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CELEBRATING '70 YEARS OF PAK-CHINA DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS'

CHINESE AMBASSADOR H.E. NONG RONG HAILS SARGODHA UNIVERSITY, REAFFIRMS CHINESE COMMITMENT TO PROMOTE STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP WITH PAKISTAN AND CPEC



Ambassador Nong Rong, sheds light on 'all-weather strategic cooperative partnership' between Pakistan and China during the session through a video message

To commemorate the friendship of seven decades with China, Pakistan Institute of China Studies, in partnership with Confucius Institute of Sargodha University, invited the Chinese Ambassador, H.E. Nong Rong to deliver the keynote speech in an exclusive segment on '70 Years of Pak-China Diplomatic Relations' held on April 9 during the concluding ceremony of the 4th Sargodha Literary Festival 2021.

While appreciating the efforts of Sargodha University in strengthening Pak-China ties, Ambassador Rong urged the youth to push forward the all-weather strategic partnership to new heights.

“Sargodha University has cultivated talents for the nation from a global perspective in recent years, making an outstanding contribution to national development and growth. We appreciate that the University attests great importance to the study of China and promotes Pak-China friendship.”

H.E. Nong Rong
Chinese Ambassador to Pakistan

EXCERPTS FROM THE KEYNOTE SPEECH

- China and Pakistan enjoy a lasting bond of friendship. Since diplomatic relations were officially established in 1951, China and Pakistan friendship has gone more powerful after President Xi Jinping's historic visit to Pakistan and promoted bilateral relations to the level of 'all-weather strategic cooperative partnership.' The three visits of Pakistan's Prime Minister Imran Khan to China since taking office shows close contact between the two leaders.
- During China's fight against COVID-19 at the beginning of 2020, Pakistan immediately donated medical materials to China. When COVID-19 cases surge in Pakistan, the flock of Chinese medical experts, as well as medical supplies, were sent to assist the country.
- Pakistan was the first country to receive COVID-19 vaccine donations from both the Chinese government and military. We will continue to prioritize the provision of vaccines to Pakistan for combating the 3rd wave of the pandemic.
- The construction of CPEC has brought 25.4 billion dollars as a direct investment to Pakistan and created 75000 jobs for the country at its peak which stabilize Pakistan's economy and promoted livelihood.
- The past 70 years have proved that China-Pakistan friendship and cooperation are not only the fundamental interest of the two countries and people but also conducive to maintaining regional and global peace, stability and development.
- Both countries are together accomplishing the historic mission of achieving national rejuvenation, strengthening the country and elating the people. The two sides should continue to firmly support each other.
- China will continue to develop its relationship with Pakistan from the strategic long-term perspective and always support Pakistan in safeguarding its national sovereignty and territorial integrity.
- China will continue to develop the CPEC project with Pakistan, support Pakistan's industrialization, help increase employment, expand international industrial trade, deepen cooperation in national defense against terrorism, and combat threats.
- China and Pakistan will continue to build the bridge between the two countries through cultural exchanges in arts, broadcasting, film, television, and sports.



Dr Fazal ur Rahman, Humayoun Khan and Aoun Sahi deliberate on the CPEC development projects while clearing misconceptions against it

The keynote address by the Chinese ambassador was followed by an erudite discussion with experts on Sino-Pak relations to celebrate the seven decades of diplomatic relations between Pakistan and China.

The session was moderated by Dr Fazal ur Rahman, Director Pakistan Institute of China Studies at Sargodha University, and the panelists included Mr Humayoun Khan and Mr Aoun Sahi. The discussion focused on the significance of the China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) in accelerating economic integration and rejuvenating industrialization in Pakistan. For countering propaganda against CPEC, falsely alleged as a debt trap, the panel urges youth to play a pivotal role in building alternative discourse for strengthening bilateral ties through the dissemination of research-based information from authentic sources and explore CPEC opportunities to participate in the economic development of the country.

KEY POINTS

- CPEC, the flagship project of the Chinese Belt and Road Initiative, could be a game-changer for the region, if pursued smoothly. The propaganda against CPEC as a debt trap should be countered with the dissemination of research-based information.
- Through the development projects of infrastructure and energy under CPEC, Pakistan and China have moved beyond diplomatic and strategic relationship by adopting a people-centric approach aimed at addressing the core issues of the people of Pakistan.
- All the projects of CPEC in the energy sector are investments while loans constitute only a small proportion of the overall CPEC portfolio.

- In comparison to the interest rates of loans offered by the western countries and IMF, China has offered loans at a concessional rate of 2-3%.
- Both countries should repulse the propaganda against CPEC by monitoring media performance, cross-checking facts and figures from all angles, ensuring access to authentic information to the public and identifying black holes in information.
- To change Pakistan's economic contours, Pakistan should collaborate with China on technological transfer, poverty alleviation strategies, and research and development.
- The youth should take an active part in dispelling myths and suppositions about CPEC by developing an understanding of the ground realities from authentic sources.
- To counter negative perception against CPEC, academia, media and society should come forward to play a pivotal role in propagating balanced and unbiased information covering all the aspects, rather than spreading one side of the story, serving only the western interests.
- To reduce cultural gaps, there is a need to promote public diplomacy through initiative like Confucius Institutes and overcome the language barrier by introducing Chinese language programs in universities.

ABOUT THE PANELISTS

- Humayoun Khan, Program Coordinator Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Pakistan
- Aoun Sahi, Senior Journalist
- Dr Fazal ur Rahman, Director Pakistan Institute of China Studies, Sargodha University

8TH CONVOCAATION

SARGODHA UNIVERSITY CONFERS RECORD NUMBER OF DEGREES



The doctorates celebrate the occasion by throwing caps in the air.

Due to the third wave of the pandemic, the University of Sargodha hosted its 8th convocation for the graduating classes of 2018 and 2019 in hybrid mode on April 12, 2021.

The University cleared the backlog of two years by conferring degrees upon more than 105,000 graduates and doctorates from the disciplines of Medical and Health Sciences, Agriculture, Engineering and Technology, Sciences, Arts and Humanities, Pharmacy, and Social Sciences.

To celebrate and recognize the achievements of graduates by ensuring strict adherence to the COVID-19 SOPs, only limited graduates including, overall distinction holders from the seven faculties and doctorates were invited to attend the ceremony at Noon Auditorium, whereas, the rest of the graduates experienced the ceremony online. More than ninety thousand students celebrated their success virtually while watching convocation ceremony through the University's official social media platforms.

The Chancellor Governor Punjab Chaudhry Muhammad Sarwar praised the academic and research initiatives of Sargodha University and congratulated the graduates, parents and teachers through a felicitation message.

During the convocation address, Vice-Chancellor Dr Ishtiaq Ahmad congratulated students on their academic achievements and emphasized the role of parents and teachers in their performance. He urged the students to assume leadership roles in transforming Pakistan into a progressive country as



"I congratulate all the graduates and wish them success in professional life ahead. I have faith in our young graduates to engage in the challenges of professional life and serve the course of a prosperous Pakistan. The University of Sargodha has earned its name as a major public sector institute in a short period through research and innovation.

I am hopeful that the University will move towards academic excellence and will become a role model for other institutes."

Chaudhry Muhammad Sarwar
Chancellor / Governor Punjab

"The graduation ceremony is a memorable event for all the graduates, who are supposed to make a difference in their respective professions of choice. Over the four years of my tenure at this great university, I have come across many amazingly talented young scholars and students. Therefore, I have no doubt that our graduates will compete well in the current job market and make their due mark in their respective professional careers at home and abroad."

