

The Directorate of External Linkages, University of the Punjab, Lahore - Pakistan

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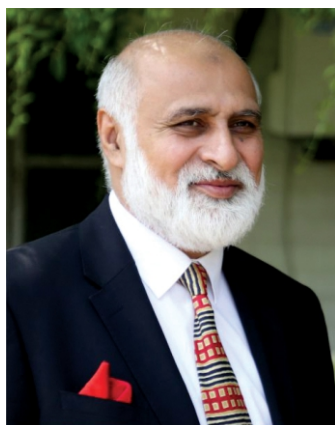
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## Message from Vice-Chancellor

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The current leadership at University of the Punjab is trying its best not only to improve the university governance but also to actively develop national/international collaborations including two-way exchange of faculty and students. This also contributes towards improvement of PU international ranking and we have already witnessed increase in PU rankings across various ranking systems. All PU constituent Departments/institutes/Centers are encouraged to develop and sustain linkages with national/ international partners.



## Message from Director External Linkages

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It gives me immense pleasure to share the first ever newsletter of our directorate aimed to highlight and record the linkages developed and collaborations made across the globe. As per the vision and continued guidance of the Vice Chancellor, University of the Punjab, Prof. Dr. Niaz Ahmad Akhtar, the Directorate of external linkages continues to seek, develop and further strengthen the national as well as international linkages of PU with top partners. The Vice Chancellor has taken keen interest not only to develop but also to actively engage/pursue linkages with MoU partners.

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### MoUs signed in November 2019

1. Between the School of Biological Sciences, University of the Punjab and the Rosalind Franklin Institute, UK on November 7, 2019
2. Between the Institute of Agricultural Sciences, University of the Punjab and the Pakistan Red Crescent Society on November 13, 2019
3. Between the College of Pharmacy, University of the Punjab and the University of Huddersfield, UK on November 25, 2019
4. Between the College of Art & Design, University of the Punjab and the Changsha Normal University, China on November 27, 2019

### MoUs signed in December 2019

5. Between the Pakistan Study Centre, University of the Punjab and the Sichuan University, China on December 16, 2019
6. Between the Centre of Excellence in Molecular Biology (CEMB), University of the Punjab and the Aleenah Agriculture Co., Sudan on December 31, 2019

### MoUs signed in January 2020

7. Between the Institute of Applied Psychology, University of the Punjab and the Department of Psychiatry, Michigan State University, USA on January 15, 2020

### MoUs signed in February 2020

8. Between the University of the Punjab and the

University of Palermo (UNIPA), Italy on February 7, 2020

9. Between the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of the Punjab and the Isfahan University of Medical Sciences, Iran on February 12, 2020
10. Between the University of the Punjab and the Punjab Energy Efficiency and Conservation Agency, Energy Department, Government of the Punjab on February 19, 2020

### MoUs signed in March 2020

11. Between the University of the Punjab and the Centre for Global & Strategic Studies (CGSS), Islamabad on March 4, 2020

### MoUs signed in May 2020 (virtually due to COVID 19)

12. Between the University of the Punjab and the Center for International Studies (Ce.S.I), Rome, Italy on May 05, 2020
13. Between the University of the Punjab and the University of Regina, Canada on May 05, 2020
14. Between the University of the Punjab and the Dunhang Academy, China on May 21, 2020

### MoUs signed in June 2020 (virtually due COVID 19)

15. Between the Department of Archaeology, University of the Punjab and the University of Cambridge, UK 26-06-2020





MoU between the School of Biological Sciences, University of the Punjab and the Rosalind Franklin Institute, UK on November 7, 2019.

According to MoU, both the institutions agreed to exchange scientific information and scientific materials, arrange personnel visits, share cost of various academic activities etc.



MoU between the College of Pharmacy, University of the Punjab and the University of Huddersfield, UK on November 25, 2019.

MoU was signed to explore, purify and characterize new sources of sustainable nano-materials for various industrial applications. Senior staff from the institutions will communicate and meet regularly to promote this collaboration in various areas of mutual interest.



MoU between the Pakistan Study Centre, University of the Punjab and the Sichuan University, China on December 16, 2019.

Both the universities agreed to exchange teachers and researchers in teaching and scientific research. The universities would provide all possible opportunities available on their respective campuses for students of both institutions to enroll in undergraduate, postgraduate and PhD programs.





