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## DRONES AND PRECISION AGRICULTURE: THE FUTURE OF FARMING



A test-flight of drone being demonstrated at the Agriculture College

### TECH-EXCHANGE BETWEEN SARGODHA UNIVERSITY AND SOUTH CHINA AGRICULTURE UNIVERSITY

One of the fields being quickly revolutionized by drone technology is agriculture. To sensitize and apprise agricultural community about the precision agriculture through Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs), better known as a drone, a Chinese delegation headed by Dr Yubin Lane from South China Agriculture University, China, visited the University of Sargodha on January 14.

The delegation attended a two-day international seminar on 'Use of Precision Agricultural UAV for Pesticide Spraying and Field Demonstration,' organized by the Department of Entomology at the College of Agriculture, Sargodha University.

The Chinese delegation included Dr Yubin Lane, Director National Centre for International Collaboration Research on Precision Agricultural Aviation Pesticide Spraying Technology, China, Dr Jizhong Deng, Dr Zhiyan

Zhou, Dr Shizhou Wang, Dr Yali Zhang, and Dr Fan Ouyang.

The Chinese delegation also demonstrated a test-flight of the drone that monitored crop progress and sprayed pesticides during their visit to the local agricultural lands.

To strengthen bilateral ties in agriculture research and technology between Pakistan and China, Sargodha University is going to sign an MoU with the National Centre for International Collaboration Research on Precision Agricultural Aviation Pesticide Spraying Technology, China in April 2019.

Sargodha University has a distinction in agriculture and it is already been collaborating with various Chinese agricultural institutions in citrus farming, dryland agriculture, and precision agriculture. This collaboration is not merely academic and research-oriented but aims at technological exchange between China and Pakistan.

#### Chinese delegation committed to donate one agricultural drone to the Precision Agricultural Technology Lab at Sargodha University.

Drones can assist farmers in precision agriculture by performing the following tasks:

- SOIL AND FIELD ANALYSIS
- PLANTING OF CROPS
- CROP MONITORING THROUGH SENSORS AND DIGITAL IMAGING
- IRRIGATION
- HEALTH ASSESSMENT OF CORPS

The agricultural scientists of Sargodha University will educate the local farmers about the application of drone technology in farming to increase crop production and monitor crop growth.

# REFORMS

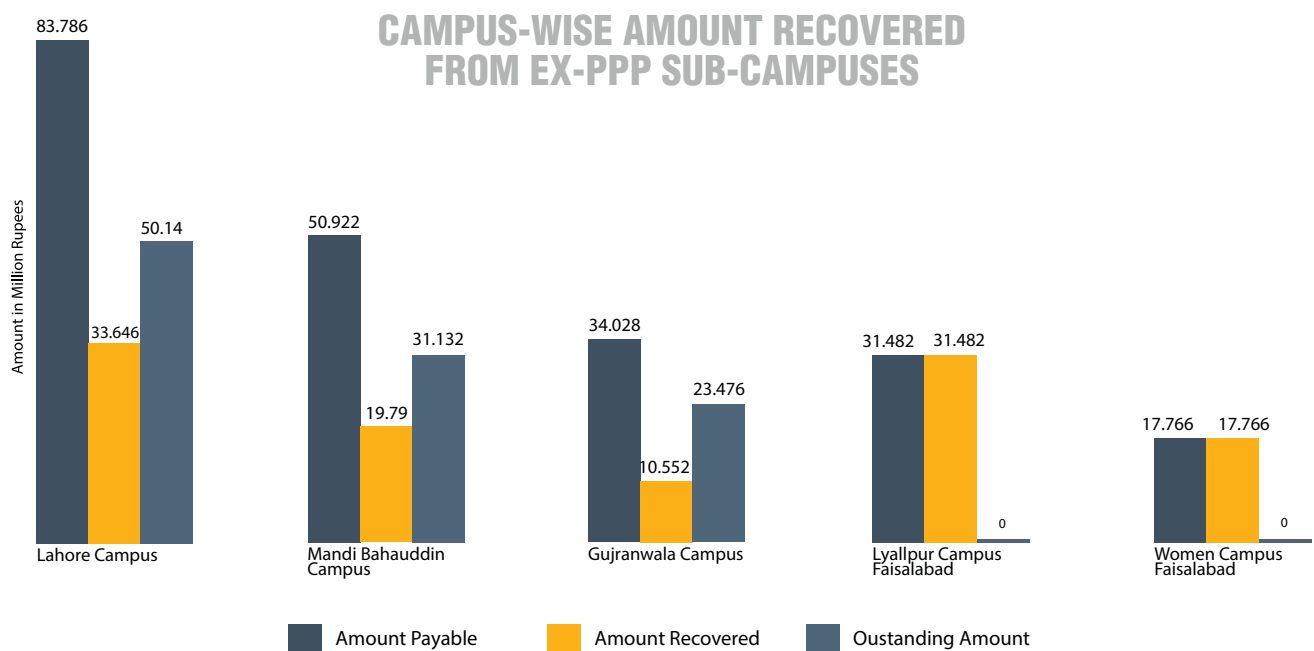
## PPP SUB-CAMPUSES SCAM RESOLVED, MILLIONS RECOVERED AND STUDENTS SETTLED

**C**losing down the operations of all PPP sub-campuses was the historic decision taken by the Syndicate, in its meeting held on 1st December 2018, after finding constant irregularities on their part. The University of Sargodha has successfully recovered an amount of Rs. 113.24 million out of the total outstanding amount of Rs. 217.98 million from the five Public Private Partnership (PPP) Lahore, Mandi Bahauddin, Gujranwala, Lyallpur and Faisalabad sub-campuses which was kept on pending since their controversial establishment in 2012-14. Higher Education Commission of Pakistan withdrew the NOC of these private sub-campuses because of irregular practices. After suo moto action taken by the then Chief Justice of Pakistan, National Accountability Bureau (NAB) was directed to legally probe into the matter. The NAB, after consulting relevant records, not only arrested the management of Lahore and Mandi Bahauddin sub-campuses but also took the former Vice Chancellor and ex-Registrar into custody. Administration of the Lahore and Mandi

Bahauddin sub-campuses agreed to clear the remaining University dues through plea bargain before the NAB. Almost half of the amount is recovered while the remaining amount will be credited into University's account soon. The Gujranwala Sub-campus has committed to pay the outstanding amount in two installments within 6 months.

These sub-campuses were established under the Public-Private Partnership Policy of the University of Sargodha-2012 in a haphazard manner as the PPP Policy was never approved from any competent authority. The sub-campuses were established by the then Vice Chancellor using the emergency powers under section 13(3) of the University of Sargodha Ordinance-2002 without adopting any proper mechanism.

To safeguard the future of the students enrolled in these sub-campuses, the University provided the opportunity to either join SU Main Campus or obtain NOC to migrate to any other university of their own choice. Availing the opportunity of completing

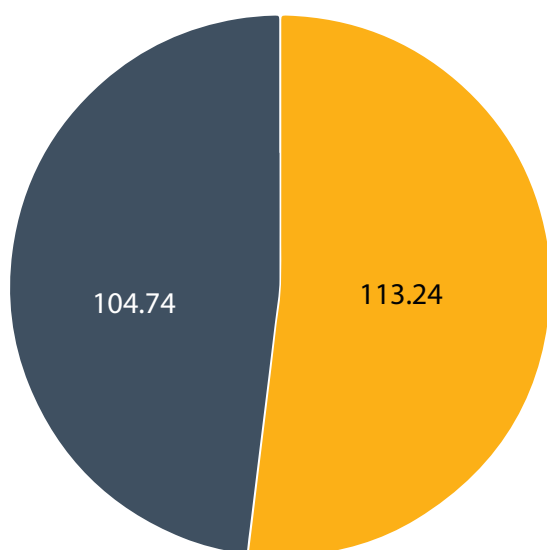


degrees at the Main Campus, 4752 students joined in. Despite the challenge of accommodating them, the Main Campus welcomed the students wholeheartedly and arranged evening and weekend classes.

Moreover, as per the strict policy of the Vice Chancellor, over 200 private colleges affiliated with the University have also been disaffiliated.

