



COVER STORY

7TH CONVOCATION

OVER 80,000 GRADUATES CELEBRATE THEIR SUCCESS



**PRO-CHANCELLOR
RAJA YASSIR HUMAYUN SARFRAZ
AWARDS DEGREES TO POSITION HOLDERS**

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**PAKISTAN'S 5TH
CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE
ESTABLISHED AT
SARGODHA UNIVERSITY**

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CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE



Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar
Governor Punjab

The University of Sargodha has earned its name as a major public sector institute in a short span of time through research and innovation. I hope that the graduates of today have made optimal use of the opportunities offered by infrastructure and academic facilities of the University to have their skills-set for coping with challenging careers ahead.

A large number of universities in the Punjab are at their nascent stage and we are trying proactively to improve educational standards and research quality through centres of excellence. In place of ad-hoc arrangements on statutory positions, regular appointments are being made on merit. Efficient energy solutions and wide level forestation are being introduced for promoting the cause of Clean and Green Pakistan.

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



The Pro-Chancellor being presented shield by the Vice Chancellor

Sargodha University awarded degrees to 83,683 students of BS, Master's, MPhil and PhD programs at its seventh convocation held on December 5. Pro-Chancellor Raja Yassir Humayun Sarfaraz, Punjab Minister for Higher Education presided over the ceremony on behalf of the Chancellor/Governor Punjab.

The degrees conferred include, 30 PhD, 1,343 MS/MPhil, 37,137 MA/MSc, 14,910 BS/BBA and 30,263 BA/BSc degrees, awarded to the students from disciplines of Medical and Health Sciences, Pharmacy, Agriculture, Sciences, Arts and Humanities and Social Sciences. Among them, 574 students with distinctions were honoured with medals.

This was the second convocation of the year, held to clear the backlog – last one held on April 25, awarding degrees to 78,700 graduates. The University has also planned two convocations for the year 2020, first in March and second in November, which will clear the further backlog.

The ceremony began in a ritualistic manner, with the entrance of the academic procession comprising the Pro-Chancellor, the Vice Chancellor and Deans of the seven faculties at the convocation venue. The prestigious ceremony was precise and delicate as bulk of the work was done a day earlier in the rehearsal.

Addressing the ceremony, Pro-Chancellor remarked that providing quality education, with compatible skills and relevancy of the subject to the requirements of international market, is the topmost priority of the government.

EXCERPTS FROM THE KEYNOTE ADDRESS

- In order to catch-up with the modern world, we have to remodel the higher education system with the primary focus on quality, then relevancy and accessibility.
- Instead of building more institutions, the focus should be on providing quality education in already established institutes. We don't need institutes imparting sub-standard education and producing unemployable graduates.
- The only way we can attract the foreign investors especially the high-tech companies is to have quality graduates at home. Because the companies



are preferring to set headquarters in other countries than taking the graduates to overseas.

- We are also working on building community colleges which will provide two-years associate degree programs that are relevant to the industry.

On the occasion, the Vice Chancellor presented a report on the performance of the University, highlighting the progressive reforms and international ranking of the University.

The colorful event of the convocation was attended by over 5,000 graduating students, their parents, and faculty members from each department.

The campus was filled with an air of excitement as the graduates – clad in the graduation gowns – were celebrating their success and gathering memories by taking pictures with their parents and classmates.

“It was a cherishing moment for me and my family when I was being conferred with gold medal by the Pro- Chancellor,” said Mr Amaullah, BS IT (2012-16)

Another student, Dr Shazia Akram, PhD Pharmacy (2010-2013) shared her excitement: “I owe my success to this great institution as it trained me well in research and academics. The University sent my thesis to well-established institutions and I received commendable reviews.”



The graduates also took to social media service, twitter, using hashtag #SUconvocation19 to share the delight with their friends and followers. As a result, #SUconvocation19 became a twitter trend in Pakistan with thousands of tweets attached to it.



PRO-CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE



Raja Yassir Humayun Sarfaraz

Higher Education Minister
Government of Punjab

Providing quality education, compatible with the skills required by international market, is the topmost priority of our government. For the purpose, we have initiated major reforms of the higher education sector in Punjab, including the launch of Associate Degree Program to promote skills-based undergraduate education, an internationally sponsored training program for engineers for overseas employment and a microchip manufacturing technology venture with the help of China. The University of Sargodha has indeed made noticeable progress in a relatively short span of time, for which its management and faculty deserve admiration and applause. I have no doubt that the University will further built upon its global rankings and become a role model for fellow institutions in the country. For the purpose, I shall extend all possible support from the Government of Punjab.



The Vice Chancellor, Dr Ishtiaq Ahmad exchanging views with Prof Ma Jianfei, Deputy Chief Executive of Hanban (Confucius Institute Headquarters) regarding the implementation plan of Confucius Institute at University of Sargodha on the sidelines of the 2019 International Chinese Language Conference, Changsha, China, on 9 December 2019.

SARGODHA UNIVERSITY WORKS OUT CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE FORMALITIES WITH CHINESE COUNTERPARTS

Following the signing of MoU between University of Sargodha and Hanban (Confucius Institute Headquarters) in Beijing in the presence of Prime Minister Imran Khan and Chinese premier Le Keqiang on October 8, 2019, Vice Chancellor Dr Ishtiaq Ahmad and Director Pakistan Institute of China Studies Dr Fazal ur Rahman participated in the 2019 International Chinese Language Conference” held on December 8-9 at Changsha, China.

On the sidelines of the Conference, Hanban organized a meeting among the three stakeholders of CI at Sargodha University i.e. Hanban, Henan Normal University (HNU) and Sargodha University (SU) to work out the details of Implementing Agreement between SU and Hanban. The high-level meeting was attended by Prof Ma Jianfei, Deputy Chief Executive of Hanban, Prof Zhao Guoxiang, Chairman of the Council at HNU, Vice Chancellor SU, Dr Ishtiaq Ahmad, Mr Zhong Heqing, Cultural Counsellor of the Chinese Embassy in Islamabad, and officials of the Provincial Education Ministry of Henan Province and the International Department of the

Henan Normal University.

Prof Jianfei welcomed SU's entry into the community of global CIs. He explained the key objectives of the CI and hoped that the fifth CI in Pakistan will play a pivotal role in developing deeper understanding of Chinese language and culture in Pakistan to bring the people of two brotherly countries closer.

Dr. Ahmad thanked Hanban, HNU and the Chinese Embassy for creating this exceptionally significant opportunity for SU, which will help Pakistani youth to acquire language skills, develop deep understanding of Chinese culture and civilization to become useful partners in development of China-Pakistan Economic Corridor as the flagship project of the Belt and Road Initiative. He explained the crucial role of SU for being located in the agricultural hub of Punjab and how he envisaged to build upon this opportunity to benefit the youth and local community.

The Chinese counterparts assured the Vice Chancellor of their full support and hoped the CI at SU will be a milestone in the development of China-Pakistan relations.