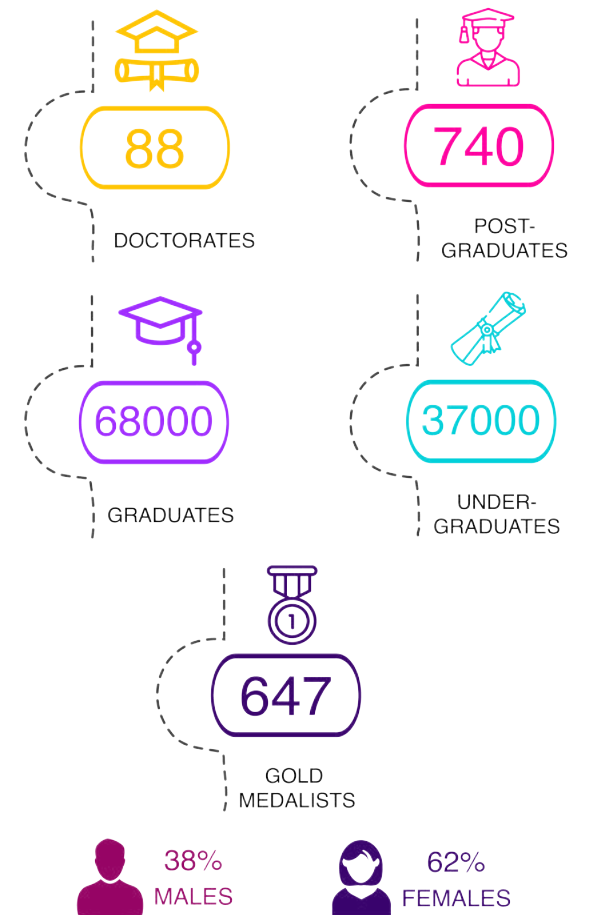
Dr Ishtiaq Ahmad
Vice Chancellor



The Vice Chancellor awards gold medal and degree to the distinction holder



8th Convocation in Numbers



our Founding Father envisioned at the time of independence. The University is committed to delivering a high-quality education to our students by continuously enhancing the quality of teaching and study, collaborating with industry, and establishing global partnerships.

Graduating students in gowns applauded their accomplishment by tossing caps in the air and capturing memories. Asma Khizer, who received a doctorate, shared her gratitude by praising her parents and teachers. She admired the University's decision to hold the convocation with a small crowd amid the pandemic.

SOCIAL MEDIA COVERAGE



SARGODHA LITERARY FESTIVAL 2021 GOES DIGITAL



In continuation of the legacy of reviving art, literature and history by engaging eminent literati every year to the Sargodha Literary Festival (SLF), the fourth edition of SLF'21 embraced digital media to broaden the literary horizon beyond the premises of the main campus and extended the intellectual space to the cybersphere. The three-day festival continued to quench the literary thirst of our inquisitive youth from April 7 to 9, 2021.

The fourth festival in a row had 14 interactive sessions in two parallel streams and featured 35 renowned scholars, authors, critics, historians, policymakers, journalists and artists to invigorate the virtual feast of literary ideas. All the sessions were live-streamed on the official Facebook of the university. The event commenced with the opening remarks of the Vice Chancellor Dr Ishtiaq Ahmad. While paying gratitude to the distinguished panelists and appreciating the efforts of the organizing team, he shed light on the perceptive viewpoint of expanding youth's ability to study beyond the classroom and stimulate new ideas capable of instilling an erudite debate spirit.

“Universities must take the initiative to involve students in programmes that promote the preservation of literature, history, beliefs, and heritage through the development of critical and technological skills.”

Dr Ishtiaq Ahmad
Vice Chancellor

Following the inauguration, Fayyaz Baqir, a globally acclaimed urban development practitioner and Professor of Development Practice at the University of Ottawa in Canada, delivered a keynote speech in Punjabi on 'Surt di Sui, Prem dy Dhaagy'. He urged the youth to promote Pakistan's diverse cultures and live in harmony by recognising the difference between truth and fiction.

“Sufism, as a self-control ideology, foreshadows suffering; it is a universal doctrine centred on tolerance and interfaith harmony.”

Fayyaz Baqir
Professor of Development Practice
University of Ottawa, Canada

Along with literary sessions and exhibitions, the festival culminated in the book launch of 'Rood-e-Rawan' on the history of the then Government College Sargodha and the keynote speech of the Chinese Ambassador Nong Rong on '70 years of Pak-China Diplomatic Relations' during the concluding session of 4th literary festival 2021.

The idea conceived three years back in 2018, enthralled a larger audience this time as it outreached expectations and more than 775K people around the world experienced the festival digitally. Since its inception, the

event has widened the intellectual space by bringing contemporary affairs of socio-cultural eminence into limelight that are essential in unifying the diversified segments of Pakistani pluralistic society. Every year, the festival offers a panoply of voices and a plethora of constructive ideas as a panacea to the prevalent crises.

4th SLF'21 AT A GLANCE



14

SESSIONS



35

EXPERTS



50+

ARTISTS



2

ART EXHIBITIONS



BOOK

LAUNCH

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775K+
PEOPLE REACHED



13000+
LIKES



20000+
COMMENTS



1000+
SHARES

PURSUIT OF IDENTITY IN A MULTICULTURAL SOCIETY

Panel underscores the significance of embracing cultural empathy and inclusivity for peace in a heterogeneous world



A literary discussion with venerable literati on 'Pursuit of Identity in a Multicultural Society' highlighted various aspects challenging the quest for identity in a pluralistic world during a virtual session held on April 7, 2021.

The session explicated the role of literature in harnessing harmony for peaceful co-existence in a multicultural society and how an individual identity can be preserved while keeping integrity of others intact. The experts developed consensus over the argument that multicultural societies should develop the spirit of mutual loyalty and solidarity to bring harmony and peace in the world.

KEY POINTS

- Subjective social inclusion allows diverse segments of any society to coexist and resolve the identity crisis embedded in multiculturalism.
- Rigid opinion of superior identity should be discouraged and replaced with multiple viewpoints through cultural integration
- Every culture should be respected in a multicultural world by understanding and embracing cultural diversity with empathy.
- Individual identity in a multicultural society should not exclude or delegitimize the identity of any of the constituent communities.
- During cultural hybridization, the distinctive features of every culture, including language especially local dialects and race, should be preserved and respected.

ABOUT THE PANELISTS

- Najeeb Jamal, Professor of Urdu, Forman Christian College University, Lahore
- Asghar Nadeem Syed, Playwright and Poet
- Yousaf Khushk, Chairman, Pakistan Academy of Letters, Islamabad
- Nasir Abbas Nayyer, Urdu Prose Writer, Critic and Scholar
- Dr Amir Sohail, Professor of Urdu at Islamia University Bahawalpur

LITERATURE AND MODERN SOCIETY

Session calls for literary revival in the new generation through educational reforms in the curriculum



A critical discussion on 'Literature and Modern Society' assessed the role of authors in depicting their intellectual exuberance through writings in contemporary society on April 7, 2021. The panelists highlighted the power of literature in developing collective consciousness among the masses but a majority of the writers are compromising their intellectual honesty for monetary gains.

KEY POINTS

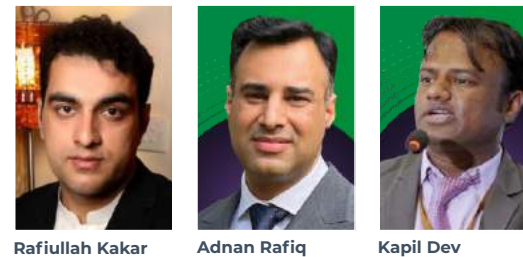
- The catharsis of emotions and expression of feelings need to be articulated through arts and literature for the aesthetic development of contemporary society.
- In the digital era, for broadening the horizon of young minds, literary revival through curriculum revision has become incontrovertible.
- Owing to the influence of media and publishers, the inclination of writers towards monetary benefits is one of the reasons behind the decline of literature in the modern era.
- The author's habit of cherry-picking with distorted information and technological revolution are the agents of literary disintegration.
- The demise of literature emanates from growing cultural illiteracy and the anti-literary approach of youth due to social media addiction in the age of globalization.

ABOUT THE PANELISTS

- Ravish Nadeem, Progressive Writer
- Khawar Nawazish, Scholar and Critic
- Dr Yousaf Khalid, Writer/Author

UNITY IN DIVERSITY: RELIGIOUS, GENDER AND CLASS INCLUSION IN PAKISTAN

Speakers stress upon striking a balance between marginalized communities and dominating majority for national harmony



To harness harmony among varied segments of Pakistani society, a session on 'Unity in Diversity: Religious, Gender and Class Inclusion in Pakistan' called upon experts from geographically and religiously marginalized community at Noon Auditorium on April 7, 2021.

The deliberations were made for adopting an inclusive approach to develop understanding about the unity through discussion on varied social, economic, religious and political indifferences.

