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CONDOLENCE REFERENCE FOR PROF. AHMED SAEED



Prof. Ahmed Saeed was a veteran historian of Pakistan and an alumnus of the Department who compiled more than 40 books on different aspects of Pakistan's history, particularly focussing on the pioneers of freedom movement. He died suddenly on January 13, 2021 which was a great loss for the historians' fraternity. The Department arranged a condolence reference on January 26 in which the family members, friends and students of Prof. Ahmed Saeed participated. Prof. Faraz Anjum conducted the proceedings while Prof. Syed Qamar Abbas, former Chairman of the Department chaired the session. Prof. Aurangzeb Alamgir, former Additional Registrar and Professor of Urdu, PU; Prof. Khalid Humayun, former Professor of Punjabi Department PU; Dr. Rizwan Ullah Kokab, Chairman Department of History, GCU Faisalabad; Mr. Ghazi Muhammad Abdullah of History Department PU; Dr. Irfan Waheed Usmani, from Government College University Lahore; Amir Raza Khan of City 42 News Channel and Dr. Raza Taimoor, Associate Professor of History, Government Science College Lahore spoke on the occasion and lauded the academic services of Prof. Ahmed Saeed.

They pointed out that it was due to his indomitable will and incessant hard work that despite unfavourable circumstances and limited resources, Prof. Ahmed Saeed was able to produce huge amount of historical work. From amongst his family, his daughter Dr. Shazia Seed, cousins Wajid sb and Tariq Ameer and

grandson Abdul Momin spoke on the occasion and recollected the memories of Prof Ahmed Saeed. Prof. Mahboob Hussain also spoke on the occasion and gave the assurance that the Department would do everything in its capacity to complete the mission of Prof. Ahmed Saeed and his unfinished projects would be undertaken with full zeal and zest.

At the time of his death, Prof. Ahmed Saeed was working on his book on Lahore which was in the final stages of completion. Prof. sb had spent about ten years in collecting its material and it had rare information on the social and cultural history of the city. Prof. Mahboob Hussain undertook to publish it from the Department to which the family of Prof. sb agreed. On June 30th, an agreement was signed between Dr. Shazia Saeed and Prof. Mahboob Hussain for publishing the book لاہور ایک شہر بے مثال. Insha Allah in coming months, the Department will publish the book in two volumes.

PROFILE OF PROF. AHMED SAEED:

He was born on November 21, 1942 in East Punjab and did his BA in 1962 from Government College Lahore and MA History and Political Science from University of the Punjab. He opted for teaching profession and served as Chairman, Department of History, M.A.O. College Lahore (1967-1988) and Islamia College, Lahore (1989-1993). He was awarded the Presidential Medal of Pride of Performance on 23rd March 2016 for his research work about Quaid-e-Azam and Pakistan Movement. He also remained associated with Maulana Zafar Ali Khan Trust and undertook a huge project of editing Zamindar's editorials. Till his death six volumes covering the period of 1923-24 have been published. His other important publications include *Musulmanan-e Punjab ki Samaji aur Falahi Anjumanein; Islamia College, Lahore, 2 Vols.; Muslim India 1857-1947: A Biographical Dictionary; Reflections on Pakistan – Economic Aspect; Hayat-e-Quaid-i-Azam: Chand Naye Pehlu; Roznama Zamindar aur Tehrik-e-Azadi; Touzeehi Isharia; Bazm-e-Ashraf kai Chiragh; Quaid-i-Azam Muslim Press ki Nazar Main; The Eastern Times on Quaid-i-Azam; Guftar-i-Zafar Ali Khan; Trek to Pakistan.*

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ZAHEER-UD-DIN MUHAMMAD BABUR



Zaheer-ud-Din Muhammad Babur, the founder of Mughal dynasty in South Asia, was an iconic figure who occupies a unique place in today's world as he is venerated not only in Indo-Pakistan Subcontinent but also in Central Asia and thus can be a bridge between these two geographical regions. To commemorate Zaheer-ud-Din Babur Day, the Department in collaboration with Punjab University Regional Integration Centre (RIC), the Embassy of the Republic of Uzbekistan & Center for Global & Strategic Studies (CGSS), Islamabad, arranged a conference titled "Legacy of Zaheer-ud-Din Mohammad Babur and Its Relevance in Contemporary Bilateral Relations between Pakistan and Uzbekistan". It was organized on Thursday February 11, 2021 at Al Raazi Hall.