The meeting at Changsha was followed by a visit to



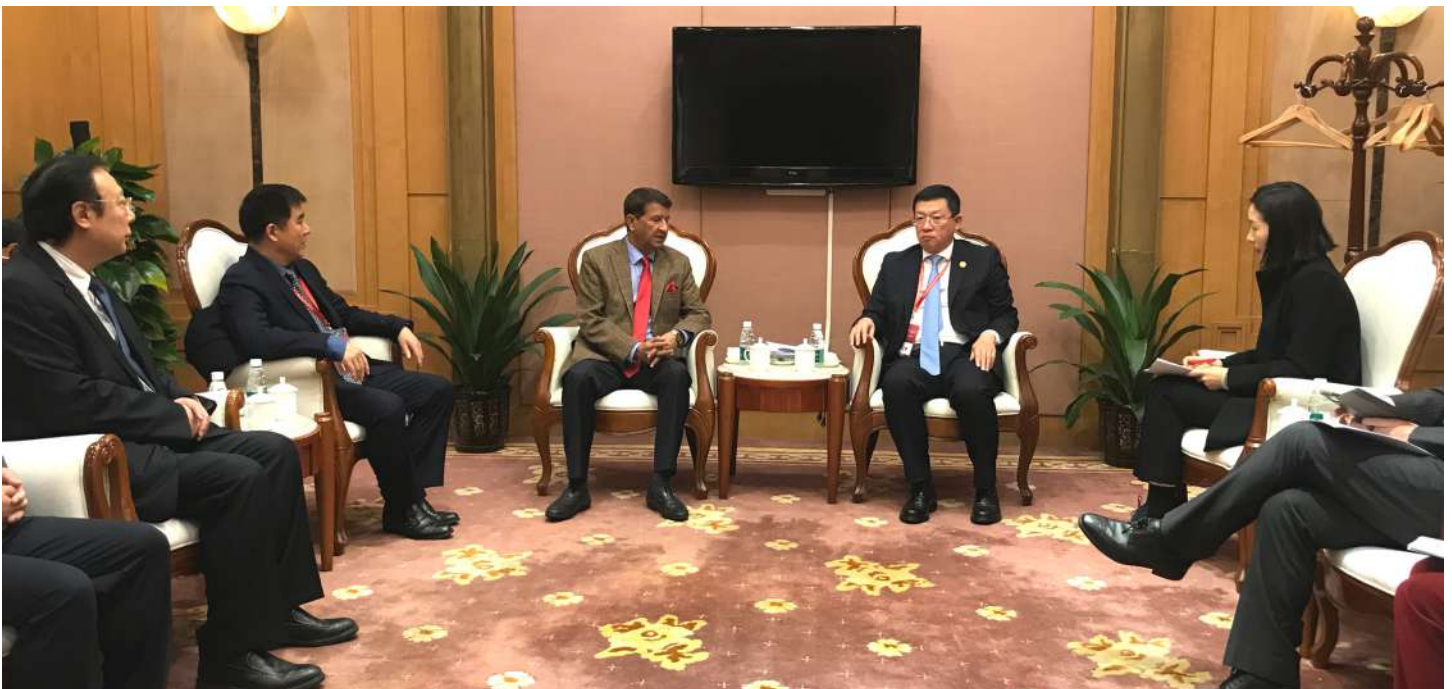
Vice Chancellor Dr Ishtiaq Ahmad and Director PICS Dr Fazal-ur-Rahman in a meeting with Dr Chang Junbiao, President of HNU, Prof Cheng Yunxiang, Dean of College of International Education, Prof Li Yongxian, Dean of School of Chinese and Literature, Prof Liang Xiaodong, Dean of Faculty of International Studies, Prof Liu Xianguo, Dean of College of Physical Education, Prof Duan Xu, Dean of College of Music and Dance, Prof Ding Xiaosheng, Party Secretary of Life Sciences, and Prof Du Xuguang, Vice Dean of Academy of Fine Arts.

HNU, which being a partner university will share the management of the CI at SU. During the formal meeting, the leaders and officials of the two universities shared their vision and discussed the processes to be undertaken for finalization of the Implementation Agreement. The meeting was attended by Prof Chang Junbiao, President of HNU, Prof Cheng Yunxiang, Dean of College of International Education, Prof Li Yongxian, Dean of School of Chinese and Literature, Prof Liang Xiaodong, Dean of Faculty of International Studies, Prof Liu Xianguo, Dean of College of Physical Education, Prof Duan Xu, Dean of College of Music and Dance, Prof Ding Xiaosheng, Party Secretary of Life Sciences, and Prof

Du Xuguang, Vice Dean of Academy of Fine Arts.

The meeting concluded by agreeing that:

- **The two sides will make preparations in line with Hanban's policies for establishing the CI and signing of the Implementation Agreement as soon as possible.**
- **CI will be used as a platform for cooperation in the other areas of common interest and resources available in the two universities.**
- **Exchange of short academic visits of faculty and students.**
- **Creating opportunities for split degree program and scholarships on reciprocal basis**



Vice Chancellor Dr Ishtiaq Ahmad and Prof Ma Jianfei, Deputy Chief Executive of Hanban (Confucius Institute Headquarters), discuss the modalities of Confucius Institute at Sargodha University. Also present are Prof Zhao Guoxiang, Chairman of the Council at HNU, Mr Zhong Heqing, Cultural Counsellor of the Chinese Embassy in Islamabad, and officials of the Provincial Education Ministry of Henan Province and the International Department of the Henan Normal University.

PRIME MINISTER IMRAN KHAN, CHINESE PREMIER OVERSEE SIGNING OF SU'S CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE MOU



Ms Naghmana Hashmi, Ambassador of Pakistan to China signing the Confucius Institute MoU on behalf of the Vice Chancellor, in Beijing, on 8 October 2019.

On October 8, Pakistan's Prime Minister Imran Khan with Chinese Premier Li Keqiang, witnessed the signing of several bilateral cooperation agreements on infrastructure construction, the security of law enforcement, culture, education and media. Among these agreements, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to establish the Confucius Institute (CI) at the Sargodha University (SU) was signed by Naghmana Hashmi, Pakistan's Ambassador to China and Ma Jianfei, Deputy Chief Executive of the Confucius Institute Headquarters-Hanban.

This Institute would be the fifth of its kind in Pakistan, in addition to the already established CIs at National University of Modern Languages, University of the Punjab, University of Karachi, and University of Agriculture, Faisalabad.

Initially, the idea of setting-up CI was floated during an in-house seminar, held on April 16 this year, with the heads of Confucius Institutes from Islamabad, Lahore and Faisalabad. Later, in July, SU signed MoU with the Henan Normal University (HNU) under which the two Universities decided to cooperate for establishing the Confucius Institute.

Under the provisions of the MoU with HNU, SU will provide the premises for CI that include space for a library, activity room and classrooms, besides logistical support to the teachers including facilitation of visas, and the Hanban will reciprocate by paying the salaries to the teaching staff, costs of teaching materials and other allied costs.

ABOUT CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE

Confucius Institute is a non-profit public educational organization affiliated with the Ministry of Education of the People's Republic of China whose aim is to promote Chinese language and culture, support teaching of local Chinese at the international level, and facilitate cultural exchanges.

As of September 30, 2019, there were 535 Confucius Institutes and 1,134 Confucius Classrooms in 158 countries (regions) of the world.