KEY POINTS

- One of the substantial hurdles in the development of Pakistan is the supremacy of one language and religion for structural development over the others.
- A balance between marginalized communities and the dominating majority will disseminate power to bring stability in Pakistan.
- Development of local government systems and senate reforms are the only way outs for ensuring equity of power and resources.
- Equal representation of culturally diverse communities in politics, education, and every walk of life will increase the acceptance of diversity.
- Opportunity must be given on the basis of merit, irrespective of class, religion, gender and ethnicity.
- Acceptance of physical, cultural, linguistic, social, religious, political, and ideological differences will improve human interaction in Pakistan.
- Diversity management is a key strategy to bring structural reforms in Pakistan.

ABOUT THE PANELISTS

- Adnan Rafiq, Country Director, United States Institute of Peace, Pakistan
- Kapil Dev, Minority Rights Activist
- Rafiullah Kakar, Director of CPEC Unit, Balochistan

URDU JOURNALISM AND PROSE HUMOR

Speakers assert the role of humor in contemplating the incongruities of life



To trace the role of the Urdu language in breaking monotony, boredom, and dullness of life in the contemporary world, an interactive session titled, 'Urdu Journalism and Prose Humor,' was virtually held on April 7, 2021.

The speaker highlighted the importance of humour in Urdu journalism in articulating complex ideas and information in a lighter tone by adding pleasure.

KEY POINTS

- Humor is a powerful, valuable, and effective tool for communicating anything because it breaks down barriers.
- Humor in Urdu journalism, literature, prose, theater, movies, and advertisement serves the essential purpose in conveying an idea, delivering information, or telling a story to the masses in a pleasant way as it provokes laughter and provides amusement.
- Comedy allows us to approach threatening subjects in a non-threatening way.
- Prose humor in electronic and print media can be used as a medium to deviate from life's dullness.
- Social media can play a dynamic role in producing humor through unbiased discussion.
- Mockery or comicalness is not just a tool to ridicule; instead, it is a mild or indirect way or expression of moral cleansing not at the cost of anyone's integrity.
- Humor in the Urdu journalism breaks the monotony, tedium, and boredom in the contemporary world.

ABOUT THE PANELISTS

- Gul e Nokhaiz Akhtar, Renowned Humorist, Author and Writer
- Sabookh Syed, Social Media Activist

ART AND LIBERATION

Artists reveal the power of art to liberate man from social cognitive dissonance

To explore the various dimensions and platforms of art for promoting freedom of expression, inculcating creativity, and instilling critical thinking among the masses, the artist talk on 'Art and Liberation' was held virtually on April 8, 2021.

The renowned artists advocated the idea of promoting art through music, paintings, cinema, films and theatre without any fear for liberating society from social evils through the true depiction of life.

KEY POINTS

- Art offers freedom in the sense that it helps you to escape from the harsh realities of life by allowing you to have a liberated 'self.'
- Art should be free of terror and harshness, and there should be a concerted effort not to offend someone on personal, political, or religious grounds.
- To encourage and promote creativity in the entertainment industry, the art of storytelling, especially for children, must be encouraged and



Asrar Hussain Chishti



Nirmal Bano



R.M.Naeem



Aysha Bilal



Shahnawaz Zaidi



Ahmad Bilal

promoted at the student level. This includes the ability to write down creative ideas through powerful scripts and the ability to turn the script into visuals through strong guidance.

- Art should not be like a soul trapped in a body; it should be free of the constraints and barriers that society imposes.

ABOUT THE PANELISTS

- Prof. Dr. Ahmad Bilal, Director Research Center, UCAD, PU, Academician, Researcher and Filmmaker
- Nirmal Bano, Filmmaker, Writer
- R. M Naeem, Artist, Assistant Professor NCA
- Prof. Shahnawaz Zaidi, Pride of Performance, Academician, Artist
- Prof. Israr Hussain Chishti, Head of Graphic Design Department, UCAD, PU, musician, photographer
- Aysha Bilal, Academician, Researcher, Graphic Designer, Photographer

FUTURE OF SOCIAL MEDIA

Experts elucidate the power of social media in shaping the future of journalism

A discussion on analyzing the future prospects with all the possibilities in the digital world was held in a session titled 'Future of Social Media,' on April 8, 2021.

The speakers emphasized the pervasiveness of social media undermining the role of traditional news media in setting the agenda by enabling the audience to access any news from any platform at any time.

KEY POINTS

- While social media is an effective mode of communication and a valuable source of knowledge, education, and entertainment, youth should be equipped with critical thinking and technological skills for the greater good of society and the country.
- Social media users should be courageous enough to highlight issues of socio-economic and political significance for generating a difference in opinion.



Ambar Shamsi



Azaz Syed



Sabookh Syed

- Social media addiction should be minimized because it may include unapproved truths that can cause abuse, fear and extremism in young minds.
- The government should not be authorized to regulate freedom of speech on social media. Instead, an autonomous agency should be authorized to protect national-interest and enforce telecommunications laws.
- In the era of digitalization, mainstream media should preserve its relevance and adapt its content according to the latest trends, while projecting unheard voices of marginalized segments of society.

ABOUT THE PANELISTS

- Azaz Syed, Award-Winning Journalist, Geo News
- Ambar Shamsi, Anchor/Multimedia Journalist
- Sabookh Syed, Social Media Activist

SYNDICATE ENDORSES REVISED AFFILIATION RULES FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE



The Vice Chancellor presides over the Syndicate meeting held on December 28, 2020

To improve the standard of education without compromising the quality of education at affiliated colleges, the Syndicate in its 2nd meeting of the year 2020 approved the rationalized and revised rules and regulations 2020 to grant affiliation/extension in affiliation/addition in affiliation for the public as well as private sector colleges who are already affiliated with the University

of Sargodha or intends to seek affiliation with University of Sargodha.

The university initiated a drive to cut down the number of affiliated colleges from 310 in 2016 to 253 in 2020-21 for curtailing the expansion of ghost colleges and sub-standard education being imparted by the affiliated colleges and deteriorating the name of the University

REVISED RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR AFFILIATED COLLEGES 2020

Ownership

- No change in ownership of the corporate body will be permissible after affiliation without prior approval of the University.
- Single proprietorship/ownership institutions are not eligible to apply for Affiliation.

Inspection

- The Affiliation Committee shall have the power to arrange for visitation at any time/date of its own choice/convenience and may pay surprise visits also.

Duration

- Affiliation shall initially be for one academic year/session only. It may be extendable for further sessions depending on the performance as ascertained through visitation.

Eligibility of Administrative and Non-Administrative staff

- The Principal and other administrative and teaching staff should be duly qualified and meet the eligibility criteria prescribed by the University of Sargodha/Higher Education Commission, Islamabad

Curriculum

- The college shall follow the University's recommended Syllabi / Curriculum and shall abide by all the rules/regulations notified by the University

Infrastructure

- The college shall be located in a spacious, separate and independent building housed on an area of at least 03 Kanals and submit NOC from the local bodies for the establishment of the college.
- If a college is proposed to be located on rented premises, it shall be mandatory for the management to ensure that the College will acquire/prepare its purpose-built building within a period of Five Years (05) preferably in a non-residential area.

Facilities

- Adequate hostel facilities must separately be provided for male and female students.
- The college shall have an auditorium, offices and classrooms, computer lab, ladies room, academic block for university students, canteen, library, book bank and medical services as per the minimum requirement set in the parameters set in revised affiliation rules and regulation 2020.

Record Maintenance

- Maintain record regarding admissions, students' attendance (biometric also), fee concession, appointment of staff, their joining reports, attendance (biometric also), payment of salary (through bank transactions only), stock register and accession register of the library.

EXHIBITIONS

ART AND LIBERATION

Showcasing life under the shadow of liberation



The virtual painting exhibition on the theme of 'Art and Liberation' mesmerized the audience through the artworks showcased in Zubeida Agha Art Gallery of more than 50 artists from across Punjab on April 8, 2021. The artists exhibited their ideas on various aspects of life under the shadow of liberation through oil-on-canvas, watercolor, acrylic paints, poster colors, sculptures, digital paintings and photography.

Along with the exhibition, the artists revealed the underlying concepts and inspirations behind their paintings during a virtual session. They also shed light on various techniques of generating creative impressions on canvas to express their feelings and emotions.



