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TEACHERS should play their role to eliminate hateful speech in the country, promote the culture of tolerance and build qualities of a good character among students.

This was addressed by Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman while presiding over the 359th meeting of the Punjab University Senate at Senate Hall, Old Campus.

The Chancellor said that there is a need to focus on character building and training of students along with imparting quality education. He expressed, "the youth has to be advised that they have to adopt honesty, ethics and truth in every field of life" He expressed that we should highlight good things of each other instead of pointing out bad things.

He added that hate speech is not allowed anywhere in the world, but our young generation has been given the wrong impression in some aspects of life that they are right and all others are wrong. He stressed that the culture of tolerance should be promoted among the youth and they should be taught to respect difference of opinion. ■

PU VC advocates against plastic usage

PUNJAB University Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood has said that the use of plastic must be abandoned to deal with the challenges of climate change being faced by the world.

He was addressing a seminar organized by Punjab University College of Earth and Environmental Sciences in collaboration with GIZ Pakistan on 'World Environment Day'.

He said that everyone has to play a role for systematic awareness campaign, legislation and policy making to control pollution caused by plastic.

In his address, Dr Khalid Mahmood said that the recent QS ranking is a source of pride not only for the college but also for PU. He stated "this success is also the indication of top management commitment for the sake of provision of quality education to the students at affordable price." ■



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Editorial Note

PUNJAB Governor and Chancellor University of the Punjab has urged varsity teachers to help control hate speech and inculcate tolerance in youth through their character building. He also emphasized upon the training of students, which is a missing element in the competitive culture of getting good grades instead of getting good training in our higher education institutions.

The chancellor highlighted this issue while addressing the Senate members of the university. This is a fact that along with education, training of the youth is a must to make them civilized citizens who can contribute positively in the society and nation building.

The students who only focus on

earning good grades often remain unable to prove their skills while working as team members in their professional life. Also, while leading a team, the quality of being tolerant, and well trained socially works a lot to best utilize the human resource.

Punjab University, being the largest varsity of the country with 52,000 on-campus students, provides a huge platform of co-curricular and extra-curricular activities where youth not only socialize but work as team members to achieve various tasks. PU Student-Teacher-Center (STC), Hall Council, student advisers, wardens and superintendents and teachers work collectively and individually for the training and character-building of the students. ■

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Significant jump in PU QS Ranking

PUNJAB University has been ranked in 741-750 category of world Universities by the prestigious and widely accepted QS ranking.

The Vice Chancellor, Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood, has congratulated PU faculty members, staff and students for this notable success.

He stated that this success is also the indication of top management commitment for the sake of provision of quality education to the students at affordable price.

In June 2018, dedicated ranking committee was constituted by then VC, Dr Niaz Ahmad Akhtar, to focus on PU ranking and since then PU has significantly increased its international ranking. Dr Khalid Mahmood also appreciated the work done by newly reconstituted Ranking Committee's Chairman, Prof Dr Muhammad Usman Awan and Secretary Prof Dr Shafiq-ur-Rehman. Chairman Ranking Committee Dr Muhammad Usman Awan stated that if reasonable budget is provided to the PU faculty and students for research, PU has full capacity to lead the nation in unique areas like energy, agriculture, information technology, artificial intelligence, quality standards for trade enhancement etc.

Dr Usman also mentioned that how integration of faculty research areas, advanced studies & research board proceedings and controller of examinations PhD office data will facilitate researchers in identifying potential areas and partners of research as per Pakistan's social and cultured needs. ■

Overall Results

University of the Punjab

Overall Rank
741-750

Rankings trend

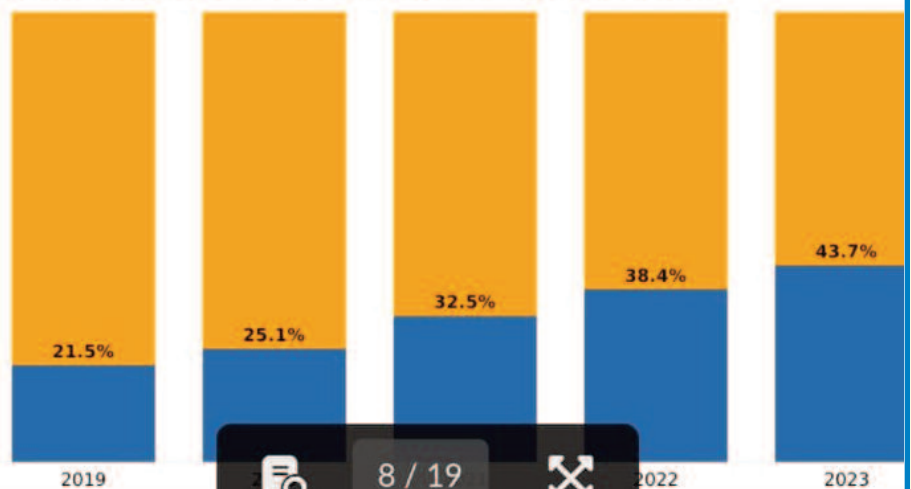
Showing published rank

801-1000	801-1000	801-1000	801-1000	801-1000
2019	2020	2021	2022	2023

Top 50%

In the 2024 edition, the institution performed among the Top 50% in the QS World University Rankings.

Percentage of institutions surpassed in terms of rank



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2024 QS World University Rankings
University of the Punjab

A graphical representation of PU ranking.



Dr Muhammad Saleem Haider presents souvenir to Hafiz Mian Muhammad Nauman.

PU FAS organizes awareness seminar on food

PUNJAB University Faculty of Agricultural Sciences has organized an awareness seminar on 'Super foods: The food and medicine of future' in its seminar room.