FUNCTIONS

- Promote and teach Chinese Culture and Language
- Develop Chinese Language courses, train teachers, hold the HSK Examination (Chinese Language proficiency test)
- Host cultural and artistic presentations, and provide information on Chinese education and culture
- Conduct cultural exchange activities by providing scholarships to the students

With the establishment of the Confucius Institute, SU is moving beyond agricultural cooperation, as a number of exchange agreements with Chinese counterparts, including with Lanzhou University in dryland agriculture and with South China Agricultural University in precision agriculture and citrus research have been signed. With the development of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), this initiative will strengthen bilateral ties as understanding each other's culture and language is indispensable for bringing the people of the two countries together.

UNDERSTANDING CHINA: MR CHEN XIANG, DIRECTOR CHINA RADIO INTERNATIONAL, SPEAKS AT SU

Pakistan Institute of China Studies (PICS), Sargodha University organized a special lecture titled, 'Understanding China: Similarities and Differences between Pakistan and China' on November 26, to enhance the students' understanding of Chinese history and culture.

The lecture – held as part of the PICS's Distinguished Scholar's Lecture Series – was delivered by Mr Chen Xiang, Director China Radio International Confucius Classroom.

During the lecture, the Chinese dignitary introduced the audience with the richness of Chinese culture, sensitivities of its geography, diversity of ethnic composition, historical progress and developments they made centuries back when the Western world was benighted.

“By the end of 'Era of Humiliation 1840-1949,' China was a poor agrarian country and Pakistan made significant contributions in its initial development, as the first Chinese pilot was trained by Pakistan International Airline (PIA) in 1950s.”

Mr Chen Xiang
Director China Radio International
Confucius Classroom

The lecture dispelled some of the misconceptions about China Pakistan Economic Corridor and China's intentions to colonize Pakistan, which have been portrayed negatively by Western media.



Chinese language teachers and students in the audience



KEY POINTS

- To create harmony and to further cement the bond of friendship between people of the two states, there is a need to enhance their understanding of each other's history, language and culture.
- Chinese philosophy is based on peace, harmony and balance. In its uninterrupted history of more than 5000 years; neither had they invaded any country nor did they colonize any region ever.
- There are 56 minorities ethnic groups in China among which 3% are Muslims who are living in peace with the majority Han and other minorities. The mistreatment of Muslims in China is propaganda waged by China's enemies to create cleavages between China and the Muslim world.
- Chinese people strongly believe that a nation should learn from its history, therefore every child is taught Chinese history from the beginning and all Chinese know their history well.
- China holds advanced-agricultural technology and can help Pakistan in modernizing its agriculture sector besides providing machinery and synthetic fertilizer to enhance crops yield.
- Under CPEC, Pakistan will be able to boost its agricultural output and improve the trade balance between the two countries, which is heavily in favour of China.

BRIDGING THE CHINESE LANGUAGE AND CULTURE BARRIER

Chinese Language Orientation Session

To shed light on the importance of learning Chinese language, PICS organized a special lecture of Ms Wang Sujing, Deputy Director, China Radio International (CRI) on 'What is the Chinese Language' on October 4, 2019. It was attended by Chinese language teachers, faculty members, and students from various departments of the University. To take full advantage of opportunities and projects under CPEC, learning Chinese language has become the dire need of time.

Ms Wang taught some of the basic words and expressions of the Chinese language used in day-to-day communication; trained the attendees in pronouncing them; and shared historical evolution of Chinese language and characters. Chinese Language is one of the oldest languages with three thousand years of history. In 21st century, 21% of the total population of the world speak Mandarin Chinese, hence making it the most spoken language of the world." She emphasized that learning the Chinese Language helps in understanding other similar languages spoken in Korea, Japan, Malaysia, Indonesia, and Singapore. At the end of the event, Ms Wang conducted a general quiz session with the students and distributed prizes among them.



Ms Wang Sujing, Deputy Director, China Radio International, delivering lecture on 'What is the Chinese Language'

SU STARTS CHINESE LANGUAGE CLASSES

To harness Chinese cultural and language understanding, and to take bilateral relations to the next level, two Chinese language teachers, Ms Tan Jie and Ms Su Xiaoqin were sent to Sargodha University from Hanban - Confucius Institute Headquarters, on September 24, 2019 for teaching Chinese language to SU faculty and students.

The six months Chinese Language Training Program is specially design to impart Chinese listening, speaking, reading, and witing skills according to the Standard HSK- Chinese language proficiency test.

Initially, faculty having Chinese exposure and students from six departments including International Relations & Politics, English, Urdu, Communication & Media Studies, Computer Sciences & Information Technology, and Noon Business School, have been selected for the training program while students from other departments will be included in the next cohort.



Ms Su Xiaogin from Hanban-Confucius Institute Headquarters, teaching Chinese Language to SU faculty

The Chinese Language teachers, while sharing their experience at SU, cherished the hospitable nature of people and appreciated the enthusiasm and eagerness of students and faculty to learn the Chinese Language.

STUDENTS AND FACULTY MEMBERS GET FAMILIAR WITH CHINESE TEA CULTURE

Chinese faculty members introduced Chinese tea culture to the students and faculty members enrolled in Chinese Language Program on November 14. A documentary regarding various types of tea in different regions of China was shown to the participants. At the end, students were offered two widely used Chinese tea, white tea "bi lou chun" and green tea "anji".



SU RETAINS POSITION AMONG TOP 500 ASIAN UNIVERSITIES



The University of Sargodha has retained its previous position in the prestigious QS Asia University Rankings 2020, making its name yet again in the list of Top 500 Asian universities. According to the Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) World University Rankings: Asia 2020, Sargodha University “recorded the same rank achieved in 2019” i.e. in the 401-450 category of Asian universities. Last week, the Times Higher Education (THE) also announced its subject-wise World University Rankings 2020, in which the University ranked 601+ for Life Sciences and 801+ Physical Sciences. In the QS Rankings 2020, Sargodha University ranked 171+ for the International Research Network; 251+ for Academic and Employer Reputation; and 301+ for

Faculty Student Ratio, PhD faculty, research publications and student exchange.

“ This is a great result for the University, which is a testament to the hard work and commitment of its faculty and staff. ”

*Dr Ishtiaq Ahmad
Vice Chancellor*

Since 2017, Sargodha University has made incremental progress in quality teaching, productive research, knowledge sharing and global outlook, whose outcome is reflected in its steady annual performance in the two premier ranking agencies of the world.



UNIVERSITY OF SARGODHA RANKED 801+ FOR PHYSICAL SCIENCES

UNIVERSITY OF SARGODHA RANKED 601+ FOR LIFE SCIENCES

SU-NAB Ceremony STUDENTS OF EX-PPP SUB-CAMPUSES GET BACK THEIR 'LOOTED' MONEY

On October 2, 2019, first ever in the history of Pakistan, Sargodha University initiated the process of reimbursing Rs.57 million, the excess fee charged from the students of ex-private-public partnership (PPP) sub-campuses in Lahore and Mandi Bahauddin, recovered by the National Accountability Bureau (NAB), Lahore, through plea bargain with the owners of these sub-campuses.

