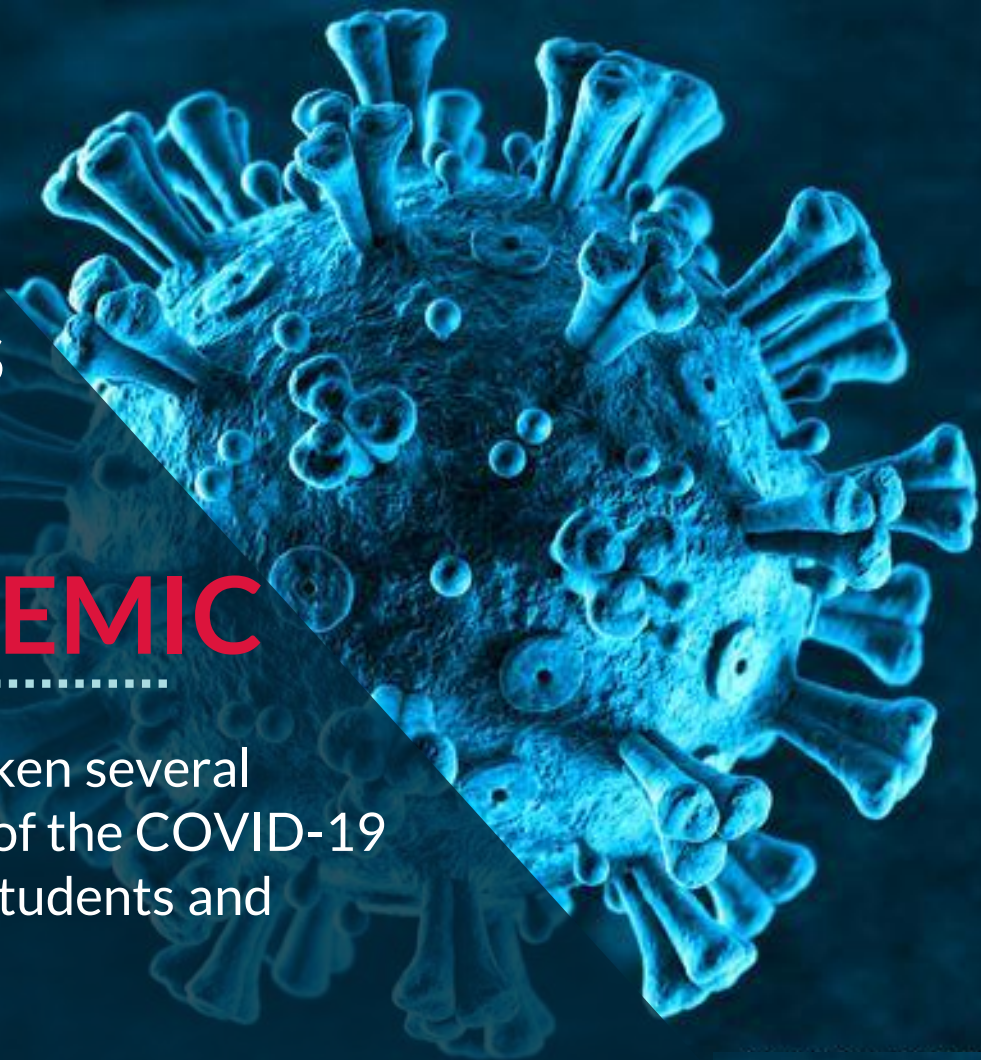




SARGODHA UNIVERSITY'S PREVENTIVE RESPONSE TO **CORONA PANDEMIC**

The University of Sargodha has taken several initiatives to minimize the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic upon the faculty, staff, students and general public.



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**SMOOTH
SHIFT TO
DIGITAL
PEDAGOGY**