Chairman LESCO and former Minister Hafiz Mian Muhammad Nauman, Dean Faculty of Agricultural Sciences Prof Dr Muhammad Saleem Haider, Super foods expert Dr Shahzad Ahmad Basra, faculty members and a large number of students were present.

In his address, Hafiz Nauman said that awareness regarding super foods is need of the hour for good health. He lauded the efforts of Punjab University Faculty of Agricultural Sciences for promoting super foods. He also visited the food stalls which were set up by the students. In his keynote address, Dr Shahzad shed light on

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Chairman LESCO

the scientific evidence supporting the positive impact of super foods on overall health and well-being. He provided practical tips on how to incorporate super foods into their daily meals.

Dr Muhammad Saleem Haider expressed his deepest appreciation to the distinguished speakers and experts who shared their knowledge and expertise in the seminar. He

thanked to the chief guest Hafiz Mian Muhammad Nauman for his presence. He also extended the gratitude to the organizing committee to arrange such seminar for the awareness seminar to promote super foods and health awareness and empowering individuals with knowledge is truly commendable. Renowned nutritionist Dr Zain also emphasized the role of super foods in combating chronic diseases and boosting the immune system.

The seminar also featured a live panel discussion, allowing participants to engage with experts and ask questions about the best ways to integrate super foods into their dietary routines. The seminar showcased an array of super foods including berries, quinoa, chia seeds, moringa and turmeric. On this occasion, the students prepared different dishes from super foods. ■



Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman presides over the 359th meeting of the Punjab University Senate at Senate Hall.

Governor urges teachers to play role against hate speech

GOVERNOR Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman has said that the teachers should play their role to eliminate hateful speech in the country, promote the culture of tolerance and build qualities of a good character among students.

He expressed these views while presiding over the 359th meeting of the Punjab University Senate at Senate Hall, Old Campus.

On this occasion, Punjab University Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood, Registrar Tasneem Kamran, Syndicate members, Heads of Departments and a large number of Professors were present.

Addressing the meeting, Muhammad Balighur Rehman said that there is a need to focus on character building and training of students along with imparting quality education. He said that the youth has to be advised that they have to adopt honesty, ethics and truth in every field of life. He expressed that we should highlight good things of each other instead of pointing out bad things.

He added that hate speech is not allowed anywhere in the world, but our young generation has been given the wrong impression in some aspects of life that they are right and all others are wrong. He stressed that the culture of tolerance should be promoted among the youth and they should be taught to



Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman sits on the satge with PU VC Dr. Khalid Mehmoood.

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Muhammad Balighur Rehman

respect difference of opinion.

He vowed that due to the promotion of hate politics, the children went so far that they desecrated the memorials of martyrs who got Nishan Haider, sacrificed their lives for our

beloved homeland and shouted hateful slogans against the opponents even in a holy city like Madina. He said that this is a tool of the enemies of the country to spread disappointment among in the next generation.

He advised that social media must be used with immense care and one should verify facts before forwarding any post. He said that Punjab University was the biggest and oldest university in the region where more steps should be taken to promote quality education. He highlighted that for the development of any institution, its merits and demerits should be known so that matters can be improved.

He said that universities have to adopt various measures to deal with their financial problems. He also instructed the Punjab



PU Senate members listen to national Anthem.



Senate members attend 359th meeting of the Punjab University Senate.



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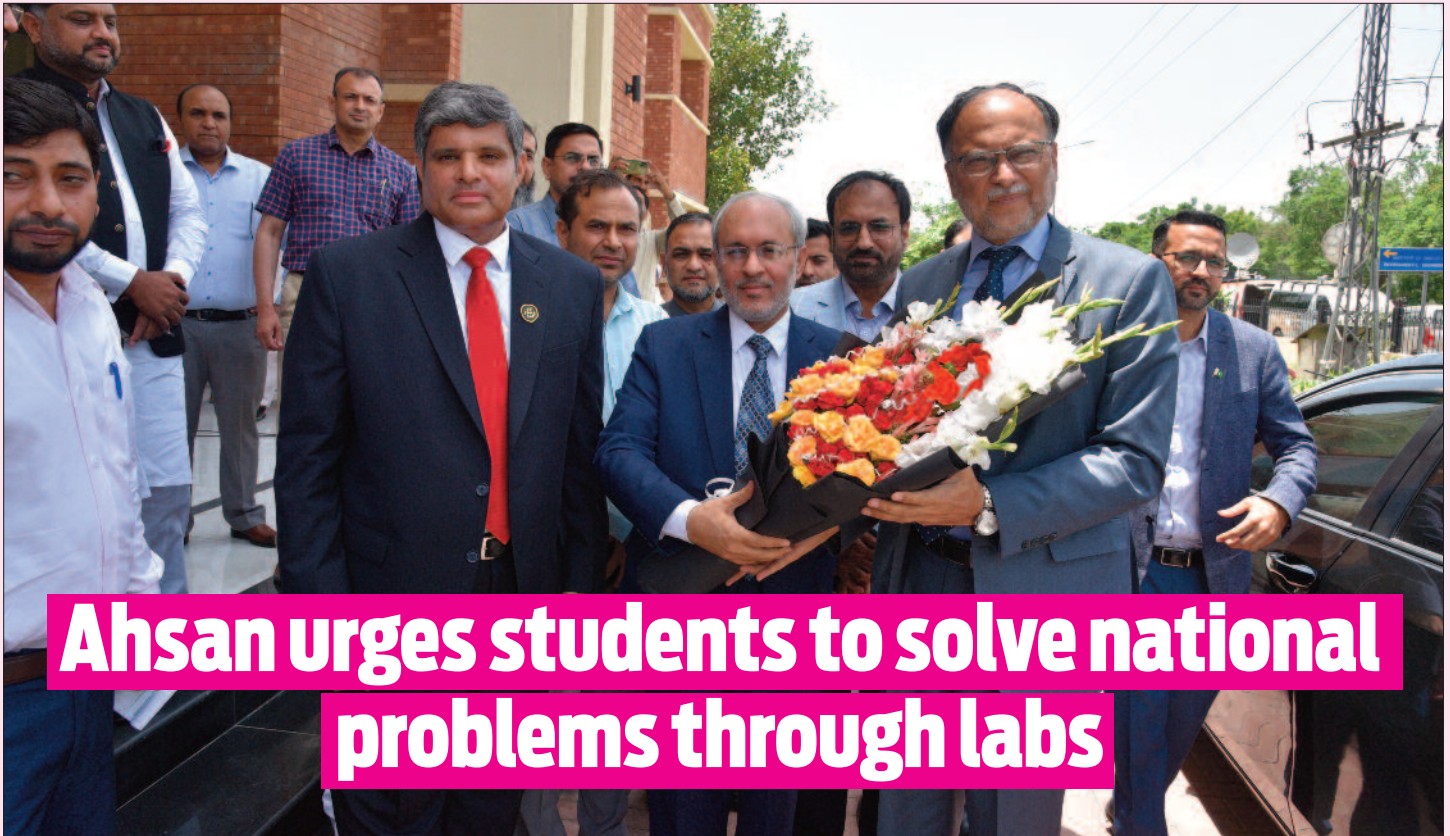
University administration to prepare a master plan. He said that the aim of the universities is to promote the creation of new knowledge and research for which faculty development program should be improved further.

