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Quality education is a catalyst for empowering women

“QUALITY education is an indispensable catalyst for empowering women.

Women are performing an important part in the progress and prosperity of the country. Students have the opportunity to shape a brilliant future by acquiring modern and high-quality education as per the demands of the contemporary age.”

Punjab Governor Balighur Rehman stated while addressing the 6th Convocation of Women’s University Multan.

He urged students to serve humanity and maintain high character as it guarantees a successful future. Balighur Rehman stressed that students to exercise their right to vote while adhering to responsibility. The students should be careful in electing their future leaders. They should decide after performance based on facts and figures. ■



Local governments are necessary for democracy



“It is surprising that politicians express doubts about the establishment of local governments even though the establishment of local governments must be implemented to democratize the mindset of the nation. In order to run the country’s system in a democratic way, there should be student unions in the universities so that good leadership can be found.”

PU VC Dr Khalid Mahmood expressed these words during launching ceremony of Senior Analyst Salman Abid’s book ‘A Case of Local Government’ organized by Punjab University and Department of Political Science. ■

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Editorial Note

NEW book titled 'A Case of Local Government' by Salman Abid was launched at Punjab University Al Raazi Hall. The ceremony organized by the Department of Political Science was graced by former foreign minister Khurshid Mahmood Kasuri, VC Dr Khalid Mahmood, PILDAT Executive Director Ahmed Bilal Mahboob, Sajjad Mir, Dr Asim Allah Bux, Dr Mumtaz Anwar Chaudhry, Dr Irum Khalid and others.

The speakers praised the writer and highlighted the significance of local government as a nursery of political leaders, a means of democracy and a mechanism for fair utilization of resources for development projects at grass-root level. They said that the establishment of LGs was a must to resolve local problems and democratize the mindset of the nation. This was indeed a rare event of its kind to highlight the role of a missing link of real democracy in the country. Everyone generally praises the local governments system, however, at the same time LGs are a sheer ignorance on part of the nation as a whole. Dictators tried to activate this system only to minimize the role of MPs, while democratic regimes paid no heed just to please MNAs and MPAs by granting them development funds. Some democratic governments activated LGs in the very last year of tenures just to start home work for the new regime.

No matter who is responsible for the implementation failure, LGs are a pivotal tier of devolutions of power and development in a democratic system. Our country really benefited from this system, whenever it was restored with whatever hidden objectives were. Unfortunately, despite court rulings LG elections were not conducted in most parts of the country in the last regime. Now, there is a dire need to come up with a consensus that local bodies elections should be mandatory and must not be delayed just to please MPs. Political governments would definitely try to avoid local polls, however, academia in general and political science departments of universities and colleges in particular are a hope to keep this demand alive and ensure implementation soon after the general elections. ■

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Book presents 'A case of Local Govts' at PU, wins support



Senior Analyst Salman presents his book 'A Case of Local Government' to Former Foreign Minister Khurshid Mahmood Kasuri, while PU VC and others are also present.

FORMER Foreign Minister Khurshid Mahmood Kasuri said that local governments are nurseries of democracy which are essential for the development and prosperity of the country.

He was addressing at the launching ceremony of Senior Analyst Salman Abid's book 'A Case of Local Government' organized by Punjab University and Department of Political Science at Al Raazi Hall.

On this occasion, PU VC Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood, Executive Director PILDAT Ahmed Bilal Mahboob, Senior Journalist Sajjad Mir, Political Analyst Dr Asim Allah Bux, Dean Faculty of Business, Economics and Administrative Sciences Prof Dr Mumtaz Anwar Chaudhry, Chairperson Department of Political Science Prof Dr Irum Khalid, faculty members and students were present. In his address, Khurshid Mahmood Kasuri said that the importance of the common man increases in the system of local governments and the country gets leadership from the grassroots level. He said that when he went to China in the 90s, the city looked like Karachi, the first chemical plant was also built in Kala Shahkadoo, but the country suffered from problems due to lack of governance.

He said that urbanization will lead to many

problems including water, food, employment and security. He said that the development funds should be given to the elected representatives of the local governments instead of the members of the provincial and national assembly.

Dr Khalid Mahmood said that it is surprising that politicians express doubts about the establishment of local governments. He said that the establishment of local governments must be implemented to democratize the mindset of the nation. He said that in order to run the country's system in a democratic way, there should be student unions in the universities so that good leadership can be found. He said that Salman Abid's book covers every aspect of the local government system.

Ahmad Bilal Mahboob said that it is very difficult to make a place for the common man in Pakistani politics. He said that there are problems of political distraction and distribution of powers in the country. He said that the young students have to start a movement to amend the constitution regarding the mandatory establishment of local governments in the country.

Sajjad Mir said that if the local governments work properly in the country,

the problem of formation of new provinces will not arise. He said that during the dictatorship, the system of local governments was brought up so that the members of the provincial and national assembly should be least dependent.

Dr Asim Allah Bux said that there is a suspended democracy in Pakistan from which the common man has not benefited. He said that if the attitudes of politicians are democratic, the country develops despite differences.

Prof Dr Mumtaz Anwar Chaudhry said that the establishment of local governments is very important for fair distribution of resources and good governance.

Prof Dr Irum Khalid said that local governments are the main training center for promoting democratic attitudes. She said that Salman Abid's book will give students an opportunity to know about the local government system.

Salman Abid thanked PU VC Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood, Chairperson Department of Political Science Prof Dr Irum Khalid and distinguished guests for their support in organizing the event. He said that universities can play a dynamic role in promoting the strength of the democratic system. ■

Students must learn to challenge old work



Prof Dr Nosheen Fatima Waraich presents souvenir to PU VC.

PUNJAB University Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood has said that to move forward, students must learn to challenge the old work so that alternative sources can be found.

He was addressing the national conference on 'Emerging Issues in Libraries & Information Management (EILIM)' organized by Punjab University Institute of Information Management.

On this occasion, Director Institute of Information Management Prof Dr Nosheen Fatima Waraich, from University of Management Prof Dr Abdul Hameed, Professor of Information Science Amy VanScoy from University at Buffalo, New York, faculty members and a large number of

students were present.

In his address, Dr Khalid Mahmood said that many times in the Holy Quran, research and reflection have been emphasized for which we should adopt study habits. He said that keeping up with technology in the modern age is one of the major challenges. He said that the ability of students to ask questions and familiarity with their subject is essential. He congratulated the organizers for organizing the conference.

