

INSTITUTE OF INFORMATION MANAGEMENT



NEWSLETTER

Volume 5, 2024

Patron In-Chief

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ali
Vice Chancellor (PU)



Patron

Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood
Pro Vice Chancellor (PU)



Editors In-Chief

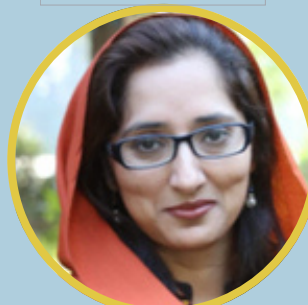
Prof. Dr. Shafiq Ur Rehman

Director



Prof. Dr. Nosheen Fatima Warraich

Professor



Editor

Dr. Amara Malik

Assistant Professor



Content Developer & Designer



Sana
M.Phil Scholar

Awards and Achievements

Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood

Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood became the first tenured professor of the Institute of Information Management (IIM), on May 2, 2024. It is a proud moment for the IIM, and LIS community in the country. Currently, he is serving as pro-vice chancellor of the University of the Punjab, Lahore .



Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen

Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen achieved several remarkable milestones during the year 2024. On April 17, she was appointed as the first Emeritus Professor in Pakistan's LIS field at IIM, PU. Later, on June 26, she received the Tamgha-e-Imtiaz, the highest civil award, in recognition of her contributions as an educator. She was appointed as Vice Chancellor of Government College Women University in Faisalabad on October 29, 2024.

Prof. Dr. Shafiq Ur Rehman

It is shared with great pleasure that Prof. Dr. Shafiq Ur Rehman took the charge of the Director of IIM on December 12, 2024. He has been recognized among the top 2% global scientist for the year 2024 by the Stanford/Elsevier. This recognition is a testament of his hard work, dedication, and passion for advancing LIS field.



Prof. Dr. Nosheen Fatima Warraich

Prof. Dr. Nosheen Fatima Warraich, has been appointed as the Director of the Women Development Centre (WDC), in addition to her current duties on December 18, 2024. With her extensive academic and leadership experience, she is expected to play a pivotal role in advancing women's empowerment, academic mentorship, and research initiatives at WDC.



Heartiest Congratulations

QS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS 2024

SUBJECT CATEGORY: Library & Information Management

INSTITUTE OF INFORMATION MANAGEMENT, UNIVERSITY OF THE PUNJAB, HAS GARNERED INTERNATIONAL ADMIRATION BY ACHIEVING ITS PLACE AMONG THE TOP 51-70 WORLD UNIVERSITIES IN 2024.

World Universities	Asian Universities	Pakistani Universities	PU Subjects
2024	2024	2024	2024
51 st - 70 th	18 th	1 st	1 st

PROF. DR. MUHAMMAD USMAN AWAN
Chairman, Punjab University Ranking Committee.

PROF. DR. SHAFIQ UR REHMAN
Secretary, Punjab University Ranking Committee.

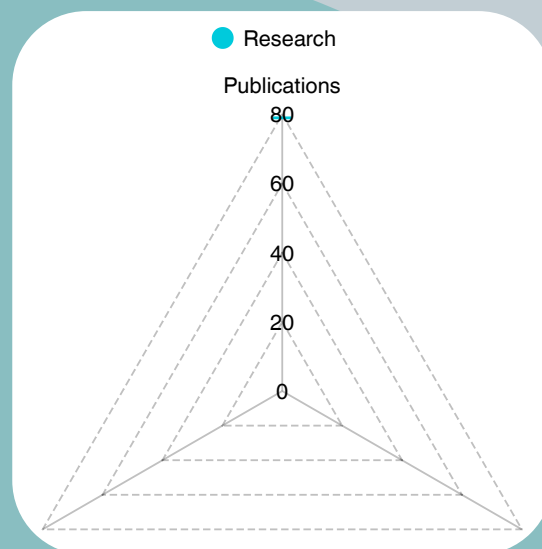
INSTITUTE OF INFORMATION MANAGEMENT

It is shared with immense pleasure and pride that the IIM, PU achieved outstanding recognition in the QS Subject Rankings 2024, stood first not only in PU but also in all the LIS schools in Pakistan. Additionally, in Asia, the institute got the prestigious 18th position while globally ranked among the elite slot of top 50-71 LIS schools.