In a special ceremony held at the Main Campus, Director NAB Lahore Mr Niaz Hassan and Vice Chancellor Sargodha University Dr Ishtiaq Ahmad distributed the cheques worth of Rs.3.38 million among more than 200 students of Doctor of Physiotherapy (DPT) in the first phase. In total, 6,000 students will be paid back the money that was looted by the management of ex-sub-campuses, which were closed down last January on over charging fee unlawfully.

Speaking on the occasion, Director NAB Lahore pointed out that the main charge, in this case, was cheating public at large as the respondents misused authority for personal interests; illegally established two PPP sub-campuses; made excess admissions in unapproved programs; overcharged fee from students; issued forged documents to students; made illegal appointments; awarded tenders to the favourite bidders; and deducted the amount of fine imposed on a contractor for delaying the



DPT students from ex-PPP sub-campuses cheering after receiving the cheques

construction work.

Addressing the ceremony, the Vice Chancellor stressed the importance of developing a proper preventive mechanism to obstruct such corrupt acts from happening. While appreciating the efforts of SU faculty and management, he shed light on the strategies implemented to combat the daunting challenges SU faced in accommodating the Students of ex-PPP sub-campuses with extremely limited resources.

Students heaved a sigh of relief and thanked NAB as well as current SU administration while receiving cheques. On the pretext of workshops and software training, ex-PPP sub-campuses were charging extra fee from students, and imposed fines for multiple fake reasons.

“We are grateful to NAB and SU for not only facilitating us at the Main Campus but also compensating the financial loss we faced. The Main Campus is providing all the learning opportunities which we were deprived of in the sub-campus. With the cooperation of NAB and SU, our trust upon public institutes is restored. ”

*Laraib Akhtar
Student
ex-PPP Mandi Bahauddin
sub-campus*



Director NAB Mr Niaz Hassan addressing the disbursement ceremony of fetched amount

DIRECTOR NAB LAHORE LAUDED THE COOPERATION EXTENDED BY CURRENT SU ADMINISTRATION IN PROBING THE HEINOUS ACT OF PUBLIC TREASON; APPRECIATED THE EFFORTS IN SECURING THE CAREER OF ALMOST 8,000 STUDENTS AND ACCOMMODATING THEM AT THE MAIN CAMPUS AFTER THE CLOSURE OF EX-PPP SUB-CAMPUSES.

COLLABORATIONS



Prof Amrit Bart, University of Georgia, USA

ACADEMIC COLLABORATION WITH UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA

highlighted. The Vice Chancellor assured his full support in fostering collaboration that could produce tangible and outcome-based results.

While emphasizing people-to-people connection between US and Pakistan, Professor Bart informed that University of Georgia has already signed an agreement with HEC to waive off tuition fee in different programs for Pakistani PhD aspirants under 'US-Pakistan Knowledge Corridor' initiative.

“ This visit would provide SU and University of Georgia an opportunity to identify mutual areas of concerns for synergizing in research and academic activities through knowledge exchange programs and learning from each other's experiences. ”

Prof Amrit Bart

The delegates visited SU as part of the US-Pakistan Knowledge Corridor sponsored jointly by the Higher Education Commission and US Educational Foundation in Pakistan, Islamabad.

A two-member delegation comprising of Professor Amrit Bart and Associate Professor Dr Ashfaq Ahmad Sial from the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences, University of Georgia, USA visited Sargodha University on October 23. The purpose of the delegates was to identify the areas for collaboration between the two institutes in different research and educational endeavors particularly in the field of agriculture.

The delegates visited Sargodha University's Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC), and the College of Agriculture. During the discussion, the role of ORIC in pursuing research funding, developing multidisciplinary research groups, providing publication incentives, strengthening academia-industry linkages, establishing Technology and Innovation Support Center and Sargodha University Incubation Center were also

ABOUT THE DELEGATES

- Professor Amrit Bart, Assistant Dean and Director Global Programs and Professor of Animal and Dairy Science, University of Georgia, USA
- Dr Ashfaq Ahmad Sial, Associate Professor of the Department of Entomology, University of Georgia, USA

SU and UGA delegates agreed upon the following potential areas for collaboration in the near future:

- Agriculture
- Plant Breeding
- Genetics and Genomics
- Food Science and Technology
- Sciences
- Social Sciences and Humanities



Dr Ashfaq Ahmad Sial, University of Georgia, USA

MOU SIGNED WITH UNIVERSITY OF HUDDERSFIELD TO EXTEND RESEARCH COOPERATION

Sargodha University and the University of Huddersfield, UK have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to explore, purify and characterize new sources of sustainable nanomaterials for various industrial applications.

Dr Muhammad Farooq Anwar, Director ORIC, Sargodha University and Dr Muhammad Usman Ghori, Senior Research Fellow at the School of Applied Sciences, University of Huddersfield inked the agreement.

The agreement – signed on November 28 as one of the several Pakistani partners of the project, 'Isolation, Purification and Characterization of Sustainable Natural Nanomaterials for Industrial Application' – aimed at establishing research links between the institutions for mutual benefit and in a spirit of friendship and co-operation.

AREAS OF COOPERATION

- Both institutions will collaborate with each other on training, research work, joint seminars and workshops.



Dr Farooq Anwar, Director ORIC and Dr Usman Ghori from University of Huddersfield exchanging documents after signing the MoU

- Senior staff from the institutions will communicate and meet regularly to promote this collaboration in various areas of mutual interest.

The University of Huddersfield, located in the heart of Huddersfield, UK, was established in 1825. It has been awarded the title 'The State-of-the-art University with High Quality Training' by the Times Higher Education Supplement.

2ND EURO-PAK INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SPORTS SCIENCES AND EDUCATION

The Department of Sports Sciences, Sargodha University in collaboration with Sarhad University of Science & Information Technology (SUIT), Peshawar, organized a three-day 2nd EURO-PAK International Conference on Sports Sciences and Education, "A Way Forward Towards Healthy Life" from October 11- 13, 2019, held at Allama Iqbal Open University Auditorium, Islamabad.

The conference was a joint venture between national and foreign institutes including Higher Education Commission (HEC), Pakistan Sports Board (PCB), Islamabad, Pakistan Council of Sports Science (PCOSS), Otto-von-Guericke University, Germany, and European Network of International Network on Sports and Health Science (INSHS).

The Conference welcomed national researchers



from all over the Pakistan and 10 keynote international speakers from technically advanced countries like Germany, Australia, France, China, Colombia, Italy Russia, Brazil, and Malaysia. The conference covered the different disciplines of Sports Nutrition, Exercise Physiology, Sports and Healthy Aging, Sports Media, Sports Fitness and Healthy Pursuits, Motor Control and Motor Learning, Sports Diplomacy, Sports Technologies, Sports Biomechanics, Sports Psychology, Sports Tourism, and School Sports/Child Development.

Mr Yasir Iqbal, Incharge Department of Sports Sciences, Sargodha University, has been selected unanimously as Joint Secretary of a professional body in Sports Science and Physical Education, PCOSS.

CONFERENCES

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

Scholars put forward novel business ideas to achieve sustainable development

The Noon Business School at Sargodha University organized first international conference on 'Sustainable Business Development,' to discuss the emerging and innovative dimensions of the research related to sustainable business projects through knowledge management.

