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## UoS Earns X-Category Status in HEC Rankings

The University of Sargodha (UoS) has achieved a major milestone by earning X-Category status from the Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan, following an impressive 119% increase in research output and productivity. This achievement marks a defining moment in the university's journey toward academic and research excellence.

According to HEC's latest Research Productivity Rankings, UoS now ranked ahead of several well-established institutions, including the University of the Punjab, GCU Lahore, GCU Faisalabad, IIUI, and the University of Gujrat. The university's research performance now stands on par with top-tier institutions such as Quaid-i-Azam University and COMSATS University Islamabad.



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## یوم تشکر: قومی یکجہتی اور حب الوطنی کے جذبے کے ساتھ منایا گیا



یونیورسٹی آف سرگودھا میں ”یوم تشکر“ نہایت جوش و خروش، قومی یکجہتی اور حب الوطنی کے جذبے کے ساتھ منایا گیا۔ یہ دن افواج پاکستان کی جانب سے بھارت کے خلاف آپریشن ”بنیان المرصوص“ میں حاصل ہونے والی فتح کی خوشی میں منایا گیا تاکہ قوم کے محافظوں کو خراج تحسین پیش کیا جاسکے اور ان کی لازوال قربانیوں کو سلام پیش کیا جاسکے۔ تقریبات کا آغاز پرچم کشائی سے ہوا جس کی قیادت وائس چانسلر پروفیسر ڈاکٹر قیصر عباس نے کی۔ اس موقع پر طلبہ نے ملی نغمے پیش کیے جبکہ پروفیسر ڈاکٹر قیصر عباس کی قیادت میں یکجہتی واک بھی منعقد کی گئی جو وائس چانسلر آفس سے شروع ہو کر فوارہ چوک پر اختتام پذیر ہوئی۔ واک کا مقصد قومی وحدت، ہم آہنگی اور افواج پاکستان کی خدمات کو سراہنا تھا۔ اپنے خطاب میں وائس چانسلر نے کہا کہ آپریشن ”بنیان المرصوص“ میں حاصل ہونے والی فتح افواج پاکستان کی جرات اور پیشہ ورانہ مہارت کا منہ بولتا ثبوت ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ اتحاد، یقین اور قربانی ہی ہماری اصل طاقت ہیں، اور پاکستانی قوم ہمیشہ اپنی افواج کے شانہ بشانہ کھڑی رہے گی۔ مزید برآں انسٹیٹیوٹ آف آرٹ اینڈ ڈیزائن کے زیر اہتمام فن پاروں کی نمائش کا بھی انعقاد کیا گیا جس میں طلبہ نے پاک فوج کی شجاعت اور استقامت کو خراج تحسین پیش کیا۔ اختتامی تقریب میں کیک کاٹا گیا اور ملکی سلامتی و شہداء کے لیے دعا کی گئی۔

## یوم تکبیر: قومی وقار اور دفاعی خود مختاری کی علامت



یونیورسٹی آف سرگودھا میں ”یوم تکبیر“ کے موقع پر ایک پُر وقار تقریب کا انعقاد کیا گیا، جس میں مادرِ وطن کے دفاع، قومی خود مختاری اور ایٹمی صلاحیت کے حصول کے تاریخی دن کو شایان شان انداز میں خراج تحسین پیش کیا گیا۔ تقریب کا اہتمام ریاض شاد ہم نصابی فورم کے زیر اہتمام کیا گیا جس میں طلبہ نے ملی نغمے اور حب الوطنی سے بھرپور تقاریر پیش کیں۔ تقریب میں وائس چانسلر پروفیسر ڈاکٹر قیصر عباس، ڈائریکٹر ریاض شاد فورم ڈاکٹر منیر گجر، چیف سیکوریٹی آفیسر کرنل (ر) اشتیاق احمد، پروفیسر ڈاکٹر محمد فیروز الدین شاہ، حافظ محمد عمر اور مختلف شعبہ جات کے ڈینز، اساتذہ و طلبہ کی بڑی تعداد شریک ہوئی۔ پروفیسر ڈاکٹر قیصر عباس نے اپنے خطاب میں کہا کہ ”یوم تکبیر“ قومی وقار، دفاعی خود مختاری اور سائنسی برتری کی علامت ہے۔ انہوں نے ڈاکٹر عبدالقدیر خان کو خراج عقیدت پیش کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ 28 مئی کا دن ہمیں اس عزم کی یاد دلاتا ہے کہ پاکستان اپنی آزادی اور امن کا دفاع ہر قیمت پر کرے گا۔ انہوں نے حالیہ ”آپریشن بنیان المرصوص“ کا حوالہ دیتے ہوئے کہا کہ پاکستان کی موجودہ دفاعی حکمت عملی اسی جذبے سے سرشار ہے جس نے 1998 میں ملک کو ایٹمی قوت بنایا۔ تقریب کے اختتام پر طلبہ و اساتذہ نے ملکی ترقی، استحکام اور دفاعِ وطن کے لیے اپنی بھرپور صلاحیتیں بروئے کار لانے کے عزم کا اظہار کیا۔

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## CM Distributes Laptops, Scholarships at UoS



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the construction of 50,000 new classrooms across Punjab, the provision of toilets and furniture in every government school, and the establishment of artificial intelligence and computer labs in 6,000 public schools. According to official figures, a total of 2,587 laptops and 1,975 scholarships were awarded to students from public sector universities. In addition, 93 medical students received laptops, and 55 were granted scholarships. College



### Minister Reviews Preparations for CM Laptop Ceremony at UoS

Minister for Higher Education Punjab, Rana Sikandar Hayat, along with Secretary Higher Education Department, Dr. Farrukh Naveed, visited the University of Sargodha to inspect the preparations for the upcoming Chief Minister's Laptop Distribution Ceremony scheduled on 22nd May 2025. The delegation visited the main pandal and expressed satisfaction over the ongoing arrangements. They appreciated the efforts of Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, Vice Chancellor, University of Sargodha, for ensuring well-organized and impressive preparations for the event.