NATIONAL CONTEMPORARY ART EXHIBITION

A solo show of the famous artist Asrar Farooqi on 'National Contemporary Art Exhibition' mesmerized the audience through the use of vibrant colours, thick visible brush strokes and extensive use of impasto technique with high intensity of light as an embodiment of impressionism that induced life to the paintings. The exhibition was also followed by a virtual interactive session with the artist. The paintings showcased the intellectualism of modern art that developed curiosity among viewers and helped in distracting one's mind from the otherwise reality.



Fasiha Irfan
Untitled, Oil on Canvas, 36x38



Ahmed Faraz
The Last Hope, Digital Painting



Bushra Gul
Untitled, 2008, Plaster of Paris sculpture, 16"14"7"



The vegetable vendor, Oil on Canvas, 24x36 inches



Golra railway station (Islamabad), Oil on Canvas, 24x36 inches



R. M. Naeem
Eve's Ark 42x72" Acrylics on Canvas, 2021.



Shahnawaz Zaidi
Asrar Hussain Chishti, Oil on Canvas



Rawal dam, Oil on Canvas, 20x30 inches



Al Bidya Mosque (UAE), Oil on Canvas, 24x36 inches



Old bazar, Oil on Canvas, 12x12 inches



Old Lahore, Oil on Canvas, 20x30 inches

MOU RENEWS PARTNERSHIP WITH US CONSULATE GENERAL



Catherine Rodriguez, the US Consul General and Dr Ishtiaq Ahmad Vice Chancellor Sargodha University sign the MOU in a virtual ceremony on April 8, 2021

In a virtual ceremony, US Consul General Catherine Rodriguez and Vice Chancellor Dr Ishtiaq Ahmad inked an agreement to renew the Lincoln Corner partnership for another period of two years on April 8, 2021. The Lincoln Corner Sargodha is the largest one at any public sector university of the country. In 2020, its space was expanded in the University's Wazir Agha Library and the US Consulate also refurbished the Corner.

“Lincoln Corners in Pakistan provide a platform for open dialogue between Pakistanis and Americans, promote mutual understanding, build prosperity, and strengthen people-to-people ties through various programs. With the renovation and resource up-gradation, the Corner will facilitate the next generation to fully participate in Pakistan's prosperity.”

Catherine Rodriguez
US Consul General

AREAS OF COOPERATION

- Provide space free of charge that is satisfactory to the Consulate in the building located at the Central Library of the Sargodha University, to house the Corner. It includes its equipment and collections, and allows free public access to the same as well as to any other Corner provided services and program activities.
- The University intends to pay the maintenance and utilities costs for the space occupied by the Corner.
- The University will provide at least one qualified English-speaking staff member for the Corner

and pay staff salary cost along with designate a director for the Corner who will be responsible for Corner operations. The director of the Corner should provide the Consulate with brief monthly reports and digital photographs featuring activities of the previous month at the Corner.

- Employ all security measures necessary to ensure that the equipment and materials provided to the Corner remain in the Corner and are not dispersed or damaged in any way.
- Allow the Corner to conduct US speaker programs and organize regular public activities such as group discussions, electronic interactive programs, lectures, and cultural presentations, and alternative space for such activities, if needed.
- The US Embassy will provide the Corner with a basic print library and electronic Internet-based resources about the United States and then maintain and supplement this collection. It also intends to select and purchase new print and electronic resources for inclusion in the Corner's collection on topics related to bilateral interests.
- The University intends to allow the distribution of promotional and informational materials provided by the Embassy/Consulate to the public to enhance mutual understanding and engagement between the people of Pakistan and the people of the United States of America, as well as to inform the public about the Corner's activities.
- The Consulate intends to assist the Corner in the maintenance of Embassy-provided equipment and should replace broken or outdated Embassy-provided equipment to ensure continued Corner services to its patrons.

MOU WITH EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN UNIVERSITY FOR ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH EXCHANGE

To expand the academic and research collaborations, Sargodha University and Eastern Mediterranean University (EMU), North Cyprus, signed the memorandum of understanding (MOU) on March 24, 2021.

The agreement was duly inked by the Vice Chancellor Sargodha University Dr Ishtiaq Ahmad and Eastern Mediterranean University Rector Prof Dr Aykut Hocanın.

Along with sharing similar values on the importance of educational standards and providing a variety of academic and research opportunities to students and faculty, both academic institutions are also contributing to scientific knowledge, cultural development and institutional reputation.



Eastern Mediterranean University

- Promoting and encouraging activities of joint research in fields of common interest.
- Exchanging research and educational data, where possible, to be used for education and training purpose.

Eastern Mediterranean University, established in 1979 in North Cyprus, has 247 international academic partnerships with 50 different countries. Additionally, the EMU is a full member of several prestigious international organizations, including the EUA, IAU, FUIW, EFMD, AACSB, and CMU, and has consistently been rated among the world's top 5% universities by the Times Higher Education World University Rankings, Webometrics Rankings of World Universities, and URAP evaluations.

AREAS OF COOPERATION

- Promoting and encouraging the exchange of academic staff and students for short and long term visits.
- Exchanging invitations to scholars and students to participate in academic activities, such as training courses, conferences, symposia, workshops, and exchanges of experience.
- Facilitating the exchange of experiences and opinions for mutual benefit.

STRENGTHENING UNIVERSITY OF MIANWALI TO STAND ON ITS FEET

To address the outstanding academic and financial issues, the University of Sargodha signed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with the University of Mianwali (UMW) on March 25, 2021. The MOU was signed in accordance with the decision of the Syndicate meeting held on February 16, 2021.

While signing the MOU, Vice Chancellor Dr Ishtiaq Ahmad assured full cooperation to the UMW, which used to be an official sub-campus of Sargodha University until August 2019. The Vice Chancellor of UMW, Dr Islam Ullah Khan paid gratitude to the administration of Sargodha University for its continuous support and cooperation and resolving the pending issues.



Dr Islam Ullah Khan, Vice Chancellor University of Mianwali, and Dr Ishtiaq Ahmad, Vice Chancellor Sargodha University, exchange the MOU

registration fee, 60% examination fee, transcript and degree fee, and others.

AREAS OF COOPERATION

- Sargodha University will issue transcripts and degrees on behalf of UMW upon payment of prescribed application fees, which include the

- Sargodha University will also provide funds to UMW to clear its already claimed pending liabilities from the additional amount of Rs 25 million approved by the university's Syndicate decision under sub-section 21(2) of the Sargodha University Ordinance, 2002.

YOUTH FOR INTERFAITH HARMONY

Promoting peace and tolerance for co-existence



Prof Dr Qibla Ayaz, Dr Ishtiaq Ahmad, Muhammad Aamir Rana and Sabookh Syed sharing their views at the concluding session of the two-day workshop

Sargodha University, in collaboration with the Pakistan Institute of Peace Studies (PIPS), organized a two-day workshop titled 'Youth for Interfaith Harmony' at Noon Auditorium on March 2, 2021.

The workshop revolved around scholarly talks and interactive sessions on potential areas essential for developing interrelationship among people of different religious beliefs. The speakers sensitized students about the significance of interfaith harmony in embracing cultural diversity indispensable for bringing peace and tranquility.

KEY POINTS

- Inculcate critical thinking among youth to understand the vitality of social and cultural diversity for establishing their primary identities on religious and sectarian. The incorporation of acceptance and tolerance among youth is essential for sustainable peace.
- Extremist tendencies and behaviours are major social issues that affect interrelationship among

different religions and bring chaos in society.

- The weaponization of religion has had far-reaching implications for the country, both internally and externally. Pakistan is currently on the verge of FATF sanctions, and religious extremism has played a key role in this crisis.
- Students need to acquaint themselves with research-based knowledge to develop an understanding of national and international obligations.
- Cultural and religious diversity breeds creativity and facilitates social and economic growth.
- Emotional intelligence cultivates balanced emotions that are vital for unifying varied segments of heterogeneous societies.