Prof Dr Nosheen Fatima Waraich welcomed the distinguished guests and participants. She said that the purpose of organizing the conference was to enlighten the students with each other's experiences and research activities. She said that the

Institute of Information Management will continue to play its role in the process of self-learning. Prof Dr Abdul Hameed said that everyone has to work together for the promotion of education in the country. He said that we have to understand that every human being is different from others. He said that in order to create a civilized society, we should work according to the needs of others. He said that the process of access should be made easier to solve the problems of the weak. In her detailed presentation, Amy VanScoy shed light on the various aspects of research. She highlighted uniqueness, differences, broad range of professional skills and different types of librarians. Later, the VC inaugurated a poster competition. ■

Natural resources can lead Pakistan to flourish economically



Punjab University Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood poses for group photo.

PUNJAB University Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood said that Pakistan is full of natural resources which may prove better to improve our economy.

He was addressing the inaugural ceremony of 17th national hands-on training workshop on 'Organic Beekeeping Practices' organized by Punjab University Institute of Zoology.

On this occasion, University of Baltistan VC Prof Dr Muhammad Naeem Khan, Director Institute of Zoology Prof Dr Nabila Roohi, Director ORIC Prof Dr Shakil Ahmad, Incharge Honey Bee Research Garden Dr Abdul Majid Khan, honeybee farm manager, researchers, faculty members and a large number of students were present.

In his address, Dr Khalid Mahmood stressed the need to enhance the relations between PU and bee keepers to increase our exports related to bee products. He

appreciated the efforts of the institute's management for organizing a fruitful workshop.



There should be strong relations between PU and bee keepers to increase our exports related to bee products



DR KHALID MAHMOOD

Dr Naeem Khan said that every department of Punjab University is making progress by leaps and bounds. He said that

University of Baltistan wants to work with PU in the field of beekeeping.

Dr Nabila Roohi welcomed the participants and said that the students as well as faculty members of the different varsities of Pakistan are attending this training workshop.

She said that content of the workshop will be made an integral part of the future's curriculum for BS and MS (Hons) programs. She said that it will be an initiative to develop the skills in our students towards the future entrepreneurship.

Dr Shakil Ahmad emphasized to develop the Honey Bee Research Center in the varsity having all the required research facilities.

To fulfill this global demand, the said training will focus on the production of organic honey bee products along with value addition, so that future entrepreneurship and export of organic honey bee products may be enhanced in Pakistan, he added. ■

Research essential for social progress

PU VC inaugurates newly constructed building at School of Chemistry



PU VC inaugurates new building of School of Chemistry.

PUNJAB University Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood said that research work is the most important need of the time according to the society and market trends.

He was addressing the inauguration ceremony of the newly constructed building of Punjab University School of Chemistry.

On this occasion, Director School of Chemistry Prof Dr Muhammad Abdul Qadir, Registrar Dr Ahmed Islam, Chief Engineer Faiz-ul-Hassan Sipra, Resident Auditor Mian Khalid Mehmood, Associate Professor Dr Sadia Atta, faculty members and a large number of students were present. In his address, Dr Khalid Mahmood said that all the departments of Punjab University should work together for educational development. He appreciated the administration of the School of Chemistry for constructing the

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building with its own resources.

Dr Abdul Qadir highlighted the history, educational and construction activities of the School of Chemistry. He said that the School of Chemistry will continue to play a role in improving the ranking of PU.

Faiz-ul-Hassan Sipra said that more steps are being taken to improve the infrastructure



of PU. He said that the newly constructed building consists of ten rooms and two state of the art laboratories. ■

School of Economics Alumni Meet



PU VC receives a souvenir from Prof Dr Mumtaz Anwar Chaudhry.

PUNJAB University Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood said that it is an honor not only for university but also for Pakistan that students of school of economics are serving at international level.

He was addressing the Alumni Meet – 2023 at Falettie’s Hotel Lahore, organized by PU School of Economics. On this occasion, Dean Faculty of Business, Economics and Administrative Sciences Prof Dr Mumtaz Anwar Chaudhry, Director ORIC Prof Dr Shakil Ahmed, Chaudhry Muhammad Shafiq, Chaudhry Muhammad Saleem, faculty members, a large number of former and current students of the Department of

Economics were present.

In his address, Dr Khalid Mahmood congratulated the organizers for bringing the alumni together on one platform. He said that it is our vision that no student of the university should leave his education incomplete due to fees. He said that PU has been lighting the candle of knowledge in this region for 141 years and is providing the best facilities with limited resources.

He said that PU supports the lower middle class students and by being successful they support their family. He said that under the leadership of Dr Mumtaz Anwar Chaudhry, the Department of Economics is progressing. He requested

support for the development of Punjab University Alumni Association.

Dr Mumtaz Anwar Chaudhry thanked PU VC Dr Khalid Mahmood for his support for the development of the School of Economics. He said that for the first time in the history of Punjab University, the Department of Economics made it to the QS ranking.

He said that our students are making the name of the country and nation bright at the international level.

He said that in the new building of the School of Economics, the alumni should contribute to the classroom named after them. Later, souvenirs were presented to the distinguished guests. ■

PU seminar on 'Shakespeare and Urdu Literature'

A step to strengthen the dialogue of civilizations and international relations



Prof Dr Zahid Munir Aamir addresses the audience in the seminar.

PUNJAB University Urdu Development and Translation Centre organized a seminar on 'Shakespeare and Urdu literature'.

On this occasion, Prof Dr Shahab Yar Khan from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Dean Faculty of Arts and Humanities Prof Dr Amra Raza, Director Urdu Development and Translation Centre Prof Dr Zahid Munir Aamir, former Director of Iqbal Academy Pakistan Muhammad Sohail Umar, faculty members and students were present.

In his address, Dr Shahab Yar Khan said that there were many intellectuals in the world of literature but no other could make such an impact as Shakespeare on world literature. He said that the idea of the well-known Urdu drama 'Waris' was borrowed from Shakespeare. He said that every region of the world tries to adopt Shakespeare because the universality of his works is the universality of the world not seen by any creator.

Prof Dr Zahid Munir Aamir welcomed the distinguished guests and participants and said that nowadays there is a need to



strengthen the dialogue of civilizations and international relations, for which PU Urdu Development and Translations Centre is playing an active role. He gave a reasoned discussion on the introduction of Shakespeare in Urdu, his early translations and the motivations behind these translations. He called Allama Iqbal's poem written for Shakespeare as the greatest tribute.

