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میلادِ مصطفیٰ ﷺ کی مبارک تقریبات

نبی آخر الزماں، وجہ تخلیق کائنات آنحضرت محمد ﷺ کے یوم ولادت کی نسبت سے یونیورسٹی آف سرگودھا میں مختلف تقریبات کا انعقاد کیا گیا جن کے ذریعے سیرت النبی کا آفاقی پیغام طلبہ تک پہنچایا گیا تاکہ وہ صحرا و مستقیم پر چلتے ہوئے اپنی زندگیوں کو سنوار سکیں۔ ان تقریبات کے ذریعے اوصافِ پیغمبرِ اعظم کو اجاگر کیا گیا اور طلبہ کو ترغیب دی گئی کہ وہ ان اعلیٰ وارفع اوصاف کو اپنی زندگیوں کا حصہ بنائیں کیونکہ رشد و ہدایت انہی تعلیمات میں پنہاں ہے۔

اس سلسلہ میں مرکزی تقریب کا اہتمام شعبہ ہم نصابی فورم اور ڈائریکٹوریٹ آف سٹوڈنٹس افسیئرز کی جانب سے کیا گیا جبکہ اس محفل کی صدارت وائس چانسلر یونیورسٹی آف سرگودھا پروفیسر ڈاکٹر قیصر عباس نے کی۔ اس بابرکت محفل میں صوبائی و قومی سطح پر مقابلہ جات جیتنے والے نعت خواں طلباء و طالبات نے اپنی خوبصورت آواز میں گلہائے عقیدت پیش کئے۔ اپنے صدارتی خطاب میں وائس چانسلر پروفیسر ڈاکٹر قیصر عباس نے کہا کہ رسالت مآب ﷺ کی محفل میں بیٹھنا بھی بہت بڑی نیکی اور ثواب کا کام ہے، آپ پوری دنیا میں رحمت بن کر تشریف لائے اور جو تعلیم اور اخلاق کا سبق آپ نے دیا اس سے پوری دنیا کی کامیابی پلٹ گئی۔ آج پوری دنیا کے مسائل کا واحد حل سیرت النبی میں پنہاں ہے۔ وائس چانسلر نے مزید کہا کہ آپ ﷺ کی تعلیمات صرف لکھنے اور کہنے تک محدود نہیں بلکہ آپ نے پوری دنیا کے سامنے اخلاق کا بہترین نمونہ پیش کیا اور یہی وجہ ہے کہ آپ کی زندگی ہمارے لئے مشعل راہ ہے۔

ماورج الاول کی مناسبت سے ڈیپارٹمنٹ آف کیونسلنگ اینڈ میڈیا سٹڈیز کے زیر اہتمام ”محفل میلادِ مصطفیٰ ﷺ کا انعقاد کیا گیا جس میں نبی آخر الزماں حضرت محمد ﷺ کی سیرت طیبہ کو اجاگر کیا گیا اور طلبہ کی طرف سے آنحضرت کی بارگاہ میں نعت شریف اور دردِ پاک کے نذرانے پیش کیے گئے۔ شامِ خمیس اور رسول نے رحمت دو جہاں کے حضور انتہائی عاجزی اور انکساری کے ساتھ نذرانہ عقیدت پیش کرتے ہوئے عشقِ مصطفیٰ کا اظہار کیا۔

اسی طرح شعبہ بائبل اور شعبہ علوم اسلامیہ کی جانب سے بھی میلادِ مصطفیٰ کی نسبت محافل منعقد کی گئیں جن میں نعت خواں طلبہ نے رحمت دو جہاں کے حضور عاجزی و انکساری کے ساتھ نذرانہ عقیدت پیش کیا اور عشقِ مصطفیٰ کا اظہار کیا۔ ان محافل میں سیرت النبی کے مختلف پہلوؤں کو اجاگر کرتے ہوئے اساتذہ نے کہا کہ سرکارِ دو عالم ﷺ نے جابلاند رسومات اور تہذیبی و اخلاقی تہزیل کا خاتمہ کیا۔ آپ نے تخریب کاری، خرافات اور انصاف پرستی کی زنجیر کو توڑا۔ آپ نے جہالت اور بد اخلاقی میں ڈوبی ہوئی قوم کو تعلیم اور اخلاق کے ذریعے جلا بخشی۔ انہوں نے سیرت نبوی پر روشنی ڈالتے ہوئے آپ کی زندگی کے مختلف واقعات اور پہلوؤں پر بھی بات کی۔



