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It is a highly commendable initiative by the University of the Punjab to highlight its activities through its fortnightly "PU News". The decision to relaunch this publication is praiseworthy and I hope that the "PU News" would continue with its publishing endeavours.

The Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) has built strong mutual ties with the University of the Punjab to encourage cooperation in the fields of academics and research. PHEC has funded several conferences, seminars, scholarships,

international travel grants and workshops for the scholars and faculty of the university. Recently, PHEC signed an MoU with the university for an international Split Ph.D. Scholarship Program. The PHEC is taking such steps for the capacity building of teachers serving in institutions of higher learning. Our bonds are strong and they would get stronger with every passing day.

PHEC has launched several initiatives for universities and colleges of Punjab. For the capacity building of university and college staff, a state-of-the-art Staff Development Academy has been established in Lahore. Similarly to meet the deficiency of qualified Ph.D. faculty, an international Split Ph.D. Scholarship Program, in collaboration with local universities, has been started. The University of the Punjab is a signatory of this program.

We are committed to easing the equitable access to the venues of higher education, as well as equal opportunities for the funding and resource allocation to the HEIs of Punjab. We prioritize quality rather than quantity. To actualize its vision, Punjab Higher Education Commission is stepping in the right direction. We are contributing to strengthening the nation's knowledge economy.

**Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin**  
(Sitara-i-Imtiaz)

## Vice Chancellor's Corner

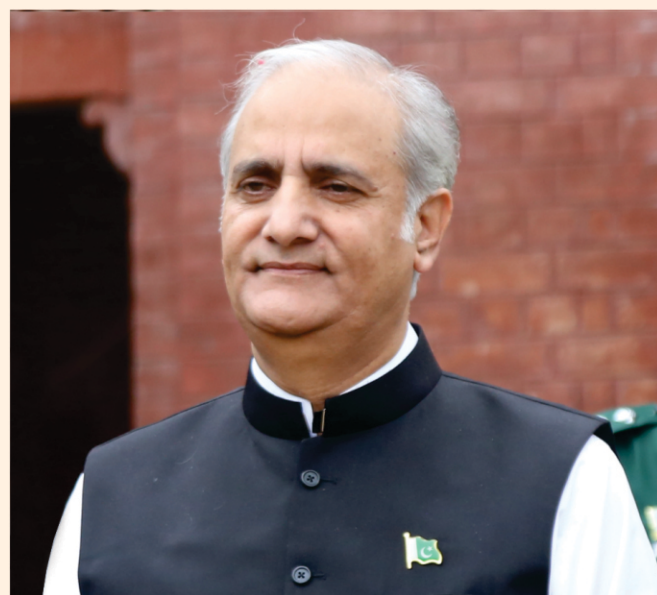
Punctuality is one of the greatest virtues of this world. It has strong relation with success in routine life tasks. Our Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) and our founding father Quaid-i-Azam Ali Jinnah, both were very punctual. Many other great leaders of the world were very punctual and they considered this habit as one of their greatest assets. In Germany trains are not named after some places or heroes of the nation but the time. This is one of the key reasons of its development and repute in world.

With this, here, I want to emphasize that the teachers, students and employees of Punjab University have a distinction being part of this oldest and largest alma mater of Pakistan. Now as part of this fraternity, we are indebted and we must pay back to this great university. I want every member of this community to observe punctuality and be quick and efficient in meeting all deadlines.

Once our teachers and other staff will be regular and punctual, I believe this virtue will be fully transferred to our students

in the form of a life time habit. A habit that will definitely act as a catalyst to help achieve their career goals. I myself will be monitoring all my team members – the teachers, employees and students to observe punctuality. I expect all-out cooperation. Thank you.

**Dr. Zafar Mueen Nasir**





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## Editor's Note

PU goes green in August. This edition of PU News is also dominated with green events held in connection with the 71st Independence Day of our beloved homeland Pakistan. These include a special flag hoisting ceremony held at PU College of Art and Design along with a mushaira and national songs ceremony where our star singers and poets enthralled the audience. All buildings were illuminated with white and green lights. At night the vice chancellor cut a cake and talked about nationalism with students at Boys Hostel Number 1.

Another important academic activity was a seminar on "Pakistan at 70: Challenges and Opportunities" organized by Pakistan Study Centre. This activity has also been given proper space in this edition.

On August 22, the nation was still in a festive mood, when US President Mr. Donald Trump gave a statement about the sovereignty and credibility of our country, while ignoring all sacrifices offered by Pakistan in the war on terror. Like other Pakistanis, the community of Punjab University is also very shocked over his statement. PU News expects a very educated academic response from the community. A data-based response which would expel the negative propaganda of those who urged Mr. Trump to give such an unacceptable policy statement.