In the Conference, Uzbekistan's Ambassador to Pakistan Mr Oybek Arif Usmanov, Pro Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Saleem Mazhar, Dean Faculty of Arts and Humanities Prof Dr Amra Raza, Centre for Global and Strategic Studies (CGSS) member board of experts Dr Mahmood ul Hasan, Executive Director Col (r) Khalid Taimur, Chairman PU Department of History and Pakistan Studies Prof Dr Mahboob Hussain, PU Institute of Communication Studies Director Prof Dr Noshina Saleem, PU College of Art and Design Principal Prof Dr Sumera Jawad, PU Regional Integration Centre Director Dr Fauzia Hadi Ali, University of Peshawar's Area Study Centre Director Prof. Dr. Shabir Ahmad Khan, PU's Dr Faraz Anjum, Dr Rukhsana Iftikhar, other faculty members and a large number of students participated in the conference. Addressing the conference, Uzbek Ambassador Mr Usmanov said that he was immensely impressed by the artwork of PU students in which they had truly reflected the culture of Uzbekistan in a creative manner. He said that the life of Zaheer uddin Babur could be a guideline to promote bilateral relations between the two countries and there were many cultural similarities. He said that Lahore was very dear to every Uzbek citizen.

He said that Uzbekistan wanted to promote socio-economic relations with Pakistan. He said that the establishment of a rail track from Tashkent to Peshawar would play an important role in the promotion of trade and people to people contact. He lauded PU VC Prof Niaz Ahmad for



establishment of RIC and promotion of the legacy of Zaheer uddin Babur in such a remarkable way. In his statement, PU VC Prof Niaz Ahmad said that PU would extend full cooperation to promote mutual relations with Uzbekistan's universities. He said that PU would play its role for strengthening regional cooperation among friendly countries and RIC had been established keeping in view this purpose.

Prof Vice Chancellor Prof Dr. Muhammad Saleem Mazhar in his remarks stated that PU would organize exchange programs for students and faculty. He said that promotion of bilateral relations between the two countries was a need of the hour and PU would play a lead role in this regard. In his address, Prof Dr Mahboob Hussain said that Zaheer-ud-din Babur was the first king who wrote an autobiography. He said that Babur invented Khat-e-Babri and he was also an excellent Sufi poet. He said that the life of Zaheer-ud-din Babur was a good source to promote strategic relations with Uzbekistan. He stated that a framework would be devised for academic exchange between PU and Universities in Uzbekistan to find out the relevance in the shared history for the study of the contemporary world. Dr. Mehmood ul Hassan Khan stated that Babur was the most captivating personality in the oriental history. He said that Babur created one of the most powerful empires in the history of the East and was the first one to establish a connection with the soil of Pakistan. Dr. Faraz Anjum highlighted the legacy which Babur bequeathed to his descendants and which served as an example for them to follow. He stated that Babur's personality became an example for the later rulers to follow. Dr. Rukhsana Iftikhar stated that Babur's life was documented more than any other figure before colonial rule in the subcontinent. Prof. Dr. Shabir Ahmad Khan stated that Babur was a man of extraordinary qualities. He was a leader, a soldier, an architect and an administrator. He said that Zaheer-ud-Din Babur was a lover of nature and he was the best in generating loyalty and devotion amongst his followers. RIC Director Dr Fauzia Hadi Ali said that the centre would organize activities to enhance regional cooperation. The conference highlighted the socio-cultural and historic legacy and common heritage of the two countries and avenues of cooperation and collaboration between Uzbekistan and Pakistan. A Documentary was also screened at the occasion on "Uzbekistan-Pakistan: Shared Cultural & Islamic History" which was produced by the students of the PU Institute of Communication Studies. The Uzbek ambassador and others visited the art exhibition organized by PU College of Art and Design. Shields and certificates were distributed among faculty members and students for their outstanding performance.

Earlier on, Uzbek Ambassador to Pakistan Oybek Arif Usmanov called on PU Vice Chancellor Prof Niaz Ahmed at his office to discuss enhancement of mutual cooperation among the universities of both the countries. A MoU was also signed between Punjab University and Uzbekistan's Tashkent State University for exchange of teachers, students and launching of joint research projects. On the occasion, PU VC Prof Niaz Ahmed announced to give scholarships to Uzbek students and invited them to study in Punjab University.