He said that universities should establish Zakat fund for needy students. He shed light that the institutions should keep close contact with their alumni and their achievements should be celebrated at the official level. He said that alumni endowment fund should be established to provide scholarships to poor students.

Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Khalid Mehmood highlighted the ongoing educational, constructive and research activities in Punjab University. He said that

Punjab University gets 73% of its budget from its own resources and only 27% comes from the government. He said that Punjab University is currently facing financial problems for which funding is required from central and provincial governments. He said that despite such limited resources, Punjab University is providing quality education to its on-campus 52,000 students with excellent transport, internet and providing residential facilities to 8,500 students. He said that there are more than eleven hundred teachers at Punjab University and most of them have earned their PhDs from top universities. He said that Punjab University has moved from 232nd position to 140th position in QS Asia ranking in five years despite such limited

resources. He said that earlier three of our subjects were included in the global ranking initially but now their number has increased to 14 with the efforts of the administration and faculty members. He said that the role of Punjab University in the promotion of knowledge and literature is commendable and PU students have also been a part of Pakistan Movement under the leadership of Quaid-i-Azam. After discussion on various agenda items based on the recommendations of the Syndicate, the agenda items were approved with minor improvements. In the meeting, 15% special allowance was also approved for employees and teachers of Punjab University from grade 1 to grade 19. ■



Ahsan urges students to solve national problems through labs

PU VC Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood presents flowers to Federal Minister of Planning, Development Ahsan Iqbal.

FEDERAL Minister of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives Engr. Prof Ahsan Iqbal has said that the security and development of nations depends on knowledge and technology, for which the teachers and students of universities should help in solving Pakistan's national problems through laboratories.

He was addressing the inaugural ceremony of the new building of Punjab University Institute of Energy and Environmental Engineering.

On this occasion, Chairman Punjab Higher Education Commission Prof Dr Shahid Munir, PU VC Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood, Mir Chakar Khan Rind University of Technology DG Khan VC Dr Mahmood Saleem, Director IEEE Dr Hamid Sattar, faculty members and a large number of students were present.

In his address, Prof Ahsan Iqbal said that universities are centers of research and innovation that find solutions to problems. He said that due to the policies of the previous government, Pakistan has suffered an economic heart attack and if the situation is not changed in the future, the situation may become more dangerous.

He expressed that hate was spread through social media to divide the nation and the use of such language became common that even PhD scholars could not avoid it. "The bullet in my body is a reminder of the hatred and extremism that a party has spread," he said.

Ahsan Iqbal said that like a computer, the virus



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Ahsan Iqbal

Federal Minister of Planning, Development

of hatred also goes into the brain and becomes a pest for the society. He vowed that in the last few years, every section, including the youth, was incited for the politics of hatred.

He said that Pakistan needs development projects which were reduced a lot in the previous government and the current government is starting development projects again for the

development of Pakistan. He said that he went to Pasheen, Pasni and other such areas to inaugurate university campuses and development projects.

He expressed that in the previous regime, we had included energy, elimination of terrorism and economic reforms in our top priorities, this time five E's i.e. exports, E-Pakistan, equity, environmental and food security and energy will be our priority.

He further said that the digital revolution had come in the world, in the next ten years, many jobs will not be needed and they will be replaced by artificial intelligence and new opportunities. He expressed that educational institutions should play their dynamic role in the creation of new knowledge and promote research according to the needs of the industry. He said that teachers should update themselves and teach modern knowledge to the youth through faculty development program. He said that when the government came to power in 2013, there was an energy crisis in the country, there was terrorism and the economic situation was also worse than ever.

He explained that our government not only eradicated terrorism from the country, but



Dr Shahid Munir addresses the inaugural ceremony.

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Institute of Energy and
Environmental
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for higher education
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Dr Shahid Munir

added 11,000 megawatts to the power system to overcome the energy crisis and reduced load shedding to zero along with eliminating terrorism and especially, the life of Karachi, the city of lights, was restored. He said that our government introduced such an economic policy after which the world declared it a safe country for investment and the ambassadors of developed countries used to ask me for the investment of the companies of their countries.

He advised the youth not to let the shadow of prejudice fall on the mind which kills creativity. He said that he feels proud for Punjab University for the completion of the project approved by his previous government. He said that at present the country is standing at a crossroads and facing many challenges for which the nation needs seriousness so that together we can take the country forward.



Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood presents souvenir to Federal Minister of Planning, Development Ahsan Iqbal

Dr Shahid Munir said that seventeen billion dollars are being spent on importing diesel, furnace oil, LNG and RLNG, if the same money is spent on Pakistani energy projects, then there will be a good result for the economy. He said that the Institute of Energy and Environmental Engineering has the world's best laboratories for higher education and research. He said that two mega projects were completed in PU in the last 14 years and both of them have been completed due to the special efforts of Prof Ahsan Iqbal. He said that Pakistan is facing problems like climate change, for which the institute will provide support.

Dr Khalid Mahmood said that PU was

supported by the federal government in several projects. He said that with the support of the government, they are trying to give very affordable education to the poor students. He expressed that increasing the development funds of Higher Education Commission in the budget is a good initiative, but due to the increase in salaries by the federal government, the recurring budget of the HEC is not sufficient to bear the impact. Therefore, he added, the government must increase the recurring budget of HEC to bear the impact of increase in salaries. 'Most of our funding goes to salaries, pensions and research,' he said.

He thanked Ahsan Iqbal for his full cooperation in the completion of the project. ■

PU CRIL wins Prime Minister's National Innovation Award

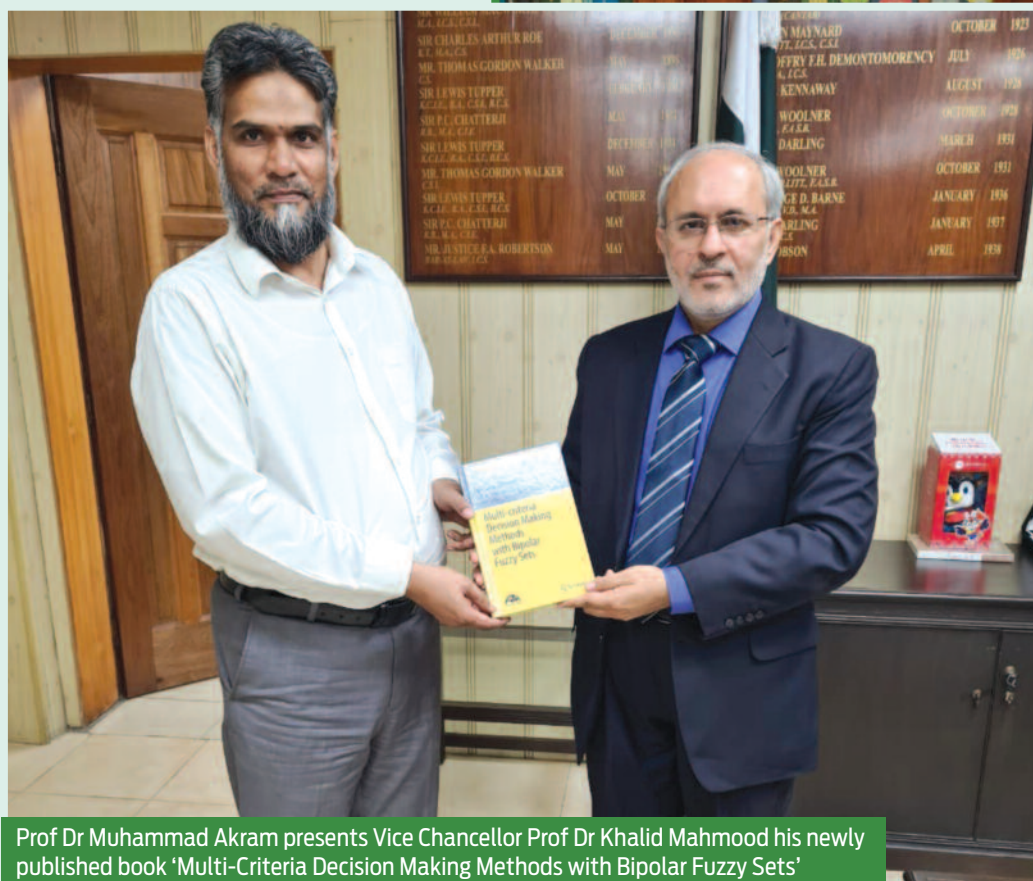


PUNJAB University School of Chemistry's Centre for Research in Ionic Liquids (CRIL) has achieved a matter of immense pride.

A team consisting of Dr Sadia Naz, a young entrepreneur, and recent PhD graduate, along with her supervisor and Director of CRIL, Dr. Maliha Uroos, has been awarded the prestigious Prime Minister National Innovation Award.

The award includes a cash prize of 0.5 million rupees and an additional 1 million rupees to establish a Startup Company. Out of a staggering total of 12,000 teams that applied for this national award from across Pakistan, only 256 teams were shortlisted to present their business ideas in front of a distinguished jury comprising investors, top researchers, and industrialists at NUST in Islamabad.

The CRIL team from Punjab University had the distinction of being the sole representative team shortlisted for the idea-pitching phase, making their achievement even more significant. This accolade will be crucial in aiding the team's endeavors to establish their



Prof Dr Muhammad Akram presents Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood his newly published book 'Multi-Criteria Decision Making Methods with Bipolar Fuzzy Sets'



PU VC presents innovation award to Dr Sadia Naz and Director of CRIL Dr. Maliha Uroos.

Spin-Off Company, ChemSolTech.

Their innovative technology, based on Ionic Liquids, enables the production of valuable bulk chemicals from agricultural waste. This not only promises substantial revenue generation but also creates employment opportunities for young researchers.

