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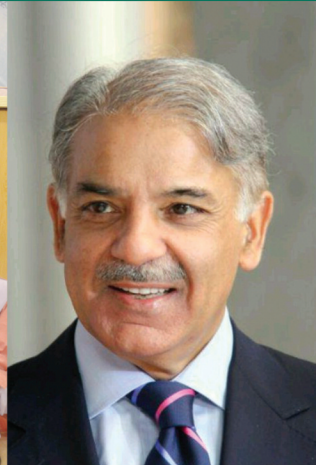


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# Chancellor's Message



## Vice Chancellor's message

My mission is to raise the productivity of our graduates through quality education and practical knowledge to contribute in a significant way to the national economy.

Dr. Zafar Mueen Nasir  
Vice Chancellor  
University of the Punjab

THE University of the Punjab enjoys a respectable position as a seat of learning amongst the reputed universities of the world on account of its rich cultural heritage and accessible opportunities being provided to a multitude of our youth for attaining quality education at an affordable cost. It is indeed a matter of great satisfaction for me to note that significant improvement has been made in the sphere of imparting higher education at the University. Innovative research in various new disciplines and new scientific courses has recently been introduced which will greatly help to cultivate an atmosphere essential for acquiring a high academic standard. It is commendable that the University of the Punjab has created a modern infrastructure to make it possible for students to update their knowledge in various scientific disciplines since modern technology has become an essential vehicle of rapid progress. At the same time, the University has been quite successful in maintaining a balance between modern trends in education and its old traditions. As Chancellor, I am confident that efforts to excel in the field of higher education and the inculcation of moral values in the students at the University Campus will continue in future with a greater zeal.

**Malik Rafique Ahmed Rajwan**  
Governor Punjab



## PU VISION, MISSION AND GOALS

**P**UNJAB University intends to be a leading public university in providing affordable educational opportunities to develop scientific, socio-cultural, economic and political leadership, through learner-centred teaching and research, while strengthening our identity at National and International level.

### MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission is to provide education with holistic approach and special emphasis on the character building of our students adopting a two-pronged strategy. The first is that young people are nurtured to be sensitive, tolerant, humane and capable of thinking in a creative and critical way. The second is, that armed with a sense of history and equipped with knowledge and expertise, the graduates whom we send out into the

world are in a better position to develop their leadership potential and make a positive contribution to public life. We hope that understanding as they do, their role in the wider community of human kind and responsible to it their action and attitudes will reflect their education.

### GOALS

- To bring PU in world top 500 universities
- Improvement in quality and standard of education to conform the national / international needs
- Promotion of development-oriented applied research benefiting community and the country.
- Accountability in finances and academics.
- Character building with emphasis on nationalism, civic sense and morality.





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# PU WINS RS 50 MILLION 15 RESEARCH PROJECTS OF HEC

**LAHORE:** Higher Education Commission of Pakistan has approved 15 research projects worth Rs 50 million of presented by various faculty members of Punjab University for the first time. In this regard, a meeting was organized by Punjab University Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization at committee room of the vice chancellor's office.

The meeting was presided over by Punjab University Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Zafar Mueen Nasir in which Director ORIC Prof. Dr. Tahir Jamil, Punjab University College of Information Technology Principal Prof. Dr. Mansoor Sarwar, Director Institute of Chemistry Prof Dr

Makshoof Athar, Chairperson Department of Political Prof. Dr. Umbreen Javed, Acting Director School of Biological Sciences Dr Naeem Rashid and senior faculty members participated. Dr. Zafar Mueen Nasir reviewed the projects accepted by HEC in the faculties of behavioral and social sciences, science, life sciences and pharmacy. The Vice Chancellor appreciated the efforts of faculty and said that the university administration had the vision to promote research culture in the university and was making all-out efforts in this regard. He said that the administration would encourage all faculty members who were doing research. ■



## ENTREPRENEURSHIP MAY HELP REDUCE POVERTY: DR NIZAM

**LAHORE:** Punjab Higher Education Commission Chairman Prof Dr Nizamuddin has said that entrepreneurship opportunities may help reduce poverty from our country. He was addressing a pre-budget seminar organized by Punjab University Department of Economics at new building of Faculty of Education here on Thursday, May 18, 2017.