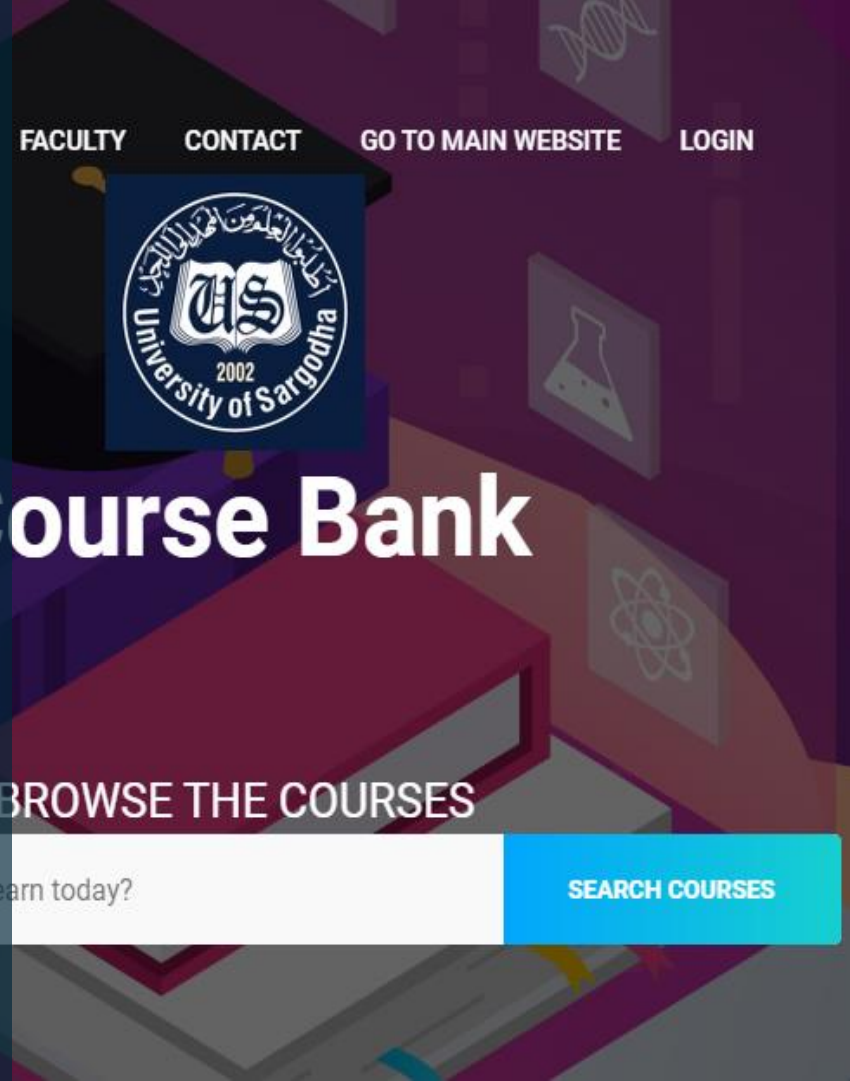
CONTINUATION OF CLASSES

CONDUCTION OF ONLINE CLASSES THROUGH ZOOM APP

Soon after the closure of the University w.e.f. 16.03.2020, the online classes were started by using the user-friendly Apps ZOOM and WhatsApp.

OPERATIONALIZED AN E-LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

- © Subsequently, the University also operationalized an E-Learning Management System (LMS) as per the directions of the Higher Education Commission (HEC) and Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC).
- © The LMS is integrated with the university website (www.su.edu.pk) and allows each faculty to upload course outlines and reading material in multiple formats on the faculty portal, allowing students to openly access the resources for each course.





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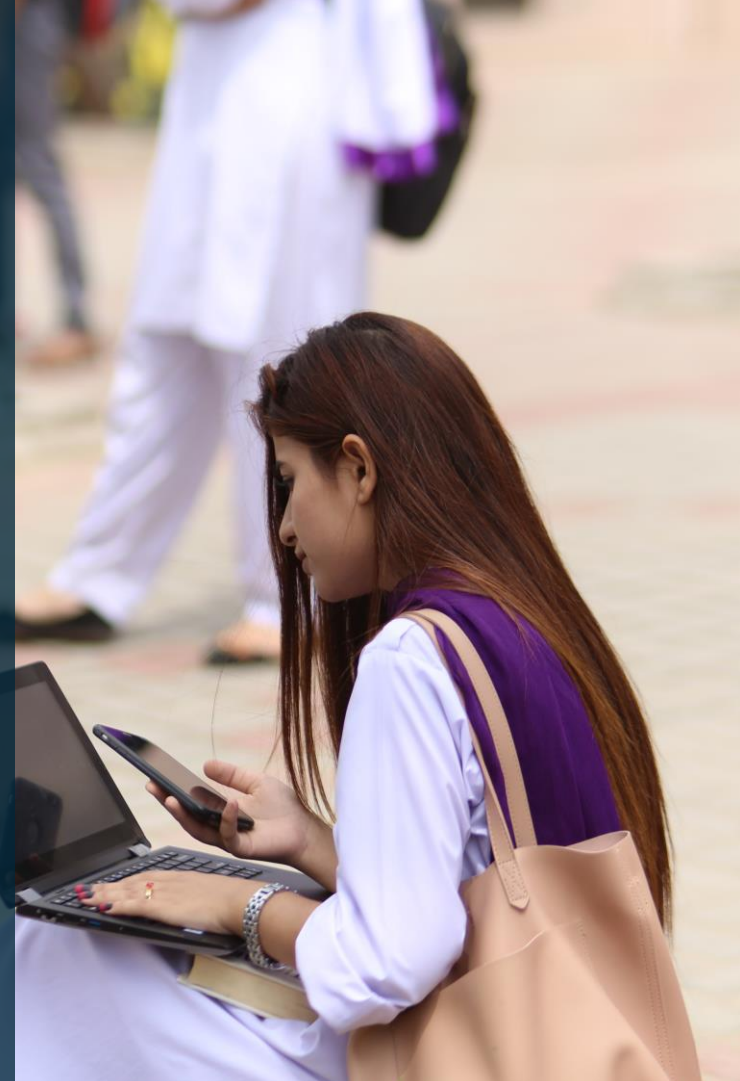
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VIRTUAL LEARNING
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i.