Prof Dr Amra Raza congratulated the organizers for organizing the fruitful seminar. She said that the efforts of the Urdu Development and Translation Centre in the

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promotion of literature are commendable. Sohail Umar said that the people of Europe are also benefiting from the services of Dr Shahab for literature. In the seminar, the students paid tribute to the services of Shakespeare. Dr Shahzeb Khan, Dr Anila Saleem, Mushtaq Ahmed Khan, Sonia Saleem, Dr Arsalan Rathore, Prof Dr Naumana Amjad and Egyptian scholar Usman Nasir also participated in the ceremony. Later, Dr Zahid Munir Aamir presented gifts of publications to the distinguished guests. ■

PCS organizes seminar on national integration

Narrative necessary to support national integration



Seminar participants pose for group photo after the seminar.

PUNJAB University Pakistan Study Centre (PSC) organized a seminar on 'Constructing a Historiographic Saga for the National Integration in Pakistan: Problems and Prospects.'

On this occasion, Bahauddin Zakariya University Department of History & Civilization Studies Chairman Prof Dr Muhammad Shafique Bhatti was the keynote speaker while PSC Director Prof Dr Naumana Kiran, Associate Professor Dr Amjad Abbas Khan Magsi, faculty members and students of various departments were present.

In her address, Dr Naumana Kiran welcomed the guests, participants and shed light on the theme of the seminar.

Dr Shafique Bhatti said that we as a nation have to create a proper narrative to strengthen National Integration in

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DR SHAFIQUE BHATTI

Pakistan. He also highlighted the issues that are impediments in the way of national integration.

Sectarianism is also a problem hindering national integration and each sectarian group while suppressing other sectarian voices ultimately creates a problem in the way of National integration, he added. ■



PU Radio Centre conducts workshop

PUNJAB University School of Communication Studies' Radio Centre FM 104.6 conducted a two-day Radio training workshop on news reporting, program anchoring, content writing and production.

On this occasion, Executive Producer PNN Hafiz Muhammad Naveed Qaiser, Dr Mustafa Kamal, Program Manager PU Radio Centre Muhammad Irshad Chaudhry and a large number of students were present.

In his address, Hafiz Muhammad Naveed Qaiser shed light on news making, anchoring, reporting and production in the



Participants of training workshop pose for group photo.

present era.

Dr Kamal discussed about radio bulletins, radio reports and interviews. He also explained the rules and regulations of documentary and report making.

Muhammad Irshad welcomed the new students at PU Radio and informed them about the importance of radio. He said that PU Radio Centre would continue to play its role for promotion of practical knowledge. ■

Training workshop for farmers

PUNJAB University Department of Plant Pathology (DPP) organized a training workshop on smart agriculture transformations in which around 100 farmers from all over Punjab and Sindh participated physically, whereas more than 500 farmers were also taken online during the event. The basic purpose of the event was to provide our farmers a forum where they can interact with agriculture experts to learn new technologies of farming and also can get answers of their queries.

The workshop provided a forum to the students and researchers to listen to farmers and agriculture experts. On this occasion, Dean Faculty of Agricultural Sciences Prof Dr Muhammad Saleem Haider, Chairperson Department of Plant pathology Prof Dr Tehmina Anjum, Director Soil and Water testing laboratories Dr Muhammad Akram Qazi, Director Wheat Punjab AARI Dr Javaid Ahmad, National Agriculture Expert Sajid Iqbal Sandhu, Dr Shahzad Basra a Professor & Advisor Virsa forms, Chief Executive Officer Agri-tourism Tariq Tanveer, Hammad Mian from Fertiscience, Yahya Hussain Wahla from Bank Alfalah and Chief Executive Officer DTL Ahsan Rana, faculty members and students were present.

In her address, Dr Tehmina welcomed the participants and introduced objectives of the event. She also thanked Fertiscience, Bank Alfalah and DTL for sponsoring the event.

Dr Muhammad Saleem Haider appreciated the efforts of the Department of Plant Pathology for organizing this workshop. The workshop covered topics including importance of soil and water testing and balanced fertilizers for good yield, Use of mobile App

"Khad Hisaab", how to improve wheat yield, tunnel farming, value addition in agricultural crops, credit facility for farmers at Alfalah Bank, strawberry and papaya cultivation and superfoods. Later, certificates and shields were distributed among the participants and resource persons. ■

Anti-corruption awareness through arts

PUNJAB University Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood has said that providing awareness against corruption through art is a good source.

He was addressing at the 'Wall of Culture Painting Competition' organized by Punjab University, National Accountability Bureau (NAB) and Brighto Paints in connection with anti-corruption campaign. On this occasion, Director NAB Imran Sohail, Additional Director Attia Azmat, Resident Officer-II Muhammad Kashif Nazir, Director Student Affairs Dr Muhammad Ali, faculty members, administrative officers and students were present.

In his address, Dr Khalid Mahmood said that NAB and PU are giving a positive message against corruption through anti-corruption activities, which is commendable.

Imran Sohail said that NAB will continue to play a dynamic role to create a corruption-free society. He said that students of Punjab University have proved to be responsible citizens by providing awareness about anti-corruption through excellent creative work. In the event, students made various sketches on the wall of Punjab University to create a corruption-free society.

Later, certificates of appreciation and medals were distributed among the students who participated in the competition. ■



PU VC inaugurates the exhibition of College of Art and Design.



PU VC visits thesis projects of College of Art and Design students.