Renowned economist Dr Ashfaq Hussain, Chairman Department of Economics University of Lahore Prof Dr Muhammad Aslam Chaudhry, Vice President Pakistan Kissan Board Sarfaraz Ahmed, Incharge PU Department of Economics Mrs Kulsoom Zulfiqar, faculty members and a large number of students were present on the occasion.

Addressing the seminar, Dr Nizam advised the students to focusing on finding earning resources through entrepreneurship means. Dr Ashfaq said that economic growth was a critical element in the development process. He said that economic growth created jobs, raised income of people, generated more tax resources, more development spending and more growth. He said that it had been realized that though

economic growth was necessary for poverty reduction, it had nevertheless widened the gap between the rich and the poor in many countries. He said that fruits of growth had not been shared by all the segments of the society.

Prof Dr Aslam Chaudhry said that CPEC was a golden opportunity which would bring economic stability in Pakistan. He said that 2017-18 budget must be public-friendly budget. He said that the government should avoid increasing tax on the goods already in the tax net which would help reduce poverty from our country.

Mr Sarfaraz Ahmed said that small farmers belonged to the poorest strata of the country that were deprived of basic education and health facilities. He said that agriculture was exempted from tax worldwide except Pakistan. He said that there was need to build dams in the country to manage water scarcity issues. He said that hundreds of thousands of tons of wheat got wasted because of lack of storage capacity. Mrs Kalsoom Zulfiqar said that the purpose of pre-budget seminar was to create awareness regarding budget among students. ■



## Daanish School students reflect CM's vision: VC



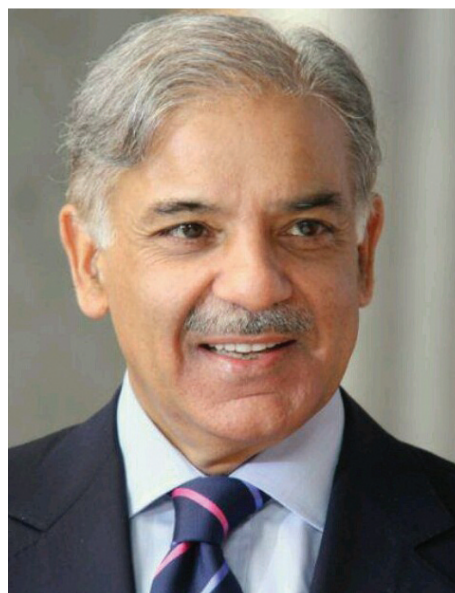
**LAHORE:** PU Vice Chancellor Dr. Zaffar Mueen Nasir highly appreciated Daanish School teams on winning seven top positions in The Educationist All Pakistan Cocurricular Competitions 2017.

He said that it was a proof of the merit system in Daanish Schools and Chief Minister's this initiative provided a golden opportunity to the deprived students to outshine and excel.

Danish Schools obtained seven top positions and five other honors in the contest.

The 5-day competitions ((April 17-21, 2017)) were jointly organized by Higher Education Commission of Pakistan, Punjab University and *The Educationist* in Punjab University. The prize distribution ceremony was held at Al Raazi Hall of Undergraduate Study Centre.

Executive Director of Higher Education Commission of Pakistan Dr. Arshad Ali, Director National Accountability Bureau Lahore Major (r) Ghulam Rasool, Chief Editor *The Educationist* Prof Dr. Shafiq Jullandhry, Editor Shabbir Sarwar, teachers and a large number of students were present on the occasion. In the 5-day long championship, the competitions of Qiraat,



Naat, Debates, Theater/Drama, National Songs, Poetry and Essay Writing were held in which 1275 candidates from schools, colleges and universities from all over Pakistan participated.

Vice Chancellor Dr. Zaffar Mueen Nasir appreciated Mr Shabbir Sarwar for organizing such a big competition among the students of schools,

colleges and universities at mass scale successfully. He said that "such activities polish hidden talent of the students and promote positivity in the society. He said that such competitions must be held for encouraging young talent." The vice chancellor gave announced Rs 5,000, Rs 3,000 and Rs 1,000 cash prizes for all first, second and third position holders respectively.

Executive Director HEC Dr Arshad Ali said that the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan has completed 282 projects worth Rs 60 billion in Punjab and more universities were being established. Later, the PU VC and HEC Executive Director distributed prizes among the winning teams.