The conference, held on November 20-21, included three parallel sessions during which papers were presented in the areas of Economics, Finance and Accounting, IT and E-commerce, Law and Business Ethics, Organizational Behavior and Human Resource, Operations Management, Marketing, and Strategy and Entrepreneurship.

This conference enabled the researchers to showcase their path-breaking research in different disciplines of Business and Management. It also provided a platform to researchers around the world to put forth their ideas, share their experiences and network with their counterparts.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The issues related to the environmental sustainability and feasibility of implementing sustainable development were discussed and following recommendations were made:

- To achieve sustainable business development, collaboration of legislators, industrialists and academicians is required.
- Sustainability can be attained by understanding the biggest problem of unemployment, and by combating the challenges of poverty, hunger, health and education.
- In order to provide a better future to the coming generations, society should be well informed and trained about the efficient use of environment friendly resources.
- The business development should not cost the environmental sustainability.



Dr Dildar Hussain, Rennes Business School, France



Dr Muhammad Azam Khan, Abdul Wali Khan University, Mardan



Dr Abdul Raheman, University of Gujrat

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

- Dr Yee Angelina Seow Voon, Associate Professor, University of Nottingham, UK
- Dr Wong Wai Peng, Associate Professor, University Sains, Malaysia
- Dr Dildar Hussain, Associate Professor, Rennes Business School, France

INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON GENDER MAINSTREAMING STRATEGIES

The Department of Sociology and Criminology organized an international symposium under the theme 'Gender Mainstreaming Strategies with Special Reference to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)' on December 16.

KEY POINTS

- Governments should demote the policies addressing structural and political dynamics that perpetuate discrimination against women's right, and represent barriers to gender equality.
- Public private partnership policy should be adopted for gender mainstreaming and economic and social well-being.
- There are socio-cultural constraints to report violence against women therefore, women help desk must be established at all police stations.
- For economic, physical, and decision-making autonomy of women, they must have equal access to education, employment, universal health coverage including sexual and reproductive health.
- The gender-responsive implementation presents an enormous opportunity to achieve not only the gender equality, but to end poverty and hunger, build peace, justice and inclusive



Mr Nabeel Tirmizi, Asia Pacific Broadcasting Development, Malaysia

societies, protect and promote human rights and ensure lasting protection of the planet and its natural resources.

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

- *Mr Nabeel Tirmizi, Program Manager, Asia Pacific Broadcasting Development, Malaysia*
- *Mr Ch Waheed Iqbal, Project Director, Punjab Commission on the Status of Women*
- *Mr Rana Shahid Mahmood, Consultant in Gender and Development*
- *Mr Umar Farooq, District Manager, Punjab Labor Department*

STUDENTS TIPPED OFF ABOUT QUALITY RESEARCH TECHNIQUES

The Department of Library & Information Sciences, Sargodha University, organized a symposium, 'Research trends, methods and getting published,' on December 9.

The objective of the event was to introduce the audience to the current research trends and methods and their relevance with area under study; ways of getting the work published in reputed journals; awareness of ethical issues; and prevention of plagiarism in research work.

KEY POINTS

- In order to avoid replication and redundancy, the topic for a research project, thesis or dissertation should be chosen carefully after a thorough literature review.
- The research supervisors should work closely with the students at proposal/synopsis

development stage and guide the students to choose research methods relevant to the research topic.

- The publishing potential of a research topic principally depends upon its compatibility with current trends, application of appropriate methods and reporting results effectively, hence, it should be considered at the stage of proposal development.

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

- *Dr Nadeem Siddique, Senior Manager Library, Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS)*
- *Dr Asad Khan, Assistant Professor, University of Peshawar*
- *Dr Muhammad Ismail, Assistant Professor, University of Peshawar*

INDIA'S HEGEMONIC DESIGN IMPERILS REGIONAL PEACE AND STABILITY



Ambassador Ali Sarwar Naqvi, Center for International Strategic Studies, Islamabad



Air Commodore (R) Khalid Banuri, Strategic Plans Division



Dr Adil Sultan, Centre for Aerospace and Security Studies, Islamabad



Dr Mansoor Ahmed, Center for International Strategic Studies, Islamabad

The surge of Hindu nationalism, with the initiation of Narendra Modi's Hindutva project in India, would not only have domestic implications for India but could have serious repercussions for regional peace and security, warned security experts while speaking at joint seminar organized by Sargodha University and Centre for International Strategic Studies (CISS) titled: "India's Strategic Posture and Implications for Strategic Stability in South Asia" on December 17.

The discussion was held in the context of the Pulwama incident and abrogation of Article 370, which has intensified Indo-Pak ties along with the challenges of the rise of extremist narrative in Indian politics and implications for regional peace.

KEY POINTS

- The abrogation of Article 370 and 35-A by Indian Prime Minister Modi is the fulfillment of a long ideological yearning under the Hindutva ideology promoted by the RSS, to make a predominantly homogenous Hindu Nation to the detriment of Muslim and other minorities of India.
- Indian nationalistic agenda under the banner of Hindutva has serious repercussions for the regional peace and strategic stability. Besides, Indian provocative actions along LOC and Balakot strikes indicate an aggression conventional posture towards Pakistan and Indian hegemonic designs.
- The emerging environment post lifting of curfew in Kashmir will set the tone for an indigenous armed struggle. Such a development will have greater consequences for Pakistan than Kashmiris, as it will unleash a campaign against Pakistan on a well-beaten track of being sponsor of terrorism and instrumental in physically supporting violence in Kashmir.
- India's huge military spending is increasing conventional imbalance leading to arms race and crisis instability in South Asia. Asymmetry beyond certain limits can lead to deterrence failure in a volatile nuclear theatre like South Asia. The current situation is exacerbated by the Indo-US strategic partnership where India is considered as a key player to US Indo-Pacific strategy to contain China. India talks of Full-Spectrum Conflict as opposed to Full-Spectrum Deterrence (FSD) of Pakistan and is preparing to fight a two-front war against China and Pakistan.
- India's growing conventional and nuclear capabilities are a threat to the strategic stability of South Asia. India is



Ambassador Ali Sarwar Naqvi delivering opening speech

pursuing a strategy of 'escalation dominance' by purchasing new weapons and modernizing its old weapons. India seems to be developing a nuclear arsenal that goes beyond its policy of credible deterrence and No First Use (NFU) policy. The pronouncements from former Indian defense officials and corresponding pursuit of enhanced conventional and nuclear capabilities reveal a strategy of pre-emptive counter force strike against Pakistan in a crisis.

- Revoking of the special status of the Kashmir, statements which threaten abandoning of NFU, and a move towards conventional and nuclear pre-emption reflect belligerent and irresponsible behavior. These are indications of an extremist, aggressive turn in India's foreign and security policy.
- The emerging strategic environment forces Pakistan to respond to an evolving threat spectrum. Pakistan's Full Spectrum Deterrence (FSD) is based on spectrum of threats instead of spectrum of capabilities. FSD within the ambit of Credible Minimum Deterrence is not going towards attaining maximalist position to achieve entire spectrum of capabilities as was the case in cold war between USA and Soviet Union.
- Balakot Crisis showed that Pakistan has adequate credible conventional response but we should keep improving our conventional and nuclear capabilities to cover the entire spectrum of threats.
- Pakistan will have to continue to put up its guard and invest in maintaining the credibility of its

conventional and nuclear capabilities. It needs to invest in its naval capabilities because weakness in any arm of conventional force can lower the nuclear threshold.