## Minister Inaugurates Landmark Solar Energy Project



The Honorable Minister for Higher Education Punjab Rana Sikander Hayat, inaugurated the University of Sargodha's solar energy project. He was accompanied by secretary HED Dr. Farrukh Naveed, Member Syndicate Sardar Asim Sher Maken, Chairman PHEC Prof. Dr. Iqar Ahmad Khan, Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, members of parliament, civil society representatives, and senior university management. The solarization initiative, now

fully operational, includes three solar energy systems installed across the university: a 2170-kilowatt system at the main campus, 275 kilowatts at the College of Agriculture, and 150 kilowatts at the Allama Iqbal Campus. Together, these installations are expected to substantially lower the university's dependence on conventional electricity sources while contributing to Pakistan's green energy transition. Speaking at the inauguration, Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar

Abbas highlighted the project's long-term environmental and financial benefits. He emphasized that the initiative would not only reduce electricity costs but also cut carbon emissions, aligning with both national and global sustainability goals. "This project reflects our commitment to transforming the University of Sargodha into a green campus, where sustainable practices are integrated into academic and operational frameworks," he remarked.



## Secretary HED Punjab Inaugurates Citrus Processing Unit

The Citrus Processing Unit, established at the College of Agriculture, University of Sargodha, was inaugurated to promote agro-industrial development and foster academia-industry collaboration. The inauguration ceremony was attended by Dr. Farrukh Naveed, Secretary, Higher Education Department, Punjab; Prof. Dr. Iqar Ahmad Khan, Chairman, Punjab Higher Education Commission; and Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, Vice Chancellor, UoS, along with senior faculty members and university officers.

Developed in collaboration with the Sargodha Chamber of Commerce and Industry, the unit aims to boost the citrus value chain while providing enhanced research, training, and entrepreneurship opportunities for students and local farmers. The dignitaries lauded the initiative as a significant step toward advancing agricultural innovation and strengthening the nexus between academia and industry.





# IRCOH-2025 Advances Sustainable Health through Interdisciplinary Collaboration



The University of Sargodha marked a major milestone by hosting Pakistan's first-ever Interdisciplinary Research Conference on One Health (IRCOH-2025), a groundbreaking academic gathering that brought together vice chancellors, leading researchers, policymakers, and international delegates to collaborate on the interconnected dimensions of human, animal, and environmental health. The two-day conference, held under the theme "Con-

nect, Collaborate, and Translate One Health Research for a Sustainable Future," represented a defining step toward interdisciplinary research and sustainable health innovation in Pakistan's higher education landscape. The event was graced by Prof. Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed, Chairman of the Higher Education Commission (HEC), as the Chief Guest, and Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, Vice Chancellor of the University of Sargodha, as the Host Vice Chancellor. The

participation of vice chancellors from over 25 public and private sector universities across Pakistan, along with international experts, reflected the growing recognition of the One Health paradigm as a cornerstone for addressing complex health challenges in a rapidly changing world. The University of Sargodha launched three pioneering initiatives: The Interdisciplinary Research Center for One Health (IRCOH), the Pakistan One Health



University Network, and the One Health Research Lab established under the Belt and Road Initiative—the first of its kind in the country. These centers will be crucial in encouraging teamwork across different fields, improving health checks, monitoring health issues, and creating policies to tackle new global health problems like pandemics, drug resistance, animal-related diseases, and health issues caused by climate change.



In his address, Prof. Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed commended the University of Sargodha's visionary leadership and academic foresight, describing the One Health approach as essential to global health resilience. "Interdisciplinary collaboration is not an option; it is the foundation for a healthier and more resilient future," he remarked, emphasizing the importance of integrating science, innovation, and education for sustainable health outcomes.



Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas reaffirmed the university's commitment to interdisciplinary solutions, stating, "By connecting medicine, veterinary sciences, agriculture, and social sciences, we are building a future where knowledge translates into sustainable human development." He highlighted that the establishment of these centers embodies our mission to translate research into real-world impact and policy innovation.





Prof. Dr. Ihtesham Ur Rehman, Director of the One Health Center, discussed the importance of establishing similar research hubs across Pakistan to promote collaborative research, surveillance, and education in One Health. Prof. Dr. Zafar Hayat, Principal of the College of Agriculture, introduced the newly established Interdisciplinary Research Center for One Health and presented the vision of the Pakistan One Health University Network. He stressed the need for academic cooperation and institutional linkages to bridge research gaps and inform evidence-based policymaking.

The conference featured a series of technical sessions, panel discussions, and research presentations addressing key themes such as antimicrobial resistance, food safety, climate resilience, sustainable agriculture, zoonotic disease preven-

tion, diagnostic innovation, and public health systems. These discussions emphasized the value of collaborative science and academic networking in strengthening global health governance and research capacity.

Chairman HEC Prof. Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed, along with dignitaries including Prof. Dr. Talat Naseer Pasha, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ali Shah, Prof. Dr. Hassan Sher, Prof. Dr. Zubair Iqbal, Prof. Dr. Aakif Anwar Chaudhry, Prof. Dr. Shazia Bashir, Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen, and Prof. Dr. Zahoor ul Haq, commended UoS for its pioneering role in advancing interdisciplinary research and policy dialogue. Their participation reflected strong institutional support for UoS's commitment to advancing scientific collaboration in Pakistan.