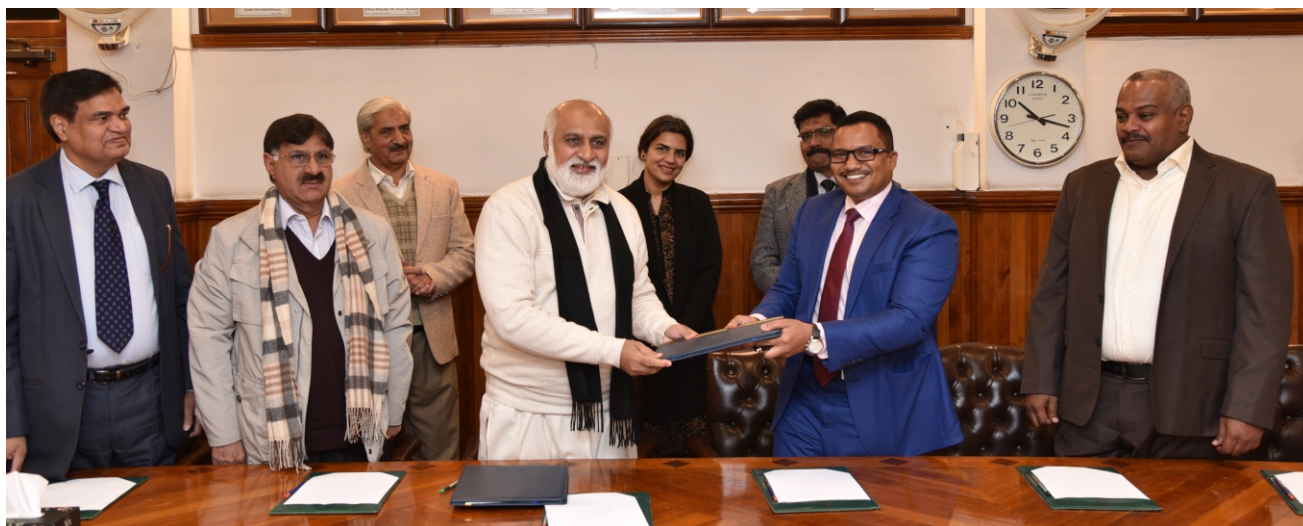
MoU between the University of the Punjab and the Punjab Energy Efficiency and Conservation Agency, Energy Department, Government of the Punjab on February 19, 2020.



MoU between the Institute of Agricultural Sciences, University of the Punjab and the Pakistan Red Crescent Society on November 13, 2019.

PU and PRCS would carry out cooperative activities related to environmental issues including climate change effects on agriculture, human and environmental health and air quality. Both the parties would promote renewable energy and emission reductions from deforestation and forest degradation.





MoU between the Centre of Excellence in Molecular Biology (CEMB), University of the Punjab and the Aleenah Agriculture Co., Sudan on December 31, 2019.

Punjab University signed agreement with an African company for the seed business and technical cooperation on the use of Centre of Excellence in Molecular Biology (CEMB)-patented transgenes for development, seed production and marketing of transgenic cotton hybrids/varieties.



MoU between the Institute of Applied Psychology, University of the Punjab and the Department of Psychiatry, Michigan State University, USA on January 15, 2020.

According to MoU, Michigan State University's Department of Psychiatry would assist in providing professional training in psychological skills, psychiatric diagnostic concepts and psychotherapy techniques for students in the institute to provide exposure and improve skills.



MoU between the University of the Punjab and the Center for International Studies (Ce.S.I), Rome, Italy signed virtually on May 5, 2020.



MoU between the University of the Punjab and the University of Palermo (UNIPA), Italy on February 7, 2020.





MoU between the University of the Punjab and the Centre for Global & Strategic Studies (CGSS), Islamabad on March 4, 2020.

The institutions agreed to facilitate cooperation in the areas of mutual interest. It was decided that CGSS and PU will work together to promote joint research projects on agreed fields for developing a sound cooperation in the future.