CRIL has already taken a commendable initiative to foster entrepreneurial skills in Chemistry Graduates by offering a one-year Post Graduate Diploma in "Chemistry and Entrepreneurship." This visionary program aims to equip graduates with the necessary skills and mindset to excel in the world of business. The team extended their heartfelt gratitude to the worthy Vice Chancellor of the University of Punjab for constant research and development support. They also expressed their utmost appreciation to the Prime Minister of Pakistan for his remarkable initiative in promoting an entrepreneurial culture among young innovators throughout the country. PU VC Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood has congratulated CRIL's team on this achievement.

Dr Akram's book published

Punjab University Department of Mathematics newly appointed Chairman Prof Dr Muhammad Akram called on Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood and presented his newly published book 'Multi-Criteria Decision Making Methods with Bipolar Fuzzy Sets' to him.

The monograph discusses the theoretical and practical development of multi-criteria decision making (MCDM). The main purpose of MCDM is the construction of systematized strategies for the Optimization of feasible options, as well as the justification of why some alternatives can be declared optimal.

Dr Khalid Mahmood congratulated Dr Akram for publishing such a wonderful book. He appraised that Dr Akram's 10 books have been published by reputed international publishers in the field of Fuzzy Mathematics. He said that this book is a valuable resource for researchers, computer scientists and social scientists alike. ■



Additional director sports Zubair Butt poses for group photo with national games winner students.



Principal CEES Prof Dr Sajid Rashid Ahmed visits students stall on World Environment day



A student presents her artworks to PU VC



Student of PU CAD briefs about the textile prints to PU VC.



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Students of CEES present their environment friendly projects on World Environment day.



Students pose for group photo after receiving laptops.

PU VC advocates against plastic usage



Principal CEES Prof Dr Sajid Rashid Ahmed presents flowers to the guests.

PUNJAB University Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood has said that the use of plastic must be abandoned to deal with the challenges of climate change being faced by the world.

He was addressing a seminar organized by Punjab University College of Earth and Environmental Sciences in collaboration with GIZ Pakistan on 'World Environment Day'.

On this occasion, Secretary Higher Education Punjab Javed Akhtar Mahmood, Secretary Environment Protection Department Dr Sajid Mahmood Chauhan, Member Board of Revenue Syed Mubasher Hussain, Principal CEES Prof Dr Sajid Rashid Ahmed, Daniyal Mansoor from GIZ, faculty members and a large number of students were present.

In his address, Dr Khalid Mahmood said that the performance of the CEES for the last five years is commendable and the improvement in the recent QS ranking is a source of pride not only for the college but also for PU.



Principal CEES Prof Dr Sajid Rashid presents certificate of appreciation to student.

He appreciated the efforts of Dr Sajid and his team for organizing the successful event. He said that we have made the use of plastic common for our convenience which is causing disaster for the world.

He said that everyone has to play a role for

systematic awareness campaign, legislation and policy making to control pollution caused by plastic. He praised the government institutions for introducing the subject of environment at the school level. He said that steps are being taken to introduce the subject



Students on a stall.



A project of students about recycling the plastic.

of environment in ADP and BS programs in PU as well. Mr Akhtar said that the employment of millions of people is connected with the plastic industry, for which alternative means have to be found. He said that the increase in the use of plastic and the cutting of trees is not only a threat to mankind, but birds, insects and many

species are also facing the threat of extinction.

Mr Chauhan said that the government is aware of the effects of climate change and is taking steps to combat it at all levels. He vowed to avoid all kinds of pollution, students should play positive role in awareness campaign.

Syed Mubashir Hasan said that it is not

possible to find a solution to the problems without knowing them, for which the educational institutions and the industry should work together. He said that climate change and use of plastic are major threats.

Dr Sajid Rashid said that providing awareness at all levels including schools, colleges and universities is the need of the hour to abandon the use of plastic. He said that the use of wooden toys should be common instead of plastic toys. He said that changes are being made in the curriculum to deal with climate change. He said that solutions to problems are always given by educational institutions while government institutions implement them.

Daniyal Mansoor emphasized the promotion of research while describing the performance of GIZ. Environmental pollution awareness documentaries were presented while the awareness stalls by the students were also set up in the event. Later, certificates and shields were distributed among the students who secured positions in the best documentary and poster competitions. ■

FM 104.6 marks 21st anniversary



Dr Khalid Mahmood sits on the stage while faculty members and journalist are also present.

PUNJAB University School of Communication Studies organized a cake-cutting ceremony of 21st anniversary of FM 104.6. PU VC Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood, Station Director of Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation Javed Akhtar, former program Manager Radio Pakistan Dr Mustafa Kamal, Director SCS Prof Dr Noshina Saleem, Chairperson Department of Public Relations and Advertising Prof Dr Abida Ashraf, Chairperson Department of Development Communication Dr Ayesha Ashfaq, Radio Coordinator Dr Akram Somroo, Program Manager PUFM 104.6 Muhammad Irshad Chaudhry, In-charge PUTV Center Dr Shabbir Sarwar, faculty members and a large number of students were present.

In his address, Dr Khalid Mahmood congratulated the faculty members, students and employees of the School of Communication Studies on the completion of 21 years of radio.

He said that the history of radio is very old and its importance cannot be denied even in modern times. He said that PUFM has been playing a dynamic role in promoting education and

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DR KHALID MAHMOOD

research and creating awareness among students on various issues. He said that PUFM radio has become a tool for training students along with education. He said that PUFM needs

to be improved further as per modern demands of the market.

Mr Javed Akhtar said that the work of students in PUFM Radio is commendable. He hoped that the students who learn from here will use positive skills in the media to make the name of their institution shine.

Dr Mustafa Kamal said that even in today's era, the role of radio is important for the establishment of peace at the global level.

Dr Noshina Saleem said that our senior teachers planted the sapling of PU Radio Center which has become a fruitful tree today and many creative programs are going on.

