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Research output by Universities of Pakistan

This analysis takes into account the Publications from Pakistani Universities, which appeared in peer-reviewed journals indexed by Thomson-Reuters, ISI Web of Knowledge during the years 2007, 2008, 2009, and 2010.

The databases of ISI Web of Knowledge used for this analysis are Science Citation Index (SCI-Expanded), Social Science Citation Index (SSCI), and Arts & Humanities Citation Index (A&HC).

Institution / Universities	'07	'08	'09	'10
1. Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad	409	544	545	548
2. Aga Khan University, Karachi	186	311	345	416
3. University of Karachi, Karachi	276	419	365	387
4. University of the Punjab, Lahore	162	278	269	352
5. University of Agriculture Faisalabad, Faisalabad	252	310	372	340
6. COMSATS Institute of Information Technology, Islamabad	92	149	199	237
7. Government College University, Lahore	97	154	282	230
8. University of Sargodha, Sargodha	38	115	151	174
9. National University of Sciences and Technology, Islamabad	48	92	114	150
10. University of Peshawar, Peshawar	77	97	131	137
11. Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan	50	92	123	133
12. PMAS Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi	49	87	83	113
13. DOW University of Health Sciences, Karachi	11	49	55	94
14. Pakistan Institute of Engineering and Applied Sciences, Islamabad	54	73	70	88
15. University of Sindh, Jamshoro	59	105	96	86
16. Islamia University, Bahawalpur	22	40	75	84
17. NWFP Agricultural University, Peshawar	20	29	46	82
18. University of Engineering and Technology, Lahore	38	55	52	79
19. Government Veterinary University, Lahore	0	0	8	76
20. University of Management and Sciences, Lahore	11	26	101	71
21. University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Lahore	27	42	64	64

was known as Bahauddin Zakariya University

During the year 2010:

95 universities with publications



PU leaps out

Achieving a landmark success, Pakistan's most prestigious educational institute Punjab University in the recent survey by Higher Education Commission of Pakistan has improved its ranking and now it stands 4th with 352 research publications in impact factor journals in the year 2010.

The credit goes to the current administration's focus on research, as the research budget has been increased from Rs 4 million to 70 million, while Vice-Chancellor Dr Mujahid Kamran has vowed to increase it to 100 million if necessary.

Since Prof Dr Mujahid Kamran has taken charge of the alma mater in January 2008, the number of research publications of the varsity has more than doubled. This indicator clearly speaks of academic progress and the measures taken by the honourable Vice Chancellor for promotion of research culture in the university. In addition the number of published per annum.

Talking to the newsmen of print and electronic media at Punjab University Executive Club, New Campus, the Vice-Chancellor said more than ten books of international level of the PU faculty members had been published in foreign

countries which was a proof of its academic and research advancement. He said PU faculty members had much talent and potential and if the policies of the present administration continued for the next 3-4 years, the varsity would not only get first place among the Pakistani universities but also make its room among 200 top universities of the world. He said the present administration was focusing on increasing the number of PhD faculty members because a good strength of PhD teachers would help in publication of more research findings.

The Vice Chancellor was of the view that varsity had allocated Rs 70 million for research purposes and as a result research publications of such faculties are being published in international journals which had almost no output in research like Faculty of Commerce. "The only need is to strengthen the research culture which is being developed at the varsity", the VC maintained.

Dr Mujahid Kamran informed that 80 teachers were doing their PhDs in foreign countries and 30-40 of them would join the varsity this year. He expressed the hope that after their joining, the university would witness further improvement in the ranking next year. He said the students were showing excellent results in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities and earning fame for the varsity as well as the country.

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MMG has first-ever gene analysis laboratory

Punjab University Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Mujahid Kamran inaugurated the first ever pre-fabricated gene analysis laboratory of its kind in the Pakistani universities, at the Department of Microbiology & Molecular Genetics (MMG) on Friday March 4.

Department Chairperson Prof Dr Shahida Hasnain, Sure Bio-Diagnostics Chief Executive Officer Shaikh Shakeel Ahmad, faculty members and a large number of students were present on the occasion. Buffer area-I, II and III have also been established in the lab including sample preparation room, reagent preparation room and PCR amplification room, fully equipped with high-tech instruments.

The lab will help carry out latest research in the diagnostic of molecular genetics and various infectious diseases including dengue fever and others like hepatitis C, pathogenic aspects of bacteria, environmental and biotechnology aspects.

Addressing the ceremony, Dr Kamran said that establishment of modern lab was one of the best examples of

varsity's collaboration with industries to provide maximum facilities to teachers and students. Appreciating the efforts of Dean and Faculty of Life Sciences, he said that her faculty was the most productive in the varsity. He said the aim of the universities is to create new knowledge and Faculty of Life Sciences was endeavoring towards it.

He added that because of the steps taken by this administration over 100 scholars each year were getting their PhD degrees on the basis of their hard work which was ultimately increasing the level of research in the varsity.

Dr Shahida Hussnain said the lab would provide modern practical research facilities to scholars, teachers and students who would be able to conduct research on bacterial and environmental effect.

Sure Bio-Diagnostics Chief Executive Officer Shaikh Shakeel Ahmad said that he felt immense pleasure to launch the first-ever pre-fabricated gene analysis laboratory of its kind in any Pakistani university with collaboration of Chinese experts. He promised to provide all-out research facilities to teachers and students by utilizing the modern apparatus of the lab.



UNESCO approves PU's project of Sui-Vihar excavations

Pakistan National Commission for UNESCO has approved the Punjab University's project proposal titled "Sui-Vihar Excavations and Archaeological Reconnaissance of Southern Punjab", amounting to US\$ 26000 under the participation programme 2010-2011. The project has to be completed by the end of current year. The field work around the unique shrine of Sui-Vihar is likely to throw ample light on the various facets of Buddhism and particularly the Mahayana cult.

The development of Buddhist art in Gandhara has its own characteristics, whereas the Buddhism which developed in the south has its own traditions, architecture and art.

It has to be ascertained whether it was the reproduction of the art from Gandhara or otherwise. It will also help to glean the artistic excellence of the people of southern Punjab as the raw material available in this region was

either stucco or the clay, which is easy for moldings and modeling. The stone extensively used in Gandhara is altogether absent in this region. PU Department of Archaeology Chairman Dr Farzand Masih is of the view that new techniques in manufacturing the Buddha, Buddhisativa and other deities have been introduced in the south.

Further, the field work around the monastic complex has its ramifications and will shed light on the archaeological heritage of southern Punjab for the first time in such an extensive way on scientific lines. The students of the Department and of other institutions will be imparted practical training in digging, recording and analyzing the sub-surface data.

The excavations are likely to enlighten about the status of Buddhism in southern Punjab and the Khanqahi Nizam of Sufia-i-Kram among the



Muslims, which may have its roots from the monastic life of Buddhist monks. New information thus collected may explain as to why among all the regions of Pakistan Sufism became more popular in southern Punjab and northern Punjab than anywhere else.

IBB holds **first-ever workshop** on “Computational Resources for **Protein Modelling**”



Dr Kusar Abdullah Malik



Prof Dr Shahida Husnain



Prof Dr M Amin Athar



Prof Dr Waheed Akhtar

Punjab University Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Mujahid Kamran, inaugurated a five-day workshop on “Computational Resources for Protein Modeling”, first-ever of its kind in the history of the varsity, on March 14 in the auditorium of Institute of Biochemistry & Biotechnology (IBB).

GC University Acting VC Dr Ikram-ul-Haq, Dean Faculty of Life Sciences Prof Dr Shahida Husnain, Director IBB Prof Dr Amin Athar, founder Director IBB Prof Dr Waheed Akhtar, Secretary Pakistan Academy of Science Dr Kausar Abdullah Malik, Dr Kamran Azeem, Dr S Sikandar Azam, faculty members and a large number of students of various departments of PU as well as from University of Health Sciences, FC College University, Government College University and University of Lahore were also present on the occasion. Dr Clair Naylor from UK also delivered two video lectures during the workshop.