In universities, PU clinched team trophy with one hundred thousand rupees cash prize while University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences was declared runner up winning 50,000 rupees cash prize.

In schools, The Punjab School Township won team trophy with Rs 100,000 cash prize while Danish School Mianwali and Danish School Rahim Yar Khan were in a tie to claim runner up trophy with Rs 50,000 cash prize. ■



## MY AGENDA IS TO BRING PU IN WORLD TOP 500 VARSITIES

BY SHABBIR SARWAR & ALI ARSHAD

**P**U Vice Chancellor Dr. Zafar Mueen Nasir has said that his main agenda is to bring the university in top 500 universities of the world. "We are taking steps to create research culture and quality teaching environment where teachers can work with open mind. My idea is that university's every research should be beneficial for the community and for that purpose we have made ORIC very active to bring latest research to the market," he said.

Following are the details of his interview with PU News:

**PU News:** Please do tell us about your early life and education?

**Dr. Zafar Mueen:** I did my Matriculation from Rawalpindi in 1972, then I joined Government College, Rawalpindi and I did my F.Sc., B.Sc. from there. Then I joined Quaid-i-Azam University Islamabad for M.Sc. Economics, after doing that I had joined Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE).

In 1990 I went to US for doing M.A. Economics from Kansas State University. My PhD is in Finance from Kansas State University. They also gave me teaching assignments there specially in education department. In 1997 I came back and joined PIDE again as Staff Economist. I have published a large numbers of papers. In 2003 I was in Grade 20 there.

In 2006 I joined Ministry of Labour, Govt of Pakistan as Director Policy and Research. They hired me in MP-2 grade. I developed three national policies i.e. National Policy of Employment, National Policy of Immigration and National Policy of Human Resource Development.

In 2008 I joined PIDE again as Head and Dean Business Studies Department. I hired top faculty members and gave them good incentives. I also marketed my business studies department very extensively. We were progressing very exponentially. In

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2012 I joined American University in the Emirates with a good salary. It was a good opportunity for me. I served there almost four years. I was very close to retirement then I came back and I joined my department (at PIDE). After a few months I feel myself misfit in this environment and I joined University of Modern Sciences (UMS).

**PU News: Sir, you also worked for IMF?**

**Dr. Zafar Mueen:** Yes, I have served in IMF in 2000 there was a competition being organized by IMF, World Bank and Global Development Network, I took part in the global competition. They selected total 5 peoples from all over the world. From Pakistan I was one of them. I have served there as a visiting scholar in the research department.

**PU News: What is your main agenda for PU?**

**Dr. Zafar Mueen:** My main agenda is to bring this university in top 500 universities of the world. We need to do those things which will really create research culture and quality teaching environment where teachers work with open mind. University should be the generator of the knowledge. My idea is that in university every research should be beneficial for the community and for that purpose we will bring it to the market. Our ORIC office will be more active now and it will bring these things to the market.

**PU News: Research is an important element for a university's productivity and its ranking. What measures you are taking to promote research?**

**Dr. Zafar Mueen:** I have announced a very good incentive system for teachers who will publish research papers in gold star journals. I have told them that we will give one million rupees, if you publish in silver star journal and if you publish in impact factor journal you will get one lakh rupees. Good incentive for a good journal. This will promote a good research culture in the university. We will have more funding for the research and the teachers will utilize funds for research. These steps will be very productive for the university.

**PU News: QAU and BZU believes in rotation policy. Will you consider it implementing in PU?**

**Dr. Zafar Mueen:** Yes, the same rotation policy is here. We have this after three years. In the past it might not implemented due to some grievances. Now we can implement it but we need to find some trained peoples who

can perform the task. I am trying to do this and I am trying to find good people for replacements.

**PU News: How you are dealing with the issue of student unions and groups in PU?**

**Dr. Zafar Mueen:** My concern is that I need peace in this university and for that I am willing to talk to anybody whether it is IJT, Bloch or Pashtun students, everyone is respectable for me as long as they are following the university code of conduct. If they are involved in such (negative) kind of activates we will take serious and strict action. I have visited hostels and met both groups. I have told them, this is your mother institution and your own university. Focus on your studies, as a student if you indulge these activates this university is not for you. This university is for those who come for education and we will fully support those students who is coming for studies and they don't involve themselves in such kind of dirty politics. My message is very clear. I am not fighting with anybody, my only fight is for PU. I want to bring this university in world ranking and for that I can talk to anybody.