IIM Faculty and Scholar's Research Output

In 2024, the faculty and research scholars of the IIM achieved a remarkable milestone by producing 79 publications. These contributions included research articles published in high-impact journals, conference proceedings, book chapters, and reports across diverse domains of information science. This achievement highlights IIM commitment to advancing knowledge and addressing contemporary challenges in the field. Many of these publications were featured in renowned international journals and conferences, reflecting the institute's commitment to high-quality research and academic excellence.

Four professors from IIM including Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen (Professor Emeritus), Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood, Prof. Dr. Shafiq Ur Rehman, (Director), and Dr. Muhammad Rafiq (Associate Professor), have been recognized among the top 2% of global scientists in the Stanford/Elsevier Top 2% Scientists List for 2024. This prestigious ranking, compiled by Stanford University in collaboration with Elsevier, acknowledges researchers based on their scientific impact, citation metrics, and contributions to their respective fields. This recognition is a testament to his scholarly excellence and the impact of his work on the global research community.



Dr. Muhammad Rafiq

Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholarship

IIM, proudly congratulates Dr. Amara Malik on being awarded the prestigious Fulbright Postdoctoral Scholarship for 2025-2026 on April 26, 2024. Her groundbreaking research, "Spotting and Refuting Misinformation on Social Media: The Role of Information Literacy Programs in Libraries," highlights the critical role of libraries in fostering digital literacy, critical thinking, and fact-checking skills to combat misinformation.



Associate Professors

Two esteemed faculty members of the IIM, Dr. Alia Arshad and Dr. Syeda Hina Batool, have been promoted to Associate Professors (BPS-20). They received their appointment orders from Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood. This well-deserved recognition reflects their dedication, scholarly contributions, and commitment to academic excellence.



International Conference



The 3rd Student-Led Research Conference on Emerging Issues in Libraries and Information Management (EILIM), hosted by the IIM, took place on August 28, 2024. Organized by the PhD class (2023-2028) under the patronage of Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood (Acting Vice Chancellor) and Prof. Dr. Nosheen Fatima Warraich (Director, IIM, Punjab University), the conference served as a vital platform for MPhil and PhD researchers to present their ongoing research projects. The event featured Dr. Mariam Chughtai, Co-Founder of Chughtai Public Libraries, as the keynote speaker and Prof. Dr. Eric W. Steinhauer, Library Head at Fern Universität, Hagen, Germany, as an invited speaker, both of whom inspired attendees with their insights on contemporary challenges and advancements in library and information management. The conference included 12 oral and 12 poster presentations, with expert session chairs, Prof. Dr. Shafiq Ur Rehman, Dr. Muhammad Rafiq, and Dr. Alia Arshad, providing invaluable feedback. The Director IIM, Prof. Dr. Nosheen Fatima Warraich, distributed cash prizes and awards to the best paper presenters and conference organizers, recognizing their efforts and contributions. The conference fostered an environment of knowledge sharing, collaboration, and academic excellence, showcasing the dedication and talent of IIM's students.



Event in honor of Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen



IIM organized a celebration event in honor of Dr. Kanwal Ameen (Professor Emeritus, Ex-Vice-Chancellor, University of Home Economics, Lahore) upon receiving our nation's highest civilian award Tamgha-e-Imtiaz on June 26, 2024. This event was organized and conducted by Dr. Amara Malik. A large number of esteemed guests from the LIS community and beyond graced the event. Her family, friends, colleagues, and students shared their thoughts and memories about her excellence, dedication, and service delivery. Prof. Dr. Nosheen Fatima Warraich congratulated her while remembering her dedication, work ethic, and commitment to professional, academic, and administrative tasks. Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen concluded by thanking the IIM faculty, staff, students, and colleagues for their kind words and sentiments. The event was a heartfelt tribute to her remarkable contributions to the field of Library and Information Science in Pakistan. Attendees expressed their admiration for her visionary approach, mentorship, and transformative role in advancing LIS education and research.