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

- Prof Dr Qibla Ayaz, Chairperson, Council of Islamic Ideology
- Muhammad Aamir Rana, Director, PIPS
- Sabookh Syed, Social Media Activist
- Anum Fatima, Research Associate, PIPS
- Saima Mubashra, Research Scholar

AGREEMENT SIGNED WITH PIPS FOR HARNESSING HARMONY

Sargodha University and Pakistan Institute of Peace Studies inked an MOU to extend cooperation in the areas of research and publications and facilitate the exchange of scholars, academic ideas and initiatives for capacity building and mutual internships for harnessing peace and tolerance in the society. The agreement was inked by Dr Ishtiaq Ahmad, Vice Chancellor Sargodha University, and Muhammed Aamir Rana Director PIPS.



3-DAY VIRTUAL MEDIA SYMPOSIUM MEASURING MEDIA POWER: REALITIES AND MYTHS

The speakers called for concerted efforts, especially within the cyberspace, to safeguard and expand the free flow of news and knowledge.



Saqib-ul-Islam



Mohsin Jamil Baig



Dr Sadia Kamal



Nuzhat Nazar



Imran Sanaullah



Dr Ishtiaq Ahmad

The power of media and digital technologies, the impact of corporatism on media, interference by the management and the government in editorial control, and journalists' credibility were some of the topics touched upon by the senior media persons speaking at the three-day 'Virtual Media Symposium,' organized by the Department of Communication and Media Studies on 20-22 January, 2021.

During the session titled, 'Measuring Media Power: Realities and Myths,' the deliberations were made on various reasons for increasing pressure on media from government institutions, the corporate sector, and other powerful pressure groups in undermining its autonomy over the content.

KEY POINTS

- After cross-checking facts and figures from authentic sources, the media should broadcast or publish the news.
- Ethical responsibility should not be compromised in the name of freedom of expression and should be considered as the core value.

- Nowadays, media is in the hands of advertisers and generating revenue, while taking for granted its major responsibilities to inform, entertain and educate people.
- Due to the pervasiveness and rapidness of social media, the traditional media has lost its power to set agenda for the public.
- The trend of false news is currently undermining value-based journalistic ethics and obligations.
- Government should formulate policies to inculcate critical thinking among the masses and develop tools to access and assess accurate and factual information.

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

- Saqib-ul-Islam, Broadcast Journalist VOA
- Mohsin Jamil Baig, Senior Journalist/Analyst
- Dr Sadia Kamal, Journalist/Vice President NPC Islamabad
- Nuzhat Nazar, Journalist/Social Media Activist
- Imran Sanaullah, News Anchor
- Dr Ishtiaq Ahmad, Vice Chancellor

MEDIA COMPETITION: CONTENT EXPLORATION, CHOICES, AND IMPACT ON SOCIAL LIFE

A panel discussion highlighting the significance of content exploration and choices in media was held as a part of the virtual media symposium. The session titled, 'Media Competition: Content Exploration, Choices, and Impact on Social Life' was addressed by the news anchor of Express-News Imran Sanaullah

and social media activist Nuzhat Nazar. The experts highlighted the importance of promoting digital literacy as an essential tool for content exploration that enables global citizens to interact, bond together for common goals, and share ideas efficiently and knowledgeably.

BUILDING PEACE FROM GRASSROOTS: INTER-ETHNIC DIALOGUE ON AFGHANISTAN

Panel asserts to develop knowledge and skills on conflict resolution and peacebuilding among youth in Afghanistan for sustainable peace

An interactive session on highlighting the role of youth in building peace for bringing stability in Afghanistan, the Lincoln Corner Sargodha (LCS) participated in cross border virtual session titled 'Building Peace from Grassroots: Inter-Ethnic Dialogue in Afghanistan,' on January 11, 2021.

The deliberations were made on the peace deal between the US and the Taliban that would pave the way for intra-Afghan talks to shape Afghan's political future. The session was a joint collaboration of LCS, Lincoln Corner Karachi, Lincoln Corner Shebrghan, Peace and Reconciliation Section of US Embassy Kabul, Lincoln Corner Kohistan, Afghanistan.

KEY POINTS

- Conflict and violence are ingrained in Afghan society. It can break out anytime at school or university, in a market, or at home. This deeply rooted violence has a profound impact on the mental health of Afghans.
- According to the World Health Organization, two million Afghans suffer from depression and anxiety. After four decades of conflict, Afghans desperately need the skills to build peace at home, in their communities, and beyond.
- The peace agreement between the US and Taliban addresses four issues including, reducing violence, withdrawing foreign troops, starting intra-Afghan negotiations, and assuring not to become a refuge for terrorists again.
- A peace deal would provide Afghanistan with a framework for the future. Sustainable peace must address the personal and collective trauma of Afghans that conflict has caused over the years.



- There is a dire need to build conflict resolution and peace-building skills among students and faculty. The participatory learning approach and integration of peace studies in the curriculum would provide students with skills and knowledge to identify conflict sources, de-escalate tensions and negotiate peaceful solutions.
- Pakistan's relations with Afghanistan have been characterized by mutual mistrust and devised through a narrow security prism. It needs considerable effort to end deep-seated animosity as both countries share close ethnic, linguistic, religious, and economic ties.
- Pakistan should improve its relation with Afghanistan to suppress terror groups and alleviate the international community's claims of state-sponsored terrorism.

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

- Beata Angelica, Peace and Reconciliation Officer, US Embassy Kabul
- Jawad Zawulistani, Managing Director, Afghanistan Human Right and Democracy Organization
- Margerite Squire, Cultural Affairs Assistant, US Embassy, Kabul

Pakistani students. SUSI offers intensive short-term academic programs whose purpose is to provide undergraduate students with a deeper understanding of the United States while simultaneously enhancing their leadership skills.

KEY POINTS

- SUSI is a fully-funded six weeks summer exchange program (a four-week academic residency component and a one-week integrated study tour to another region of the United States) to the USA for which both males and females are eligible to apply.
- Students with any academic discipline are

DEAN AGRICULTURE PROF MUHAMMAD AFZAL APPOINTED AS VICE CHANCELLOR BABA GURU NANAK UNIVERSITY



It is a matter of great pride for the University of Sargodha that one of its prominent faculty members has been appointed as the Vice Chancellor of Baba Guru Nanak University.

Prof Afzal, who earned a post-doctorate degree from the University of Liverpool, is a renowned scientist in the field of entomology and agriculture. He has considerable experience of more than 25 years in teaching and research. As a researcher, he has completed several national and international research projects. Prof Afzal is also a recipient of various prestigious awards like Prof Dr Mirza Azhar Beig Gold Medal, Mohtarma Fatima Jinnah Gold Medal, Best University teacher award, Zoologist of the year, and research productivity awards of several consecutive years.

During his stay at Sargodha University, Prof Muhammad Afzal has rendered his invaluable services at various administrative positions such as Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Principal, College of Agriculture, Project Director, Chairman of the Department, and several other positions.

He has published a series of peer-reviewed articles, several books, and chapters for different books. Prof Afzal supervised more than 30 PhD students and above 300 MPhil Students. Besides this, he

“It is a matter of pride for me to serve as the Vice Chancellor of Baba Guru Nanak University. The administrative experience I gained from Sargodha University will help me in achieving academic excellence, building positive institutional image and developing global outlook to enhance the research and education potential of the university.”

Prof Muhammad Afzal
Vice Chancellor
Baba Guru Nanak University

developed several international collaborations and contributed significantly to strengthening the Faculty of Agriculture by establishing 'China Pakistan Joint Research Centre' for citrus diseases and insect pest management and a centre for dryland agriculture at the University of Sargodha.

VIRTUAL SESSION ON THE STUDY OF US INSTITUTES STUDENT LEADER PROGRAM 2021

To apprise students about the US exchange programs for the promotion of leadership skills among youth, the Career Development Center organized a virtual session titled 'SUSI Student Leader Program 2021' on January 6, 2021.

The Study of United States Institutes (SUSI) 2021 is a fully-funded scholarship/exchange program for

eligible to apply, and IELTS/TOEFL is not required.