The basic objective of the workshop was to deal with protein structure-function relationship and application on the principles in designing protein molecules for increasing activity and improving their properties for applications.

Addressing the inaugural

session, Vice-Chancellor Dr Mujahid Kamran said scientific development was not possible without strong moral character and honesty and therefore we should carry out research in our fields with true commitment. He said the universe was very vast and a ray of light needed 40-50 thousand light years to reach from one to another corner of a galaxy. He said the mystery of life was still unsolved. The Vice-Chancellor said this workshop was also all about the secrets related to the universe. He added it was regrettable that the Muslim countries had ignored the biological sciences while this knowledge was so interesting that one got lost in its details. He concluded that had to make sincere contributions to solve the puzzles of universe. The IBB had the best teachers and facilities and the students should get maximum benefit from them.

Prof Dr M Amin Athar, in his inaugural address, said the workshop had been designed to polish the creative skills of students and it would play very intensive and productive role in this regard. He said the workshop would provide a chance to scientists to exchange their research and learn from each other's experiences and provide knowledge about the latest

bioinformatics tools available for designing protein molecules for improving properties for applications.

Dr Kusar Abdullah Malik said computational sciences had been very helpful in solving many technical problems and development in this field was due to bioinformatics tools. He said the launch of special courses and degree classes in relevant areas of computational sciences would help produce researchers who would bring new innovations.

Prof Dr M. Waheed Akhtar highlighted the importance of this workshop as it would help the young scientists in understanding structure and function and improving enzymes and other proteins for applications. While outlining the history of proteins briefly he emphasized that proteins have occupied a central role in the study of proteins and informed the audience that over 60,000 three-dimensional structures of proteins are available in the protein database. Using the algorithms based on sequence and structure relationships of the known proteins, it is possible to predict the structure and functions of new proteins. He stated that research in his laboratory has already been benefitted greatly with the availability of such tools.



Rendezvous with the past

In the 129 years' history of the university, a memorable evening with some of the academic veterans was witnessed in the Faisal Auditorium on Thursday, January 27. Under the auspices of the present administration, Student Teacher Centre (STC) arranged for "Chand Yaden Chand Baten" to pay tribute to the former Vice-Chancellors.

Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Mujahid Kamran presided over the programme. The former VCs including Prof Dr Khairat Muhammad Ibn-e-Rasa, Prof Dr Rafique Ahmad, Prof Dr Khalid Hameed Sheikh and Prof Dr Muhammad Arif Butt shared their visionary approach in the domain of education with the students, teachers and employees. Chief Editor daily Pakistan Mujeeb-ur-Rehman Shami, Advisor Student Affairs Iftikhar Ahmad Ch, heads of various departments, senior faculty members and a large number of students and employees were all ears to them.

The occasion proved to be an auspicious start for the coming academic years at the university when the Vice Chancellor, Prof Dr Mujahid Kamran lauded the role of the erstwhile patrons of academics and research in cultivating the research culture in the university, and in opening up avenues for teachers and students for quality research and pursuit of higher studies. However, the patrons of knowledge added that their legacy was nurtured and pruned further by Prof Dr Mujahid Kamran at present.

While deliberating on his tenure, Prof Dr Khairat Muhammad Ibn-e-Rasa characteristically revealed the fact that he discouraged interference of all pressure groups in the fulfillment of developmental tasks with great moral courage. Furthermore, he appreciated the increasing number of research work

in modern Physics brought to the fore and building of new infrastructure by the present VC, Dr Mujahid Kamran. According to him, one expects this from a teacher/Vice-Chancellor on account of having a holistic approach in the field of academia.

Prof Dr Rafique Ahmad, in his address, acknowledged the efforts of the present administration in increasing the number of appointments of Professors Emeritus, facilitating the teachers in their PhD programmes and establishment of Research Endowment Fund. Whereas Prof Dr Khalid Hameed Sheikh gave credit to the university administration for publishing all research publications in a book-form to popularize research culture and to make it more accessible to ardent readers. On this occasion, Dr Sheikh also highlighted the huge figures spent on the education of students and teachers as a motivation for them to bring success to the university and their country. He also suggested to set up an Endowment Fund and contributed Rs 100,000 to it.

Prof Dr Muhammad Arif Butt appreciated the considerable number of renowned personalities including poets, writers, researchers, politicians and scientists, the university has produced. He further added that solidarity plays a very important role in the success of an institution and therefore we should take our Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) as a role model in this regard. With the evening coming to a close, VC Dr Mujahid Kamran gave away souvenirs and books to Prof Dr Khairat Muhammad Ibn-e-Rasa, Prof Dr Rafique Ahmad, Prof Dr Khalid Hameed Sheikh and Prof Dr Muhammad Arif Butt.



ENDEAVOUR

Thanks to CM

Jhelum Campus to be functional this year

Punjab University Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Mujahid Kamran chaired a high-level meeting to discuss the establishment of PU Jhelum Campus in the Al-Raazi Hall of Centre for Undergraduate Studies on Wednesday, February 2. Registrar Prof Dr Muhammad Akhtar, Treasurer Dr Uzma Ikram, Controller Examinations Dr Zahid Karim Khan, deans of faculties, principals of colleges, directors of centres and heads of various departments attended the meeting.

Vice-Chancellor Dr Mujahid Kamran thanked Punjab Chief Minister and said the provincial government has been taking all-out measures for promotion of education under the dynamic leadership of Mian Shahbaz Sharif. He said the PU administration would take every possible step to meet the public and government's expectations in providing quality higher education to the youth. He directed early completion of remaining construction work so that classes could be started at Jhelum Campus as soon as possible.

He termed the Punjab Chief Minister's decision a living proof of the fact that education occupies top most importance in the provincial leadership's priorities and this decision has brought a wave of jubilation amongst masses as the youth of Jhelum, Gujjar Khan, Chakwal, Mirpur, Azad Kashmir and districts of complete salt range will be provided with the latest educational facilities in the areas of Information Technology, Computer Science, Business Administration, Commerce, Law, Zoology, Botany and Geology.

He stressed the need to upgrade the Teachers' Evaluation Programme to evaluate performance and improve their teaching capabilities. He directed the officials concerned to develop meetings with the principals of colleges affiliated with the PU so that considerable measures could be taken to resolve the students' problems there.

HCC celebrates 85th Foundation Day

Punjab University Hailey College of Commerce (HCC), on Sunday March 6, organized a graceful ceremony in connection with its 85th Founder's Day. Former Federal Finance Minister Sartaj Aziz was the chief guest while Vice-Chancellor Punjab University Prof Dr Mujahid Kamran presided over the ceremony. Old Hailians including Senator Jahangir Badr, oldest Hailian Haji Abdul Jabbar Khan, Muhammad Akram Khan, Khawaja Amjad Saeed, Ch Nazir Ahmad, Asjad Malhi, renowned TV anchor Farooq, famous poet Wasi Shah, Manzoor A Sheikh, Prof Ch Abdur Rehman, Prof Sohail Afzal, Ijaz Akbar, Prof Azhar Ikram Ahmad, Shabbir A Sheikh and many renowned personalities attended the ceremony.

Addressing the ceremony, Sartaj Aziz said that values were more precious assets than education and one could get success by implementing these values to their professional life. He asked the business community to concentrate on their business through professionalism and advanced use of technology rather than depending upon the government. He said that our growth rate was only two or three percent while in our neighboring countries like India it was above ten

percent. He declared the day a historical and said that Hailians were present all over the world and were serving on key posts. He advised the students to search their place in the open market rather than focusing on government sector.

Prof Dr Mujahid Kamran appreciated the efforts of Prof Dr Liaqat Ali for organizing a successful ceremony. He said that Hailey College of Commerce was a splendid institution and had produced many renowned personalities. "Due to its disciplined and learned faculty it would keep producing such great professionals," the VC expressed the hope. Dr Kamran said that research culture had also been initiated at the college and at present there were four PhD teachers and many were abroad for doing their PhD and upon their return new horizon of research in the college would be opened. He said because of the administration's focus on research, the HCC has also started research publications in impact factor research



journals.