Condolence Late Mr. Abdul Haq Qarshi

The Institute organized a condolence reference on October 4, 2024, in memory of Late Mr. Afzal Haq Qarshi. This was organized and conducted by Dr. Amara Malik. Esteemed speakers, including Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood, Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen, and others, honored his contributions to the LIS field, highlighting his intellectual curiosity, dedication, and love for books. Prof. Dr. Nosheen Fatima Warraich concluded by thanking attendees and reflecting on his impactful legacy at IIM. The event was a heartfelt tribute to his commitment to knowledge, mentorship, and the advancement of library and information science, leaving a lasting impact on the academic community.



Research Degrees Awarded

Ph.D. Degree Aawarded

Scholar's name	Research Title
Abid Hussain	Evaluation of Research Support Services in the University Libraries of Pakistan
Fakhar Abbas	Effectiveness of Continuing Professional Development and Knowledge Transfer Practices: A Study of Information Professionals
Nadia Butt	Factors Affecting Multitasking Information Behavior of Library and Information Science Professionals in Pakistan
M. Asif Ali	Effect of Core Technology and Interpersonal Competencies on Work Performance of Academic Librarians
M. Zahid Raza	Practices and Prospects of Open Access Publishing in Pakistan
Tauseef Hussain	Needs, Seeking and Use of Images: Study of Visual Artists' Information Behavior
Tayyba Rasool	Impact of Technology Overload on Role Stress and Job Performance of Information Professionals
Murtaza Ashiq	Practices of Equity, Diversity, Inclusion, and Accessibility in the Library and Information Science Profession in Pakistan

M.Phil Degree Aawarded

Maira	Antecedents and Consequences of Knowledge Hiding Behavior among Information Professionals
Aqsa Shareef	Information Sharing Behavior on Social Media: A Case of University Students
Aqsa Zubair	User Experience Perceptions of University Library Open Public Access Catalogue
Fatima Zaka	Children and Public Libraries in Pakistan: A Study of Librarians' Perspectives
Nadia Manzoor	Web-Based Library Service Quality Assessment in University Libraries of Punjab
Rida Zainab	Relationship of Emotional Intelligence and Information Literacy Skills of Medical Students of Pakistan
Simran J. Kaur	Assessment of Digital Health Literacy Skills and Effect on Physical and Psychological Well-being of University Undergraduate Students
Ahsin Hassan	Web-Based Services in Post-Pandemic Era: An Empirical Investigation of University Libraries in Punjab
Naeem Akbar	Using Social Media for E-Government Services in Pakistan: The Moderating Role of Digital Information Literacy
Rao M. Zahid	Perceived Credibility of YouTube as an Informational Source: A Qualitative Study of University Students and Faculty
Aqsa	Scholarly Communication Practices of University Researchers
Faiqa S. Butt	Assessing the Predictors of Artificial Intelligence Literacy (AIL): The Moderating Role of Digital Literacy (DL)
Naha Irfan	Exploring the Information Avoidance Behavior of Doctors: A Phenomenological Approach
Shahroz Ali	Bridging Gap between Artificial Intelligence Readiness and its Awareness among LIS Professionals: Technology Readiness Approach

Academic Activities

Transcripts Distribution

On March 15, IIM proudly distributed transcripts to BS students (2021-2023). Heartfelt congratulations to the students on successfully completing. May this milestone pave the way for greater achievements, new opportunities, career success, lifelong learning, and a bright future ahead!



Information Literacy sessions

From October 24, the IIM Library conducted multiple comprehensive and engaging Information Literacy (IL) sessions for the incoming BS IM students. These sessions focused on familiarizing students with the library's in-house resources, extensive collections, and essential services. Librarian also provided hands-on guidance, shared practical tips and techniques for consulting reference sources, conducting literature searches, and managing citations for research and assignments.



Ph.D. Students Enrolled in 2024

M.Nadeem Akhtar

Farrukh Shahzad

Saira Hayat

M.Phil Students Enrolled in 2024

Aleeha
Ilyas

Ayesha
Shahbaz

Samia
Yousaf

Muzammal
Iqbal

Mahnoor
Fatima

Msooma
zahra

Iftikhar
Ahmad

Taskeen
Zafar

Zulaikha
Razzaq

Zunaira
Siddiq

Jawaira
Iqbal

Muzna
Ghazal

Saira

Kahir-ul-
wara

Ali Adnan
Bajwa

M. Ahmed

Farhan
Tahir

Madiha
Liaqat

Shabana
Yousaf

Ammar Ahmad

Seminars hosted by IIM



On December 12, 2024, the IIM, hosted a seminar titled “Archives of Siraiki Cultural & Political History”, organized by Dr. Nukhbah Taj Langah from the University of Malaya, with support from UCLA. Prof. Nosheen Fatima Warraich praised the research team for their dedicated efforts and emphasized future collaborations on digital archiving and knowledge preservation. Dr. Muhammad Rafiq highlighted the critical importance of digitizing rare collections, manuscripts, and historical records to preserve South Punjab’s rich cultural heritage and make it accessible for scholars and future generations.