**PU News: What are the top three challenges or barriers you are facing actually at the moment?**

**Dr. Zafar Mueen:** I think we have the very first issue of this university – the teachers' politics – we need teachers to come back to the original cause. I am trying and doing my all best efforts to bring teachers back to the classrooms. Second is the internal politics in every departments and that is really creating problem for the smooth functioning in the departments. One by one I am bringing them on the table and addressing their issues by perform a mediator's role.

Third is the lack of infrastructure, we need to renovate this infrastructure, we need to come up for international level. We have already started (efforts) and you will see visible change in future. Funding is always a problem but we are trying to manage. PU has 82 departments and 5 campuses. It has big infrastructure. We are generating money but is not enough.

**PU News: Are you going to implement a pending plan of university lands' commercialization alongside Maulana Shaukat Ali Road where estimated Rs 4 billion can be generated?**

**Dr. Zafar Mueen:** Yes, we will do that. We are building a 400-bed hospital and medical college there and we will use this land purposefully. ■



# Campus Life



Punjab Governor Malik Rafique Rajwana and PU VC Dr Zafar Mueen Nasir distribute laptops among distinguished students under the CM's Laptop Scheme



Sheikh Zayed Islamic Center students in peace walk on the eve of the International Women's Day.



Graduating students of Hailey College of Banking and Finance pose for a photo with their degrees.



Special Children take part in traditional *Chatti Race*. PUCIT students during Soft Expo.





Group photo of PU shining stars with VC Dr. Zafar Mueen Nasir, Director Student Affairs Shahid Gul and Dean Dr Zakria Zakar.



Students spread awareness on the World Environment Day.



PU College of Earth and Environmental Sciences students take part in spoon ball race during the annual sports.



PU VC Dr. Zafar Mueen Nasir visits a stall at PU College of Information and Technology Job Fair.





## US helps construct new building for education and research

**LAHORE:** USAID has constructed a new building investing three million dollars to help produce quality teachers at Punjab University Institute of Education and Research (IER).

Addressing the inaugural ceremony of the newly-constructed building at New Campus, USAID Mission Director John Groarke said that USAID was working on improving educational standards in Pakistan. He said that USAID was proud of funding this project and the building had been constructed with a total cost of 3 million dollars. He said that ideal laboratories, classrooms and other related facilities had been provided to the teachers and students in the new building.

He said that the project would result in producing quality teachers. He said that USAID would continue playing its role in providing leadership in education sector that would play its role in the development of higher education and prosperity of Pakistan.

Punjab Higher Education Commission Chairman Dr Nizam uddin has said that there was a dire need of training of teachers to produce quality students for development of nation as well as country. PU Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Zaffar Mueen Nasir, Lahore College for Women University's then vice chancellor Prof Dr Rukhsana Kausar, Dean Faculty of Education Prof Dr Mumtaz Akhtar, Director Institute of Education and Research Prof Dr Rifaqat Ali Akbar, senior faculty members and a large number of students were present on the occasion.

Dr Nizam said that PHEC had launched a comprehensive program for training of teachers and Faculty Development Academy had been

established for equipping teachers with modern teaching skills. He said that the establishment of new building for teachers' education was a big contribution of USAID.

Addressing the ceremony, Dr Zaffar Mueen Nasir said that the United States had played important role in the development of Pakistan. He said that USAID had tremendous contribution towards education sector in the country and this building was one of the best examples of USAID's financial assistance in education sector. He said that USAID had provided a lot of scholarships to Pakistani people for pursuing higher studies in the United States. He advised the students to get benefit from the knowledge corridor project and do their PhDs from top-ranked US universities. He said that PU would spend its resources on producing quality teachers for development of the country. He said that Institute of Education and Research had produced 90 M Phil and 131 PhDs so far.

IER Director Dr Rifaqat Ali Akbar said that IER was the oldest partner of USAID since 1959. He said that the people of USA had made great contribution for teachers' education in Pakistan. He said the new building would open new horizons for quality of teachers' education in Pakistan. He said that if we wanted to raise standard of the nation, we must focus on quality of teachers' education. He said that IER was producing best graduates for nation building.