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A Year Of Achievement: Celebrating Transformative Leadership



From Editor's Pen

A student's decision to choose an institute is profoundly influenced by the reputation that an institution carries. Improved facilities and infrastructure, pristine academic environment, faculty development, research collaborations, national and international outlook create greater student's interest and play a very important role in a student's choice. Also, it helps improving an institutional brand image.

The University of Sargodha was awarded the University Charter in 2002, and it swiftly established itself among the top universities in Pakistan. Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, who assumed the charge of Vice Chancellor on September 10, 2022 embarked on a challenging journey to serve, overhaul, and reinvigorate the institution through his strategic vision and leadership. He is dedicated to steer the university towards renewed excellence, prominence and setting new trends for higher education institutions in Pakistan. In his first year, Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas initiated comprehensive transformations to elevate academic and governance standards. A key achievement was the regularization of over 500 employees, enhancing their job security and motivation. Employee welfare was further emphasized through initiatives like Umrah packages, an Employee of the Year award, housing society projects, and lunch for lower staff. His commitment to enhance the quality of education is evident in the meticulous recruitment of qualified senior faculty, expanding the number of professors, and prioritizing global exposure. The university has aligned with HEC policies, embracing undergraduate and graduate policies to meet evolving needs.

In the realm of research and innovation, the Office of Research, Innovation, and Commercialization have seen transformative measures. These include consultancy projects, international travel grants, interdisciplinary research groups, and innovative research projects, accelerating research productivity and promoting global knowledge dissemination.

Priority was given to infrastructure development with completion of the projects such as the Academic Block, Multipurpose Hall, Smart Classrooms, and new buildings for College of Engi-

neering & Technology, and the College of Law. These endeavors reflect a commitment to providing modern learning environment.

Prudent financial management measures have been implemented to achieve financial sustainability and independence. Pursuing tax exemption per annum and implementing the Build-Operate-Transfer (BOT) model for developmental projects exemplify a visionary approach, contributing to long-term savings.

The university's global perspective is emphasized through numerous Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) with international and national universities. The Directorate of External Linkages is actively engaged in encouraging international students to choose UoS for their studies.

Significant strides have been made in modernizing learning environments, including the establishment of an Incubation Center, smart classrooms, TV training studios, hi-tech central research laboratories, and the renovation of the Wazir Agha Library on modern lines. These initiatives bridge the gap between theory and application. These advancements serve the students to enhance their academic experience and prepare them for the challenges of a contemporary and competitive academic landscape.

Higher Education Institutions are meant to significantly contribute to the economic development of countries by increasing the supply of skilled graduates, who in turn increase the productivity of the companies in which they are employed. To produce graduates with critical thinking and innovative skills, which will make them more employable in the national and international job markets and provide vital services to the communities in which they are located is a priority of a university.

The Vice Chancellor's transformative leadership in his first year has undeniably shaped UoS into a beacon of innovation and quality education. The commitment to excellence, employee welfare, financial sustainability, and global engagement position UoS as a remarkable institution on the higher education landscape. As UoS continues on this trajectory, the impact of this transformative leadership is poised to leave a lasting legacy.

UoS Ranked At 301-350 In The Young Universities Ranking 2023

In a significant milestone, the University of Sargodha achieved a ranking of 301-350 in the Young University Rankings 2023, released by the Times Higher Education World University Rankings on July 3, 2023. The University of Sargodha (UoS) has also achieved the distinction of being the best university in Pakistan for teaching.