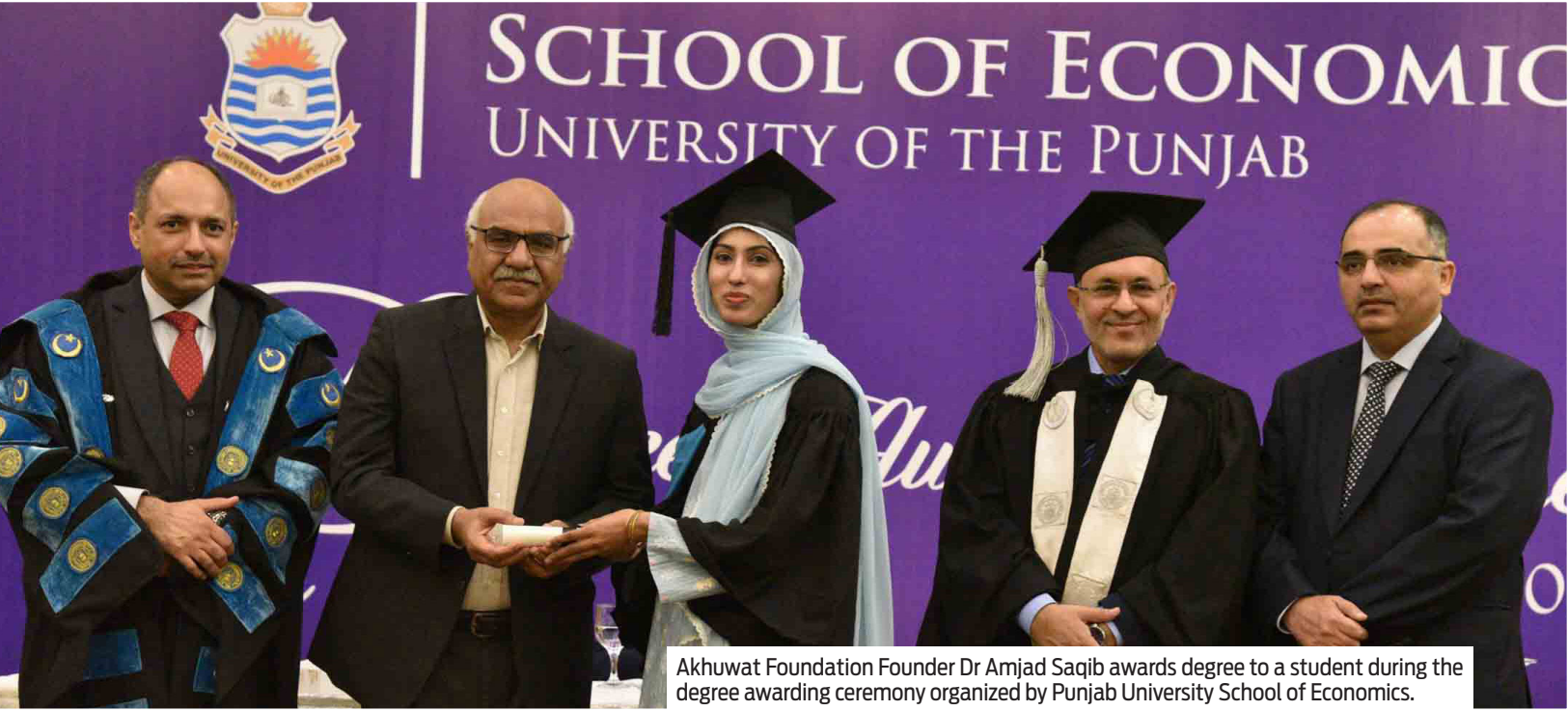
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Punjab University Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood poses for group photo alongwith Director Institute of Zoology Prof Dr Nabila Roohi, Director ORIC Prof Dr Shakil Ahmed, In-charge Beekeeper Research Garden Dr Abdul Majid Khan, bee farm administrators, researchers, faculty members and students on the event of 17th National Training Workshop on 'Organic Beekeeping Practices'.



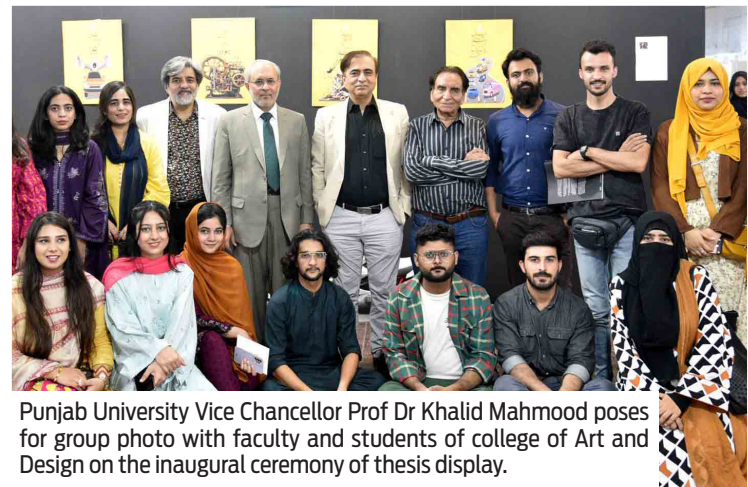
A student Usama Hassan shows his trophy which he got for best athlete in All Pakistan Inter University championship.



Akhwat Foundation Founder Dr Amjad Saqib awards degree to a student during the degree awarding ceremony organized by Punjab University School of Economics.



Punjab University Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood awards degree to a student during the degree awarding ceremony organized by Punjab University School of Economics.



Punjab University Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood poses for group photo with faculty and students of college of Art and Design on the inaugural ceremony of thesis display.



PU VC Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood, Director Sports Prof Dr Zafar Iqbal Butt, Additional Director Zubair Butt pose for group photo with the winner team of T 20 cricket tournament.

HRDC organizes faculty orientation program



PU VC poses for group photo along with other faculty members on the inaugural ceremony of orientation program.

PUNJAB University Human Resources Development Centre organized inaugural ceremony of a four-day Faculty Orientation Program for familiarizing the new faculty with their institutional and job contexts.

On this occasion, PU VC Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood, Dean Faculty of Business, Economics and Administrative Sciences Prof Dr Mumtaz Anwar Chaudhry, Director HRDC Prof

Dr Kashif Rathore, Director ORIC Prof Dr Shakil Ahmad, Director Institute of Administrative Sciences Prof Dr Yaamina Salman and faculty members were present.

In his address, Dr Khalid Mahmood emphasized the need for orienting the faculty members in institutional framework of the varsity at an early career stage.

Prof Dr Kashif Rathore provided an overview of the Continuing Professional

Development and HRDC, and shed light on the importance of faculty orientation program for university teachers. The session concluded with VC, Dean FBEAS and Director HRDC's participation in a faculty debate segment on 'Managing Subjectivity in Modern Learning Environments'.

The VC reassured his commitment to the upcoming faculty development program planned by HRDC. ■

Dr Zahid Munir presents his travelogue to CM

PAKISTAN and Italy are bound in deep ties of friendship, but despite this, the people of Pakistan know a little about their friend Italy.