## UoS Co-Hosts 5th International CAREC Research Conference to Strengthen Regional Cooperation and Economic Connectivity

The 5th Annual CAREC Research Conference, jointly organized by the CAREC Institute (CI) and the University of Sargodha (UoS), concluded successfully in Islamabad, marking a significant step toward enhancing regional economic cooperation, trade facilitation, and policy integration across South and Central Asia. The opening session was inaugurated by Federal Minister for Planning, Development, and Special Initiatives Prof. Ahsan Iqbal, who commended the joint efforts of the CAREC Institute and the University of Sargodha in bringing together regional policymakers, economists, and researchers. He emphasized Pakistan's strong commitment to regional development, highlighting national initiatives such as URAAN Pakistan and the 5Es Plan, which aim to advance economic resilience, education, and sustainable growth. Ahsan Iqbal stated, "The conference should lead to practical results like easier trade processes, clear plans for green and sustainable infrastructure, better transit connections, and stronger institutions to improve regional cooperation between South and Central Asia."

Welcoming the esteemed guests, Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, Vice Chancellor, University of Sargodha, expressed gratitude to the participants and reaffirmed UoS's dedication to fostering research-driven regional cooperation and knowledge exchange. Distinguished speakers during the opening session included Mr. Charymhammet Shallyyev (Director, CAREC Institute), Mr. Yang Guangyuan (Public Affairs Officer, Chinese Embassy), Mr. Syed Shakeel Shah (Prime Minister's Office, Islamabad), Ms. Emma Fan (Regional Manager and Country Director, ADB), and Mr. Syed Aftab Haider (CEO, Pakistan Single Window). The two-day conference featured three thematic sessions, panel discussions, and plenary addresses, covering areas such as regional trade flows, digital and physical connectivity, green infrastructure, and cross-border cooperation. The dialogue aimed to strengthen research partnerships and knowledge networks among CAREC member states.



Representatives from key organizations, including the Islamic Development Bank (IsDB), Pakistan Single Window (PSW), Allama Iqbal Open University, Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE), International Road Transport Union (IRU), Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), Development Alternatives Inc. (DAI), Manzil Pakistan, Pakistan International Freight Forwarders Association (PIFFA), and the ECO Science Foundation (ECOSF), also participated. Mr. Qaiser Ahmed Sheikh, the Federal Minister for Investment, graced the closing ceremony as the chief guest. In his keynote address, he emphasized the government's ongoing dedication to creating a business-friendly environment and enhancing trade and investment cooperation across the CAREC region. He further highlighted Pakistan's economic potential and ongoing reforms aimed at simplifying trade procedures and promoting both domestic and foreign investments.





# UoS and CAREC Institute Sign MoU to Boost Regional Academic and Policy Collaboration



The University of Sargodha (UoS) and the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) Institute have signed a five-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aimed at strengthening academic collaboration, policy dialogue, and research partnerships across the CAREC region.

The MoU was signed by Mr. Charymuhammet Shallyyev, Director of the CAREC Institute, and Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, Vice Chancellor of UoS, during a ceremony attended by Federal Minister for Board of Investment Kaiser Ahmed Sheikh and Chairman Higher Education Commission Prof. Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed.

The agreement seeks to enhance knowledge exchange, capacity building, and economic cooperation among CAREC member countries. Areas of collaboration include joint research on digital economy and sustainable development, faculty and student exchange programs, internships at the CAREC Institute, and co-hosting conferences and webinars.

## UoS, ICS Sign Agreement to Forge Academic Cooperation in STEM



The University of Sargodha (UoS), Pakistan, and the Institute of Control Systems (ICS) under Azerbaijan's Ministry of Science and Education have signed an "Intent of Cooperation" (IOC) to enhance collaboration in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education. The agreement, signed by Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences Prof. Dr. Masood Sarwar Awan and ICS representative Dr. Tofiq Babayev, sets the foundation for joint research, faculty and student exchanges, and academic innovation in the fields of control systems, automation, and computing. Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas and Director CAREC also graced the occasion. The signing ceremony took place on the sidelines of the 5th Annual CAREC Research Conference in Islamabad. Under this cooperation, both institutions will prioritize faculty and student exchanges, collaborative research projects, co-hosting academic events, and sharing academic resources such as libraries and laboratories. Each activity will be subject to separate agreements and funding arrangements, with strict adherence to ethical and academic standards.





## UoS Rewards Faculty with Rs. 20 Million for Research Excellence



The University of Sargodha organized the Research Productivity Award 2024 ceremony to honor the outstanding contributions of its faculty and staff in research and innovation. The event was graced by Dr. Farrukh Naveed, Secretary, Higher Education Department (HED) Punjab, as the Chief Guest, while Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, Vice Chancellor, attended the event as the Guest of Honor.

A total of 176 faculty and staff members were awarded in recognition of their significant achievements in research publications, innovation, and academic excellence. The ceremony reflected the university's strong commitment to promoting a research-driven academic environment.

Addressing the ceremony, Dr. Farrukh Naveed emphasized that "research is the foundation of innovation and institutional growth." He noted that recognizing outstanding researchers not only honors their hard work but also inspires young scholars to pursue excellence in academia.

Dr. Farrukh further announced the establishment of a dedicated training forum for ORIC offices across the province, to be hosted by the University of Sargodha, acknowledging the university's leadership role in strengthening the research ecosystem.

In his remarks, Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas proudly shared that during the past year, UoS faculty members published over 1,500 high-index research papers, submitted more than 40 intellectual property rights applications (including patents and trademarks), produced 80 policy papers, completed 350 research projects, and won 141 funded projects.

Concluding the ceremony, Dr. Farrukh Naveed and Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas presented Research Productivity Awards 2024 and prize cheques to the distinguished faculty members, recognizing their outstanding contributions to research, innovation, and community service.





## UoS Strengthens Academic Ties with Bangladesh Through New Cooperation Agreements



The University of Sargodha has entered into four Intents of Cooperation (IOCs) with leading universities in Bangladesh to foster academic collaboration, research partnerships, and cultural exchange between the two nations.

The agreements were formally signed by Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, Vice Chancellor, University of Sargodha, alongside the vice chancellors of the partner institutions, Prof. Dr. Mohammed Ali Azadi (International Islamic University Chittagong), Prof. Dr. Qumrul Ahsan (University of Asia Pacific), Prof. Dr. M. Lutfar Rahman (Daffodil International University), and Prof. Dr. Abdul Hannan Chawdhury (North South University, Bangladesh).