MUHAMMAD YUSUF RETIRES

Muhammad Yousuf joined the Department in 1986 as Naib Qasid at the age of 25 years. For about 35 years, he served the Department with



dedication and honesty. Humble and polite to the core, he was ready to help everybody, whether teachers, staff or students. Therefore, when the day of his retirement came closer, everyone was eager to give him a befitting farewell. On 23rd February, first he was presented with gifts in the Department and then both faculty and staff moved to University Club where a sumptuous lunch was arranged for him. He was bidden adieu with lots of prayers and wishes for his future life and good health.

ANNUAL SPORTS GALA

After a drudgery atmosphere of Covid-19 and dry days of studies and exams, the first week of March was a week of jubilation and 'halla gulla' in the Department. On 3rd March, Sports Gala started in the Department. Prof. Faraz Anjum, as student advisor, coordinated all the activities. The Department was decorated with balloons, ribbons and colourful papers. In the morning of



3rd March, Prof. Mahboob Hussain with other teachers inaugurated the sports by cutting the ribbon. All the teachers encouraged the students by playing cricket, football, badminton and table tennis. Indoor games were also played and the whole day was spent in competitions. The students enthusiastically participated in indoor and outdoor sports.

On 4th March, tugs of war (rassa kashi) were fought between the students of History and Pakistan Studies in the ground of the Department with a lot of charged emotions. First the boys tested their physical strength and then the turn of girls came. The teachers supervised the 'war' as the atmosphere was charged with emotions. Incidentally, both the contests were won by the students of Pakistan Studies. Then the venue of battle shifted to the ground besides the VC office where cricket match was played between the students of History and Pakistan Studies. After a tough competition, History students won the match. Teachers also played from both sides. Girls encouraged their classmates with slogans.

CULTURAL DAY

On 5th March, it seemed rainbow colours had been let loose in the Department as it was the Cultural Day. Students as well as teachers dressed themselves up in bright traditional attires. The students in the Department come from every region and ethnic group of Pakistan and therefore, it was cultural representation of the country in every sense of the word. Students presented regional music and dance. Outside,



the students installed stalls which exhibited the tasteful dishes and cultural symbols of diverse regions. Teachers fully participated in the event.

STUDY TOUR TO ROHTAS FORT



On 7th March, the Department arranged a study tour of the students to the historical Rohtas Fort which is a 16th-century fortress located near the city of Jehlum. The two University buses were jam-packed with the students and staff members. Prof. Mahboob Hussain, Prof. Tahir Mehmood and Prof. Faraz Anjum accompanied the tour. The journey started from Lahore at about 9.00 am in the morning and after covering a distance of about 200 kms reached Rohtas Fort at about 2.00 pm. It was decided to take lunch first and then to go for excursion. Professor Faraz Anjum briefed the students about the historical importance of the Fort. The fort is one of the largest and most formidable in the subcontinent.

It was never stormed by force, and has survived remarkably intact. The fortress was built by Raja Todar Mal on the orders of Sher Shah Suri, partly to suppress the local Gakhar tribes of then Potohar region. The fort has 12 gateways and the Sohail gate features some of the best masonry work of the Sur Empire, and was likely the ceremonial main entrance to the fort. It derives its name from a local saint named Sohail Bukhari and the Kabuli gate derives its name from the fact that it opens towards the northwest in the general direction of Kabul. The students took keen interest in the history and archaeological remains of the Fort. The return

journey started at about 5.00 pm and buses reached the department at about 10.30 p.m. During the journey the students entertained themselves with music and dancing. It was both a joyful and informative tour.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON “AZERBAIJAN'S RECONSTRUCTION TO RECONNECT: A WAY FORWARD”



On 8th March 2021, an Online International Conference was organized on “Azerbaijan's Reconstruction to Reconnect: A Way Forward”. This conference was jointly organized by Regional Integration Center, University of the Punjab, Lahore, ADA University, Azerbaijan, and Center for Global & Strategic Studies (CGSS), Islamabad. The conference aimed to discuss the possible ways and means to facilitate the process of reconstruction and mega infrastructural development in the liberated areas of Azerbaijan.

Mr. Fariz Ismailzade, Executive Vice-Rector, ADA University, Baku, Azerbaijan highlighted that during his visit to Pakistan, he firsthand witnessed the strategic importance of Pakistan and its potential in the region. Pakistan and Azerbaijan have cooperation's in multiple fields like education, diplomacy, and think tank

cooperation as well. Dr. Mahboob Hussain, Chairman of Department of History and Pakistan Studies, University of Punjab, Lahore briefly shared the history behind the Armenia and Azerbaijan conflict. Armenia breached the ceasefire contract and attacked civilians and Azerbaijan Armed forces breaking several humanitarian accords.