IIM, in collaboration with SIG-III, hosted a comprehensive four-day capacity-building workshop for a Maldivian delegation from December 9 to 11, 2024. The workshop, led by Dr. Irfan Ali, Dr. Tayyeba Rasool, and Ms. Rehana Kousar, focused on Free and Open-Source Software (Koha and DSpace) with interactive hands-on training sessions. Prof. Dr. Nosheen Fatima Warraich concluded the event, commending the faculty’s dedication, acknowledging the delegation’s enthusiasm, and awarding shields and certificates in recognition of their participation. The event reinforced SIG-III’s commitment to global information management.



Three faculty members from the IIM PU, Prof. Dr. Nosheen Fatima Warraich, Dr. Amara Malik, and Dr. Alia Arshad participated in the KOHACON Conference held in Karachi. They presented their research papers, showcasing innovative findings and contributing to academic discourse.

Collaborations



On February 7, 2024, Prof. Dr. Shafiq Ur Rehman met with the higher management of Crescent Model Higher Secondary School. The discussion focused on future collaboration between the institutes. Both institutions aim to work together in preparing the younger generation.



Prof. Dr. Shafiq Ur Rehman received "Pak China Friendship Award" from the Consulate General China for recognition of his contribution to China-Pakistan friendship in the field of education.

Prof. Dr. Shafiq Ur Rehman, Director of IIM, (PU), has been honored as an outstanding author (2024) for his exceptional research contributions. His work, published in mHealth (Impact Factor: 2.2, CiteScore: 5.4), has gained significant recognition, fostering academic discussions and new insights in the field. This honor places him among esteemed researchers from renowned institutions, including the University of South Carolina, Rowan University, and Heidelberg University Hospital.

Prof. Dr. Nosheen Fatima Warraich was the chief guest while Dr. Muhammad Rafiq was an invited speaker at a conference in Sarhad University on May 10, 2024.

On November 20, 2024, Dr. Nosheen Fatima Warraich visited Chughtai Public Library (CPL). She lauded their digitization efforts, digital library project, audiobooks, and nationwide book club, recognizing CPL's significant role in knowledge preservation, literacy promotion, and nation-building.



On 19th April 2024, Prof. Dr. Shafiq Ur Rehman visited the University of Sargodha, the vice chancellor of University of Sargodha Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas highlighted the importance of collaboration and agreed for mutual collaboration between the two universities.



On 24 August 2024 Prof. Dr. Shafiq Ur Rehman, Director of IIM, (PU), delivered a special lecture on "How to Write a Good Book Review" as part of the Promotion-Linked Training for Educational Managers (BS-18 to BS-19, Batch-52) at QAED Punjab on August 24, 2024. His insightful session provided valuable guidance on effective book review writing.

As a visiting professor, Prof. Dr. Nosheen Fatima Warraich engaged with scholars and conducted insightful sessions for research students, contributing to academic exchange and collaborative learning.

Recreational Events



From 20 to 24 February, the IIM, PU hosted an exciting sports week. The five-day event featured a range of sports and recreational activities, bringing together students and faculty in friendly competition. A special highlight was culture day, where participants celebrated diverse traditions through vibrant performances, traditional attire, and cultural displays, showcasing the rich heritage of Pakistan.



IIM organized an exciting educational and recreational tour to Neelum Valley, Azad Kashmir, providing students and faculty with a refreshing break from academic routines. The tour offered a perfect blend of learning, exploration, and team bonding. IIM students along with Prof. Dr. Shafiq Ur Rehman visited PU book fair which was held from 07 to 09 March, 2024.



Institute of Information Management, University of the Punjab, Lahore.

042-99231224

@Institute of Information Management, PU, Lahore

Newsletter, IIM Vol.5, 2024