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COMSTECH Honours Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas For Outstanding Contributions

H.E. Prof. Dr. M. Iqbal Choudhary, Coordinator General of COMSTECH, conferred the prestigious COMSTECH Award and a shield of appreciation upon Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, Vice Chancellor of UoS, in acknowledgment of the university's sustained cooperation and significant impact.



**Governor Punjab Muhammad Baligh Ur Rehman
Presides 10th Convocation**

Youth Urged To Navigate Digital Complexity And Lead With Integrity



Muhammad Baligh Ur Rehman,
Governor Punjab\Chancellor

Governor Punjab Muhammad Baligh Ur Rehman, in a heartfelt address, extended warm congratulations to the graduating students and scholars, marking the occasion as a day of joy and success for all. He expressed his profound hope that these graduates, equipped with their unique research capabilities, would significantly enhance the prestige of their institutions, teachers, and the degrees they had earned. He highlighted Pakistan's immense fortune in its large youth population, emphasizing that the youth represent the most invaluable asset for any nation's progress and development. He also acknowledged the pivotal role young minds play in shaping the country's future and encouraged them to harness their potential for the betterment of society.

Addressing contemporary challenges, the governor highlighted the growing prevalence of disinformation across digital platforms and emphasized the critical importance of fact-checking in combating false narratives. He stressed the need for vigilance in discerning truth from falsehood, particularly in an age where misinformation can spread rapidly and widely.

Governor Baligh Ur Rehman calls for fact-checking, which serves as a reminder of the responsibility individuals hold in ensuring the integrity of information in an increasingly interconnected world.

Furthermore, he praised the University of Sargodha's efforts in fostering student skill development. He lauded the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Qaiser Abbas, for his dedication to promoting an academic culture that not only prioritizes learning but also encourages the commercialization of ideas generated by students. This emphasis on practical application aligns with the broader goal of preparing students for success in their chosen fields and contributing meaningfully to the economy and society at large, he added.



Prof. Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed,
Chairman, Higher Education Commission

Prof. Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed, Chairman of the Higher Education Commission (HEC), underscored the critical need to guide youth amidst the complexities of the digital age. Recognizing the challenges posed by misinformation and Islamophobia rampant across digital platforms, he emphasized the imperative need for informed discourse and factual accuracy.

He highlighted the spread of misinformation through chatbots, which often exacerbates societal divisions and fosters discord. To counter this trend, he pledged to develop an HEC chatbot dedicated to disseminating factual information, thereby empowering individuals to navigate the digital landscape with discernment and critical thinking.

Addressing the graduating students, Prof. Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed urged them to embrace a positive and constructive role in society. He emphasized the transformative power of higher education in fostering intellectual growth and shaping responsible citizens. Encouraging students to become agents of positive change, he stressed the importance of leveraging their education to contribute meaningfully to national development.

Commending the University of Sargodha for its remarkable progress in securing the second position in Punjab and the third in Pakistan in teaching, he congratulated the Vice Chancellor, UoS, faculty, and staff for this wonderful achievement.

Graduates Encouraged To Embrace Their Role As Agents Of Positive Change



Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir,
Chairman, Punjab Higher Education Commission

Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir, Chairman of the Punjab Higher Education Commission, emphasized the critical role of educated and forward-thinking youth in shaping the nation's trajectory amidst contemporary challenges. Emphasizing the transformative potential of education, he urged universities to serve as beacons of enlightenment, guiding students towards a deeper understanding of economic and societal issues.

He congratulated the graduating students for their achievements and expressed unwavering faith in their ability to contribute meaningfully to national development. He emphasized the importance of nurturing a generation of critical thinkers and problem-solvers equipped with the knowledge and skills to navigate the complexities of the modern world.

He stressed that education is not merely a means to acquire knowledge but a powerful tool for fostering social mobility and driving positive change. He urged graduates to harness their education as a force for good, leveraging their skills and expertise to address pressing societal issues and contribute to the collective welfare of the nation.

Moreover, he underscored the importance of fostering a culture of entrepreneurship and innovation among the youth. He encouraged graduates to embrace creativity and risk-taking, recognizing that innovation is the engine of economic growth and prosperity. By cultivating an entrepreneurial mindset, young people can unlock new opportunities, drive job creation, and catalyze sustainable development.



Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas,
Vice Chancellor, University of Sargodha

Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, the Vice Chancellor University of Sargodha expressed heartfelt gratitude to the Governor of Punjab, the Chairman of HEC, the Chairman of PHEC, and other distinguished guests for gracing the 10th Convocation of the University. With pride and admiration, he extended congratulations to the students, their parents, and the faculty on their remarkable achievement.

He encouraged students to embrace their role as pioneers of positive change, urging them to cultivate a mindset of innovation and discovery. He said, "I believe that these wonderfully talented graduates shall compete and make their mark in their professional careers in national as well as international domains."

Highlighting the progressive reforms undertaken during his tenure as Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas elaborated on key achievements, including the second-best teaching in Punjab and third-best teaching in Pakistan, the regularization of faculty and staff to enhance the working environment, achieving financial stability, fostering collaboration between academia and industry, and promoting internationalization to attract foreign students.

Through collaborative efforts and forward-thinking initiatives, the university stands poised to continue its journey towards greater heights of success and significance across the national and international educational landscape.

Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas
Vice Chancellor UoS

“ I believe the university shall continue to uphold its values of academic excellence and transparency, ethical superiority and meritocracy, and a dedication to serve the motherland with quality education and the character building of its youth. ”

Governor Punjab Inaugurates A Modernized Library And Incubation Center



Muhammad Baligh Ur Rehman, The Governor of Punjab

“ Libraries play a crucial role in facilitating the process of learning and conducting research, and establishing WWIC is a significant step forward in nurturing entrepreneurial initiatives to promote innovation and add value to national economic growth. ”



The Governor of Punjab, Muhammad Baligh Ur Rehman, inaugurated the newly revamped “Wazir Agha Library” and the state-of-the-art “Waheed Wain Incubation Center” at the University of Sargodha (UoS) on December 22, 2023. The Chairman of the Higher Education Commission (HEC), Prof. Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed, Vice Chancellor UoS, Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, and several distinguished guests accompanied him.

The event marked a significant milestone in the university's commitment to provide cut

ting-edge facilities for academic and entrepreneurial pursuits. The newly renovated library now offers a blend of functionality and aesthetics, fostering an inviting atmosphere for study, research, and collaboration, and has become a modern hub of knowledge, equipped with the latest resources and technology to support students and researchers' academic endeavors.

The Governor also unveiled the “Waheed Wain Incubation Center,” a world-class facility designed to nurture and support entrepreneurial initiatives. Waheed Wain Foundation, in collaboration with its fellow company, i2c Pakistan Pvt Ltd, a Silicon Valley-based IT company in Lahore, has provided funds to establish this center at UoS.

Emphasizing the pivotal role of libraries in fostering learning and research, Governor Muhammad Baligh Ur Rehman expressed his delight and commended the university's dedication to creating a conducive environment for intellectual growth. He also praised the university's efforts in student skill development and the Vice Chancellor's commitment to promoting academic culture, with an emphasis on commercializing student ideas.



HEC Chairman Unveils New Academic Facility At Uos

Prof. Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed, the Chairman of the Higher Education Commission (HEC), inaugurated the newly constructed Multi-Purpose Academic Building at the University of Sargodha (UoS) on December 21, 2023. The inauguration marked a significant milestone under the HEC-funded project "Strengthening of the University of Sargodha." With a covered area of 29,634 square feet, the Multi-Purpose Academic Building is a component of a larger initiative to improve facilities and capabilities at the University of Sargodha.

Prof. Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed expressed his satisfaction with the project's completion, emphasizing the importance of modern infrastructure in creating a conducive environment for learning and research. Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas expressed gratitude toward the Chairman of HEC for his unwavering support in advancing the university's infrastructure and highlighted the positive impact that the new building would have on academic programs and research initiatives.



Prof. Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed, the Chairman of the Higher Education Commission (HEC)

“ The foundation of academic institutions is their modern infrastructure, which offers the ideal environment for promoting excellence in teaching and research. The successful construction of the Multi-Purpose Academic Building at the University of Sargodha exemplifies our dedication to improving educational infrastructure throughout Pakistan ”

282 Students Receive Chinese Ambassador Scholarship



The Chinese Ambassador Scholarship Awarding Ceremony was held on October 4, 2023, at the University of Sargodha. The Vice Chancellor of UoS, Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, was the chief guest of the ceremony, in which one hundred and six merit-based and one hundred and seventy-six need-based scholarships were awarded to the students. Addressing the occasion, the Vice Chancellor thanked the Chinese Embassy for its continued support of the University of Sargodha in providing education access for needy and meritorious students.



80 Students Awarded Chinese Language Course Certificates

As many as 80 students were honored with certificates for successfully completing the Tang-1 Chinese language course during a "Certificate Awarding Ceremony" held on October 18, 2023, jointly organized by the Pakistan Institute of China Studies (PICS) UoS and Tang International Education Group China.



The ceremony, aimed at celebrating the distinctive accomplishments of the students of the Tang-1 Chinese language course, was graced by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, the Director and Executive President of Tang International Education Group, China, Mr. Max Ma, and the Director of PICS, Dr. Fazal ur Rehman.



The ceremony concluded with an interesting communication between Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, Mr. Max Ma, and students in the Chinese language. Throughout the ceremony, participants celebrated the students' accomplishments and the significance of their proficiency in the Chinese language. It also served as a platform for the exchange of ideas and experiences between the students, Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, and Mr. Max Ma, with an engaging dialogue conducted entirely in Chinese.

Consul General China Announce Scholarships For UoS Students

The Vice Chancellor of the University of Sargodha, Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, held a highly productive meeting with Mr. Zhao Shiren, the Consul General of China, in Lahore. In this meeting, the Vice Chancellor made a significant announcement that will create new opportunities for the university's students.

Mr. Zhao Shiren announced the award of the "Consul General China Scholarships" (CGCS) at the University of Sargodha. This initiative aims to promote educational exchange and collaboration between China and Pakistan, further strengthening the bonds of friendship and cooperation between the two nations.

Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas expressed that the CGC Scholarships will provide deserving students at the University of Sargodha with the opportunity to pursue their academic aspirations with financial support. He expressed the expectation that these scholarships will empower students, allowing them to access quality education and expand their horizons. He anticipated that CGC Scholarships will serve as a stepping stone for students to excel in their academic pursuits, and it is a promising development that will contribute to the advancement of education and cultural exchange between the two countries.