- The exchange program addresses the issues of public policy and democracy in the United States and compares U.S. policy with that of Pakistan.
- SUSI boosts leadership through academic work, community involvement, and extracurricular activities.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

- Aamir Habib Khattak, Psychologist, Student Counseling Officer, Pak-Turk Maarif International Schools & Colleges, Alumnus SUSI



KASHMIR SOLIDARITY DAY

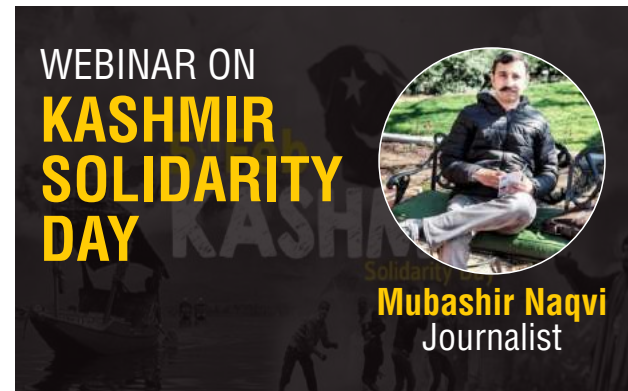
Speakers condemn Indian State-Sponsored Terrorism in Kashmir

With a renewed promise for bringing the Kashmir issue to the limelight amid inhumane and bizarre military siege of Indian Occupied Kashmir, Riaz Shad Co-Curricular Forum hosted a webinar to observe the Kashmir solidarity day on February 5, 2021.

A webinar was organized to shed light on the growing wave of intolerance and state-sponsored repression against Muslims. While expressing solidarity with Kashmiris, the webinar raised the voice for Kashmiris against human rights violation and brutality of the Indian Army and extended support to the self-determination struggle of the people of Indian Occupied Kashmir (IOK).

KEY POINTS

- Indian Occupied Kashmir has become a hotspot of Islamophobia, and Kashmiris are facing annihilation and genocide. In violation of international law and the Geneva Convention, the BJP government is taking millions of Hindus to the occupied territory in order to alter its demography.
- Indian state continues to martyr innocent Kashmiris in the Occupied Kashmir through fake encounters and other pretexts. It has been more than 550 days under one of the most brutal, draconian, and inhuman lockdowns the modern world has ever witnessed.
- Nearly a million armed occupation forces are violating the fundamental rights of innocent and unarmed Kashmiris at a scale unparalleled in



modern times.

- Kashmiris are being subjected to the worst kind of human rights abuses, violence and suppression. Kashmir is not a bilateral issue but a human rights crisis and needs to be resolved immediately.
- India should immediately repeal draconian laws, end the military siege, stop demographic changes in the occupied region, lift communication blockade and release all political prisoners in IOK.
- Pakistan will continue to extend political, moral and diplomatic support to the Kashmiris in attaining their fundamental right to self-determination.

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

- Mubashir Naqvi, Senior Journalist/Feature Writer
- Abrar Zahoor, Chairman, Department of History, Sargodha University

GIRLS CLINCH TOP POSITIONS IN BA/BSC ANNUAL EXAMS

The University of Sargodha announced the result of BA/BSc first annual examination 2020 while ensuring strict compliance of COVID-19 SOPs at Noon Auditorium on January 7, 2021. Out of six top positions, five female students bagged gold medals in both science and arts groups. According to the results, 28,627 candidates appeared in the annual examination 2020, out of which 9,113 were declared successful. The pass percentage stood

at 31.88 per cent this year.

In the BA exams, 20,720 candidates appeared in papers and 5,755 students passed the exams with passing rate of 27.82 per cent. In the BSc exams, 7,907 candidates appeared but only 3,358 qualified for the degree with a passing percentage of 42.51 per cent.

For BSc exams, Sana Rehman, the student of Punjab College of Science Sargodha, secured the first position with 664 marks, Jameela Malik, the student of Punjab College of Science Noshehra, stood second with 646 marks and Bushra Zafar, the student of Punjab College of Science Bhalwal, was declared third with 642 marks.

In the BA exam, Faria Mukhtar, the student of Pioneer Science College Bhalwal, secured the first position with 632 marks, while Measum Abbas, the student of

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY FIGHT AGAINST GENDER DISPARITY

Speakers urge women to stand against gender discrimination for a more equally shared future



The Department of Sociology and Criminology organized a session on 'Women in leadership: Achieving an equal future in the COVID-19 world' titled around the theme shared by the United Nations to celebrate Women's Day on March 8, 2021.

The seminar called for the protection of women's rights and urged women to fight against gender disparity. The students of the Sociology and Criminology Department set the Twitter top trend on the day under the hashtag #WomenCanLead.

KEY POINTS

- Incorporate gender-inclusive approach in knowledge and economy for sustainable development and economic growth
- The role of women in every walk of life should be acknowledged as they are the equal segment of society and equally contributing to the human development

- There is a need to deconstruct stereotypical gender dichotomy emanating from socio-cultural and religious narratives.
- Women are actively taking part in every field at the national and regional level, enabling them not only to protect their rights but also to raise their voice for the rights of every woman.
- To tackle the issues of gender inequality, stakeholders should formulate policies for empowering women with technical and entrepreneurial skills.

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

- Amara Akram, Ex-Station House Officer (SHO) Factory Area,
- Aqib, President Pakistan Ideological Civilization (PIC)

Superior College of Commerce Sargodha, clinched the second position with 624 marks and Talat Rubab, a private student of Sargodha, stood at third with 620 marks.

Sana Rehman, the daughter of head constable Punjab Police, was declared the overall topper of the BA/BSc annual examinations 2020.

Announcing free education for the toppers while distributing cash prizes, medals and merit certificates, the Vice Chancellor remarked that the result of the 1st annual BA/BSc examination pinpoints that disparity in education, the dire issue of the region, is fading away. He urged female students to develop skills and contribute to national economic development.



“I am very glad for being declared as the overall topper of the BA/BSc annual examinations 2020 and maintained the family decorum of distinctions as my both elder sisters had also grabbed positions in board and university exams.”

Sana Rehman
Overall topper
BA/BSc annual examinations 2020

لوک ادب وچ اظہار دی آزادی



فیصل چنا ظہیر رٹو سعید بھٹا

ڈاکٹر فیصل چنا ہورائ گل بات کردیاں آکھیا کہ لوک ادب وچ اظہار دی جیہڑی بے ساختگی تے کھلارے اوہ ہور کدھرے نظر نہیں آوندا۔ ایہہ لوک ادب دی ہی دین ہے کہ محبوب دی خوبی یاں خامی نوں اوہدے سامنے ای بیانیہ جاسکدا اے۔ لوک ادب وچ اندروں اٹھدے خالص جذبے بناں کسے ایڈیٹنگ دے بیان کیتے جاندے نیں۔ لوک ادب وچ کوئی رکھ رکھاؤ نہیں ہوندا، جیوں کہ ایس ماہیہ وچ نظر آوندا اے:

سرے تے پگ ماہیا

کسے نوں کیہ دساں، ڈھولاٹھگاں داٹھگ ماہیا

ایس سدھے ساویں اظہار دی وجہ ایہہ ہے کہ لوک ادب ریجن والے کوئی باقاعدہ شاعر یا پڑھے لکھے لوک نہیں ہوندے سگوں کسے وی پنڈتھاں وچ گھراں وچ کم کاج کردیاں سوانیاں، مچھاں پچھے پھر دے چھیر و تے کھیتاں وچ کم کردے وایں وان ایہدے خالق ہوندے نیں۔ اوہناں کئی ماہیہ تے پٹے سنا کے اپنا نقطہ نظر واضح کیتا۔ ڈاکٹر ظہیر رٹو ہورائ آکھیا کہ جذبیان دی گھن سماجی ہسٹری پیدا کردی اے جد کہ لوک ادب جی نوں اظہار دی کھلھ دیندا اے۔ کسے وی زبان دے لوک بیانیہ وچ اظہار دی آزادی بہت اہم کردار ادا کردی اے کیوں جے ایس توں ای پتہ لگدا اے کہ کوئی ویسب کیس حد تاں اظہار دی آزادی دیندا اے۔ اج یورپ تے لہندے نوں اظہار دی آزادی داموہری تجھیا جاند اے جد کہ تاریخ ول جھات ماریاں پتہ لگدا اے کہ ساڈا لوک ادب ایس نال بھریا پیا اے۔ لوک ادب لوکائی تھوں تخلیق ہوندا اے جیہڑی فنی باریکیاں وچ گئے بغیر دل دی گل آکھدی اے۔ انج اسیں آکھ سکدے آں کہ لوک ادب لوکائی دا سچا تے سچا شیشہ ہوندا اے۔ پنجابی لوک ادب نے ہمیشہ جی دے اندرونے نوں ہسٹری چوں کڈھیا اے۔