**ENSURING
QUALITY
OF ONLINE
TEACHING
THROUGH
MONITORING
ONLINE
CLASSES**

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To ensure the quality of education through online system, a Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC) Task Force was constituted and its members personally joined the classes to assess the quality of education through continuous monitoring.

The university discontinued a few courses on the basis of reports received from the Heads of Departments and QEC Task Force.

DIGITAL PEDAGOGY SKILLS

Faculty members were trained with essential digital pedagogy skills through trainings.



ii.

ADDRESSING
ISSUES

OF INTERNET
CONNECTIVITY
AND

NON-AVAILABILITY
FOR STUDENTS

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COURSE CONTENT SHARING

The faculty delivered lectures for the approved courses through ZOOM as per notified timetable by providing course materials to students through the LMS as well as WhatsApp and email groups.

OPTION TO FREEZE SEMESTER

The students facing internet connectivity or non-availability issues were given the option to freeze the Spring Semester.

In response, some students submitted applications to freeze the Spring Semester.

NO EXTRA FEE CHARGES

The students are completing the leftover courses of Spring Semester in the Summer semester and **no extra or additional fee** is charged from such students.



iii.

ACCESS
TO
DIGITAL
LIBRARY

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The students have been given access to a vast number of online resources, books and research journals, through **HEC Digital Library** and **Lincoln Corner** digital resources.

2. PROVISION OF PUBLIC HEALTH CARE



MEDICAL CARE
TREATMENT

HEALTH CARE
BLOOD TEST



The Sargodha Medical College (SMC), a constituent college of University of Sargodha, has taken the following measures to facilitate the general public for combating the pandemic.

i.

LAUNCH OF TELEMEDICINE CENTER

The University established a Telemedicine Center, which was inaugurated by the honorable Chancellor/Governor Punjab on March 26, 2020, under the auspices of Principal, Sargodha Medical College.





The Corona medical experts are available 24/7 through Call/WhatsApp. Further, 18 professors/doctors of various specialties were deputed there from 08:00 AM to 08:00 PM to provide free clinical services online to the general public.

The Center is also connected with the Chief Minister/Governor helplines.



ii. FIELD HOSPITAL FACILITY

The university established a field hospital in its Medical College as the frontline health services were expected to be overwhelmed from the Corona pandemic over the coming weeks. The hospital has the capacity to house 100 patients at least. The doctors and paramedics from Sargodha Medical College performed their duties round the clock. A high dependency unit was also available 24/7 in this hospital.





iii. **AVAILABILITY OF DOCTORS FOR CORONA / ISOLATION WARD**

A Corona/Isolation ward was established at TB hospital, situated within the vicinity of DHQ Teaching Hospital Sargodha. The senior and junior faculty of SMC regularly attended the patients admitted there, according to their duty roster.

3.

CONVERSION OF HOSTELS INTO QUARANTINE CENTERS

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The University converted its hostels at Sargodha Medical College and College of Agriculture, situated in the outskirts of the city, into Quarantine Centers.

4.

DONATION OF 3000 MASKS TO DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

On July 13, 2019, University of Sargodha had signed an MoU with Henan Normal University in China for academic cooperation and establishment of Confucius Institute at Sargodha University.

When Corona Virus hit Wuhan in China, Pakistan Institute of China Studies (PICS) at Sargodha University organized several events including a walk to show solidarity with the people of China. These gestures were duly acknowledged by the Chinese Embassy and the people of China on social media.

As a token of support of University of Sargodha to China, the Henan Normal University has donated 3,000 masks to University of Sargodha which have been donated to the district administration.



5.

UNIVERSITY PHARMACY

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The University also runs a Pharmacy, which has been kept open to provide medicines to the local community. Limited quantities of hand sanitizer prepared by the College of Pharmacy were also donated to the District Administration.

6.

UNIVERSITY FM AWARENESS DRIVE

The University FM Radio 98.2 launched an awareness drive to contain the spread of COVID-19 in local languages, including Urdu, Punjabi, Jangli, Saraiki, Pothohari, Rangri, Pushto, Sindhi, Balochi, Balti, Kashmiri and Hindko. The campaign intended to make maximum impact at the grass-root level, is also being broadcast by regional centers of Radio Pakistan.



7.

**ONLINE
COORDINATION
AMONG
FACULTY, STAFF
AND STUDENTS**

The University was already utilized digital platforms such as WhatsApp groups for coordination between faculty and students, as well as amongst the faculty, academic and administrative heads.

8.

FACILITATION CENTER

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The Facilitation Center at University of Sargodha continued to provide online services to address the complaints and concerns of students and public regarding educational matters.

It has dealt with thousands of queries through emails and phone calls since the closure of the University.

The image shows the exterior of a modern, single-story building with a white facade. The words "FACILITATION CENTER" are printed in large, bold, black letters on the upper part of the building. In the foreground, there is a white metal fence with a repeating geometric pattern. The building is surrounded by lush green trees, and the sky is clear and bright. The overall scene is well-lit, suggesting a sunny day.

FACILITATION CENTER