These strategic collaborations aimed to promote student and faculty exchange, joint research initiatives, and shared academic programs in science, technology, and innovation. They also include the co-organization of conferences, workshops, exhibitions, and training programs, providing a foundation for long-term academic cooperation and cultural understanding.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas underscored the growing importance of cross-border partnerships in higher education. "Such strategic initiatives enhance institutional capacity and contribute meaningfully to the global knowledge economy," he remarked. He emphasized that the agreements will create new opportunities for students and faculty to engage in collaborative learning, research, and innovation.

This milestone marks another step in UoS's vision to expand its global academic network and strengthen its role in addressing regional and global challenges through shared expertise and innovation.

The agreements were facilitated by COMS-TECH (OIC Standing Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation) under the guidance of Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal Choudhary, Coordinator General of COMS-TECH. The ceremony was also attended by Prof. Dr. Ahmad Raza Bilal, Director ORIC, University of Sargodha, who commended the initiative as a reflection of UoS's commitment to internationalization and academic excellence.





# ICPAM 2025 Fosters Global Collaboration in Mathematical Research



The Department of Mathematics, University of Sargodha, successfully organized the 7th International Conference on Pure and Applied Mathematics (ICPAM-2025), gathering leading scholars, researchers, and professionals from across the globe to discuss emerging trends, exchange innovative ideas, and explore interdisciplinary applications of mathematics in modern science and technology.

The two-day conference served as a dynamic platform for collaboration and academic dialogue, welcoming 21 international speakers from Turkey, Qatar, Lebanon, South Africa, Morocco, the Czech Republic, Saudi Arabia, Romania, South Korea, Iraq, Iran, and Malaysia, alongside 23 national experts from premier institutions across Pakistan. The event reinforced the university's commitment to promoting research excellence and fostering global academic partnerships.

Addressing the inaugural session, Prof. Dr. Masood Sarwar Awan, Acting Vice Chancellor and Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, emphasized that such academic gatherings play a pivotal role in connecting scholars and advancing intellectual exchange. Prof. Dr. Amir Ali, Dean, Faculty of Sciences, appreciated the conference's significance, noting that it promotes mathematical thought and fosters interdisciplinary collaboration that contributes to solving complex, real-world challenges.

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Abbas, Chairman, Department of Mathematics, shared that ICPAM-2025 continues the department's strong tradition of hosting international research conferences. He noted that the event particularly benefits young scholars by connecting MPhil and PhD students with international experts, innovative research methodologies, and global academic trends.



## Key Points

- Encourage sustained partnerships between Pakistani and international universities through joint research projects and exchange programs.
- Expand mathematics' role in addressing challenges in engineering, health sciences, economics, and environmental modeling.
- Incorporate advanced data analytics, artificial intelligence, and computational modeling into university curricula.
- Promote mathematical modeling for sustainable development, particularly in energy efficiency, resource management, and climate prediction.
- Use online collaborative tools to enable real-time research sharing and participation in virtual mathematical forums.
- Utilize mathematical research in shaping evidence-based public policy, particularly in environmental, health, and economic sectors.



## Career Development Center Guides Students on CSS Pathways

The Career Development Center (CDC), University of Sargodha organized an insightful seminar titled "Roadmap to CSS," aimed at guiding aspiring students through the Central Superior Services (CSS) examination process and offering inspiration for careers in public service.

The keynote address was delivered by Mr. Farhan Aziz Khawaja (PAS), Director General of the Civil Services Academy, Lahore. The session was also attended by Dr. Syed Shabbir Akbar Zaidi, Director of the Civil Services Common Training Program and Prof. Dr. Ahmad Raza Bilal, Director ORIC. In his address, Mr. Khawaja emphasized the vital role of emotional intelligence (EQ) in leadership and civil service. He noted that success in the CSS exam requires not only intellectual strength but also empathy, discipline, and resilience. "Civil service is not merely a profession—it is a lifelong mission to serve humanity," he stated. Quoting Allama Iqbal's verse "Sitaron se aagey jahan aur bhi hain," he urged students to aim beyond conventional limits and continue striving for excellence.

The event concluded with a lively question-and-answer session, where students interacted directly with the keynote speaker to clarify their queries regarding exam preparation, optional subject selection, and the professional life of civil servants. The session left students motivated and better equipped to pursue their ambitions in Pakistan's civil service.



## Seminar Explores Emerging Perspectives in Partition Studies

The Department of History and Pakistan Studies at the University of Sargodha organized a thought-provoking seminar titled "Recent Trends in Partition Studies," aimed at exploring evolving academic interpretations of the Partition of the Indian Subcontinent and its enduring socio-political impacts.

The event featured a screening of *Bohay Khuly Rakhein*, a documentary depicting the emotional and social upheavals of Partition. The film's portrayal of loss, resilience, and hope deeply resonated with the audience. The documentary *Bohay Khuly Rakhein* powerfully captures the voices of those who lost their land, relationships, and identities, reminding us that history is as much about emotion as it is about evidence.

Dr. Ilyas Ahmad Chattha, Associate Professor at the Mushtaq Ahmad Gurmani School of Humanities and Social Sciences, LUMS, graced the seminar as the chief guest. In his keynote address, he described the Partition as not merely a political or geographical event but a profound human tragedy that reshaped millions of lives across the subcontinent. Chairman of the Department, Dr. Muhammad Abrar Zahoor, talked about the importance of a research-driven and analytical approach to the study of history. He urged students to move beyond textbook learning and engage with historical inquiry that encompasses human emotions, social transformations, and lived realities.