Senator Jahangir Badar said that Hailey College of Commerce had a deep influence upon his social and political life and he always felt pleasure and peace when he came to the college. He said that he was very lucky as he got a disciplined democratic culture when he joined the college and due to the culture and training, a common person like him was able to find his position in the feudal political system of this country. He also announced a grant of 50 thousand rupees for the institution. Prof Dr Khawaja Amjad Saeed said that behaviors were more important than knowledge. He announced one hundred thousand grant for the college. Students presented sketches and different humor dramas while Syed Salman Gillani and Khalid Masood presented their comic poetry. Later, renowned Hailians alongwith Vice-Chancellor cut the foundation day cake.

GIS Day at PUCIT

Punjab University College of Information Technology (PUCIT) celebrated the GIS Day at the College. PU Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Muhahid Kamran and Youngstown State University, Ohio, USA Provost Prof Dr Khawaja Ikram were the guests on the occasion. The guests spoke to students regarding the importance of Remote Sensing and GIS for solving many of country's problems and for the growth of its digital economy.

College Principal Dr Mansoor Sarward said at PUCIT, the GIS Day was being celebrated since 2007. Introduction to GIS and latest trends in GIS, guest presentation on Digital Atlas of Pakistan, Awareness about Open Source GIS software, and students' final projects/thesis were the activities of this year. He informed the audience about the progress the college made in the field of GIS and Remote Sensing since

the GIS Center was moved to the college. He said that when GIS Center transferred to PUCIT, only 7 students were enrolled in the MSc GIS degree in the evening program. Now the number of students has increased 25 folds to 171 students. Furthermore the college has started MS Remote Sensing and GIS this year, he added.

Dr Sarwar also informed the audience that GIS graduates had a very high employment rate and most of them received job offers during final semester of their studies. He thanked the Vice-Chancellor and other guests for honoring the college with their presence and college students and faculty who worked hard to make the event a huge success.

Later, Dr Mujahid Kamran and Dr Khawaja Ikram cut the GIS cake and inaugurated new GIS and Remote Sensing laboratory, for over 50 students, fully equipped with brand new PCs, modern software, and other GIS and Remote Sensing equipment and tools necessary to impart state of the art education in this area.

HCC holds graduating ceremony

Punjab University Hailey College of Commerce organized the graduating ceremony 2010 of BCom (Hons) session 2006-2010 students on Saturday, January 22.

Provincial Minister Zakat & Ushar Punjab Malik Nadeem Kamran represented the CM Punjab Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif as chief guest, who could not come due to his illness, while PU Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Mujahid Kamran presided over the ceremony. College Principal Prof Dr Liaquat Ali, Senator Jahangir Badar, MPA Khawaja Imran Nazir, heads of various departments and a large number of graduating students were present on the occasion.

Provincial Minister Malik Nadeem Kamran, while addressing the graduates, said no country could progress without promoting education and the nation had enough capabilities to get a dignified place in the world. He said the Punjab government, under the dynamic leadership of Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif, was making serious efforts to promote education and a number of steps had been taken. He said to hunt talent, the government had started Chief



Minister essay writing and speech competitions in the province and young students had been getting opportunities to demonstrate their skills. He asked the students to keep the mission of getting fame for Pakistan in their minds in any field they go to serve in their practical lives. "Each moment of your life is precious and you are asset of the country," he added. He promised to convey the request of College Principal Dr Liaquat Ali of special grant for the construction of a hall to Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif.

In his address, Vice-Chancellor Dr Mujahid Kamran made an appeal to country's political leadership to allocate at least four percent of GDP for educational advancement in order to enable Pakistan to get honourable

position and attain socio-economic dominance. He said the secret of any nation's prosperity lies in the promotion of education and research. He stressed the students to devote themselves for getting education and get strong grip on their respective area of studies in addition to adopt the habit of hard work.

Earlier, College Principal Prof Dr Liaquat Ali in his welcome address presented the progress report of the college. He hoped that the graduating students would earn fame for Punjab University and country using their best possible capabilities. Later Malik Nadeem Kamran gave away medals to the first, second and third position holders of the graduating batch and distributed shields among the faculty members.

High hopes for young teachers

Punjab University Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Mujahid Kamran held a meeting with Assistant Professors under Tenure Track System (TTS) at Al-Razi Hall on Friday, February 18.

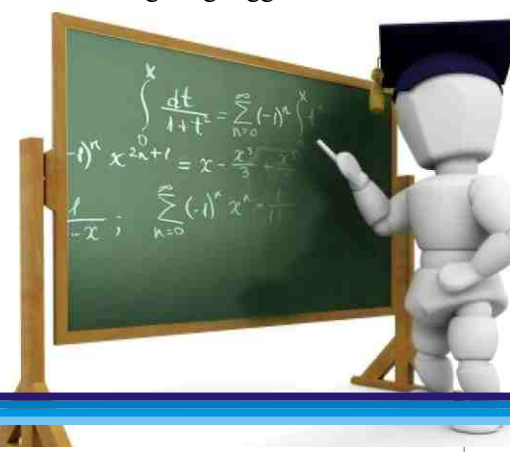
Speaking on the occasion, the Vice-Chancellor said the PU was depending upon young PhDs to improve the education standard further and would make efforts to abolish the sanction of extra teaching on TTS teachers. He said that he always thought for the earliest solution of problems being faced by teachers in advance as he decided to lift the ban on extra teaching on TTS teachers on his own. He said that due to increase in Basic Pay Scale (BPS), the difference between TTS and BPS teachers pay had been reduced. He said that he had written a letter to the HEC for increasing 25 percent

pay of TTS teachers and also asked permission for granting medical facility to them. In this regard we are waiting for response of Planning Commission, he added.

The Vice-Chancellor said that due to increasing potential of research, the PU improved its ranking the recent survey by HEC but there was a room for further improvement and the university had lot of expectations from young PhD teachers. He said he was trying to increase the ratio of PhD teachers and number of publication in the varsity. He said that 5 seats would be created for doing post PhDs within the country while fund would have to be created for doing post PhD programmes abroad. He said that teachers would now get published their books from University Printing Press.

Dr Mujahid Kamran said the

future of PU is very bright as 2,000 PhDs and MPhil students are registered in the varsity. He advised the young teachers to concentrate on research and PU administration was there to solve their problems without any discrimination. He said all the problems could be solved if faculty remains sincere to the administration. He advised the young teachers to broaden their vision as PU teachers and students have a lot of potential. Academic Staff Association President Mehr Saeed Akhtar also attended the TTS teachers meeting and thanked the VC for calling the meeting and appreciated his efforts for solving the problems of teachers while giving suggestions in this regard.



Shami seeks mechanism to resolve Kashmir issue



Punjab University Centre for South Asian Studies (CSAS) organized a seminar on “Kashmir Issue and its Prospective Solution” in its Seminar Hall on Friday, February 4. Chief Editor daily Pakistan Mujeeb-ur-Rehman Shami was the keynote speaker while Professor Emeritus Dr Khawaja Muhammad Zikria presided over the seminar. CSAS Director Prof Dr Muhammad Saleem Mazhar and Advisor to Vice Chancellor Col (R) Ikramullah Khan also addressed on the occasion.

In his keynote address, Mujeeb-ur-Rehman Shami said that the Kashmir dispute could only be resolved through bilateral talks along with political and diplomatic pressure.

He said that understanding the importance of peace in resolving the issue, Kashmiris also seemed more active on political front. He said that because both the countries were

equipped with nuclear weapons, the world also sought peaceful resolution of the sensitive issue.

He said that Pakistan could be now more or as economically well off as Hong Kong and Malaysia if both the countries had avoided 1965 War. Mr. Shami said that the acceptance of Kashmir issue as a “controversial matter” was also a success.

He said that war was no option while India had also understood that it was in his own interest to seek a peaceful solution and bring change to its traditional stance on the issue. He said that the basic importance was to draw a mechanism through which both the countries could move forward.

He said that Pakistan and India should form a body, having equal representation from both the sides which could suggest possible and peaceful resolution of Kashmir issue after taking Kashmiris

into confidence.