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# PU establishing campus in Dubai

Punjab University Hailey College of Banking & Finance (HCBF) and Professionals & Accountancy Centre (PAC) have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for establishment of PU campus in Dubai and jointly organize training and competency development programme.

In this regard, an MoU signing ceremony was organized in the committee room of Vice Chancellor's office. PU Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Zafar Mueen Nasir, Registrar Dr. Muhammad Khalid Khan, Hailey College of Banking and Finance Principal Prof. Dr. Mubbsher Munawar Khan, PAC Dubai Chairman Jamil Qureshi, President Mian Ahmad Farhan, Akida Consulting Head Haider Zaidi, PU External Linkages Director Dr. Fouzia Hadi Ali and faculty members were present on the occasion.

According to the MoU, PAC Dubai would provide support and facilitation to HCBF to prepare a plan for establishment of PU campus in Dubai. Both the



organizations would jointly organize capacity building seminars, workshops etc in accordance with requirements of various industries, entities, professions etc. HCBF and PAC would also collaborate for establishing a data base to promote employment of HCBF graduates in Pakistan and abroad.





# VC reviews examination arrangements

**LAHORE:** Punjab University Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Zafar Mueen Nasir has visited the examination centres at Wahdat Road and Lawrence Road. Controller of Examinations Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir, additional controllers Shahid Javed, Rauf Nawaz and others accompanied the VC during the visit.

The vice chancellor reviewed arrangements made to facilitate candidates appearing in LLB examinations. The VC also asked candidates regarding facilities provided to them at the centre. The candidates expressed satisfaction over the arrangements.





## Dr. Nizam urges academics to assess factors behind unemployment

**LAHORE:** Punjab Higher Education Commission Chairman Prof. Dr. Muhammad Nizammuddin has called upon the need to assess factors behind unemployment and provide market-based education to students at universities and colleges. He was addressing the 5th degree awarding ceremony of Punjab University Hailey College of Commerce.

PU Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Zafar Mueen Nasir, Hailey College of Commerce Principal Prof. Dr. Hasan Mobeen Alam, Registrar Dr. Muhammad Khalid Khan, Dean Prof. Dr. Muhammad Taqi Zahid Butt, Controller of Examinations Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir, senior faculty members and a large number of students were present on the occasion.

Addressing the ceremony, Dr. Nizamuddin said "there is a need to conduct surveys of market demands so that modern features could be incorporated in the curriculum and special certification courses may also be introduced. He said, "We must utilize our young talent and training courses must be arranged to provide manpower in gulf region as well. There is a need to



conduct study on reduction in number of males in commerce education".

Addressing the ceremony, PU-VC Dr. Zafar Mueen Nasir said the university would start entrepreneurship programme and would introduce various programmes related to Islamic banking. He advised students to promote positive thinking and work hard to achieve their goals. He also advised them to support education of those children who could not afford to get education.

Principal Hailey College Prof. Dr. Hasan Mobeen Alam said, "Our mission is the prosperity and progress of our country and the nation and we need to make untiring efforts to achieve this goal". He said that the college was organizing job fairs and co-curricular activities to polish talent of its students.

In the ceremony, 435 degrees of MPhil, MCom and BCom Hons. were awarded to the students.







## Dr. Shahida wins PNCA award

Pakistan National Council of Arts (PNCA) has conferred an award upon Prof. Dr. Shahida Manzoor, Principal of the College of Art and Design, University of the Punjab Lahore in recognition of her contribution towards PNCA and Shakir Ali Museum.

The award was presented to Prof. Dr. Shahida Manzoor by the Director PNCA Mr. Jamal Shah at the Award Ceremony held in connection with the Regional Exhibition "Harappa to Lahore via Katas,

2017," at Al-hamra Art Galleries on August 19, 2017. Chairman Artists' Association of Punjab (AAP) Mian Ijaz ul Hassan and General Secretary Mr. Ghulam Mustafa were also present at this occasion.

This exhibition and ceremony was organized as part of Centenary Celebrations of Shakir Ali, the harbinger of Modern Art in Pakistan and was attended by notable artists, art critics, art-lovers and a number of art students.

## Students' distinction in PTV Azadi quiz

**LAHORE:** Punjab University students have shown outstanding performances in co-curricular activities organized by Pakistan Television (PTV) to celebrate Independence Day and got prominent positions.