Dr Akram Somroo said that people think that radio is dead but today podcast is its modern form. Muhammad Irshad Chaudhry discussed the performance of PU Radio Center. Later, the 21st birthday cake of PU Radio Center FM 104.6 was cut. ■

PU journalism students visit printing press



Dr. Shabbir Sarwar poses for group photo along with students.

PUNJAB University Department of Journalism students visited PU Printing Press as part of their study tour to get practical knowledge about design, pasting, plate and printing sections. Total of 25 member student

delegation of BS 4th Semester Print Journalism class headed by Associate Professor Dr Shabbir Sarwar was welcomed by Director Press Ali Ahmad. The students have an interactive session with the director. Mr Ali discussed various sections of the press,

press history as well as the modern trends and machines including digital printing and direct to print (DTP) technology.

Design and Graphic Studio In-charge Muhammad Kamil explained about editing software, 256 million colour variations and four colour separations under CMYK rule. He showed practical demonstration of the colour separations mechanism.

Press Supervisor Jalil Mohsin took students to the round of various sections of the printing press and briefed them about the technology and machines. He thoroughly explained how the printing of newspapers, magazines and books is done in offset printing.

Earlier students also got briefing and demonstration about plates making, Contact frame machine with vacuum, Halogen light effects etc. From pre-press work to offset printing, cutting, folding and binding everything was shown with meticulous details.

Dr. Shabbir Sarwar thanked the press management for their facilitation and practical knowledge dissemination among students. In the end, students received PU diaries as souvenir from the director press. ■



Dr. Shabbir Sarwar and students present flowers to Director Press Ali Ahmad and Graphics & Design head Kamil Qureshi.

Art and design degree show 2023



PUNJAB University Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood has inaugurated the BFA Degree Show 2023 in the Grand Hall (Old Campus) organized by the College of Art and Design Department of Textile Design. On this occasion, Dean Faculty of Arts and Humanities Prof Dr Amra Raza, Principal CAD Prof Dr Sumera Jawad, In-charge Department of Textile Design Dr Asna Mubashra, heads of various departments, faculty members and a large number of students were present. In his address, Dr Khalid Mahmood said that the students of Punjab University College of Art and Design are full of creative ideas that have highlighted various social and individual problems in the best way. He said that awareness on traffic rules is needed to avoid accidents. Later, the Vice-Chancellor visited the artworks and appreciated the students for their outstanding performance. The exhibition featured art pieces created by 26 students in Traffic Awareness, Fiber Art Show and Batik Show.

A student briefs Dr Khalid Mahmood about the art piece.



A student briefs Dr Khalid Mahmood about artwork.



Dr Khalid Mahmood inaugurates the exhibition ceremony.



Dr Khalid Mahmood visits the exhibition.



Dr Khalid Mahmood poses for group photo with other faculty members.

EXPERTS MEET FOR QUALITY SEEDS OF RICE, WHEAT, COTTON

A Meeting of the committee to carry out the latest Research for Development of Quality Seeds of Rice, Wheat and Cotton was held at committee room of PU Vice Chancellor's office. Chairman, Rice Research & Development Board Punjab Shahzad Ali Malik, Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization Director Prof Dr Shakeel Ahmad and other officials participated in the meeting.

Addressing the meeting, Mr Malik stressed the need for immediate steps to increase per acre yield of field crops through higher yielding varieties which is possible by rewarding breeders through a lucrative incentive package/scheme. He highlighted that out of five major field crops Rice, Maize, Cotton, Wheat and Sugar Cane, only two crops, Rice and Maize performed well due to high yield varieties with the main contribution of private sector. He said rice and maize helped Pakistan achieve local demand, export earnings and import substitution.

Mr Malik reiterated that solution of the current situation lies in the agro based economy and we need to focus seriously. ■





International conference on eating disorder

PUNJAB University Institute of Applied Psychology (IAP) in collaboration with Pakistan Institute of Living & Learning (PILL) and Lahore College for Women University (LCWU) organized the inaugural ceremony of two-day international conference on 'Eating Disorders'.

On this occasion, IAP Director Prof Dr Rafia Rafique, Professor of Psychiatry, University of Liverpool Prof Dr Nusrat Hussain, Chairperson Department of Applied Psychology, LCWU Prof Dr Amina Muazzam, Professor of Pharmacy Practice in Pakistan Dr Madeeha Malik, national and internationally renowned professionals, faculty

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members from local institutions, researchers and a large number of students were present.

The speakers explored the intricate

relationship between eating disorders and overall well-being in the field of mental health. They said that in 2019, a large number of people suffered from diseases due to unbalanced diet.

Dr Rafia said that lack of proper diet leads to other diseases including psychological problems. She said that care should be taken to reduce and overfeed of the children. She said that the institute would continue to play its role for healthy society. She expressed her gratitude to all presenters and participants for their valuable contributions to the conference, hoping that this gathering will foster progress and make a positive impact. ■



IAP Director Prof Dr Rafia Rafique, Professor of Psychiatry, University of Liverpool Prof Dr Nusrat Hussain, Chairperson Department of Applied Psychology, LCWU Prof Dr Amina Muazzam, Professor of Pharmacy Practice in Pakistan Dr Madeeha Malik and others sit on the stage.



Participants of 'Dr Jameel Jalibi' conference pose for group photo.

Dr Jameel Jalibi conference

PUNJAB University Oriental College Institute of Urdu Language and Literature's Chair Dr Jameel Jalibi has organized a two-day 'Dr Jameel Jalibi' conference.

On this occasion, Chairman Punjab Higher Education Commission Prof Dr Shahid Munir, former PU VC Prof Dr Muhammad Saleem Mazhar, renowned analyst Mujibur Rehman Shami, Dean Faculty of Oriental Learning Prof Dr Ghulam Moinuddin Nizami, Director Institute Urdu Language and Literature Prof Dr Muhammad Kamran, son of Dr Jameel Jalibi, Federal Ombudsman of Insurance Pakistan Dr Khawar Jameel, Head of Jameel Jalibi Chair Prof Dr Zia-ul-Hassan, faculty members and a large number of students were present.

