2300 to 8500 and the number of teachers has also been increased. 5 state-of-the-art computer laboratories and HEC smart classrooms have been set up in the campus. In the transport in the campus, 9 buses and 1 coaster are providing travel facilities to the students of Chishtian, Haroonabad, Manchanabad and Bahawalnagar. On this occasion, the Vice-Chancellor



Mr. Shahid Afzal Durrani, Director, Career Counseling and Placement Center briefing to Engr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman, Punjab Governor and Chancellor



Engr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman, Punjab Governor and Chancellor laying the foundation stone of new Mosque



Engr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman, Punjab Governor and Chancellor planting a tree

also briefed the Governor Punjab on the ongoing teaching matters in the university. After inaugurating the development works in the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, Governor Punjab Engr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman had a detailed discussion with the teachers and students and reviewed the ongoing curricular and co-curricular activities in the campus. Governor Punjab Engr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman placed the foundation stone of the mosque in the campus. He planted

a sapling in the lawn of the campus and appreciated the beauty of the campus. On this occasion, Mian Alam Dad Lalika announced a government grant of 50 lac for the mosque of the Islamia University Bahawalnagar Campus. On this occasion, Member National Assembly Mian Abdul Ghaffar Watto, Director Campus Dr. Raffaaf Ali, Treasurer Rizwan Majeed, Controller of Examinations Prof. Dr. Sajjad Ahmed Paracha, Project Director Asif Shahzad, Director Press Media and Publications

Shahzad Ahmed Khalid, Director Students Affairs Dr. Azhar Hussain, Dr. Asif Naveed Ranjha, Shahid Durrani, Deputy Commissioner Bahawalnagar Zulfiqar Ahmed Bhawan, District Police Officer Ali Raza Shah, Chaudhry Noorul Hasan Tanveer, Malik Sajjad Alvi, Raja Shahid Mahmood, Mian Fidda Hussain Watto, Rana Abdul Rauf, Chaudhry Muhammad Jameel, Dr. Mazhar Iqbal. Chaudhry, Chaudhry Muhammad Arshad, Pir Adnan Asghar Bodla, Mirza Kamran Baig,

Shafiq Khan, Malik Asif Iqbal, Abbas Vito, Kashif Mahmood, Zahid Akram, Sufi Muhammad Akram, Rana Atif Rauf, Chaudhry Amanullah Bajwa, Syed Mazhar Ali Shah, Rao Imran Akhtar, Chaudhry Afzal, Abbas Bhatti, Mumtaz Bhatti, Rao Jafar Shaheen, Chaudhry Aslam, Rana Nasir Majeed, Rao Altaf, Rao Afzal, Mian Fayyaz Hussain Lalika, Umaidin Shahr and students were also present.



Engr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman, Punjab Governor and Chancellor, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor and others addressing the ceremony

Engr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman, Governor of Punjab and Chancellor distributes the Scholarships of Balochistan Education Endowment Fund



Engr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman Governor Punjab and Chancellor presenting scholarship cheque to Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor

Engr. Muhammad Baligh ur Rahman, Governor Punjab and Chancellor distributed the scholarships of Balochistan Education Endowment Fund among the students belonging to Balochistan of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. He said that Balochistan Education Endowment Fund(BEEF) is a remarkable initiative of the Balochistan government which is playing an important role in improving the quality of education. All the scholarships being given are purely on the basis of merit to the poorest but intelligent students. These scholarships have been issued by the Government of Pakistan and the Government of Balochistan for the promotion of education. The governor of Punjab expressed these views while addressing the ceremony of distributing scholarships of Rs. 11.35 million to 48 male and female students of Balochistan



Engr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman Governor Punjab and Chancellor along with Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor are distributing scholarships to the Balochistan students

studying at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. The Governor of Punjab said I am happy that the BEEF program of the Balochistan government is running on the pattern of the Punjab government. The PEEF program was started by the then Chief Minister Mian Shahbaz Sharif. Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob deserves special praise who contacted the Balochistan government for these

scholarships and played a key role in this work of national unity. Speaking on the occasion, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor said that to ensure transparency and merit in the BEEF scholarship scheme, BEEF has adopted a proactive approach through which scholarships are provided at the doorsteps of deserving students. The Vice Chancellor said that the Islamia University of Bahawalpur is ready to educate the youth of

Balochistan in the field of nursing through BEEF, which can be very beneficial in public health for the entire province. Muhammad Sohail, Chief Operating Officer of BEEF, said that the entire process of disbursing these scholarships from the required data from boards and institutions, verification and finally distribution of scholarships has been carefully designed and implemented in BEEF since the inception of the program. On the

occasion, Dr. Ghulam Hassan Abbasi, Director of Financial Assistance, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur said that 20,000 students of Jamia Islamia are receiving financial scholarships worth more than 90 crore rupees under various scholarship schemes from the federal and provincial governments as well as university sources.



Group photo of participants along with Engr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman Governor Punjab and Chancellor and Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor

Ceremony of Prime Minister Pakistan Electric Wheelchair Scheme for special University Students Phase 3

■ Governor Punjab Engr. Muhammad Baligh ur Rehman

participated in the ceremony of Prime Minister Pakistan Electric

Wheelchair Scheme for special University Students Phase 3

organized by Higher Education Commission at the Islamia University



Governor Punjab and Chancellor Engr. Muhammad Baligh- ur-Rehman along with Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob distributing electric wheelchair certificates among special students

of Bahawalpur. He also inaugurated 10 new buses for the Islamia University of Bahawalpur transport fleet during his visit to the University. Addressing the ceremony the Governor Punjab Engr. Muhammad Baligh ur Rehman has said that the provision of educational facilities to special students is to ensure the promotion of education on priority basis as per the vision of Prime Minister Mian Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif. He said that special students are undoubtedly useful and active citizens of the society. Provision of electric wheelchairs by the

a special access center in the university to help these students, providing infrastructure for their transportation, free pick and drop service, one-window and a university welfare society are good initiatives. He said that in the third phase, 250 electric wheelchairs are being distributed to different universities of the country. He said that during the Muslim League(N) era, the higher education sector was given prime importance and the budget of this sector was increased from rupees 34 billion to 120 billion. Provision of thousands of laptops to students,

Open University and also new colleges and polytechnic colleges were very useful steps for the development of this area. Vice-Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob said that Governor Punjab and Chancellor Engr. Muhammad Baligh ur Rehman's deep interest in teaching, research and development projects in the Islamia University of Bahawalpur are very important. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur is grateful to Federal Government and Higher Education Commission for providing electric wheelchairs for special students. The special team

the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and other institutions. Governor Punjab and Chancellor Engr. Muhammad Baligh ur Rehman along with Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob inaugurated 10 new buses for the University Transport Fleet. On the occasion Chief Transport Officer Khalil ur Rehman said that the transport fleet of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur operates in all campuses. Apart from the cities, it is providing transport facility to the students of the suburbs. The University has purchased 10 new buses from its



Governor Punjab and Chancellor Engr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman, Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob and Durr e Shahwar Sadozal Project Director Higher Education Commission along with special students

government to these students will definitely help them in their academic and other activities. He said that this is a much signified step on behalf of the Higher Education Commission. He said that the Islamia University of Bahawalpur is playing an exemplary role in providing facilities for special students. The Governor also praised the expansion and development of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur under the leadership of Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob for the welfare of students, especially the provision of facilities for special students. Establishing

fee waiver scheme, establishment of new universities, establishment of women's universities were key to the development of higher education in the country. As the Federal Minister of Education, he ensured provision of Rs. 850 million for the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, Rs. 550 million for Bahawalnagar Campus, and Rs. 750 million for Rahim Yar Khan Campus and these projects were completed during this period. Establishment of Women's University in Bahawalpur, establishment of Cholistan Veterinary and Animal University, campus of Allama Iqbal

of the university is working day and night to provide special access centers and many other facilities for special students of the university. On the occasion, the Project Director of the Higher Education Commission Durr e Shahwar Sadozai said that in the first two phases of the Prime Minister Pakistan Electric Wheelchair Scheme for University Students, 365 electric wheelchairs were distributed across the country and now another 250 electric wheelchairs are being distributed. Among them, 20 electric wheelchairs are being given to the students of

own resources. Governor Punjab while appreciating this initiative said that it is a very good initiative to provide comfortable and safe travel for students. Vice Chancellor Sadiq Women University Dr. Saiqa Imtiaz, Director HEC Lahore Ghafoor Ahmed Chaudhry, Principal Sadiq Public School David Dowdles, former MPA Fauzia Ayub, Dr. Rana Muhammad Tariq, Mian Shahid Iqbal, Deans Faculty, teachers and students participated in the ceremony.

Condolence Reference of late Mr. Islam Zamir

■ Muhammad Baligh ur Rehman paid rich and heartfelt tribute to veteran journalist, Islam Zamir and stressed the need to promote positive journalism in order to promote positive values in the society. He said this while addressing the Condolence Reference of the late veteran journalist and former head of Associated Press of Pakistan Bahawalpur Station, Mr. Islam Zamir. Remembering the services of veteran journalist, Islam Zamir, he said that society needed a positive

role of journalism. He rejected the impression that promoting fake news and negative journalism is a success, instead real achievement of success was in the promotion of positive journalism. He recalled that the late Mr. Islam Zamir played a positive and model role in the field of journalism and was famous for his value addition in the form of authentic and verified news. He said that Mr. Zamir was an eyewitness to several important and historical events in Bahawalpur and had also earned respect in

the circles of civil and military bureaucracy. He remembered that he joined meetings of his late father with senior journalists, Islam Zamir and his brother Khalid Zamir. He said that democracy was the best system which always encouraged everyone to get their due rights. He emphasized the need to promote positive values in society. Delivering his speech, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, Engr. Prof Dr. Athar Mahboob said that he enjoyed good company and

friendship with senior journalist, Islam Zamir. "Mr. Zamir was a loving person who always loved his friends and other people," he said. He said that Mr. Zamir told him about important events of Bahawalpur region who was an encyclopedia of information. He also recalled that Mr. Zamir gifted him a pair of white peacocks which was rare species of birds. Director, Public Relations Department, Government of Punjab, Mr. Nasir Hameed said that veteran journalist, Islam Zamir won the hearts



Governor Punjab, Engr. Muhammad Baligh-Ur-Rehman, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, and others distinguished present on Condolence Reference of late veteran journalist and former head of Associated Press of Pakistan Bahawalpur Station, Mr. Islam Zamir

of friends with his good attitude and behavior. He added that Mr. Zamir always loved the Holy Prophet (PUBH) and joined ceremonies of Rabi ul Awwal. Director, Radio Station, Mr. Sajjad said that he learned from senior journalist, Islam Zamir about important aspects of journalism. He said that Mr. Zamir had remarkable services for official media, APP as well as mainstream media. "Mr. Zamir had the status of a teacher in the field of journalism," he said. President, Bahawalpur Press Club,

Muhammad Akmal Chohan said that senior journalist, Islam Zamir played a significant role in the welfare of the journalism community as president of Bahawalpur Press Club. He said that it was an honor for the journalist community that IUB organized a condolence reference to the late, Islam Zamir, senior journalist and former head of APP Bahawalpur Station. He requested to Governor Punjab and Vice Chancellor, to make a scholarship for media studies in the name of Mr. Islam Zamir Scholarship.

Former President of Bahawalpur Press Club, Shahid Akhtar Baloch said that senior journalist, Islam Zamir was the identity of journalism in Bahawalpur. "The services of veteran journalist, Islam Zamir will remain in our memories for long time," he said. Senior journalist and Columnist, Inam Ul Haque Rashid said that veteran journalist, Islam Zamir worked a lot for the welfare of journalists and Bahawalpur Press Club. He said that in history, Zafar Ali Khan, Ahmad Nadeem Qasmi,

and, few other journalists promoted positive values of journalism, adding that as well as veteran Journalist, Islam Zamir promoted positive journalism in the Bahawalpur region. Civil society leader, Farooq Ahmad Khan said that veteran journalist, Islam Zamir was the star of journalism in Bahawalpur. Directorate of Outreach, Communication & Public Relations, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur organized the ceremony at Ghulam Muhammad Ghotvi Hall, Abbasia Campus.

Vice Chancellor meets with Ms. Dureshahwar Saddozai ,Project Director of the Higher Education Commission



Vice Chancellor, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob presenting a souvenir to Durr e Shahwar Sadozal Project Director Higher Education Commission

Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob said that the University is following the policy guidelines of the Higher Education Commission regarding special students. In this regard, these rules and regulations have been implemented with the approval of

the University Academic Council and the Syndicate. The Special Access Center is also actively providing services to such students. The Vice Chancellor expressed these views on the occasion of a meeting with the Project Director of the Higher Education Commission Ms. Dureshahwar Saddozai in his

office. On the occasion, he thanked Chairman Higher Education Commission Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed for providing electric wheelchairs under the Prime Minister Scheme for special students of the university. The representative of the Higher Education Commission said that she was very impressed

by the visit to Abbasia Campus and Baghdad ul Jadeed Campus. In particular, the establishment of the University Nursing College, the major solar power project, and the ornate building of the College of Art and Design are commendable.

Governor Punjab and Chancellor Engr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman inaugurates new buses



Engr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman Governor Punjab and Chancellor along with Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor Inauguration 10 new buses

■ Engineer Muhammad Baligh ur Rehman praised the measures taken for the welfare of students and employees at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur during his visit to the University. He appreciated the addition of 10 new buses to the

university transport fleet and lauded the Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob and the Transport Division for making the movement of students safe and comfortable. Giving a briefing on the occasion, Chief Transport Officer Khalil ur

Rahman said that in the last three and a half years, University has spent Rs. 550 million from its own resources for the purchase of new buses. The cost also included the purchase of 10 more buses and 2 coasters that will soon be running in the university

campuses. Additionally, in view of the increasing number of students, 20 buses have been procured from the market for rent. At present, 11 buses and 1 coaster at Rahim Yar Khan campus and 8 buses and 1 coaster at Bahawalnagar campus are providing travel facilities to employees and students, while 40 buses and 10 coasters are plying in Bahawalpur campus. In the last three and a half years, the university has also started bus service for the nearby towns of the campuses, which thousands of students have been saved from hostel and accommodation expenses, especially the female students who have a safe and comfortable travel facility in the evening after their academic activities. The bus services included in the suburbs of Bahawalpur, Bahawalnagar and Rahim Yar Khan are Sadiqabad, Kot Mithan, Khanpur, Minchanabad, Haroonabad, Hashilpur, Khairpur Tamiwali, Lal Sohanra, Yazman, AhmedPur East and Lodhran.

Times Higher Education's Impact SDGs Ranking 2023

■ In Times Higher Education's Impact SDGs Ranking 2023, Islamia University Bahawalpur has achieved a prominent position across Pakistan. In the newly released ranking, Islamia University Bahawalpur has been included in the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals with a score of 54.2 out of 1590 universities in the world, while maintaining the continuity of the achievements of the last three years with various goals at the national and international levels. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur has congratulated the teachers, employees and students, calling the extraordinary progress in the Impact Ranking in the last three years as a

precursor to the sustainable development of the university and the best future. With a score of 54.8 in quality education, Islamia University Bahawalpur's inclusion in 600-401 global universities is a testament to the excellent quality of education. He said that Islamia University Bahawalpur has achieved the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations which actually reflect the university's high quality of teaching and research, social and economic service and outreach. Acknowledgment of the performance of the university in these goals by a renowned international organization is undoubtedly a proof of the performance of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. Director Quality Enhancement Cell Prof. Dr.

Asadullah Madani said that the progress made in the last four years under the leadership of the Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob is clearly evident in the annual ranking of Times Higher Education. The score of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur was 40.6 in 2021, 53.3 in 2022 and 54.2 in 2023. In quality education, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur scored 401-600 with 54.8, gender equality 401-600 with 54.2 score, responsible production and consumption with 50.1 core 301-400 ranking and climate action score 27.2 with 401-600. 301-400 in poverty eradication, 201-300 with 49.5 score in hunger eradication, 801-1000 with 33.5 score in good health and well-being, 401-600 with 41.0 score in

clean water and sanitation, 401-600 with 50.3 score in affordability and clean energy, good work and economic 601-800 with a score of 43.6 in Development, 601-800 with a score of 32 in Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure, 601-800 with a score of 33.6 in the Inequality Reduction category, 401-600 with a score of 40.0 in Sustainable Cities and Communities, 401+ with a score of 13.2 in Life Under Water, Earth life 401+ ranking with a score of 34.1, 601-800 with a score of 44.9 in Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions and 801-1000 with a score of 49 in Partnership for the Goals.

Chairman Punjab Higher Education Commission Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir visits IUB

■ Chairman Punjab Higher Education Commission Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir said that the country can be given a high position at the world level only by converting the workforce into human wealth. In this regard, the role of universities is key, which can transform unskilled people into a professional workforce. Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir expressed these views while addressing a meeting of Deans, Directors, and Principal Officers of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur at the Vice Chancellor's Secretariat, Baghdad ul Jadeed Campus. He said that it is very gratifying that the Islamia University of Bahawalpur is making

progress in a positive direction under the leadership of Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob and the achievements accomplished at the teaching and research forum are worthy of imitation for all universities. Especially, the establishment of new departments in nursing, medical and allied health sciences, engineering and information technology and other issues and providing a large number of admissions for male and female students is a very good initiative. He said that he was very happy to visit the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and the historic Abbasia Campus of university, also visited the Solar

Park at Baghdad ul Jadeed Campus. He said that he had the pleasure of visiting the College of Nursing, Institute of Business, Management and Administrative Sciences, Sports Complex, Health Center, Pharmacy and other departments. He said that the Baghdad ul Jadeed campus is undoubtedly the fulfillment of a dream and such a dream is a center of knowledge that quenches the thirst of knowledge for students living in the length and breadth of the country. Today in the Islamia University of Bahawalpur students from Gilgit-Baltistan to remote areas of Balochistan are engaged in teaching and research activities

with local students. He said that the steps taken by the Islamia University of Bahawalpur for national food self-sufficiency and restoration of agricultural economy are very welcoming. In this regard, the initiation of a pilot project to increase rainfall in Cholistan is a good news, which can increase the national economy by 10 billion dollars. The University of Nursing College is a masterpiece of the Vice Chancellor's vision. Currently, there is a great need for nursing in the Middle East and Europe and there is a great demand for nursing in the country as well, which the Islamia University of Bahawalpur



Chairman Punjab Higher Education Commission Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir Vice Chancellor, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob and others on the occasion of oath taking ceremony of IUB Student Societies

has established a nursing college with modern facilities. He said that arts and social sciences are also very important for a balanced society and in this regard the Islamia University of Bahawalpur is making progress in social sciences, social services, new masters in Art and Design. He said that there is a need to start a faculty development program on a large basis in the three areas that the university is already making progress in this direction, and in this regard, the initiation of pedagogical training by the Faculty of Education is a great initiative. He said that there is a need to improve the question

paper to test the ability of male and female students so that their memory as well as their ability and competence can also be evaluated. Similarly, he said that there is a need to create a center of excellence in artificial intelligence and the IT department of the University is providing high-level services in this regard, in which software such as recruitment, campus management, and administrative management system in addition to the admission cell are appreciative. He also appreciated the development works of more than Rs. 12 billion in Islamia University Bahawalpur and said that

the university is currently spending its resources on projects that will have long-term and far-reaching results due to economic pressure. He said that more than 65000 male and female students are an indication of the exponential growth of this university that is moving towards the goal of self-sufficiency. Along with this, attention is being paid to quality research and the inclusion of the university far ahead in the global research ranking is a clear proof of this. Chairman Punjab Higher Education Commission Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir administered the oath to the officials of the University

Students' Society for the year 2023 and delivered the keynote speech at Khawaja Ghulam Farid Auditorium of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. Renowned motivational speaker Prof. Dr. Javed Iqbal also spoke on the occasion. Chairman Punjab Higher Education Commission visited the furniture manufacturing unit and appreciated the factory set up by the university to manufacture furniture. He also inaugurated the Soil and Environmental Microbiology Lab Prof. Dr. Muhammad Arshad (TL., D.N.P) in Soil Sciences Faculty of Agriculture and Environment, IUB.



Chairman Punjab Higher Education Commission Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir Vice Chancellor, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob addressing the ceremony

Vice Chancellor meets with Governor of the Punjab

■ Governor Punjab and Chancellor Engr. Muhammad Baligh ur Rehman has said that the historic Islamia University of Bahawalpur is playing a significant role in the social, educational and economic development of Bahawalpur region. The Governor expressed these views with Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob during a meeting at the Governor's House. He said the government is paying full attention to the higher education sector and is helping to make the role of universities active in social and economic development. Provision of best man power and infrastructure is being ensured to bring the quality of teaching and research activities to global level. The aim of these initiatives is to produce graduates who contribute to social development and contribute actively



Governor Punjab and Chancellor Engr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman exchanging views with Vice Chancellor, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob

to the prosperity of the region along with their professional development. Governor Punjab appreciated the educational programs initiated by the Islamia University of Bahawalpur in Allied Health Sciences, Nursing, Information Technology and other

important fields. The Vice Chancellor also gave a briefing regarding the strengthening of university faculties and departments and the establishment of new campuses. He said that programs like Student Societies and Young Leaders have

been started to develop the character of the youth and bring out their leadership skills so that our youth can play a key role in social welfare and development besides being equipped with higher education. Governor Punjab also appreciated

the excellent arrangements of the recent convocation, establishment of SDGs Center and provision of large number of scholarships for male and female students.

Vice Chancellor meets with Chairman Higher Education Commission, Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor exchanging views with Prof. Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad, Chairman Higher Education Commission

■ Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob met

with Chairman Higher Education Commission, Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad in his office at Islamabad. On the

occasion, bilateral matters and mutual cooperation were discussed between both the institutions. The Vice Chancellor briefed the Chairman Higher Education Commission about the ongoing teaching and development activities in the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur is a historical educational institution of the region which has become a major university in the country in terms of its number of students. It strives to promote high quality teaching and research in accordance with the policy guidelines of the Higher Education Commission. He said that, Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed is playing a commendable role in the

Higher Education Commission for the promotion of higher education in the country. Chairman Higher Education Commission appreciated the important role of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur in promoting higher education in the region and said that all possible support will be provided to the University in all fields. He said that steps will be taken for immediate provision of funds to the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob also invited Chairman Higher Education Commission Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed to visit the Islamia University Bahawalpur which he accepted gleefully.

The 81st meeting of Syndicate

■ The 81st Syndicate meeting of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur was held at Abbasia Campus under the leadership of Vice Chancellor, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. In the meeting, important administrative, academia, financial and developmental issues were discussed and approved. In the meeting, Secretary Higher Education Department South Punjab, Mr. Muhammad Altaf Baloch, Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Naveed Akhtar, Former Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Akram Chaudhry, Dean Faculty of Management Sciences Prof. Dr. Jawad Iqbal, Dean Faculty of Chemical and Biological Sciences Prof. Dr. Shazia Anjum, Director Institute of Chemistry Prof. Dr. Abdul Rauf, Representative Higher Education Commission Dr. Muhammad Raza Chauhan, Dr. Muhammad Mughees Amin, Division Director Local Fund Multan Shah Sawar, Principal Government Institute of Commerce Women Rahim Yar Khan Bushra Mahboob, Associate Professor Dr. Muhammad Rafay, Assistant Professor Dr. Samar



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor presiding over the meeting

Fahad, Lecturer Muhammad Zaman Ali and Secretary and Registrar Prof. Dr. Moazzam Jamil participated. The meeting approved the establishment of the Cholistan and Siraiki Area Study Center and Center for Excellence in Corporate Governance. The amended China Testing and Institute and Business Center

proposal was also approved. The meeting approved the establishment of Center for Performing Arts and Digital Media Production. In the meeting, an agreement has been approved with District Administration Rahim Yar Khan for His Excellency Sheikh Khalifa Sports Complex with the Islamia

University of Bahawalpur Rahim Yar Khan Campus. The establishment of the Institute of Soil Sciences and Water Resources in the Faculty of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences was approved. The distinguished members appreciated the food security and important research projects of national nature at the university. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur Alumni Award proposal was also accepted. The meeting also approved the revamping of the Research Innovation and Commercialization Office as per the policy of the Higher Education Commission so that the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, after attaining the status of Fourth Generation University, would scale up research projects to commercial scale and establish industry and academia linkages. The service structure and contract placement of



Syndicate Members along with Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor

call center representatives were also approved. Apart from this, important policy issues, legal and other issues were also considered. The Syndicate of Islamia University Bahawalpur has approved the proposed rain enhancement project of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur to convert the Cholistan desert into agro-economic zone. The 81st Syndicate of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur approved this project which plays an important role in the

restoration of food security and agricultural economy of the country. The syndicate members appreciated the efforts of the scientists under the patronage of Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor the Islamia University of Bahawalpur for the country's agricultural self-sufficiency and expressed their best wishes for the success of this project. For the said project, the scientists of National Research Center for Intercropping Technology

the Islamia University of Bahawalpur worked round the clock through cooperation and collaboration with domestic and foreign institutions. Under this project, through ionization technology which is based on the principles of physics and is environment friendly. Moreover, it is safer and more effective than the old technology of raining by spraying chemicals on clouds. Punjab Government and Federal Government institutions are already

cooperating with Islamia University of Bahawalpur in this regard. The main objective of this project is national food security and is consistency with the long-term development goals of the United Nations and initiatives with positive effects for the country's economy. The Vice Chancellor has congratulated the Director National Research Center for Intercropping Dr. Muhammad Ali Raza, scientists and faculty members for getting approval of the project.