The Times Higher Education Young University Rankings apply the same methodology as the World University Rankings to assess research-intensive universities across all their core missions, including teaching, research, knowledge transfer, and international outlook. However, the weightings were recalibrated to align with the missions of young universities. They employ 13 carefully calibrated performance indicators to offer the most comprehensive and balanced comparisons, trusted by students, academics, university leaders, industry, and governments. The rankings encompass institutions founded between 1973 and the present.

The performance indicators are grouped into five areas: teaching (the learning environment), research (volume, income, and reputation), citations (research influence), international outlook (staff, students, and research), and industry income (knowledge transfer).

The 2023 ranking comprises of 605 universities, while 358 institutions were listed with "reporter" status, indicating that they provided data but did not meet the eligibility criteria for receiving a rank.



UoS Ranked at 1001-1200 in THE World University Rankings for 2024

The University of Sargodha (UoS) has achieved the distinction of being ranked as the 2nd best university in Punjab for teaching and the third best in Pakistan, according to the Times Higher Education (THE) World University Rankings 2024. The University also retained its previous position 1001-1200 in THE World University Rankings for 2024.

The Times Higher Education World University Rankings 2024 include 1,904 universities across 108 countries and regions. The ranking table is based on new WUR 3.0 methodology, which includes 18 carefully calibrated performance indicators that measure an institution's performance across five areas: teaching, research environment, research quality, industry, and international outlook.

Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas
Vice Chancellor UoS

“The credit for this great achievement goes to our productive faculty and efficient staff. Together we shall further enhance the University's international academic profile by expediting the research productivity and quality education.”

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Uos Signs Intent With Global Institutions To Foster Collaborative Growth

The University of Sargodha has signed three separate intents of cooperation with esteemed international institutions on August 9, 2023 to pave the way for knowledge exchange, academic collaboration, knowledge economy and mutual growth.

The first agreement was signed between the University of Sargodha and the International Special Economic Zone (Pvt) Ltd. This strategic partnership aims to bridge the gap between academia and industry, fostering research and development initiatives. The intent of cooperation outlines the establishment of technological zone, economic zone and the establishment of Citrus Processing Unit at UoS that will offer student's real-world exposure and equip them with skills aligned with industry demands. This alliance holds the promise of fostering innovation and addressing the evolving needs of the job market as well.

Simultaneously, the University of Sargodha solidified its ties with Liaoning Communication University, China, a renowned institution known for its excellence in communication studies. This intent of cooperation envisions academic exchanges, faculty collaboration, and joint research endeavors set to benefit from diverse perspectives and a cross-cultural academic environment that will enrich the educational experiences of their students.

Furthermore, the University of Sargodha has extended its global outreach by forging a collaborative bond with Shenyang Urban Construction University, China. This partnership aims to synergize efforts in establishing joint campuses at both sides. The intent of cooperation outlines faculty exchanges, collaborative research projects, and potential joint degree programs to address the challenges posed by rapid urbanization and architectural evolution.

Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas
Vice Chancellor UoS

“ These intents of cooperation mark a new chapter in our journey of academic excellence and foster global partnerships. By joining hands with these esteemed international institutions, we are expanding the horizons of knowledge for our students and contributing to the global educational landscape. The partnerships are expected to promote cultural exchange, share academic resources, and stimulate innovation through collaborative research initiatives. ”



Mou Signed With Kazakhstan's Inclusive Development Foundation

The University of Sargodha (UoS) has taken a giant stride towards international cooperation by signing an intent of cooperation agreement with Kazakhstan's Inclusive Development Foundation (IDF) and the Ministerial Standing Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation of the OIC (COMSTECH) on August 03, 20223.

The agreement was signed by the Vice Chancellor UoS Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas and Head of G-Global International Secretariat, Head of Nobel Fest Organizing Committee, Dr. Serik N. Nugerbekov. The signing ceremony, witnessed the presence of distinguished guests, including the Deputy Head of Nobel Fest organizing committee, Mr. Nurbek Achilov, Focal Person COMSTECH, Mr Haris Akram and senior administrative and academic staff of the UoS.