The message of Punjab Governor

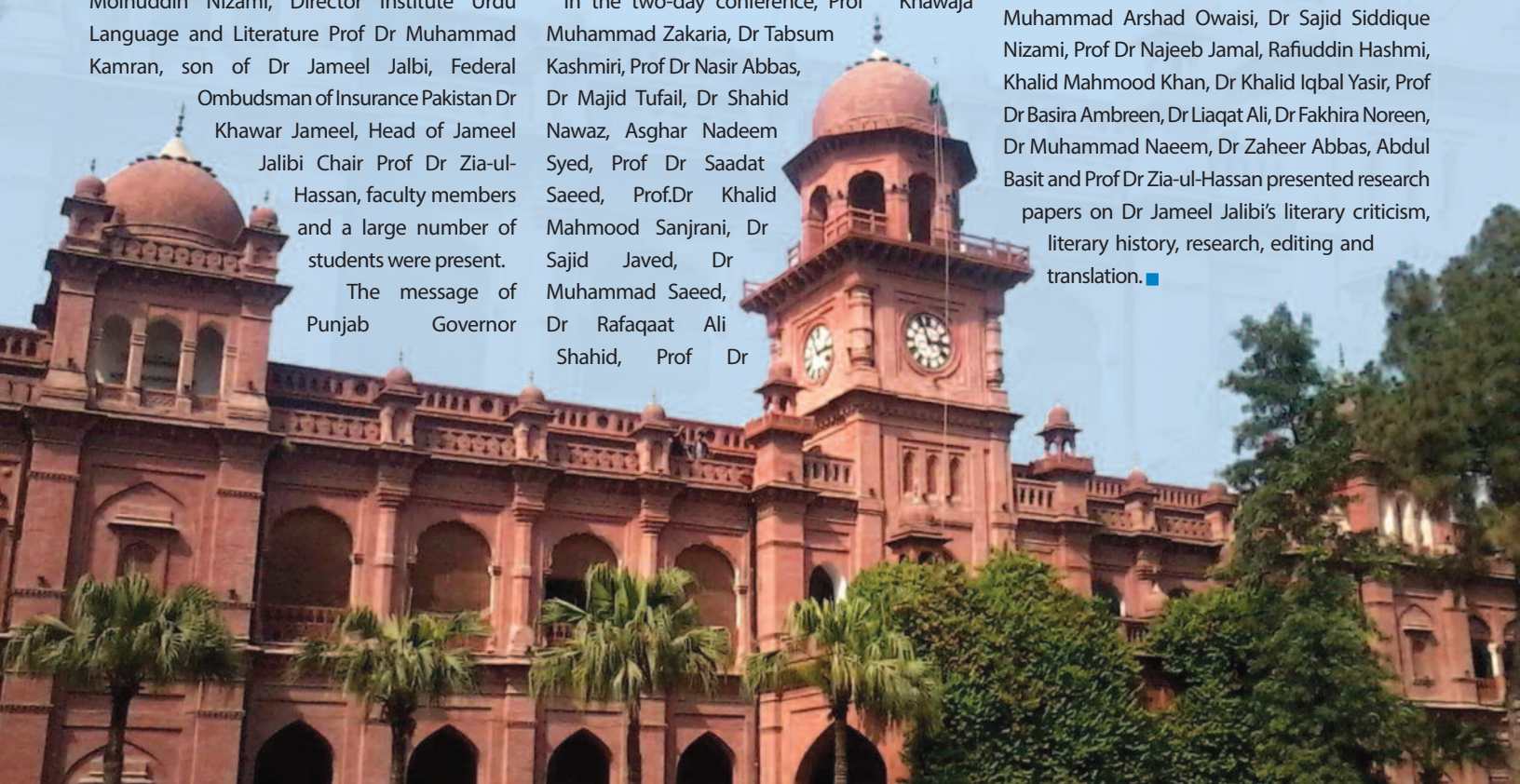
Muhammad Balighur Rehman was read out in the conference, in which he called upon the promotion of Dr Jameel Jalibi's ideas as it was the need of the hour. Dr Shahid Munir said that living nations get light from the achievements of their ancestors. PU VC Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood congratulated the organizers for holding a successful conference. Dr Khawar Jameel announced the Dr Jameel Jalibi Gold Medal for the first position scholar in MPhil Urdu.

In the two-day conference, Prof Khawaja Muhammad Zakaria, Dr Tabsum Kashmiri, Prof Dr Nasir Abbas, Dr Majid Tufail, Dr Shahid Nawaz, Asghar Nadeem Syed, Prof Dr Saadat Saeed, Prof. Dr Khalid Mahmood Sanjrani, Dr Sajid Javed, Dr Muhammad Saeed, Dr Rafaqaat Ali Shahid, Prof Dr

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Muhammad Arshad Owaisi, Dr Sajid Siddique Nizami, Prof Dr Najeem Jamal, Rafiuddin Hashmi, Khalid Mahmood Khan, Dr Khalid Iqbal Yasir, Prof Dr Basira Ambreen, Dr Liaqat Ali, Dr Fakhira Noreen, Dr Muhammad Naeem, Dr Zaheer Abbas, Abdul Basit and Prof Dr Zia-ul-Hassan presented research papers on Dr Jameel Jalibi's literary criticism, literary history, research, editing and translation. ■



Speakers call for uplifting polymer, textile sectors

CHAIRMAN Punjab Higher Education Commission Prof Dr Shahid Munir has said polymers, textiles and allied materials are backbone of our country and there is a need to strengthen these sectors to uplift national economy.