Dr. Mehmood-UI-Hassan Khan, Regional Geo-Political Analyst & Member Board of Experts, CGSS highlighted the atrocities committed by Armenia. Prof. Dr. Iram Khalid, Chairperson of Political Science Department, University of Punjab, Lahore highlighted that regional connectivity is gaining more and more importance. Dr. Adam Saud, Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences of Bahria University, Islamabad highlighted that Armenia's destruction and aggression have destroyed the cultural heritage and history of Azerbaijan. Prof. Azer Babayev, ADA University, Baku, Azerbaijan that this occupation by Armenia is one of the longest occupations. Dr. Marium Kamal, Assistant Professor, South Asian Studies Center, University of Punjab, Lahore discussed the security dilemmas involved in the reconstruction and rehabilitation of liberated areas..The conference was moderated by Ms. Palwasha Nawaz, Project Executive, CGSS, and was attended by experts and analysts from Azerbaijan and Pakistan. The conference was also viewed live by 300 viewers on social media platforms.

BOARD OF STUDIES MEETING

A meeting of Board of Studies was held on March 16, 2021. It was chaired by Prof. Mahboob Hussain while Prof. Rukhsana Iftikhar, Prof. Tahir Mehmood, Prof. Naumana Kiran, Dr. Maqbool Ahmed Awan from History Department, Rana Shahid Waseem, Principal, Govt. College Model Town Lahore; Dr. Akhtar Hussain Sandhu, Vice-Principal and Hanif Abbasi, Head of the History Department, from Islamia College Civil Lines Lahore; Shahbaz Ahmed from Govt. College



Gujranwala, Waseem Mehmood from Govt. Postgraduate College Samanabad, Faisalabad, Waqar Sultan from Govt. Shalimar College Lahore attended the meeting.

The meeting discussed different issues concerning the curricula, syllabi and exams of BA, BS and MA. The most important item was the start of BS Pakistan Studies. The outline and courses of reading were presented which were discussed in detail. Members gave different suggestions. Ultimately the programme and courses were approved unanimously. At the end, Prof. Mahboob Hussain thanked the members for their guidance and constructive suggestions.

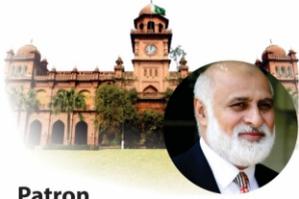
NATIONAL WEBINAR ON “LAHORE RESOLUTION AND ITS REGIONAL PERSPECTIVES” ON PAKISTAN DAY

The Department organized an online seminar on “Lahore Resolution and its Regional Perspective” on 25th March in connection with the celebration of Pakistan Day. The aim of the webinar was to discuss the significance of the Lahore Resolution and to highlight its different aspects to the young generation. The following renowned subject experts participated as Guest Speakers:

Prof. Dr. Fakhar ul Islam, Director, Pakistan Study Centre, University of Peshawar

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Shafique, Chairman, Department of History, BZU, Multan

Prof. Dr. Samina Awan, Chairperson, Department of History, Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad, Prof. Dr. Kaleem Ullah Barech, Chairman, Department of History,



Patron
Prof. Dr. Niaz Ahmad Akhtar (SI)
Vice Chancellor, University of the Punjab

on
Wednesday
24-Mar-2021
at
11:00 AM



Prof. Dr. Fakhar-ul-Islam
Director, Pakistan Study Centre
University of Peshawar



Prof. Dr. Samina Awan
Chairperson, Department of History
Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad



Prof. Dr. Kaleem Ullah Barech
Chairman, Department of History
University of Balochistan



Prof. Dr. Muhammad Shafiq
Chairman, Department of History
BZU-Multan



Dr. Moez Khan
Department of History
University of Karachi



Host
Prof. Dr. Mahboob Hussain
Chairman, Department of History &
Pakistan Studies, University of the Punjab

University of Balochistan, Dr. Moiz Khan, Assistant Professor, Department of History, University of Karachi