The Syndicate approves awarding of an honorary PhD degree to the renowned poet Muhammad Shafi Shakir Shuja Abadi

■ The Syndicate of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur has approved the awarding of an honorary PhD degree to the renowned Saraiki language poet Shakir Shujaabadi in a meeting. Shakir Shujaabadi is an eminent poet of Saraiki language who made Saraiki language and literature popular in every special and general public with his creation and style. The Government of Pakistan has honored Shakir Shujaabadi with 2 awards. The first presidential award was given in 2017 and Governor Punjab Engr. Muhammad Baligh ur Rahman gave the second presidential award in 2023. Department of Saraiki the Islamia University of Bahawalpur gave lifetime achievement award to Shakir Shujaabadi in a special ceremony in the past days Commissioner Bahawalpur Dr. Ehtisham Anwar



View of 82nd syndicate meeting

was present on the occasion. On the occasion, Vice-Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob had announced that Shakir Shujaabadi

would be awarded an honorary PhD degree. The Syndicate of the Islamia University Bahawalpur has approved an honorary PhD degree to Shakir

Shujaabadi and will be conferred in the upcoming special convocation.

The 83rd meeting of the Syndicate



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor presiding over the meeting

■ The 83rd Syndicate meeting of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur was held at Abbasia Campus under the chairmanship of Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob. The meeting approved the budget for the financial year 2023-24. The total budget has been estimated Rs. 12930 million, the ongoing expenditure estimated Rs. 10687 million, and the development budget worth Rs. 2242 million. In the meeting, the recommendations of the previous selection board meetings approved. In the meeting, the establishment of Seerah Garden and Centre for

Women in STEM approved. The members of the Syndicate approved the recommendations of the Standing Committee for Discipline. Registrar Prof. Dr. Moazzam Jamil presented a review report on the implementation of the decisions taken in the 81st and 82nd meetings of the Syndicate. Apart from this, other administrative, financial, and teaching matters taken into consideration. Earlier, after the recitation of the Holy Quran, fatiha was recited in the meeting for Malik Habibullah Bhutta, while paying tribute to his educational and social

services, the Vice Chancellor said that his services will be recognised by awarding honorary PhD in the upcoming convocation. In the meeting, Pro Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Naveed Akhtar, Prof. Dr. Akram Chaudhry, former Vice Chancellor Sargodha University, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Amjad, Dean Faculty of Engineering, Prof. Dr. Jawad Iqbal, Dean Faculty of Management Sciences, Prof. Dr. Shazia Anjum, Dean Faculty of Chemical and Biological Sciences, were present in the meeting. Prof. Dr. Moazzam Jamil Registrar, Rizwan Majeed,

Treasurer, Prof. Dr. Abdul Rauf, Director Institute of Chemistry, Dr. Mughees Amin, Dr. Samina Durrani, Director Finance Higher Education Commission, Shah Sawar, representative Finance Department, Tariq Mehmood, representative Higher Education Department, Bushra Mehmood, Principal Govt. Women College Khanpur, Dr. Muhammad Rafay, Associate Professor, Dr. Samar Fahad, Assistant Professor, and Muhammad Zaman, Lecturer participated.

Secretary Higher Education Department South Punjab, Muhammad Altaf Baloch visits Bahawalnagar Campus

■ Secretary Higher Education Department South Punjab, Mr. Muhammad Altaf Baloch visited the Bahawalnagar Campus of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. On the occasion, Director of Bahawalnagar Campus, Dr. Rafaquat Ali said that the success and development projects of Bahawalnagar Campus in the field of teaching are the best examples of the leadership of Engr. Prof. Athar Mahboob. In the last three years, the number of students in the campus has increased from 1900 to 8500 and the number of faculty has increased significantly to 105 and large scale development projects have been completed. The quality of teaching in the Bahawalnagar campus is excellent and all the facilities are provided to the students. Secretary Higher Education Department South Punjab, Mr. Muhammad Altaf Baloch also visited the newly constructed guest house, academic block and extension of girls' hostel, campus director's residence, water tank, and



Secretary Higher Education Department South Punjab, Mr. Muhammad Altaf Baloch along with Director Campus Dr. Rafaquat Ali and other faculty members

parking shed in the campus. Director Campus Dr. Rafaquat Ali said during the briefing that at present two campuses of the university are established in Bahawalnagar and new departments have been established as per the vision of the Vice Chancellor due to the outstanding academic performance of the students. Secretary Higher Education South Punjab Muhammad Altaf Baloch appreciated the noteworthy increase in the number

of students and faculty members at Bahawalnagar Campus and praised the overall performance. He emphasized that other projects in Bahawalnagar Campus should be completed soon for the improvement of campus, and all measures should be taken so that more facilities are available to students. Dr. Rafaquat Ali Director Campus thanked Secretary Higher Education South Punjab for visiting Bahawalnagar Campus. On the occasion, Mr. Asad Ali Additional

Director Administration, Mr. Zafar Abbas, Additional Registrar, Dr. Muhammad Ibrahim, Director Colleges Bahawalpur, Dr. Latif Javed, Assistant Professor Education Training, Dr. Ijaz Ahmed Assistant Professor, Education Training, Syed Naseem Abbas, Deputy Director Students Affairs, Mr. Basharat Ali, Assistant Engineer and other faculty members were also present.

The 44th Meeting of the Expert Review Committee

■ The 44th Meeting of the Expert Review Committee for the Award of International Travel Grants was held in the conference room of the Punjab Higher Education Commission under the convenorship of Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir, Chairperson of Punjab Higher Education Commission-PHEC. The meeting was attended by Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, IUB; Prof. Dr. Muhammad Afzal, Vice Chancellor, Bab Guru Nanak University; Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza, Former VC, LCWU; Prof. Dr. Muhammad Bilal Khan, VC, University of Chakwal; Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal Chawla, Former Dean, University of Punjab; Prof. Dr. Lubna Zaheer, Chairperson, Department of Film and Broadcasting, School of Communication Studies; Dr. Muhammad Mumtaz Khan, Director HRD, PHEC.



Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir, Chairperson of Punjab Higher Education Commission presiding over the meeting

Vice Chancellor University of Karachi Prof. Dr. Khalid Mehmood Iraqi visits IUB

■ Vice Chancellor University of Karachi Prof. Dr. Khalid Mehmood Iraqi visited the Islamia University of Bahawalpur along with a delegation. He emphasized on mutual cooperation of universities for high quality of research and teaching. He said that the Islamia University of Bahawalpur has made extraordinary development and expansion in the past years. He said that the Islamia University of Bahawalpur under the leadership of Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob has shown extraordinary performance in every department. New programs launched especially

in line with the market needs, such as Nursing, Allied Health Sciences and Artificial Intelligence, are a reflection of their excellent vision for the development of this area. He appreciated the research activities of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur in the field of agriculture, especially in the field of food security, and the collaboration at the national and international level. On this occasion, he shed light on the steps taken in the University of Karachi. He said that for high quality education and teaching in universities, connections and cooperation with international

institutions are very important and in this regard agreements have been made with the best universities of different countries. He said that academia and industry linkages are also very important so that students can get better job opportunities and the industry can also benefit from the research done in the university. Emphasizing on the faculty development program, he said that the faculty development program is very important for increasing the efficiency of the faculty and the University of Karachi is giving full emphasis to it. Prof. Dr. Raees

Muhammad Akhtar, Chairman Medical Laboratory Technology gave a briefing to the Vice Chancellor University of Karachi. On this occasion, Dr. Shahzad Ali Gill informed about the establishment of Public Administration Department in the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and the ongoing teaching activities in it and said that more than 350 students are studying BS and MS in Public Administration in the Islamia University Bahawalpur. Director Press Media and Publications Shahzad Ahmed Khalid said on this occasion that in the Islamia

University of Bahawalpur, curricular and co-curricular activities have been given full attention. According to the vision of the

Vice Chancellor, student societies have been established to highlight their leadership skills. Similarly, Bahawalpur Literary and Cultural

Festival and Bahawalpur Trade Fair are two such initiatives of Islamia University Bahawalpur which have become the identity of Bahawalpur

at the international level along with improving the soft image of Pakistan.



Vice Chancellor University of Karachi Prof. Dr. Khalid Mehmood Iraqi along with the teachers and officers during his visit to IUB

International Seerat-ul-Nabi Seminar on Respecting the Sacred, Contemporary Demands, International Community, the Collective and Individual Responsibilities of the Muslim Ummah

■ Seerat Chair, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur organized the International Seerat-ul-Nabi PBUH Seminar on "Respecting the Sacred: Contemporary Demands, International Community and the Collective and Individual Responsibilities of the Muslim Ummah". On this occasion, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur said in his presidential address that Islam is the religion of peace, harmony and love. The teachings of Islam are that those false gods should not be cursed, that they should curse the true Lord in return. The golden history of Muslims is a witness that there has never been an incident where a Muslim did something that insulted

sanctities of other religions. Prof. Dr. Hafiz Shafiq ur Rahman, Director of Seerat Chair while delivering the welcome address said that Seerat Chair is a distinguished honor of Islamia University Bahawalpur which from time to time invites scholars to seek guidance from the Seerat of the Prophet PBUH on various important contemporary topics. Keeps inviting. The truth of Islam is becoming more and more obvious to the world of humanity day by day. In the world of argument, the unbeliever always resorts to clever tactics after being defeated. The recent incident of desecration of the Holy Quran in Sweden is a link in this chain. There is a need for the Muslim Ummah to give an effective warning to non-Muslim nations to refrain

in Sweden in recent days. The West is afraid of the growth of Islam and continues to do the heinous act of hurting the sentiments of Muslims with such hideous tactics. The need is that we connect our relationship with the Quran and follow the Quranic teachings. Prof. Dr. Saleem Tariq Khan, former Vice Chancellor, The Islamia University of Bahawalpur said in his address that Islam is against all such freedom of expression which hurts the followers of other religions. Malikullah Bakhsh Kaliar, member of the Islamic Ideology Council of Pakistan, said in his address that every religion has holy things, like in Judaism, Hazrat Musa (peace be upon him) and the Torah are holy. Jesus and the Gospel are sacred in Christianity. In Hinduism, Gauri and

world peace. Renowned religious scholar Prof. Hafiz Muhammad Yusuf Khan said in his keynote speech that the West is distorting Quranic commands and teachings out of context and presenting Islam as a terrorist religion. It is the responsibility of Muslim scholars to present the true image of Islam to the Western nations, which is an image of peace and security, coexistence, tolerance and love. For some time now, there has been an extraordinary and unexpected increase in the incidents of insulting the sanctities of Islam at the international level. The main reason for this is that the West is afraid of the development of Islam, so these kinds of events are taking place under a systematic conspiracy. Islam emphasizes the



Participants of the conference along with Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob

the sanctity of the followers of any religion. The teachings of Islam are that our faith is not complete until we believe in other prophets and the books revealed to them. This is the reason why Muslims respect the

from such sensitive actions in the future. Professor Dr. Sheikh Shafiqur Rahman, Dean of the Faculty of Islamic and Arabic Studies said in his address. That Muslims are saddened by the desecration of the Holy Quran

Vedas are sacred. Every religion has some sacred things. Peace in the world is possible only when the followers of all religions respect the sanctities of other religions. Respect for the sacred is the guarantee of

principle of respect for the sanctity and feelings of others. Dr. Badr Hashmi, a translator of the Quran and an economist from America, said in his address that the Muslim Ummah is suffering from a language crisis

and day by day the Western world continues to play with the feelings of Muslims under the guise of freedom of expression. The only reason for this is the sinking economy of the Muslims and our always extending

our hands to them for loans. We have to strengthen our economies so that we can hold our heads high in the world. When our economy is strong, then no one will have the courage to insult Islamic personalities

and holy things. Dr. Muhammad Saeed Shaikh, Assistant Professor, Department of Quranic Studies, moderated the seminar and at the end of the seminar, commemorative shields were presented to the

guest scholars. In addition to the civil society of Bahawalpur City, a large number of prominent personalities from different schools of thought and religious schools participated in the seminar.

Two days International Quran Conference



Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob along with Prof. Dr. Sheikh Shafiq ur rehman, Dr. Safi Qas Qas and others

The Islamia University of Bahawalpur has a prominent position among universities across the region. In keeping with the glorious traditions of the past, Islamia University of Bahawalpur in association with the International Quran Research Association (IQRA), International Islamic University Islamabad, South West University, Chicago, Birmingham University, England, British Muslim Association, England and organized a two-day international Quran conference with the support of academic institutions like Islam Week, which was attended by thousands of people from all over the world. On this occasion, the President of Iqra, Dr. Safi Qas Qas, who is also a translator of the Qur'an, while highlighting the

objectives of the conference, said that the purpose of this program is to provide a platform for researchers, translators of the Qur'an and scholars from all over the world. Through this they can do research in Quranic sciences better and better with the help of modern technology. He thanked all the participants of the conference as the host, welcomed them and expressed good wishes. On the occasion, Islamia University Vice-Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob said that 30 Quran translators would present their experiences to scholars in this conference. All these translators translated the Holy Quran into the English language. This conference has proved to be very important in the sense that it has helped in

understanding the style of the Holy Quran and its related sciences. Prof. Dr. Sheikh Shafiq ur Rehman, Dean Faculty of Islamic and Arabic Studies said that the purpose of the conference was to apply the use of modern technology in the research on the art of translation of the Quran and to popularize the teaching of Quranic ethics. President of Iqra in Pakistan, Zain Malik represented the country and handled the affairs of the conference across the country. Citing the example of famous economist and translator of the Quran, Dr. Badr Hashmi, he said that through this conference, new people have come forward who are making a name for themselves in the service of the Quran even if they are associated with fields like

economics and medicine. Addressing the participants of the conference, Dr. Zia-ul-Haq from the Institute of Islamic Research, International Islamic University Islamabad said that such events are a living example of the unity of the Muslim Ummah and without a doubt, holding tightly to the rope of the Quran is our unity of symbol. Dr. Zohaib Ahmed, Assistant Professor, Department of Religions, Scholar and Interfaith Harmony, Dr. Raheela Khalid Qureshi, Head of Arabic Department, Dr. Muhammad Imran, Head of Islamic Studies Department, Dr. Ziaur Rehman, Head of Quranic Studies Department, Dr. Sujeela Kausar, Head of Department of Islamic Studies, Dr. Department of Religions, Scholars and Interfaith Harmony, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, President of Fiqh and Shariah Department, Dr. Abul Hasan Shabir Ahmed, President of Hadith Department, Dr. Munir Azhar, President of Islamiyat Department, Bahawalnagar Campus, Dr. Safia Bibi, President of Islamiyat Department, Rahim Yar Khan Campus While thanking him, he reiterated his commitment that the university will continue to actively participate in academic activities in the same way.

International Conference on Allama Iqbal

Department of Persian Language and Literature the Islamia University of Bahawalpur is playing an active role in the promotion of Persian language, under the direction of Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, online courses were started so that the lectures of the teachers are readily available to the learners of Persian language. Under the department of Persian, an international conference (online) was organized in Persian language, the topic of which was Iqbal and the United Nations. In it, expert Iqbal teachers Ikram and intellectuals presented essential papers. Which Prof. Dr. Murtaza Imrani Iqbal Chair Payam Noor University Mashhad Iran presented a paper on Allama Iqbal and Iqbal knowledge in Iran by reciting beautiful poems on Pakistan-Iran friendship. Prof. Dr. Nargis Jabri, Nasab Azad University, Tehran Iran read a comprehensive paper on Ittihad Alam, while Prof. Dr. Iraq Raza Zaidi, University of Millia Delhi, India gave a brief discussion on Ittihad Alam with reference to the books of Quran and Hadith, Saadi Shirazi and Iqbal. Prof. Dr. Faleha Zahra Kazmi, Dean, Faculty



Prof. Dr. Javed Hassan Chandio, Dean Faculty of Languages and Arts, presiding over the conference

of Languages and Arts, Chair Person, Department of Persian Language and Literature, Lahore College University for Women, Lahore sent Iqbal's message on Etihad Alam. Mr. Jafar Ronas, Director of

Khana Farhang Islamic Democratic Iran, Lahore, discussed the topic with Iran and finally, representing Pakistan, Prof. Dr. Iqbal Shahid, Dean, Faculty of Languages and Arts, Chairperson(Ex)GC University

of Lahore, attended the conference. The conference was patronized by Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, while Prof. Dr. Javed Hassan Chandio, Dean Faculty of

Languages and Arts, presided over the conference. The reception was presented by Prof. Dr. Rozeena Anjum Naqvi, Chairperson, Department of Persian Language and Literature, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur.

Cholistan Development Council presents International Cholistan Award to Vice Chancellor, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob



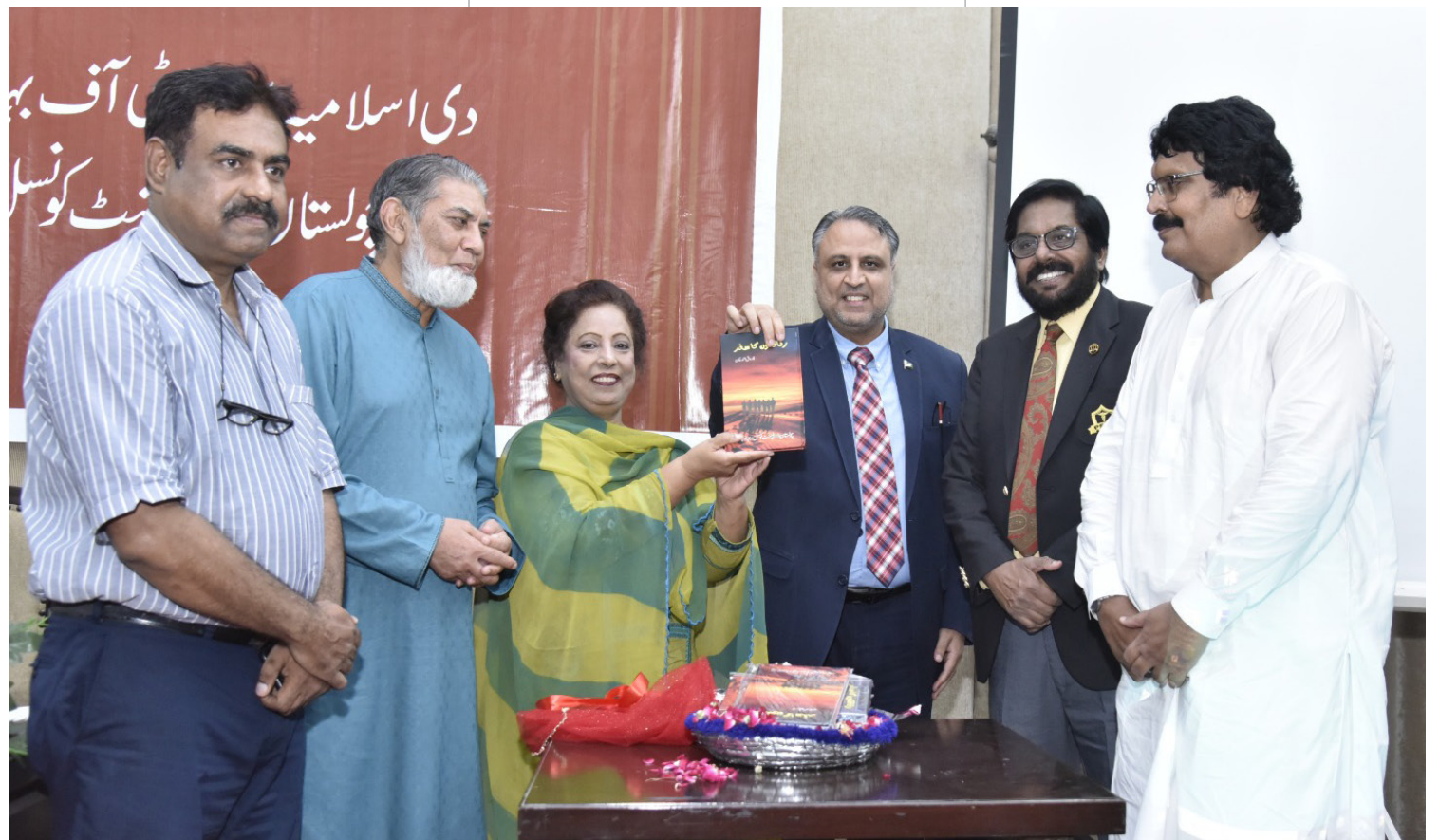
Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, is being presented International Cholistan Award by the Cholistan Development Council

Cholistan Development Council presented International Cholistan Award to Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. A special ceremony of this award was held at Ghulam Muhammad Ghotvi Hall Abbasia Campus. On this occasion, the book launch ceremony of the host Farooq Ahmed Khan's book 'Rafaqato ka Safar' also held. Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob presided and eminent surgeon and motivational speaker Prof. Dr. Javed Iqbal, renowned physician Prof. Dr. Munir Azhar, Sajjad Bri station director of Radio Pakistan Bahawalpur and former head of Urdu Department Dr. Muzamal Bhatti spoke. Razia Malik performed the duties of organizing the event. Former Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Rao Muhammad Afzal Khan, Former Member Provincial Assembly Fouzia Ayub Qureshi, Renowned Drama Nigar Ali Moin, Deans Prof. Dr. Sheikh Shafiqur Rehman, Prof. Dr. Arshad Hussain, Prof. Dr. Jawad Iqbal, Prof. Dr. Shazia Anjum, Prof. Dr. Saeed Ahmed Buzdar, Chief Librarian Shahzad Karim, Principal College of Nursing Farhan Mukhtar, Directors Prof. Dr. Asif Naved Ranjha, Dr. Maqshuf Ahmed, Dr. Samar Fahad, Shahzad Ahmed Khalid, Dr. Azhar Hussain, Senior Staff Officer Wasim Ahmed Siddiqui, Senior Producer Athar Lashari, civil society representatives and citizens participated in large numbers. On this occasion, the speakers paid tribute to Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob for his educational services. He said that Khawaja Farid University of Engineering and Information Technology Rahim Yar Khan was founded by the founder Vice Chancellor as a state-of-the-art university which is benefiting the

students of Sindh and Balochistan as well as South Punjab. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur which was a university with only 13000 students in 2019 has now become a university with 70000 students. The number of faculty members has increased from

from national level to global level. Islamia University Bahawalpur was included in the first 800-1001 global universities in the world ranking of Times Higher Education and in the first 200-250 universities in Asia ranking, first in South Punjab, fourth

decades. He along with his wife Razia Malik tirelessly worked and fought long for women, minorities and downtrodden sections of the society. Cholistan Awards are his outstanding achievement. Farooq Ahmed Khan, the host of the event, said that the social service sector is very attractive and fascinating to the viewers. However, together with his family and friends, he performed a lot of social services. The Cholistan Award has become a symbol of peace and dignity not only in Pakistan but also abroad. The Cholistan Award is intended to encourage individuals from various walks of life who have performed outstandingly to the best of their abilities. The role of Cholistan Awards has always been prominent in strengthening relations with Pakistan and other friendly countries. Cholistan Awards The aim of Cholistan Awards is to recognize the efforts of inter-faith and communal harmony, mutual respect and tolerance, protection



Farooq Ahmed Khan and his wife Razia Malik are presenting a book to Vice Chancellor, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob

450 to 14000 out of which 800 are Ph.D. The number of faculties has increased from 7 to 16 and the number of departments has increased from 48 to 142. The campuses of the Islamia University Bahawalpur have increased from 5 to 7 and the number of campuses is increasing soon. The non-development budget of the university increased from 3 billion to 13 billion and the development budget from 1 billion to 4 billion. The ranking of Islamia University Bahawalpur has increased

in Punjab and Pakistan. During the ceremony, the social services of Farooq Ahmed Khan and his wife Razia Malik were appreciated in a grand manner. Vice-Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob said that Farooq Khan did not get much opportunity to participate in social work, but the university can take this trend forward. In particular, social welfare works can be carried forward in collaboration with the social work department. Other speakers said that Farooq Khan's services spanned

and promotion of cultural heritage, revival of various genres of arts and the services of local and international personalities for the establishment of a peaceful society. This is the reason why Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob Vice Chancellor Islamia University Bahawalpur's exemplary services and achievements are being appreciated through Cholistan Awards and the people of Bahawalpur are gathering in one place to pay tribute to him.

Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob visits Ahmedpur Lumma, in the inauguration ceremony of Digital Village



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor along with Ms. Florence Rolle, Country Representative of FAO and others on the occasion of ceremony

■ Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur visited Ahmedpur Lumma, District Rahim Yar Khan on the invitation of the

Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations Pakistan to participate in the launching ceremony of a Digital Village. Ms. Florence Rolle, Country

Representative of FAO, welcomed Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob and briefed about the initiative of rural transformation and prosperity through the digitalization of farms

to increase productivity, market linkages, and financial opportunities. In this connection, 21 villages all over the country will be digitalized. As a pilot village at Ahmedpur Lumma, the site has been functional for the Food Security and Agriculture Centre of Excellence. On this occasion, the ribbon cutting ceremony and hyper localized weather station and briefing on digital monitoring of weather were done besides the visit of digital services and facilities to farmers. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob Vice Chancellor appreciated the FAO initiative of launching digital villages in Pakistan, bringing socio-economic development and prosperity of the farmers community. He said that the Islamia University of Bahawalpur has initiated several research projects to contribute in agriculture economy including cotton varieties compatible with climatic and geographical conditions, intercropping of various crops especially maize and soyabean and rain enhancement project to convert cholistan desert into agro economic zone. Ms. Florence Rolle FAO representative, Mr. Aziz Elbehri senior policy officer, Mr. Atif Ahmed Khan, Mr. Hassan Akram, CEO FACE, Muhammad Wajid, and Hamid Abbasi appreciated the research endeavors of Islamia University of Bahawalpur.