Prof Dr Khawaja Muhammad Zikria said both the countries would have to bring a change to their traditional stance if they truly want to resolve the issue.

He said that Kashmiris were the 3rd stakeholder and they should be taken into confidence first before suggesting or inking any agreement to decide the long-standing matter.

Col (r) Ikramullah Khan said that Mr Shami really suggested a way which could be practically implemented to settle down Kashmir problem.

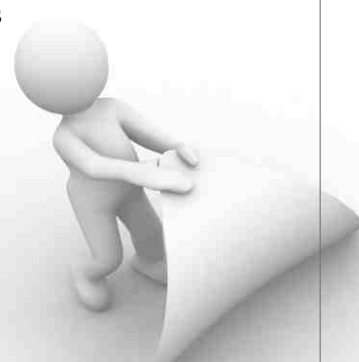
Prof Dr Saleem Mazhar thanked the honorable guests and said that arrangement of such seminars was being maintained at the institution to create awareness among the students and let them know what the real issues were. A gift of books was also presented to Mr Shami from PU Vice Chancellor Dr Mujahid Kamran.

Course on “Enhancing Quality & Productivity through Testing” conducted

Punjab University Department of Textile Engineering & Technology, in collaboration with Institute of Textile & Industrial Sciences, UMT and Textile Testing International, conducted a course on “Enhancing Quality & Productivity through Testing.” The course provided opportunity to bridge gap between industry and university and also the issues of textile industry were discussed. In-service engineers, scientists, textile laboratory staff of various textile units and academia attended the course. The resource persons gave excellent presentation on the different aspects of testing textile materials and quality assurance. The participants highly appreciated the standard of education and stated that it was very useful to enhance their capacity for textile testing. Department Chairman Prof Dr Arshad Chughtai stated that it was a source of encouragement from the textile industry and academia to support this activity. He emphasized that continued professional development programme would be on priority list.

In memory of Mahjor

Punjab University Department of Kashmiryat organized a seminar, on Thursday March 17, in connection with memories of national poet of Kashmir Perzada Ghulam Ahmad Mahjor. Renowned writer and political leader Ali Muhammad Mir was chief guest while Dr Hafiz Mahmood Akhtar, Dr Akram Shah, Dr Mazhar Moen, Dr Fakhar-ul-Haq Noori, Dr Asmat Ullah Zahid, Dr Yousaf Bokhari, Dr Aftab Asghar, Dr Col. Ali Muhammad Mir, Dr Zahoor Ahmad, Nusrat Nisar and a large number of teachers and students were present on the occasion. Addressing the seminar, speakers said that his poetry awakened the people of Kashmir as it reflected the oppression on Kashmiri people. He deeply loved Kashmir and feelings of patriotism and praise of beautiful scenes were prominent in his poetry. They said that Ghulam Ahmad Mahjor was influenced by Allama Iqbal and the element of music is also found in his poetry. Mahjor felt sorrow on the slavery of Kashmiri people and this thought convert is poetry from romanticism to patriotism. They said that Mahjor's poetry was enlightenment for the distressed people.



‘Need to become super power of knowledge’



PU Institute of Chemical Engineering & Technology (ICET) organized 4th symposium on “Engineering Sciences” in the seminar room on Tuesday March 1.

Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Mujahid Kamran, Dean Faculty of Engineering & Technology Prof Dr Javed Ahmad, Director ICET Prof Dr Zahoor-ul-Hassan Rizvi, Chief Organizer Prof Dr Mahmood Saleem, faculty members and a large number of participants were present on the occasion. Renowned atomic scientist Dr Samar Mubarakmand's message was read on the occasion, who could not participate due to some unavoidable circumstances.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr Mujahid Kamran said that Pakistan would have to become super power of knowledge for its survival. He said the country's statistics in terms of budget allocation for education and research was very discouraging.

Pakistan attained the status of nuclear power due to efforts Dr Abdul Qadir Khan and Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto and continuation of nuclear power programme. He said it was regrettable that Muslim countries had no contribution to the latest discoveries in educational sphere, and Pakistan stood after Turkey, Iran, Egypt and Malaysia in the current research scenario among the Muslim countries. He said our

governments had to take education on top priority for educational and national advancement. He said there was no lack of funds if education had been given its due preference with strong commitment, as the PU administration increased its budget from Rs 4 million to Rs 70 million for research which helped promote research culture and as a result the University improved its ranking. The Vice-Chancellor said it was also regrettable that Pakistan allocated only two percent of its GDP for education, and even this meager allocation was not spent in all for this purpose. He said the very first verse of the Holy Quran stressed on “Read” and even 750 verses of the Holy Quran impressed to explore universe for understanding of the world phenomena.

In his message, Dr Samar Mubarakmand said chemical engineering & technology were the leading domains responsible for the advancement of economic growth of any nation. He said in Pakistan, we were striving to improve the economy by exploiting the tremendous wealth of the country which was embedded in its large resources of coal, copper, gold, chromium and other metals.

The nation was very lucky to possess highly educated and trained manpower which could be diverted towards exploration of our natural resources for the betterment of the country's economy.

Dr Mubarakmand said whether it was the gasification of coal or the extraction of valuable metals from Ore, chemical engineering & metallurgy played the leading role. He expected the symposium would promote the exchange of latest ideas in chemical processing and metallurgical refinement techniques among the participants. He said our country badly needed a contribution from the engineers and scientists to develop and refine the processes for conversion of coal gas to diesel and the separation of copper, gold, silver and cobalt from Ore through efficient means. The ultimate objective of this development effort should be to design and construct commercial plants later on with the help of the industry. Director ICET Dr Zahoor-ul-Hassan, in his opening remarks, said the objective of the symposium was to create awareness among students about the latest research in the fields of chemical sciences and develop a bond among the research groups.

Later, the Vice-Chancellor gave away shields to participants of the symposium, and Director ICET Dr Zahoor-ul-Hassan presented shield to Vice-Chancellor Dr Mujahid Kamran. Researchers of academic and research institutes of the country presented as many as 16 research papers in two sessions during the symposium.

Workshop at Applied Psychology

Punjab University Department of Applied Psychology organized a four-day workshop on “Diagnosis, Assessment, Intervention Strategies and Management of Autism”. Dean Faculty of Humanities Karakoram International University Gilgit and a registered psychologist (Developmental and Counselling) at the University of Queensland, Australia Prof Dr Jill Taylor conducted the workshop. The workshop not only enabled MPhil and PhD students to enhance their professional knowledge but also provided opportunity to the faculty members, professionals

and participants to better understand autism spectrum disorders and mechanisms to deal with autistic individuals. Vice-Chancellor Karakoram International University Prof Dr Najma Najam distributed certificates among the participants with the Chairperson Department of Applied Psychology Prof Dr Rukhsana Kausar. Earlier, the Department also organized a two-day workshop on “Neuro-Linguistic Programming (NLP)” which was conducted by Lord Dr Shaukat Nawaz Khan, Chairperson British Pakistani Foundation (UK) and Dr Saman Hassan, faculty member at Ottawa University, Northwood and University of the Phoenix (USA).



Group of students supporting their teams during Annual Sports 2011



Students of Hailey College of Commerce presenting sketch during graduation ceremony 2010



Students of IER during exhibition



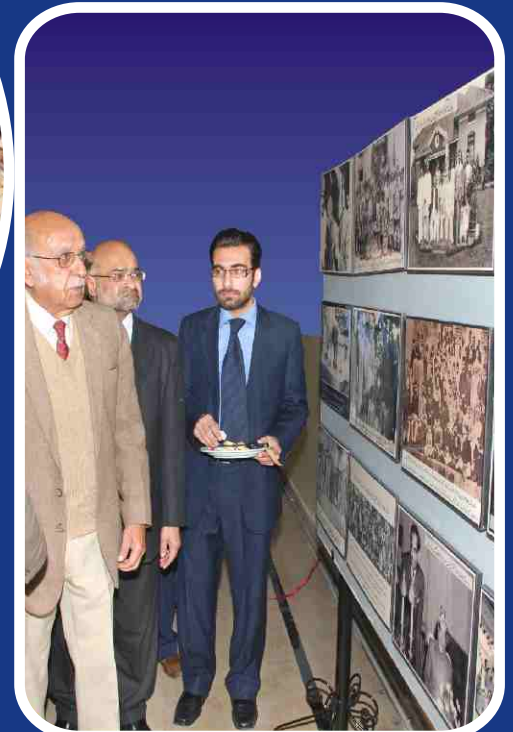
Vice-Chancellor Dr Mujahid Kamran presenting trophy to winners of Sports Gala at Department of Applied Psychology



Rahat Naveed Masud's painting exhibition



Principal PUCAD Dr Rahat Naveed Masud with Rotary Club delegation



Dr Mujahid Kamran and others visit photographic exhibition during seminar on Maulana Zafar Ali Khan at ICS.