## University Sports Gala 2025 Celebrates Unity & Youth Development

The 23rd University Sports Gala inaugurated with a colorful and energetic opening ceremony held at the university's cricket ground, bringing together students, faculty, and dignitaries from across Punjab to celebrate the spirit of sportsmanship, unity, and youth engagement. The grand ceremony was graced by the Minister for Law, Communication, and Works Punjab, Malik Sohaib Ahmed Bharath, as the chief guest, while the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, was present as the guest of honor.

A number of distinguished guests also marked the ceremony, including Member of Punjab Assembly Mian Ikramullah, Chairman of Zakat and Ushr Council Rana Munawar Ghous, Chairman of Punjab Education Foundation Malik Shoaib Awan, Director of Sports Mehr Ahmad Khan Harl, Chairman of Pearl Residencia Mian Faheem Asad, CEO of Tayyaba Oil Shop Rana Shahid Mehmood, and the university's academic and administrative heads.

Proceedings began with a formal guard of honor presented by the



University Security Wing to welcome the guests of honor. The ceremony included traditional cultural performances, such as a horse dance that enthralled attendees. Festivities also included competitive events, with a thrilling exhibition kabaddi match featuring prominent national players and a spirited tug-of-war contest between teams from the Faculties of Sciences, Social Sciences, Art & Humanities, and Computing & Information Technology, which sparked friendly rivalry and applause. In his welcome address, Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas reaffirmed the university's holistic vision for student development. He

stated, "Our goal is not just to award degrees but to shape responsible, dynamic, and well-rounded human resources." He emphasized that ongoing investments in modern sports facilities, professional coaching, and open grounds were essential to nurturing a healthy and progressive student community. Malik Sohaib Ahmed Bharath raised awareness about the importance of sports in youth development. He remarked, "Sports are not merely games; they are essential for character building, leadership, discipline, and teamwork." The minister also commended the Punjab government's commitment to sup

porting sports through talent-hunt programs and lauded the University of Sargodha for integrating extracurricular activities into academic life.

The opening ceremony set a celebratory tone for the multi-day University Sports Gala. The combination of cultural performances, athletic competitions, and remarks from leadership underscored the event's emphasis on unity and holistic student development. Organizers and attendees noted that the gala exemplified the university's commitment to fostering teamwork, leadership, and healthy lifestyles among students.



**Malik Sohaib Ahmed Bharath**  
Minister for Law, Communication  
& Works, Punjab

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## Chinese Delegations Explore New Avenues for Academic and Industrial Collaboration

A three-member Chinese delegation led by Ms. Hong Yan Niu, Director of the Belt and Road Special Committee, visited the University of Sargodha to explore opportunities for collaboration in business development, research, and vocational training. Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas extended a warm welcome to the delegation, appreciating their commitment to strengthening academic and industrial linkages between Pakistan and China.

The delegation also included Ms. Liu Gui Hua and was accompanied by Prof. Dr. Ijaz Asghar, Director External Linkages, and Prof. Dr. Tahir Mumtaz Awan, Director of the Pakistan Institute of China Studies. During the meeting, both

sides discussed the initiation of joint research and development ventures, the launching of skill-based vocational training programs to empower youth, and support for local business innovation through collaborative initiatives.

The Chinese delegation expressed keen interest in establishing a technology center at UoS to serve the local community, particularly in advancing entrepreneurship and applied research. They also applauded the university's academic environment, developmental vision, and efforts to align education with the economic and technological needs of society, expressing optimism for building a long-term partnership under the Belt and Road framework.



## Seminar Explores the New Narrative of 'Made-in-China' in Pakistan

The Pakistan Institute of China Studies (PICS), University of Sargodha, organized a thought-provoking seminar titled "The New Story of 'Made-in-China' Products in Pakistan," shedding light on the evolving perception and growing acceptance of Chinese products in the country.

The host director of the Confucius Institute and director of PICS, Prof. Dr. Tahir Mumtaz Awan, talked about the historical distrust of Chinese products, the transformative role of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), and the emergence of Chinese brands as household names in Pakistan. He emphasized how, over the years, skepticism surrounding the quality of Chinese products has given way to increasing trust, fueled by strategic economic partnerships and technological advancement.

"The journey from doubt to trust in 'Made-in-China' products reflects how innovation, quality, and strategic partnerships can reshape global perceptions—our youth must lead this narrative with open minds and entrepreneurial spirit," he added.

Prof. Dr. Tahir highlighted how CPEC has played a pivotal role not only in infrastructure development but also in reshaping the image of Chinese enterprises, enabling Chinese brands to establish a strong footprint in Pakistani markets.

The seminar concluded with a dynamic question-and-answer session, reflecting active participation from students and faculty members keen to understand the changing dynamics of Sino-Pak trade and consumer culture.





## UoS Students Excel in All Pakistan Chinese Bridge Competition 2025



Students of the University of Sargodha were recognized for their outstanding achievements in the All Pakistan Chinese Bridge Competition 2025, organized by the Chinese Language and Education Center, Beijing. The recognition ceremony was held at the Vice Chancellor's Office to celebrate their success and dedication to promoting linguistic and cultural exchange between Pakistan and China.

Ms. Ayesha Rafaqat secured an impressive third position in both the speech and music categories, showcasing exceptional command of the Chinese language and artistic expression. Additionally, Ms. Laraib and Ms. Javeria Iqbal received appreciation awards for their commendable performances, while the UOS TV team was acknowledged for its creative and technical contributions to the event's coverage and promotion. Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas congratulated the students for their remarkable accomplishments, emphasizing that their success reflects the university's growing role in fostering academic diplomacy and cross-cultural understanding. He further appreciated the Pakistan Institute of China Studies and the Confucius Institute for its consistent efforts in nurturing student talent and building bridges of friendship through education and cultural exchange.

## Confucius Institute Leaders Meet-Up Strengthens People-to-People Ties

The Pakistan Institute of China Studies and the Confucius Institute at the University of Sargodha jointly organized the "Confucius Institute Leaders Meet-Up," aimed at deepening academic partnerships and promoting cultural harmony between Pakistan and China.