Distribution of Eid packages in flood affected areas



Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob distributing Eid packages ration in people at the flood-affected village of Rajanpur

■ Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob visited the flood-affected village, Patyat, on the outskirts of Fazilpur town of Rajanpur district and distributed Eid packages to more than 250 people. On the occasion, Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob said that the Islamia University of Bahawalpur Flood Relief Cell was established on the instructions of Governor of the Punjab and Chancellor, Engr. Muhammad Baligh

ur Rehman and under the cell, more than 3 crore worth of relief materials have been distributed to the affected areas of Rajanpur, Rahim Yar Khan. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur did not forget the people affected by flood and on the occasion of Eid, an aid package worth Rs. 2 million was distributed simultaneously in Rajanpur and Dera Ghazi Khan districts. In addition, medicines were also distributed to the flood victims. On the occasion,

the Focal Person of Flood Relief Cell, Prof. Dr. Asif Naveed Ranjha said that the Islamia University of Bahawalpur has worked hard for the relief of flood-affected people. He informed that a welfare organization, Helping Hands, is also building 204 housing units in the suburbs of the District. Apart from this, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur also provided veterinary and medical facilities along with psychological support to the affected people. On

the occasion, Tehsildar Rajanpur, Rai Hasan Nawaz, Director Press, Media and Publications, Mr. Shahzad Ahmed Khalid, Senior Producer Mr. Athar Lashari, faculty members, Mr. Sabtain Raza, Mr. Ahmed Nawaz, Executive Secretary to Vice Chancellor, Mr. Muhammad Khalid Sheikh and others were also present.

Higher Education Commission recognizes Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC), IUB



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor presiding over the meeting

■ Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC), the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, has been recognized by the Higher Education Commission after almost 11 years. In this regard, a ceremony was held at the Vice Chancellor's Secretariat, Baghdad-ul-Jadeed Campus. Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob said in his presidential address that the Islamia University of Bahawalpur has been recognized worldwide for quality research. The research activities at the Islamia University

of Bahawalpur are aligned with the country's aspirations and needs and special prizes are also awarded to encourage research. Director ORIC Prof. Dr. Muhammad Atif briefed the participants in detail about the steps to be taken for this success. He added that sustainability and development is the real challenge. The Vice Chancellor said that the mandate of ORIC is to integrate all research activities of the university and also include start-ups, nationally, and promoting research by mobilizing resources from international

funding agencies, addressing research barriers by strengthening institutional collaboration between university researchers and potential users of research in government, industry, and communities and The result is to play an important role in the development and ranking of the university. As per Higher Education Commission's ORIC Policy 2021, Islamia University Bahawalpur is now eligible for up to 15% additional overhead cost over competitive research grants sponsored by Higher Education Commission.

According to this notification, Islamia University Bahawalpur is eligible for 5% ORIC overhead for the first year, and thereafter it will be validated on the basis of annual performance and self-assessment scorecard audit. The overhead will be used by ORIC for research support activities and will be subject to review and audit by the Higher Education Commission. Further, the Higher Education Commission, based on its site review visit to ORIC at Islamia University, Bahawalpur, and has made recommendations for continuous development and improvement of ORIC to the Higher Education Commission regarding compliance of recommendations. Will be informed. The participants of the meeting appreciated the efforts made by ORIC for this achievement and assured support from the faculty and administration to take the research to the next level in the coming time. The Vice Chancellor presented ORIC team with a commemorative shield titled "A Day to Remember". At the event, Deputy Registrar ORIC Mr. Moeed Abid, Manager Research Dr. Atif Usman, Manager Innovation Dr. Muhammad Sajid, Dr. Shafia Arshad, Naseer Shah, Rana Javed, Dr. Umar Bilal, Saifur Rehman, Shaukat Ali and Muhammad Tanveer were also present and the Vice Chancellor distributed certificates of appreciation to the ORIC team.



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor along with Deans, Principal Officers, Director ORIC Prof. Dr. Muhammad Atif and ORIC team

The IUB honors Renowned Siraiki language poet Shakir Shujaabadi with Lifetime Achievement Award

■ Renowned Siraiki language poet Shakir Shujaabadi was honored with Lifetime Achievement Award by the Islamia University Bahawalpur in recognition of his services to Siraiki poetry. The Lifetime Achievement Award ceremony was held at Ghulam Muhammad Ghotvi Hall, Abbasia Campus. Speaking at the ceremony,

Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob said that it is a matter of honor for our university for presenting Lifetime Achievement Award to the great poet of Siraiki Waseb. He said that the region is rich in literature and culture and not only do we want to preserve the

literary heritage of this Waseb, but also to make such poets familiar to the young generation. He said that very soon the University will also award the honorary degree of PhD to Shakir Shujaabadi. He appreciated the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Department of Siraiki and the honorary degree of

PhD. Addressing the ceremony, Commissioner Bahawalpur Division Dr. Ehtesham Anwar presented Lifetime Achievement Award to Shakir Shujaabadi and congratulated the Vice-Chancellor and Department of Siraiki. Dr. Ehtesham Anwar said that Shakir Shujaabadi is a symbol of Siraiki Waseb and Siraiki language

and that his poetry has a ray of hope and courage to move forward. Dean Faculty of Arts and Languages and Chairman of Siraiki Department Prof. Dr. Jawed Hassaan Chandio said that Shakir Shujaabadi has become the voice of not only Saraiki Waseb, but the oppressed people of this country for the past several decades. Shakir Shujaabadi saw very difficult conditions and traveled a

long journey of physical illness but never lost courage and continued to encourage people to live. He said that it is an honor for us to give Lifetime Achievement Award or PhD degree to Shakir Shuja Abadi. He said that the Siraiki department will continue to organize such beautiful meetings and initiatives with the poets and writers of this profession while maintaining its traditions. He

said that the Vice Chancellor of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur during his tenure not only opened the doors of this university to writers, poets and intellectuals but also gave them full respect and honor. During the ceremony, Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Commissioner Bahawalpur Division Dr. Ehtesham Anwar, Dean Faculty of Arts and Languages, Chairman

Department of Saraiki Prof. Dr. Jawed Hassan Chandio and other dignitaries presented Lifetime Achievement Award and cash prize to Shakir Shujaabadi. The event was organized under the auspices of the Department of Saraiki, Directorate of Outreach, Communication & Public Relations and IUB Culture Promotion Society.



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor and Dr. Ehtesham Anwar Commissioner Bahawalpur Division presenting the Life Achievement Award to the well known Siraiki Poet Muhammad Shafi Shukair Shuja Abadi

Inauguration of Jamia-e-Imam Ibn-e-Kaseer Masjid



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor along with Qari Sohaib Ahmad Mir Muhammadi and Dr. Hafiz Masood Abdul Rasheed Azhar, Chairman of Majlis-e-Islami Pakistan Inauguration of Mosque

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and Dr. Hafiz Masood Abdul Rasheed Azhar, Chairman of Majlis-e-Islami Pakistan, inaugurated Jama-e-Imam Ibn-e-Kaseer Masjid. On the

occasion, Dean Faculty of Arts and Languages Prof. Dr. Jawed Hassaan Chandio, Dean Faculty of Islamic Learning Prof. Dr. Sheikh

Shafiq ur Rehman, Chairperson of Arabic Department Prof. Dr. Raheela Khalid Qureshi, Prof. Dr. Abou Bakar, Registrar Prof. Dr. Moazzam



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representatives, employees and students were present in large numbers. On the occasion, Qari Shoaib gave a beautiful recitation from the Holy Quran. Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob announced that another huge mosque will be established in the University in the name of Masjid Quat-ul-Islam. On the occasion, Qari Sohaib Ahmed Mir Muhammadi, Dr.

Hafiz Masood Abdul Rasheed Azhar, Chairman of Majlis-e-Islami Pakistan, Prof. Dr. Raheela Khalid Qureshi and Prof. Dr. Akram Chaudhry expressed their views. The Mosque has been established with the support of the Embassy of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, its foundation stone was laid in September 2022. This masjid of Abbasia Campus has a capacity of 1000 prayers, which

will benefit the employees and students of Abbasia Campus, Examination Department and Abu Bakar hall. The Mosque is exemplary in architecture and beauty and soon more mosques will be built in the same style at Baghdad-ul-Jadeed Campus and Bahawalnagar Campus.

Special Rally against the Incident of Burning Quran in Sweden



Group photo of participants of peaceful walk to strongly condemn the act of burning the Holy Quran in Sweden

Under the special direction of Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, the Department of World Religions and Interfaith Harmony established in the Islamia University of Bahawalpur in order to maintain social and diplomatic relations with other religions and state institutions at the national and international levels. Better relations should be established with minorities and self-made ideas like Islamophobia can be eradicated. In order to strongly condemn the act of burning the Quran on the day of Eid-ul-Adha in Sweden, under the leadership of Prof. Dr. Sheikh Shafiq ur Rahman, Dr. Shajila Kausar, Head Department

of Word Religions and Interfaith Harmony, organized a peaceful walk with the aim of we had to register our protest against this heinous act on international forums. The special rally started from Abbasia campus. On this occasion, while representing Vice Chancellor the Islamia University of Bahawalpur Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Prof. Dr. Sheikh Shafiqur Rahman, Dean Faculty of Islamic and Arabic Studies said that we as Muslims and institutions strongly condemn such incidents. Dr. Shajila Kausar said that Islam undoubtedly be called the architect of knowledge and the Holy Quran the guarantor of peace. Desecration

of religious books, whether they belong to any religion is prohibited in Islamic Sharia. Other religious communities including Christians, Hindus and Sikh should also come forward and strongly condemn this incident. Prof. Dr. Moazzam Jamil, Registrar the Islamia University of Bahawalpur also termed the incident as sad and said that it is against the freedom of expression act to allow this kind of practice. Therefore, this illegal decision of the Sweden court should be strongly condemned. Dr. Raheela Khalid Qureshi, Head Department of Arabic said that Islam has always protected the rights of minorities. Islamic Sharia

allows all minorities to perform their religious rituals. Therefore, when such incidents happen on the part of the people of the West, there is a wave of anger in all Islamic societies. On this occasion, Rizwan Majeed, the treasurer of the university, said that Islam teaches humanity. The incident of burning the Holy Quran in Sweden on the occasion of Eid-ul-Adha is a heartbreaking act that cannot be condemned as much as it is. In this special walk, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Amjad, Dean of the Faculty of Engineering, Dr. Muhammad Imran, President of the Department of Islamic Studies, Dr. Zia ur Rehman Head Department of Quranic Studies, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar Head Department of Jurisprudence and Shariah, Dr. Waqar Aslam Head Department of Information Security, Gibran Jamshed Head Department of Law, Dr. Ariba Khan Head Department of Islamic Banking and Finance, Dr. Syed Javed Iqbal, Head Department of Leadership Management, Quranic Students Club, teachers, students, administrative officers and employees of other departments of the university were also involved.

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MoU between IUB and Organic Pakistan Limited

■ A Memorandum of Understanding signed between the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Organic Pakistan Limited for the promotion of Urban Farming. The agreement was signed by Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob and Muhammad Nadeem Iqbal Chairman Organic Pakistan Limited on behalf of their institutions. The aim of the agreement is to grow locally fresh and affordable vegetables and fruits

to address the challenge of food security. Both the institutes will take initiatives for farming in the Islamia University of Bahawalpur Baghdad ul Jadeed campus which includes vegetables, honey and poultry feed. Both the institutions will work for the promotion of farming in Bahawalpur City and Cantonment Board as well. Both institutions will make efforts to attract teachers, students and common citizens to urban farming.

Urban farming will ensure eco-friendly, chemical-free cultivation of vegetables and fruits. A Knowledge Center for Urban Farming will be established in the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and special training programs will also be started in the university to increase the capacity of teachers and students. Both institutions will also organize international conferences in this regard in the future. Dean Faculty of

Arts and Languages Prof. Dr. Javed Hassan Chandio, Dean Faculty of Agriculture Prof. Dr. Tanveer Hussain Tarabi, Prof. Dr. Naveed Aslam Mulghani, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Nafees, Syndicate Member Samar Fahad, Dr. Bushra Siddique, Dr. Jam Sajjad Hussain, Chaudhry Uzair Ahmed and Ali Zameer Station Manager APP participated.



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor signing MoU Documents with Muhammad Nadeem Iqbal Chairman Organic Pakistan Limited

Meeting of Finance and Planning Committee

■ Meeting of the Finance and Planning Committee of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur has approved budget recommendations worth Rs.12,900 million (12.9 billion) for the financial year 2023-24. The meeting of the committee was held under the chairmanship of Vice Chancellor, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob at Baghdad ul Jadeed Campus. Prof. Dr. Aboubakar Treasurer presented the budget for the new financial year. In the budget, the construction and development of the university, the promotion of research activities and the welfare and scholarships of the employees and students have been specially focused. An amount of Rs.2,500 million has been allocated for development expenditure. In the meeting, committee members Prof. Dr. Muhammad Amjad Dean Faculty of Engineering, Prof. Dr. Abdul Majid Makki Chairman Commerce Department, Prof.



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Dr. Raheela Khalid Qureshi, Chairperson Arabic Department, Prof. Dr. Aboubakar Treasurer,

Shahzad Akhtar representative secretary Punjab Ministry of Finance and Tariq Mahmood

representative Higher Education Commission attended the meeting.

MoU between IUB and State Bank of Pakistan (SBP-BSC)



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor signing MoU with Mr. Abdullah Khan, Chief Manager SBP-BSC

■ An MoU has been executed between IUB and State Bank of Pakistan (SBP-BSC). Mr. Abdullah Khan, Chief Manager SBP-BSC, and Mr. Mujeeb ur Rehman Assistant Chief Manager SBP- BSC signed

the MOU on behalf of SBP. The Vice Chancellor, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob signed the MOU on behalf of IUB along with Prof. Dr. Jawad Iqbal and Dr. Areeba Khan as focal person. The ceremony was

attended by Prof. Dr. M. Amjad, Prof. Dr. Shazia Anjum, Dr. Owais Shafique, Dr. Waseem ul Hameed, Mr. Mohsin Mateen, Dr. M. Shafique, Dr. Hassan Mujtaba Nawaz Saleem and various other faculty members

from the Faculty of Management Sciences and Commerce. Dr. Areeba Khan explained the collaborative arrangement between SBP and IUB and thanked all the participants for their presence. Mr. Abdullah Khan highlighted the importance of collaboration and SBP's role in increasing Financial Literacy in the area, followed by a brief on a proposal for the establishment of a Center for Financial Literacy at IUB. Engr Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob shared his vision regarding academia and industry collaboration and appreciated efforts of Dr. Jawad Iqbal and Dr. Areeba Khan in executing the collaboration.

Ground breaking ceremony of Bank Alfalah Islamic Branch

■ Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob Vice Chancellor the Islamia University of Bahawalpur has said that the university is playing a leading role in the socio-economic development of the region. The priority of the university is a strong financial base and welfare of teachers, employees and students. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur, being the most prominent higher education institution of the country, occupies a prominent position in social and economic development. The Vice Chancellor expressed these views on the occasion of the groundbreaking ceremony of the Bank Alfalah Islamic branch at the Baghdad ul Jadeed Campus. Prof. Dr. Abubakar Treasurer, Prof. Dr. Moazzam Jamil Registrar, Shahzad



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor along with Talal Ali Raza, Head Branch Banking, Islamic Banking Group and others

Ahmed Khalid Director Press, Media and Publications, Rizwan Majeed Director IT, Talal Ali Raza, Head Branch Banking, Islamic Banking Group, Muhammad Ramzan Regional Business Head, Fawad Iqbal Khan Area Manager, Ali Butt Regional

Business Head Lahore, Muhammad Salman Branch Manager, Arham Ali Branch Manager, Sajjad from Engineering Department, and other senior officers of Bank Alfalah were present. Talal Ali Raza thanked the Vice Chancellor

on behalf of the management of Bank Alfalah for providing the opportunity to provide banking services to the Islamia University of Bahawalpur community and assured the best banking facilities for the students and employees.

Regional Police Officer Bahawalpur, Rai Babar Saeed meets with Vice Chancellor



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, Dr. Moazzam Jameel, Registrar and Principal Officers along with Inspector General of Police Rai Babar Saeed

■ Regional Police Officer Bahawalpur Deputy Inspector General of Police Rai Babar Saeed visited the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and met with the Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob in his office. During the

meeting, the Vice Chancellor gave a briefing to RPO Bahawalpur about the development plans, research and teaching methods of the University. He said that in three and a half years, the number of male and female students in Islamia University

Bahawalpur has increased from 13 thousand to more than 65 thousand. 7 to 16 Faculties, 40 new Directorates, centers and 48 to 140 new teaching departments have been established. He further informed that after establishing Khawaja Ghulam

Fareed Engineering and Information Technology University at Rahim Yar Khan, the Punjab Government appointed him as the Vice Chancellor of Islamia University Bahawalpur, the university was running only on government grants. But in a few years, this university has not only become economically self-sufficient but has proven itself in the field of research and construction at domestic and foreign levels. Engr. Prof. Athar Mahboob further said that Islamia University has been organizing Bahawalpur Literary and Culture Festival for the past three years which has become a flagship initiative and has created a positive image of the country worldwide. Regional Police Officer DIG Rai Babar Saeed while appreciating the efforts of the Vice Chancellor said that this is a very positive and encouraging development which is definitely a role model for other universities. He said that as responsible citizens, we should consider the police as our

institution and play an active role in crime control. He further said that the Punjab Police has gone digital in the last few years and now all the data of the Punjab Police is available at a click. He expressed the desire that the University and Bahawalpur Police should start research on the basis of police data through mutual cooperation. He said that the role of universities around the world has been very positive, especially in promoting industrial linkages that can bring about economic reforms. He further said that after

graduating from universities, male and female students are ready to step into their practical life. Vice Chancellor Bahawalpur Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob expressed the need to collaborate in other projects including awareness campaigns among citizens from the platforms of Islamia University Bahawalpur, Liaquatpur Campus, Ahmadpur East Campus, Rahim Yar Campus and Bahawalnagar Campus and reiterated the determination to work side by side with the police. Registrar University Prof. Dr. Moazzam Jameel,

Treasurer Prof. Dr. Muhammad Abou Bakr, Chairman, Department of Media and Communication Studies Prof. Dr. Muhammad Shahzad, Director Center for Media, Society and Democracy Dr. Sajjad Hussain. Additional Registrar HR Arif Ramoz, Additional Registrar Regulation Imran Bhatta, Member Syndicate and Director Fatima Jinnah Leadership Center Dr. Samar Fahad and Additional Director Sports Dr. Bushra Siddique were also present on the occasion. Vice Chancellor along with his team extended a warm welcome

to Regional Police Bahawalpur. The Vice Chancellor assigned the Director Center for Media, Society and Democracy, Dr. Sajjad Hussain, to initiate the process of a collaborative agreement between the police and the university so that maximum police data can be used for research purposes. RPO also visited various departments of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and appreciated the developmental projects.

Mr. Saqib Ali Ateel, Secretary Agriculture South Punjab Visits IUB



Saqib Ali Ateel, Secretary Agriculture South Punjab along with Senior Faculty Member

■ The agricultural research conducted at Islamia University Bahawalpur under the leadership has been of great importance for the development of agriculture in the country. In this regard, research on cotton crops by university agricultural scientists and cotton varieties with the best yield in climatic and geographical conditions are very welcome for

the agricultural economy, farmer's prosperity and textile industry. This was expressed by Saqib Ali Ateel, Secretary Agriculture South Punjab on the occasion of his visit to the Faculty of Agriculture Islamia University Bahawalpur. He visited National Cotton Breeding Institute, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur along with Jameel Ghori, Director Agriculture Extension and Ismat Ullah

Kahlo, Deputy Director Information. Dean Faculty of Agriculture and Environment Prof. Dr. Tanvir Hussain Turabi welcomed the guests. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal, Director, NCBI, spoke about the research activities being carried out in the institution and explained the methods of detection of CLCuV and whitefly screening. The distinguished guests also observed different genotypes

having resistance to CLCuV virus. Agriculture Secretary South Punjab appreciated the development of okra leaf shaped variety, hairless and red color genotype. Finally, they visited the seed production block of IUB-13 and okra leaf genotype and discussed the IPM program. Secretary Agriculture South Punjab appreciated the research services of the University for the cotton farmers of South Punjab as per the vision of Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob. Secretary Agriculture South Punjab said that the University and its team are the best gift for cotton farmers of NCBI Bahawalpur Division. On the occasion, Chairman, Department of Soil Science Dr. Maqshoof Ahmad, Dr. Muhammad Latif Principle Officer Horticulture, Dr. Azhar Hussain Associate Professor, Mr. Rizwan Majeed Director IT, Dr. Humayun Raza Assistant Professor PBG, Mr. Abdul Rehman Lecturer and Dr Usman Aziz were also present.

Vice Chancellor addresses the National Dialogue on Agricultural Research at National Agriculture Research Council Islamabad

■ Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor the Islamia University of Bahawalpur participated and addressed the National Dialogue on Agricultural Research organized by National Agriculture Research Council in Islamabad. The objective of this dialogue was to increase the agricultural potential of Pakistan so that the country's economy gets a boost. On the occasion, experts expressed their views on food and nutritional security and future trends in the meeting chaired by Federal Minister of Education and Vocational Training Rana Tanveer Hussain. In his address, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob said that the social and economic development of the country is centered on the innovation, development and expansion of the agriculture sector to achieve food security. The basis of research activities at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur are national development and



Federal Minister of Education and Vocational Training Rana Tanveer Hussain presenting a shield to Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob

priorities so that Islamia University can play an active role in the social

and economic development of the country. He said that more than 250

scientists are engaged in research in Agriculture, Veterinary Livestock,

Cholistan Desert Studies and other related fields in the University. With the cooperation of Chinese Universities, Islamia University is practicing intercropping of different crops, among them, mixed cultivation of corn and soybean is very important. With this, the country can not only become self-sufficient in the production of edible oil and poultry feed, but can also save valuable foreign exchange spent in this regard. Another plan is to make 6.7 million acres of Cholistan arable through rain fed systems, which could make the region the country's

food basket and add USD 10 billion to the country's economy. Initially, a USD 6.5 million pilot project is being implemented near Derawar Fort with domestic and foreign cooperation. With the success of this pilot project, the barren and uninhabited land of Cholistan can be made fertile and arable. Similarly, the cotton varieties of Islamia University Bahawalpur are being cultivated on 40% of the area of Punjab. Islamia University Bahawalpur has given the rights of marketing and sale of cotton to private companies, which has made the university a fourth-

generation university. University scientists are also researching more nutritious rice and wheat varieties. Similarly, mushroom, cut flower fruit and vegetable and multi-cultivated fruit gardens are also being run. Cholistan Institute of Desert Studies of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur is working for the conservation and survival of indigenous flora and fauna of Cholistan. For this purpose, a special Biodiversity Park has also been established on an area of 85 acres near Derawar Fort. On the occasion, Federal Minister for Education and

Vocational Training Rana Tanveer Hussain and Chairman PARC Dr. Ghulam Muhammad Ali appreciated the efforts of the Vice Chancellor for the extraordinary research activities in the agricultural sector at Islamia University of Bahawalpur. He said that the agricultural research of the University is ideal for all universities. On the occasion, the Chairman of the Department of Plant Pathology Prof. Dr. Naveed Aslam Mulghani also accompanied the Vice Chancellor. The Federal Minister of Education also presented a shield of appreciation to the Vice Chancellor.