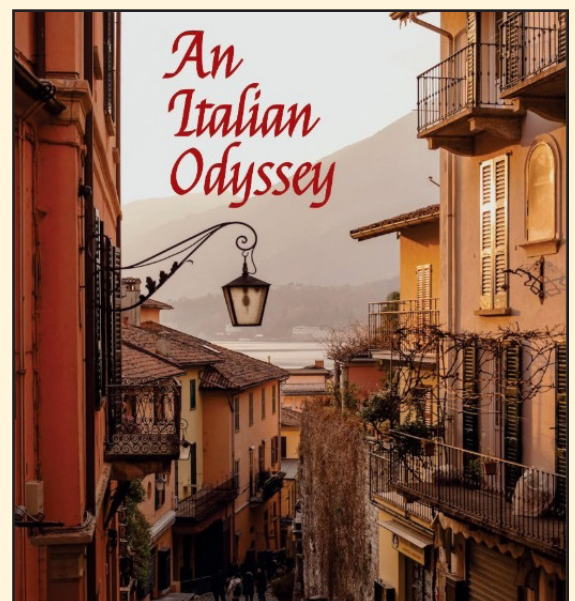
Civilization and cultural distance can be removed by making the people of both countries aware of each other's literature. Literature represents the common feelings of human societies, therefore, no matter what region it belongs to, sensitive minds consider it as an expression of their own feelings. It was expressed on the occasion of the publication of the travelogue 'Italy an Italian Odyssey'.

This travelogue was written by Director Punjab University Urdu

Development and Translation Centre Prof Dr Zahid Munir Amir.

He presented his travelogue to Punjab Chief Minister Mr Mohsin Naqvi in a meeting. He discovered the sources of Urdu language literature in Italy and brought them to Pakistani readers by means of his travelogue.

University of Naples Rector Prof Dr Roberto Totoli said that this is the first book in the history published by an Italian university and a Pakistani university. He hoped that this book will play an important role in bringing two friendly countries closer to each other and opening new avenues of scientific research and communication between Pakistan and Italy. ■



Travelogue written by Prof Dr Zahid Munir Amir.

Students spread positivity through education



A group photo of PU VC Dr Khalid Mahmood along with Provincial Health Minister Dr Javed Akram, Chairperson Department of Social Work Dr Uzma Ashiq, Director General Social Welfare Mudassar Riaz Malik, Secretary Social Welfare Zahoor Hussain, Registrar Dr Ahmed Islam and senior analyst Salman Abid.

PROVINCIAL Health Minister Dr Javed Akram said that social work education should not be limited to obtaining a degree but should be practically meant for human service. He was addressing the launching ceremony of first-ever 'Social Work Field Practicum Manual' by Punjab University Department of Social Work.

On this occasion, PU VC Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood, Chairperson Department of Social Work Dr Uzma Ashiq, Director General Social Welfare Mudassar Riaz Malik, Secretary Social Welfare Zahoor Hussain, Registrar Dr Ahmed Islam, senior analyst Salman Abid, Assistant Professor Muhammad Arshad Abbasi, representatives from various NGOs, faculty members and students were present.

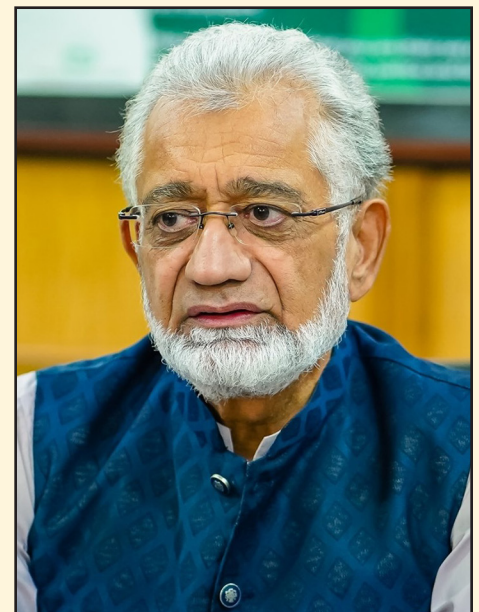
In his address, Dr Javed Akram said that our religion emphasizes social service. He said that we have to make people's thinking and attitudes positive through education, for which students can play an active role. He said that social service sectors in Pakistan have to work together for social development.

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DR JAVED AKRAM

PU VC Dr Khalid Mahmood said that the social problems due to urbanization in the modern era can be solved only through humanitarian service. He said that the students of the social work department can resolve social issues through their hard work. He said that the introduced field work will be beneficial for the students in the future.

Dr Uzma Ashiq said that Punjab University Social Work Department will continue to play a positive role for the betterment of the society. She said that in a few months, the department has taken



many steps for expanding the job market of students, academic development, infrastructure improvement and strong relations with other institutions.

Dr Muhammad Arshad Abbasi briefed the participants regarding the program. ■

PU IMMIG organizes seminar on Tackling AMR



PU VC Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood presents souvenir to Prof Dr Anjum Nasim Sabri.

PUNJAB University Institute of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics (IMMG) conducted a seminar on Tackling AMR: The fight against infection and sepsis.

The seminar's goal was to raise awareness of antimicrobial resistance and to suggest creative technological solutions for it.

On this occasion, PU VC Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood, CEO of Global Marketing Services Zafar Iqbal, Director Institute of Microbiology & Molecular Genetics Prof Dr Anjum Nasim Sabri, faculty members and students were present.

In his address, Dr Khalid Mahmood appreciated the organizers for arranging a seminar on the globally important issue of AMR emergence. He said that these sorts

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**PU VC PROF
 DR KHALID MAHMOOD**

of awareness seminars are the need of the day. He said that all faculty members and the research scholars should focus on the issues related to society and have a bag full of applied research that can help and resolve

the society's major issues of health. He had the opinion that research output plays a crucial part in the university's global ranking and that collaboration among all of us is essential to raising the ranking even higher.

Prof Dr Anjum Nasim Sabri talked about the role of biofilm formation in developing and evolution of antimicrobial resistances. The CEO of GMS told students about career opportunities for the students of Microbiology and Molecular Genetics.

Dr Lilas Hajdi offered her collaborations for good research output.

Dr Saba Riaz and Dr Hasnain Javed also presented about AMR.

Later, the Director IMMIG congratulated students and the organizing committee for conducting such an informative seminar. ■

PU ISCS organizes seminar on society, state and nationhood

PUNJAB University Institute of Social and Cultural Studies (ISCS) organized a seminar on 'Society, State and Nationhood in 21 Century'.

On this occasion, ISCS Director Prof Dr Rubeena Zakar, senior journalist and renowned author Tahir Mehmood, faculty members and a large number of students were present.