During the process of reconciliation and streamlining the inherited flaws, another scam was highlighted regarding less profit on investment. As per the agreement with the bank, the HBL UOS Branch had to pay an amount of Rs. 17 million as markup on the invested amount to the University, but the bank refused to pay the markup amount. The Treasurer's Office of Sargodha University filed a complaint against HBL before the Banking Ombudsman, Lahore which gave a verdict in the favour of Sargodha University and instructed HBL to pay the pending markup amounting to Rs. 16,982,397 to the University.

### RECOVERIES FROM EX-PPP SUB-CAMPUSES



Total Amount: Rs. 217.98 million

■ Amount Payable      ■ Amount Recovered

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- **OVER 200 PRIVATE COLLEGES AFFILIATED WITH THE UNIVERSITY HAVE ALSO BEEN DISAFFILIATED.**
- **DURING THE HEARING OF HBL SCAM, BANKING OMBUDSMAN, LAHORE, GAVE VERDICT IN FAVOUR OF SARGODHA UNIVERSITY AND INSTRUCTED HBL TO PAY THE PENDING MARK-UP OF RS.16,982,397 TO THE UNIVERSITY.**

# COLLABORATIONS

## IN A PIONEERING EFFORT, SU STUDENTS RENDER ANTI-CORRUPTION SERVICES

### MOU WITH ANTI-CORRUPTION AGENCY

**T**he University of Sargodha and the regional directorate of Anti-Corruption Establishment (ACE), Sargodha Division, signed a Memorandum of Understanding on January 25 to garner the input of university students in managing anti-corruption activities.

The agreement was signed by Vice Chancellor Dr Ishtiaq Ahmad and the ACE's Regional Director Mr Asim Raza.

"The initiative taken by the Sargodha University for engaging the youth in anti-corruption activities should be replicated throughout the country," said Former Foreign Minister Ambassador Inam-ul-Haq, who graced the MoU signing ceremony.

The MoU will assist the students from the Department of Communication and Media Studies, the College of Law, the Department of Criminology and Sociology, and the Department of Computer Sciences and Information Technology in capacity building through hands-on experience in policy making, policing on corruption, mass education, campaign development, legal practices and monitoring the various government bodies via ICTs. Under the MoU, 44 additional students of Communication and Media Studies, Law and Criminology have joined various departments of the ACE as interns to deal in IT, legal and investigation domains.

Earlier, Mawaddat Zehra, a student of BS-IV along with Hamza Noor, Nauman Ahmad and Muhammad Hamza, from BS-VIII at the Department of Communication and Media Studies had initiated the volunteer internship with the Regional Directorate of ACE, Sargodha and worked effortlessly for almost a year.



From L to R: Vice Chancellor Dr Ishtiaq Ahmad, former Foreign Minister Ambassador Inam-ul-Haq, and ACE's Regional Director Mr Asim Raza

**'THE AWARENESS RAISED BY THE INTERNS THROUGH VARIOUS MEANS AND MEDIUMS HAS HELPED INCREASE THE COMPLAINTS REPORTING RATE BY 20%.'**

They started the internship to polish their skills in public relations, social media campaigning, production, investigative reporting and journalism and to play effective role in community development.

The interns established the Front Desk at the ACE office to facilitate complainants and to educate them about the system of the ACE. They also developed the content for social media and mainstream media awareness campaigns in written, audio and video form.

Mr Ahsanullah, the Assistant Director (legal) of ACE, says, "Owing to the efforts of the interns, the internal check and balance in ACE system has been significantly improved."

Keeping in view the performance of the interns and the consequent functional improvement, the ACE intends to initiate a Volunteer Team Program to engage youth in anti-graft activities in the region at large.

Apart from the awareness campaigns and social media profiling, the following activities were carried out by the interns of Sargodha University:

- Sting operation in DHQ Sargodha to expose nepotism, illegal use of medicines and improper treatment facilities for patients.
- Sting operation on Traffic Police Headquarter to expose illegal issuance of traffic license.
- Identification of illegal activities taking place in ACE office.



From L to R: Dr Ali S. Awadh Asseri, the former Saudi Ambassador to Pakistan, Vice Chancellor Dr Ishtiaq Ahmad, and Chairman RASANAH Dr Mohammed S. Alsulami.

# MOU WITH LEADING SAUDI THINK TANK TO FACILITATE JOINT RESEARCH, PUBLICATIONS

**T**he University of Sargodha and International Institute for Iranian Studies (RASANAH), based in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to promote mutual cooperation in research, publications and exchange programs,

The MoU was signed on January 21 by Vice Chancellor Dr Ishtiaq Ahmad and Chairman RASANAH Dr Mohammed S. Alsulami. The three-member Saudi delegation was led by Dr Ali S. Awadh Asseri, the former Saudi Ambassador to Pakistan.

RASANAH is a leading think-tank which presents consultations, strategic and forward-looking studies of high quality about Iranian affairs in particular and Middle Eastern and international affairs in general.

The signing of this MoU opens a new chapter in Pak-Saudi relations in the higher education sector. Research topics, including regional politics and security, related to both the nations have been

**‘THE MOU WILL IMPROVE THE ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP RELATED TO ECONOMICS, POLITICS AND SECURITY, BOTH IN REGIONAL AND GLOBAL CONTEXTS.’**

largely neglected so far. Through this MoU, this gap can be bridged. Thus, the MoU has a potential to provide a strong academic footing to the historic relations between the two countries. In turn, the research conducted by the interested researchers under this agreement will provide a knowledge base that is required to promote bilateral trade and cooperation in other fields of mutual interest.

The MoU will improve the academic and research scholarship related to economics, politics and security, both in regional and global contexts.

Both institutions will designate a focal person for effective functioning, communication and deliberation with each other to achieve the purposes of this MoU.

At the MoU signing ceremony, Dr Alsulami announced to include Urdu in the publishing languages of RASANAH and urged the relevant researchers at Sargodha University to share research ideas and interests to facilitate the objective-oriented and academic research at his think-tank.

The ceremony was followed by an interactive session during which the Saudi delegates satisfied the queries of students about Saudi Arabia's future economic plans and its relations with Yemen, Qatar, Iran and Palestine.

## AREAS OF COOPERATION

- Dissemination of knowledge through collaborative reports and publications.
- Mutual exchange of research scholars.
- Organization and facilitation of seminars and conferences.
- Access to online library and information resource centers.
- Offering learning opportunities and short training courses.

# 'CAMPUS CINEMA' LAUNCHED TO PROMOTE VISUAL ART LEARNING

## SARGODHA UNIVERSITY PIONEER IN LAUNCHING CAMPUS CINEMA

**T**o celebrate the diversity and harness harmony, cinematography is perceived as a mass medium of peace education in the world. Film and other visual art can, therefore, potentially explore the uncharted territories of creative content and tell a thousand stories about the alternative histories of justice, reciprocity, co-existence, and plurality.

Nurturing film as a medium for peace-building, inter-cultural dialogue, reconciliatory recollections, communal cross-learning and conflict-mediation in the Asian region, Sargodha University has the privilege of being the first educational institute in Pakistan to launch the Campus Cinema project on February 19.

The project is a joint venture of the Department of Communication and Media Studies and the Asia Peace Film Festival (APFF). After its successful launch at Sargodha University, the APFF is going to place a proposal before the Chairman HEC for introducing this trend to every public and private university of Pakistan.

At the launching ceremony, selected short films, documentaries, animations, and music videos from across the 70 countries of Asia were screened to bring filmmaking and peace building communities together for a cultural dialogue.

Dr Wang Shan, Associate Professor of Film Studies at Institute of Film Studies, Xi'an University of China, Masood Baig Head PTV World, Amjad Bhatti Chairman APFF, Yasir Qureshi Executive Director APFF, Mustafa Sabri producer of awarded short film Malika and a number of eminent producers, directors, and film-makers from across the country graced the event.

The project of Campus Cinema is featured at screening of selected works from all across Asia, master classes (A-Z of Filmmaking), mentoring and tutoring session, and briefings on inter-university film competition multi-country certification of the course.



Dr Wang Shan, Associate Professor of Film Studies at Institute of Film Studies, Xi'an University of China, addressing the launching ceremony

### **'THE PROJECT AIMS AT PROVIDING YOUNG FILM-MAKERS WITH A SPACE FOR DISPLAY AND DISSEMINATION OF THEIR ARTWORKS.'**

The Asia Peace Film Festival intends to look beyond the meta-narratives of power, counter-power, conflict, and history. It explores the depth of ordinariness and celebrates the beauty of smallness by sharing people's everyday stories, micro-histories and subaltern narratives weaving a multifaceted web of community life.