Vice Chancellor participates in the Skills Gala and Talent Hunt Program



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor along with IT expert on the occasion of Skills Gala and Talent Hunt Program 2023

Vice Chancellor the Islamia University of Bahawalpur Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob participated in the Skills Gala and Talent Hunt Program-2023 in Lahore jointly organized by the Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunication Government of Pakistan, the Punjab Information

IT experts, entrepreneurs and hundreds of people associated with the IT industry were present from all over Pakistan. On the occasion, the Vice Chancellor said that he has taken key steps to make the region a center of information technology in two universities of South Punjab in 8 years. Rahim Yar Khan's Khawaja

of understanding for access to the global market and employment of computer science and computer engineering students capable of artificial intelligence of Islamia University Bahawalpur. Directorate of Information Technology of Islamia University Bahawalpur providing testing services to

the university has an automated admission system, recruitment system, administrative and financial systems, and is facilitating more than 70,000 students, one lac off-campus students and more than 6,000 teachers and employees, human resources, transport, land records, and scholarships. All the matters are



IT expert presenting a shield to Vice Chancellor

Technology Board, the Punjab Export Board and other public and private institutions. In his address, the Vice Chancellor elaborated on the development and evolution of human resources, a knowledge-based economy, and role of the university in society, skilled manpower and industry-academia linkages. More than 100 heads of IT companies,

Farid University of Engineering and Information Technology and the Islamia University of Bahawalpur are producing excellent manpower in the field of IT along with teaching and research which is in great demand in the country and abroad. In particular, the International Consortium of Artificial Intelligence signed a memorandum



Engr. Prof Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor Presenting a souvenir to IT expert

universities, government and private institutions across the country. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur is setting up a high-tech software export center in the Baghdad ul Jadeed campus, where students with IT skills will be helped in the development of software and supply of such software to local and foreign companies. Similarly,

resolved on IT dashboards, which have been appreciated, by federal and provincial institutions as well as ambassadors and experts of various countries. The Vice Chancellor while appreciating the organization of Skills Gala and Talent Hunt program said that this mega event provided an opportunity to the participating companies from all over Pakistan for

training and development as well as for the young IT professional sector to be aware of the opportunities available in this field worldwide. Participating companies in the event are providing networking opportunities to industry leaders and entrepreneurs through training

programs, courses, and networking, which is highly commendable. On the occasion, Director IT, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and IT expert Mr. Rizwan Majeed said that the Islamia University of Bahawalpur through Tech Nation and Digital South Punjab road show

has promoted IT in South Punjab and attracted youth towards this sector. Through the Digital South Punjab Road Show, these experts traveled to 15 cities and towns of South Punjab and exposed the youth to the world of IT. On the occasion, Sajjad Kirmani SAAS Business Marketing, Saleem

Mirza Muslim Entrepreneurship, Irfan Malik Artificial Intelligence, Usman Chaghatai E-Commerce Wala, Farhan Saleem CEO Digital Market, Umar Qamar Head ELO, Hasan Khan CEO Tropics and Obaid Ashraf CEO Jenko also addressed.

Delegation of Evyol Group of Companies visits IUB



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor along with a delegation of Evyol Group of Companies

A delegation of Evyol Group of Companies visited the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and called on the Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob at his office in Baghdad ul Jadeed Campus. On the occasion, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal Director National Cotton Breeding

Institute was also present. They discussed the biosafety trials of new multiple-gene cotton varieties. Dr. Khalid Abdullah explained the protocol of environmental biosafety trials, which will be conducted in collaboration with the Evyol Group of Companies. Various departments of

the Islamia University of Bahawalpur including Entomology, Soil Science, Plant Breeding, and Genetics and National Cotton Breeding Institute, will actively conduct various studies. Vice Chancellor appreciated the gesture of Evyol Group of Companies for sponsoring the biosafety studies

required by the National Biosafety Committee for introducing new genes in Pakistan. He also recognized the past agreements on research collaborations with Evyol Group. The Vice Chancellor also emphasized that the Islamia University of Bahawalpur is committed to developing ties with the private sector, which will lead to national development. The delegates also paid a visit to cotton research farms and appreciated the quality of the research work, and the expected outcome of hardworking researchers. On the occasion, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal, Director National Cotton Breeding Institute, Prof. Dr. Anjum Aqeel Chairman Department of Entomology, Chairman Department of Soil Science Dr. Maqshoof Ahmad, Dr. Muhammad Sajjad Manager of Research and Innovation ORIC IUB, Mr. Abdul Rehman Lecturer and Dr. Usman Aziz was also present.

Delegation of teachers and students visits Jinnah House Lahore



Group photo of teacher and students

On the direction of Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, a delegation of teachers and students visited Jinnah House Lahore to

express solidarity with the Pakistan Army. The Directorate of Outreach, Communication and Public Relations, the Islamia University Bahawalpur in collaboration with

ISPR organized the visit. The delegation made a detailed visit to Jinnah House Lahore and the participants were given a briefing about the sad and condemnable

incident of May 9th. After seeing the heart-wrenching scenes of Jinnah House Lahore, the faculty members Dr. Zia-ur-Rehman, Dr. Ramzan Tahir and Ms. Marina Rashid, who were part of the delegation, expressed their views and said that the tragedy of May 9th was extremely horrific that it shook the entire nation. After this cruel incident, the whole nation is suffering from mental agony. For any nation, its sensitive installations, historical buildings, and cultural heritage are of great importance. Their protection and respect are mandatory for the entire nation. They are symbols of national unity and security. An attack on these historical buildings and national assets is tantamount to an attack on the security and identity of this country. We, on behalf of the Vice Chancellor, students, teachers, and other departments of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, strongly condemn this incident and reiterate that we stand by our Pakistan Army.



Group photo of teacher and students at Jinnah House Lahore

On the occasion, we also pay our respects to our martyrs who have protected the blessing of our freedom in every age by sacrificing

their lives. We demand that the law enforcement agencies, after a thorough investigation, should punish those involved in the May 9th

tragedy strictly according to the laws of the country so that such incidents do not happen again in the future. After visiting Jinnah House Lahore,

the delegation participated in the evening flag-lowering ceremony at the Wagah border and expressed solidarity with the Pakistan Army.

Vice Chancellor visits Game District Office



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor along with CEO Game District Mr. Saad Hameed

■ Game District, an emerging mobile games leader company, will establish a game studio at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. This was agreed during the visit of

Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor to Game District Office in Lahore. On the occasion, the CEO Game District Mr. Saad Hameed briefed that his company has a

project alliance with world-renowned companies like NFL, Hobbits, LEGO, and Outfit7 to produce outstanding mobile games. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob said that mobile games

development companies are playing a significant role in Digital Learning & Information Technology and contributing to the economy. Both sides agreed to promote mobile games through mutual collaboration, and Game District will provide necessary equipment worth Rs.2 million to establish a mobile game studio at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. Mr. Rizwan Majeed, Director IT, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Mr. Umair Majeed CEO Ditecs AI were also present on the occasion. Mr. Rizwan Majeed said that during recent years, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur has shown tremendous progress in IT education and research, and federal, provincial as well as renowned IT companies are offering support to promote joint ventures in this sector. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur is already engaged with the federal IT Ministry, Punjab Information Technology Board, Punjab Software Export Board, and other organizations on various projects. Vice Chancellor's visit to the Game District was also connected with the University's efforts to explore opportunities in the latest fields of Information Technology.

6th Meeting of Consortium on Climate Change, Food Security and Sustainability



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor presiding over the meeting

■ The 6th Meeting of Consortium was held online under the chair of Convener Vice Chancellor, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob at Islamia University of Bahawalpur. According to the notification of the Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC), "IUB lead Theme II Climate Change, Environment & Pollution (Waste Management)" among all Universities Punjab-Pakistan

was discussed. Dr. Wajid Nasim Jatoi Focal Person and Director International Centre briefed the details of the agenda for Climate Change, Food Security and Sustainability. Members exchanged views on the first draft on the "Climate Change Policy Action Document". Prof. Dr. Nasim Ahmad, Vice Chancellor, University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences,

Lahore appreciated the Islamia University of Bahawalpur for working continuously on the theme and suggested some improvements to carry the task at the national level in the National Climate Change Policy as published by Ministry of Climate Change, Government of Pakistan through this Consortium. Prof. Dr. Shazia Anjum, Patron and members Dr. Muhammad Abdullah, Dr. Nargis

Naz, Dr. Samar Fahd, Dr. Abid Rashid Gill, Dr. Mazhar Abbas, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, and Dr. Naveed ul Haq were present in the meeting. Prof. Dr. Shazia Anjum concluded the meeting, and it was decided to hold the next meeting to finalize the Climate Change Policy Action Document.

Controller Radio Pakistan News Mr. Sajjad Parvez interviews the Vice Chancellor, IUB



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor along with Sajjad Parvez Controller News, Radio Pakistan

■ Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob Vice Chancellor of Islamia University Bahawalpur has said that the university has achieved the goal of self-sufficiency. Currently, the university is meeting 90% of its expenses from its own resources and sources. The Vice Chancellor expressed these views while talking to Radio Pakistan's Controller News Punjab Sajjad Parvez in the current affairs program Lahore Insight. He said that after the recent autumn

admission campaign, the number of male and female students at the Islamia University Bahawalpur will be 75 thousand. This university has now become the largest university in Pakistan in terms of students. He said that all the employees and teachers of Islamia University Bahawalpur will also benefit from the fruits of the federal budget. Budget preparation has started at the university. In the budget, money has been allocated for increasing the salaries of the

employees. Employees in BPS 1 to 16 will be given a 35 percent pay hike and grades above 17 will be given a 30 percent hike. He said that the university's budget will focus on quality education, excellent research and the welfare of employees and students. The Vice Chancellor welcomed the release of Pakistan Education Endowment Fund (PEF) by the Federal Government. He said that the Prime Minister of Pakistan Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif had

issued PEF during his tenure as Chief Minister, now this welfare scheme has been started at the federal level as well. He hoped that university students would also benefit from this scheme. He said that the Islamia University of Bahawalpur is also establishing new campuses in which steps are being taken for the Khanpur Campus and Hasilpur Campus on the instructions of the Governor of Punjab. In response to a question, the Vice Chancellor said that the summer semester has started following the pursuit of the best universities in Pakistan and the world. Summer semester is as per the University Act, academic and other rules and regulations. This will enable optimal utilization of manpower and resources in the university. He said that the summer semester classes will be air-conditioned so that the teachers and students can be protected from harsh weather conditions. The summer semester will be entirely based on teaching activities so that the students can continue their studies. He said that so far the trend of the students for the summer semester is very strong and this semester will prove to be the addition of the best chapter in the high-quality education and teaching traditions

Seminar on the death anniversary of Nawab of Bahawalpur Sir Sadiq Muhammad Khan Abbasi-V



Prof. Dr. Jawed Hassaan Chandio, Dean Faculty of Arts and Languages presiding over the meeting

■ On the direction of Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur a seminar was organized on the occasion of the 57th death anniversary of Nawab of Bahawalpur Sir Sadiq Muhammad Khan Abbasi-V at Baghdad ul Jadeed Campus. Speaking on the occasion, the speakers said that living nations always remember their heroes and make their golden achievements a beacon of light making them successful. Sir Sadiq Muhammad Khan Abbasi is a benefactor of Pakistan who played a significant role in the establishment and stability of the nascent state of Pakistan. He was a far-sighted ruler and the development and performance of Bahawalpur State in the social,

economic and educational fields is proof of this. Similarly, his actions in public welfare works are still highly exemplary. The purpose of organizing a seminar at the Islamia University every year in memory of Nawab Sahib is to inform our young generation about the achievements of this great leader of the Nation of Islam. Prof. Dr. Jawed Hassaan Chandio, Dean Faculty of Arts and Languages, Dr. Allama Muhammad Tahir, Professor Government S.E College Bahawalpur, Prof. Dr. Aftab Hussain Gilani Chairman Department of Pakistan Studies, Prof. Dr. Akbar Malik, Former Chairman Department of Pakistan Studies, Dr. Issmat Durrani, Department of Persian and Muhammad Nauman Farooqui addressed on the occasion. The

speakers said that the patronage of the subcontinent's schools and book friendship was Nawab Sahib's way of life. His great achievement is the establishment of libraries, universities, colleges, schools and madrasahs across the state of Bahawalpur. Education in the state was free and patronized by scholars. All India Mushairas were organized regularly. To ensure the provision of education, health, justice and employment to the subjects, these issues received the personal attention of the Nawab. Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, Allama Muhammad Iqbal and other leaders of the Muslim League appreciated the moral, financial support and struggles of Nawab Sahib for Pakistan Movement. The

best way to remember and pay tribute to the great personality of Nawab of Bahawalpur is that teachers and students should be fully focused on teaching, character building and moral training of the young generation and create a cradle of knowledge and literature according to the great scientific and cultural traditions. Prof. Dr. Rozina Anjum Naqvi, Department of Iqbaliyat, Prof. Dr. Musarat Wajid, Department of Persian, Dr. Rafiq ul Islam Chairman, Department of Iqbaliyat, Dr. Muhammad Asghar Sial Department of Iqbaliyat, Farjad Faiz Lecturer Department of Fine Arts, Dr. Riaz Hussain Department of English and Fatima Muzahir Deputy Registrar Public Affairs were present on the occasion.

Renowned religious scholar Ajmal Raza Qadri visits IUB



Renowned religious scholar Ajmal Raza Qadri addressing the seminar

A seminar organized by the Character Building Students Society, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur

was organized at the Amphitheater of University College of Arts and Design. Renowned religious scholar

Ajmal Raza Qadri participated as a guest speaker in the seminar. On the occasion, Ajmal Raza Qadri gave a

detailed lecture on the importance of the moral values of Islam and Islamic reforms in the present age. Mr. Syed Zeeshan Akhtar was the Chief Guest and former President of Lahore High Court, Mr. Aurangzeb and Senior Advocate High Court Aamir Zia participated as guests of honor. Former President of Press Club Jalal Bhatti and Naseer Ahmed Nasir and ADIG Bahawalpur Kashif Abdullah participated in the seminar. Mr. Rizwan Majeed Director IT, Dr. Azhar Hussain, Director Alumni, Dr. Noveen and hundreds of students participated. The guests appreciated and felicitated for conducting a successful program. President of Character Building Society IUB Mohammad Farqan Abdullah hosted the function. At the end shields and certificates were given to the guests.

Vice Chancellor meets with President District Press Club Rahim Yar Khan Asim Siddique



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor exchanging views with Asim Siddique President of the District Press Club Rahim Yar Khan

Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob has said that the role of media is very important in promoting education, especially in the field of higher education. Press Club Rahim Yar Khan has always supported the construction and development of the University's Rahim Yar Khan

Campus and highlighted curricular and co-curricular activities in a good manner. The Vice Chancellor expressed these views during a meeting with the President of the District Press Club Rahim Yar Khan Asim Siddique in his office. He also said that the scholarship quota for the children of journalists has been approved by the Syndicate.

Similarly, the furniture to set up Al-Sadiq Library Corner in Rahim Yar Khan Press Club will be provided to facilitate journalists and help them in their professional activities. Senior Journalist Qaiser Ghafoor, Director Press, Media and Publications Shahzad Ahmed Khalid, Director Alumni Dr. Azhar Hussain and Senior Alumni Raza Malik were present on

the occasion. Dr. Azhar Hussain presented Alumni Shield to President District Press Club Rahim Yar Khan Asim Siddique. President Press Club Rahim Yar Khan thanked the Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob for the warm reception and collaboration in the development and education of the students.

Institute of Physics wins the British Council Pak-UK Education Gateway Mobility Partnership Project for Faculty

Institute of Physics, the Islamia University Bahawalpur won the British Council Pak-UK Education Gateway Mobility Partnership Project for Faculty. Vice Chancellor the Islamia University of Bahawalpur Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob has said that this achievement is a manifestation of the high academic standards and international level teaching and research of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. In this partnership, UK and Pakistani universities will work together to develop higher education linkages between UK

and Pakistan. The representative/ applicant Universities from Pakistan and UK will design a rigorous short-term mobility program on different thematic areas. Dr. Kaneez Rabia from the Institute of Physics, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Prof. Alan J. Drew from the Queen Mary University of London are playing the leading role in the project on the theme of Energy (generation, distribution, and conservation). The Pakistani team of this project consists of 11 Faculty members, 9 from the Institute of

Physics, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, one from COMSATS University Islamabad, and one from the Govt. Sadiq College Women University, Bahawalpur. The UK team of this project consists of 8 Faculty members from Queen Mary University of London who will also visit the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, Pakistan. Through this program, capacity building of the faculty and staff of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur in advanced characterization and analysis techniques will be done. A

meeting with a number of other key players in the energy and batteries research area will be arranged by UK team. Examples are the "Batteries Innovation Centre" in Coventry and the Faraday Institution (representative universities, such as Cambridge, Oxford, Imperial, UCL, Sheffield, etc.). Different members of the team will identify their areas of future collaboration between the wider faculty of the Queen Mary University of London and other Universities in the UK. The detail about potential future funding



Dr. Kaniz Rabia along with Prof. Dr. Saeed Ahmad Buzdar presenting a Project of British Council Pak-UK Gateway mobility partisanship for Faculty to Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor

schemes involving Pakistan-UK international collaboration in the

energy arena will also be the agenda of this visit. A scientific workshop

will be arranged by the Institute of Physics, the Islamia University of

Bahawalpur. The research students and the faculty from Physics and Chemistry department will get an opportunity to have one to one contact with the UK delegation, consequently broader collaborative opportunities. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur congratulated the project team and appreciated the efforts of Prof. Dr. Saeed Ahmad Buzdar, Dean Faculty of Physical and Mathematical Science and Dr. Kaneez Rabia, the project lead, to bring the Islamia University of Bahawalpur in collaboration with technologically advanced countries.

IUB signs MOUs with Pak-Aab Authority, Govt of Punjab, and Red Marker Systems

■ The SDGs Collaboration Centre, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur signed MOUs with Pak-Aab Authority, Govt. of Punjab, and Red Marker Systems. SDGs Collaboration Centre, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur signed MoU with Pak Water Authority, Government of Punjab and Red Marker Systems. The MoU signed by Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Director Pak-Aab Authority Government of Punjab Ammir Khaleeq and CEO of Red Marker Systems Gull Zeba. Prof. Dr. Rubina Bhatti Patron SDGsCC expressed her appreciation for SDGs Collaboration Centre team's efforts, and stated that these MOUS will be beneficial for achieving SDGs, Quality



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor and Amir Khaleeq, Director Pak-Arab Authority Government of Punjab signing MoU Documents

of Education, Gender Equality and Clean Water. Prof. Dr. Moazzam Jamil, Registrar IUB, Dr. Salman Bin Naeem, Director SDGsCC, Dr. Mariam Abbas

Soharwardi Additional Director SDGsCC, Dr. Abid Rasheed Gill, Dr. Naveed Malghani, Dr. Samar Fahad, Dr. Azhar Hussain, Dr. Areeba Khan,

Dr Zahida, Dr Alia Nazir, Ms. Kalsoom Rashid, Mr. Shehryar Paracha and Dr. Bushra Sadiq were present during MOUs Signing Ceremony.

MoU between IUB and three Clinical labs & Diagnostic Centers



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Naveed Akhtar Pro Vice Chancellor and Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ayub Khan CEO Ayub Lab and Diagnostic Center, Dr. Uzma Chauhan CEO Hamdard Blood Bank and Transfusion Services and Fayyaz Ahmed CEO Adam Lab and Diagnostic Centre signing MoU Documents

■ A memorandum of understanding signed between the Department of Medical Laboratory Technology, Faculty of Medicine and Allied Health Sciences, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, and three clinical labs and diagnostic

centers for the practical training of BS Medical Laboratory Technology students. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, Prof. Dr. Naveed Akhtar Pro Vice Chancellor and Dean Faculty of

Medicine and Allied Health Sciences, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ayub Khan CEO Ayub Lab and Diagnostic Center, Dr. Uzma Chauhan CEO Hamdard Blood Bank and Transfusion Services and Fayyaz Ahmed CEO Adam Lab and Diagnostic Centre signed

the MoU. On this occasion, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akhtar Chairman Department of Medical Laboratory Technology, Dr. Muhammad Asif Khan, Director of Office of Faculty Industrial Engagement, other faculty members, directors and senior officers were present. This MoU aims to nurture a strong alliance between academia and industry, promoting research in healthcare, improving the quality of education, and providing practical orientation and training opportunities to the students of BS MLT. This partnership is a step forward toward advancing scientific knowledge and practical applications in the field of medical sciences.

MoU between the IUB and District Headquarters Hospital Lodhran

■ A memorandum of understanding was signed between the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and District Headquarters Hospital Lodhran for practical training, teaching and research, and mutual cooperation to facilitate students of University College of Nursing. The agreement was signed by Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Dr. Muhammad

Aurangzaib Medical Superintendent District Headquarters Hospital Lodhran. Speaking on the occasion, Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob said that the Islamia University of Bahawalpur is striving for quality education in the field of allied health sciences. For this purpose, linkages are being promoted for practical training in hospitals in the region. The University College of Nursing is the first of its

kind quality institution in South Punjab, offering a BS and MS degree in nursing equipped with state of the art facilities. Dr. Muhammad Aurangzaib said that under the leadership of Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur has established new departments in the field of allied health sciences for the students of this area for

employment in the health sector, providing excellent opportunities and the initiation of teaching activities in this field will greatly improve the public health sector in South Punjab. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Amjad, Dean Faculty of Engineering the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, Dr. Faisal Waheed Chief Executive Officer Health Lodhran, Farhan Mukhtar Principal University College of Nursing, the Islamia University

of Bahawalpur, Tasneem Akhtar Nursing Superintendent District Headquarters Hospital Lodhran were present on the occasion. Under the agreement, District

Headquarters Hospital Lodhran will provide practical training, guidance, and technical support from senior experienced medical experts to the students of the University

College of Nursing. Similarly, mutual initiatives will be taken for joint research projects, conferences, and seminars. The District Headquarters Hospital Lodhran will also provide a

one-year post-degree internship program to the students of the University College of Nursing.



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor and Dr. Muhammad Aurangzaib Medical Superintendent District Headquarters Hospital Lodhran signing MoU Documents

Ceremony on World Music Day 2023

■ The Islamia University of Bahawalpur organized a beautiful ceremony on World Music Day by IUB Performing Arts Society, Directorate of Student Affairs, in which the great singers of Pakistan, Shahenshah e Ghazal Mehdi Hasan, King of Music Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan and Queen Sahara Reshma Je was paid homage. The highlight of this event was that the singers of the Performing Arts Society sang the songs, Ahmed, Mahaam Tahir, Ayesha Munir, Talha Rajput, Shahan, Akash Bukhari, Najaf, Shafqat and Waleed presented film and non-film songs, folk ghazals and qawwalis of the three great singers. A very beautiful stage designed for this program Nostalgia. The students of Performing Arts Society worked continuously for three days while the singers practiced for two months for this program. The evening started with an audio documentary paying homage to the great artists of music and in the semi-dark environment of the hall, the artists' songs, songs and Agha Sadaf Mehdi's

narration created a mesmerizing atmosphere. The whole auditorium lit up and erupted with applause as the enthusiastic listeners were welcomed. President of Performing Arts Society Hassan Muhammad and Senior Vice President Zainab Durrani thanked all the guests at the beginning of the program and said that it was a difficult task to present this untouched idea but under the guidance of Advisor Agha Sadaf Mehdi and patronage of Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, we were able to present this program. Adviser IUB Performing Arts Society, Agha Sadaf Mehdi, while delivering the welcome speech in the program, paid tribute to these singers in a great way. Ko Papihe ki Ko gives the sound that creates a new image in every mind. This is the reason why the songs of these great singers take us to a new world whenever we hear them. Vice Chancellor Islamia University Bahawalpur Engineer Professor Dr. Athar Mehboob Tamgha Imtiaz while

congratulating the male and female singers participating in the program said that accepting challengers and seeing them to the end is the way of successful people and you have joined these successful people. are There is no doubt that it is not possible to capture and pay the heads of these artists but you have started this work in a very auspicious manner. , Noorul Arafeen, Rashid Khurshid, Ayesha Ilyas and Jahanzeb Rahmat were congratulated for organizing the wonderful program. Chief guest of the program Bahawalpur Commissioner Dr. Ehtisham Anwar said that it was an untouched idea which has left a deep impression on the minds of music lovers. Everything from the opening documentary, stage decoration, researched script, song and voice selection to the music of the musicians was meticulously executed. And the most beautiful thing was that the presenter of this program also carried the program with a very smart hand. He praised

the comparing of Mudassar Maqbool, Nawal Mehdi, Hasan Muhammad and Zainab Durrani and said that it was a pleasant feeling for me that Such an important and big program was handled very well by the young compers. Appreciating the creativity of Advisor IUB Performing Arts Society, he said that if the creator is literary, creative and talented, such programs can be created. I congratulate Agha Sadaf Mehdi for training the students in this way. And I wish that such programs will be organized on a regular basis in the future. He praised actors Shahryar and Jawaria for a performance presented on the occasion in which the two artistes impersonated famous actors Muhammad Ali and Zeba on Mehdi Hasan's song. A large number of faculty members and their families, elders and students participated in the program. And the students continued to sing songs and qawwalis.



Group photo of participants along with Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor and Dr. Ehtesham Anwar Commissioner Bahawalpur Division

Ceremony on urban farming

■ Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob has said that urban farming has an important role in social and economic development. Urban farming can play an important role in food security and poverty alleviation. The Vice Chancellor expressed these views while addressing the inauguration ceremony of the Center for Urban Farming. He said that being an agricultural region, Bahawalpur can easily deal with challenges like food security. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur is a pioneer in agricultural research and our research projects are aligned with national priorities and needs. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur can play an effective role in establishing urban farming and promoting sustainable agriculture. On this occasion, Founder Chairman Organic Pakistan Muhammad Nadeem Iqbal said in a briefing that Urban Farming Center help citizens to set up farms at home and teach them to grow their own food. This not



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor along with the participants on the occasion of the opening ceremony of the center of urban farming

only leads to self-sufficiency in food, the entire family and society can be healthy and energetic. Bahawalpur is agriculturally important and very suitable for urban farming. Urban farming has been practiced for centuries and many countries around the world such as Cuba and Sri Lanka have successfully implemented it

to increase food security as well as employment opportunities. On this occasion, Dean Faculty of Agriculture and Environment Prof. Dr. Tanveer Hussain, Houbara Foundation Major Retired Tahir Majeed, Secretary Gymkhana Malik Ejaz Nazim, Managing Director Lucky Snacks Uzair Ahmad Chaudhry, Prof. Dr.