- Nuclear Weapons are weapons of deterrence and a nuclear war will have no winners and have grave environmental consequences. Pakistan needs to stand prepared against sustained aggressive posturing by India, in the backdrop of CBM fatigue. It should continue to invest in maintaining a credible conventional force posture that supplements its strategic forces as part of full spectrum deterrence.
- In the end, interactive Q&A session held which marked the enthusiastic participation of the students and faculty who asked a number of questions on India's nuclear policy and strategic developments and their implications for the stability in the South Asian region.
- It was reinforced in the gathering that informed debates on strategic crisis stability and escalation control in South Asia needs to be undertaken in the educated circles in the country.

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

- *Ambassador Ali Sarwar Naqvi, Executive Director, CISS, Islamabad*
- *Air Commodore (R) Khalid Banuri, Advisor, Strategic Plans Division (SPD)*
- *Dr Adil Sultan, Director, Centre for Aerospace and Security Studies (CASS), Islamabad*
- *Dr Mansoor Ahmed, Senior Research Fellow, CISS, Islamabad*

TRAINING

CULTIVATING EFFECTIVE PEDAGOGICAL SKILLS AMONG VISITING FACULTY



Visiting faculty members attending the workshop

Sargodha University, in collaboration with Higher Education Commission (HEC), organized one-day training program for the visiting faculty of all disciplines for their capacity building that will, in the end, improve the quality of education being imparted to the students.

The training program – held from November 25-28 – was attended by four batches consisting of as many as 313 visiting teachers from 25 departments, four constituent colleges and three affiliated colleges.

During four sessions, senior faculty members of SU trained each batch of the visiting teachers on communication skills, teaching methodology, lesson planning, course file, assessment techniques, and semester-wise rules and regulations.

OUTCOMES

- Strengthened communication skills
- Introduced innovative teaching strategies that

blend the academic concepts with classroom applications.

- Enhanced assessment, testing and evaluation skills as well as effective use of rubrics.
- Improved critical thinking and reflective learning practices among students.
- Developed capabilities to impart skill-based education among students compatible with job requirements.

The training program was a productive initiative to apprise adjunct faculty about latest teaching practices and rules and regulations related to academics. For improving the quality of higher education, such training should be held on regular basis.

Ms Sahar Mustafa

Visiting Lecturer

Department of English

IT DIRECTORATE ESTABLISHED TO ACCELERATE DIGITIZATION

Sargodha University recently established Directorate of Information Technology – the centralized unit for management of software, hardware and web technology – by combining Web Development Cell and Data Center to facilitate the ongoing digitization process.

The Directorate has so far launched and implemented following initiatives:

- Full-fledged online admission system
- Biometric attendance system for staff and employees
- Safe and smart campus projects providing free Wi-Fi and CCTV surveillance
- Standardization of around 2,000 emails of employees

- Online system for private examinations
- NADRA-based queue management system at Facilitation Center
- Electronic Request and Complaint Processing of employees to deal with the software, hardware and the Planning and Development works-related complaints received across the Campus.

With the advancements brought by Directorate of IT, the work efficiency and transparency has been enhanced. It has helped to reduce burden on human resource, and improved the work flow at administration level while the whole process is promoting the environment friendly paperless working at SU.

OUTCOME BASED EDUCATION FOR CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT



The College of Engineering and Technology (CET), Sargodha University, in collaboration with the Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) and the University of Engineering and Technology (UET), Lahore organized a one-day workshop, "Outcome Based Education," on September 27.

The workshop was part of the Continuing Professional Development (CPD) activity designed by PEC to train faculty members and young engineers about the applications of theoretical knowledge, implementation of innovative solutions to real life problems, and acquisition of a broader understanding of their obligations to society.

In accordance with OBE requirements, participants were educated regarding:

- Preparation of course folders
- Laboratory course folders along with psychomotor and effective domains
- Requirement of laboratory equipment
- Adoption of safety measures while working in laboratory

ABOUT THE TRAINER

- Dr Sarmad Ali Khan, Assistant Professor at Department of Manufacturing Engineering, University of Engineering and Technology



ENGINEERING COLLEGE'S UNDERGRAD PROGRAMS RECEIVE PEC ACCREDITATION

Pakistan Engineering Council (PEC) has recently granted reaccreditation to the College of Engineering and Technology, Sargodha University for the fall session (2013 and 2014) of undergraduate programs including Electrical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering. The PEC team made specific observations in Accreditation, Interim, and Re-Zero visits, which were addressed and submitted through the Self-Assessment Report (SAR) by the College administration.

The College resolved the deficiencies, weak areas, and concerns by hiring qualified PhD faculty; providing training and development programs to the faculty members; segregating labs; assuring the functionality; installing new equipment in labs; increasing the electrical and mechanical

engineering books in the Central Library from 681 to 1000; facilitating students' visit to the local industry; and implementing the Outcome-Based Education (OBE) system.

The College, in collaboration with PEC, is following the OBE system for all engineering programs by finalizing the Program Educational Objectives (PEOs), adapting the Program Learning Outcomes (PLOs), and updating the Course Learning Outcomes (CLOs).

The difficulty level of the course learning is also in line with the three domains of the Bloom's Taxonomy, namely cognitive, affective, and psychomotor. Furthermore, the College administration is working on documentation for the National Technology Council (NTC) visit for the accreditation of technology programs.

UMAIR JASWAL & TAKATAK SET THE STAGE ABLAZE ON GRADUATION NIGHT

U mair Jaswal set the stage ablaze on Thursday night on December 5 with a performance of “Sammi Meri Waar” and several other signature tracks from his rocking playlist.

Jaswal was performing at a live rock concert, organized by Sargodha University to celebrate the success of its graduates of 7th Convocation. At the concert, Jaswal was accompanied by musician Ali Suhail and Zain Peerzada on Guitars, Isa Najam on Bass Guitar and Yusuf Ramay on Drums. These musicians are also a part of critically acclaimed progressive djent rock instrumental band, known as Takatak. He is famous for his acclaimed acts in several seasons of Coke Studio where he performed tracks as Charkha Nolakha, Khaki Banda, Khayaal, Sammi Meri Waar and Dam Mast Qalandar.

Prior to Jaswal's performance, students of the SU Music Society performed onstage the reprised and balled versions of classical melodies and amused the audience through live guitar instrumental performance



SERVICES OF RETIRED FACULTY APPRECIATED AT ANNUAL DINNER

L ike every year, Sargodha University hosted a dinner reception on November 14 for its faculty and staff to pay tributes to its professors retired in the past year for their distinctive service at the University.

The Vice Chancellor Dr Ishtiaq Ahmad was the chief guest while all the retiring as well as serving faculty members and staff were in attendance. Moreover, Chinese language teachers also attended the event. Choir performances by the musical society and solo musical performance by two faculty members entertained the guests.