These efforts would be directed to establish a dedicated Film Academy at Sargodha University as a center of excellence for skill development and continuous education of aspirants, amateurs and professionals associated with academia and industry.

### **KEY OBJECTIVES**

- Provide young filmmakers with a space for display and dissemination of their artworks. Facilitate the process of peer-learning and social interaction between and within, filmmakers, industry and interested audiences.
- Design, organize and conduct series of concepts and skills development workshops and courses for young filmmakers and artists across Asia.
- Design, organize and conduct inter-cultural exposure visits of filmmakers, artists, and performers for a better understanding of each other.
- Engage filmmakers, artists, performers, academics, and members of the creative community to unravel the delicacies of diversities and locate common grounds across cultures and societies.

## FUTURE DIRECTIONS IN CHINESE FOREIGN POLICY

**T**he priority goal of Chinese foreign policy is building cooperative economic ties with the US, while seeking to alter the Western economic model, says Andrew Small.

He was delivering a lecture on 'Future Directions in Chinese Foreign Policy,' organized by the Pakistan Institute of China Studies on January 30. Mr Small built upon the idea that China was opening up to the world by undertaking economic reforms and employing cutting edge technologies including artificial intelligence, quantum computing and facial recognition surveillance system which will revolutionize the digital world.

His major points were:

- In recent years, China has come up with innovative macro-micro economic strategies for allowing foreign direct investment to its domestic market.
- Although the US has benefitted from cooperation with China and its market-based economic development, however the Sino-American bilateral relations have been



Andrew Small, the author of 'The China-Pakistan Axis: Asia's New Geopolitics' delivering his lecture.

facing a number of challenges such as the South China Sea dispute and Taiwan Straits issue.

- US concerns about CPEC are relatively sympathetic though it is hesitant to openly support the project due to the regional competitive dynamics.
- Acknowledging China's potential in successful execution of infrastructure and energy projects, CPEC is seen as economically beneficial for both China and Pakistan in terms of opening doors to cultural exchange, social sector development and financial growth.

*ABOUT THE SPEAKER: Senior Transatlantic Fellow at the German Marshall Fund's Asia Program, and the author of a prominent book titled, The China-Pakistan Axis: Asia's New Geopolitics*

## CONTOURS OF PAK-CHINA RELATIONS



Dr Ejaz Hussain, Associate Professor Shanghai International Studies University, China, speaking on the occasion

**T**o familiarize the students with broader contours of China-Pakistan relations and the centrality of China Pakistan Economic Corridor in recent context, the University of Sargodha invited Dr Ejaz Hussain, Associate Professor at Shanghai International Studies University, China, for a special lecture titled 'China Pakistan Relations: The case of CPEC,' on February 7. Main points of his lecture were:

- For China, keeping exceptional ties with Pakistan is based on the early support Pakistan extended to China in early 1960s to end its international isolation.
- CPEC is one of the six proposed corridors by China having four major dimensions such as; infrastructure, energy, Gawadar port, and industrial cooperation. Chinese scholars take CPEC as a win-win project for stabilizing Pakistan's economy, whereas Indian and Western scholars express strong reservations in geo-political context.
- Apart from the advantages, CPEC encounters some challenges as well due to unstable law and order conditions in Pakistan, and its troubled relations with India, Afghanistan and Iran.
- CPEC provides excellent opportunities for Pakistani youth for conducting policy research and pursuing higher education in China.

The guest speaker concluded that CPEC can serve as a catalyst for regional development and has potential to create strategic stability in the region.



Mr You Yi, the Cultural Counselor of Chinese Embassy, former Foreign Minister Ambassador Inam-ul-Haq, Vice Chancellor Dr Ishtiaq Ahmad and Director PICS Dr Fazal-ur-Rahman at the art exhibition.

## NATIONAL ART EXHIBITION OF PAK-CHINA FRIENDSHIP

**T**he Institute of Art and Design and the Pakistan Institute of China Studies, in collaboration with Pakistan Council on China, Islamabad, jointly organized the first-ever National Art Exhibition and Competition 2019 under the theme 'Pak-China Friendship' at Sargodha University on January 24.

Mr You Yi, the Cultural Counselor of Embassy of the People's Republic of China, Islamabad inaugurated the exhibition. President PCC Ambassador Inam-ul-Haq, Vice Chancellor Dr Ishtiaq Ahmad and Director PICS Dr Fazal-ur-Rahman also graced the occasion.

The colorful ceremony began with enthusiastic participation of students depicting Pak-China relations through mimes, musical performances, cultural ramp walk, Chinese songs, speeches and declamations.

Pak-China relationship has been nurtured over decades and now

**THE COLORFUL CEREMONY BEGAN WITH ENTHUSIASTIC PARTICIPATION OF STUDENTS DEPICTING PAK-CHINA RELATIONS THROUGH MIMES, MUSICAL PERFORMANCES, CULTURAL RAMP WALK, CHINESE SONGS, SPEECHES AND DECLAMATIONS.**

Pakistani youth are its custodian and it's their responsibility to maintain the continuity. The students from the Institute of Art and Design played a very significant role in making this event successful.

While addressing the ceremony, Mr You Yi appreciated efforts of Sargodha University for promoting understanding of the youth on China and China-Pakistan Economic Corridor. He described Pak-China relations as higher than the mountains, deeper than the sea, and sweeter than honey.

Ambassador Inam-ul-Haq said that relations between the two countries are ideal and through cultural exchanges, people-to-

people interaction can be developed at the grass root level.

The former Foreign Minister urged the students of Sargodha University to explore the opportunities for Chinese higher education scholarships as currently more than 25,000 Pakistani students are pursuing their education in China and many are availing scholarships.

Dr Fazal-ur-Rahman was of the view that more than six decades long Pak-China friendship has now taken a major leap forward with CPEC, which has economic as well as strategic importance for the entire region.

The Vice Chancellor informed the audience that Sargodha University is collaborating with several Chinese universities in Agriculture. Considering the overwhelming response of Chinese guests and the students, Sargodha University has decided to organize the art exhibition and competition on Pak-China friendship annually.



**M**ore than 50 universities from across Pakistan got together at the first National Art Exhibition to highlight the friendship and harmony between Pakistan and China through various art forms. The exhibition underlined the significance of cultural connectivity between the Pakistani and Chinese people. Miniature, prints, calligraphy, sculptures, special paper-cutting arts, drawings, paintings, crafts and other artworks of the young students were displayed to illustrate the cultural values of the two nations.

**THE ART PIECE OF MAHNOOR FROM IQRA GIRLS COLLEGE SARGODHA WON THE FIRST PRIZE IN THE PAINTING CATEGORY. THE THEME OF HER PAINTING WAS THE HISTORIC FRIENDSHIP BETWEEN CHINA AND PAKISTAN. SHE TRIED TO REFLECT THAT BOTH NATIONS HAVE SUPPORTED EACH OTHER IN DIFFICULT TIMES.**



Students singing a friendship song in Chinese language  
From L to R: Mohsin Raza, Umar Farooq and Ameer Abbas



The Vice Chancellor presenting a portrait of Chinese Ambassador Yao Jing painted by Buland Iqbal to Chinese Cultural Counselor Mr You Yi



Students attired in Chinese and Pakistani cultural dresses taking part in a cultural ramp walk. Chinese dresses were printed with dragon, which symbolizes power, strength, and good luck in Chinese culture.

# 'ISLAM FOR COMPASSION AND PEACE'

**P**rof Dr Ahmed Yousif Al Draiwesh, the President of International Islamic University, Islamabad delivered a lecture on 'State of Madina and Pakistan: Formation and Demands' during a seminar organized by the Department of Islamic and Arabic Studies on March 8.

He highlighted the following points in his lecture:

- The State of Madina and the Islamic Republic of Pakistan share certain common features including the founding ideology and the concept of a pluralistic state.
- In the State of Madina, every individual enjoyed equal rights irrespective of religion, caste, creed, color, and ancestry.
- Pakistan holds a respectable position in the Islamic world for promoting peace and harmony



Prof Dr Ahmed Yousif Al Draiwesh, President of International Islamic University, Islamabad.

in the region. To retain this position, Pakistan must adopt Islam-based educational and social policy.