Naveed Aslam Mulghani, Chairman Plant Pathology Department, Dr. Muhammad Nafees Chairman Horticultural Sciences Department, Shahzad Ahmad Khalid Director Press Media and Publications, Dr. Jam Sajjad Hussain Director Campus FM Radio and media representatives were present in large numbers.

The Federal Ministry of Education and Vocational Training, Government of Pakistan increases the number of scholarships



University college of Nursing

■ The Federal Ministry of Education and Vocational Training, Government of Pakistan has increased the number of scholarships from 4 to 14

for the students of Nursing College, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur under the National Endowment Fund for Talent. These scholarships are

awarded for the Nursing Scholarship Program for the year 2023-24. An award letter has been issued in this regard. This is the largest number of scholarships provided by the Federal Ministry of Education for Nursing College of any university. University College of Nursing, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur is a state-of-the-art institution of nursing education in the country and the Islamia University of Bahawalpur is where the nursing college was established. This college is the fruit of the leadership and guidance of Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob. The Vice Chancellor visited nursing colleges across the country for the establishment of this college,

appointed a team of highly qualified teachers and equipped with modern laboratories and classrooms and facilities, the institution of nursing is making the name of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur famous at the national and international level. An accredited institution from the Pakistan Nursing Council will play a key role in providing quality trained manpower in the field of nursing both domestically and internationally. Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob has appreciated the efforts of Principal College Farhan Mukhtar for playing a significant role in obtaining scholarships and congratulated the teachers and students.

Two students from the Republic of Yamen meets with Vice Chancellor

■ The Islamia University of Bahawalpur has achieved the status of international university as per the vision of the Vice Chancellor and Nawab of Bahawalpur. Under the direction of Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, the Directorate of International Linkages is actively working for the admission of international students at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and is making international students a part of the community. Two students from the Republic of Yamen along with Director International Linkages Dr. Abid Shahzad met with Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob. These students include Bashar Ahmad Abdullah



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor and Director Dr. Abid shahzad Director International Linkages along with two IUB students from Republic of Yemen

Muhammad Mohsin and Muhammad Salim Ali Muhammad Saleh. Both have been enrolled in BS Software Engineering in the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob welcomed the two international students to the University and Bahawalpur. Both the

students expressed their feelings of love and respect to the leadership, Pakistani students and teachers of Islamia University of Bahawalpur. The students are very impressed with the university infrastructure and faculty and are keen to bring their fellow students to Islamia

University of Bahawalpur in future. Director International Linkages said that many international students are contacting the directorate to join the Islamia University of Bahawalpur in the near future. He also informed that some ambassadors of brotherly countries are coming to the

Islamia University of Bahawalpur in the near future for bilateral relations. On the occasion, the Vice Chancellor appreciated the efforts of the Directorate of International Linkages in promoting international networking and cooperation and connecting with the outside world.

MoU between IUB and Pakistan Single Window (PSW) and Molecular Plant Pathology Lab

■ Pakistan Single Window (PSW) and Molecular Plant Pathology Lab at the Department of Plant Pathology, Faculty of Agriculture and Environment, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, has agreed to build cooperation by signing a memorandum of understanding. This MoU is a form of mutual commitment of providing services of lab tests, and analysis and submission of reports for samples drawn from import, export or transit consignments to customs and other government agencies which utilize these reports for processing and issuance of licenses, permits, certificates and other documents as per respective regulatory requirements. Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob has appreciated the



Chairman Department of Plant Pathology, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naveed Aslam Malghani presenting a document of MoU to the Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob

efforts of Chairman Department of Plant Pathology Prof. Dr. Muhammad

Naveed Aslam Malghani and his faculty members for initiating

this beneficial collaboration to standardize laboratory practices.

Khawaja Alam Koreja, Mirza Habib and well-known poet Safdar Baloch visits IUB



Khawaja Alam Koreja, Mirza Habib and well-known poet Safdar Baloch meeting with Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob

■ Eminent personalities of Khanpur, Khawaja Alam Koreja, Mirza Habib and well-known poet Safdar Baloch met with Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor of Islamia

University, Bahawalpur at Baghdad ul Jadeed Campus. The members of the delegation paid tribute to Islamia University Bahawalpur for making it a world-class university. He said that

the campus of Islamia University in Khanpur will prove to be a boon not only for Khanpur but also for the students of Rajanpur, Liaquatpur and the suburbs. A proposal was

given to establish the sub campus at the old building of Cadet College Khanpur which will not only preserve it but will also act as the hub of quality education especially for female students. He further said that The Islamia University has now become a popular university and has become the first priority for higher education. The establishment of a university campus in Khanpur will be the beginning of a new chapter in the social and economic development of the area, which is credited to Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob.

Book launching ceremony of Farishtey ki FIR (Part Two)

■ The Islamia University of Bahawalpur embarks literary ceremonies in its campuses continuously to infiltrate literature and research among its students. In continuation of its literary traditions a book launching ceremony of renowned writer Dr. Idrees Ahmad Aftab book Farishtey ki FIR (Part Two) was presented for critical appreciation. The Department of Education, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur hosted the ceremony which held at the Ghulam Muhammad Ghotive Hall, Abbasia Campus. The session was presided over by the Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob. The Dean Faculty of Education, Prof. Dr. Irshad Hussain welcomed all the participants,



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor along with renowned writer Dr. Idrees Ahmad Aftab and others

dignitaries and colleagues. The intellectuals from the Bahawalpur put forth their reviews on the art and artifacts of the said book. The literary participants consisted of literary pundits, M.Phil and Ph.D. Scholars, Deans of faculties, teachers and social activists. The reviewers who evaluated the book were Mr. Sultan Ahmad Saeed, Mr. Muhammad Mudassir, Mr. Ghufraan Majeed from Radio Pakistan, Prof. Syed Dewan Asif Shahzad and Prof. Sana Qazi from the English Literature Department, Govt. Sadiq Egerton Graduate College Bahawalpur, Prof. Noreen Ghanzanfar and Prof. M. Nauman Faruqi from Department of Urdu, Sadiq Public School and College Bahawalpur. Critical evaluators Dr. Asif Nadeem, Dr. Tahir Nadeem and Dr. Nosheen Malik from Department of Education and Dr. Mumtaz Khan from Department of Saraiki, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur also shared their analyses on the book. Major objective of this ceremony was to develop book reading habit among the youth and to coincide the youth with the modern literary trends and modalities. The evaluators evaluated effects of contemporary trends

impacting the youth through mobile, internet and electronic media. It was indicated that the digital information advancement, swift means of livings and commercialization deem to diminish book reading among youngsters. The only source to inculcate the lofty thoughts and sublime ideas in the minds of youngsters is the propagation of true literary movements and writings. This ceremony originated importance of writer and literature reading in new generation. The speakers stressed upon the spread of awareness regarding importance of book reading among the generation. It was vowed that the nation would gain its seat among the civilized nations if our youth becomes literary voracious readers. Literature is a source of change agent. They opined that the literary readings can rebound the youth from the worth and value of their ancestors. The reviewers appreciated the author Dr. Idrees Ahmad Aftab for originating the interesting aspects of life in logical and philosophical way. They appreciated the literary tools with which the author has proliferated the canvas of his book and painted the

true picture of his contemporaries. His paintings are living beings that walk and talk to the readers just like paintings. This quality of the author attracts the attention of the reader. The Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob in his address reiterated that the penned wordy sketches drawn from the author are real and original. Dr. Idrees Ahmad Aftab evaluated every nook and corner of his life and presented in the book and made it moralistic and full of guidance. Dr. Idrees are infested with living cities which entangled attention of readers who cherish his writing and wish to live among them and become the part of it. It is mastery of his prosodic art where he brought into act his profound observatory skills and inculcated his life collection with simplicity and fidelity. Lofty imagination and clarity in statements is characteristic of his writings. He subdued unnecessary length and brevity by producing logical connections and continuity in the incidents of his life events. The book launching ceremony of the book was enacted by the Eng. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob with his resolution that the Islamia University

of Bahawalpur would continue to patronize such literary events in future and provide a solid forum for the growth of writers and literary writings. He congratulated Dr. Idrees Ahmad Aftab for his literary exhortations and prayed that the garden of these literary books may grow and prosper. The perfume of the words may enchant the literature and romance of literary books proves useful for the book lovers. He assured his firm belief that the books play their vital role in the character building of the humanity and act as a change agent in the human behaviors and values. It is the literature which brings revolution among nations and reflects cultural values of a society in a better way. This ceremony illumines role of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur in the south Punjab and show how literature friendly vice chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob seemed interested in the literary growth of the literature.

Former Dean Faculty of Arts Prof. Dr. Shafiq Ahmed presents poetry collection of Khawaja Qutbuddin Faridi to Vice Chancellor

■ Former Dean Faculty of Arts, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur Prof. Dr. Shafiq Ahmed met with Vice Chancellor the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob in his office and presented the poetry collection of Khawaja Qutbuddin Faridi. Recently Punjab University Lahore has published Dast e Talab poetry collection by Khawaja Ghulam Qutbuddin Faridi. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Saleem Mazhar, Ex-Vice Chancellor and Dr. Shafiq Ahmed, Ex-Dean, Islamia University, Bahawalpur have compiled this book. This collection contains a total of 131 pages, which includes 2 Hamd, 13 Naats, 8 Manaqibs, 21 Ghazals and 3 personal verses. Remember that Khwaja Qutbuddin Faridi belongs to Garhi Akhtar Khan near Khanpur Katura. Before this, another poetry collection of his



Former Dean Faculty of Arts Prof. Dr. Shafiq Ahmed meeting with Vice Chancellor, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob

has been published under the title of Betaabi and has received great acclaim. It should also be clear that Khwaja Ghulam Qutbuddin Faridi is associated with Sufism and his

father Hazrat Muhammad Yar Faridi was a famous Persian and Urdu poet. Prof. Dr. Shafiq Ahmed has also written Dast e Talab's foreword and preface, while it includes

comments by Prof. Dr. Khurshid Rizvi, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ishaq Qureshi, Prof. Dr. Salim Mazhar and Prof. Dr. Muhammad Qamar Ali Zaidi.

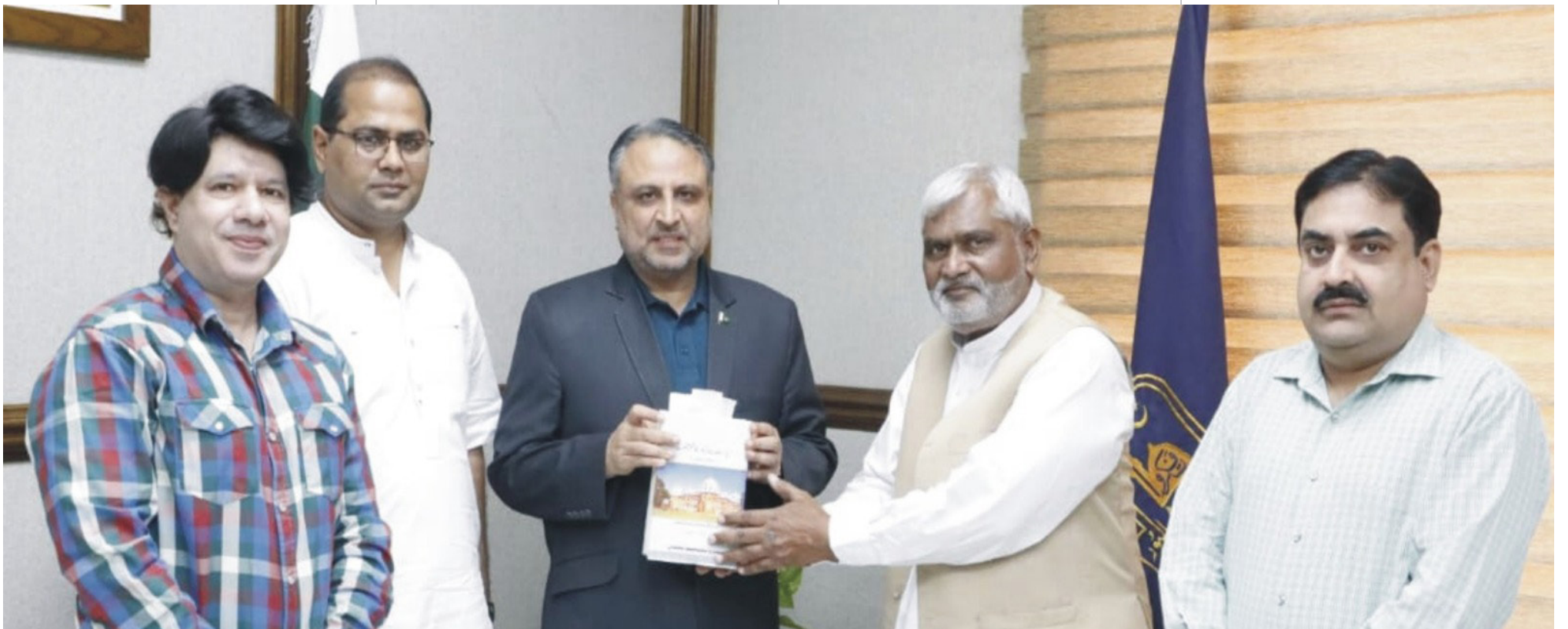
Dr. Allama Muhammad Tahir presents book to the Vice Chancellor

■ Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, said that Sir Sadiq Muhammad Khan was a wise, creative, affable, eloquent, brilliant, and honorable ruler. His governance left a deep impression on the culture, economy and society of Bahawalpur. The Vice Chancellor expressed these views on the occasion of his meeting with Dr. Allama Muhammad Tahir. On the occasion, Dr. Allama Muhammad Tahir presented his book "Riyasat Bahawalpur ka Nizam e Mumlikat"

to the Vice Chancellor. The Vice Chancellor said that this region has been the cradle of religious and communal harmony, equality and tolerance, knowledge and literature. The Prince of Bahawalpur left no stone unturned to make Bahawalpur a modern, developed and prosperous state. In fact, this area had become a mini-Pakistan even before the establishment of Pakistan with educational and agricultural reforms, and prosperous people. The social development of the region was exemplary and

special attention was given to areas such as education and public health. The Nawab of Bahawalpur was actually a born ruler and from his childhood, he had keenly observed the glory of the British Empire and the development in Europe. He also made a strong and successful attempt to apply it to this remote area. The Nawab of Bahawalpur, through the Sutlej Valley project, turned the desert into a chamistan, which increased resources and income, modernized and stabilized institutions, paid close attention

to military discipline and improved the ideological and geographical boundaries of the state. There is a need to remember the life of Sir Sadiq Muhammad Khan V as a bright example and convey the positive aspects to the new generation. On the occasion, Shahzad Ahmed Khalid Director Press, Media and Publications, Dr. Jam Sajjad Hussain Director Center for Media, Society and Democracy and Zahid Sulaiman Additional Director University Printing Press were present.



Dr. Allama Muhammad Tahir presenting a book to the Vice-Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob

Book “ستاروں پر جو ڈالتے ہیں کمند” Launching ceremony

■ The Islamia University of Bahawalpur, being a 100-year-old academic institution of the region, strives for the promotion and development of local literature and arts. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor the Islamia University of Bahawalpur expressed these views on the occasion of the launch of Prof. Imran Bashir's book “ستاروں پر جو ڈالتے ہیں کمند”. The Vice-Chancellor said that the Islamia University of Bahawalpur is a great higher education institution of the Indian sub-continent with which many talented personalities are associated. This institution has been patronizing local poets and writers since the days of Nawab-e-Bahawalpur. In the last few years, following this tradition, the Bahawalpur Literary and Cultural Festival was inaugurated in which local poets, writers and artists associated with Mahfil e Mushara, regional music, theater and fine arts were invited and presented their art. The university published books by local authors and organized events



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor along with Prof. Imran Bashir Tahir presenting a book to renowned poet Tahir Shaheer

to launch and celebrate them. Currently, there are 20 such books in print which are written by local personalities. Prof. Dr. Aftab Hussain Gillani, Chairman Department of Pakistan Studies said that the book “ستاروں پر جو ڈالتے ہیں کمند” covers the educational and social services of Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob. He rendered

commendable services in the establishment of Khawaja Farid University of Engineering and Technology Rahim Yar Khan in Bahawalpur Division and the development and expansion of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. Writer Prof. Imran Bashir said that Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob's educational

services and the promotion of knowledge and literature and the patronage of scholars by the university is a very welcome initiative. Renowned poet Tahir Shaheer specially participated in the event and captivated the audience with his poetry.

Delegation of Bahawalpur Bar Association meets with Vice Chancellor



Hamid Akhtar, President Bahawalpur Bar Association Abid Ali Qureshi, General Secretary along with Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor

■ Bahawalpur Bar Association Bahawalpur President Hamid Akhtar, General Secretary Abid Ali Qureshi, Masood Aziz Advocates, along with Malik Arshad, former Director of Baitul Mal, met with the Vice Chancellor, Islamia University Bahawalpur, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob at Baghdad ul Jadeed campus. On the occasion, the Vice Chancellor of Islamia University Bahawalpur assured the delegation that a quota will be allocated for the admission of children of lawyers of Bar Association Bahawalpur in various departments of the university. In this regard, Abid Ali Qureshi General Secretary made

certain recommendations and the Vice Chancellor endorsed to sign an MoU between Bahawalpur Bar Association and the university soon to speed up linkages. In the meeting, Hamid Akhtar Advocate President Bar discussed matters of mutual interest and appreciated the efforts made by the Vice Chancellor of the University. On the occasion, Masood Aziz Advocate and Malik Arshad former Director of Baitul Mal were also present.

Inauguration of the Botanical Garden

■ Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor the Islamia University of Bahawalpur said plots of land have been allocated at Baghdad ul Jadeed Campus to make the research activities of the departments active and productive. The Vice Chancellor expressed these views on the occasion of inauguration of the Botanical Garden at the Department of Botany. On the occasion, Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob and Dean Faculty of Chemical and Biological Sciences Prof. Dr. Shazia Anjum planted saplings. Chairperson Department, Dr. Nargis Naz, said in her briefing that different types of plants will be planted in the botanical garden. This garden will also work for the identification and conservation of plants. It will also have a seed bank,



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor inaugurating the land allocated to the department of Botany

a herbarium containing native and non-native plants. On the occasion, the Vice Chancellor also visited the

exhibition of flowers planted by the students of the Department of Botany for spring. In the exhibition,

plants and flowers were placed in a beautiful arrangement in accordance with Spring.

Vice Chancellor Podcast on Golden Jubilee of 1973 Constitution



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor participates in an exclusive video podcast interview with Sajjad Parvez Correspondent Radio Pakistan

■ Engr. Prof Dr Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur has said that his university has started constitutional and legal system of Pakistan as compulsory subject in every department for the students

to learn about the basic rights provided in the constitution. In an exclusive video podcast interview to commemorate golden jubilee of 1973 Constitution of the country with Radio Pakistan Correspondent Sajjad Parvez. He said the 1973

constitution represents a significant milestone in the history of Pakistan, as passed unanimously. He said constitution provides power sharing structure among all its units and institution to run the affairs of the state smoothly while it also stops the

concentration of power in few hands. Dr. Athar Mahboob said it gave a federal system of government, with powers divided between the central government and the provincial governments. He said constitution gives guarantee of basic rights to masses and also exercise its authority to elect the true representative for their services. He further said the constitution guarantees fundamental rights to all citizens, including the right to equality, freedom of speech, assembly, and association, freedom of religion, and the right to a fair trial. He said the 1973 constitution established Pakistan as an Islamic Republic and it also provided protection of the rights of minorities and freedom of religion. He said the constitution provided the establishment of local governments giving citizens greater control over their own affairs while recognized the importance of women's rights and provided for the promotion of gender equality.

Dr. Muhammad Rafiqul Islam participates in the International Conference at Yuzenshu University, Turkey

■ The modern Islamic world is facing many challenges including political instability, economic inequality, religious extremism and cultural degradation. These challenges can be attributed to factors such as colonialism, globalization and traditionalism, which have created a complex environment for the Muslim world. Dr. Allama Muhammad Iqbal has presented a unique perspective on these problems affecting the world of Islam and provided solutions to

overcome them through his works. Dr. Muhammad Rafiqul Islam, Chairman, Department of Iqbaliat and Philosophy, at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, expressed these views in his keynote address at the international conference held at Yuzenshu University, Turkey. He further said that one of the major challenges facing the Islamic world in the present era is political instability. Allama Iqbal believed that the reason for this instability was the lack of strong and visionary

leadership. He argued that Muslim leaders should have the qualities of courage, integrity and innovation to lead their nations to progress and prosperity. Iqbal believed that the establishment of an Islamic state based on the principles of justice and equality is necessary to overcome political instability in the Islamic world. Another major challenge facing the modern Islamic world is economic inequality. Allama Iqbal believed that Muslim nations should embrace economic

development and promote entrepreneurship to overcome poverty and inequality. He suggested that the Islamic financial system should be reformed to align with modern concepts of finance and banking. Iqbal emphasized that Muslims should adopt a more inclusive economic system that promotes the spirit of cooperation and partnership. Religious extremism is one of the most important challenges affecting the modern Islamic world. Allama Iqbal



Dr. Muhammad Rafiqul Islam, Chairman, Department of Iqbaliyat and Philosophy, addressing the conference

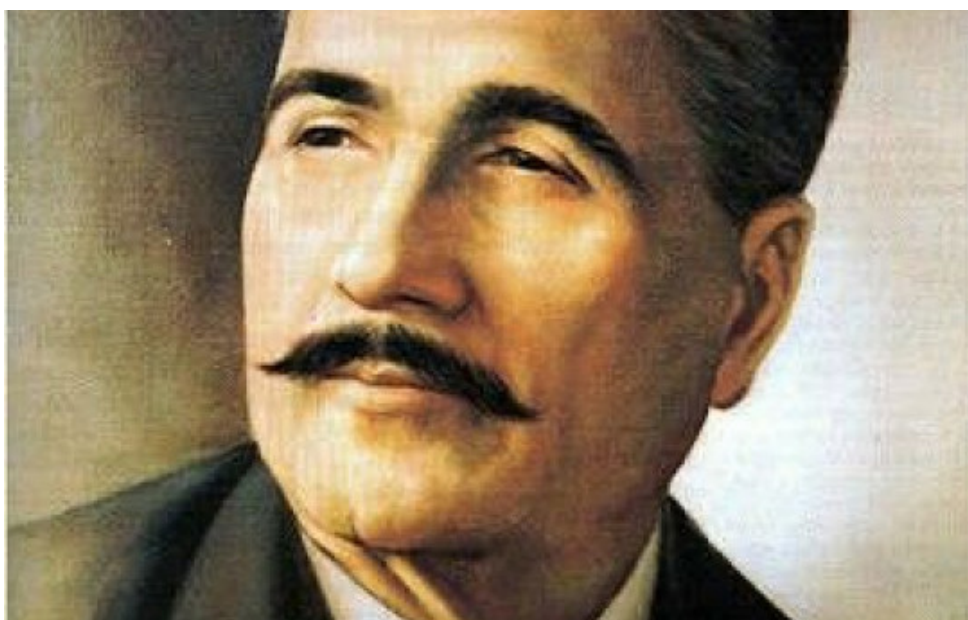
believed that religious extremism was due to a lack of proper education and an inability to understand religious teachings in a broader context. He advocated a more enlightened approach to Islamic education and emphasized that Muslims should focus on the essential teachings of Islam such as tolerance, compassion and peace. Iqbal believed that the education system should be reformed to promote critical thinking and

analysis, which could help eradicate religious extremism in the Muslim world. The cultural decline is another challenge facing the modern Islamic world. Allama Iqbal believed that Muslims should embrace their cultural heritage while adopting modern trends. He emphasized that Muslims should not be afraid of modernity but embrace it while maintaining their unique cultural identity. Iqbal believed that cultural assimilation could help Muslims

become more tolerant, pluralistic and inclusive. Dr. Muhammad Rafiqul Islam said that Allama Iqbal's thoughts provide a unique insight into the challenges facing the modern Islamic world and offer practical solutions to overcome them. His ideas on political stability, economic development, religious education, and cultural integration are still relevant and applicable to the modern Islamic world and serve as a guide to a brighter future for

Muslims globally. By adopting Iqbal's visionary approach to the challenges of the Islamic world, Muslims can emerge as a progressive, dynamic and prosperous community. It should be noted that Dr. Muhammad Rafiqul Islam is abroad on a fifteen-day private visit, where he will visit the Haram Sharif and later make progress for cooperation agreements for the promotion of Iqbal thought in Saudi and Turkish universities.

Seminar on Dr. Allama Muhammad Iqbal



It is evident from the provided information that Allama Muhammad Iqbal's thoughts and philosophy hold significant influence and power, capable of giving rise to nations. The efforts of Islamia University

Bahawalpur, particularly through the Iqbaliyat and Philosophy Department, are commendable in promoting Iqbal's ideas and principles. The presence of esteemed scholars and researchers, including Chairman Dr.