In her address, Dr Rubeena Zakar welcomed the honorable guest and participants. She highlighted the importance of the topic. In his keynote address, Tahir Mehmood shed light on the topic and said that society and nationhood are crucial for a



Personal biases, unequal distribution of resources are challenges to our nationhood



TAHIR MEHMOOD,
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state. He said that assumptions can't change the reality, context is co related to the reality.

He said that man gave part of his reality to his state so the state can regulate and in 21st century revolutions are technology and information. State sovereignty is challenged by innovation, he added. He briefly described the history of European Union think tank, Indian global Dis info Campaign affected Pakistan & anti Pakistan content was being spread through 500+ websites. He used history references to emphasize that the price of Ignorance is slavery. He said that personal biases, unequal distribution of resources were challenges to our nationhood. He said that the future belongs to the youth and Pakistan is lucky to have diversely fertilized land. ■

Iqbal and 'Khudi'

PUNJAB University Hailey College of Banking & Finance (HCBF) Literary Society organized seminar on Allama Iqbal's Kalam "Khudi".

On this occasion, HCBF Principal Dr Ahmed Muneeb Mehta, Dean Faculty of Languages and Islamic Oriental Learning at Government College University, Lahore Prof Dr Muhammad Iqbal Shahid, faculty members and a large number of students were present.

In his address, Dr Ahmed Muneeb Mehta shed light on the services of Allama Iqbal. He said that Pakistan's movement got intellectual strength from Iqbal's words. Dr Iqbal Shahid talked about Allama Iqbal's Kalam 'Khudi' and described Iqbal's thoughts as indispensable for building the Pakistani society. He emphasized on setting up such forums in educational institutions to make the youth aware of Iqbal's thoughts. Students gave speeches on Iqbal's thought and presented Iqbal's words. Later, Dr Mehta presented the shield to the chief guest. ■



No shortage of resources in country: Amjad Saqib

CHAIRMAN Benazir Income Support Program (BISP) and Founder, Akhuwat Foundation Dr Amjad Saqib has said that there is no shortage of resources in the country but there is a need for proper utilization.

He was addressing the degree awarding ceremony organized by Punjab University School of Economics.

On this occasion, former Finance Minister Dr Hafeez A. Pasha, PU VC Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood, President Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry Kashif Anwar, Dean Faculty of Business, Economics and Administrative Sciences Prof Dr Mumtaz Anwar Chaudhry, Registrar Dr Ahmed Islam, Controller of Examinations Muhammad Rauf Nawaz, faculty members, students and their parents were present.

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For the recovery of the economy, the tax net must be increased and alternative means must be used.

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KASHIF ANWAR



Akhuwat Foundation Founder Dr Amjad Saqib, former Finance Minister Dr Hafeez Pasha, PU VC Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood, Chamber of Commerce and Industry President Lahore Kashif Anwar, Economics and Administrative Sciences Faculty of Business Dean, Prof Dr Mumtaz Anwar Chaudhry, Registrar Dr Ahmed Islam, Controller of Examinations Muhammad Rauf Nawaz sit on the stage during award ceremony.

In his address, Amjad Saqib said that the main reason for the imbalance in the society is the unfair distribution of wealth. He said that one should spend according to their needs for a better life. He said that economists should take steps to promote entrepreneurship. He said that it is possible to change society by connecting the knowledge of economics with ethics.

Hafeez Pasha said that the economic conditions of Pakistan are on the way to improvement. He said that the acceleration in the stock exchange, the strengthening of the rupee and the record profits of the commercial banks are all positive indicators. He said that after the elections, there will be more stability in the country's economy. He added that providing high and quality education to students by providing 70% of expenses from

PU is commendable.

Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood expressed hope that the graduates will strengthen the country's economy by playing a role in the field. He said that students our ambassador, whoever learns new knowledge should come to varsity and teach to the next generation. He said that the School of Economics under the leadership of Dr Mumtaz Anwar Chaudhry is playing an active role for the economic stability of the country.

Kashif Anwar said that for the recovery of the economy, the tax net must be increased and alternative means must be used. He said that we also have to increase our manufacturing capacity. Dr Mumtaz Anwar Chaudhry congratulated the graduating students and their parents on achieving important milestones in their lives. He said “in today's world, being equipped with knowledge and higher education is crucial.” It is imperative to have the ability to think fast, consistently grasp knowledge and land on your feet. He advised the graduates to follow their dreams, take risks, learn from their failures, and believe in themselves and their vision. He said that our students are making a name at national and international level. Later, degrees were distributed among 141 students of BS Economics, MPhil and Ph.D. ■



PU VC Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood addresses the degree awarding ceremony organized by Punjab University School of Economics.

Students should play role to prevent fake news: PU VC



Development Communication Studies Chairperson Department Dr Ayesha Ashfaq and Manager Communication Urban Unit Maimoona Arslan Bhatti present souvenir to PU VC.

PUNJAB University Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood has said that in the present era, it is very important to provide awareness to prevent false and fabricated news, for which young students have to play a role.

He expressed these views while addressing a seminar on Media Literacy organized by Punjab University Department of Development Communication Studies in collaboration with Urban Unit P&D Government of Punjab at Al Raazi Hall.

On this occasion, Development Communication Studies Chairperson Department Dr Ayesha Ashfaq, Manager Communication Urban Unit Maimoona Arslan Bhatti, Senior Journalist Wasif Nagi, Renowned Anchor Person Ajmal Jami, Producer Naveed Nasim, Sarmad Sufyan, Chief Librarian Urban Unit Shahrano Faizi, Maira Sarfraz, Senior Faculty. Members and a large number of students were present.

In his address, Dr Khalid Mahmood said that Punjab University produced big names in the field of journalism. He said that policy

makers must know how important global media and information is. He said that even highly educated and high-ranking people share wrong news without thinking, which creates problems. He said that censorship or controlling mechanism is failing miserably in stopping fake

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news. He said that it was not possible to stop the news that should have happened, but it can be remedied with awareness and training. He said that students must participate in politics so that the country gets better leadership. He

said that it is the responsibility of teachers to highlight intellectual thinking in their students. Wasif Nagi said that 63% of the country's population uses the Internet day and night, for which the role of educational institutions and media is very important.

Ajmal Jami said that the trend on social media has eliminated the distinction between right and wrong, which is causing harm to the country.