7th Pakistan Industrial Expo 2023 Facilitates Investment Opportunities



The 7th Pakistan Industrial Expo 2023, a collaborative effort by the University of Sargodha (UoS) and Everest International Pvt. Ltd., was inaugurated on November 25, 2023, by Mr. Ibrahim Hasan Murad, the Punjab Provincial Minister for Livestock, Transport, Mines, and Minerals, on Saturday at the Expo Center in Lahore.

The Minister was accompanied by the Vice Chancellor of UoS, Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, Deputy Consul General of China in Lahore, Mr. Du, Director of Chinese Companies in Pakistan, Mr. Wang, Pro Vice Chancellor of UoS, Prof. Dr. Mian Ghulam Yasin, Deans, Directors, Heads of various academic and administrative units of UoS, and notable figures from the commerce and industry sectors.



Around 250 Pakistani and Chinese companies showcased their products and services at this event, aiming to facilitate investment in various sectors within Pakistan. The expo is designed to bring together industry professionals, entrepreneurs, and students to foster collaboration and knowledge exchange and showcase the vast potential within Pakistan's industrial landscape.

Addressing the ceremony, Ibrahim Hassan Murad underscored the imperative need for substantial investment to rejuvenate the economy and emphasized Pakistan's strategic position in South

Asia, abundant in investment opportunities and facilities. He commended the UoS and Everest International Pvt. Ltd. for organizing the event, acknowledging their efforts to attract international investors. He also expressed the enduring friendship between China and Pakistan, emphasizing the historically favorable relations between the two nations.



Highlighting the significance of the industrial expo in attracting foreign investment, Prof. Dr. Qaiser Abbas emphasized that exhibitions play a pivotal role in connecting education and industry, providing a platform for academia, students, and industry experts to collaborate effectively. He expressed optimism about the potential for Pakistani-Chinese companies to contribute to both import and export opportunities, providing full support and encouragement to investors on all forums. He emphasized the importance of collaboration between education and industry for any nation's prosperity.

Mr. Wang highlighted the numerous opportunities emerging in Pakistan's trade sector, particularly through the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor, foreseeing that ongoing investments would further enhance efforts to uplift Pakistan's national economic growth.



UoS Signs Agreement With Chinese Industrial Giant

On the sidelines of the 7th Pakistan Industrial Expo 2023, the University of Sargodha (UoS) signed an intent-to-cooperation agreement with Beijing Sheng Universal Technology Development Co. Ltd. and Yongtai Automation Engineering (Shandong) Co. Ltd.

Vice Chancellor UoS, Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, Mr. Mannuel Liu, General Manager of Beijing Sheng Universal Technology Development Co. Ltd., and Mr. Li Liangliang, General Manager of Yongtai Automation Engineering (Shandong) Co. Ltd. signed the agreement, which focuses on fostering collaboration in student training, participation in academic activities, and creating a platform for digital communication and vocational and technical cooperation.

Taxidermy Workshop Fosters Synergy Between Traditional And Industrial Techniques



The Department of Zoology organized a 2-day Taxidermy Workshop in collaboration with WWF-Pakistan experts, delving into the industrial side of this age-old tradition.

Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, Vice Chancellor UoS, and Dr. Shabana Naz, Associate Professor from GCU Faisalabad, graced the workshop as chief guests and keynote speakers, respectively, while Prof. Dr. Khalid Mukhtar, Dr. Aima Iram, Dr. Naunain Mehmood, and Dr. Iram Inayat managed the event. The workshop was aimed to bridge the gap between traditional and innovative, providing participants with a comprehensive understanding of taxidermy.

Focusing on avant-garde preservation methods and eco-friendly practices, the workshop facilitated hands-on sessions where participants actively engaged in the skinning and fleshing of bird specimens. This immersive experience sets the stage for a deeper exploration into the art and science of preserving and mounting animals. Industry experts guided participants through the latest tools, materials, and ethical considerations in the evolving landscape of industrial taxidermy.

Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas emphasized the importance of such interdisciplinary initiatives that connect academia with practical skills. As the workshop unfolds, it promises to unravel the secrets of taxidermy's industrial evolution, shedding light on the intricate processes that contribute to the preservation of biodiversity in a rapidly changing world.



Seminar Explores Public-Private Collaboration In Crime Prevention



The Department of Sociology and Criminology at the University of Sargodha and the Punjab Police Sargodha jointly organized a seminar titled "Role of Police in Crime Prevention" to educate students about the vital role of the police in ensuring community safety and preventing crime.

The event featured keynote speeches by the Regional Police Officer Sargodha, Mr. Sharik Kamal Siddiqui, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, and the Pro Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Mian Ghulam Yasin. In his opening address, Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas expressed his gratitude to the esteemed guests and highlighted the complex responsibilities of the police in maintaining law and order, ensuring public safety, and preventing criminal activities within the community. While recognizing the specific duties of the police, he urged active participation from the public to enhance the overall state of society.

Mr. Shariq Kamal Siddiqui highlighted the various aspects of crime prevention and the challenges faced by the police force in their line of duty. He underlined the significance of technology in crime prevention and stressed the use of innovative tools and approaches to enhance the effectiveness of law enforcement. He also emphasized the need for collaboration between the public and law enforcement to create a safer environment.

Prof. Dr. Mian Ghulam Yasin illuminated a significant demographic statistic: youth make up 65% of the population, and their involvement in crime is disproportionately high, partly because only 5% of them have formal education. He stressed the importance of effective control mechanisms and research-based solutions to combat and prevent crime in society.