Earlier, USAID Mission Director Mr John Groarke and Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Zaffar Mueen Nasir inaugurated the building. ■



# PAK-CHINA COTTON

## BIOTECH LAB TO BE ESTABLISHED AT PU

**LAHORE:** Scientists from Chinese Academy of Agriculture Sciences (CAAS), China visited Punjab University Centre of Excellence in Molecular Biology (CEMB), Lahore to discuss establishment of "Pak-China Cotton Biotechnology Laboratory" at CEMB.

In continuation of developing strong ties, CEMB and China Science and Technology Exchange Centre (CSTEC), China jointly organized one day workshop "Pak-China Young Scientists Exchange Programme" at the centre. PU Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Zafar Mueen Nasir, Dean Faculty of Life Sciences Prof Dr Naeem Khan, CEMB Director Prof Dr. Tayyab Husnain, Prof. Dr. Idrees A Nasir, Prof. Dr. Chang Li, focal person Pak-China joint Cotton Biotech Project, Mr. Ge Pu, Deputy Director General of CSTEC; Mr. Zhang Nan, Project Officer for CHINA-MOST's young talent mobility program and senior faculty members were present on the occasion.

In his address, Dr. Zaffar Mueen Nasar thanked the delegates from China for taking this initiative in collaboration with Punjab University. He said that PU would play its role in development of nation and the country and that's why the administration was encouraging such initiatives in order to promote research culture. He said that PU had internationally acclaimed scientists who had earned good name not only for Punjab University but

Pakistan.

In his address, Mr Ge Pu detailed insight into Pak-China Young Scientists Exchange Programme. He

said that Chinese government would offer attractive subsidy for selected talented scientists. He expressed his good wishes for joint cotton biotechnology project between CEMB, Pakistan and CAAS, China.

Director CEMB Dr Tayyab Husnain gave a detailed briefing on the on-going research projects at CEMB. He said Pak China young scientists' talent hunt program by CSTEC was an excellent addition in collaborative efforts for both countries towards promotion of research culture. He hoped that this scientific endeavor would help equally able research teams from both countries to meet diverse challenges currently being faced in cotton crop production and might lead to post-product-development working strategies to meet the bilateral economic interests. Later, souvenirs were presented to the Chinese delegates. ■

## National Conference on Agri Business



### STAFF REPORT

**LAHORE:** Federal Minister for National Food Security and Research Sikandar Hayat Khan Bosan has said that agriculture is central to robust our economic growth, development and alleviation of rural poverty. The country's future lies in agribusiness and we should not only try to add value but create value as well.

He was addressing the first National Conference on Agribusiness organized by the Institute of Agricultural Sciences, University of the Punjab at Pearl Continental Hotel Lahore on 10th May, 2017.

Chief Executive Panjab Agricultural Research Board (PARB) Dr. Noor-ul-Islam, Member Coordination PARB Prof (r) Dr. Muhammad Younas, President Lahore

Chamber of Commerce and Industry (LCCI) Dr. Abdul Basit, Chairman Pakistan Crop Protection Association (PCPA) Mr. Saad Akbar Khan, Director General Agriculture Research Punjab Dr. Abid Mehmood, Director Institute of Horticultural Sciences, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad, Prof. Dr. Aman Ullah Khan, Mr. Naseer Ullah Khan from Fatima Fertilizers, Dean Faculty of Agriculture, University of Sargodha, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Afzal, Chief Executive SACAN Services Pakistan Mr. Mushtaq Gill, Ms. Nighat Jawad from Yums Industries, Dean Faculty of Life Sciences, University of the Punjab, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naeem Khan, Dean Faculty of Islamic Studies Prof. Dr. Tahira Bashrat, President PUASA Mr. Javed Sami, Vice Chancellor Punjab University Prof. Dr. Zaffar Mueen Nasar, experts and researchers from various parts of the country and a large number of students were present on the occasion. ■



# HEC and PU establishing CPEC Integrated Study Centre



(L-R) PU PRO Khurram Shahzad, Shabbir Sarwar, Dr Saleem Haider, VC Dr Zafar Mueen Nasir, HEC Consultant Lt-Gen (r) Muhammad Asghar, Savera Shami, Dr. Aamir Bajwa and Dr. Safdar Ali Shah pose for a photo after a meeting to establish CPEC centre in PU.