Students including Atif Shafiq and Shahzad Abbas clinched first position with a cash prize of Rs 30, 000/ in PTV Azadi quiz competition at Lahore Centre while in Final round in Islamabad, they got second position with cash prize of Rs 30, 000. In Pakistan Speaks Debate competition organized by PTV Lahore Centre, students including Shabhat Qamar, Abdul Haseeb and Shaista Fajar obtained team trophy with cash prize of Rs 30, 000/ in Urdu Debate contest.

## Dr. Naeem Khan wins Turkish "Mevlana Rumi Academic Award"

**LAHORE:** Punjab University Dean Faculty of Life Sciences Professor of Zoology and former Registrar Prof. Dr.

Muhammad Naeem Khan has been awarded the prestigious Turkish "Mevlana (Rumi) Academic Exchange Program Award" for year 2017. According to the Council of Higher Education of Turkey, Mevlana (Rumi) Exchange Program is intended to help improve bilateral academic linkages and research collaborations between Turkish and Pakistani universities. Under the academic staff mobility program, Prof. Naeem Khan will visit Kastamonu University in northern Turkey from October 1-15, 2017 to give a series of seminars and guest lectures, besides visiting historical academic and cultural institutions in Istanbul.





Punjab University celebrated the 71st Independence Day of Pakistan with national zeal and fervor. The main program of the day held at Allama Iqbal Campus, commonly known as the Old Campus, where the University College of Art and Design organized a grand flag-hoisting ceremony.

Vice Chancellor Dr. Zafar Moeen Nasir was the chief guest at this occasion. Principal College of Art and Design Prof. Dr. Shahida Manzoor received all the guests and looked after the arrangements.

The ceremony was attended by deans, principals, heads of the departments, faculty members and a large number of students. The chief guest hoisted the national flag which was followed by the recitation of the national anthem. Later, national songs full of patriotism were sung by the star singer students of the university. The air was full of patriotism and all those present in the event actively participated in the songs.

Addressing on this occasion, Dr. Zafar Mueen Nasir inaugurated the Main Hall of the University College of Art and Design that was opened after restoration. The historical Main Hall was built in 1905, and it has been repaired and restored in 2017.

A special Mushaira (poetry recitation), in connection with the Independence Day, was also held at the Main Hall where the faculty members of the university presented their poetry.



Punjab University students sing a national song.



PU VC Dr. Zafar Mueen Nasir shakes hands with a guard.

# 71st Independence Day celebrated with zeal and fervor







PU VC Dr. Zafar Mueen Nasir arrives at the ceremony



Faculty members and others listen to the address of vice chancellor.





# "Pakistan at 70: Challenges and Opportunities"

## Speakers urge strengthening of democracy in Pakistan

**LAHORE:** In connection with the Independence Day celebrations Punjab University Pakistan Study Centre organized seminar on "Pakistan at 70: Challenges and Opportunities". PU Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Zaffar Mueen Nasir, Professor Emeritus Department of Political Science Dr Hasan Askari Rizvi, Former Dean University of Sargodha Prof Dr Rasheed Ahmed Khan, Acting Director PSC Dr Amjad Abbas Magsi, senior faculty members and students were present on the occasion.

In his address Prof. Dr. Zaffar Mueen Nasir threw light on the economic development of Pakistan in last 70 years. He said that comparison of Pakistan's economic situation of 1947 and 2017 shows a big difference as service and industrial sector was growing. He said that our social sector is being affected by lower spending on development sector. "We need to improve our social sector-health and education for better development in the country. The 3Ds of economics; Development, Defence and Debt Services must be set in the right order."

He stressed that we need to set our priorities, made our industrial policies and define our pioneer industries. He said that we should need to change our development policies that will be equitable and will bring prosperity and nationalism in country.

He proposed a development model for development which will provide equal opportunities to all which will result in enhancement of solidarity, prosperity and nationalism in the country. CPEC is a game changer which is bringing great potential for investment in the country. We have to create stability



and conducive environment for economic vibrancy in the country.

Prof. Dr. Hassan Askari Rizvi in his keynote address said, "we as a nation has to focus on three aspects. First one is we need to pay tribute to people who have sacrificed a lot for establishment of Pakistan."

Secondly, he said, "we need to examine the achievements of Pakistan in last 70 years. Despite the roller coaster of democracy and change in government, Pakistan has made a substantial achievement in fields of industry and defense. We need to recognize the deficiencies, difficulties and failures of Pakistan. As quality of democracy is poor, governance issues and socio-economic injustices are







major problems of Pakistan.”