Prof. Mahboob Hussain coordinated the seminar which was chaired by Punjab University Vice Chancellor Prof Niaz Ahmed. It was attended by scholars and MPhil/PhD scholars from various universities of Pakistan. Addressing the Seminar, PUVV Prof Niaz Ahmed urged the academia to guide the nation and the government for the development of the country so that the objectives of establishment of Pakistan could be achieved. He said that it was the duty of the historians to guide young generation in historical perspective so that they could contribute towards prosperity of Pakistan keeping in view our glorious past. He said that Pakistan was full of human and natural resources and it had the potential to become a great country of the world. Dr Fakhar Islam, Director Pakistan Study Centre University of Peshawar, highlighted the active role of the people of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in the establishment of Pakistan. He said that Sardar Aurangzeb participated in Lahore Resolution with 800-member delegation and the people of the province were ready to give any sacrifice for the sake of Pakistan. Dr Muhammad Shafique, Chairman Department of History BZU Multan,

said that the Muslims of the Sub-continent lacked unity and direction at that time and the Lahore Resolution resolved this problem. Dr Samina Awan, Chairperson Department of History AIOU, said that the objective of commemorating Pakistan Day was to explain its message to the young generations. Dr Moiz Khan, Department of History, Karachi University, highlighted the role of the people of Sindh in the establishment of separate homeland for the Muslims of the sub-continent. Dr Kaleemullah, Chairman Department of History, University of Balochistan, said that Qazi Muhammad Esa of Balochistan endorsed Lahore Resolution which activated Muslim League in Balochistan. He said that unfortunately we were not pursuing various goals set which we must have followed after the establishment of Pakistan.

The Seminar unanimously passed the resolution that "This Seminar considers it essential for people of Pakistan that as per will presented through the Resolution of 23rd March 1940 and expressed through first Constitution of Pakistan in 1956, an environment for the development of a collective and consensual Pakistani will to live in harmony according to the dreams and aspirations of our founding fathers, be enhanced in public spirit. It resolves that democrat Muslim narrative presented through the Resolution of 23 March 1940 be promoted and made part of education curriculum. The Seminar recommends that principles of equality, freedom of speech, decision making based on consensus amongst the various communities of the nation through dialogue, devolution of power to the people through best democratic practices, freedom of practicing religion must be implemented in letter and spirit according to the actual demands of our leaders who led the freedom movement and carved an independent land for us by pursuing these principles." In the end, Chairman Department of History and Pakistan Studies Prof Dr Mehboob Hussain thanked the participants.

WEBINAR ON NEW PUBLIC MANAGEMENT AND THE ROLE OF CIVIL BUREAUCRACY IN PAKISTAN



Department of Political Science, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur organized a webinar on New Public Management and the Role of Civil Bureaucracy in Pakistan. Prof. Dr. Mahboob Hussain, Chairman, Department of History and Pakistan Studies, University of the Punjab, Lahore discussed the role of bureaucracy through the historical perspective of Pakistan. He discussed that bureaucracy in Pakistan has been politicized over the past few decades. He added that strong bureaucracy in Pakistan is a significant obstacle in the way of the stable parliamentary government in Pakistan. He mentioned that we need to create balance between the different state institutions including civil bureaucracy, military bureaucracy, judiciary and parliament. He further said that devolution of power at the district level and the redefining the power structure at the secretariate level is very essential. Similarly, Political leadership and civil bureaucracy needs to develop a transparent and effective partnership for promoting public interest and ensuring human governance. He added that civil service is the profession where the civil servants are expected to work for the welfare of the society, for the welfare of the citizens, bureaucracy should not have only

managerial professionalism it should have ethical dimension as well. Welfare of the citizens is the very important part of the bureaucratic setup. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor Dr. Aamir Saeed, Assistant Professor, Institute of Administrative Sciences, University of the Punjab, Lahore. At the end of the session, Prof. Dr. Syed Mussawar Hussain, Chairman Political Science department, IUB also talked in the webinar.

INTERNATIONAL VIRTUAL CONFERENCE ON “EMERGING TRENDS IN THE ARTS AND HUMANITIES”



The Faculty of Arts and Humanities, University of Punjab, Lahore, comprising of 8 academic departments, including Department of History and Pakistan Studies, hosted its first International Virtual Conference entitled, “Emerging Trends in the Arts and Humanities”. The conference was spread over two days—15 & 16 June—comprised of 14 sessions and 89 research presentations. Nine eminent global scholars presented their keynote speeches from USA, Canada, India, Bangladesh, Pakistan, UK and Turkey.