**LAHORE:** (Tuesday, May 23, 2017): Higher Education Commission of Pakistan and Punjab University will establish China Pakistan Economic Corridor Integrated Study Centre at Punjab University to highlight the golden opportunity for development of Pakistan through media and counter negative propaganda against the project.

In this regard, Higher Education Commission of Pakistan's Consultant and former Vice Chancellor of National University of Science and Technology Lt Gen (r) Muhammad Asghar, PU Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Zaffar Mueen Nasir, Incharge Institute of Communication Studies Savera Shami, Shabbir Sarwar, Amir Bajwa, Dr Zaffar Ahmed, HEC's Director General CPEC Dr Safdar Ali Shah and other were present on the occasion.

In the meeting, Lt Gen (r) Muhammad Asghar gave a detailed presentation on the CPEC and 'one belt one road' concept and said that there was need to create awareness among people regarding the fruits of the gigantic project. He said that every section of the society and country was going to benefit from the CPEC and it would bring Pakistan among the developed nations. However, he said, we need to create awareness among people, build positive narrative of the project and counter negative propaganda.

PU VC Dr Zaffar Mueen Nasir assured that PU would play its role with full strength to implement the federal government's vision regarding CPEC. He instructed the PU team to prepare a concrete proposal so that practical work could be started as soon as possible. ■

## PU signs MoU with Chinese company

**LAHORE:** LAHORE: (Wednesday, April 26, 2017): Punjab University Faculty of Engineering and Technology has signed a memorandum of understanding with China Three Gorges company for higher education of PU students in China. In this regard, an MoU signing ceremony was held at Institute of Chemical Engineering and Technology in which Dean Faculty of Engineering and Technology Prof Dr Taqi Zahid Butt, Ms Yang Yu and Ms Yan Liuyi from China Three Gorges company and faculty members were present on the occasion. According to MoU, the Chinese company would support PU engineering students to pursue higher studies in China for two years. ■



**SOCIAL MEDIA DRIVE TITLED: "LET TOLERANCE BE OUR VIRTUE"**

## PU promotes tolerance



**LAHORE:** Punjab University Institute of Social and Cultural Studies has launched a comprehensive project to promote narrative of tolerance among students under the title "Let tolerance be our virtue". In this regard, a seminar was held at Institute of Social and Cultural Studies in which PU Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Zaffar Mueen Nasir, Dean Faculty of Behavioral and Social Sciences Prof Dr Zakria Zakir, Associate Professor Dr Rubeena Zakir, faculty members and a large number of student were present on the occasion.

The tolerance campaign has been launched to counter effects of hate speech through social media as Pakistan had faced many unfortunate incidents. Not only in Pakistan, people around the world witness this issue and often have been victim of hate speech amplified on the basis of religion, ethnicity, gender and cultural indifferences. To mitigate this issue, PU ISCS students, on the direction of Director Prof Dr Zakria Zakir, has launched social media campaign through Facebook page titled "Let tolerance be our virtue". The team also aims at using other social media tools like twitter, whatsapp etc.

Addressing the seminar, PU VC Dr Zafar Mueen Nasir said that this was a noble cause and every student of PU must play its role in addressing

disharmony in our society. He said that we must respect other's thoughts and forgive others on their mistakes.

Dr Zakria Zakir said that Institute of Social and Cultural Studies in collaboration with many government departments and private sector was playing its leading role in combating social evils. He said that we wanted Pakistan to be seen as violence free country. He said that we must take care of human as well as animal rights in our country. He said that ISCS students had been engaged in a number of positive activities and they were much active in solving social problems.