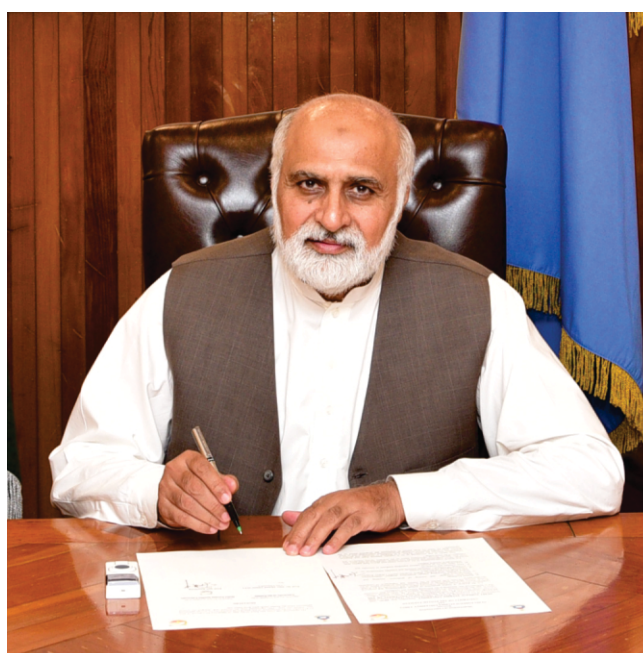






MoU between the Faculty of Pharmacy, University of the Punjab and the Isfahan University of Medical Sciences, Iran on February 12, 2020 to promote mutual cooperation in the fields of pharmacy and other scientific subjects.

IUMS Chancellor Dr Tahereh Changiz expressed her interest to launch joint research projects and publish joint research papers. She said that there was need to introduce new academic courses in pharmaceutical sciences with mutual cooperation. As per MoU, both the universities would exchange faculty members and students for sharing knowledge and experience of each other and organize other academic activities.



MoU between the University of the Punjab and the Dunhuang Academy, PR China signed virtually on May 21, 2020.

It was decided in the MoU that Dunhuang Academy and PU will work together to promote joint research projects on agreed fields for developing a sound cooperation in the future.



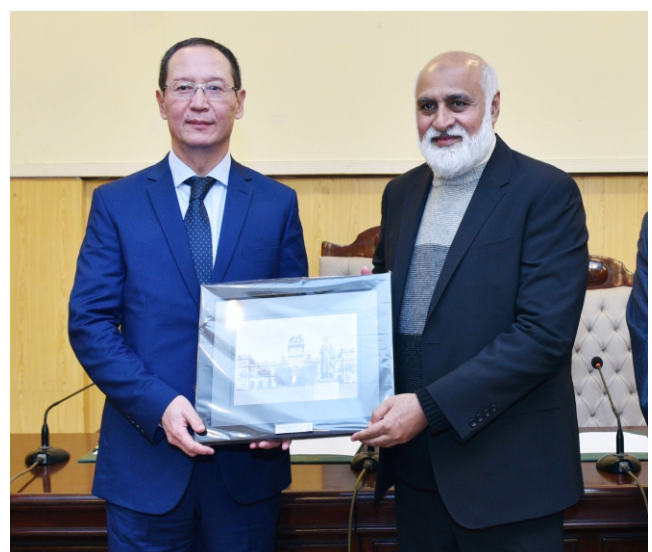


US Consulate's Spokesperson Brian Brendel paid visit to Vice Chancellor University of the Punjab, Prof. Dr. Niaz Ahmad Akhtar and visited Confucius Institute on 26th December 2019. Areas of main discussion centered around further exploring ways to strengthen academic ties between PU and US.



Ambassador of Nepal H.E Ms. Sewa Lamsal paid visit to Vice Chancellor University of the Punjab, Prof. Dr. Niaz Ahmad Akhtar on 13th February 2020. The visit included good discussion on further strengthening educational linkages between Pakistan and Nepal.

Ambassador of Kyrgyzstan H.E Mr. Erik Beishen Bievis paid visit to University of the Punjab on 9th February 2020. The visit included call on Vice Chancellor, meeting with the Deans and inauguration of photo gallery by Kyrgyzstan Embassy Staff at Al-Raazi Hall Entrance. The visit also included good discussion on further strengthening educational linkages between Pakistan and Kyrgyzstan.







Special Lecture on 'Publish or Perish' by Professor Rahat Munir, Head of Department, Department of Accounting & Corporate Governance, Macquarie Business School, Sydney, Australia at the Institute of Administrative Sciences, University of the Punjab on February 17, 2020.







Delegation of mid-career foreign diplomats (27 countries) from Foreign Services Academy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA), Government of Pakistan paid visit to PU including meeting with the Vice Chancellor and visit to PU Main Library and Department of Political Science on 13th February, 2020.