ڈاکٹر سعید بھٹا ہورائ آکھیا کہ باقاعدہ تاریخ ہمیشہ توں باختیار طریقیاں ولوں لکھوائی جاندی رہی اے جیوں نال پوری جیہڑی کدی سامنے نہیں آندی۔ جد کہ لوک ادب وچ بے ساختہ اظہار پاروں ہمیشہ سچ لکھیا گیا۔ باقاعدہ تاریخ کہندی اے کہ پنجاب نے باہروں آون والے دھاڑیاں نوں جی آیاں نوں آکھیا جد کہ لوک ادب سانوں دسد اے کہ کیوں دھرت پنجاب دے آنکھی سورے موت اگے ہکاں ڈا ہوندے رہے نیں۔ ساڈا المیہ ہی ایہہ رہیا اے کہ سانوں اپنی دھرتی تے اپنے لوکاں بارے وی دوجیاں دے لکھے تاریخی ورثے دا سہارا لینا پیندا رہیا اے۔ دوجیاں ہمیشہ پنجاب دا مہاندرا وگاڑ کے پیش کیتا کیوں جے اوہناں دے سامنے خاص طرح دے مفاد ہوندے سن۔

بولی دا جیون تے مرن

ڈاکٹر عامر ظہیر بھٹی

ڈاکٹر عامر ظہیر بھٹی نے یونیسکو رپورٹ دا حوالہ دیندے ہوئے دسیا کہ کسے بولی نوں جیون رکھن لئی سبھ توں ودھ جس چیز دی لوڑ ہے اوہ ہے اوس بولی نوں اک نسل توں اگلی نسل تک اپراون۔ کیوں جے دنیا دیاں سبھ زبانوں ہزاراں ورہیاں دا پنڈھ کر کے ایسے ڈھنگ راہیں اج ساڈے تک اپڑیاں نیں۔ اوہ زبان محفوظ کھجی جاندی ہے جس نوں کسے کیونٹی دی ہر عمر تے ہر پیرھی دا بندہ بولد اہوے، جیوں سچے، نوجوان، عورتاں تے بڑھے وغیرہ۔ یونیسکو اوس زبان نوں خطرے وچ دسد اے جیہڑی صرف وڈیری پیرھی دے لوک بولدے ہوں۔ ایسے طرح اوہ بولی محفوظ ہوندی ہے جیہڑی سماج دے ہر کھیت وچ بولیا جاند اہوے، جس طرح کہ گھر، گلیاں، محلے، بازار، دفتر، تعلیمی ادارے، پکھری وغیرہ۔

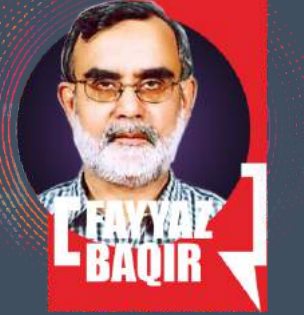
کسے زبان نوں زندہ رکھن تے اوہوں ترقی دین لئی اوس زبان وچ چنگا تے چوکھا سارا مواد تیار کرنا بہت ضروری ہوندا ہے۔ اگر کسے زبان وچ ایس طرح دا مواد جتنا زیادہ ہوی اوہ زبان اتنی ہی تگڑی کھجی جاتی۔ جیوں کتاباں، اخبار، رسالے، ترجمے، آڈیو ویڈیو ریکارڈنگ وغیرہ۔ سوایس گل دی ڈاڈھی لوڑ ہے کہ اپنی بولی دی چنگی بھلک دیکھن والے لوکی زبانان دے ماہراں نال رل کے اپنی بولی وچ ودھ توں ودھ چنگا تے چوکھا مواد پیدا کرن۔

ایہہ ضروری نہیں کہ دنیا دے کسے ملک وچ صرف اک زبان ہی بولی جاوے۔ دنیا دے زیادہ تر ملکاں وچ اک توں ودھ زبان بولیاں جاندیاں نیں۔ سرکار اکم ہوندا ہے کہ اوہ ہر زبان نوں برابری دی سطح تے اگے ودھن تے پھلن دا موقع دبوے۔ زبانان دی ترقی سرکار دے تھا پڑے توں بنا ممکن نہیں۔ سرکار لئی ضروری ہے کہ اوہ قانون بنا کے ملک دیاں سبھ زبانان دی راکھی کرے۔ سرکاری ریڈیو دے نال نال سرکاری ٹی وی چینل تے ملک دی ہر زبان وچ پروگرام پیش کیتے جان۔ قومی تے سرکاری زبان دی ترقی دے نال ہی ملک دیاں دوجیاں بولیاں لئی کوئی واضح پالیسی بنائی جاوے تاں جے کمزور تے پچھڑیاں ہونیاں زبانان نوں سہارا مل سکے۔

انٹرنیشنل سنٹر فار پنجاب سٹڈیز، سرگودھا یونیورسٹی ولوں شروع کیتی گئی لیکچر سیریز دے سلسلے وچ معروف زبان دان ڈاکٹر عامر ظہیر بھٹی ہورائ ”بولی دا جیون تے مرن“ دے عنوان پٹھ لیکچر دتا۔ کورونا دی وباء پاروں ایہہ لیکچر سرگودھا یونیورسٹی دے فیس بک پیج توں نشر کیتا گیا۔ ڈاکٹر عامر ظہیر بھٹی ہورائ فرانس توں فرانسیسی زبان وچ پی ایچ ڈی کیتی تے ہن انٹرنیشنل یونیورسٹی آف ماڈرن لینگویجز دے شعبہ فرانسیسی وچ پڑھا رہے نیں۔ اوہناں یونیسکو ولوں چھاپی گئی اک رپورٹ دا پنجابی اتھا کیتا۔ ایہہ رپورٹ ”Language Vitality and Endangerment“ دے سرناویں پٹھ چھاپی گئی۔ ایہہ رپورٹ یونیسکو ولوں زبان دانی دے ماہراں دے اک بورڈ نے تیار کیتی جیہڑا ”خطرے وچ پچھڑیاں بولیاں“ لئی بنایا گیا سی۔ اج بھادویں دنیا وچ پچھے ہزار دے لگ بھگ زبانان بولیاں جاندیاں نیں پر ماہرین دا خیال اے کہ ایہناں وچوں بہت ساریاں زبانان آونے سے اپنا وجود قائم نہیں رکھ سکناں گی۔ ایس رپورٹ وچ سائنسی بنیاداں تے وکھو کھ زبانان دے تجزیے کیتے گئے تے اوہ کارن کھوجن دے جتن کیتے گئے جیہڑے کسے وی بولی دے زندہ رہن یاں مٹک جاوے وچ اہم کردار ادا کردے نیں۔ ڈاکٹر عامر ظہیر بھٹی ہورائ بیان کیتا کہ ماہرین ولوں اپنی بقاء لئی گھول کردیاں بولیاں دیاں جوشائیاں تے کارن دسے گئے نیں اوہناں مطابق پنجابی نوں وی ایس گنتی وچ شامل کیتا جاسکدا اے۔ ایہہ رپورٹ ساڈے لئی خطرے دی گھنٹی اے۔ سانوں بہت سچیت ہو کے اوہناں گلاں ول دھیان دیون دی لوڑ اے جیہناں ول ایس رپورٹ وچ اشارہ کیتا گیا اے۔

دنیا وچ کئی زبانان بہوں تیزی نال اگے ودھدیاں پچھڑیاں نیں تے اپنا جغرافیائی حدان اٹکھ کے ساری دنیا دیاں بولیاں اٹے اثر انداز ہوندیاں پچھڑیاں نیں۔ سانوں ایہہ دیکھن تے سمجھن دی لوڑ اے کہ ایہدی کیہ وجہ اے؟ اسیں کیوں اپنی ماں بولی نوں ایس دھارے وچ لیا سکدے آں۔ سانوں ایس گل دی بہت زیادہ لوڑ اے کہ اپنے لوکاں نوں ماں بولی اٹے مان کرنا تے ایہوں اپنا ونا سکھایے۔