Speaking on the occasion, the Vice Chancellor paid tribute to the retiring faculty members and staffers for their effortless service and contributions towards the prosperity of the University. He emphasized that Sargodha University is progressively moving ahead and will soon achieve its set academic standards.

Commenting on the establishment of fifth Confucius Institute at Sargodha University, he remarked that the Institute will significantly help the youth to equip themselves with the right kind of skills and



The Vice Chancellor awarding shield to Dr Nawaz Mehsood upon his retirement

knowledge to fully utilize the opportunities emerging from CPEC.

Dr Nawaz Mehsood, Ex-Dean of Arts and Humanities, while sharing his thoughts upon his retirement, appreciated the respect and compassion he received from his co-faculty members and students during his time at the University.

SUGARCANE INTERCROPPING DRILL PATENT REGISTERED

Assistant Professor Dr Abdul Rehman from the Department of Agronomy, College of Agriculture, Sargodha University, has become the first Pakistani national to invent first of its kind “Multipurpose and Multifunctional Sugarcane Intercropping Drill,” with the help of his research team and the local industry.

The Patent Office of the Government of Pakistan has granted the exclusive right to use the invention in industrial applications, which allows to make, import, offer for sale, stock, and use the product obtained directly by means of the process so patented under 143094, subject to the Patents Ordinance, 2000.

The invention will meet the diversified needs of small-scale farmers by maximizing land utility, increasing total yield, and earning high monetary returns.

Dr Abdul Rehman
Assistant Professor (Agronomy)



ABOUT THE DRILL

The sugarcane intercropping drill, with manually removable and adjustable parts, is a tractor-drawn agricultural implement, designed to perform functions of various tillage implements, including soil cultivation, breaking of clods, leveling of the soil surface, and drilling of seed and fertilizer in a single pass.

With this intercropping drill, about 50% of the existing area of sugarcane can additionally be utilized for the sowing of wheat, gram, maize, vegetables, clovers, and pulses.

INCUBATION CENTER BRAINCHILD PROJECT 'PYROTECH PAKISTAN' CLINCHES 2nd POSITION IN DICE 2019

The idea launched at Sargodha University Incubation Centre (SUIC), 'PyroTech Pakistan' by the students from the Department of Computer Science and Information Technology, secured 2nd position among 66 universities and 144 startups from all over Pakistan in 'DICE 2019 - Mega Innovation and Entrepreneurship Event', organized by the Abbottabad University of Science and Technology and the Distinguished Innovations, Collaborations and Entrepreneurship (DICE) Foundation, USA, held on October 11, 2019.

The team was awarded 2nd cash prize worth Rs.50,000. Prior to this competition, the team also won the intervarsity '1st Idea Competition' organized by SUIC in July, 2019.

“We are grateful to SUIC for providing us the platform to experiment ideas, utilize our potential and transform our theoretical knowledge into practical skills.”

Mr Usman Jaffar
Project Lead



The project team poses for group photo with cash prize

ABOUT THE 'PYROTECH PAKISTAN' PROJECT

To curb the menace of plastic waste and combat climate change, students of fifth semester from the department of CS&IT, floated the idea of 'Pyrotech Pakistan' initially at SUIC.

The project is based on collecting the waste plastic and burning it to produce fuel oil. It provides an eco-friendly solution to counteract plastic pollution by reproducing energy from recyclable landfills waste.

Project Team

- Mr Usman Jaffar
- Mr Muhammad Saad

PROMOTING SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS THROUGH INTERNATIONAL DAYS CELEBRATION

4 QUALITY EDUCATION



WORLD TEACHERS' DAY

Department of Education celebrated World Teachers Day on October 5, with the theme 'Teaching and Islam'. Keynote speaker delivered a lecture regarding the roles and responsibilities of a teacher in reshaping a society through character building.

10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES



INTERNATIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS DAY

Riaz Shad Co-Curricular Forum celebrated International Human Rights Day on December 10, with the theme 'Human Rights Violation in the Indian Occupied Kashmir'. Keynote speaker highlighted the human rights violations in IOK and seminar ended with a Q&A session.

11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES



INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER DAY

With collaboration of National Commission for Human Development, Department of Sociology & criminology, and Department of Communication & Media studies observed International Volunteer Day on December 5 and December 11. A lecture titled 'Volunteers bring a change' was delivered for the integration of volunteerism in the development programs to promote peace and development.

3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



WORLD ANATOMY DAY

Anatomy Department, Sargodha Medical College observed World Anatomy Day on October 15. An awareness walk was organized to celebrate anatomical advancements and promote research in this field.

WORLD AIDS DAY

Department of Community Medicine, Sargodha Medical College, celebrated World AIDS Day on December 1 with the theme 'Ending the HIV/AIDS Epidemic.' An awareness walk was organized to remember the victims, reduce the stigma and to raise awareness and understanding to HIV.

2 ZERO HUNGER



WORLD FOOD DAY

Institute of Food Science and

Nutrition, in collaboration with Islamic Food and Nutrition Council of America, celebrated World Food Day on October 16. A seminar was organized to raise awareness regarding food security, struggle against hunger, and malnutrition due to poverty.

1 NO POVERTY



WORLD DAY ON ERADICATION OF POVERTY

Department of Social Work celebrated International Day for the Eradication of Poverty on October 17. A radio program was conducted to disseminate information about poverty, its causes and preventive measures to eliminate it from the society.



ڈاکٹر ایرن مرینی، یونیورسٹی آف برٹش کولمبیا، کینیڈا



حمود اوان، شاعر و کالم نگار، ڈبلن، آئرلینڈ



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ڈاکٹر وقاص بٹ، سٹوڈنٹ انٹرنیشنل کونسل
سٹیفورڈ شائر، برطانیہ



پروفیسر پریتھم سنگھ، آکسفورڈ یونیورسٹی، برطانیہ

پنجاب تے پنجابی دی بھرویں ریت دی سنبھال لئی ”انٹرنیشنل سنٹر فار پنجاب اسٹڈیز“ دا قیام

اے۔ ایہہ ساریاں اپنے اپنے علمی کھیتریاں مہمان ہستیاں نے تے ایہناں دے تجربے تے سوچھ توں بھرواں فائدہ چکيا جائے گا۔ جگت پدھرتے پنجاب تے پنجابی نال جرّت رکھن والے اداریاں جیویں کہ یونیورسٹی آف برٹش کولمبیا وینکوور کینیڈا، سکول آف گلوبل اینڈ ایریا اسٹڈیز یونیورسٹی آف آکسفورڈ تے سکول آف اوری اینٹل اینڈ افریقن اسٹڈیز یونیورسٹی آف لندن نال علمی سانجھ وھاو لئی معاہدے کیتے جان گے۔ ایس سنٹر دے قیام نال پنجابی دے پاکستان دیاں دو جیاں علاقائی زباناں نال لسانی رابطے تے علمی ڈائلاگ لئی راہوں پدھریاں ہوون گییاں۔ پنجاب تے پنجابی نال جرّویاں موضوعاں بارے اجو کے سوجھواناں دے وچارنویں پیڑھی تائیں اپڑاؤن لئی سنٹر ولوں اک چھماہی کھوج پتروی چھاپیا جائے گا۔