Patron in Chief PU Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Niaz Ahmed Akhtar greatly encouraged this interdisciplinary endeavour. In the Inaugural session the Pro Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Saleem Mazhar highlighted the significance of the Arts and Humanities in restoring a possible imbalance, caused by excessive exposure to science and technology in this day and age. The Advisory Committee members, Dean faculty of Behavioral and Social Sciences Prof Dr Umbreen Javaid, Dean Faculty of Arts and Humanities &

Conference Chair Prof Dr Amra Raza, Dr Anjum Sabri, Dr Mahboob Hussain, Dr Muhammad Saeed, Dr Sumera Jawad, Dr Muhammad Hameed, Dr Shamaila Dodhy, Mr. Shahid Mahmood Gul, Dr Zafar Iqbal Butt, Dr Saleha Nazeer and Imran Qureshi were present on the occasion.

In her welcome address, Dr Amra stated that progress in education and research is mostly evaluated in quantitative terms such as CGPAs, rankings, and research publications. This conference aims to highlight the qualitative contribution to human growth and progress achieved through the pursuit of disciplines such as Philosophy, Archaeology, History, English Studies, French, South Asian, and Pakistan Studies as well as Sports Education, and Fine Arts. She elaborated that these disciplines focus on Emotional Quotient (EQ) development, which is very significant in a world of war, instability, pandemics, conflict and strife. She said that the success of our children should not only be measurable in CGPAs or A grades, but in terms of the human values nurtured by our institutions. Unity must safeguard diversity, and tolerance must protect the minority. Thus, the Arts and Humanities could forge a mutual coexistence and a respect for the natural world.

In this interdisciplinary conference, Prof. Ian Talbot, Head of History, University of Southampton and Prof. Matthew McCartney, Director of South Asian Programme, University of Oxford were the two keynote speakers of history discipline. Prof. Talbot's talk focused on "The History of British Diplomacy in Pakistan: Themes and Insights" while Prof. McCartney discussed "CPEC and Pakistan: The Creation of a New Asian Miracle Economy." Prof. Mahboob Hussain chaired a session on "Institutions, Education and Decolonization" in which Prof. Naumana Kiran presented her paper entitled, "Composition and Working of the Federal Cabinet during Zia ul Haq, 1977-1988."

UPLIFTING OF DEPARTMENT'S LIBRARY

Libraries play the most vital role in education and learning. A student of the Punjab University is fortunate in the sense that s/he becomes entitled to huge library resources, at least member of two libraries, Punjab University Library (often referred to as the Main Library) and the Department's Library. The Library of the History Department has in recent months seen some new positive developments. Its collection of



books and journals has reached a staggering number of 22000 Which include many rare as well as latest books. About 800 books have been added in this academic session only. On June 15, family of a dear alumnus Hasan Riaz (Session 2003-2005, MA Pakistan Studies) donated his collection of books, comprising of about 500 volumes. Hasan had the passion for reading books and he used to purchase rare and important books on history and literature. But unfortunately he had a short life and he died two months ago due to cardiac arrest. His family and friends, considering it to be *sadiqa-e-jariya*, donated his books to the Department's library. Prof. Mahboob Hussain and other teachers on that occasion thanked Hasan's family, particularly his brother, and his friend and class fellow Ali Raza for this donation of books. This however is not the only occasion when books have been donated to our library. On May 31, Director Regional Integration Centre PU, Dr Fozia Hadi along with Ms Laraib Hassan from CGSS Islamabad visited History Department and presented books for the library.

The Library has also got its new Catalogue Cabinets, new wooden almirahs and two Chillers. Insha Alla in a couple of years the library will be fully digitized. We congratulate the librarian Ms. Faiqa Bhatti and her staff for the good work.

SPECIALIZED COURSE, “CONTEMPORARY DYNAMICS OF PAKISTAN” JOINTLY ORGANIZED BY THE RIC, PU LAHORE & CGSS, ISLAMABAD

On 31st May 2021, the First Session of the Specialized Course “Contemporary Dynamics of Pakistan” was held. The specialized course is jointly organized by the Regional Integration Center (RIC), University of the Punjab, Lahore and the Center for Global & Strategic Studies (CGSS), Islamabad for the foreign diplomats and nationals.

The theme of the first session was “History of Pakistan” and the speaker for this session was Prof. Dr. Mahboob Hussain, Chairman, Department of History and Pakistan Studies, University of the Punjab. During his presentation, Dr. Mahboob explained the ancient history of the region, Muslim Rule in India (Sultans and Mughals), Muslim Struggle of Independence, and Post-Independence status.