سُرت دی سوئی پریم دے دھاگے



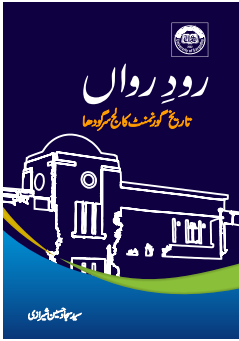
فیاض باقر داسا ناکا ملتان نال اے پراج کونینڈا دے وسٹیک نیں۔ اوہناں دنیا بھر دیاں کئی یونیورسٹیاں وچ پڑھایا۔ جیہناں وچ ہارورڈ یونیورسٹی امریکا، جارج ٹاؤن یونیورسٹی امریکا، گلبرگ یونیورسٹی نیدر لینڈز، گوتنبرگ یونیورسٹی سویڈن، یونیورسٹی آف اوٹاوا کینیڈا تے میگلگ یونیورسٹی کینیڈا شامل نیں۔

چوتھے سرگودھا لٹرییری فیسٹیول دے اوپننگ سیشن وچ گل بات کردیاں فیاض باقر ہورائ آکھیا کہ سرگودھا رانجھن دی جوہ اے ایس لئی میں گل بات اوسے زبان وچ کران گا جیہڑی رانجھن دی زبان اے۔ رانجھے دا علم و ادب نال تے سوال کرن نال بہت ڈونگھا تعلق اے۔ ایہہ ادبی میلہ وی علم و ادب تے سوال کرن دی ریت نوں اگے ودھاو لئی بنایا گیا اے۔ اوہناں آکھیا کہ میں اپنی گل بات دا عنوان وی جان بھجھ کے اوہ رکھیا اے جیہڑا ایس خطے دی سوجھ تے لوک سیانف دی مڈھ قدیمی ریت دل اشارہ کردا اے۔

سُرت توں کم لیدیاں اگے ودھنا انسانی عظمت اے۔ کیوں جے سُرت سانوں شیواں وچ نکھیر کرنا سکھاندی اے۔ چنگے تے ماڑے دا فرق دسدی اے۔ نوں کھوج ول الیدی اے۔ ساڈے صوفی شاعراں وی ایسے گل اتے زور دتا کہ نوں سوچ نال ٹرناتے ہر ویلے سچیت رہنا ای بند بانی داست اے۔ سچ دریاواں دی دھرتی دی ایہہ سوئی ریت اے کہ سُرت دی سوئی تے پریم دے دھاگے نال چلدے رہے نیں۔ سچ توں پوری ہوند نال تے اوہدے پورے پچھو کڑ نال ویکھنا سُرت دا کم اے۔ ادھار سچ اکثر گراہے پادندا اے۔ سچ داصر ف اکو کچھ کافی نہیں بلکہ پورے دا پورا سچ دیکھنا تے جاننا ضروری اے تے ایہہ اودوں ای ممکن اے جدوں اسیں دوجے دے سچ توں سچ من دی ہمت پیدا کرلیے۔ پنجاب دے سارے صوفیاں رب تائیں پہنچن دارا لوکائی وچوں دسیا اے۔ یعنی لوکائی نالوں پاٹ کے رب وی دور ہو جاند اے۔

اک سوال دے جواب وچ اوہناں آکھیا کہ اسیں دنیا نوں بدلن لئی دوجے نوں بدلنا چاہندے آں جد کہ تبدیلی ساڈے اپنے بدلن نال ہی آسکدی اے۔ ہر کوئی ظلم تے نا انصافی دا گلہ کردا اے تے ایس انیائیں نظام نوں بدلنا چاہندا اے لیکن بدلنا کیوں اے ایہہ سوچن لئی تیار نہیں۔

گورنمنٹ کالج سرگودھا کی تاریخ پر مبنی کتاب ”رودِ رواں“ کی تقریب رونمائی



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فرخ گوٹندی

محفوظ کر دیا گیا ہے۔ مزید برآں وائس چانسلر آفس کے کمیٹی روم میں ڈی مانت مورٹی اور گورنمنٹ کالج کے جملہ سربراہان کی تصاویر آویزاں کر دی گئی ہیں۔

گورنمنٹ کالج سرگودھا کی تاریخ پر مبنی کتاب ”رودِ رواں“ کی اشاعت بھی اسی سلسلہ کی ایک کڑی ہے۔ ”رودِ رواں“ سجاد حسین شیرازی (مرحوم) کی تحقیق و تالیف پر مشتمل ہے، جس میں کالج کے دیگر اساتذہ کرام بھی حصہ لیتے رہے۔ موجودہ انتظامیہ کی جانب سے سرگودھا اور گورنمنٹ کالج سرگودھا کے تاریخی ورثہ کو محفوظ کرنے کے خیال کو عملی جامہ پہناتے ہوئے اس مسودے پر نظر ثانی اور ترتیب نو کے بعد اسے نذر قارئین کیا جا رہا ہے۔ چوتھے سالانہ سرگودھا لٹریچر فیسٹیول کے آخری روز ”رودِ رواں“ کی آن لائن تقریب رونمائی کا بھی انعقاد کیا گیا جس میں نامور مصنف فرخ سہیل گوٹندی، گورنمنٹ کالج سرگودھا کے آخری پرنسپل محمد امیر خان رانجھا اور تاریخ دان شیراز حیدر نے شرکت کی جبکہ نظامت کے فرائض چیئر پرسن شعبہ تاریخ ڈاکٹر ابرار ظہور نے سرانجام دیے۔ شرکاء نے اس موقع پر سابق گورنمنٹ کالج سرگودھا کی تاریخ کو محفوظ کرنے اور سرگودھا یونیورسٹی کو اس کا تسلسل قرار دینے کے فیصلہ کو سراہا اور کتاب کی اشاعت کو خوش آئند امر قرار دیا۔

ان اقدامات سے سرگودھا یونیورسٹی کے ماضی میں 73 برس شامل ہو گئے ہیں اور اب سرگودھا کے اس ادارے کا تعلیمی سفر 2002ء کے بجائے 1929ء سے شمار کیا جاسکے گا۔

کوئی درخت کتنا ہی تناور کیوں نہ ہو، موسمی شدائد کا مقابلہ کرنے کے لیے اس کا زیادہ تر انحصار اس کی جڑوں کی گہرائی پر ہوتا ہے؛ اسی طرح کسی عمارت کی پائیداری اور مضبوطی اس کی بنیادوں کی مرہون منت ہوتی ہے۔ اداروں کے خوش آئند حال اور روشن مستقبل کو بھی اس تناظر میں دیکھا جاسکتا ہے۔ 2002ء میں سرگودھا یونیورسٹی کی عمارت استوار تو گورنمنٹ کالج سرگودھا کی بنیادوں پر ہوئی تھی، لیکن اس کے تعلیمی ماضی کو اس کی بنیادوں میں دفن کرنا ضروری خیال کیا گیا۔ مدت تک یہ احساس کمتری برقرار رہا کہ سرگودھا یونیورسٹی کے ساتھ ماضی کے گورنمنٹ کالج سرگودھا کا نام نہ آنے پائے، مبادا یونیورسٹی کے وقار میں کمی واقع ہو۔ خاندانی روایات کے امین ہی معاشرتی سطح پر اپنا وقار برقرار رکھ سکتے ہیں، اسی طرح اپنی تاریخ کو محفوظ رکھنے والی قومیں اپنے مستقبل کو دُور تک دیکھنے کی صلاحیت حاصل کر لیتی ہیں۔ اسی خیال کے پیش نظر سرگودھا یونیورسٹی نے سابق گورنمنٹ کالج سرگودھا کی تاریخ کو محفوظ کرنے اور سرگودھا یونیورسٹی کو اس کا تسلسل قرار دینے کا فیصلہ کیا۔

اس سلسلے میں گورنمنٹ کالج کی عمارت، یعنی جناح بلاک اور مولانا بخش ہال کی تزئین و آرائش کا کام پایہ تکمیل کو پہنچ چکا ہے اور ان کے اطراف کو جدید عہد کے تقاضوں کے مطابق زیب و زینت سے آراستہ کر دیا گیا ہے۔ جامع مسجد عابد کی توسیع اور اس کی دیواروں اور چھتوں کو چنگی کاری اور آیات قرآنی کی دل آویز خطاطی سے مزین کر دیا گیا ہے۔ گورنمنٹ کالج سے منسوب اشیا کو ”آرکائیوز گورنمنٹ کالج سرگودھا“ میں



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