- The vision behind the formation of State of Madina demands that the Quran and Sunnah must be consulted as the primary source to guide social, economic and political lives.

*ABOUT THE SPEAKER: Dr Ahmed Yousif Al Draiwesh is the President of International Islamic University, Islamabad. He is a renowned Islamic scholar and author of 73 books on Islamic Jurisprudence.*

## CELEBRATING WOMEN'S DIGNITY AND TENACITY

**T**agging on to the theme of 'Balance for Better,' the University of Sargodha celebrated this year's International Women's Day in style on March 8. From a walk with a real buzz about the theme to an art exhibition displaying vibrant canvases and a seminar and discussion session, the day made its presence known at the campus. A number of renowned successful women of the Sargodha region including, Ms. Qaisra Ismail, Member of the Punjab Commission, the status of women, leadership consultant Dr Rubina Feroz Bhatti, gender specialist

Ms Tahira Rehman Gunjial and Sub-Inspector Punjab Highway Patrolling Police Ms Asma Kiran, attended the celebrations. The participants called for the eradication of gender disparity in the educational institutions and adoption of inclusive policies for women in rural areas of the country. They also pledged to put their efforts in reducing gender inequality in all spheres of life.

After the seminar, the guests visited the art exhibition. The vibrant canvases depicted the modesty, delicacy, and power of women through the skillful strokes of the students of the Institute of Fine Arts.



Students chanting slogans of 'Balance for Better' during an awareness walk

# PAKISTAN DAY

CELEBRATED  
WITH A BANG

## KHAYAL RAKHNA MASHUP PAYS TRIBUTE TO NATIONAL HEROES



**C**ommemorating the ideology of Pakistan, Sargodha University celebrated Pakistan Day with enthusiasm and fervour on March 23.

Besides the traditional celebrations and an art competition, jointly organized by Riaz Shad Co-Curricular Forum and the Institute of Art and Design, the students and Interns produced a patriotic mashup, paying tribute to the national heroes in style.

The mashup 'Khayal Rakhna' was telecasted by mainstream TV channels and was highly admired across Pakistan.

'Khayaal Rakhna' was produced by the Music Society of Riaz Shad Co-curricular Forum, in collaboration with the Career Development Center. It was screened at the Jinnah Hall during general celebrations of the day.

Music arrangement, recording and production of the mashup were facilitated by Sam Records while guitars were played by Assad Ali, an intern from CDC. The video was produced and edited by Taqi Khan and Ahmed Shah, whereas Ushna Khalid assisted the video team in shooting and editing.

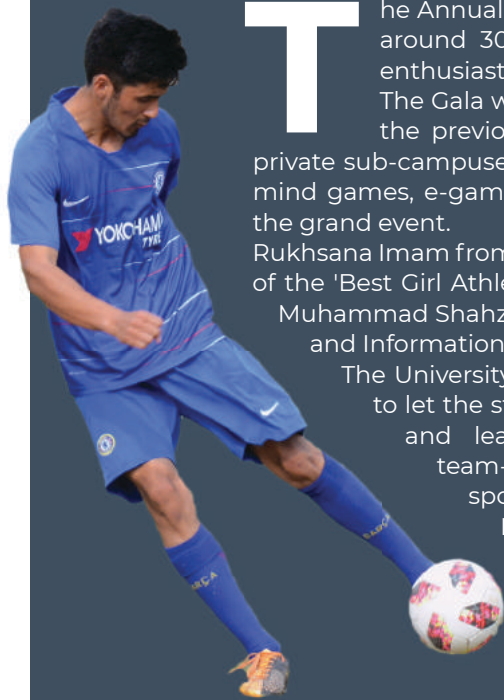
15 members of the society including Aqsa, Nayab, Laraib, Minahil, Ume Kulsoom, Zuhra, Ammara, Hassan, Zeeshan, Noman, Meesam, Vishal, Umer, Mohsin and Ameer Abbas contributed as vocalists and added colors to the celebrations with their melodious voices.

In addition, debates and national songs were also presented by the members of student societies. The celebrations ended with the prize distribution ceremony during which winners of the art competition were awarded certificates.



# SPORTS GALA 2019

## CAMPUS ECHOED WITH SLOGANS OF VICTORY



The Annual Sports Gala 2019 was held from March 1-10 with around 30 delightful and keenly contested events and enthusiastic participation of more than 10,000 players. The Gala was comparatively bigger, livelier and vying than the previous sports events as around 4,000 students of private sub-campuses had also participated. Besides, the revamped mind games, e-gaming, and adventure sports added more zing to the grand event.

Rukhsana Imam from the Department of Education clinched the title of the 'Best Girl Athlete' while the title of 'Best Boy Athlete' went to Muhammad Shahzad from the Department of Computer Sciences and Information Technology.

The University organizes the Sports Gala every year in spring to let the students discover their strengths through sports and learn important life skills such as patience, team-work, sense of responsibility and above all, the sportsman spirit.

Besides the Gala, games and sports are an integral part of the campus life at Sargodha University as they make a significant contribution to the all-around harmonious development of the minds and bodies of the students.



### GLIMPSE OF RESULTS

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 Mehmood-ul-Hasan  
**LAW COLLEGE**  
 Shaheeh Akhtar  
**CS & IT**
- 

 Noman Tahir  
**BIOTECHNOLOGY**  
 Shamsa  
**CS & IT**
- 

 Zeeshan  
**MATHEMATICS**  
 Shaheeh Akhtar  
**CS & IT**
- 

 Zia Ullah Khan  
**MATHEMATICS**  
 Ujala Naz  
**PHARMACY**
- 

 Moaaz  
**PHARMACY**  
 Ume Farwa  
**CS & IT**
- 

 Usman Razaq  
**COMMUNICATION  
AND MEDIA STUDIES**
- 

**COMMUNICATION  
AND MEDIA STUDIES**
- 

**ENGLISH**
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**AGRICULTURE**
- 

**CS & IT**
- 

**ECONOMICS**
- 

**CS & IT**
- 

**TOTAL MALE  
POSITIONS**    **34**
- 

**TOTAL FEMALE  
POSITIONS**    **13**



## ENGAGING STUDENTS IN MIND STIMULATING ACTIVITIES

**T**he Career Development Center of the University of Sargodha organized Mind Games at the main campus on March 13 to engage students in mind stimulating activities, helpful in improving memory, problem-solving, creativity, and other cognitive functions.

The games were a part of the University Sports Gala 2019, held in the early days of March for 10 days. The games included more than 10 individual and group brain-boosting activities such as Water Balls, Pass the Candies, Tic Tac Toe, Pipe Game, One-minute Challenge and Drink the Cup.

Both boys and girls teams enthusiastically took part in the games and learnt team-work, communication and leadership skills and how to respond quickly in unexpected situations.

"There is no sense of competition in the mind games rather the games are arranged to strengthen the students' brains and enhance their intellectual wellness. These games promote social harmony and team work in students, informs Maryam Gul, Incharge CDC.



## STUDENT SOCIETIES ORGANIZE INTER-DEPARTMENT CO-CURRICULAR COMPETITIONS

**'THROUGH SUCH COMPETITIONS, STUDENTS CAN DEVELOP NOT ONLY HEALTHY SELF-ESTEEM BUT ALSO LEARN RELATIONSHIP AND MANAGEMENT SKILLS.'**

LARAIB FAREED  
VICE PRESIDENT OF THE DEBATING SOCIETY

**T**he Riaz Shad Co-curricular Forum at the University of Sargodha organized Inter-Department Co-curricular Competitions, from March 4-9 in which more than 21 arts and literary competitions were held including Qirat, Naat, bilingual speeches and declamations, drama, singing, videography, photography, poetry, and essay writing.

First time in the history of Sargodha University, all contests were organized by the young office-bearers of the newly established student societies, who conducted events with zeal and modern approach. More than 900 students from all across the University and constituent colleges participated in these competitions.

The Institute of Arts and Design secured overall first position in all the competitions while the Law College stood at runner up position.

To ensure fair results, the forum arranged neutral panel of the jury for judgment of every competition. For each contest, the jury consisted of three panelists: renowned professional, alumni and senior faculty member of the field.

The judges also delivered lectures on advanced skills and techniques of Qirat, Naat, speech, music, poetry, essay writing, fiction writing, video, and photography. They also highlighted the strengths and weaknesses of the competitors.