He was addressing the 1st national joint universities conference on 'Sustainable Indigenous Production & Upcycling of Polymers / Allied Materials (SIP-UP): Future Challenges' jointly organized by Punjab University Institute of Polymer & Textile Engineering, Ghulam Ishaq Khan Institute, Khwaja Fareed University of Engineering and Information Technology and University of Engineering and Technology Lahore at Al Raazi Hall here on Thursday.

On this occasion, PU VC Prof Khalid Mahmood, Rector GIK Institute Prof Dr Fazal Ahmad Khalid, Director Institute of Polymer and Textile Engineering Prof Dr Shahzad Maqsood Khan, VC's from various universities, researchers, faculty members and students were present.

In his address, Dr Shahid Munir said that polymers are the most progressive materials and in many areas replacing different materials with polymers. He said that textile industry is the largest manufacturing sector in Pakistan, accounting for a significant share of the country's GDP. He expressed that it contributes around 8.5% to the total GDP and employs millions of people.

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PU VC presents souvenir to Chairman Punjab Higher Education Commission Prof Dr Shahid Munir.



Commission Prof Dr Shahid Munir addresses the 1st national joint universities conference on 'Sustainable Indigenous Production & Upcycling of Polymers / Allied Materials (SIP-UP): Future Challenges'



PU VC Dr Khalid Mahmood poses for group photo with faculty members and others after the conference.



He lauded the effort of PU Institute of Polymer and Textile Engineering for hosting and organizing the collaborative conference with the chosen theme for this conference is of utmost importance in today's rapidly evolving world.

Dr Khalid Mahmood said that holding a joint conference of various universities will be a pleasure and it will promote our local industry. He said that universities' researchers and industry experts should work together for sustainable development. He said that the universities have to expand their scope of research according to the industry so that they can directly serve the public. He said that the future of Pakistan depends on the research done in the universities. He said that the products made of polymer are causing environmental damages due to several reasons, for which development of environment-friendly polymer technology is necessary. He said that all departments should cooperate with each other to assess the effects of climate change and to eradicate such problems.

Khawaja Farid University of Engineering and Technology Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Muhammad Suleman Tahir while speaking online said that to meet the challenges of the future, an integrated policy on sustainable environment-friendly, less

toxic and recycled polymer materials and awareness is important.

Dr Fazal Ahmad Khalid said that the role of polymer is very important for various products and in many places the polymer is being replaced by steel. He said that the world is rapidly moving from physical to digital for which we also have to work together in the fields of science, engineering and technology.

Director Institute of Polymer and Textile Engineering **Prof Dr Shahzad Maqsood Khan** said that 60 poster presentations were presented by researchers and scholars from various universities across Pakistan, while 12 experts benefited the participants with their research work and experiences. He said that it is a matter of pride to organize the conference at PU in collaboration with Ghulam Ishaq Khan Institute, Khawaja Farid University of Engineering and Information Technology and University of Engineering and Technology Lahore and with the support of Pakistan Academy of Science. On this occasion, CEOs, group-heads and management officials of various industries took part in the panel discussion and termed the conference as a platform for mutual cooperation between industry and academia. ■

Librarians Association honors Dr Khalid

PUNJAB University Librarians Organization (PULO) organized a special event of honor Vice Chancellor Dr Khalid Mahmood.

On this occasion, Dean Faculty of Business, Economics and Administrative Sciences Prof Dr Mumtaz Anwar Chaudhry, Chief Librarian Dr Muhammad Haroon Usmani, Deputy Chief Librarian Saif ur Rehman Attiq and Librarians from various departments were present.



Librarians play a fundamental role in promoting research



Dr Khalid Mahmood
Vice Chancellor



Vice Chancellor Dr Khalid Mahmood receives souvenir from PU librarians Organization.

In his address, the VC said that Librarians play a fundamental role in promoting research. He said that the role of the librarians in developing study habits among students is commendable. Saifur Rehman Attiq said that

the appointment of Dr Khalid as Vice Chancellor is an honor and a beacon for librarians. Later, honorary shields were presented to the librarians who recently earned their PhDs and retiring employees. ■

PUFCIT organizes PUCon'23

PUNJAB University Faculty of Computing & Information Technology (FCIT) organized national programming competition 'PUCon'23' at its premises.

PUCon'23 entailed five competitive programming events such as Speed Programming, Web Hackathon, Mobile App Development, Game Design, Artificial Intelligence & Capture the Flag (CTF) and two E-gaming events that are Takken and FIFA.

There were around two-hundred teams consisted of five-hundred-plus participants from various higher education institutes (HEIs) of Pakistan. In the competitive programming competition, PUFCIT secured 1st and 3rd positions whereas Information Technology University (ITU) grabbed the 2nd place from the top. In Web Hackathon, ITU secured 1st and FCIT secured runner up position. In Mobile App Development FCIT has secured both winner and runner-up positions. In Artificial Intelligence FCIT has secured 1st place whereas FAST has secured 2nd position.

In the Game Design collaborative team of LGS



PU Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood presents shield to the winning team.

& FCIT has secured 1st and Lahore Garrison University has secured 2nd position. FAST, Air University and UET Lahore bagged first, second and third positions respectively in the cybersecurity event 'Capture the Flag (CTF)'.

In his address, PU Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood lauded the efforts of the organizing team and stressed that quality graduates would help Pakistan in attaining higher levels of IT sector exports. He urges the

continuity of such technology-oriented events with the technical and financial support of our software industry. The chief organizer and secretary of PUCon'23, Prof Dr Engr Shahzad Sarwar and Mr Abdul Mateen, thanked all the participants, Google Developer Student Club, event judges and sponsors from the software industry, faculty members of FCIT, and the PUVC for their everlasting support in organizing the programming competition. ■