The event featured traditional Chinese musical performances, a Taiji demonstration, and a heartfelt rendition of the Pak-China Friendship song by HSK students, showcasing the growing cultural and linguistic bond between the two nations. Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, the chief guest, announced several joint ventures with Chinese institutions, including a hospital, a Traditional Chinese Medicine program, a dual-degree

program, and a citrus processing unit. He emphasized the significance of academic diplomacy and urged students to master the Chinese language to access future opportunities.

Prof. Chen Yunxiang, Chinese Director of the Confucius Institute, commended UoS's commitment to educational collaboration and applauded students' cultural presentations. Prof. Dr. Tahir Mumtaz Awan highlighted that over 2,000 students have completed HSK levels, with further offerings in Business Chinese underway. The event concluded with students presenting Chinese-inspired artwork to the Vice Chancellor, symbolizing the spirit of friendship and cross-cultural learning.





# UoS hosts Strategic Dialogue on Enhancing Citrus Production and Exports



A high-level meeting was convened at the Multipurpose Hall of the University of Sargodha to deliberate on strategic measures for enhancing citrus production and expanding export potential. The session was chaired by Barrister Mohsin Shahnawaz Ranjha, head of the task force formed under the special directives of Chief Minister of Punjab Maryam Nawaz.

The meeting brought together key stakeholders from the agricultural and industrial sectors, including Secretary of Agriculture Iftikhar Ali, Secretary of Industries and Planning Umar Masood, Deputy Commissioner of Sargodha Captain (R) Muhammad Waseem, Dean Faculty of Social Sciences Prof. Dr. Masood Sarwar Awan, Chairman of the Department of Horticulture Prof. Dr. Rashid Mukhtar Bilal, Chairman of Agronomy Prof. Dr. Athar Nadeem, Director Implementation Dr. Rehana Ilyas, Chairman of Plant Breeding and Genetics Prof. Dr. Ijaz Rasool Noorka, and representatives from the Chamber of Commerce, DG Extension Agriculture, local farmers, and landlords.



In his address, Barrister Mohsin Shahnawaz Ranjha emphasized that citrus; particularly kinnow, represents the agricultural identity of Sargodha and forms a cornerstone of its economy. He noted that factors such as climate change and disease outbreaks have affected yields recently, necessitating a coordinated strategy to improve production and strengthen access to international markets. He directed the Department of Horticulture to develop a comprehensive PC-1 plan in consultation with all stakeholders for prompt implementation.

Prof. Dr. Masood Sarwar Awan highlighted the university's ongoing commitment to agricultural innovation, noting that UoS has established a modern nursery and is supporting local farmers through research-driven initiatives to enhance citrus varieties and productivity. He expressed optimism that a coordinated approach could potentially double current production levels.

Captain (R) Muhammad Waseem commended the university's contributions to agricultural development, acknowledging the leadership of Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas in

strengthening research and practical linkages with the farming community. Prof. Dr. Rashid Mukhtar Bilal informed the participants that the university is in the final stages of establishing a citrus processing unit, which will play a pivotal role in value addition and export enhancement.

The meeting concluded with the presentation of a commemorative souvenir to Barrister Mohsin Shahnawaz Ranjha by Prof. Dr. Masood Sarwar Awan, acknowledging the efforts to advancing agricultural research, sustainability, and economic development in the region.



## Seminar Highlights the Need for Sustainable Food Supply Chain Practices



The Institute of Food Science and Nutrition organized a seminar on "Sustainable Food Supply Chain," bringing together leading experts from academia and industry to discuss innovative approaches to sustainability, food safety, and social responsibility in the food sector.

The event aimed to encourage dialogue on reducing environmental impact, ensuring long-term food security, and integrating sustainable practices across the supply chain.

Distinguished speakers included Mr. Nasir Hameed, Chief Quality and Sustainability Officer at NAQUA Group (Saudi Arabia); Mr. Izhar Ul Haq Awan, Supply Chain and Commercialization Manager at PepsiCo Pakistan and Afghanistan; Dr. Kanza Aziz Awan, Chairperson of the Department of Food Science and Technology at UCP Lahore; and Mr. Asif Nawaz Janjua, General Manager at SW Sugar Mills Limited.



Welcoming the participants, Prof. Dr. Anjum Murtaza, Director of the Institute of Food Science and Nutrition, emphasized that sustainability is an essential component of modern food systems. He remarked, "As a leading institution in food science and nutrition, we are committed to promoting sustainable practices and working with industry partners to tackle the challenges confronting the food sector."

Mr. Nasir Hameed drove home the importance of sustainability in food supply chains, pointing to critical challenges such as climate change, food waste, and social inequality. He



highlighted that food waste not only damages the environment but also undermines economic and social stability, calling for the inclusion of environmental, social, and governance (ESG) factors in food supply chain policies.

Mr. Izhar Ul Haq Awan discussed PepsiCo's Water Stewardship initiative, noting efforts to minimize environmental footprints through sustainable agriculture and greenhouse gas reduction. "Climate change poses a serious threat in Pakistan, and we are taking proactive steps to mitigate its impact through responsible resource management," he said.



Mr. Asif Nawaz Janjua shared insights on sustainable practices within Pakistan's sugar industry, particularly under the Bonsucro project, which promotes climate-smart agriculture among smallholder farmers. "We are helping farmers adopt sustainable practices like soil and water mapping and resilient sugarcane varieties to enhance productivity and reduce emissions," he added.

A panel discussion, moderated by Dr. Kanza Aziz Awan, fostered an engaging exchange among students, faculty, and professionals, leading to valuable insights and potential industry-academia collaborations.



# UoS Showcases Research and Innovation at Punjab Technology Expo 2025



The University of Sargodha (UOS) made a strong impression at the Punjab Innovation & Technology Expo 2025, held at Expo Centre Lahore, where universities, colleges, and technical institutions from across the province came together to display groundbreaking ideas and research innovations.