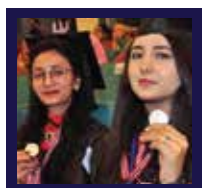
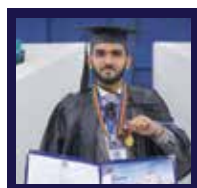


STUDENTS CELEBRATE SUCCESS AT GRADUATION CEREMONY

A three-day 10th Convocation of the University of Sargodha (UoS) concluded on December 23, 2023, with graduates poised to contribute significantly to their respective fields and make a positive impact on society. The Governor of Punjab, Muhammad Baligh Ur Rehman, conferred degrees upon 29,456 students during the 10th convocation of the University of Sargodha (UoS), held on Thursday. The ceremony was significant as it marked the graduation of around 64.5 percent of girl students out of the total student population.

The ceremony of the first day was initiated in a ritualistic manner, with the entrance of the academic procession presided over by the Chancellor Muhammad Baligh Ur Rehman, accompanied by the Chairman Higher Education Commission Prof. Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed, Vice Chancellor UoS Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, Pro Vice Chancellor UoS Prof. Dr. Mian Ghulam Yasin, and Deans of eight faculties at the convocation venue. The second academic procession was presided over by the Chairman, Punjab Higher Education Commission, Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir, while the third-day procession was presided over by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas.

As many as 81 PhD degrees, 1098 MS/MPhil/MSc (Hons)/LLM, 12,713 MA/MSc, 4741 BS/BSc (Hons)/BBA, and 10,823 BA/BSc/ADP degrees were awarded to the students from the faculties of Agriculture, Faculty of Arts and Humanities, Faculty of Computing and Information Technology, Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Faculty of Medical and Health Sciences, Faculty of Pharmacy, Faculty of Science, and Faculty of Social Sciences. Moreover, 277 students with distinctions were honored with medals.



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GRADUATE CEREMONY



TOTAL GRADUATES (DEGREE-WISE)



MoUs Signed To Promote Innovation And Academic Partnerships

The University of Sargodha (UoS) has signed multiple Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with prominent national universities to promote scientific research and academic collaborations here on Monday. The agreements were signed between the University of Sargodha (UoS) and Emerson University, Multan, Kohsar University, Murree, Muhammad Nawaz Sharif University of Engineering & Technology, Multan, and the University of Sahiwal.

These collaborations aimed to promote a strategic alliance and seamless linkages in innovation, research, and entrepreneurship and facilitate student and faculty exchange programs, social media marketing, and learning methodologies. Under the MoUs, workshops, seminars, international conferences, and training sessions will be conducted to strengthen cooperation in research and institutions' educational offerings.

Speaking on these significant collaborations, Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas said, "These partnerships strengthen the academic ties of the university and facilitate an environment where knowledge knows no boundaries." He further emphasized that these collaborations serve as a catalyst to foster a culture of quality research and innovation.

Annual Dinner To Honour The Faculty And Staff



The University of Sargodha hosted an annual dinner on November 04, 2023 to pay tribute to its administrative staff from BS 1-16 and a staff dinner on November 30, 2023 to honor the invaluable services of its faculty and staff. The event was aimed to express gratitude towards the faculty and staff for their untiring efforts in uplifting the university and to celebrate the accomplishments and aspirations of its dedicated staff members.



The Vice Chancellor of the University of Sargodha, Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, the Vice Chancellor of MNS UET Multan, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Kamran, the Vice Chancellor of Kohsar University Murree, Prof. Dr. Syed Habib Bukhari, the Vice Chancellor of Emerson University Multan, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ramzan, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Sahiwal, Prof. Dr. Javaid Akhtar.

The event featured a generous gesture, with 14 staff and faculty members winning a complete "Umrah Package" through a lucky draw, a remarkable and heartfelt reward for their dedication and

hard work. In addition, 70 staff members were honored and bestowed with the prestigious "Employee of the Year 2023" award in recognition of their remarkable contributions to the university's success. The esteemed Vice Chancellors who graced the event expressed their appreciation for Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas's relentless efforts in elevating the University of Sargodha's national and international rankings. They also commended his dedication and efforts to create a dynamic and supportive family environment within the university, fostering a sense of community among staff and faculty.



Students Advocate For Right To Self-determination In Indian-occupied Kashmir



The University of Sargodha organized a "Solidarity Walk" on October 27, 2023, as a black day in condemnation of the Indian occupation of Jammu and Kashmir on the same day in 1947.

The walk started from the Department of History and Pak Studies and ended at the Administration Block. It was led by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, and the Pro Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Mian Ghulam Yasin, while senior faculty, staff, and students were also in attendance.

The event was aimed at expressing the wholehearted support of the nation for the relentless struggle of the Kashmiri people for their inalienable right to self-determination under United Nations resolutions. The student protesters appealed to Muslim countries to take notice of the atrocities of the Indian army in Kashmir and the massacre of innocent Muslims and demanded that Kashmiris be allowed to use their right to self-determination.

World Teachers' Day Celebrated At UoS



On October 5, 2023, the University of Sargodha hosted an awareness walk in connection with the celebrations of World Teachers' Day. The event was organized by Malik Firoz Khan Noon Business School (MFKNBS) at UoS to acknowledge and appreciate the significant contributions made by teachers.