Muhammad Rafiqul Islam, Dr. Syed Qasim Jalal, Professor Dr. Muhammad Atif, Dr. Shafia, and Dr. Muhammad Asghar Sial, demonstrates the dedication of the university to furthering Iqbal's teachings. The growth of the department, with completed PhD scholars and an increasing number of MPhil and BS students, signifies its commitment to producing valuable research and spreading Iqbal's thoughts to the newer generations. The collaboration with Al-Azhar University in Egypt and other international universities, as well as the establishment of Iqbal Centers in different countries, show cases the global impact of Iqbal's philosophy and its resonance with scholars and institutions worldwide. The upcoming International Iqbal Conference, focusing on the unity of Muslims and Iqbal's thoughts, highlights the relevance of his ideas

in addressing contemporary challenges faced by the Muslim community. The presentation of Dr. Syed Qasim Jalal's book "Qum Bazin Allah" and his Persian poem frame to the Vice-Chancellor reflects the dedication of scholars in contributing to the understanding and appreciation of Iqbal's work. It also shows the acknowledgment of the university's administration in supporting and appreciating creative efforts related to Iqbal's legacy. Overall, the efforts of Islamia University Bahawalpur and its Iqbaliyat and Philosophy Department, along with international collaborations, are commendable in promoting Allama Muhammad Iqbal's thoughts and philosophy to nurture a sense of unity and development among the Muslim community and beyond.

85th death anniversary of Dr. Allama Muhammad Iqbal

Dr. Allama Muhammad Iqbal was a true benefactor of the Muslim Ummah, a great intellectual and a sincere leader of the Muslim subcontinent. With his thoughts and poetry, he taught the Muslim youth the lesson of independence, self-sufficiency, and greatness. These views were expressed by Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor

of Islamia University Bahawalpur on the occasion of Allama Muhammad Iqbal's 85th death anniversary. He said that living nations always remember their heroes, and Islamia University Bahawalpur is promoting the thoughtful message of Iqbal. The establishment of the Iqbaliyat Department and the launch of BS, MPhil, and PhD Iqbaliyat classes

under its management are a link to this chain. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob further said that the Islamia University of Bahawalpur is also taking steps to promote the poetry of Iqbal at the global level, which includes bilateral cooperation agreements with international universities and the establishment of Allama Iqbal Study Centers in

various universities. On the occasion, Dr. Muhammad Rafiqul Islam, Chairman, Department of Iqbal Studies and Philosophy, said that the solution to the problems and afflictions of the Muslim Ummah in the modern era can be easily derived from the his thoughts and ideas.

Three-day training workshop to increase the professional capacity of the Warden and other Administrative staff

IUB Hall Council organized a three-day training workshop to enhance the professional capacity of the Warden and other administrative staff. The presence and participation of Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob in the concluding session, as well as the distribution of certificates to the staff members who completed the training, highlights the importance and support given to such initiatives. The Vice-Chancellor rightly emphasized the significance of professional training for hostel staff. The workshop's goal, as mentioned by Chairman Hall Council Mail Dr. Faheem Mushtaq and Chairman Hall Council Mail Prof. Dr. Nasreen Akhtar, was to provide awareness about staff professionalism, work performance, discipline, customer service, and adherence to rules and regulations. The training program covered a wide range of topics, including food safety, mess-related issues, security and safety protocols, first aid in emergencies,



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

psychological problems of students, team building, and other relevant subjects. The involvement of various experts and professionals such as Rizwan Majeed Director IT, Dr. Ibrahim Manager Usha, Major Ijaz Hussain Shah Chief Security Officer,

Dr. Muhammad Usman Cheema Executive Medical Officer, Mr. Salman Mehmood Qureshi Chief Warden, Dr. Abida Firdous Additional Registrar, Muhammad Imran Bhatta Additional Registrar, Syed Faseehuddin Gallani XEN, and

Mohammad Irfan Worden mail Hostels indicates the commitment to providing comprehensive and specialized training to the administrative staff.

Eid-al-Adha celebration for students from foreign countries and remote areas of Pakistan

Vice Chancellor the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob hosted an Eid banquet at the University Guest House for the foreign students residing in the hostels and others belonging to remote areas of the country. The hostel administration organizes this banquet every year on Eid, and students who are unable to go to their homes during Eid days are invited. The banquet attended by students from Yumen, Balochistan, Gilgit-Baltistan, and other regions. On this occasion, Dean Faculty of Islamic Learning, Prof. Dr. Sheikh Shafiq ur Rahman, Dean Faculty of Chemical & Biological Sciences, Prof. Dr. Shazia Anjum, Dean Faculty



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor along with the faculty member, officers, hostel administration and students on the occasion of Eid Banquet

of Physical and Mathematical Sciences, Prof. Dr. Saeed Ahmed Buzdar, Chairman Hall Council, Dr. Faheem Mushtaq, Chief Warden, Salman Mahmood Qureshi, Director Enabling Centre, Dr. Samar Fahd, Director Alumni Affairs, Dr. Azhar

Hussain, Director Press Media & Publications, Shahzad Ahmed Khalid, Senior Staff Officer, Wasim Ahmed Siddiqui, Wardens Irfan Ashraf, Muhammad Athar, Muhammad Riaz, Dr. Waheed Abbasi, Dr. Muhammad Akhtar, Umar Daraz,

and other staff members attended. The students thanked the Vice Chancellor and hostel administration for organizing a dinner on eid and giving a feeling of living at home, as they could not go home in eid holidays.

Vice Chancellor visits Cholistan Institute of Desert Studies

Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob Vice Chancellor the Islamia University of Bahawalpur visited Cholistan Institute of Desert Studies and reviewed the research activities. On the occasion, he said that our agricultural scientists are performing national service by connecting research activities with national priorities. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur's research projects, especially agricultural research, are based on national food security, higher agricultural production and revival of the agricultural economy. Pakistan is currently facing a huge challenge of food security. The researchers and scientists of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur have accepted this



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor visiting Cholistan Institute of Desert Studies

challenge and achieved encouraging results. The aim of these projects is to promote sustainable agriculture in the desert by researching crops and fruiting plants that have high productivity in the Cholistan desert. Similarly, research on improving the method of irrigation of crops through

drip irrigation is also included. On the occasion, Director Cholistan Institute of Desert Studies Dr. Muhammad Abdullah informed the Vice Chancellor about the research activities of various faculty members and researchers. Dr. Muhammad Zahid Ehsan apprised about the

ongoing research projects with the support of Higher Education Commission and Pakistan Agricultural Research Council, which are related to sustainable desert agriculture and cost more than 14 million rupees. These pilot projects will be spread over 6.7 million acres

of Cholistan to ensure national agricultural self-sufficiency. The Vice-Chancellor also inaugurated wheat harvesting in the experimental area on the occasion.

Vice Chancellor views on the Federal Government budget

■ Engr. Professor Dr. Athar Mahboob Vice Chancellor of Islamia University Bahawalpur has said that the Federal Government has presented a balanced budget which is commendable. He said that by allocating funds for higher education, IT and social development in the federal budget 2023-24, the youth will get new opportunities for

development. He expressed hope that during the new financial year, educational institutions, especially universities, will receive special financial support from the Government. Dr. Athar Mahboob said that 65 billion rupees have been allocated for ongoing expenses in the higher education sector and 70 billion rupees for development

projects. The government has established a Pakistan Endowment Fund of 5 billion rupees to support school and college students. Similarly, an amount of ten billion rupees has been allocated for the distribution of one lac laptops among the youth. 5 billion rupees have been earmarked for the development of the sports sector. 82 billion has been

planned for higher education under PSDP. The federal budget also includes plans for the promotion of the IT industry, an increase in related exports, tax concessions and manpower training, which are very welcoming initiatives.

Principal University College of Nursing participates in a ceremony on International Nurses Day

■ In reference to this, a ceremony was held at the University of Lahore, School of Nursing Lahore. Principal UCON was invited to this event as a keynote speaker. Registrar PNC was

also invited to the Event as Chief Guest. After the event, Principal UCON met with Registrar PNC in person, and the initiation of the MSN and BS in Midwifery program at

UCON was discussed. Principal UCON also met with Principal UOL Nursing College Mr. Sarfarz Masih and matters of mutual interest were discussed. Both agreed to

strengthen the working relationship between both Universities and the Exchange of Faculty and Students program were also discussed. MoU TOR's were also discussed in detail.



Principal UCON Mr. Farhan Mukhtar along with the participants of conference

Department of Economics first ever Alumni Reunion

■ Department of Economics, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur organized its first-ever Alumni Reunion event in collaboration with the Directorate of Alumni Affairs. This networking event was attended by 100 alumni of the Economics Department who are working at various public and private institutes. Dr. Abid Rasheed Gill Chairman Department of Economics and Dr. Azhar Hussain Director Alumni Affairs welcomed the alumni of the department on behalf of the Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob and highlighted the importance of these meet-ups which not only re-live university memories but open new avenues in the future prospects. The alumni were briefed about the notable alumni and the recent developments in the department through documentaries produced by the Economist Student Club.



Group photo of the participants of the first ever alumni Reunion

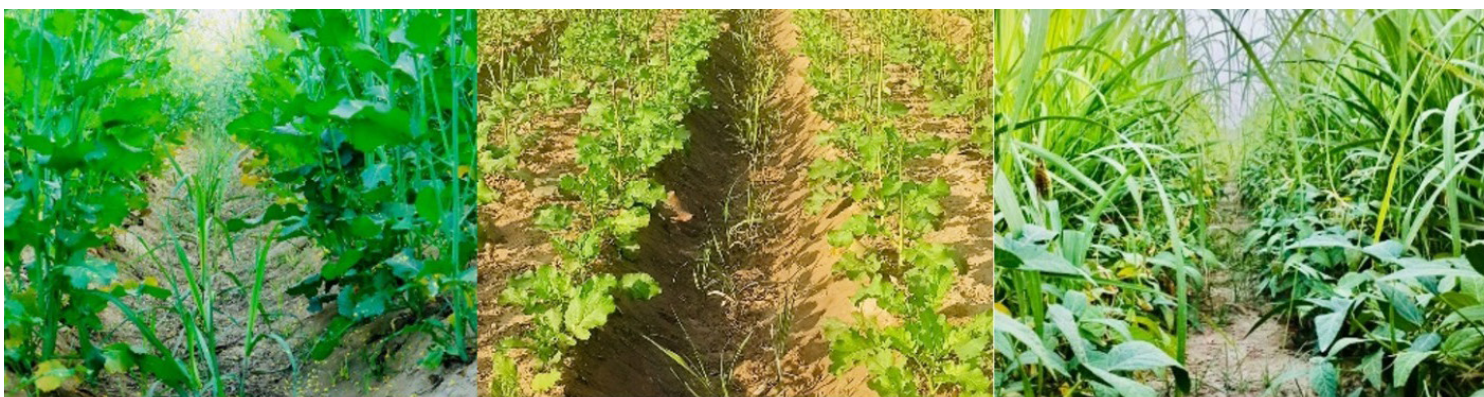
IUB signs MoU with Association for Bio-risk Management (ABM)

■ Faculty of Veterinary and Animal Sciences and Association for Bio risk Management (ABM) organized in collaboration with Health Security Partners five days of training on enhancing bacteriology and virology laboratories' capabilities to strengthen the Biorisk mitigation plan. These trainings are a continuation of the MoU signed between IUB and ABM to implement Biosafety and Biosecurity at IUB. The opening session was presided by Dean FV&AS Prof. Dr. Muhammad Khalid Mansoor. He emphasized the implementation of a rigorous and continuous process of risk assessment and mitigation strategies for safe laboratory practices in biological labs. The training was conducted to train faculty members, laboratory staff and Research scholars of FV&AS.



Group photo of the participants

Advisory on Sugarcane-Raya-Soybean intercropping system by NRCI



A View of sugarcane, mustard and Soybean plants

■ The National Research Institute for Mixed Farming, Islamia University of Bahawalpur, has issued an advisory to the farming community regarding the potential benefits of the sugarcane (Kamad) – mustard (Raya)- Soybean intercropping system. The advisory highlights the findings of experimental cultivation and encourages farmers to consider adopting this system for increased agricultural productivity and economic benefits. Sugarcane is a major crop cultivated on approximately 1.3 million acres in Pakistan. However, the distance between crop rows in this vast area

leads to wastage of sunlight, fertilizers, and water. Additionally, the initial growth of the Sugarcane crop is slow in the first 120-130 days after sowing, creating a favorable environment for weed growth and overall loss of crop yield. To address these challenges, the university experimented with intercropping mustard between the rows of Sugarcane in the first week of October. Mustard, being a tall-statured crop, provided protection from frost to the Sugarcane crop in January, helped control weeds, and added organic manure to the land through decayed leaves. After

harvesting the mustard crop, soybean was planted in the same rows in the last week of March. The intercropping system of Sugarcane with Mustard and soybeans resulted in impressive yields. During the first 220-230 days before the sugarcane crop is ready, this system produced 10-12 maunds of Mustard and 5-7 maunds of soybeans without the need for additional fertilizers or water. This highlights the economic potential of adopting this intercropping method. Over the course of two years of experimentation, it was observed that while there was a reduction of

100-150 maunds in total yield due to intercropping, there was an increase of 50-80 thousand in economic benefits. This indicates that the intercropping system is profitable and can be adopted by farmers. If this intercropping system is adopted even on only five lakh acres of Sugarcane three million acres, it can result in approximately two lakh tonnes of additional Mustard and about 1.5 lakh tonnes of additional soybeans. This not only increases oilseed production but also helps save foreign exchange spent on importing edible oil. The NRCI team continues to work on setting up and improving this and similar eco-friendly intercropping systems. Further research on the Kamad-Raya-Soybean intercropping system is underway, and results may take another one to two years. For farmers interested in adopting this intercropping system and seeking guidance, they can contact the NRCI organization at 0629255850.

Training workshop on Architects and Planners

■ Department of Architecture, the Faculty of Engineering, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, which is recognized by the Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners (PCATP). To enhance the capacity of the faculty of the department, a training workshop organized in collaboration with the Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners. Renowned architect AR Sikander Ajam was invited to deliver extensive lectures to discuss the topics of architecture pedagogy, history, mission and vision, studio policy, and holistic view. Consultant



Dean Faculty of Engineering Prof. Dr. Muhammad Amjad along with Renowned architect AR Sikander Ajam and faculty members

AR Sikander Ajam trained the faculty for the upcoming fall session 2023 of the first year of the BArch program, highlighted the history of architecture schools, and delivered a short lecture on the studio culture policies of national and international

architecture schools. He also presented the studio classification policy and interacted with the design and architecture faculty. He appreciated the establishment of the architecture department in the university according to the vision of

Vice Chancellor the Islamia University of Bahawalpur Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob. Dean Faculty of Engineering Prof. Dr. Muhammad Amjad, Chairman Department of Architecture A.R. Ayaz Mahmood, Principal of University College of

Arts Maria Ansari, Senior Practicing Architect AR Muhammad Iftikhar Khan and Deputy Director C&W AR Samrana Waqar also participated in the workshop.

Seminar on Takbeer Day

The seminar on Takbeer Day, organized jointly by the Islamia University, Bahawalpur, Department of Pakistan Studies, and the ideology Pakistan Society, focused on recall the historic day of May 28, 1998. On this day, Pakistan announced its nuclear capability to the world by successfully conducting nuclear tests. The Vice-Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, highlighted the significance of this day and the reasons behind Pakistan's decision to declare its nuclear power. According to the Vice-Chancellor, the nuclear tests were a response to India's nuclear explosions, which had upset the balance of power in the region. India's actions aimed to establish a

monopoly in the region, posing a threat to Pakistan's security. Therefore, it was necessary for Pakistan to disclose its nuclear power to the world to ensure the defense and integrity of the nation. The decision to become a nuclear power came at a cost, as the world imposed economic and trade sanctions on Pakistan. However, it also demonstrated to the world that Pakistan's defense was invincible, regardless of any potential adversaries in the region or beyond. In his message, Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob emphasized that Pakistan's objective was to become an Islamic welfare state, and he urged the nation to work together to achieve this goal. The acquisition of nuclear power was not only for defense

purposes but also had other beneficial applications. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob mentioned that nuclear energy could be utilized in various ways, such as generating electricity and treating diseases like cancer using nuclear radiation. Chairman Department of Pakistan Studies, Prof. Dr. Aftab Hussain Gallani, said that Pakistan is a peace-loving country and has no aggressive intentions towards any nation. However, acquiring nuclear power was essential for the defense and integrity of the motherland, and qualified scientists played a crucial role in achieving this capability. Dr. Zia-ur-Rehman, an advisor of the Ideology Pakistan Society, reminded the audience that 25 years ago, on May 28, 1998, Pakistan conducted

seven successful nuclear explosions in response to India's nuclear tests. This event marked Pakistan's emergence as the world's first Islamic and the world's seventh nuclear power. The day is celebrated as "Takbeer Day," and it symbolizes Pakistan's commitment to safeguarding and developing its nuclear program for national security. The seminar aimed to commemorate Takbeer Day and reinforce the importance of Pakistan's nuclear capability in ensuring the defense and sovereignty of the nation. It also emphasized the nation's commitment to utilizing nuclear energy for the welfare and well-being of humanity.

Pakistan Martyrs Day

Special events and seminars were held in all campuses of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur on the occasion of Pakistan Martyrs Day. On the occasion, Vice-Chancellor the Islamia University of Bahawalpur Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob said that every patriotic Pakistani has great devotion and love for those who were martyred in the love of their soil. The eternal sacrifices of martyrs will always be remembered. Martyrs are our capital, because of their sacrifices, we are living with liberty and sovereignty. Today is the day of renewing the pledge to keep in minds the sanctity and sanctity of the martyrs and do not hesitate to make any sacrifice for the dear country. The Vice-Chancellor visited the Martyrs Memorial in Bahawalpur Garrison yesterday and paid tribute to the martyrs. The Vice Chancellor also visited the border post of Head Sulaimanki sector and participated in a special flag lowering ceremony.



Nazria e Pakistan Society participated in a special rally along with Bahawalpur District Administration

On the occasion, he paid tribute to the courage and bravery of Major Muhammad Shabbir Sharif Shaheed who received the Nishan e Haider. Major Muhammad Shabbir Sharif

Shaheed Nishan e Haider and Sitara e Jurrat displayed unprecedented courage and bravery in the 1971 Indo-Pak war, captured a huge area of the enemy and defeated the five times

bigger country. On the occasion, the Vice-Chancellor met with soldiers of the Punjab Rangers engaged in the defense of the motherland and praised them for their valor and courage in guarding the borders of the country in all kinds of conditions day and night. The Vice Chancellor also visited the gallery of commemorative photos of the Border Post of 1965 and 1971 wars and martyrs there. Meanwhile, the teachers and students of the Directorate of Students Affairs of the Nazria e Pakistan Society participated in a special rally organized by the Bahawalpur District Administration on Martyrs' Day and paid their respects to the martyrs.



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor along with Border Security Force (BSF) and Principal officers at Head Sulainmanki sector

Seminar on Health Care Issues

University College of Nursing the Islamia University of Bahawalpur has organized the Model of World Health Seminar (Session on Health Care Issues). Where the students of University College of Nursing and Quaid-e-Azam Medical College participated as delegates from different selected countries and the ethical problems of their country were presented in the seminar as the prospects and views of the problems of these countries to be solved. Therefore, resolutions were proposed in the World Assembly. The seminar was presided over by Principal University College of Nursing Farhan Mukhtar and at the end of the session he presented a declaration stating that the international nations need to take urgent steps to solve such ethical issues in health care. The students of the fourth semester University College of Nursing gave the best delegate award to the team representing the USA. The second position was won by the team representing Britain, which was won



Participants of the Seminar along with Principal of Quaid-e-Azam Medical College, Prof. Dr. Sophia Farrukh

by fourth semester University College of Nursing students, while the third position went to the team representing China, which was won by second year MBBS students of Quaid-e-Azam Medical College. The panel of judges included Prof. Dr. Imran Habib, Dean Faculty of Law, Islamia University Bahawalpur, Prof. Dr. Yasmin Rofi, Department of Political Science, Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Dr. Sara Nasir, Assistant Professor, Radiology, Quaid-e-Azam Medical. The chief

guest of this prestigious event was Prof. Dr. Sophia Farrukh, Principal, Quaid-e-Azam Medical College, during her address, she said that such activities develop the intelligence of the learners and it will provide the students with a wider perspective of ethical concepts. She appreciated the efforts of the University College of Nursing team for organizing such informative sessions on sensitive and less discussed bioethical issues. She emphasized that in future also such

activities should be planned between the University College of Nursing and Quaid-e-Azam Medical College so that the students can get maximum education. Prof. Dr. Asadullah Madani, Director QEC/Chairman Department of DPT, Prof. Dr. Haji Muhammad Shoaib Khan, Chairman Department of H&ND and Dr. Fazal Mahmood Director Medical Education/Chairman Department of Public Health also attended the event.

Seminar on the opportunities and challenges associated with online and distance education in Pakistan



Prof. Dr. Akhtar Ali, Dean Faculty of Online and Distance Education and Dr. Najam ul Kashif, Deputy Director IDE addressing the seminar

Faculty of Distance Education the Islamia University of Bahawalpur organized a seminar on the opportunities and challenges associated with online and distance education in Pakistan. The main objective of the seminar was to identify strategies to maximize the potential benefits of online and distance education. Dean Faculty of

Online and Distance Education Prof. Dr. Akhtar Ali said that digitalization of education in Pakistan and its perspectives should be paid attention to and under the guidance of Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice-Chancellor the Islamia University of Bahawalpur has implemented an excellent IT system-based package for distance

education system. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur distance education system is easy and feasible due to online portal, especially during the covid-19 crisis, all educational activities were successfully conducted on this system. Deputy Director IDE Dr. Najam ul Kashif praised the efforts of Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr.

Athar Mahboob for the facilities provided in the Islamia University of Bahawalpur for distance education and said that there has been rapid progress in distance education. Additional Director IT Dr. Nasir Aftab also participated in the event. A large number of senior teachers and students participated in the seminar.

Dr. Muhammad Safdar, a researcher from the University of Alberta, Canada visits IUB

Dr. Muhammad Safdar, a researcher from the University of Alberta, Canada, recently visited the Department of Iqbaliyat and emphasized the importance and necessity of Iqbaliyat in the present age. While talking to the students, he said that the study of Iqbaliyat is no less than a boon for individuals and society. He appreciated the outstanding services of the Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob and Chairman Dr. Muhammad Rafiqul Islam for the establishment of the department. He said that thanks to the dedication

and vision of Sheikh-ul-Jamia, the department is moving towards

development. Dr. Asghar Syal briefed them about the department's

achievements and global connections.



Dr. Muhammad Safdar, a researcher from the University of Alberta, Canada exchanging views with MPhil Students

Furniture Manufacturing Unit

■ Furniture Manufacturing Unit the Islamia University of Bahawalpur is rapidly fulfilling the furniture requirements of various departments, centers, faculties and campuses. Under the guidance of Vice-Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, a furniture manufacturing unit was established to provide the university with quality and economy furniture and save billions of rupees spent on its purchase. The furniture manufacturing unit has been established in line with the vision of making the university self-sufficient. Director of Furniture Manufacturing Unit Muhammad Bilal Lodhi said in details that 173 chairs have been provided to the Faculty of Chemical and Biological Sciences. 200 chairs have been provided to the newly established Liaquatpur Campus. Considering the office needs of various administrative departments,



View of new Manufactured Furniture

80 officers' desks have been prepared and more than 100 chairs have been repaired. Preparation of furniture for Fatima Women Development Center is in progress. 70 chairs have been provided to the public administrative department, similarly 150 chairs were also provided to the pharmacy

department in Khawaja Fareed campus some time ago. He said that manufacturing furniture from usable raw materials in the university is saving valuable capital and at present 4 artisans and 2 helpers are completing this work. He said that the furniture manufacturing unit is being expanded on the direction of

the vice chancellor. Covering and other furniture like cabinets, tables and sofas will also be prepared. He said that soon the furniture manufacturing unit will be able to produce furniture for the local market after meeting the requirements of the university.

Scouts Group performs 25 days of services for the convenience of pilgrims

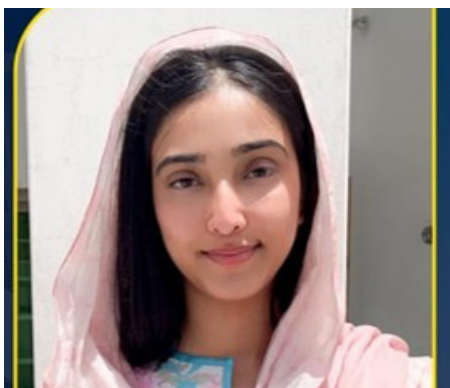
■ Scouts Group of Directorate of Student Affairs, Islamia University of Bahawalpur, providing 25 days of services for the convenience of pilgrims at Haji Camp Multan during the Hajj Operation in 2023. It's commendable that they responded to the special request from the Ministry of Religious Affairs, Government of Pakistan, and Punjab Boys Scouts Association. The efforts and dedication of the scouts were recognized and appreciated by Director of Hajj, Rehan Abbas Khokhar. He expressed special thanks to Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob for providing the squad of scouts from Islamia University Bahawalpur for their valuable services in the Hajj Operation. It's heartening to see Group Leader Mohammad Monis Yazdani, Group Secretary Mohammad Salim, Atta Al Mustafi, and others being recognized for their contributions with special certificates of appreciation. The support and involvement of Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob in making this initiative possible were also highly



Scouts Group along with Director of Hajj, Rehan Abbas Khokhar

appreciated.