The event organized by the Punjab Higher Education Commission in collaboration with the Higher Education Department, was inaugurated by Dr. Farrukh Naveed, Secretary, Higher Education Department. Prof. Dr. Masood Sarwar Awan, Acting Vice Chancellor and Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, represented the University of Sargodha as Guest of Honor.

The UOS stalls showcased a diverse range of innovations, including patented research

projects, agricultural advancements, recovery systems, IT tools, fine arts display, software prototypes, and social sciences models. A special highlight was the exhibition of entrepreneurial projects incubated at the Waheed Wain Incubation Centre, reflecting the university's commitment to fostering creativity and applied learning. These exhibits drew considerable attention from visitors and industry representatives alike.

During his visit to the exhibition area, Prof. Dr. Masood Sarwar Awan interacted with students and faculty, appreciating their efforts in transforming ideas into impactful innovations. He emphasized that "innovation and research are essential for national progress, and Pakistani students possess immense potential to contribute to the

global knowledge economy." He further highlighted that forums like the Innovation & Technology Expo provide valuable opportunities for academia-industry-society linkages, enabling practical collaboration and the exchange of ideas. Commending the participating teams, he stated that their work aligns with the vision of Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, who aims to promote applied research, entrepreneurship, and innovation at UOS.

On the sidelines of the event, Prof. Dr. Masood Sarwar Awan met with Secretary HED Dr. Farrukh Naveed and vice chancellors of other universities to discuss academic and research collaborations. He also briefed them on key educational and developmental initiatives currently underway at the University of Sargodha.





# CEO Forum Bridges Academia and Industry for Future-Ready Graduates



The Malik Firoz Khan Noon Business School (MFKNBS) at the University of Sargodha organized its Second Annual CEO Forum and Product Exhibition, bringing together top industry leaders, scholars, and students in a dynamic exchange of ideas. The event was inaugurated by Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, accompanied by Prof. Dr. Masood Sarwar Awan, Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, and Prof. Dr. Irfan Shehzad, Director MFKNBS. A total of 18 leading CEOs from across Pakistan participated, engaging in meaningful dialogue on industry-academia collaboration and employability trends.

The forum featured a product exhibition showcasing 32 innovative student-led business projects, reflecting creativity, entrepreneurial vision, and real-world problem-solving skills. A thought-provoking panel discussion, titled "Future Graduate Skills for Job Market," gathered

CEOs and academic leaders who emphasized the growing need for graduates equipped with technological fluency, critical thinking, and adaptive learning capabilities.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas underscored the importance of fostering strong partnerships between universities and industries, remarking, "Universities are centers of innovation, and industry is empowered to transform those innovations into tangible products." The Vice Chancellor also launched the Business Case Study Journal, positioning Noon Business School as the third in Pakistan to introduce such a publication. The forum concluded with a commitment to strengthening experiential learning and promoting research that aligns with market demands.



## Key Points

- Universities should integrate industry-led modules into the business curriculum.
- Graduates must develop digital literacy and data-driven decision-making skills.
- Entrepreneurial education should focus on practical innovation and market needs.
- Case study learning should be made a core pedagogical tool for management students.
- Cross-disciplinary research in business, technology, and sustainability should be encouraged.
- Skill development centers should align training with emerging job market trends.
- Academic institutions must foster an entrepreneurial ecosystem through incubation and start-up support.



## CET Open House Expo Showcases Student Innovation and Technical Excellence



The College of Engineering and Technology (CET), University of Sargodha, organized an Open House and Project Expo, offering a dynamic platform for final-year students to exhibit their technical expertise, creativity, and innovative problem-solving through practical engineering projects.

The event featured around 40 projects from the Departments of Electrical, Mechanical, and Civil Engineering. Students presented a diverse range of innovations, including electric vehicles, automated systems, sustainable energy models, advanced motors, food sorting machines, artificial body parts, a gold detection device, hydraulic Vitruvius bridges, solar panel cleaning systems, 3D printing using recycled plastic bottles, and smart city prototypes—reflecting the university's strong commitment

to applied research and sustainability.

The exhibition was inaugurated by Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, accompanied by Principal CET Dr. Muhammad Haris Aziz, university deans, faculty members, and a large number of students and visitors. While interacting with students and reviewing their projects, Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas commended their efforts, stating, "This expo is clear evidence that our students are not only well-versed in theoretical knowledge but are also applying their technical expertise in line with modern industrial and societal needs."

He emphasized that engineering and technology play a pivotal role in national progress, adding that such initiatives promote a culture of innovation, research, and creative problem-solving

among youth. Dr. Abbas further highlighted the importance of strengthening university-industry linkages, enabling students to align their technical solutions with real-world market demands. In his remarks, Dr. Muhammad Haris Aziz, Principal of CET, said, "Our goal is not to confine students to textbook learning but to provide them platforms where they can translate creativity and technical skills into real-world applications. The projects showcased in this expo are a testament to their innovation, talent, and academic strength."

The expo also welcomed participation from students of Government College of Technology Sargodha, Government College of Technology Joharabad, KIPS College, and Hira College, adding diversity and enthusiasm to the event.





## Software Engineering Students Exhibit Cutting-Edge Final Year Projects

The Department of Software Engineering, University of Sargodha, organized its Final Year Project Exhibition 2025, celebrating students' creativity and innovation in Artificial Intelligence (AI), Machine Learning (ML), and Deep Learning (DL). The event showcased a series of impactful projects designed to tackle real-world challenges across multiple sectors, including healthcare, agriculture, e-commerce, and information systems. Projects featured applications such as disease detection through AI models, smart agricultural systems, AI chatbots for online business automation, and advanced data management systems, reflecting students' strong technical capabilities and industry awareness. The exhibition was inaugurated by Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ilyas, Dean of the Faculty of Information Technology, in the presence of Dr. Muhammad Summair Raza, Chairman, Department of Software Engineering, Dr. Muhammad Ramzan, and faculty members of the department. Speaking at the event, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ilyas commended the students for adopting innovative technologies to solve practical problems. He emphasized that such initiatives foster research and innovation while preparing graduates to meet evolving industry demands. Dr. Muhammad Summair Raza appreciated the dedication and originality of the students' work, stating that the exhibition reflects the University of Sargodha's commitment to academic excellence, technological advancement, and industry relevance. The event concluded with interactive project demonstrations, where students received valuable feedback from faculty members and visiting professionals. The exhibition stood as a testament to the department's mission of nurturing technically skilled, research-oriented graduates ready to contribute to Pakistan's growing technology sector.