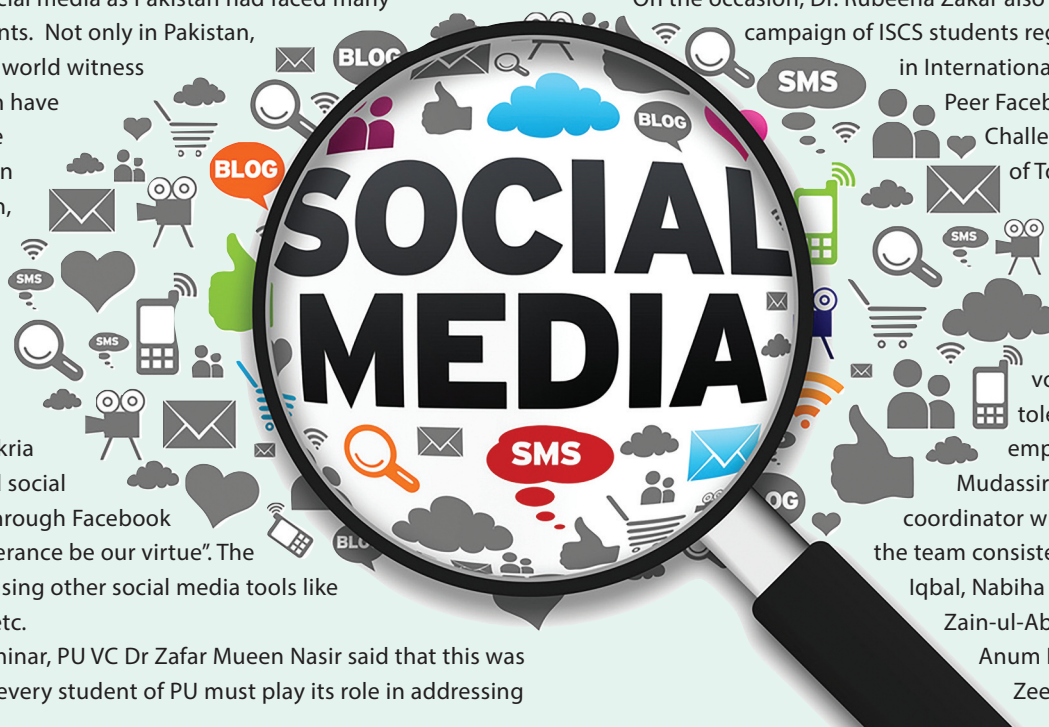
On the occasion, Dr. Rubeena Zakar also inaugurated the campaign of ISCS students regarding their participation

in International Competition of Peer to Peer Facebook Global Digital Challenge: Promoting Narrative of Tolerance among Students.

Public at large is welcome to become part of this campaign which is

intended to create a space for the alternative voices, preach and promote tolerance; and practice empathy and kindness. Ms.

Mudassir Mustafa is the campaign coordinator who will be ably assisted by the team consisted of Izaz Hyder, Momina Iqbal, Nabiha Shahram, Uroosa Yousuf Zain-ul-Abidin, Zunaira Khalid, Dr. Anum Khursheed and Dr. Zeeshan Ali Shad. ■





# Achievement

## 4th Degree Awarding Ceremony of University College of Pharmacy

# VC urges students to keep Pakistan's flag high



**LAHORE:** Punjab University Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Zaffar Mueen Nasir has urged the students to keep Pakistan's flag high by fulfilling their responsibilities in the field of medical.

He was addressing the fourth degree awarding ceremony of University College of Pharmacy at a local hotel here on Friday May 12, 2017.

Dean Faculty of Pharmacy Prof Dr Khalid Hussain, Principal College of Pharmacy Prof Dr Nadeem Irfan Bukhary, Registrar Dr Muhammad Khalid Khan, Dean Faculty of Engineering and Technology Prof Dr Taqi Zahid Butt, senior faculty members and a large number of students were present on the occasion. Addressing the ceremony, Dr Zaffar Mueen Nasir said that we needed to create competitive environment in our academic institutions. He said that the incumbent Punjab University administration was focusing on promotion of research on campus and incentive awards had been announced for faculty members in order to encourage them to do quality research. He said that some extremist elements were trying to disrupt peaceful environment in the universities

therefore we need to promote peace, harmony and culture tolerance to counter such negative elements. He asked to students to serve the country with the passion of patriotism.

Dean Prof Dr Khalid Hussain said that the students of eight countries had also graduated from the college this year. He said that impact factor publications of the faculty members of the college were increasing every year. He said that recently, the college had won three projects Higher Education Commission of Pakistan. Principal Prof Dr Nadeem Irfan Bukhary said that the college was providing best teaching and research facilities to the students. He said that the college administration has started a program to provide practical training to its students. He said that we were also focusing on character building of our students. He said that the three laboratories of the college were also being upgraded. As many as 109 degrees of Pharm D were distributed among the newly graduated students. Later, souvenirs were distributed among the distinguished participants. ■

## Researchers discover 13 million year old elephant jaw in Sohawa



**LAHORE:** A team of researchers of Punjab University Department of Zoology has discovered 13 million years old lower tusk of elephant from Chabbar Syeddan, Sohawa area in Punjab.