PU VC with Lord Nazir Ahmad



PU Allama Iqbal Campus



Students presenting sketch at IBIT spring festival



Participants of Mir Taqi Mir seminar

Student conducting research in a lab at MMG department



Director External Linkages Ms. Maria Maldonado inaugurating new committee room at Department of Applied Psychology



Students present Punjabi culture during spring festival at IBIT

Al-Khwarizmi lecture theatre opened at PUCIT

Punjab University College of Information Technology arranged a reception for the newly-admitted students of Fall 2010 on Friday, Jan 28. PU Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Mujahid Kamran was the chief guest while College Principal Prof Dr Syed Mansoor Sarwar, Advisor Student Affairs Prof Iftikhar Ahmad Chaudhry, Advisor to VC Col Ikramullah Khan, Director External Linkages Maria Maldonado, faculty members and a large number of students were present on the occasion.

The Vice-Chancellor also inaugurated the Al-Khwarizmi Lecture Theatre, having the sitting capacity of 64 students, which is a worthy addition to the buildings of the historic Old Campus.

Dr Syed Mansoor Sarwar gave a warm welcome to the newcomers. He told the students that studying in university was very different from studying in a college.



SEMINAR

‘Education must be taken as matter of life and death’



Punjab University Law College organized a seminar on “Right to Education: Legal Implications in Pakistan (A brief session in context of 18th Amendment)” on Wednesday, February 23. Dean Faculty of

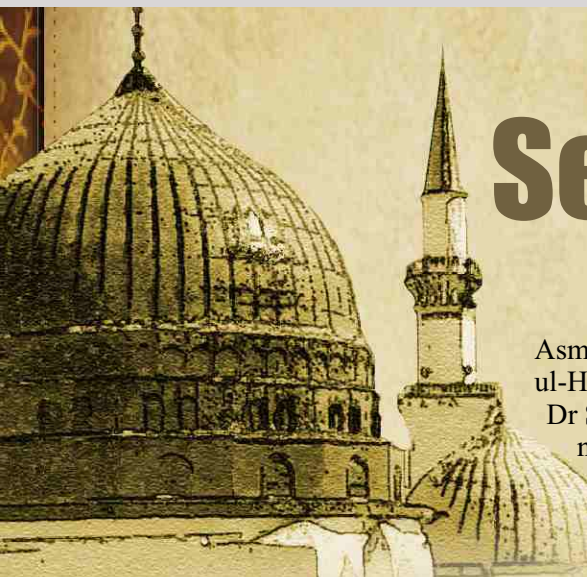
Law Prof Dr M Ehsan Malik, Dean Faculty of Education Prof Dr Hafiz Muhammad Iqbal, Principal Law College Samee Ozair Khan, faculty members and a large number of students attended the seminar.

Speaking on the occasion, Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Mujahid Kamran said all the educational problems would have to be addressed on top priority and education must be taken as a matter of life and death. He said it was regrettable that Pakistan stood 187th in the world regarding lowest allocation of budget of its GDP to education sector. He said the quality of life was suffering due to lack of education and provision of education facilities would have to be given top importance for an honourable survival in the society. He said the world had been a battle field in the past, today and in future as well. “People must be aware of their rights to fight and encounter the challenges of modern world”, Dr Mujahid Kamran added. Prof Dr M Ehsan Malik said the two Es, education and economy, were compulsory for each other and education must be promoted for economic development of the country. Prof Dr Hafiz Muhammad Iqbal said we would have to play a collective role in promotion of education. He said Islam was the only religion that made education compulsory for all without any disparity. He said it was regrettable that the number of primary schools was getting reduced and 43 percent people of the society could neither write nor read their name. He said multiple education system was the major cause of disparity and social destruction.

VC inaugurates Seminar Room at Political Science Deptt

Punjab University Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Mujahid Kamran inaugurated the Seminar Room at the Department of Political Science on Tuesday March 8. Department Chairperson Prof Dr Umbreen Javed, renowned analyst Dr Hassan Askari Rizvi, faculty members and a large number of students were also present on the occasion.

Addressing the ceremony, Vice-Chancellor Dr Mujahid Kamran said that new facts would be revealed in the area of political science as many faculty members were doing their PhDs in various subjects, which would help improve the standard of education. He said the PU had the honour that it produced renowned personalities including Dr Hassan Askari and he was an asset for the Department. He advised the students to adopt the habit of study and keep a summary of all important topics in their minds to compete any competition. Dr Mujahid Kamran congratulated Dr Umbreen Javed on construction of airy and spacious seminar room in the department and said it would help polish the students' capabilities. Dr Hassan Askari Rizvi said he was very happy to address the students after a period of 10 years in this department. He said teachers and students were great assets of any educational institution and both stakeholders play pivotal role in institution and country's development. The students, after getting education, earn fame for their institute in their practical lives due to their hardwork. Dr Umbreen Javed thanked Vice-Chancellor for his personal cooperation in construction of the seminar room and briefed about the academic and developmental activities of the department.



(PBUH) Seerat-un-Nabi

Asmatullah Zahid, Prof Dr Fakhar-ul-Haq Noori, professor emeritus Dr Syed Akram Shah, and a large number of faculty members and students were also present on the occasion.

Addressing on the occasion, VC Dr Mujahid Kamran said there was much need to act upon the teachings of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) in the present era as compared to past, because today man has made such dangerous weapons which can destroy the whole world. Therefore we should act upon the teachings of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) and impose them in our lives fully, he added. He appreciated that Punjabi department had the honour to first

organize seminar on Seerat-un-Nabi (PBUH). The VC said such seminars helped cleans our hearts. Principal Oriental College Dr Mazhar Moeen said the real requirement of Prophet's (PBUH) love was to convey his teachings to others. He said there should be the book of Hadith in every house. Dr Moeen said the society was getting down morally because of not following their teachings.

Maulana Mufti Muhammad Ramzan said the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) was the blessing for all of us and that's why He helped even the non-Muslims and treated them politely. He said our life was incomplete without acting upon the teachings of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

Punjab University Punjabi Department organized a one-day seminar on Seerat-un-Nabi (PBUH) in the Sherani Hall of Allama Iqbal (Old) Campus on Wednesday March 2. Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Mujahid Kamran presided over the seminar while Khateeb Jamia Mosque Data Darbar Maulana Mufti Muhammad Ramzan was the chief guest. Prof Dr M Saleem Mazhar, Prof Dr Mazhar Moeen, Prof Dr



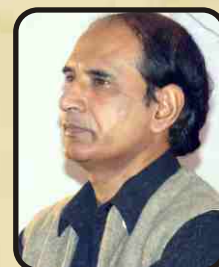
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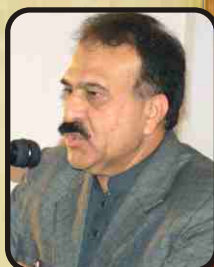
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Dr Mazhar Moeen



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EXTRA CURRICULAR

S.T.C. holds quiz competition

Punjab University Student Teacher Centre (STC) organized inter-departmental Seerat-un-Nabi (PBUH) quiz competition in the Al-Raazi Hall of Centre for Undergraduate Studies on Wednesday March 2. Advisor Student Affairs Iftikhar Ahmad Chaudhry was the chief guest on the occasion.