## IT Project Exhibition Attracts Industry Giants



The University of Sargodha (UoS) has entered into an agreement with 6S Catering & General Order Suppliers for the commercial launch of Khushab Mineral Water, marking a groundbreaking step in public-sector universities' efforts toward innovation and financial sustainability. The signing ceremony was held at the university, where Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, Pro Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Mian Ghulam Yasin, faculty heads, administrative staff, and representatives from 6S Catering participated. Under the partnership, UoS will provide its plant facilities, machinery, and on-campus infrastructure, while 6S Catering will oversee operations and marketing. The revenue generated from the project will be directed to the university's endowment fund to support education, research, and welfare initiatives for students and staff. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas described the project as a historic milestone, being the first of its kind in Pakistan's public-sector universities. He assured that the university had completed all necessary legal and procedural requirements, with a dedicated committee supervising the entire process. Pro Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Mian Ghulam Yasin highlighted the university's vision of integrating academics with practical ventures that serve both institutional development and community welfare. CEO of 6S Catering & General Order Suppliers, Mian Muhammad Sajid, expressed confidence in the success of Khushab Mineral Water and praised the initiative as a model of innovation and collaboration.



## HEC Delegation Visits UoS for Graduate Program Review



A high-level delegation from the Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan, led by Prof. Dr. Ghulam Raza Bhatti, former vice chancellor and member of HEC Islamabad, visited the University of Sargodha for a comprehensive graduate program review aimed at evaluating the quality, relevance, and outcomes of the university's postgraduate programs.

Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, Director QEC Dr. Imran Ghafoor, and his team warmly welcomed the delegation upon their arrival. The vice chancellor briefed the HEC team about the university's academic progress, research excellence, and the robust quality assurance mechanisms that ensure continuous improvement in teaching, learning, and research standards.

The two-day review visit included detailed meetings with deans, chairpersons, faculty members, and graduate students, as well as an assessment of academic records and program structures across multiple faculties. The visiting team focused on evaluating curriculum design, research output, student support systems, and institutional performance indicators aligned with HEC's quality benchmarks.

The HEC delegation comprised eminent academics and experts, including Prof. Dr. Haider Darain (Dean, Khyber Medical University, Peshawar), Prof. Dr. Hizbollah Khan (University of Peshawar), Prof. Dr. Mustanir Ahmed (Hazara University), Prof. Dr. Hassan Mujtaba (NU FAST University Islamabad), Dr. Zahoor Ahmed (University of Haripur), Mr. Asif Hussain (Director/Incharge, HEC Islamabad), and Mr. Imtiaz Ali Lakhan (Assistant Director QAA, HEC Islamabad).

During their campus tour, the delegation visited key facilities, including the Multipurpose Hall, Academic Block, University TV Studio, Business Incubation Center, Wazir Agha Library, Cafeterias, and Gymnasium. The team appreciated the university's modern infrastructure, dynamic academic environment, and commitment to fostering innovation, research excellence, and student-centered learning.

The visit concluded with mutual appreciation and reaffirmation to maintaining high standards in postgraduate education in line with national and international quality frameworks.





# UoS Hosts Consultation on Media & Information Literacy



The University of Sargodha (UoS), in collaboration with UNESCO, Media Foundation 360, and the Department of Communication and Media Studies, organized a consultation workshop titled "Sargodha Consultation on Strengthening Media and Information Literacy (MIL) Policy Framework in Pakistan."

The event held under the theme "Empowering Minds for a Safer and Informed Digital Society," to develop actionable insights for shaping a national policy framework on media and information literacy.

The consultation was graced by high-profile individuals such as Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ilyas, Dean, Faculty of Computing and IT, UoS; Prof. Dr. Savera Mujib Shami, MIL Expert and Chairperson, Department of Digital Media, University of the Punjab; Dr. Mudassar Hussain Shah, Chairperson, Department of Communication and

Media Studies, UoS; Muhammad Noshad Ali, Group Executive Editor, Daily Pakistan; Mubashar Bukhari, President, Media Foundation 360; and Hanan Choudhary, President, Sargodha Press Club.

Delivering the keynote address, Dr. Savera Mujib Shami stressed the urgent need to reshape media and information education in Pakistan. She said that in an era of information disorder, the ability to critically access, evaluate, and create media is vital to preserving democratic integrity and social harmony.

A panel discussion moderated by Mr. Muhammad Noshad Ali explored the theme, "Building Resilient Societies: MIL as a Pillar of Social Cohesion." Participants pointed out the importance of fostering critical thinking, civic engagement, and ethical media practices to counter misinformation and divisive narratives.

In another session, Mubashar Bukhari spoke on "Cultural and

Linguistic Diversity: A Cornerstone for Shaping MIL Policies," pointing out the importance of culturally contextualized media education.

The participants collectively recommended that media and information literacy be integrated into the national curriculum at all educational levels and called for targeted digital literacy training for both content creators and audiences. They also emphasized the promotion of ethical communication practices and responsible information sharing in digital spaces.

Concluding the workshop, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ilyas commended the participants and stressed that combating misinformation and promoting digital responsibility is a collective moral and educational duty. The event concluded with a certificate distribution ceremony, marking a meaningful step toward building an informed, media-literate society in Pakistan.