He stressed upon that it is need of time that youth of our society has to focus on above mentioned problems in more harmonious and participatory manner. Institutions must be strengthened for service delivery to the people. Democracy is meant to serve the people.

Dr. Rashid Ahmed Khan in his keynote speech focused on “Future of Pakistani Democracy”. He said that Pakistan was achieved through democratic struggle. Democracy is therefore in the blood of Pakistan. But the people of Pakistan had to wage a very arduous struggle for securing democracy in the country. This struggle has been a story of intense tussle for power between the democratic and authoritarian forces. Democracy in Pakistan is one of the most important concern of Pakistani people.

Democracy in Pakistan has strengthened over 70



years because of many factors. Some of them are that there is no cold war scenario, no alliance system, globalization. But in Pakistan democracy still faces challenges which are regional disparity, regionalization of Pakistani politics, rural-urban disparity, flaws of governance (transparency, rule of law and participation is absent) last but not the least is rise of extremism and terrorism.

In his welcome note, Acting Director Dr. Amjad Abbas Magsi said that Pakistan has been stepping up in the 71st year by completing its seventh year of its establishment. In history of nations seventy years stand for nothing, centuries are needed for states to reach the bamboo height in the formation phase. Where we should celebrate the seventh year of Pakistan, we need to look at our national journey for seventy years. Those nations who won independence after us are in the category of developed nations just due to their hard work and sincere leadership. There is no doubt that we are facing political instability and terrorism, but we have to make Pakistan a developed nation by our hard work and efforts.

“We should not allow internal and external problems to become a hurdle in development of Pakistan. The need of time is to work hard rather than to feel sorry over problems.” The vice chancellor also cut a cake to begin the celebrations of the 70th Independence Day celebration. Now all departments and hostels would organize different events in this connection,” he concluded.





## PU organizes inter-university competitions to mark independence

**LAHORE:** In connection with the Independence Day celebrations Punjab University Directorate of Students Affairs arranged an inter-varsity competition. Students from various universities participated in Qirat, Naat, debate, painting, national songs, quiz and declamations contests held at Al-Raazi Hall. PU Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Zaffar Mueen Nasir, Director Students Affairs Shahid Mehmood Gul, Deputy Director Zubair Akram and students were present on the occasion.

PU VC Dr Zaffar Mueen Nasir lauded the students for their excellent participation in the event. He said that Pakistan has been facing several problems that can be solved by unity, faith and discipline.





# PU scientists receive 16 research awards



**LAHORE:** As many as 16 scientists of Punjab University have won the Research Productivity Award 2016 of Pakistan Council for Science and Technology. Punjab University organized a ceremony to distribute appreciation certificates among the scientists.

The ceremony was organized at the committee room of Vice Chancellor's office where PU VC Dr. Zafar Mueen Nasir, Registrar Dr. Muhammad Khalid Khan, Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC) Director Dr. Tahir Jamil and distinguished scientists participated.

Addressing the ceremony, Dr. Zafar Mueen Nasir appreciated the quality research work by PU scientists who brought a good name for Punjab University through their hard work.

He said that PU administration would support promotion of research activities on campus and all the teachers would be encouraged to do research.

The 16 scientists included Prof. Dr. Muhammad

Sharif, Prof. Dr. Shahzad Naseem, Dr. Saira Riaz, Prof. Dr. Shahida Hasnain, Dr. Hafiz Azhar Ali Khan, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Nawaz Chaudhry, Dr. Muhammad Zaeem ul Haq Bhatti, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Makshoof Athar, Dr. Tayyab Husnain, Dr. Muhammad Younis, Dr. Abdul Rehman, Prof. Dr. Tahir Jamil, Dr. Tehmina Anjum, Dr. Abul Nasir Khalid and Prof. Dr. Shaheen Naseem Khan.

Later, the VC distributed certificates among the scientists.



## CEES students selected for UGRAD exchange programme

**LAHORE:** Punjab University College of Earth & Environmental Sciences' (CEES) students of BS Environmental Sciences Anam Riaz and Oreeda Saeed have been selected as principal candidate for participation in the Global Undergraduate Exchange Programme for Pakistan (Global UGRAD-Pakistan) fall-2017 & spring-2018 semester funded by the United States Department of State.

In this regard, CEES Principal Prof. Dr. Sajid Rashid and Anam Riaz called on PU VC Prof. Dr. Zafar Mueen Nasir in his office. PU VC Dr. Zafar Mueen congratulated both students on their achievement and presented souvenirs to them.



