

## **23<sup>rd</sup> MARCH PAKISTAN DAY CELEBRATIONS IN DEPARTMENT OF MICROBIOLOGY & MOLECULAR GENETICS, UNIVERSITY OF THE PUNJAB**

23<sup>rd</sup> March holds a key role in independence of Pakistan. A resolution was envisioned and passed by forefathers of Pakistan, led by Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah himself. The dream of Pakistan perceived by Allama Muhammad Iqbal was transformed into a resolution on 23<sup>rd</sup> March, 1940, and after seven years of restless efforts, our dear country came into existence due to the hard work of great leaders. In order to remember our history and to acknowledge the efforts done by our great leaders, it is of utmost importance that such historical days must be celebrated. Therefore, Department of Microbiology & Molecular Genetics, University of the Punjab, celebrated 23<sup>rd</sup> March in a grandeur fashion, arranging debates, national songs, quizzes and poster competitions. The function was compered by Farwa and Anum (BS 4<sup>th</sup>) and all the faculty members and students attended it.

The function was started with recitation of the Holy Quran by Muhammad Shafiq (BS 8<sup>th</sup>) followed by Hamd-e-Bari Taala and Naat Rasool-e-Maqbool by Komal Saleem and Rabail Razi (BS 6<sup>th</sup>) respectively. Prof. Dr. Shahida Hasnain gave a speech regarding the history and importance of this day. This was followed by competition of debates, national songs and quizzes. Prof. Dr. Shahida Hasnain, Dr. Sikandar Sultan and Dr. Faisal acted as judges for these competitions. Rabail Razi (BS 6<sup>th</sup>) won the first prize for debates. In national song singing, Komal and Shafiq (BS 8<sup>th</sup>) won the first prize whereas in quiz competition teams of BS 8<sup>th</sup> and BS 4<sup>th</sup> were declared winners. This was followed by poster competition and the poster designed by CBS (character building society) MMG won the first prize. A video (made by MS-students Zaid, Fatima, Werda and Rida) regarding 23<sup>rd</sup> March was played. The Chairperson, Prof. Dr. Anjum Nasim Sabri, distributed the certificates to the winners. The function was ended with national anthem sung by Muhammad Shafiq (BS 8<sup>th</sup>), Komal (BS 8<sup>th</sup>), Ayesha and Kanza (MSc 4<sup>th</sup>) and all the faculty members and students participated in it.



Farwa & Anum (BS 4<sup>th</sup>) compering the function



Chairperson Prof. Dr. Anjum Nasim Sabri, Faculty members & students participating in the function.



Prof. Dr. Shahida Hasnain giving a speech about importance of 23<sup>rd</sup> March



Komal Saleem (BS 6<sup>th</sup>) singing a national song



Maryam (MSc 4<sup>th</sup>) participating in debate competition



Respected Judges listening to competitors attentively.



Quiz Competition in progress



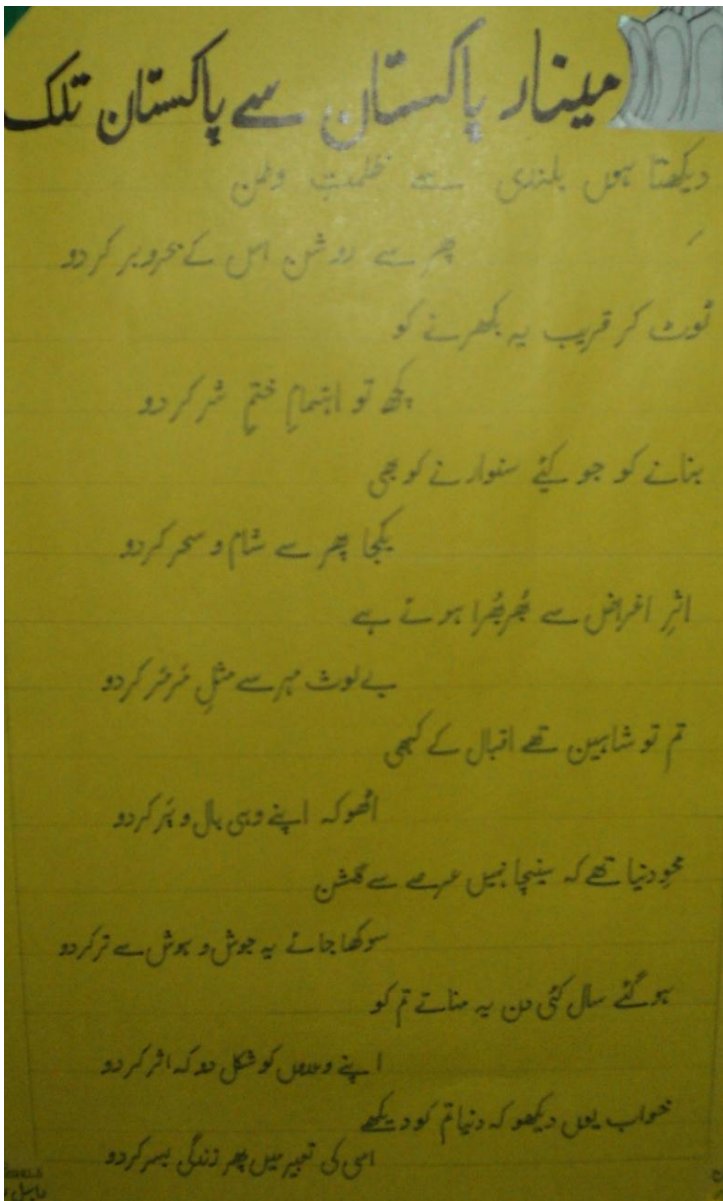
BS 8<sup>th</sup> participating in Quiz Competition



BS 6<sup>th</sup> participating in Quiz Competition



Respected Judges evaluating posters & boards designed by students



A poem written by Rabail Razi (BS 6<sup>th</sup>)



Chairperson Prof. Dr. Anjum Nasim Sabri distributing certificates to the winners



Faculty members & the students participating in the National Anthem