TWO BS STUDENTS AWARDED LAPTOPS

Two special students of BS History Programme, Sharjeel Ahmed and Muhammad Umair, have been awarded laptops under HEC's Prime Minister Laptop Scheme.



NEW LECTURERS PAKISTAN STUDIES SELECTED

Last year, Punjab Public Service Commission announced posts of lecturers Pakistan Studies. Our students performed very well both in male and female categories. Ahsan Raza Mehmood and Waseem Akram have been selected in the male category. The Department congratulates them on their success and prays that they will play their positive role in the academic uplift of the nation.



NEW PHDS AWARDED

- Basharat Hussain, *Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP) and the Politics of Pragmatism: A study in opposition governance and party organization from 1979 to 2013*. (January 12)
- Yawar Haroon, *Resistance against Dictatorial Regime, 1977 to 1988*. (January 25)
- Amir Ali, *Recontextualizing the Sikh Quest for Khalistan*. (February 26)
- Farzanda Aslam, *Recontextualizing the Role of Mian Muhammad Mumtaz Daultana in Punjab Politics, 1947-1955*. (July 02)
- Saeed Ahmed, *Contextualizing Marginality of Christian Community in Lahore from 1947-2015*. (July 02)



REMEMBERING THE PIONEERS OF THE DEPARTMENT SHEIKH ABDUR RASHID, CHAIRMAN (1961-1964)

He was born on November 6, 1898 in Pindi Bhattian and did his graduation from Islamia College Lahore. Then in 1924, he got his Masters in History and degree in Law from Aligarh Muslim University where he came under the influence of veteran historian Professor Muhammad Habib. Later he joined History Department, Aligarh University as a teacher and remained its Chairman from 1950 till his retirement in 1958. He shifted to Lahore in 1959 and joined the History Department, Punjab University. In 1961, he was appointed as Honorary Head of the Department which position, he continued to hold till his resignation in June 1965. Then he shifted to Karachi where for next six years, he taught in the Karachi University. When in 1971, veteran historian Dr. A.H. Dani was given the responsibility to establish Departments of History and Archaeology in University of Islamabad (now Quaid-i-Azam University), he asked Prof. Abdur Rasheed to teach there which he did for a couple of years. He also donated his personal collection of books to the Library of University of Islamabad.



Prof. Sheikh Abdur Rasheed can be considered as the real founder of the Department after the creation of Pakistan. Till his appointment, Department was working on adhoc basis with hardly any permanent teachers. Teaching was done in the Department by adjunct faculty either visiting teachers from nearly affiliated colleges or foreign British and American Professors who joined the Department for one year term. Through the efforts of Sheikh Abdur Rasheed, Dr. Yar Muhammad Khan, Syed Ali Abbas and Ikram Ali Malik joined the Department on permanent basis. Then he established Historical Research Institute and Research Society of Pakistan (with the assistance of his close relative and prominent historian Sheikh Muhammad Ikram) through which he trained a number of young historians, including M. Rafique Afzal, Ikram Ali Malik, Zawwar Husain Zaid, Sher Muhammad Grewal and Ahmed Saeed. He remained Director of Historical Research Institute from 1961 to 1965 while he remained Advisor of Research Society for eight years from 1964 to 1972.

Sheikh Abdur Rasheed was not just an exceptional teacher but also a researcher and a historian par excellence who edited a number of important Persian sources of Medieval India. He chaired a number of sessions of Indian History Congress and Pakistan History Conference and delivered thought provoking presidential addresses. He died on January 10, 1994 in Karachi at the age of 96 years. Prof. Irfan Habib wrote in the obituary note of his teacher in *Proceedings of Indian History Congress* that "his lectures on the Delhi Sultanate would be long remembered by all his students who had the privilege of hearing them. It remained a matter of regret that these were never given a written form and published. He endeavoured to support in Pakistan the tradition of a critical source-based history at which he was most at home." His notable publications include:

Sh. Abdur Rashid, *History of the Muslims of Indo-Pakistan Sub-Continent, 1707-1806*, Vol. I (Lahore: Research Society of Pakistan, University of the Punjab, 1978)

Sh. Abdur Rashid, *The Life and Teachings of Hazrat Data Ganj Bakhsh* (Lahore: Central Urdu Development Board, 1967)

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