As many as 22 teams of various department participated in the

competition. Habiba Ramzan and Aqsa Tariq of Physics Department won first prize of Rs 10,000/-, Sajjad Ahmad and Ashraf Hussain of School of Biological Sciences won second prize of Rs 7,000/- while Abu Bakar and Jahangir Iqbal of University Law College bagged third prize of Rs 5,000/-. Later Iftikhar Ahmad Chaudhry distributed the prizes among the winning teams.

W Gala



Punjab University Department of Gender Studies Chairperson Prof Dr Samar Fatima led a walk, in connection with International Women's Day, here at New Campus on Tuesday March 8.

The walk, started from the department, concluded in front of VC Office with participation of faculty members including Raana Malik, Sadia Akbar, Faiza, Nadia and a large number of students. Addressing the participants of the walk, Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Mujahid Kamran said the importance of educating the women was neglected in

the past because of which they were unaware of their rights.

But now girls are more conscious and this year nearly 63 percent girls got admission in the Punjab University on open merit, as compared to the previous year, he added.

The Vice-Chancellor said female students should come forward in every field of education for their rights.

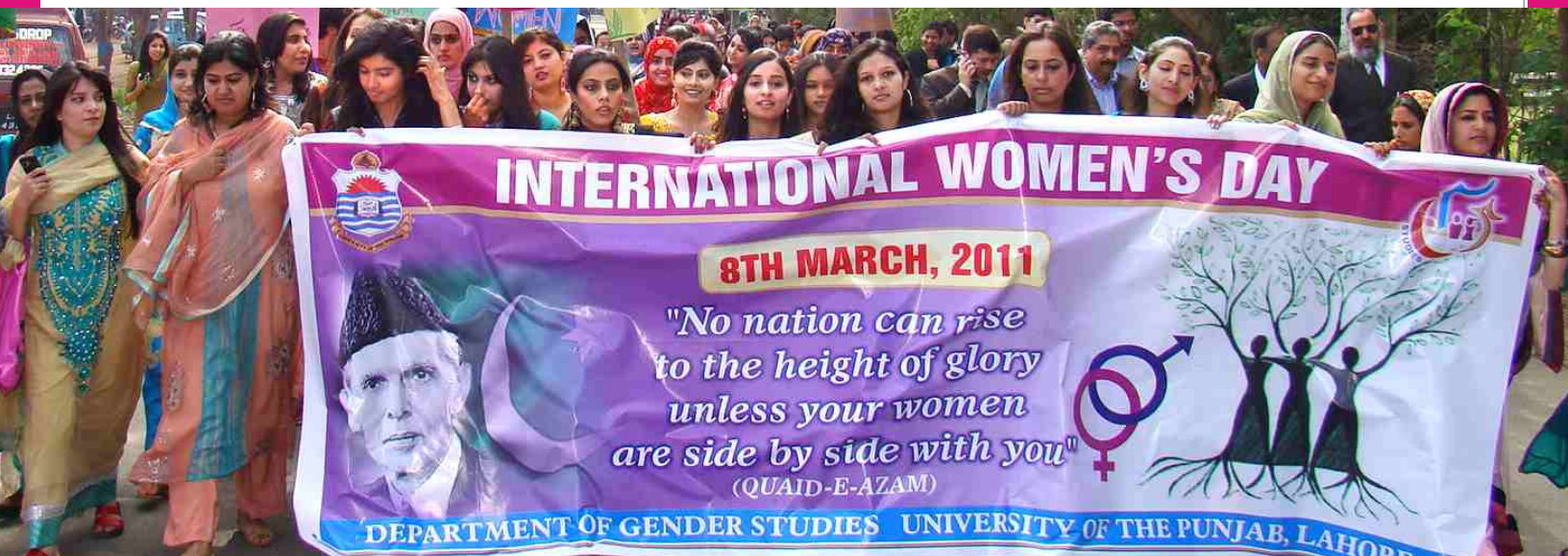
He said economic freedom was the real freedom and women should get education to be independent in real meaning.

He said it was regrettable that 51

percent of the population is not playing its due role in national development which would lead to social problems.

He revealed that three PU female students were a part of Bigbang research team, which is an honour for the varsity. He said female students are talented and have ability to excel and they should utilize their skills not only to become professionals but good mothers as well.

Later the Vice-Chancellor also inaugurated Women Gala at the department and visited various stalls of books, fabrics, jewellery, skin care, women awareness and others, put up by the students and NGOs.



| RESEARCH ROUND UP |

BA (Hons) student Ali Hassan presents research paper in int'l moot in India

Punjab University Department of Philosophy BA (Hons) student Ali Hassan Raza presented his research paper on "Some Essential Principles of Writing Sirah on Prophet (Peace Be Upon Him)" in international conference on "Sirah in World Literature." Conference was organized by Shibli National College, Azamgarh, India from February 26-27. Ali Hassan Raza was only student from Pakistan who participated in the conference which was attended by eminent scholars from Islamic world.



Dr Saeed presents paper in int'l conference in Malaysia

Punjab University Hailey College of Banking & Finance (HCBF) Principal Prof Dr Khawaja Amjad Saeed has presented his paper entitled "Understanding Asian Perspective on Leadership: Western Theories & Divine Guidance" in the 1st academic international conference on 'Exploring Leadership and Learning Theories in Asia (ELLTA 2011)' held in Penang (Malaysia). Dr Amjad Saeed concluded the paper with the plea that interfaith dialogue must continue and all of us must explore and seek divine guidance to pave the way for sound leadership to serve the society and ensure prosperity across the board to narrow the gap between haves and have nots.

Moreover, Dr Khawaja Amjad Saeed presented his paper "Economic Development: A Case Study from Pakistan" in international conference on Business & Economic Society in January. The conference was organized by St. Thomas, Virgin Islands, USA in which scholars from several countries and four subcontinents including Australia, Asia, Europe and North America participated. Dr Amjad Saeed's paper presented five stages of economic development in the world including the latest namely 'New Economy.' The conference ended with a firm determination that year 2011 should see stabilization and sustainability in the world and prosperity for people across the board for substantial reduction in poverty and promotion of employment openings in business and economic activities throughout the world.

Moreover, he also presented his paper "The Challenges and Prospects of Islamic Banking in Pakistan" in an international conference on Islamic Business & Finance.

The conference was organized by Riphah Centre of Islamic Business, Riphah International University Islamabad at the National Institute of Banking and Finance (NIBAF), Islamabad. In his paper, Dr Amjad Saeed presented brief analysis of Islamic banking-inretrospect in Pakistan, growth of Islamic banks in Pakistan, IBIs deposits and financing, IBIs investments, and selected performance indicator and future prospects.

Dr Nadeem Sheikh presents research papers in Germany, Thailand

Punjab University Department of Zoology Assistant Professor Dr. Nadeem Sheikh has presented his research papers in international conferences held in Regensburg Germany and Bangkok Thailand.

Dr. Nadeem was invited in 27th GASL conference organized by German Association for the Study of Liver, in which scholars from several European countries participated. Dr. Nadeem not only represented the PU but also Pakistan in the conference and was warmly welcomed by the conference organizing committee and the participants. Later, Dr. Nadeem presented his research in the conference held in Thailand, organized by Asian Pacific Association for the Study of the Liver (APASL), where more than 4000 participants from over 87 countries shared their work and exchanged the ideas. He presented his work on expression of iron regulatory proteins during liver injury. Dr. Nadeem acknowledged the role of Punjab University and Higher Education commission (HEC) and the funds for participation in the conferences.

Dr Tahseen presents paper in North Cyprus

Punjab University Department of Technology Education Chairperson Dr Tahseen Mahmood Aslam presented her paper titled "Impact of Entrepreneurship on Entrepreneurial Leadership Development Among Female University Students in Pakistan" in the 2nd international conference on "Small Business and Entrepreneurship." The conference was organized by Eastern Mediterranean University, Famagusta, North Cyprus.