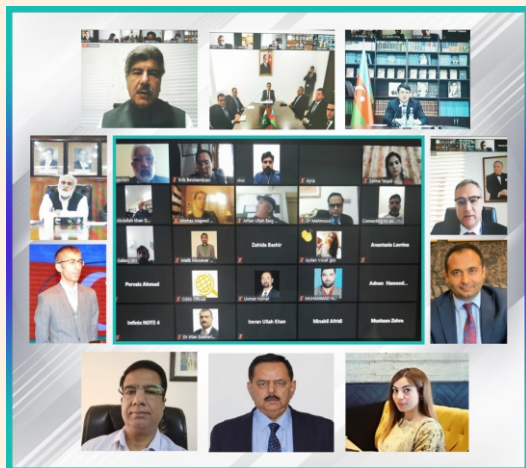
PU hosted two delegations from University of Palermo (Italy) and Center for International Studies (Ce.S.I) (Italy) for three days. The academic visit included multiple activities spanned over three days including visits to Institute of Administrative Sciences, Institute of Business Administration, PU College of Art and Design, Welcome Dinner by PU Deans/Heads and networking luncheon with faculty members. This visit concluded with signing of two MoUs with both institutions.





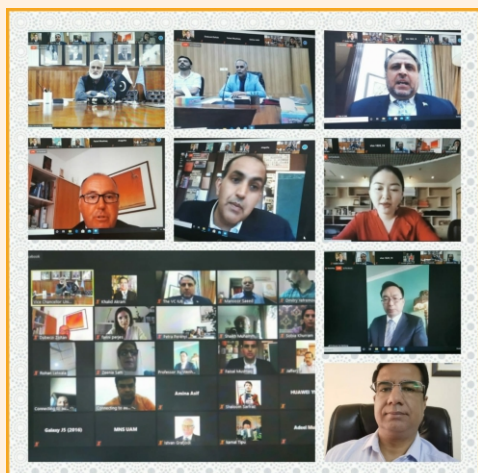
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## DEL in COVID-19 Pandemic



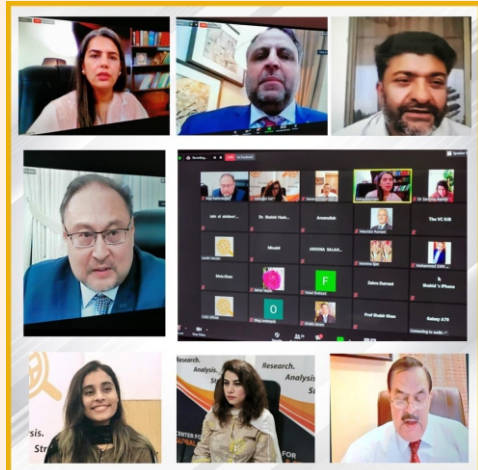
Inaugural address by Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Niaz Ahmad Akhtar at the international Webinar on 'Importance of Leadership Skills during crisis management' organized by CGSS and Embassy of Republic of Azerbaijan, Islamabad on May 7, 2020.

Prof. Dr. Niaz Ahmad Akhtar stated the common interest of Pakistan and Azerbaijan, explained the various measures that University of the Punjab has taken to support the nation in current testing times. He also highlighted the characteristics of a great leader and national hero of Azerbaijan.



Inaugural address by Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Niaz Ahmad Akhtar at International Webinar on 'Reopening of the Educational Institutes Post COVID-19: Effects and Precautions to be observed' organized by CGSS, Islamabad on May 18, 2020.

Prof. Dr. Niaz Ahmad Akhtar, Vice-Chancellor, University of the Punjab, Lahore stated that in these testing times, Punjab University has made virtual education effective. This Pandemic has hit our country when universities were at the completion of the session. Punjab University continues to focus on international advancements in educational system even during pandemic.



Invited speaker Director External Linkages, Dr. Sobia Khurram at the International Webinar on "The Leadership Phenomenon of the first President of Kazakhstan His Excellency Elbasy N. Nazarbayev" organized by the Embassy of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Islamabad & Center for Global & Strategic Studies (CGSS), Islamabad on June 26, 2020.

She highlighted the five basic qualities and factors in a leader facing crisis including organizing network of proficient team, demonstrating bounded optimism and deliberated calmness, flexible decision making, empathy and strong communication.