The walk commenced at MFKNBS and ended at the University Fountain Roundabout, led by Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, Pro Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Mian Ghulam Yasin, Director of MFKNBS Prof. Dr. Ghulam Ali, senior faculty members, and students were also in attendance. The students displayed placards, banners, and vibrant posters to demonstrate their gratitude and recognize the pivotal role of teachers in fostering young intellects and shaping the trajectory of society. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas expressed that teachers play a fundamental role in our society, and their steadfast dedication to impart knowledge to the younger generation significantly influences the future trajectory of our nation.

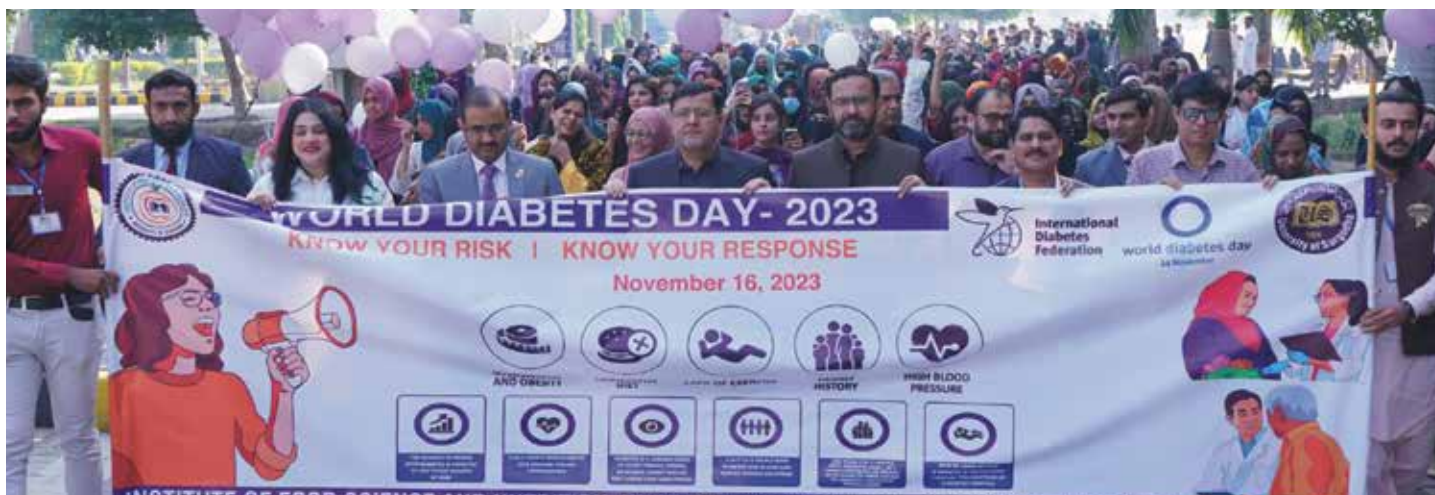
Students Urged To Contribute In Shaping Corruption-free Pakistan



The University of Sargodha (UoS) organized a seminar and awareness walk under the theme "Role of Universities in the Eradication of Corruption" in collaboration with the National Accountability Bureau (NAB). The event was aimed at promoting the message of "Say No to Corruption." The awareness walk led by Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas and Deputy Director NAB Lahore Mr. Muhammad Sajid, was actively attended by the students, faculty, and staff members.

In a keynote address, Mr. Muhammad Sajid shed light on the societal problems caused by corruption and encouraged students to play an active role in the fight against this menace. Emphasizing the significant role of the youth, he declared corruption a substantial obstacle to the country's development and prosperity. "Our mission is to eliminate corruption through awareness, prevention, and enforcement," said Mr. Sajid, underscoring the need for collective efforts to create a corruption-free society.

World Diabetes Day Observed At UoS



The Institute of Food Science and Nutrition (IFSN) organized a seminar and an awareness walk to commemorate World Diabetes Day on November 16, 2023. The event was aimed at raising awareness about diabetes prevention and management by bringing together students, faculty, and esteemed guests. The seminar featured informative sessions on diabetes prevention, healthy lifestyles, and the crucial role of nutrition in managing this global health concern. The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, led the awareness walk, underscoring the university's commitment to promote health and well-being. Addressing the seminar, Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas highlighted the significance of preventive measures in tackling diabetes and commended the Institute of Food Science and Nutrition for taking a proactive stance in promoting health education within the university community.



Special Lecture On Evolving Media Landscape

The Department of Communication and Media Studies University of Sargodha (UoS) organized a special lecture featuring the distinguished journalist Nasrullah Malik. The event was aimed at providing students with a unique opportunity to gain practical insights into the ever-evolving media landscape. In his opening address, Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, the Vice Chancellor of UoS, extended his warm appreciation to the esteemed guest, Nasrullah Malik, for generously sharing his time and knowledge with the university. He expressed the university's commitment to academic and research endeavors, highlighting his aspirations to establish both web-based and satellite educational channels to enhance the institution's reputation.



Nasrullah Malik, an influential figure in the field of journalism, addressed the audience with valuable insights into the latest trends, challenges, and opportunities within the media industry. He encouraged students to actively engage in investigative journalism, emphasizing the vital role it plays in fostering a vibrant media landscape. He also shed light on the evolving role of social media in shaping public opinion and highlighted the positive image of the media in Pakistan.



Speakers underscored the essential role of media literacy in empowering audiences to navigate the vast array of information sources and discern fact from fiction. Overall, field journalists are keenly aware of the transformative impact of technological advancements and societal changes on the media landscape, advocating for ethical standards, diversity, and accountability to ensure its continued evolution benefits society as a whole.