Alisha Majeed selects for the Global Undergraduate Exchange Program



Alisha Majeed

■ Alisha Majeed, 4th semester student of BS, Department of Information Technology, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur has been selected for the Global Undergraduate Exchange Program from Pakistan. It is a proud moment for the Department of Information Technology under the visionary leadership of Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob. Vice Chancellor, Islamia

University of Bahawalpur has congratulated Dean Faculty of Computing, Prof. Dr. Tahir Hussain, Chairman of Information Technology Department Dr. Dost Muhammad Khan and student Alisha Majeed for this excellent achievement.

The Mevlana exchange program between the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and the universities of the Islamic brotherhood of Turkey



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor exchanging views with Dr. Ghulam Hassan Abbasi

■ The Mevlana exchange program between the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and the universities of

the Islamic brotherhood of Turkey has been restored. Under this program, the agreement between Selcuk University Konya and the Islamia University of Bahawalpur on mutual cooperation and collaboration in teaching and research was signed by Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. The agreement will come into effect after the signing of Selcuk University Konya Rector Prof. Dr. Metin Aksoy. Under this agreement, the teachers of the two universities will be able to

visit each other for lecture series, while students will also be able to visit each other and continue teaching activities. According to the agreement, researchers can carry out their teaching activities in both universities. In this regard, they can participate in conferences and workshops as well as exchange research and teaching materials. Both the universities will also make progress for joint research projects. Among the subjects in which teachers and students can benefit from the exchange program are

Food Science and Technology, Soil Science, Plant Nutrition, Chemistry, Biochemistry, Technology, Economics, Business and Management studies, History, Pharmacy, Persian language and Literature, International Relations and Agriculture are included. Under this program 390 students and 130 teachers will be benefited in the exchange program of 8 months and 3 months.

Literary session and scholarly dialogue regarding Saadi Waqbal Day

■ The Department of Persian Language and Literature at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur organized a literary session and scholarly dialogue to commemorate Saadi Waqbal Day. The event brought together teachers, students, and dignitaries from the city to discuss the enduring influence of Sheikh Saadi Shirazi's works and their relevance to society today. Brigadier (retd.) Prof. Dr. Waheed-ul-Zaman Tariq delivered a meaningful speech during the occasion, touching on the continuation of the pre-Islamic moral system of the Persian people and its lasting impact on society. He highlighted the acceptance and basic teachings of the centuries and also wrote his own ghazals in addition to exploring Saadi's books Karima, Golestan, and Bustan. Dr. Waheed-ul-Zaman Tariq also emphasized the influence of Sheikh Saadi's poems and thoughts on the renowned poet and philosopher Allama Iqbal. He pointed out that during Iqbal's education in the late nineteenth



Prof. Dr. Ismat Durrani, Chairperson Department of Persian presenting a shield to Brigadier (retd.) Prof. Dr. Waheed-ul-Zaman Tariq

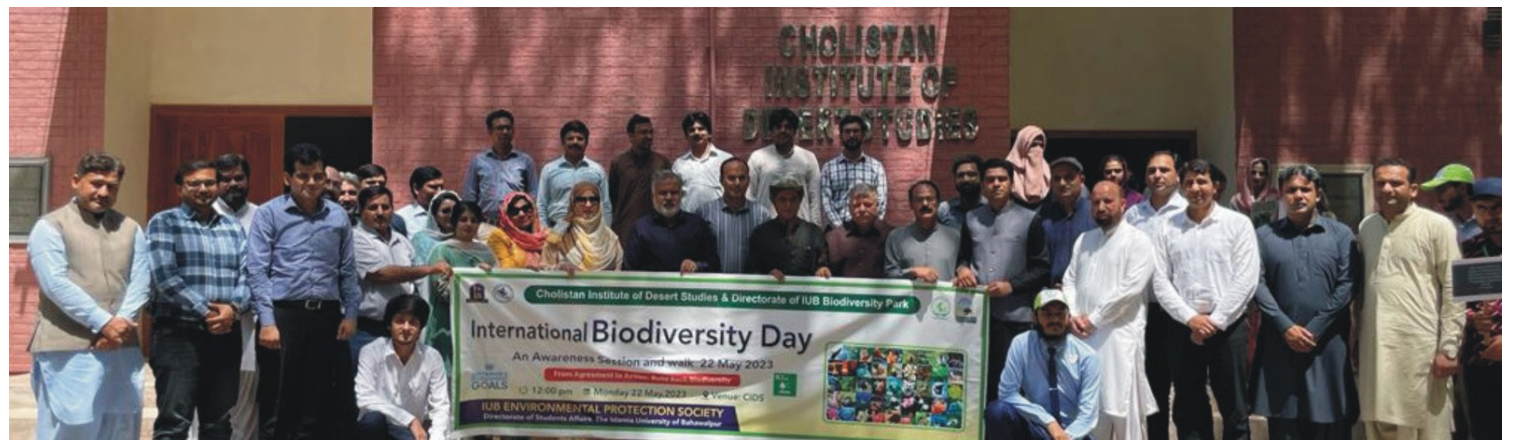
century in Sialkot, Saadi's Ash'ara resonated strongly in the intellectual circles of Syed Mir Hasan Rah. Dr. Ismat Durrani, the President of the Persian Department, highlighted the significance of Sheikh Saadi's poems, which are engraved on the wall of the United Nations, as a charter of humanity. She pointed out that these poems are derived from

a hadith of the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him), making them a message of great importance to humanity. Dr. Durrani also emphasized the need to include Saadi's teachings and thoughts in the education system to address the moral dilemmas facing society. The event concluded with Dr. Waheed-ul-Zaman Tariq answering scientific

questions from the participants, likely further enriching the scholarly dialogue and discussion surrounding Saadi's influence and teachings. The session appears to have been a valuable opportunity for individuals to delve into the literary and philosophical aspects of Saadi's works and their impact on society and education.

Awareness session and walk on the International Day of Biodiversity

■ Cholistan Institute of Desert Studies (CIDS) has organized an awareness session and walk on the International Day of Biodiversity. Director CIDS Dr. Muhammad Abdullah briefed that the Islamia University of Bahawalpur is playing a great role in the conservation of fauna and flora of Cholistan desert at IUB Biodiversity Park. IUB Biodiversity Park at Fort Derawer has become a success story due to the great efforts of Worthy Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob. Later Prof. Dr. Tanveer Hussain Turabi Dean Faculty of Agriculture & Environment, Prof. Dr. Shazia Anjum Dean Faculty of Chemical & Biological Sciences, Prof. Dr. Abdul Rauf Director Institute of Chemistry, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar Chairman Zoology, Dr. Nargis Naz Chairperson Botany, Dr. M. Rafay



Participants of the Seminar

share their views about the importance of Biodiversity. On this event Conservationist Major Tahir majeed (HFIP), Delegation of PCRWR, Dr. Azfal ASARI has also contributed and shared their views. A large number of faculty members and students participated in this session. Honorable Deans, Directors and

Chairpersons collectively acknowledge the facilitation and support of Houbara Foundation International Pakistan for the students and researchers of The Islamia University of Bahawalpur (IUB). In concluding remarks Prof. Dr. Abdul Rauf (member Syndicate) suggested that Major Tahir Majeed

(HFIP) should be awarded honorary doctorate degree in recognition of his services for conservation. IUB Environmental Protection Society has also joined this session and contributed a lot for organizing this whole event.

Three-day practical workshop on online earning procedures



Participants of the workshop

A three-day practical workshop on online employment procedures organized by the Department of Commerce, the Islamia University of

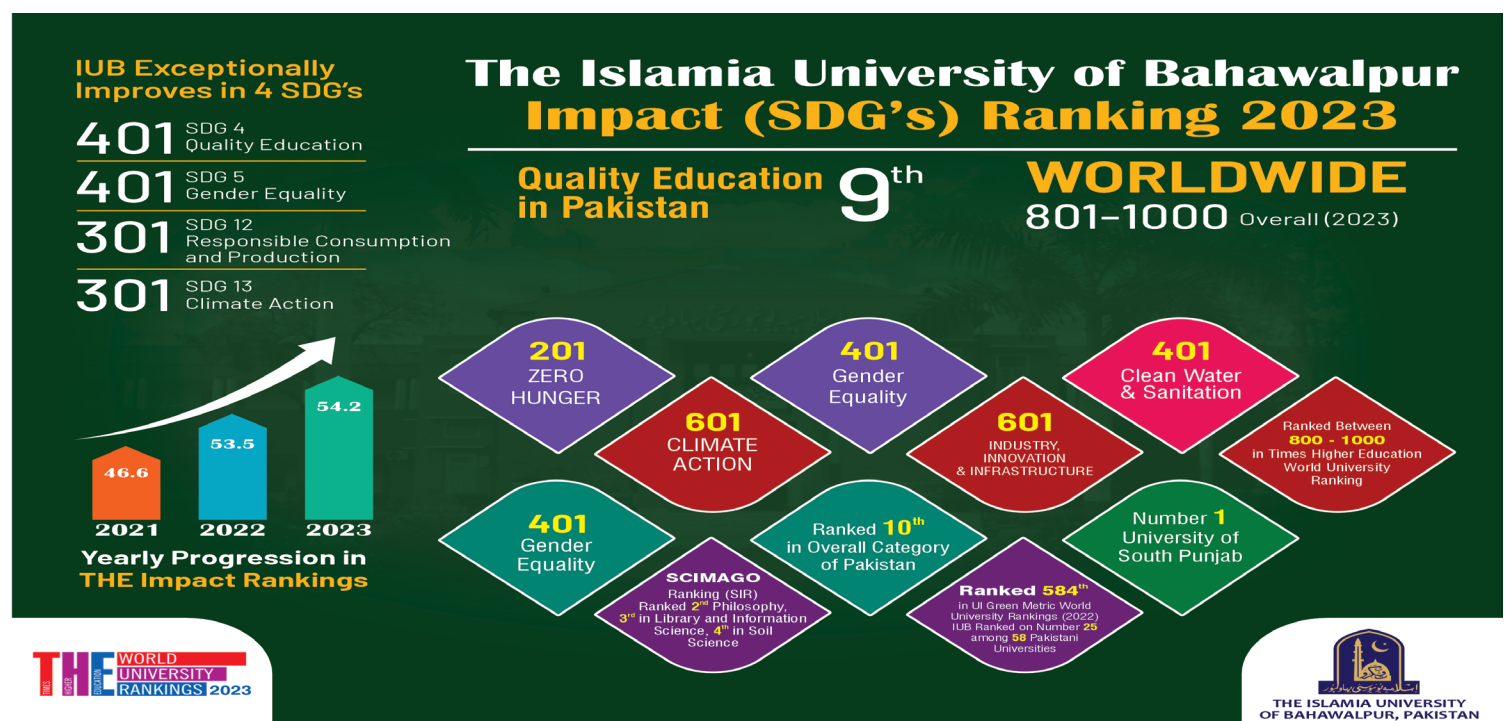
Bahawalpur. A large number of students participated in this workshop. The resource person for this workshop was Sahib Anjum from

OTS. He trained the students on various online employment platforms. The participants were given practical training on Fiver,

Freelancer, Upwork etc. In the workshop, he trained the participants on different ways to earn money online. This included affiliate marketing, online surveys, selling products and services online, blogging and social media marketing. More students given practical training in providing accountancy and bookkeeping services using various accounting software. More than forty students participated in this workshop and learned many useful things. Students belonged to BS Commerce, BSE Commerce. This workshop organized by Dr. Shoaib Aslam and his team. Chairman Department of Commerce thanked Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob for organizing the special workshop.

Ranking of IUB

Times Higher Education has released the ranking of universities in Asia. According to World University Ranking Asia, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur has been included in the list of 201-250. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice-Chancellor the Islamia University of Bahawalpur has congratulated the teachers, students and alumni of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, calling it a great success to be included in the first 250 universities in Asian universities. Director Quality Enhancement Cell Professor Dr. Asadullah Madani said that according to the vision of Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Jamia Islamia has shown clear improvement and superiority in the last years in the decimals of the global ranking of universities. There is a strong possibility that the Islamia University of Bahawalpur will become the top university in Pakistan and will



achieve a prominent position in other performance indicators. He said that recently it was included in

the first 801-1000 universities in the world in the ranking of Times Higher Education and in terms of quality

education it was included in the first ten universities in Pakistan

Two players select for the national training camp of the baseball team



Atif Ahmed and Raees Bashir

Two players, from IUB, Atif Ahmed and Raees Bashir, have been selected for the national training camp of the baseball team for the 19th Asian Games in China. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur congratulated the Director of Sports Amjad Farooq Waraich and the two players and called it a historic moment in the history of University Sports. Teams from Japan,

Korea, Taiwan, China, Hong Kong, Philippines, Thailand, India, Malaysia, Laos, Indonesia and Sri Lanka are participating in this event. In this regard, on behalf of Pakistan Federation Baseball, the national training camp of Pakistan Baseball Team is going on in Pakistan Sports Complex Islamabad. Both the players and students of Islamia University Bahawalpur will train in the camp of Pakistan Sports.

Inaugural ceremony of the journal Pakistan Journal of Quranic Studies

The inaugural ceremony of the journal "Pakistan Journal of Quranic Studies" published under the Department of Quranic Studies was held at the Vice Chancellor's Secretariat, Baghdad-ul-Jadeed Campus, the Islamia University of

Bahawalpur. Journal's Patron in Chief Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob Vice Chancellor the Islamia University of Bahawalpur inaugurated the online journal website. Dr. Zia-ur- Rahman, editor of the journal, Chairman Department

of Quranic Studies, while briefly discussing the achievements of the department, said that in a short period of time, five sessions of BS, four sessions of MPhil and PhD has been passed out. New initiatives were taken in the Board of Studies

such as the launch of a research magazine and the launch of the annual magazine to highlight the academic and literary talents of the students of the department. Prof. Dr. Sheikh Shafiq ur Rehman, Dean Faculty of Islamic and Arabic Studies,

Dr. Muhammad Atif, Director of ORIC, Managing Editor, Dr. Muhammad Khabib, Assistant Professor, Department of Religions, Scholars and Inter-Religious Harmony, and Dr. Shafia Arshad Journal Expert participated in this event.



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor inaugurating the online journal website

Webinar on the Upcoming Federal Budget and Potential for Pakistan Economy

The Department of Economics, Islamia University of Bahawalpur organized a live webinar on "The Upcoming Federal Budget and Potential for Pakistan Economy". Dr. Abdul Jalil, Professor of Economics at the Government and Public Policy Department, National Defence University, Islamabad, a renowned policy expert and economist, was the distinguished speaker of the discussion. Prof. Dr. Robina Bhatti, Dean Faculty of Social Sciences, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur was the guest of honour for this event. Dr. Abid Rashid Gill, chairperson of the Department of Economics, chaired and Ms. Nadia Hassan moderated the live webinar. Faculty, students, and economics

researchers nationwide attended the session. Dr. Jalil highlighted that this time the Islamia University of Bahawalpur is the first university to hold a seminar on the fiscal budget 2023-2024. He briefly explained the current micro and macro-level issues Pakistan's economy faces. Given Pakistan's present risks, sluggish growth, and economic capacity, he believes that budget as a part of fiscal policy is not much effective. He emphasized that the fabric of the economy is torn, yet monetary and fiscal policies are conflicting. Therefore, any effort or claim to bring prosperity quickly is beyond reality. He discussed the background factors of this bleak situation in detail. He is of the view

that the main issue is not poor growth but a lack of potential to grow. Besides industry, we need more potential in our human resource development sector. He attributed this situation to wrong policy choices for education quality and taxation of various sectors. He stressed that a realistic economic plan is inevitable to avoid default risks and make the economy self-sufficient. In this quest, a mix of short-term and long-term reforms should be developed considering the experiences of other economies that have survived recessions. Prof. Dr. Rubina Bhatti paid a vote of thanks to the honourable speakers and the audience. She appreciated the thought-provoking discussion and

efforts of the Department of Economics and said that the purpose of this activity, organized under the direction of Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, is to prepare budget proposals from the academic side and convey them to the relevant authorities so that the university can play its role in national economic development. The session was concluded by Dr. Abid Rashid Gill after discussion and questions from the participants. He also suggested that the budget should be made according to the short-term and long-term goals of economic development.



Dr Abdul Jalil and others along with Prof. Dr Robina Bhatti, Dean Faculty of Social Sciences

Project exhibition to develop practical and entrepreneurial skills

Department of Pharmacy Practice, Faculty of Pharmacy, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, in collaboration with the Directorate of ORIC, organized a project exhibition to develop practical and entrepreneurial skills among pharmacy graduates. Chairman of the Department of Pharmacy Practice and Director of ORIC Prof. Dr. Muhammad Atif said on the

occasion that the Islamia University of Bahawalpur is promoting mental attitude among students for knowledge-based economy. Experts, Dr. Adnan Akram, Deputy Drugs Controller Tehsil Yazman, Imran Javed Patafi Deputy Drugs Controller Tehsil Ahmedpur East and Umair Ehsan Manager Pharmacy Operations Imtiaz Supermarket Bahawalpur, review all projects. Pro

Vice Chancellor and Dean Faculty of Pharmacy Prof. Dr. Naveed Akhtar participated in the exhibition and distributed cash prizes. Later Qamar-ul-Zaman Deputy Director Students Affairs Faculty of Pharmacy and Jamshed Akbar In-charge Students Affairs Department of Pharmacy Practice expressed their views about the importance and necessity of the project exhibition.

A large number of faculty members and students participated in the function. Prof. Dr. Asadullah Madani, Prof. Dr. Fayaz, Prof. Dr. Shoaib, Dr. Imran Masood, Dr. Quratul Ain, Dr. Atif Usman, Manager Research and other faculty members appreciated this initiative.



Participants of the project exhibition

World Environment Day

■ Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor the Islamia University of Bahawalpur said that the planet is our home and it is our responsibility to pass it on to the future generations in a safe manner. The Vice-Chancellor expressed these views on the awareness walk organized by Institute of Agro Industry and Environment the Islamia University of Bahawalpur on World Environment Day. He said that every year on this day, the United Nations raises awareness for the protection of the environment by celebrating the World Environment Day so that measures can be taken for the survival of the natural environment. The theme of this year's World Environment Day is to eliminate plastic pollution. Individual and collective efforts are needed for the preservation and survival of life on earth. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur has formed an Inter-University Consortium for Conservation and Survival. The purpose of this consortium is to unite the experts and resources of national and international universities to protect the environment so that this big challenge can be effectively faced. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur under the leadership of Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob has received this honor for leading universities around the world for the survival and protection of the environment. On the occasion, Dean Faculty of Agriculture Prof. Dr.



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor cutting the cake along with Dean Faculty of Agriculture Prof. Dr. Tanveer Hussain, Registrar Prof. Dr. Moazzam Jamil

Tanveer Hussain, Registrar Prof. Dr. Moazzam Jamil, Chairman Department of Plant Pathology Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naveed Aslam Mulghani, Chairman Institute of Agro Industry and Environment Dr. Ghulam Hassan Abbasi, senior faculty members, alumni and students were present. Dean Faculty of Agriculture Prof. Dr. Tanveer Hussain said that

food and fruits produced in the natural environment are better than genetically produced products. Improper use is the main cause of natural disasters. On the occasion, Dr. Ghulam Hassan Abbasi said that all members of the society should take steps for the growth and protection of animals, birds, plants and trees in the national interest.

Due to global warming, the rainfall rate in Pakistan is decreasing significantly. Emissions of greenhouse gases from vehicles, factories, and deforestation are increasing, resulting in changes in the biological balance of Pakistan's agricultural system. Due to various types of pollution, the organisms in the air, land and sea are under threat.

Seminar on the month of Ramadan

■ The passage you provided highlights the significance of fasting in the month of Ramadan in Islamic tradition. Ramadan is the ninth month of the Islamic lunar calendar and holds great spiritual and religious importance for Muslims worldwide. It is a month of fasting from dawn until sunset, during which Muslims abstain from eating, drinking, and other physical needs as an act of worship and obedience to Allah. The words attributed to the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) in the passage emphasize the exceptional mercy and blessings that Allah bestows upon His servants during Ramadan. The spiritual atmosphere of the month is so profound that Muslims wish it could last throughout the year due to the unique opportunities it offers for spiritual growth, self-discipline, and increased devotion to Allah. The seminar organized at the Department of Commerce, Islamia University Bahawalpur, to welcome the month of Ramadan demonstrates the importance and reverence with which Muslims view this blessed month. The recitation of the Holy Quran and Naat Rasul Maqbool (praises upon the Prophet



View of Seminar

Muhammad) set the tone for the spiritual ceremony. The guest speakers, Prof. Dr. Raheela Khalid Qureshi and Dr. Qazi Hussain Ahmad Madani, shed light on various aspects of fasting, including its physical, spiritual, and medical effects, the blessings of Ramadan, the significance of Quran recitation, and the importance of Taraweeh prayers

(extra night prayers during Ramadan). The participants, including the Head of Commerce Department, teachers, and students, engaged in this seminar, showing their eagerness to understand and practice the teachings of Ramadan. The gesture of presenting honorary shields to the guest speakers by the Department of Commerce reflects

appreciation for their valuable insights. The conclusion of the grand gathering with prayers for the development of Islamia University of Bahawalpur, the protection of the country, and the unity of the Muslim Ummah (community) illustrates the collective desire for progress and unity among the attendees.

Seminar on World Heritage Day

A seminar was organized by the Archaeology Department and Culture and Heritage Research Center Islamia University of Bahawalpur on World Heritage Day. On the occasion, Prof. Dr. Shazia Anjum, Prof. Dr. Aftab Hussain Gillani, Dr. Samia Khalid, Dr. Khalil Ahmad, Dr. Zia ur Rehman, Dr. Mazhar Hussain delivered exclusive talks. They said that the World Heritage Day, also known as the International Day for Monuments and Sites, is a significant occasion celebrated on April 18th every year to raise awareness about the importance of cultural heritage and the need for its preservation. World Heritage Day plays a vital role in raising awareness of the importance of cultural and natural heritage sites and their preservation. It encourages people to take action to protect these sites, celebrate their universal value, and promote international cooperation to ensure their continued existence for future generations. The speakers appreciated the efforts of Culture Heritage Research Center and Department of Archaeology to



Participants of the Seminar along with Prof. Dr. Shazia Anjum and Prof. Dr. Aftab Hussain Gillani

promote the Heritage and Culture of this region. It is important to mention here that department of Archaeology was established in the Islamia University of Bahawalpur on direction of Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor to explore

archaeological sites of the region particularly seven thousands year old Hakra Civilization buried in the desert of Cholistan. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur has already started a project in this connection at a location in Cholistan Desert. The

University is also maintaining a collaborative program with Cambridge University UK and two scholars Muazzam Khan Durrani and Waqar are working on digitao mapping of archaeological sites of the region.

Times Higher Education Rankings



According to the vision of Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, has achieved the status of international university. In the last four years, the university has achieved extraordinary growth, expansion and success in every field thanks to the pedagogical training and administrative reforms. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur has been included in the top 800 universities of the world by Times Higher Education Ranking. Now students from other countries of the world are also coming to study in Islamia University of Bahawalpur. In this regard, Directorate of

International Linkages of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur is actively providing services. Recently, in the first International Students Convention at Lahore organized by Punjab Higher Education Commission Lahore, the IUB delegates comprising Dr. Abid Shahzad, Director International Linkages, Bashar Ahmad BS Software Engineering and Muahammad Saleh BS Software Engineering of IUB (both from Republic of Yemen) participated. The Convention was chaired by the Governor of Punjab and Chancellor, Engr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman and hosted by the Chairman, Punjab

Higher Education Commission, Prof. Dr. Shahid Muneer. On the occasions, Vice Chancellors of various universities, Directors of International Linkages and a large number of International students from Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Kashmir, Palestine, Somalia, Afghanistan, Uganda, UAE, Iran and other countries participated in the event. The students from various countries showed their cultural performances and amused the audience. On the occasion, the Chancellor Engr. Muhammad Baligh-ur-Rehman said that International students should be attracted through offering of scholarships so

that international linkages of Pakistan become stronger. Chairman PHEC Prof Dr. Shahid Muneer pledged that PHEC would support all universities to strengthen their International Office and PHEC will train the International office personnel on how to bring international students to universities. On the occasion Prof. Dr. Sohail Naqvi, Prof Dr. Nizam ud din and other vice chancellors spoke to the audience.

8 students of Faculty of Computing get jobs in Infotech

8 students of Faculty of Computing, Islamia University of Bahawalpur got jobs in Infotech, a

leading IT company. According to the vision of the Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob in the

Islamia University Bahawalpur, along with the increase in the quality of education, such departments are

being established according to the needs of the national and international markets, whose

graduates get jobs even before completing their graduation. Shahid Afzal Durrani, Head of Directorate of Career Counselling, Islamia University of Bahawalpur, said that Infotech is a well-known IT and finance institution. Last week, the Chief Human Resource Officer of this institution Khurram Munir visited the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and interviewed students in the Faculty of Computing, as a result of which the 7th and 8th semester students have been offered jobs. Apart from this, 8 students of Faculty of Engineering also got jobs in Lakson Group some time ago. The members of the delegation also met Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob. On the



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor along with the delegation of InfoTech Group

occasion, the members of the delegation were also briefed about the IUB Software Technology Park to be established in Islamia University

Bahawalpur. In this technology park, leading companies of the country will open their offices and university graduates will get practical training,

internships, jobs and direct access to the national and global IT industry during their studies.