Dr Ayehsa Ashfaq said that according to the contemporary digital requirements, it is necessary to make our students information and media literate. It is the need of the hour that our students must know how to make analyses critically and click wisely to identify fake news and misinformation in Pakistan.

Maimoona Arsalan said that the people should learn to choose the right communication platforms regarding their rights and duties.

Naveed Nasim, Sarmad Sufyan, Shahrano and Maira Sarfraz also expressed their views in the seminar.

Later, souvenirs were presented to the distinguished guests. ■

Steps needed to promote Islamic banking in Pakistan



Dean Faculty of Commerce Prof Dr Mubbsher Munawar Khan presents souvenir to PU VC Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood.

PUNJAB University Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood has said that more steps are needed for the promotion of Islamic banking in the country.

He was addressing the opening ceremony of three-day research week organized by Punjab University Hailey College of Commerce.

On this occasion, Vice Chancellor Baba Gurunanak University Prof Dr Muhammad Afzal, Dean Faculty of Commerce Prof Dr Mubbsher Munawar Khan, General Manager National Bank of Pakistan Hasan Raza Khan, Muhammad Mustafa Mahmood from Saudi Arabia, Principal HCC Prof Dr Hafiz Zafar Ahmed, delegates from Pakistan and other countries, researchers, faculty members and a large number of students were present.

In his address, Dr Khalid Mahmood said that a graduate of Hailey College of Commerce

can easily make his place in the market. He said that holding such events helps in making ideas into reality.

He congratulated the organizers for organizing an excellent event and hoped that it would help to promote business in the country in accordance with Islamic principles. Dr Muhammad Afzal said that the increase in the number of students in Punjab University Hailey College of Commerce every year shows that the teachers are hardworking and competent.

Prof Dr Mubbsher Munawar Khan said that there is a need to promote research that benefits the society. He said that research work should not be done only for increasing the quantity but for practical benefit in business. He said that it is possible to improve the economic situation of the country through research based on solving the problems faced

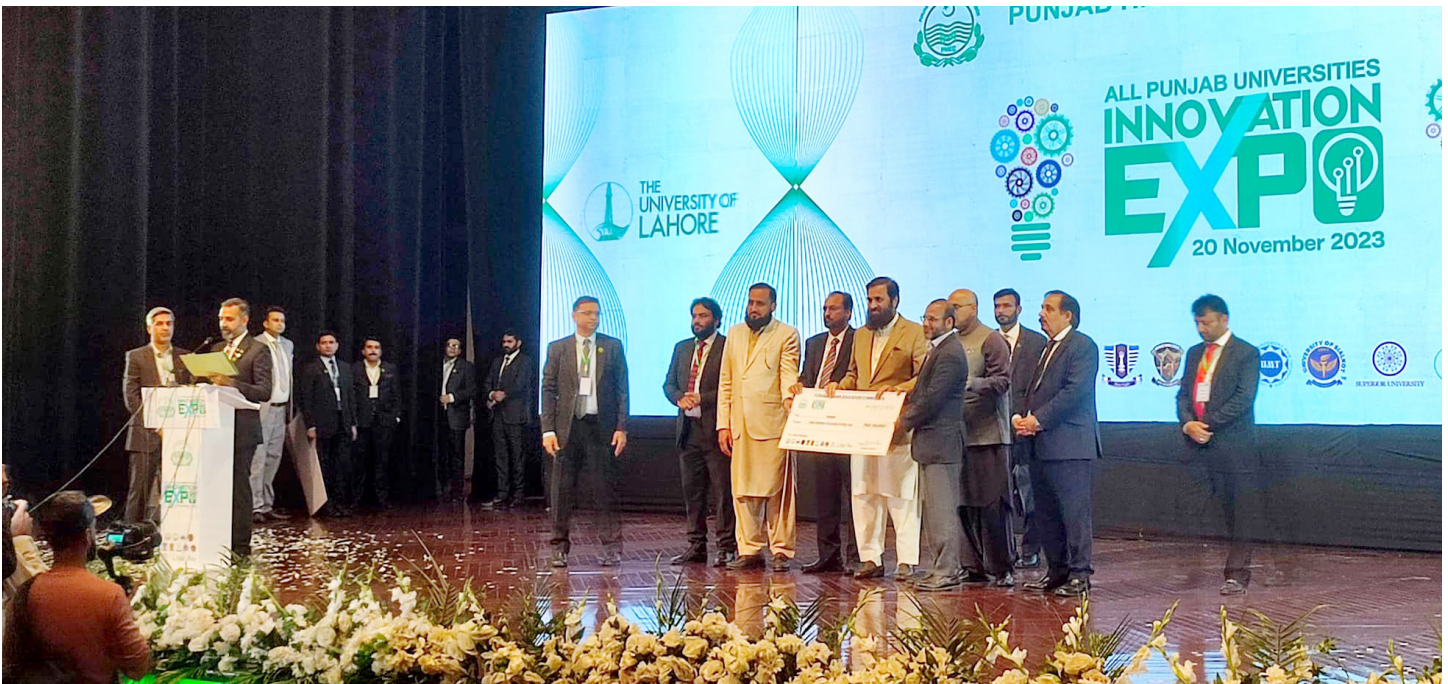
by industry and business.

Hasan Raza Khan said that the National Bank of Pakistan is working in the right direction, the results of which will be revealed soon.

Muhammad Mustafa Mahmood said that we have to work together to move forward, for that the education is the best source. He said that exchange of student delegations will promote international relations.

Prof Dr Hafiz Zafar Ahmed said that the students of Punjab University HCC are given skills along with education. He said that our teachers are serving in other countries including Turkiye and Cyprus. He said that a three-day research week is being organized for the first time under the auspices of HCC in which two international conferences, thesis competitions, seminars and other research activities will be held. ■

PU Institute of Metallurgy and Materials Engineering wins 7 projects at innovation expo



Chancellor Punjab University Muhammad Balighur Rehman presents first position award to Dr Mohsin Ali Raza.

PUNJAB University Institute of Metallurgy and Materials Engineering has won 7 out of 13 projects shortlisted by Punjab Higher Education Commission in Innovation Expo 2023.

The PHEC has arranged the "All Punjab Universities Innovation Expo 2023" to provide a platform for tech enthusiasts and entrepreneurial minds, particularly among teachers and students, to showcase their creative research and innovations to industry experts, business professionals, investors, and the general public.

The event featured participants from over 40 universities from Punjab province presenting their innovative projects.