The event also featured an engaging question-and-answer session where students had the opportunity to interact with the distinguished journalist, making it a dynamic and enriching experience for all involved.

Seminar Focuses On Microbial Biotechnology's Role In Agriculture, Healthcare, And Environment



On October 13, 2023, the 1st International Seminar on Advances in Microbial Biotechnology took place, showcasing a groundbreaking exploration into the diverse applications and promising future of microbial biotechnology. Hosted with the aim of fostering knowledge dissemination, skill development, and professional interaction, the seminar brought together experts, researchers, and enthusiasts from across the globe.

The keynote speakers, Prof. Dr. Yuwalee Unpaprom, Prof. Dr. Rameshprabhu Ramaraj, and Prof. Dr. Areej Atiyah Hossein, emphasized the critical role of knowledge dissemination, skill development, and professional interaction in advancing microbial biotechnology. They also provided valuable insights into emerging trends and future developments, stressing the importance of innovative ideas, technology adoption, and continued learning in shaping the field.

With a focus on pivotal themes such as knowledge dissemination, skill development, networking, and professional development, the seminar provided attendees with a comprehensive understanding of microbial biotechnology's significance across various industries. Participants delved into discussions on the utilization of microbes in industrial processes, highlighting their role in the production of biofuels, bio-based chemicals, and enzymes.

The event also served as a platform to explore emerging trends and potential future developments in microbial biotechnology, offering valuable insights into innovative ideas and solutions shaping the field. High attendance and engagement characterized the seminar, with attendees praising the event for its positive impact on knowledge transfer, skill development, and community building.



ORIC Steering Committee Decides To Establish Rural Economic Transformation Lab



The Vice Chancellor, University of Sargodha Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas chaired the very first meeting of the Office of Research, Innovation, and Commercialization (ORIC) Steering Committee, setting a significant precedent in the university's history. The meeting brought together key stakeholders, including the Pro Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Mian Ghulam Yasin, Deans, Directors from various university units, and notable figures from the Sargodha community, including the President of the Sargodha Chamber of Commerce & Industry, President of the Sargodha Chamber of Small Traders & Small Industries, President of Sargodha Women Chamber of Commerce & Industry, and the President of the Farmer Union. The meeting focused on a strategic roadmap to boost research initiatives and foster research awareness, planning the inaugural UOS Research Arena-2024, and establishing specialized labs, including the "Soil Science Lab" and "Statistical Lab." A significant aspect of the meeting was the collaboration with the local government to establish a "Rural Economic Transformation Lab" and four "Model Agriculture Gardens" strategically located in Sargodha to combat citrus diseases. The meeting underscored the university's commitment to advancing a robust research culture, fostering community engagement, and aligning with national and international standards. The decisions made during this historic session reflect a visionary approach by UOS in research, innovation, and commercialization, promising a transformative impact on the university's academic landscape.

Training Sessions To Facilitate Professional Development

The Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC) University of Sargodha has organized a series of comprehensive training sessions to enhance the professional skills of its faculty and administrative staff. A training session on the preparation of self-assessment reports (SARs) was organized, attracting 58 faculty members from various departments. Dr. Imran Ghafoor Chaudhary, Director QEC, provided insights into quality assurance in higher education, while Mr. Rahmatullah, Deputy Director QEC, conducted a technical session on SAR preparation. The session, hosted by MS Iram Tariq, a computer programmer, was highly interactive, fostering active engagement and learning. Continuing this commitment to capacity-building, another session on October 18, 2023, focused on the review of MPhil and PhD programs. Dr. Imran Ghafoor Chaudhary presented the standards and guidelines of the HEC Graduate Education Policy 2023, while Mr. Muhammad Faisal Siddique led a technical session on document preparation for review. Administrative staff and faculty members enthusiastically participated in the session, facilitated by MS Iram Tariq. Further reinforcing the university's dedication to excellence, a training session on conducting online evaluations was held on November 21, 2023. Dr. Imran Ghafoor Chaudhary provided an overview of evaluations and their outcomes, while MS Iram Tariq led the technical session on using the QEC evaluations website. These sessions equipped departmental focal persons with the necessary tools and knowledge to conduct successful evaluations.



Moreover, Director QEC and Research Officer QEC conducted pre-visits to departments offering MPhil and PhD programs, ensuring their readiness for the upcoming HEC review. These proactive initiatives underscore the University of Sargodha's commitment to fostering continuous improvement and excellence in higher education.

6th International Conference On Pure And Applied Mathematics

The Department of Mathematics UoS organized the 6th International Conference on “Pure and Applied Mathematics 2023” (ICPAM), to disperse greater acquaintance of the latest trends in the field of mathematics. Academics, researchers, professionals, and practitioners from around the world gathered at the two-day conference on December 6–7, organized in partnership with the Punjab Higher Education Commission and Pakistan Science Foundation, to share and discuss research findings, experiences, and practical issues.



Around 100 national and international distinguished guests from all over the world presented research papers and exchanged groundbreaking technological ideas, interdisciplinary research collaborations, and a deeper understanding of the latest mathematical trends. On the first day of the conference, more than 40 mathematicians across the world, including those from China, the United States of America (USA), Lebanon, Turkey, Iran, Iraq, Qatar, Egypt, and Romania, presented their research papers and shared insights on their mathematical research approaches. The conference concluded with many sessions on various tracks of pure and applied mathematics in which young scholars also presented their research work, supervised by senior professors and researchers.