International Business Project Competition

Islamia University of Bahawalpur organized International Business Projects Competition for BS Commerce 8th semester. The main objective of the competition was to analyze the international trade and export sales of a major company from the KSE 100 companies listed on the Pakistan Stock Exchange. The participating students were divided

into 20 groups, each responsible for selecting and analyzing a different major company from various industrial sectors. Each group was required to choose a major company from one of the industrial sectors listed, which included Cement, Fertilizer, Airline, Textile, Automobile, and Chemical, among others. The students were expected to present

a comprehensive analysis of their chosen company's international trade and export sales. The analysis consisted of the following components: SWOT Analysis, PESTEL Analysis, BCG Matrix Analysis, Michael Porter's Five Forces Model. The competition provided an excellent opportunity for the students to apply their knowledge

and analytical skills in the field of international business. It also encouraged teamwork and presentation skills. By analyzing real-world companies and industries, the students likely gained practical insights into how global business operations are conducted and the factors that influence success in the international market.

Awareness session on financing for small and medium enterprises (SMEs)



The State Bank of Pakistan, in collaboration with the Department of Social Work, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur Pakistan organized an awareness session on financing for small and medium enterprises (SMEs) at Abbasia Campus. The purpose of the seminar was to provide knowledge to skillful female entrepreneurs regarding various loan schemes offered by commercial banks. Representatives from various banks, including HBL, UBL, Women Bank, and Bank of Punjab, shared information about their respective loan schemes for female entrepreneurs. Prof. Dr. Asif Naveed Ranjha, Chairman Department of Social Work praised the efforts of the State Bank of Pakistan and stated that this seminar would enable female entrepreneurs to

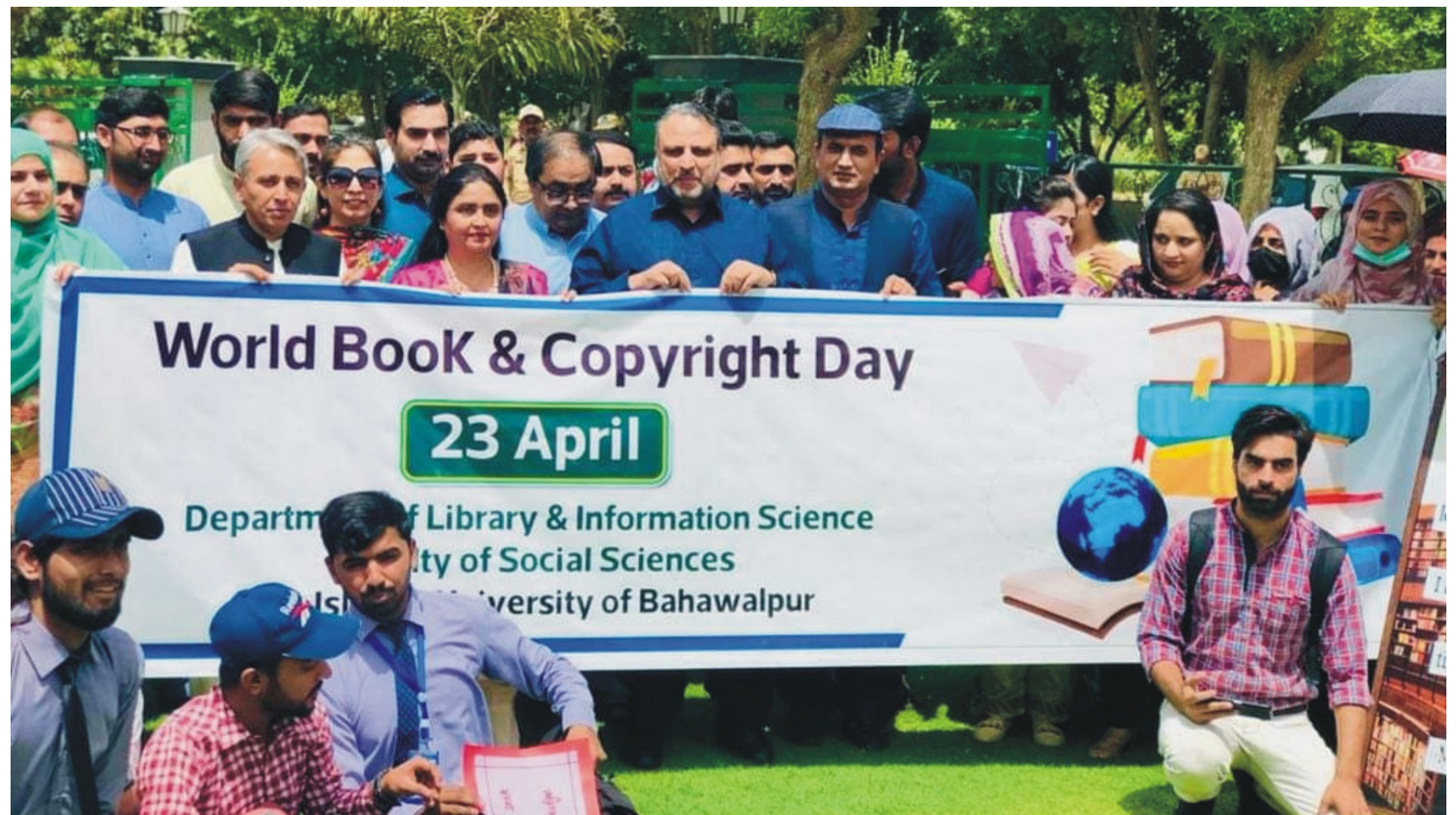
learn about different loan schemes, allowing them to improve their financial affairs further. Prof. Dr. Rubina Bhatti, Dean Faculty of Social Sciences and the chief guest of the seminar, expressed in her views said that female entrepreneurs play a vital role in society, and the government's responsibility is to support them. Meanwhile, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob Vice Chancellor has appreciated the initiative taken by the State Bank of Pakistan and said that it would help female entrepreneurs utilize their finances better and gain a better understanding of financial affairs, he also praised the efforts of social work department, in this regard. Members of Social Work Students Club handled the event management of the program.



Participants of the financing awareness seminar along with Prof. Dr. Rubina Bhatti, Dean Faculty of Social Sciences

World Book Day & Copyright Day

■ The Islamia University of Bahawalpur has the tradition to observe World Book Day & Copyright Day on 23rd April every year. On this day, UNESCO recognizes the various stakeholders that make up the book sector – authors, publishers, booksellers, and libraries & information centers and picked Indigenous Languages as the theme. In 2023, the theme of World Book and Copyright Day is to link the power of literature and storytelling with the International Decade of Indigenous Languages (2022–32). Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur especially emphasized on the role of academic institutions and libraries and information centers at all levels for promoting, dissemination and preservation of indigenous knowledge and literature. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur organizes a mega international Bahawalpur Literary and Cultural Festivals every year to promote indigenous literature, languages and culture. Many other activities are arranged throughout the year for knowledge creation, sharing, dissemination and managing knowledge systems. Prof. Dr. Rubina Bhatti, Dean Faculty of Social Sciences said that the purpose of



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor along with Prof. Dr. Rubina Bhatti, Prof. Dr. Asif Naveed Ranjha and other participants

celebrating this day is to encourage and promote reading and publishing, as well as provide awareness and advance the protection of intellectual property through copyright. She urged that reading culture should be promoted as it helps in the personality development, creativity, critical thinking and problem solving

skills among students and all readers. On the occasion, Prof. Dr. Rubina Bhatti, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, Prof. Dr. Asif Naveed Ranjha, Chairman, Department of Social Work, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Saleem, Chairman Department of Applied Psychology, Dr. Abid Rasheed Gill, Head of the

Department of Economics, Dr. Samar Fahad Director Enabling Center, faculty members and large number of students participated.

World Autism Day

■ World Autism Day was celebrated in the Department of Applied Psychology, Islamia University of Bahawalpur, and students were made aware of Autism Spectrum Disorder. In this event, Noreen Mukhtar Clinical Psychologist from Special Education College spoke about her real life experiences with autistic children and their rehabilitation projects. Dr. Ahmed Bilal, Assistant Professor, informed the participants about these remarkable people. Those who are autistic and achieve success in their lives. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Saleem, Chairman, Applied Psychology emphasized the need for diagnosis and timely identification of children with Autism Spectrum Disorder in Pakistan. In the end, Prof. Dr. Rubina Bhatti, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences praised the efforts of faculty and students of the



Participants of the Seminar along with Prof. Dr. Rubina Bhatti, Dean Faculty of Social Sciences

department of Applied Psychology for organizing awareness session on autism spectrum disorder and said that the Islamia University of

Bahawalpur under the leadership of Engr Prof Dr Athar Mahboob is showing progress in every field including the social sciences and

department of Applied Psychology is highlighting various issues relevant to psychological health of the society.

Six students of IUB select fully funded PhD scholarships



Six students of IUB reached AT Sichuan Agricultural University (SAU) China

■ As many as six students of IUB have reached Sichuan Agricultural University (SAU) China on fully funded PhD scholarships. The Director International Linkages the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, Dr. Abid Shahzad told that these scholarships were given to IUB through an MoU signed between the two universities. It is worth

mentioning that Dr. Ali Raza Director National Research Center for Inter-cropping played a vital role to establish this collaboration between IUB and SAU. Dr. Abid Shahzad further told that as many as 20 other students from IUB will be reaching

to SAU very soon as their visas are in process. SAU China has agreed to give twenty fully funded Post graduate scholarships to IUB's students every year. This year the potential students are getting the acceptance letters from SAU's

supervisors to be eligible to get these scholarships. The Directorate of International linkages is processing all these scholarships for IUB students. The Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob has congratulated the students and

appreciated the efforts of the IUB team on materializing the students dreams. He urged the students to work hard in China and prove themselves as the true ambassador of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Pakistan.

One day program on blessings of Ramadan

The Department of Educational Leadership and Management, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, a one-day program organized on the blessings of Ramadan. Dean Faculty of Education Prof. Dr. Irshad Hussain Baloch, Special Guest Director Seerat Chair Dr. Sujeela Kausar, Chairperson of Special Education Department Prof. Dr. Nasreen Akhtar, Chairman of Language Education Department Dr. Muhammad Javed and many teachers participated in the ceremony in large numbers. On the occasion, Prof. Dr. Irshad Hussain, Dean of the Faculty of Education, while addressing the participants of the event, highlighted the life of the Prophet PBUH and his moral life and said that the survival of the Muslim Ummah lies in following the life of the Prophet PBUH. Speaking at the ceremony, the chairperson of the department, Dr. Abid Shahzad, said that such events play an important role in the development of the department and the spiritual training of the students, and to encourage the students, he reiterated his determination that the department will continue to serve the students in the future. We will continue to organize curricular and extracurricular activities to highlight the skills. Special guest Dr. Sujeela Kausar, director of Seerat Chair, while speaking, said that Quran is the law of life for us and Sirat Tayyaba is a practical interpretation of this law of life. If we want success in this world and hereafter, then we have to adopt this rule of life in our practical lives in the light of Sirat Tayyaba.



Participants of the event

Muhammad Ahmad Raza from BS won the first position in the recitation competition. Naat Rasool was presented in honor of Hazrat Muhammad (peace be upon him). In this program, a number of students enlivened the gathering with enthusiastic speeches on the title of the Prophet's biography, and at the end, a quiz competition was

organized on the biography of the Prophet, his practical life and daily affairs of religion. Prof. Dr. Arshad Hussain addressed the participants of the event on the topic of "Ramadan, Prophet's Life and Students' Responsibilities". On the occasion, students from the IUB Recitation and Naat Society also participated and presented a performance. On

the occasion, the chairperson of the department appreciated the efforts of Dr. Mehla Jabeen, Dr. Iftikhar Bakht, Dr. Hina Kainat and Arshad Hasan for organizing this wonderful event and encouraged the students. The program was well attended by students from all departments of the Faculty of Education.

Session on Arabic for Understanding the Qur'an

The four-day "Arabic for Understanding the Qur'an" session was organized at Khawaja Farid Campus, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, under the auspices of the Saut Al-Qur'an Forum Department of Translation Studies. The session aimed to promote a deeper understanding of the Qur'an through the study of the Arabic language. The chief guest at the inaugural session was Prof. Dr. Sheikh Shafiqur Rahman, the Dean of the Faculty of Arabic and Islamic Studies. In his speech, he appreciated the efforts of the Vice-Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob and Pro-Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Naveed Akhtar in organizing the event. He emphasized the importance of reading the Holy Quran with



Prof. Dr. Shaikh Shafiq ur Rehman Dean Faculty of Islamic and Arabic Studies, Prof. Dr. Asadullah Madni Director QEC and other addressing the ceremony

comprehension, stating that fulfilling the rights of the Quran requires understanding its meaning and

teachings. Another prominent speaker during the session was Professor Dr. Asadullah Madani, the

Director of the Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC) and Chairman of the Department of Physical Therapy. He

discussed the significant relationship between the Quran and science, highlighting that science finds its completeness and true

purpose when aligned with the teachings of the Quran. The event was attended by several esteemed individuals, including Dr. Naeem

Amir, Chairman of the Department of Forensic Science, Dr. Rizwan Arshad, Dr. Nasir Mahmood, and Dr. Ayesha Bashir, along with a large

number of teachers and students who actively participated in the ceremony.

Quiz program on the Prophet's Biography

Department of Commerce, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur organized a quiz program on the subject of the Prophet's biography during the month of Ramadan. The participants included both male and female students from the university. The quiz had three rounds. In the first and second rounds, each team had to answer three questions. Then, in the final judging round, the teams were judged based on how many questions they could answer correctly within one minute. The first position was secured by Rabia and Muqadas, the second position by Shoaib and Mohammad Aqib, and the third position by Ali and Sanaullah. The quiz program was highly informative and increased the audience's knowledge about Surat Tayyaba. It seems the students were well-prepared and actively participated in the event. Dr. Qazi Hussain Ahmad Madani, an Assistant Professor from the Department of Arabic, and Dr. Saeed Ahmed Sheikh,



Participants of the quiz Program along with Dr. Saeed Ahmed Sheikh and Dr. Qazi Hussain Ahmad Madani

an Assistant Professor from the Department of Quran Studies, served as the judges for the quiz program. The Commerce Student Club, led by President Ahsan Dastgir and other

club members, played a crucial role in organizing the program. The winners of the quiz were awarded honorary shields for their achievements. Additionally, Dr. Qazi

Hussain Ahmad Madani and Dr. Saeed Ahmad Shaikh shared insights on Seerat Tayyaba during the event, which further enriched the program.

Annual Recitation Competition



Participants of the ceremony along with Prof. Dr. Shaikh Shafiq ur Rehman Dean Faculty of Islamic and Arabic Studies

The Annual Recitation Competition organized by the Medicine and Allied Health Sciences Students Society at Islamia University Bahawalpur took place at Ghotvi Hall on the Abbasia Campus. During the event, students showcased their recitation skills of the Holy Quran and also presented Naatiya Kalam as a tribute to the Messenger of Allah (PBUH). One of the highlights of the event was a speech by Professor Dr. Sheikh Shafiqur Rahman, the Dean of the Faculty of Arabic and Islamic Learning. He spoke about the responsibilities that students have during the holy month of Ramadan. The Society's in-charge, Dr. Rizwan Arshad, and the Society President, Syeda Farwa Batul, expressed their gratitude to all the distinguished guests who attended the event.

Debate Competition



Muhammad Ahsan bin Muhammad Aslam Shakir

The All Pakistan Bilingual Announcement 2023 competitions started from May 23, went through various stages, and culminated at the provincial and national levels. In these competitions, the students of Islamic Studies Department, The Islamia University of Bahawalpur (Bahawalnagar Campus) and Executive Member Islamia University Bahawalpur, Bahawalnagar Campus

Debating Society Muhammad Ahsan bin Muhammad Aslam Shakir gave excellent performances. He won his first match on May 24 in Sahiwal and qualified for South Punjab. After winning in Multan on May 26, he performed at the provincial level on June 02 at the Punjab level, as a result of which he won the second position and represented Punjab at the national level Urdu speech

competitions in Islamabad on the intervening night of June 02 and 03. 2023 secured the third position.

Ghulam Abbas, securing fourth position filmmakers international film competition, University of Toronto, Canada

■ Ghulam Abbas, a student from the Department of Media and Communication Studies at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, has achieved an impressive feat by securing the fourth position in the filmmakers' international film competition held at the University of Toronto, Canada. His accomplishment not only displays the exceptional talents of the youth in the region but also demonstrates their ability to compete on a global stage. Abbas's documentary film titled "Rohi" has gained recognition for its depiction of the civilization and culture of the desert. The film sheds light on the challenges faced by the residents of Budobash and Cholistan, bringing attention to their difficult lives and previously unknown aspects of their lifestyle. By presenting these narratives to a worldwide audience, the film has not only raised awareness about the people in these regions but also highlighted their resilience and unique way of life. This achievement not only brings honor to Pakistan but also reflects the potential of students from the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. The Vice-Chancellor, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, has commended Ghulam Abbas and other diligent students like him for their success. He recognizes them as valuable assets and a source of

CONGRATULATIONS

MR. GHULAM ABBAS

Student from IUB got fourth position in the documentary film competition by University of Toronto Sustainability Film Festival (UTSFF), Canada.

Mr. Ghulam Abbas, Student of Media & Communication Studies, IUB participated and his documentary was shortlisted for the final round at the University of Toronto Sustainability Film Festival, Canada.

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pride for the institution. Dr. Mahboob attributes their accomplishments to the practical training offered by the Department of Media and Communication Studies, where students work collaboratively in teams to create content for diverse media platforms. Professor Dr. Shehzad Rana, the Chairman of the Department of Media and Communication Studies, emphasizes the significance of

practical training in enabling students to become active contributors to society. This preparation equips them to play a significant role in the country's development and progress. Ghulam Abbas expressed his gratitude to Vice-Chancellor Dr. Athar Mahboob and Chairman of Department of Media and Communication Studies, Dr. Shehzad Rana for their guidance and support. He views the reception

held in his honor as a deeply memorable event and is determined to continue honing his professional skills under the guidance of his experienced and capable teachers. This achievement stands as a testament to the dedication, hard work, and potential of both Ghulam Abbas and the university's Media and Communication Studies Department.

Talent Hunt Youth Sports League Volleyball Provincial League (Men's)

■ The provincial level competitions of Talent Hunt Youth Sports League Volleyball Provincial League (Men's) organized by Prime Minister Youth Program and Higher Education Commission concluded at the

Islamia University of Bahawalpur. Five teams from across Punjab participated in these competitions, including Lahore, Faisalabad, Rawalpindi and Bahawalpur. On the final day, the third and fourth position

match was played between Sialkot and Rawalpindi in which Sialkot won. The final match was played between Lahore and Faisalabad and after a nerve-wracking competition, Lahore won the title of champion and

Faisalabad team was declared the runner-up. On the occasion, the special guest Prof. Dr. Saeed Ahmed Buzdar, Dean Faculty of Physical and Mathematical Sciences distributed prizes among the players.

IUB Female Martial Arts Team members Iqra Ayub and Sana Riaz Selects for National Female Sports Leadership Champion 2023

IUB Female Martial Arts

Sana Riaz

Iqra Ayub

■ IUB Female Martial Arts Team members Iqra Ayub and Sana Riaz have been selected for the National Female Sports Leadership Camp 2023 in Islamabad under Right to Play Pakistan. Both the players will represent their organization in the Camp to be held in Islamabad. Selected female athletes from across the country will participate in the camp. Director Female Sports IUB Dr. Ambreen Maqsood congratulated both the players on being selected in the leadership camp and expressed hope that the name of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur will be prominent in this national level camp. He also appreciated the efforts of female martial arts in-charge IUB Musarat Bano and coach female martial arts Tariq Aziz, with whose hard work the players are busy day and night

preparing for national level competitions. Dr. Ambreen Maqsood

also thanked Vice Chancellor Islamia University of Bahawalpur Engr. Prof.

Dr. Athar Mahboob for whose efforts the female students from the

Directorate of Female Sports are winning awards at the national level.

First IUB Ramadan Premier League 2023

■ The First IUB Ramadan Premier League 2023 organized by Directorate of Sports, IUB Sports Promotion Society, Directorate of Students Affairs and Directorate of Communication & Public Relations has concluded in the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. In this seven-nights long league, as many as 48 teams from various departments and more than 600 students participated in this Ramadan League. The students of the hostels also enjoyed this league, the atmosphere of the festival in

and Dr. Umir Riaz performed prominently, while on behalf of the runners-up team, the performance of Muhammad Osama, Abdul Rahman and Abdullah Shafiq was outstanding. The closing ceremony of the Ramadan Premier League was held at the Sports Complex in Baghdad-Jeeded, and the chief guest of closing ceremony was Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, while Prof. Dr. Aftab Hussain Gillani, Advisor IUB Sports Promotion Society, Mr. Amjad Farooq Warraich,

a large number of students. The floodlights, the design of this league and other arrangements were impressive. He also appreciated all the teachers who became a part of this league along with the students. He further said that in the future such activities will be increased and more games will be added along with cricket. Earlier Prof. Dr. Aftab Hussain Gillani, Advisor IUB Sports Promotion Society and Mr. Amjad Farooq Warraich, Director Sports also congratulated the teams participating in this league and the

Khalil, Hafiz Marjan Haider, Adnan Haider, Yuosuf Gill and Muneeb Ashraf were in the core committee of this league while Shoaib Manzoor, Mohsin Sattar, Ali Raza were in the umpiring committee. In others, Hasnain Allah Dad, Muhammad Faizan and Muzamil Zaid in the scoring committee, Naqeeb Rashid, Malik Faisal, Arslan Asghar, Tayyab Malik, Usman Ghani, Talha Salahuddin, Hassan Bukhari, Asfand Muhammad, Muhammad Shahzad, Ali Raza in the field force committee. In the commentary panel Hafiz Marjan Haider, Khalid Saeed and Adnan Haider Abbasi while Rahmatullah Sajid, Muneeb Ashraf and Yousaf Gill performed duties as food committee members. On the occasion, CEO Shamim Group of Industries, Rana Muhammad Khalid, Registrar IUB, Prof. Dr. Moazzam Jamil, Dean Faculty of Agriculture and Environment, Prof. Dr. Tanveer Hussain Turrabi, Chairman Department of Plant Pathology, Prof. Dr. Naveed Aslam Malghani, Chairman Hall Council, Dr. Muhammad Faheem Mushtaq, Additional Registrar Mr. Arif Ramooz, Advisor IUB Debating Society, Dr. Zeeshan Tabassam, Advisor IUB Art & Photography Society, Mr. Farjad Faiz, Principal Staff Officer, Mr. Waseem Siddiqui, Assistant Professor, Dr. Adnan Bukhari, Assistant Director Sports, Qazi Irfan Khalil and others were present.



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor along with the winning team of 1st IUB floodlight Ramadan Premier League 2023

Baghdad-ul-Jadeed campus was lit up with the lights of cricket. IUB Wolves became the first champion team by defeating Markhor XI by eight wickets. From winning team Waqas Khalid, Muhammad Ali, Yousuf Anwar, Hafiz Marjan Haider

Director of Sports and Dr. Azhar Hussain, Additional Director of Students Affairs (IUB Students' Societies) were guest of honour. The Vice Chancellor in his address said that it was a pleasure to organize this league and the participation of such

organizers of this league for the successful organization and paid tribute to the vision of Vice Chancellor the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob and also thanked them. Dr. Umair Riaz, Qazi Muhammad Irfan

Friendly cricket match between IUB and old Sadiqians players

■ A friendly cricket match between the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Old Sadiqians played at Sadiq Public School, Bahawalpur. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur won the match by 65 runs. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur won the toss and scored 165 runs in ten overs. Dr. Zahid Ihsan scored 65, Dr. Aftab Hussain Gillani scored not out 22 and Arif Ramooz scored 20. While Ayaz Imran and Ali Zameer played very well from Old Sadiqian but the aggressive batting of both players did not work for the team and Old Sadiqian could only score 100 runs. The chief guest of this match was Mr. David Dowdles, Principal of Sadiq Public School. He thanked the

Vice Chancellor of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob for sending the university's team and welcomed the guest team. He said that it is the vision of Vice Chancellor Islamia University Bahawalpur that such friendly matches should be organized with other institutions and very soon a friendly match will be organized between IUB Sports Promotion Society and the cricket team of Sadiq Public School. He also thanked Ali Zameer, the captain of the Old Sadiqian team for making this match possible. In the squad of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, Prof. Dr. Aftab Hussain Gillani, Prof. Dr. Moazzam Jamil, Prof. Dr. Naveed



Group photo of IUB with Old Sadiqian team

Aslam Malghani, Dr. Azhar Hussain, Dr. Muhammad Latif, Dr. Zahid Ihsan, Dr. Muhammad Umair Riaz, Arif Ramooz, Shaji-ur-Rehman,

Muhammad Gohar Ali, Hafiz Marjan Haider, Adnan Haider and Muneeb Ashraf were included.

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