Out of the 13 projects shortlisted by PHEC from the University of the Punjab, 7 hailed from the Institute of Metallurgy and Materials Engineering (IMME).

A research team led by Prof. Dr. Mohsin Ali Raza, Director IMME, alongside Dr. Zaeem Ur Rehman and Umar Latif, a PhD scholar, presented the project titled "In situ growth of nickel ammonium phosphate ribbons on nickel foam for supercapacitor applications."

This project secured the first position, earning a cash prize of Rs. 100,000 in the mechanical/electronics/civil/metallurgy/industrial/mechatronics engineering category.

The winning project aimed at developing an efficient electrode material for supercapacitors, addressing the high demand for energy storage devices in renewable energy applications while offering a cost-effective alternative to traditional batteries.

Later, Chancellor / Governor Punjab Muhammad Balighur Rehman presented first position award to Dr Mohsin Ali Raza. ■

PU faculty member honored

PUNJAB University Deputy Director ORIC, Co-Principal Investigator of RSGCRL and Associate Professor of Space Science Dr Khalid Mahmood presented his work at the United Nations Office for Outer Space Affairs, aiming at Tackling Global Water Challenges.

Based on his research he presented

groundbreaking advancements in space technology for monitoring global surface water quality and developing space-based solutions for flood and drought control.

He showcased a comprehensive space-based solution, shedding light on the potential of space technology to address pressing environmental challenges. Following

the presentation, Dr Mahmood engaged in a hands-on discussion with top-tier scientists from across the globe, working collaboratively to refine and enhance the proposed solutions. According to Dr Mahmood this was an unparalleled opportunity to highlight the advancements being made at the University of the Punjab. ■

Faculty Orientation Program under PU HRDC concluded



PU VC Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood poses for group photo after Faculty Orientation Program.

A Four-day Faculty Orientation Program organized by Punjab University Human Resources Development Centre (HRDC), for familiarizing the new faculty with their institutional and job contexts was concluded amidst high spirits.

On this occasion, PU VC Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood, Director HRDC Prof Dr Kashif Rathore, Director ORIC Prof Dr Shakil Ahmad,

Director Institute of Administrative Sciences Prof Dr Yaamina Salman, Associate Professor Dr Shabbir Sarwar from Department of Journalism Studies, Dr Ghalib Ata from IAS and other were present. In his address, Dr Khalid Mahmood emphasized the need for attitudinal change alongside knowledge and skills development among faculty members at an early career stage. Prof Dr Kashif Rathore highlighted the need for a regular structure and budgetary

provision for Continuing Professional Development by HRDC.

The session concluded with positive feedback by the program participants and suggestions for strengthening Continuing Professional Development programs by HRDC, including some form of incentivization of the program. Later, the VC distributed certificates and shields among participants and resource persons. ■

PU HCBF and IAP sign MoU

PUNJAB University Hailey College of Banking & Finance (HCBF) and Insurance Association of Pakistan (IAP) signed a historic Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). The MoU signing ceremony was held at PU VC's office.

On this occasion, PU VC Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood, HCBF Principal Dr Ahmed Muneeb Mehta, Chairman Regional Committee IAP Mr Hisham and representatives from both institutions were also present.

Both the institutions shared mutual consent on reaffirming the relationship and providing various academic and professional platforms to the students as well as insurance industry for future excellence.

With the support of Vice Chancellor, Dr Ahmed Muneeb Mehta announced the revival of MBA (Insurance and Risk Management) program for spring 2024 intake. ■



HCBF Principal Dr Ahmed Muneeb Mehta and Chairman Regional Committee IAP Mr Hisham exchange MoU while PU VC is also present.

All Pakistan Inter University Women Athletics Championship

PUNJAB University in collaboration with Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan has organized three-day 45th All-Pakistan Iqbal Trophy Inter-University Women Athletics Championship 2023-24.

Punjab University Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood, Director Sports Prof Dr Zafar Iqbal Butt, Additional Director Sports Mrs. Tahira Saleem, women players and officials participated in the inaugural ceremony.

In his address, PU VC Dr Khalid Mahmood said that sports are very important for physical and mental health. He said that Punjab University is playing a vital role to promote sports activities along with education. He said that the role of women in every sphere of life, including sports, is commendable for the development and prosperity of Pakistan. He congratulated the organizers for organizing the event.



PU VC Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood addresses the inaugural ceremony of All-Pakistan Iqbal Trophy Inter-University Women Athletics Championship 2023-24.

Dr Zafar Iqbal Butt said that athletes from 26 universities across Pakistan participated in

the three-day All-Pakistan Iqbal Trophy Inter-University Women's Athletics Championship.



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Athletes participate in the race of All-Pakistan Iqbal Trophy Inter-University Women Athletics Championship 2023-24.

PU wins All Pakistan Inter University Women Athletics Championship



PU Vice Chancellor Dr. Khalid Mehmood poses for group photo after closing ceremony.

THE women athletes of Punjab University have won the three-day 45th All-Pakistan Inter-University Women Athletics Championship 2023-24 Iqbal Trophy by showing excellent performance in various competitions.

The competitions were organized in collaboration with the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan and Punjab University at the Punjab Stadium in which players from 26 universities from the country participated.

The second position in the championship was secured by Lahore College for Women University, the third position by Superior University and the fourth position by Government College for Women University Faisalabad, while Sunina Mansoor of Punjab University was declared the best athlete of the championship.

The closing ceremony was attended by Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Khalid Mehmood, Director Sports Dr. Zafar Iqbal Butt, HEC's representative Khadim Ali Khan, team

managers, coaches and a large number of women athletes.

Speaking at the event, Vice Chancellor Dr. Khalid Mehmood said that sports provide good health and good mind to the youth. He said that we are proud that the female students of different universities have demonstrated their excellent skills in the competition and proved that they can achieve success in every field. He expressed hope that the women athletes participating in the competitions will play an active role in enlightening the name of Pakistan.

On this occasion, he also announced a special cash prize for the best athlete Sunina Musawar. While thanking the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan, he said that such activities should be continued in the future so that sports women can get a chance to showcase their skills. He congratulated the Director Sports Dr. Zafar Iqbal Butt and his team for the successful organization of the games.

Dr. Zafar Iqbal Butt said that the Punjab



Athlete Sunina Musawar shows her medals and trophy won on her extraordinary performance.

University Sports Department is playing an active role in promoting sports and would continue to organize such competitions regularly. ■