US Consul General Lahore Visits Lincoln Corner Sargodha

The US Consul General from the Lahore Consulate, Kristin K. Hawkins, visited the University of Sargodha and met with the Pro Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Mian Ghulam Yasin, and Director of External Linkages, Prof. Dr. Ijaz Asghar. Following the meeting, she engaged with Lincoln Corner's staff, delving into a detailed discussion with the Friends of Corner, volunteers associated with the initiative. The discussion covered their introductions, roles, responsibilities, future goals, and career choices, providing valuable insights into the dynamics of this collaborative venture.



During the visit, Kristin shared her experiences from her previous tenure in Pakistan between 2015 and 2017, emphasizing her work on various exchange programs. She also took the opportunity to enlighten students about different US scholarships, particularly the Fulbright program, and elaborated on how students could benefit from these opportunities.

Prof. Najma Iqbal Malik Showcases Leadership Initiative At Women's Summit

Prof. Dr. Najma Iqbal Malik, the Chairperson Department of Psychology, University of Sargodha has completed her fellowship titled as "Advanced Women's Leadership Program" awarded by Michigan State University, USA during May, 2022 to December 2023. As a Senior Fellow in this program, she attended a 2-week U.S Residency at MSU and 3-day Women Leadership Summit in Islamabad. She presented her project at the "Empowering Women Leaders' Summit" organized by Michigan State University College of Education and MSU VIPP and the Pakistan Higher Education Women Leadership Program 2022-2023, a transformative initiative, culminating in this summit.



The summit, held from October 7 to October 11, 2023, at Marriott Islamabad, brought together 26 senior leaders of Cohort 1, including Prof. Najma, along with 73 aspiring women leaders of Cohort 2. Prof. Najma's project, titled "Enhancement of Teacher's Leadership at Higher Education Institutes," aimed to nurture the capacity building of teachers through a comprehensive leadership program. Her project focused on enhancing the personal and professional skills of teachers, improving their emotional and psychological wellness, and implementing innovative teaching methods to foster creativity and critical thinking among students.

The summit highlighted the program's vision of redefining women's leadership scope and building synergies through global and local networks of women leaders in higher education. This two-year program, funded by the United States Department of State and the U.S. Embassy in Pakistan, has been instrumental in empowering women leaders and fostering inclusive leadership practices.

UOS Scientist Awarded Prestigious Fellowship In Virology And Vaccine Technology

Dr. Imran Riaz Malik, an assistant professor at the Department of Biotechnology, University of Sargodha has been awarded a prestigious fellowship by the OIC member countries through COMS-TECH for advancing research in virology and vaccine technology. Dr. Imran Riaz was among the ten scholars selected from eight OIC member states, including Egypt, Malaysia, Bangladesh, Uganda, Iran, Jordan, and Kazakhstan, to receive this award. The fellowship was aimed to enhance the research and development capacity of promising scientists, particularly those at the outset of their



careers, fostering collaborations in the fields of virology and vaccine technology. Esteemed dignitaries, including H.E. Ambassador Askar Mussive, Assistant Secretary-General (S & T) OIC, Coordinator General COMSTECH, Prof. Dr. M. Iqbal Choudhary, and Director General for Multi-lateral Cooperation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Indonesia, graced the award ceremony at the Ministry of Health in Jakarta, Indonesia.

During his fellowship, which took place from August 31, 2023, to October 4, 2023, at Padjadjaran University, Indonesia, Dr. Malik delved into various aspects of quality assurance, management, computational bioinformatics, and epitope-based designing. His expertise in computational bioinformatics, including protein modeling, docking proteins, and molecular dynamics simulation, has equipped him with the skills necessary for the development and commercialization of biopharmaceutical products, particularly vaccines.

Freshmen Orientation Provides Students Valuable Insights

The Career Development Center at the University of Sargodha hosted an enlightening "Freshmen Orientation 2023" to provide new students with valuable insights into the functioning of various offices related to student welfare and academic success. The event was specifically designed to highlight how these offices involve students in activities, hone their essential skills, and equip them for the competitive job market. The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, inaugurated the event, which featured a variety of informative desks and engaging activities designed to familiarize new students with the academic and extra-curricular landscape of the university.

Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas stressed the importance of student engagement and the role it plays in shaping individuals who are prepared for the demands of the job market. "We are committed to providing students with the support and resources they need to excel academically and develop into well-rounded individuals ready to contribute to society. He stressed the university's commitment to nurturing not only academic excellence but also essential innovative and creative skills.



Students And Young Artists Showcased Artwork At Coopera Art Gallery

Senior students and artists of the Institute of Art & Design, University of Sargodha, showcased their more than 80 innovative artworks. M. Asim Javed, Managing Director, Punjab Small Industries Corporation, was the guest of honor and inaugurated the exhibition.

This unique art exhibition covered a wide range of mediums, like oil paintings, watercolors, collage, mixed media, textile art, photographic work, and botanical art. The artists have also shown their love for Palestine and depicted Israel's cruelty and oppression through their artworks. Oil paintings highlighted a synthesis of social issues.