38th commoners' visit



A 19-member delegation of 38th common training programme of federal civil servants visited the Punjab University on Monday, February 21. PU Registrar Prof Dr Muhammad Akhtar welcomed the delegation. Director Undergraduate Studies Dr Amir Ijaz, Director Institute of Biochemistry & Biotechnology (IBB) Prof Dr Amin Athar, former Controller of Examinations Dr Zahid Karim Khan, Resident Officer-I Javed Sami, Treasurer Dr Uzma Ikram, Advisor to Vice-Chancellor Col (r) Ikramullah Khan and Director External Linkages Maria Maldonado were also present.

Prof Dr Amin Athar briefed the delegation about the admission policy and criteria and apprised them of the four campuses, departments and constituent colleges of the

varsity. He also briefed the delegation regarding academic programmes. He said that strict merit and transparent system was ensured while admitting the students.

Dr Uzma Ikram, also the 21st commoner, told the civil servants that fee was not a source of income for the varsity and about 62 percent of the university expenditures are met through its own resources. She said more than 2,500 scholarships were being awarded to the needy students.

Dr Zahid Karim Khan said the PU was taking over 287 examinations and over 0.55 million students were being examined in a year.

The delegations, led by Additional Director Muhammad Farooq Ali, thanked the varsity administration and admired the varsity's academic progress.

Canadian university professor meets VC

University of Toronto, Canada's Prof Dr Mounir G. Abou Haider visited the Punjab University and met Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Mujahid Kamran on Saturday, February 19, in which issues of mutual interests were discussed.

The Vice-Chancellor briefed Dr Haider about the academic and research projects being carried out at the PU. Mounir G Haider appreciated the measures being taken in the academic and research works and said the PU had been carrying out research on right lines and collaboration could be developed with the PU in other disciplines as well.

Punjab University's Institute of Mycology & Plant Pathology and University of Toronto have been working on a research project of a cotton virus and Dr Mounir G Abou Haider was on tour to Pakistan in this regard. Acting Director IMPP Dr Saleem Haider was also present in the meeting.

Lord Nazir Ahmed calls on Dr Mujahid Kamran

Member British research promotion and House of Lords, huge funds have been allocated for this purpose. Lord Nazir Ahmed, also Chancellor of a UK university, called on Punjab University Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Mujahid Kamran at VC House on Saturday Feb 26, and discussed with him academic and research collaboration in the areas of mutual interest. The Vice-Chancellor briefed Lord Nazir Ahmed about the ongoing academic and research projects of the varsity and said the special focus is being made on

He said the incumbent administration's measures had improved the varsity ranking and now the PU had earned 4th position in the HEC recent ranking issued. Lord Nazir Ahmed appreciated the role of Punjab University in promotion of quality higher education. He also congratulated Dr Mujahid Kamran on PU's 4th position in HEC ranking among the Pakistani universities.

Executive Director ICP USA Susan E. Stroud visits



Executive Director Innovations in Civic Participation (ICP) Susan E. Stroud, accompanied by Cultural Attache US Consulate Lahore Mark Hibert called on Punjab University Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Mujahid Kamran at his office on Friday, January 21. She represented the The Tallories Network in USA, which is an international collective of individuals and institutions committed to promoting civic role and social responsibilities of higher education. In September 2005 when 29 Presidents, Rectors and Vice-Chancellors from 23 countries gathered at the Tufts University European Center in Talloires, France, for the first international gathering of heads of higher education institutions devoted to strengthening the civic role and social responsibilities of higher education. They drafted the Talloires Declaration, a consensus vision for the direction of civic engagement in higher education.

Dr Usman Awan wins “HEC Best Research Paper Award”

Punjab University Institute of Quality & Technology Management (IQTM) faculty member Dr Muhammad Usman Awan's research paper entitled “Development of a Service Quality Scale for Pharmaceutical Supply Chains” has been awarded “HEC Best Research Paper” in the category of Management Sciences. While congratulating Dr Usman Awan on this brilliant success, Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Mujahid Kamran has said this achievement has earned fame to the varsity. He hoped that this award would help encourage other faculty members to contribute quality research to enhance their teaching skills. It is noteworthy that over 300 research papers were received to the Higher Education Commission (HEC) in five categories and Dr Usman's paper was placed the best paper in Management Sciences category which was co-authored by Prof Dr Abdul Rauf, Prof Dr Niaz Ahmad and Prof Dr Leigh Sparks (University of Stirling).



Dr Nadeem appointed visiting Associate Professor at German varsity

Punjab University Faculty member Dr Nadeem Sheikh achieved an international honor for the University of the Punjab as he has been appointed visiting associate professor by the University of Medicine, Goettingen (UMG) Germany. Dr Nadeem has established collaboration with the UMG and signed an MOU with the university. He has established a joint research group with the German collaborators Prof. Dr. G. Ramadori and Dr. Ihtzaz A. Malik and sent 5 scholars for their PhDs in UMG on his personal recommendations. So far, two scholars have completed their PhDs and 3 are working to earn their PhDs. He is working on different projects of the UMG and his services are acknowledged by this appointment.



American Society of Hematology admires Pakistani Scholars

American Society of Hematology (ASH) praised the Pakistani scientist for their immense contribution in the field of Leukemia during its Annual meeting held in Denver, USA. Prof Dr Tanveer Akhtar while sharing her experiences of the meeting with the reporters said that her research gave a thought to the renowned scholars that Pakistani scientists have a lot of potential to fetch and discover in this particular field of Cancer. But the paucity of funds and a bit more of research atmosphere arise them to do more as compared to the developed countries. She said that almost 12 PhD's were in effort to prove their skills and giving their best through utilizing the sources what they have in their hands. This group of scientists is also working in the collaboration of Canada, Germany, USA and China in the field of Leukaemia. While admiring the research work of Dr Zafar Iqbal who has done his PhD under her supervision, she said that he had played a vital role in this research. It is pertinent to mention here that besides working at King Khalid University Hospital (KKUH), Riyadh, KSA, Dr Zafar Iqbal is also providing his services for the project funded by the Higher Education Commission in the field of Leukaemia. The research work of Leukaemia so far been done by these scholars have also been recognized and awarded by American Associates for Cancer Research (AACR) consecutively in 2009-10.

Dr Qadir & Dr Shahida's papers win second prize in National Seerat Conference

Punjab University Faculty of Islamic Studies' faculty members, Dr Hameedullah Abdul Qadir (Associate Professor) and Dr Hafiza Shahida Parveen (Lecturer)'s papers on “Taleem-o-Tarbiyat Mein Hum Ahangi-Taaleemat-e-Nabwi (PBUH) Ki Roshni Mein”, won second prize in National Seerat Conference organized by Federal Ministry of Religious Affairs this year. It is worth mentioning here that both the faculty members have been winning prizes in Seerat Conferences in previous years. Dr Hameedullah Abdul Qadir won first and second prizes in Punjab in the year 2004, 2007 and 2008, while Dr Hafiza Shahida Parveen has been continuously winning first or second prize since 2003.



Team trophy bagged at FJWU

Punjab University students' team won team trophy in All Pakistan Universities competition held at Fatima Jinnah Women University (FJWU) Rawalpindi from March 8-10, by grabbing 6 first and 6 second positions.

In Qiraat Hafiz Tayyab of Institute of Communication Studies (ICS), in painting Kanwal Aziz of College of Art & Design, in photograph (black & white) Sehar Arif of College of Art & Design, in documentary film Syed Asim Zubair and Qurat-ul-Ain of ICS, in Urdu debate Syed Ghulam Mohayy-ud-Din of ICS and in singing Hasnain Javed of Hailey College of Commerce clinched first positions. While in mashaira ghazal Shama Hanif of Hailey College of Commerce, in Naat Syed Ghulam Mohayy-ud-Din of ICS, in ghazal Hasnain Javed of Hailey College of Commerce, in photo essay Sehar Arif of College of Art & Design, and in general quiz Naila Rafique and Syed Ghulam Mohayy-ud-Din of ICS bagged second positions.

Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Mujahid Kamran has congratulated the winning students, Advisor Student Affairs Iftikhar Ahmad Chaudhry and Deputy Advisor Muhammad Zubair Akram on this brilliant achievement. As many as, students' teams from 15 universities including Quaid-e-Azam University Islamabad, Gomal University DI Khan, International University Islamabad, BZU Multan and Pehswar University, participated in the competitions.