”انٹرنیشنل سنٹر فار پنجاب اسٹڈیز“ دے قیام نال سرگودھا یونیورسٹی پنجاب دی لسانی، جغرافیائی، رہتلی تے لوک تواریخ دی سانجھ سنبھال وچ اجیہا ادارہ بن گیا اے جیہڑا پنجاب دے حوالے نال قومی پدھریاں پالیسیاں وچ دو جے اداریاں دی اگوائی کرے گا۔

جغرافیائی تے تواریخی حوالے نال پنجاب بہت بھرواں خطہ اے۔ وسط ایشیائی ریاستاں ولوں آوندے وپاریاں تے دھاڑویاں والا نگھا ہوون کر کے ایہدی تاریخ اپنے اندر بہت کجھ لکونی پیٹھی اے۔ مندے بھاگیں پنجاب دی تاریخ تے رہتلی امیری نوں علمی بحثاں دا موضوع نہیں بنایا گیا یاں انج آکھیا جاسکدا اے کہ ایہہ نوں ساڈے دانشوراں ولوں ڈھکویں تھان نہیں دتی گئی۔ ایس تھوڑ نوں پورن دی سبھ توں ودھیا صورت ایہو بندی سی کہ ایہہ نوں سوجھواناں دی گل بات تے تعلیمی کھوج دا موضوع بنایا جائے۔

سرگودھا یونیورسٹی نے ”انٹرنیشنل سنٹر فار پنجاب اسٹڈیز“ بنا کے پنجاب تے پنجابیاں دا ایہہ لاہنا لایا اے۔ ایس سنٹر دا کم پنجاب دی تاریخ تے رہتلی امیری دے لگے یاگھت بیانے گناں نوں ساہمنے لیاون دے نال نال پنجابی زبان دے ودھاء دے آہر کرنا اے۔ ایس سنٹر راہیں پاکستان تے باہر وسدے پنجابی سوجھواناں نوں اکٹھا کیتا جاوے گا تے زبان تے ادب دے ودھاء دے نال نال پنجاب دی لوک تواریخ نوں سانجھن دے آہروی کیتے جان گے۔ سنٹر دے کم دے طریقہ کار تے موہری اصول طے کرن لئی پاکستان وچوں تے باہروں پنجابی سوجھواناں نوں ایڈوائزری بورڈ دا حصہ بنایا گیا



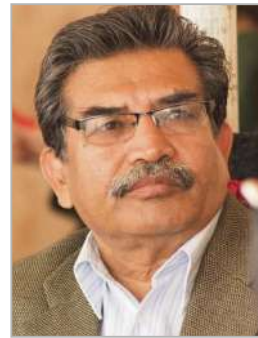
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بین الاقوامی سیرت کانفرنس

عصر حاضر میں نوجوانوں کی اخلاقی تربیت اور سیرت طیبہ

ربیع الاول کے ماہ مبارک کی مناسبت سے شعبہ اسلامی و عربی علوم، سرگودھا یونیورسٹی کے زیر اہتمام ”عصر حاضر میں نوجوانوں کی اخلاقی تربیت اور سیرت طیبہ“ کے موضوع پر ایک روزہ بین الاقوامی سیرت کانفرنس کا انعقاد کیا گیا۔ مورخہ 7 نومبر کو منعقد ہونے والی اس کانفرنس میں اندرون اور بیرون ملک سے محققین کی بڑی تعداد نے شرکت کی جنہوں نے سیرت کی جامع اور مبارک تعلیمات کی روشنی میں اخلاقی مسائل پر طلبہ کی اصلاح و رہنمائی کی۔ ان کا کہنا تھا کہ تعلیم وہ رسمی طریق کار ہے، جس کے ذریعہ ایک معاشرہ اپنا مجموعی علم، ہنر، روایات اور اقدار ایک نسل سے دوسری نسل کو منتقل کرتا ہے۔ محققین کے مطابق کسی بھی قوم اور ملک کی سلامتی اور استحکام کا انحصار نسل کی ایسی تعلیم اور اخلاقی تربیت پر ہے جو ہماری دینی، اخلاقی، سماجی اور معاشی ضروریات کو پورا کرے اور نئے دور کے تقاضوں اور جدید رجحانات کو بھی اپنے اندر سمولینے کی صلاحیت رکھتی ہو۔ اس لیے کہ دنیا کی تمام ترقی کا انحصار تعلیم پر ہی ہے۔

کانفرنس میں پرننگل سے آئے اسلامک سنٹر کے سربراہ شیخ ابراہیم نے خطاب کرتے ہوئے کہا کہ نماز، روزہ، زکوٰۃ اور حج کا اثر ذاتی اصلاح جبکہ اخلاق کا اثر مجموعی اصلاح پر ہوتا ہے۔ انہوں نے بلندی اخلاق کی اہمیت پر زور دیتے ہوئے نوجوانوں سے اپیل کی کہ نہ صرف وہ بذات خود اخلاق کے بلند مقام پر فائز ہونے کی سعی کریں بلکہ معاشرے میں بھی اخلاقی اقدار کے فروغ کے لیے پھر پور کردار ادا کریں۔ شیخ زید اسلامک سنٹر پنجاب یونیورسٹی کے چیئرمین ڈاکٹر محمد سعد صدیقی نے اپنے خطاب میں کہا کہ حجۃ الوداع کے موقع پر ایک لاکھ 24 ہزار صحابہ کرام موجود تھے اور یہ صحابہ کرام اس وقت کے بہترین قاری، حفاظ اور مفسر ہونے کے ساتھ ساتھ اخلاق کی کسوٹی پر فائز تھے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ آج بھی اسی تزکیہ نفس، تعلیم و حکمت اور تلاوت آیات کی ضرورت ہے جس کے لئے آنحضرت ﷺ مبعوث ہوئے اور آنحضرت ﷺ کی بعثت اللہ تعالیٰ کا ہم پر احسان عظیم ہے۔

چیئرمین شعبہ علوم اسلامیہ ایڈیٹور یونیورسٹی راولپنڈی ڈاکٹر غلام حسین بابر نے کہا کہ تبدیلی و عطا و نصیحت سے نہیں بلکہ عمل سے آئے گی اور آنحضرت ﷺ کی سیرت عملی طور پر نوجوانوں کے لئے ایک مکمل نمونہ ہے۔ کانفرنس سے انچارج شعبہ علوم اسلامیہ نائل یونیورسٹی اسلام آباد ڈاکٹر عبدالغفار بخاری، چیئرمین شعبہ علوم اسلامیہ یونیورسٹی آف گجرات ڈاکٹر ارشد لغاری، انٹرنیشنل اسلامک یونیورسٹی اسلام آباد سے ڈاکٹر بلال قریشی، انجینئرنگ یونیورسٹی لاہور سے ڈاکٹر یاسر عرفات، پروفیسر ریاض شیخ، ڈاکٹر غلام علی، ڈاکٹر ضیاء الرحمن، مفتی ڈاکٹر محمد ہارون، ڈاکٹر فیروز الدین شاہ چیئرمین شعبہ علوم اسلامیہ سرگودھا یونیورسٹی نے بھی خطاب کیا۔



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