M. Asim Javed commended the senior students and artists of Sargodha University for their hard work and praised the themes, use of colors, and subject matters. Assistant Prof. Hassan Babar and Mrs. Shabnam Majeed curated the exhibition in the supervision of In-charge IFA Ms. Bushra Gul. M. Javed, the most senior and veteran artist, said that the final-year students of the Institute of Art & Design, Sargodha University, have done remarkable work with noticeable improvement from previous years. A large number of art enthusiasts and students attended the inaugural ceremony and appreciated the efforts of the newbie artists and Coopera Art Gallery's management.



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جامعات میں بین المذاہب ہم آہنگی اور رواداری کو فروغ دینا ہوگا



یونیورسٹی آف سرگودھا میں شعبہ علوم اسلامیہ کے زیر اہتمام پنجاب ہائیر ایجوکیشن کمیشن کے تعاون سے جامعات میں بین المذاہب ہم آہنگی اور رواداری کے فروغ پر سیمینار کا انعقاد کیا گیا۔ سیمینار میں ادیان عالم کے مابین مشترکات کی بنیاد پر بین المذاہب مکالمہ کی فضا قائم کرنے اور ان کے مابین ثقافتی عکراؤ کو روکنے کیلئے قیام امن، انسانی اقدار کے تحفظ، مذہبی رواداری اور تحمل و برداشت کی اہمیت پر زور دیا گیا۔ سیمینار میں ڈائریکٹر کوآرڈینیٹیشن پنجاب ہائیر ایجوکیشن کمیشن ڈاکٹر تنویر قاسم، چیئرپرسن سیرت چیئر اوکاڑہ یونیورسٹی ڈاکٹر عبدالغفار، چیئرپرسن شعبہ علوم اسلامیہ ڈاکٹر فرحت نسیم علوی اور دیگر فیکلٹی ممبران سمیت طلباء و طالبات کی کثیر تعداد نے شرکت کی۔ سیمینار سے خطاب کرتے ہوئے ڈاکٹر تنویر قاسم نے کہا کہ مسلمان تمام مذاہب اور آسانی کتابوں کے پیروکاروں کا احترام کرتے ہیں اور وہ ان کی توہین کا تصور بھی نہیں کر سکتے مگر اسلامو فوبیا کے بڑھتے ہوئے واقعات نے ہمیں دیگر مذاہب سے دور کر دیا ہے۔ انتہا پسندانہ رویے اور نفرت انگیز سوچ سے انتشار میں اضافہ ہو رہا ہے۔ ایسے میں بین المذاہب ہم آہنگی ہی سماجی اور معاشی ترقی کی ضامن ہے۔ انہوں نے مزید کہا کہ سوشل میڈیا کے بے لگام دور میں پراپیگنڈے پر مشتمل جھوٹی خبریں مذاہب کے درمیان انتشار پھیلانے کی بہت بڑی وجہ ہیں۔ جس کی وجہ سے ایک متشدد گروہ عدم برداشت اور شرانگیزی کا مظاہرہ کرتا ہے تو اس کا دین اسلام سے کوئی تعلق نہیں ہے۔ انہوں نے ایک سوال کا جواب دیتے ہوئے کہا کہ باہمی مکالمہ اور مذہبی ہم آہنگی کے فروغ کے ذریعے ہی دنیا میں امن کے قیام کی راہیں ہموار کی جاسکتی ہیں۔ جامعات کو چاہیے کہ وہ نوجوانوں میں مذہبی رواداری کے فروغ کے لیے علمی اور فکری تربیت کا اہتمام کریں جبکہ مذہبی رواداری کے حوالے سے تحقیق کی حوصلہ افزائی کی جانی چاہیے۔ ڈاکٹر عبدالغفار نے کہا کہ عالمگیریت کے دور میں مذہبی ہم آہنگی کا تصور مزید اہمیت اختیار کر لیتا ہے۔ بین المذاہب رواداری ایک وسیع تصور ہے جس سے مراد یہ ہے کہ معاشرے میں رہنے والے تمام انسان اپنے اپنے مذہبی تشخص کو برقرار رکھتے ہوئے دیگر مذاہب کے ماننے والوں کے ساتھ مشترکہ اقدار کی بناء پر اتفاق رائے، سنجیدگی اور دوسرے کے وجود کو تسلیم کرتے ہوئے اپنی سماجی، معاشرتی زندگی کو بہتر طور پر گزاریں۔ انہوں نے مزید کہا کہ تعلیمی اداروں میں ورکشاپس، سیمینارز اور پرنٹ میڈیا کے ساتھ ساتھ الیکٹرانک میڈیا کے ذریعے اس تصور کو پھیلا یا جائے تاکہ انسانیت پر مبنی امن معاشرے کا قیام ممکن ہو سکے۔ ڈاکٹر فرحت نسیم علوی نے کہا کہ دنیا کے تمام مذاہب بنیادی طور پر انسانیت اور امن کا پیغام دیتے ہیں، لیکن اس کے باوجود بدقسمتی سے مذاہب کے درمیان تناؤ اور عداوت کا ماحول پایا جاتا ہے۔ مختلف مذاہب کے مابین خوشگوار ماحول کو برقرار رکھنے اور بین المذاہب رواداری کے فروغ کے لئے ان کے مابین مکالمہ کی اہمیت کو اجاگر کرنا وقت کی ضرورت ہے۔ اسی لیے پنجاب ہائیر ایجوکیشن کمیشن یونیورسٹیوں کے ذریعے معاشرے میں مذاہب اور انسانیت کے احترام کو فروغ دینا چاہتا ہے تاکہ اعتدال اور رواداری کو فروغ دیا جاسکے۔

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