Students excel in 'IEEE Week 2011' at FAST

PU Department of Electrical Engineering students excelled in the "IEEE Week 2011" held at FAST University, Lahore. The department students, in Circuit Schematics Muhammad Azeem and Mah Zaib, in Money Stacking (quiz) Muhammad Azeem Javed, in Geek Wars (progh and quiz) Muhammad Azeem, Mah Zaib and Muhammad Abdul Basit won first positions, while in Microprogramming Muhammad Azeem and Mah Zaib and in Money Stacking (auiz) Muhammad Abdul Basit won second positions. Umar Farooq was the supervisor of the students in the contest.

2nd position in French competition

Punjab University Department of French Language & Literature's students excelled in a 'French Talent Competition' (3rd concours de jeunes talents francophones) held at the International School of Choueifat. The students bagged 2nd position each in creativity and performance categories and earned a special prize from the director for Best Participation in the Competition. The audience highly appreciated the performance of PU students. The students included Javeria Khan & Mahnoor Yawar of MA French Part-II, and Bisma Saleem, Zil-e-Ayesha and Hafiz Rehan of Part-I.

'Best Team Award' at FAST

Punjab University team comprising 45 students won the "Best Team" award at "Tamasha 2011" programme held at FAST National University Islamabad and defended its title successfully. The title of this year's competitions was "Re-brand Pakistan." PU students clinched 9 first, 7 second and 4 third positions.

Speech, *sufiyana kalam*, sketching, painting, calligraphy, fiction, essay writing, drama, debate, documentary etc were features of this year's competitions. As many as 20 universities including FC College University, Gomal Univeristy D.I.Khan, Peshawar University, UET, Gujrat University, International Islamic University, FAST National University Karachi & Lahore participated in the competitions. PU Deputy Advisor Student Affairs M. Zubair Akram lead the team while M. Mansha Zahid and Abdul Qadir assisted. Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Mujahid Kamran has congratulated Advisor Student Affairs Iftikhar Ahmad Chaudhry, Deputy Advisor Zubair Akram and all the students and hoped that the students will keep this tradition in future and earn fame for the varsity.

PUCAD students clinch award in Media Festival 2011 at GIKI

PU College of Art & Design's (PUCAD) students won six awards, out of nine categories, in the "Media Festival 2011" held at Ghulam Ishaq Khan Institute (GIKI). In Animation, college students Ali Raza and Usman Tariq, in Punjabi Dubbing Usman Altaf, Rai Shahzad, Saad Iqbal and Ameer Hamza, in Onspot Photography Umar Daraz, Hasnain Mahmood, Salar Anjum, Usman Tariq and Abdul Rehman, in Photo Essay Saad Iqbal, Ahmad Faraz and Rameez Haider won first positions, in Onspot Photography Sakandar Hayat and Ahmad Faraz won second position while Ameer Hamza, Muhammad Yvessa and Usman Altaf won position in Music Fuzic competition.

Team trophy at Qiraat, Naat, Urdu & Punjabi debate contests

PU students won team trophy in All Pakistan Qiraat, Naat, Urdu and Punjabi debate contests held at Government College Township Lahore from February 28 to March 2. From PU, Muhammad Tayyat Bin Ibn-e-Ali, Asif Munir, Waseem Afzal Kahloon, Tayyab Hussain, Syed Israr-ul-Hassan and Wahab Ahmad participated in the competitions.

Second position in All Pakistan Science Fair at GIKI

A 5-member students' team of PU Department of Space Science bagged second position, in quiz category, in '12th All Pakistan Science Fair-2011.' The event was organized by Ghulam Ishaq Khan Institute of Engineering Sciences & Technology (GIKIEST) from February 18-20 in which more than 100 teams from all over Pakistan took part. The PU students include Syed Roshan Ali Shah, Zia-ul-Mustafa and Muhammad Luqman.

MBA 1.5 3rd semester wins IBA sports gala



The concluding and prize distribution ceremony of 5-day sports gala of Institute of Business Administration held on Friday March 4. MBA 1.5 third semester bagged first place by securing maximum points. PU Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Mujahid Kamran was the chief guest while Director Prof Dr Muhammad Ehsan Malik, teachers and students were also present on the occasion.

Speaking on the occasion VC Dr Mujahid Kamran said that IBA provided the real environment which a varsity should possess and the sportsmanship of the students who joined here on merit remained always very high. He said that Dr Ehsan was sensitive and responsible man who took special care of his students, teachers as well as employees.

Dr Ehsan thanked the Vice-Chancellor for providing facilities to arrange such successful sports gala.

In these 5-days sports gala Aima Khan and Muhammad Haris won badminton single, Mariam Ghafoor, Anum and Mian Sohaib and Saad Qureshi won the double event of badminton.

In table tennis Iram Ammar and Muhammad Haris Khan won single event while Fatima Ali, Zahra Raza and Mahfooz and Nauman Ali won double event of table tennis. Cricket was won by B09 (girls) captain Toba and B07A (boys) captain Hassan Ikram, Carom was won by Qirrat Swaba, Amber and Prof Zeeshan and M Kamran,

Tug of war was won by the teams of Arsa and Nauman, 100 meter race was won by Masooma Batool, Azeem, Rally Race by Ayesha, Fatima, Anum, Asima, Azeem, Spoon Race by Nida Tabbasum, Zeeshan, Sack Race by Fatima, Amjad Ali, Three Leg Race by Aini, Saima, Ali Raza, Mobeen, Back Race by Amina Tariq, Hasan Riaz, Video Game by Usman, Football by team of Moazam and in Ludoo competition disabled student Khalil won first position while Hamid remained second. The team securing over all first position got cash prize of 35 thousand and the runner up of BBA07 got cash prize of 25 thousand rupees.



Ummah urged to follow the role model



Punjab University Student Teacher Centre (STC) organized a ceremony titled “Hubb-e-Rasool (PBUH) Aur Is Kay Taqazay”, in connection with Seerat-un-Nabi (PBUH), on Thursday March 10, in the Faisal Auditorium.

Religious scholar Maulana Tariq Jamil delivered his keynote address. Acting Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Javed Ahmed presided over the ceremony while Advisor Students Affairs Ch. Iftikhar Ahmad hosted the event. Over ten thousand people were present on the occasion.

Maulana Tariq Jamil said Muslims had to take decisions to change their lives to make education a priority and for the glory of Allah and Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH).

He stressed the need to bring changes to the lives following the life of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), seek education and build character on highly moral grounds. He said we had to adopt the pious life of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) in our routine matters. He said to get love of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) we should avoid speaking ill-words and be polite and humble. He added man came to the world as ignorant and one should get knowledge to get rid of ignorance and the largest knowledge is of Almighty Allah. “Allah’s orders are perfect without any doubt,” he asserted. The holy Quran is sent not only to be read but to be

understood. The Almighty Allah Himself had expressed the love with the greatest personality of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) in the Holy Quran and the qualities of all Prophets are present in Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). “To abide by the teachings of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) will save us from the fire of hell. Therefore the younger generation should follow the orders of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and avoid the materialistic world,” he expressed. He stressed the students to get education so that they could avoid the slavery of the West. He advised the students to behave well with parents which is fortunate for them because only those can feel their absence who don’t have the blessing. Later, Maulana Tariq Jamil offered *Dua* for the wellness of society and solidarity of the county. Earlier in his presidential address, Prof Dr Javed Ahmed, welcoming the guest, said a new history was going to be written with the address of Maulana Tariq Jamil. He hoped the address of Tariq Jamil would prove a light of guidance for students, teachers and employees of the varsity. Advisor Student Affairs Iftikhar Ahmad Chaudhry said Maulan Tariq Jamil had been playing pivotal role in promotion of Islam. Renowned Naat Khawan Hafiz Marghoob Ahmad Hamdani recited *Naat* on the occasion while Oriental College Principal Prof Dr Mazhar Moeen narrated some Hadiths on the occasion.