Riaz Shad Co-curricular Forum is known for finding students with raw talent, providing them with mentorship and finally crafting them into winners of their respective fields. Through these competitions, students are being scrutinized and selected to represent the University in inter-universities, inter-collegiate, and divisional, provincial and national level competitions happening across Pakistan.

# CONFERENCES

## 1ST INTERNATIONAL FOOD SCIENCES AND NUTRITION CONFERENCE

UNVEILING LATEST TECHNIQUES AND TECHNOLOGIES REGARDING FOOD PRODUCTION AND FOOD PROCESSING



Dr Zulkifli Khair, University of Technology, Malaysia

Food scientists, experts and nutritionist from USA, UK, Malaysia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, and Pakistan, presented research papers. The technical sessions were comprised of 12 plenary lectures, more than 50 oral and 40 poster presentations.

To explore the technologies which can reduce the health hazards and infirmity caused by preservatives and additives in the food industry, the Institute of Food Sciences and Nutrition, Sargodha University, organized the first international conference and Food Expo on February 26-27. The two-day conference titled, 'Emerging Challenges in Food Science and Nutrition Research' was held in collaboration with the Higher Education Commission.

The key objectives of the conference were:

- To foster collaboration between academia and industry by improving the relationship with foreign scientists and food experts.
- To unveil the latest techniques and technologies regarding food production and food processing.

Besides the conference, a food expo was also organized, where 36 local, national and multinational industries displayed their products. Furthermore, two business start-ups and 16 product developments and sale stalls were displayed to inculcate the concept of entrepreneurship.

Nutritional health status along with dietary counselling and diet plans of the visitors was also assessed by the students.



Students visiting stalls during Food Expo 2019

### KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

- Nano and micro-encapsulation processes provide significant advantages to the processed food.
- The value addition of indigenous food can be maximized by using more natural anti-oxidants.
- Halal Food Traceability System needs to be developed to trace non-halal food sources.
- In food assistant programs, holistic empowerment needs to be included.
- Incorporation of Probiotics and Bacteria Exopolysaccharides (EPS) during food processing is beneficial for health.

### ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

- Dr Sundaram Gunasekaran, Director International Program at College of Agriculture and Life Sciences, University of Wisconsin-Madison, USA
- Dr Keshavan Niranjan, Professor of Food Bioprocessing at University of Reading, UK
- Dr Zulkifli Khair, Senior Lecturer at Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, University of Technology, Malaysia
- Dr Marzieh Hosseini-zhad, Associate Professor at the Research Institute of Food Science and Technology, Iran

# 1ST INTERNATIONAL LIBRARY SCIENCE CONFERENCE

## CHANGING DYNAMICS OF INFORMATION LANDSCAPE DUE TO DIGITALIZATION

In the wake of challenges and opportunities for Information Communication Technologies (ICTs), The Department of Library and Information Sciences (LIS), University of Sargodha, and Pakistan Library Association, Punjab, organized the two-day international conference on 'Emerging Issues of Information Landscape.' The Conference, funded by Higher Education Commission, held from February 28 - March 1.

It provided a platform to the community of library and information scholars to discuss the changing nature of the information landscape and its impact on libraries.

The conference was held on the theme of 'Building, Connecting, and Sustaining Libraries and Societies in Digital Era.'

The key objectives of the conference were:

- To identify the issues faced by LIS professionals and find solutions in the provision of information literacy.
- To discuss the emerging trends in LIS related to overwhelming boom of ICTs.
- To illustrate the issues of changing information behavior and digital information services.

National as well international scholars from the USA, Australia, Germany, China and Canada, delivered 35 oral and 10 posters presentations. They highlighted the issues of ownership, management, planning, organization, development, and improvement of quality services.

The opening day of the conference was followed by a cultural night which served the purpose of showcasing Pakistani culture and society to the foreign delegates. It also helped improving the relationship between Pakistani library information professionals and their counterparts in other countries.



Dr Asim Qayyum of Charles Sturt University, Australia, addressing the conference

**'THE CONFERENCE – PACKED WITH INFORMATIVE TALKS, PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING AND EXCHANGE OF IDEAS AMONG NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL DELEGATES – SENSITIZED STAKEHOLDERS ABOUT THE CHALLENGES OF THE EVER-CHANGING LANDSCAPE OF INFORMATION.'**

DR. KHALID MAHMOOD,  
PRESIDENT, PAKISTAN LIBRARY ASSOCIATION, PUNJAB

## KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

- Extend information services from document to participatory information advisory services.
- Incorporate critical thinking skills by identifying reasons and motivation for seeking information.
- Provide possible prescriptive knowledge, giving due regard to the value system and culture.
- Reposition libraries and information centers according to the needs of the market.

## ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

- *Dr Muhammad Asim Qayyum, Lecturer at Charles Sturt University, Australia*
- *Prof Dr Muhammad Arif, Research Associate at School of Information Management, Sun Yat-Sen University, Guangzhou, China*
- *Prof Dr Khalid Mahmood, President of Pakistan Library Association Punjab and Chairman of Department of Information Management, University of Punjab*

# 2ND INTERNATIONAL MEDICAL AND HEALTH SCIENCES CONFERENCE

## CURRENT CHALLENGES IN THE MEDICAL AND HEALTH SCIENCES

To showcase the advancements in healthcare technology and issues faced by clinicians, researchers, and practitioners in different areas of medical sciences, the Sargodha Medical College organized the second international conference from February 22-24.

The three-day international conference titled, 'Future Med-2019' was held in collaboration with the Higher Education Commission.

The key objectives of the conference were:

- To bring together medical experts, researchers, scientists, faculty members from abroad and across the country
- To debate on the latest achievements and upcoming challenges in different domains of Medical and Health Sciences

Theme of the conference was 'Medical Updates and Innovations' in which 6 plenary lectures, 18 keynote lectures and 16 oral presentations were delivered by the medical experts and research scientists from UK, Sri Lanka and UAE.



Dr Lamawansa MD, former President of the College of Surgeons, Sri Lanka presents his research

## KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

- Apart from Neo-adjuvant chemotherapy, local control services including, orthopedic surgery and radiotherapy, are crucial in achieving long term cure in Ewing's sarcoma. Developing countries like Pakistan have made significant improvements in these two modalities.
- Due to increased environmental exposure to lead, children in Karachi are more vulnerable to serve iron deficiency and neurological developmental disorders as compared to children in Liverpool, UK.
- Transplantation is the best renal replacement therapy for children with end stage kidney failure as it assures best growth rate, cognitive development, and sexual growth.
- To minimize the adverse effects of breast cancer, proper management guidelines, cost effective innovations and socially acceptable strategies have to be implemented.
- The practice of emergency medicine is dire need of the time. It includes the initial evaluation, diagnosis, treatment, coordination of care among multiple providers, and disposition of any patient requiring expeditious medical, surgical or psychiatric care.

## ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

- Dr Naveed Ahmad, Consultant Paediatric Oncologist from Royal Aberdeen Children's Hospital, Scotland, UK
- Dr Nessar Ahmed, Reader in Clinical Biochemistry at the Centre for Biomedicine, School of Healthcare Science, Manchester Metropolitan University, UK
- Dr Nissanka Jayawardhana, Consultant General Surgeon at National Hospital of Sri Lanka
- Dr Mueed Ahmad, an experienced Emergency Physician at American Hospital Dubai, UAE
- Professor Dr Lamawansa, the Dean of the Faculty of Medicine at Wayamba University of Sri Lanka



# 9TH NATIONAL WHEAT CONFERENCE

## EXPLORING SOLUTION-ORIENTED APPROACHES FOR SUSTAINABLE WHEAT PRODUCTION



Dr Mehboob-ur-Rehman, Principal Scientist at National Institute of Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering

### CONFERENCE THEMES:

- CONVENTIONAL BREEDING
- MARKER-ASSISTED BREEDING
- BIOTIC AND ABIOTIC STRESSES

Considering the enormity of challenges to wheat production and post-harvest losses, the College of Agriculture, Sargodha University organized the 9th national conference titled, 'Innovative Trends in Wheat: Way Forward to Sustainable Wheat Production' on February 12-14. The 3-day conference was funded by the Higher Education Commission. The aim was to explore innovative trends to achieve sustainable self-sufficiency in wheat crop. Other objectives were as follow:

- To unravel the strategies and management tools for reducing post-harvest losses
- To quash the complexities of genetic potential and farmer yield returns

The conference presented around 30 oral and poster presentations of the scientists and researchers across Pakistan who covered diverse areas of wheat production and preventive measures. The domain of presented research papers was ranging from fields to genomics and molecular level. The short term and long term measures were also discussed at length.

### KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

- To combat zero tillage in rice zone and relay wheat cropping in standing cotton, several management interventions can be introduced.
- For studying functions of genes and developing resilient wheat cultivars breeding programs, mutagens can be used.
- To regulate fatty acid metabolism in panicle development, Reactive Oxygen Species homeostasis plays a significant role.
- To control post-harvest losses especially stored grain pests, tangible measures are needed.
- For sustainable wheat production, use conventional and non-conventional methods.
- For creating better performing variants in wheat, tissue culture techniques such as somaclonal variation can be utilized as a potential tool.

### ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

- Dr Javed Ahmad, the Director Wheat Research Institute at Ayyub Agricultural Research Institute Faisalabad
- Dr Mehboob ur Rehman, Principal Scientist at National Institute of Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering
- Syed Adeel Zafar from the Institute of Crop Sciences at the Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, China

# PROUD ALUMNUS

## INTERVIEW WITH DEO PUNJAB EMERGENCY SERVICES-RESCUE 1122

**‘WHEN I RECALL THE MEMORIES OF MY COLLEGE LIFE, I GET NOSTALGIC AND FEEL A SENSE OF JOY AND PRIDE.’**

**T**o celebrate the success of alumni and to re-connect them with the institution, the newsletter team has started an interview series of the alumni of the Government College Sargodha/University of Sargodha.

On February 21, the first interview of the series was conducted with Mr Mazhar Shah, the District Emergency Officer, Punjab Emergency Services-Rescue 1122, who is also an alumnus of the Government College Sargodha.

Mr Shah attended 1991-93 Session at the Government College Sargodha as an FSc pre-medical student. He joined the Punjab Education Department in 2004 after completing his MTECH from Punjab University; however, he resigned in 2006 to go for his dream job at the Rescue 1122.

**Why did you opt for the Government College Sargodha?**

There were three colleges in Sargodha at that time including the Government College Sargodha. I chose it because it was among the top colleges of the country and I consider myself one of the 100 luckiest people on earth that I had the privilege to study at the College which made me what I am today.

**How does it feel when you recall the college memories?**

When I recollect the memories of my college life, I get nostalgic and feel a sense of joy and pride. Though so many years have passed, still I can sketch out the exact picture of the College premises in my mind.

**What impact the College casted on your personality?**

I was an introvert student and my interpersonal skills were next to nothing. But the conducive academic environment and a spectacular galaxy of teachers at the College enabled me to trace out my hidden talent and overcome my weaknesses. Not only me, but my fellow friends: Dr Altaf Kharal, Dr Abdul Khaliq, Dr Khwaja, Dr Nasir Mehmood and many others also benefited from the dedication of teachers and became successful professionals.



Mazhar Shah, District Emergency Officer Punjab Emergency Services-Rescue 1122, and an alumnus of Government College Sargodha

**What change would you like to bring in the College of your times?**

If I could get a chance to go back in the past, I would make the campus greener with improved sports facilities. However, I am glad that this wish has already been materialized by the University Administration which is successful in making the University one of the 1000 greenest and sustainable campuses of the world.

**How did you start your career at Rescue 1122?**

I have always been fascinated by community service. I started my career in Punjab Education Department as a regional monitoring officer in 2004. Despite having a respectable job, I felt a void in me that urged me to resign and go for the job of Rescue 1122 because I discovered that I was sent on the earth with a bigger mission, the mission of serving humanity.

**Would you like to share some of your responsibilities as DEO Rescue 1122?**

Currently, I am responsible for the day to day operational management and administration of the rescue services in the District Sargodha. In order to establish safer communities, my team is implementing the 'Community Safety Program' which includes capacity building of community emergency response teams, school safety program and training of citizens in life-saving skills.

**As you know your alma mater is now among the leading national universities, to What further heights you want to see the institute?**

I am very glad that Sargodha University is now among top 500 Asian universities and I am optimistic for its future. I see talent in new generation but unfortunately they are directionless. We should plan some motivational lectures for the young students to make their lives purposeful. I would also suggest that the proficient alumni should be consulted in providing novel ideas which can benefit the University.



Sami Abraham, President and Managing Director of BOL News Network

## THE FUTURE OF MEDIA: ERUDITE DISCUSSION WITH SAMI ABRAHAM

**‘IN ORDER TO ADAPT TO THE NEEDS OF CONVERGENT MEDIA, STUDENTS MUST BE TECH-SAVVY AND HAVE UP-TO-DATE KNOWLEDGE.’**

**T**he Department of Communication and Media Studies, Sargodha University arranged an interactive session entitled ‘Journalism as a Profession: Challenges, Ethos and Prospects’ on February 22.

The session was held with Sami Abraham, President and Managing Director of BOL News Network.

The session provided insightful information to the students about the journalistic practices and guided them to deal with challenges while keeping the ethics and responsibilities intact. The erudite discussion by Abraham enlightened the novice media practitioners to compete in the digital era.

**You are an inspiration for our students, who inspired you to opt the field of journalism?**

I am not a journalist by accident; I am a journalist by choice. Mr Javed Jedi a great poet and thinker was the one who inspired me to join the field of journalism. After completion of BSc, I did Masters in Journalism from Institute of Communication Studies, Punjab University. At the University, I actively participated in students’ politics for the propagation of democracy and political socialization in youth.

**What would you suggest to bridge the gap between media academicians and media practitioners?**

I think this gap can be filled by providing more practical access to the students. Media outlets must facilitate and allow free access of technical equipment to their interns. As the President of BOL News Network, I offer students from Sargodha University to work with us as junior journalists.

**Is media justifying its role as the fourth pillar of the democratic state?**

Disappointingly, media in the present world is used to create perceptions and to build narratives. Pakistani media outlets are like markets which are selling their products and are serving the interests of their masters. Media can only become the fourth pillar of democracy when the control of the private owners would be reduced and media would be free of all biases.

**What would you advise to our students so that they can adapt themselves according to the needs of convergent media?**

The dynamics of the world are changing so the advancements have to be made according to the new trends. In order to adapt to the needs of convergent media, students must be tech-savvy and have up-to-date knowledge.

**What is the future of print media in the Pakistan? How do you broadly see the future of media here?**

The advanced technology is posing threat to print media as all newspapers are becoming electronic with the introduction of e-papers around the world. In Pakistan, the scope of print media is also being adversely affected. Future of media here depends on revenue generation from business. With CPEC, Islamabad will become the hub of multinational companies in future, bringing in a lot of investment. I foresee that within four to five years, this project will bring peace and prosperity in the region that would definitely affect the media industry in a positive way.

# WORKSHOPS

## COMPETENCY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR CAPACITY AND SKILL BUILDING OF INTERNS

**T**he Career Development Centre at the University of Sargodha organized a three-day Competency Development Program for the On-campus Interns to enhance their interpersonal and professional skills imperative to work efficiently. The training was held from January 29-31 in which 40 interns participated. Proficient trainers of 'Y.Not.U Training and Development' led the program.

The training sessions encompassed SWOT analysis, Johari window, ladder of learning, self-branding, personal and social responsibility. Learning such soft skills has become a dire need of time, in order to excel and compete in the national and international market.

Maryam Gul, In-charge Career Development Centre, elaborated that the interns of the On-campus Internship Program, have successfully joined the respective offices and workstations. The Competency Development Program was specifically designed to



Interns cheer-up upon successful completion of Competency Development Program

train the interns in a way that they could understand the job description, identify the strengths and weaknesses, and learn the tools to increase the work quality and productivity.

### SOFT SKILLS IMPARTED

For capacity building following soft skills were imparted:

- Leadership Skills
- Time Management and Decision Making
- Communication and Presentation Skills

## STUDENTS EVALUATE THEIR SKILLS THROUGH MOCK GRE

**'DETERMINATION AND PRACTICE ARE REQUIRED TO ACE GRE.'**

IRAM MUZAFFAR,  
UGRAD 2017 ALUMNA



Students taking Mock GRE

**T**he Career Development Center, in collaboration with the United States Education Foundation in Pakistan (USEFP), arranged mock Graduate Record Examination at the main campus on February 11-12 to let the students evaluate their quantitative, verbal and analytical skills. More than 700 candidates, including enrolled students, graduates and faculty members from various departments of the University appeared in the mock test and many of them scored well. However, Iram Muzaffar, from BS- VIII Chemistry, won the free voucher of worth \$205.