The team consisted of former chairman of Department of Zoology Prof Dr Muhammad Akhtar, Dr Muhammad Akbar Khan, Dr Abdul Majid Khan, PhD students Ghayour Abbas, Muhammad Khalil Nawaz and other PhD scholars.

In a press statement, Dr Muhammad Akhtar said that the lower tusk belonged to *Protonotus chinjiensis* species of elephant and its family was called Gomphotheriidae. He said that this species belonged to ancestors of elephant and was found only in that area and was named after the locality. He said that right and left heavily worn teeth, called molar 3, of the fossil were preserved.

He said that the length of the mandibles was 700mm both sides and the estimated length of both teeth, molar 3, was 171mm. He said that its lower tusk was shovel shaped which was naturally good for digging the earth. He said that symphysis was also very long in the present fossil. ■



# External Linkages



PU VC Prof Dr Zaffar Mueen Nasir presents a souvenir to Rome Centre for International Relations delegate after signing an MoU to promote bilateral relations. Prof Dr Massarrat Abid is also present.



PU VC Dr Zaffar Mueen and Rome Centre for International Relations Chairman Prof Andrea Margelletti exchange documents after signing an MoU.



Ambassador of Nepal Ms Sewa Lamsal Adhikari shakes hands with PU VC Dr Zaffar Mueen Nasir during her visit to PU.



Ambassador of Nepal Ms Sewa Lamsal Adhikari, PU VC Dr Zaffar Mueen, Dr Muhammad Naeem Khan and Nepali students outside VC office.



PU Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Zaffar Mueen Nasir, Prof Dr Chang Li, focal person Pak-China joint Cotton Biotech Project, Dean Faculty of Life Sciences Prof Dr Naeem Khan and CEMB Director Prof Dr Tayyab Husnain during one day workshop on "Pak-China Cotton Biotechnology Laboratory" at CEMB.



PU VC Dr Zaffar Mueen Nasir presents a souvenir to Prof Dr Chang Li, focal person Pak-China joint Cotton Biotech Project after one day workshop on "Pak-China Cotton Biotechnology Laboratory" at CEMB. Dean Life Sciences Prof Dr Naeem Khan and CEMB Director Dr Tayyab Husnain also present.



PU VC Dr Zaffar Mueen receives a souvenir from a Turkish delegation head. Pro Vice Chancellor Dr Taqi Zahid Butt is also present.



PU VC Dr. Zaffar Mueen and Dean Social Sciences Dr. Zakria Zakar with a foreign delegation.



# Minister Raza Ali Gilani inaugurates PU medical college office

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**LAHORE:** Punjab University is establishing 400-bed hospital and medical college alongside Maulana Shaukat Ali Road with a special grant announced by Punjab Chief Minister Mian Shahbaz Sharif. Minister for Higher Education Syed Raza Ali Gilani has inaugurated the office for establishment of Punjab University Medical College at Undergraduate block.

PU Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Zafar Mueen Nasir, Registrar Dr Muhammad Khalid Khan, Dr Muhammad Awais, President Academic Staff Association Javed Sami, Secretary Iftikhar Ahmed Tarar, deans of various faculties, heads of departments and a large number of students were present on the occasion.

Addressing the ceremony, Mr Raza Ali Gillani said that he had announced to set up PU Medical College and now steps were being taken practically for its establishment. He said that he was paying special attention to improve world ranking of Punjab University and in this regard, the government would utilize maximum resources. However, he said, the dream could not come true unless teachers play their role for raising standard of the university.

He said that no goal could be achieved without collective efforts. He said that the government was giving special attention to produce quality students. He said that the government was also establishing faculty development academies to equip teachers with modern teaching skills. He said that there would be no student organizations on campus and students would study there only as they had come for their studies.

PU Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Zafar Mueen Nasir said that we would make PU Medical College the best medical college and we wished that sensitive operations like heart and liver



transplant could be carried out there in future. Giving a briefing on the salient features of PU Medical College, Dr Muhammad Awais said that it would be a world class medical college where the best healthcare services and quality education

would be provided. He said that the services that would be provided in the college would be unmatched.

Later, Minister Higher Education Raza Ali Gillani inaugurated PU Medical College office at Undergraduate Block. ■