## IBA, Plan9 promoting entrepreneurial skills

**LAHORE:** Punjab University Institute of Business Administration (IBA) and Plan9 Technology Incubator have signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) for promotion of entrepreneurial skills among the youth.

The ceremony was held at the committee room of Vice Chancellor's office. Punjab University Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Zafar Mueen Nasir, PU Registrar Dr. Muhammad Khalid Khan, Entrepreneurship and Enterprise Development Director Nabeel A. Qadeer, PU IBA In-charge Sajida Nisar and other officials were present on the occasion.

The memorandum calls for organizing different capacity-building training programmes for students and develop their interaction with the institutions and commercial world.

Speaking on this occasion, Dr. Zafar Mueen Nasir said that the initiative would move PU efforts to



inculcate entrepreneurial spirit among its students one step ahead. He said that the MoU would also promote cohesion between the industry and academia.

Nabeel A Qadeer said that the MoU signified the intention of Plan9 and PU IBA to forge strong mutual ties between industry and academia for the progress of the

two sectors. He said that Plan9 aimed at replicating its model of business incubation that was considered credible globally to guide partner in establishing their business incubation centers.

Sajida Nisar said that Plan9 would provide access to its network of trainers, mentors and investors to incubatees of IBA.

## ICS, Liaoning University agree on academic exchange

**LAHORE:** Punjab University Institute of Communication Studies signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Liaoning Communication University, China. The representatives of both the universities agreed on academic exchange of faculty and students. The MoU aims at promoting cooperation in teaching students, provide internships, arrange seminar, conferences and workshops. Both the institutions will exchange faculty and work on the joint publications and editorial reviews.

In this regard, a ceremony was held at Institute of Communication Studies, in the presence of Dean, Faculty Behavioral and Social

Sciences Prof. Dr. Zakria Zakir and Institute of Communication Studies (ICS) In-charge Savera Shami. Prof. Xu Ying, Vice President of Liaoning Communication

University represented the Chinese counterpart. The faculty members of Institute of Communication Studies were also present at the occasion.





# Workshop on patent filing techniques

**LAHORE:** Punjab University Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC) organised a two-day training workshop on patent filing, introduction to intellectual property (IP) system of Pakistan. The workshop was held at the auditorium of Institute of Chemistry.

Faculty of Engineering and Technology Dean Prof. Dr. Taqi Zahid Butt, ORIC Director Prof. Dr. Tahir Jamil, resource person from Intellectual Property Organization Pakistan's Shakira Khurshid and a large number of faculty members

were present on the occasion.

Addressing the inaugural ceremony, Dr. Zafar Mueen Nasir said, "It is an important event and we want to make ORIC a dynamic department. Our country and society must benefit from the research work being carried out in our laboratories".

Then the ORIC Director, Prof. Dr. Tahir Jamil said that the workshop had been organized to create awareness regarding intellectual property rights and the process of filing patents.



## PU grieves over sad demise of Dr. Tahir Jamil

**LAHORE:** PU Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC) Director Prof Dr Tahir Jamil, who was also Chairman of Polymer Engineering & Technology Department passed away on August 14, 2017. PU community grieved over sad demise of Prof Dr Tahir Jamil.

In his condolence message, Vice Chancellor Dr Zaffar Mueen Nasir said that he was a great asset for Punjab University as well as the nation. He said that Dr Tahir Jamil made untiring efforts for promotion of research in the university and his services would be remembered forever. He prayed that the departed soul may rest in eternal peace and Almighty Allah grant courage to the members of bereaved family to bear this irreparable loss.





# Academic Council approves MBBS, BDS programmes



**LAHORE:** Punjab University Academic Council has approved bachelor's level medical programmes of MBBS and BDS along with curriculum as taught in King Edward Medical University from the academic session 2017.

The Academic Council meeting was chaired by Vice Chancellor Dr Zafar Mueen Nasir in which PU Registrar Dr Muhammad Khalid Khan, heads of academic departments and professors participated. The medical programs (HEC Level-6, 7 & 8 and PMDC level-1, 2, 3 & 4) would be offered under PU's Faculty of Health Sciences, formerly known as Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry.

Addressing the meeting, Dr Zafar Mueen Nasir said that PU administration aims at establishing state-of-the-art medical college and hospital to provide the best health services to the people. He said that PU administration was making efforts to revise curriculum of all academic programs on modern lines to provide quality education to the students.

**The meeting also approved establishment of a nursing college.** The meeting approved several agenda items regarding recommendations of board of studies of all faculties regarding revision of curriculum and other related matters.