She remarked that determination and practice are the key factors which are required to ace the GRE. Developing a practice test schedule can help the aspirants to identify the areas of improvement.

GRE, the standardized test is mandatory to get admission in various colleges and universities across the United States and Canada. High scores in GRE open a variety of scholarship opportunities for students.

# SUCCESS STORIES

## ANDROID APP OF COMPUTER SCIENCE STUDENTS STANDS AMONG TOP 7

**F**inal year project of Nisar Ahmed, Sheraz Hussain and Ibn-e-Ali from the Department of Computer Sciences and Information Technology stood among top seven projects at the ICT Expo jointly organized by Pakistan Scientist and Technological Information Centre and University of Agriculture Faisalabad on February 20.

More than 100 ICT projects from 50 public and private universities across Pakistan were part of the competition. The judges from Punjab University Lahore, National University of Computer and Emerging Sciences Islamabad and University of Agriculture Faisalabad selected seven best projects and appreciated the project idea of the students of Sargodha University due to its welfare aspect.

The project titled 'Sentiment Analysis of Urdu Chat' analyzes the opinions expressed in Urdu text in order to determine the attitude of the writer towards a particular topic or product. The technologies used by



Sheraz Hussain and Ibn-e-Ali receiving best ICT project award

them included Android, Machine Learning and Data Mining.

Commenting on the welfare aspect of the app, Nisar said, "This app not only detects sentiments of users but also provides them counseling accordingly. The app can also be used for marketing and recording the ratings of any commercial products."

Nisar and his fellows expressed that by participating in such expos, students not only learn about the latest ICT technologies and applications but also gather innovative research and software development ideas.

## FIRST POSITION AT LUMS ANNUAL PHOTOGRAPHY SUMMIT 2019



Hammad Ullah receiving 1st prize in Fashion Magazine Cover Shoot

**M**uhammad Hammad Ullah, a student of BS-IV Political Science, won first position in a photography competition organized by Lahore University of Management Sciences, in collaboration with Nikon, from January 17-19.

The sixth edition of 'LUMS Annual Photography Summit' attracted around 500 photographers from all over Pakistan who presented their skills in two major categories: DSLR and cell phone photography.

Tapu Javeri, Pakistan's renowned fashion and art photographer was the judge of the summit – organized in order to explore the talents of the young photographers and to encourage them in their future pursuits.

Hammad participated in fashion magazine cover shoot and won trophy along with cash prize. He used Canon 80D body with Sigma 18-35 mm f/1.8 DC lens to capture the photograph. The salient features that made the photograph unique were the usage of color grading and skin retouching techniques.

"Photography is my passion and I am interested in capturing portraits as it gives visual representation to one's feelings and emotions," says Hammad.

# MARTIAL ARTS GIRLS BRING VICTORY HOME



Rukhsana landing kick on her opponent during a Taekwondo match

Martial arts players of Sargodha University bagged two silver and four bronze medals in Intersarsity Women Taekwondo and Judo Championship 2019, held at Punjab University Lahore from February 11-18. Ruksana Bibi, an MPhil student from the Department of Education, won silver medal in Taekwondo and Judo competition. She suggested that girls should join martial arts as it can aid in their self-defense.

Kashaf-ud-Duja, from MSc-IV Sports Sciences, won silver medal in Judo and bronze medal in Taekwondo. Iqra Abdul-sattar, from BS-IV Botany, won bronze medal in Taekwondo.

They remarked, "Being women players, we are confronted with certain challenges however, we are lucky to be the players of Sargodha University which gives unmatched respect."

"Back in my childhood, I watched Karate Kid movie which inspired me to join this distinct game. I am committed to break the stereotypes that women are feeble, by winning in a men-oriented game like martial arts," says Sana Iqbal, an MPhil student from the Department of Education, who won bronze medal in Taekwondo.

Around 80 players from 12 universities participated in this competition. The victorious players of Sargodha University players expressed their gratitude for the institute as it has always been at their back and facilitated them with free education.

# AGRICULTURE COLLEGE WINS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT



Players of the Agriculture College Football Team pose for a group photo after winning the tournament.

Chasing the dreams and having firm belief in one's potential make the winners glorified among the ordinary. The victorious football team of the College of Agriculture celebrated their victory on February 14 in Inter-collegiate Football Tournament hosted by the College of Agriculture Sargodha.

Five teams from different colleges in Sargodha, including the College of Agriculture, the College of Engineering and Technology, Sargodha Medical College, the College of Pharmacy and

Law College participated in the tournament. Second and third positions were secured by the teams of Law College and Sargodha Medical College respectively.

While sharing his jubilation for leading his team to the victory, Haseeb, Captain of Agriculture College Football Team said that Sargodha University provides a supportive platform to football players to compete at local as well as at national level. "Along with determination, sportsman spirit and team work is the key to success in sports," he added.

# قومی سطح کے ہم نصابی مقابلوں میں طلبہ کی نمایاں کارکردگی

سرگودھا یونیورسٹی کے بے شمار طلباء و طالبات ہر سال بین الجامعاتی اور بین الکلیاتی ادبی مقابلہ جات میں شریک ہو کر اپنی صلاحیتوں کا لوہا منواتے ہیں۔ ان مقابلہ جات کا بنیادی مقصد طلبہ کی فکری، فنی اور ادبی صلاحیتوں کو نکھار کر انہیں معاشرے کا فعال اور مفید رکن بنانا ہے۔ یہ مقابلہ جات طلبہ کی فکری سطح پر درست سمت بھی متعین کرتے ہیں۔ حال ہی میں سرگودھا یونیورسٹی کے مندرجہ ذیل ہونہار طلبہ نے ملکی سطح پر منعقدہ مختلف مقابلہ جات میں نمایاں پوزیشنز حاصل کر کے یونیورسٹی کا نام روشن کیا ہے۔



ایم اے او کالج لاہور میں 21 فروری 2019 کو آل پاکستان پنجابی ناگرہ کا مقابلہ منعقد ہوا جس کا موضوع 'پنجاب دا ہیرو درانچا نہیں قیدو اے' تھا۔ پنجابی ناگرہ کے مقابلہ میں مختلف جامعات کے 20 سے زائد طلبہ نے حصہ لیا۔ مقابلہ میں شعبہ پنجابی کے طالبعلم محمد الیاس نے پہلی پوزیشن حاصل کی جبکہ یونیورسٹی طلبہ نے بہترین مجموعی کارکردگی کے ذریعے ٹیم ٹرائی بھی اپنے نام کی۔ اس سے قبل بھی محمد الیاس قومی سطح پر منعقدہ مقابلہ جات میں نمایاں کارکردگی کا مظاہرہ کرتے ہوئے یونیورسٹی کا نام روشن کر چکے ہیں جن میں گجرات یونیورسٹی اور اسپارٹس کالج بہلم میں منعقدہ ادبی مقابلہ جات شامل ہیں۔



شعبہ کیمسٹری کے طالبعلم خالد محمود نے فاسٹ یونیورسٹی فیصل آباد / چنیوٹ کیمپس کے زیر اہتمام منعقدہ دو زبانی مقابلہ مضمون نگاری میں شاندار تخلیقی صلاحیتوں کا استعمال کرتے ہوئے پہلی پوزیشن حاصل کی۔ یہ مقابلہ 2 مارچ 2019ء کو پاکستان کے زوال کے اسباب کے موضوع پر منعقد ہوا جس میں پاکستان بھر کی جامعات کے طلبہ نے شرکت کی۔ خالد نے مضمون میں نشاندہی کی کہ دہشتگردی، نسل پرستی، سماجی ہم آہنگی نہ ہونا، کم شرح خواندگی، بدعنوانی اور غیر مستحکم طرز حکمرانی ملکی ترقی میں رکاوٹ کا باعث ہیں۔ خالد ہم نصابی فورم کے رائٹرز کلب کے صدر ہیں اور اس سے قبل بھی قومی سطح پر کئی مقابلہ جات جیت چکے ہیں جن میں قائد یونیورسٹی میں منعقدہ مقابلہ 'جشن پاکستان' اور یونیورسٹی آف گجرات میں منعقدہ 'کٹھ' 2018ء کا مقابلہ سرفہرست ہے۔



فاطمہ جناح یونیورسٹی لاہور میں 13 مارچ 2019ء کو بین الجامعاتی اردو نظم مقابلہ کا انعقاد ہوا جس میں ملک بھر کی جامعات سے طلبہ نے شرکت کی۔ شعبہ اردو کے ہونہار طالبعلم عرفان حیدر نے آل پاکستان مقابلہ میں دوسری پوزیشن اپنے نام کی۔ اردو نظم کا موضوع "خودکلامی" تھا۔ ججز میں معروف شعراء کرام بشمول ڈاکٹر ہرا، ڈاکٹر فخر عباس، تہذیب حافی اور حمیدہ شاہین شامل تھے۔ عرفان حیدر کا کہنا ہے کہ وہ اپنی شاعری میں انسانی کیفیات فطرت اور نفسیات کو موضوع بناتے ہیں۔ شاعری خصوصی طور پر نظم میں شاعر ڈاکٹر وحید احمد ان کے لئے رہنما کردار ہیں اور ان کی شاعری سے بہت متاثر ہیں۔ عرفان نے اس سے پہلے بھی آٹھ سے زائد مقابلہ جات میں کامیابیاں سمیٹی ہوئی ہیں۔



شعبہ بائیو ٹیکنالوجی کے طالبعلم مصعب عمر نے گورنمنٹ کالج بھکر میں منعقدہ آل پاکستان اردو مباحثہ میں تیسری پوزیشن حاصل کی۔ پُرانہ دور اچھا تھا کے موضوع پر منعقدہ مباحثہ میں مصعب نے نشاندہی کی کہ اگرچہ موجودہ دور سائنس و ٹیکنالوجی کا ہے تاہم دور حاضر میں ان انسانی اقدار کو اہمیت نہیں دی جاتی جو پرانے زمانے کی ترجیحات میں شامل رہیں۔ مصعب ہم نصابی فورم کے ایڈیٹر کلب کے نائب صدر اور سوسائٹی برائے مباحثہ کے ممبر ہیں۔

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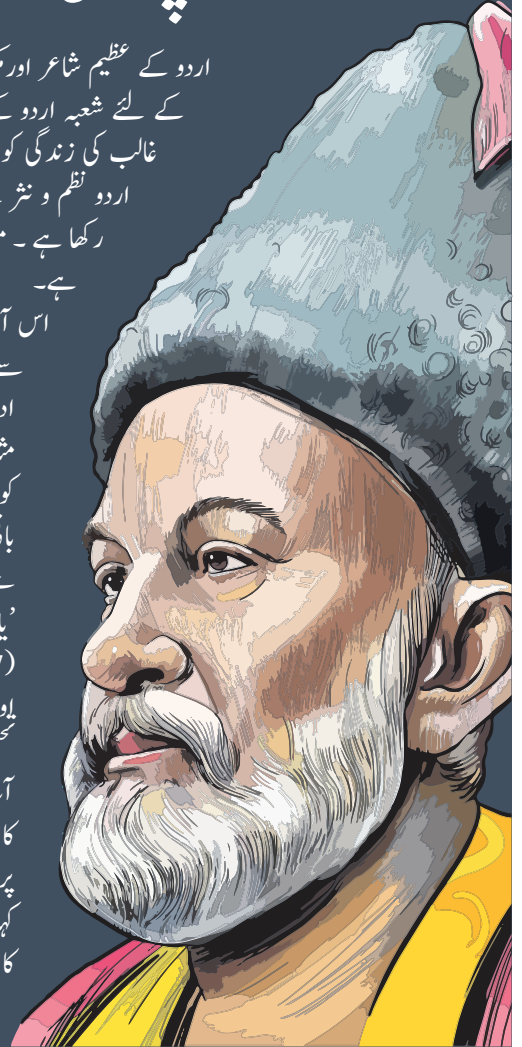
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## ”آپ بیتی مرزا غالب کی تقریبِ رونمایی“

اردو کے عظیم شاعر اور مکتوب نگار مرزا اسد اللہ خاں غالب سکی ایک سو پچاسویں برسی کے موقع پر خراجِ تحسین پیش کرنے کے لئے شعبہ اردو کے ڈاکٹر خالد ندیم کی طرف سے ’آپ بیتی مرزا غالب‘ منصفہ شہود پر آئی ہے، جس میں مؤلف نے غالب کی زندگی کو ان کی باقاعدہ آپ بیتی کے انداز میں پیش کیا ہے۔ اس آپ بیتی میں ڈاکٹر خالد ندیم نے غالب کی اردو نظم و نثر کے علاوہ ان کی فارسی شاعری اور پینشن سے متعلق انگریزی دستاویزات کے مستند تراجم کو پیش نظر رکھا ہے۔ مؤلف نے غالب کی تحریروں میں منتشر حالاتِ زندگی کو زمانی اعتبار سے منضبط کر کے نذرِ قارئین کیا ہے۔

اس آپ بیتی کی نمایاں خصوصیت سوانحِ غالب کے بیان میں مؤلف کی عدم مداخلت ہے۔ اس کے مطالعے سے یہ احساس ہوتا ہے کہ غالب اپنی سرگزشت خود تحریر کر رہے ہیں۔ مؤلف نے حیاتِ غالب کو دس ادوار میں تقسیم کیا اور ہر دور کے مجموعی تاثر کو ان کے اپنے مصرعوں کے اجزاء سے عنوان دیا ہے، مثال کے طور پر 1825 تک کے دور کو ’مہر و ماہ سے کم تر نہیں ہوں‘ کا نام دیا ہے، 1828 - 1829 کو ’کلکتے کا جو ذکر کیا، 1850 - 1857ء کو ’غالب وظیفہ خوار‘، اسی طرح 1857 - 1858ء کو ’نشاں باقی نہیں ہے سلطنت کا‘ کے نام سے موسوم کیا گیا اور 1865 - 1869ء کو ’دم واپسیں برسراہ ہے‘ سے لطف کی بات یہ ہے کہ آپ بیتی کا دیباچہ بھی غالب کی اپنی تحریروں سے ماخوذ ہے۔ مولانا حالی کی ’یادگارِ غالب‘ (1897ء)، غلام رسول مہر کی ’غالب‘ (1936ء)، شیخ محمد اکرام کی ’حیاتِ غالب‘ (1957ء) اور مالک رام کی ’ذکرِ غالب‘ (1975ء) کے بعد 2019ء میں سوانحِ غالب پر یہ ایک عمدہ یاد مستند ترین کاوش ہے، جسے سرگودھا یونیورسٹی کی طرف سے اردو کے اس عظیم شاعر کے لیے خراجِ تحسین قرار دیا جاسکتا ہے۔

آپ بیتی کی رونمایی شعبہ اردو کے زیر اہتمام ”غالب: گنجینہ معنی کا طلسم“ کے عنوان سے ایک روزہ قومی کانفرنس کے دوران ہوئی، جس میں معروف دانشوروں، ادیبوں و شاعروں نے شرکت کی۔ اس موقع پر جدید اردو تنقید کے نظریہ ساز ڈاکٹر ناصر عباس نیر (ڈائریکٹر جنرل اردو ادبی سائنس بورڈ لاہور) نے کہا کہ غالب کی جدیدیت مغربی جدیدیت کے اثرات کی وجہ سے معرض وجود میں نہیں آئی، بلکہ اس کا تعلق بر عظیم کی تہذیب و ثقافت اور یہاں کی سماجی ضروریات سے تھا۔



ڈائریکٹر جنرل اردو ادبی سائنس بورڈ لاہور، ڈاکٹر ناصر عباس نیر تقریب سے خطاب کر رہے ہیں

آپ بیتی مرزا غالب کو حلقہ ہائے ادب و سخن میں بے حد پزیرائی ملی۔ انگریزی کے موقر روزنامہ ’ڈان‘ نے اس تالیف پر ایک سیر حاصل تجزیاتی مضمون شائع کیا جس میں اس تالیف کو سوانحِ غالب پر اب تک سامنے آنے والی تمام تصانیف سے منفرد اور مستند قرار دیا گیا۔