The agreement aims to foster scientific, technological, and educational support programs between UoS and Kazakhstan universities, strengthening ties and promoting exchange between faculties, staff, and students. It also seeks to enhance academic collaboration, research partnerships, and the sharing of innovative ideas, expected to serve as a stepping stone towards building stronger academic bridges between Pakistan and Kazakhstan.

Dr. Serik N. Nugerbekov shared insights about the Inclusive Development Foundation of Kazakhstan, which is spearheading the Nobel Fest. The foundation, in



collaboration with COMSTECH, is planning to organize Nobel Fest in Islamabad on November 29-30, 2023. The fest aims to facilitate an independent and open dialogue on inclusive policies, focusing on vital areas such as economics, finance, technology and innovation, education, social development, and climate change. The event is expected to attract participation from OIC's 57 member countries, with their ministers of science and technology attending.

Expressing his gratitude to the visiting delegation, Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, the Vice Chancellor of UoS, highlighted the university's academic and developmental achievements. He emphasized the institution's commitment to fostering academic excellence and research collaborations.

Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas Vice Chancellor UoS

“ We have taken a lead role in promoting an exchange of knowledge and ideas on a global stage. This partnership will pave the way for a diverse and inclusive approach to tackle the most pressing challenges of our time. ”



Special Lecture On Understanding Pakistan China Relations

Pakistan Institute of China Studies organized a special Lecture on "Pak-China Relations: Challenges & Prospects" in which Dr. Zhang Jiegen, Associate Professor and Executive Director of the Pakistan Study Centre at Fudan University, Shanghai, China provided a thorough briefing to understand the topic.

The Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, extended a warm welcome to the distinguished guest and provided an overview of the university's academic pursuits and its longstanding relationships with Chinese educational counterparts. He emphasized the vital significance of the China-Pakistan relationship and the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) as key elements of regional and global cooperation. The meeting was attended by the Pro Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Mian Ghulam Yasin, the Director Pakistan Institute of China Studies, Dr. Fazal ur Rahman, alongside numerous senior faculty and staff members. The speaker also visited the University of Sargodha on Monday to explore areas of mutual cooperation between the two institutions.



KEY POINTS

- The Pak-China friendship has grown from strength to strength, where both countries enjoy a symbiotic relationship based on trust, goodwill, and close cooperation.
- Chinese dream for the world, which envisages a shared future for all including both its immediate neighbors and the world community.
- China's role in developing the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB); role in stabilizing situation in Afghanistan, and role in facilitating rapprochement between Saudi-Arabia and Iran is a testament to China's commitment towards an international community where China is not 'free-rider' but a responsible power.
- Pakistan holds immense potential in terms of its labor dividend and infrastructural development.
- Pakistan's unique geography and its good relations with major powers further positions it to be a bridge between various parts of the world. In this milieu, CPEC and Pakistan's pivot to geo-economics complement each other.
- China's development projects including six-major corridors in various parts of the world are a testament to China's commitment to global development.
- It is the collective responsibility of both Pakistan and China to counter anti-CPEC propaganda which usually emanates from India and the West.



ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Dr. Zhang Jiegen,
Associate Professor/Executive Director
Pakistan Study Centre, Fudan University,
Shanghai, China



International Educational Representatives Explore Academic Opportunities

On August 23, 2023, a high-level international delegation comprising 16 members from various universities of African countries, accompanied by the Organization of Islamic Cooperation Standing Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation (COMSTECH) representatives, visited the University of Sargodha to explore academic opportunities for international students. The visit was aimed to foster international collaboration in the fields of science, technology, and innovation.

Welcoming the distinguished guests, Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas provided a comprehensive overview of the university's diverse degree programs. In his address, he highlighted the range of facilities offered by the University of Sargodha, including an on-campus hostel facility capable of accommodating 200 international students, all equipped with comprehensive security measures. He further reaffirmed the university's commitment to provide merit-based scholarships, fee concessions, and other amenities for foreign students. Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas emphasized the critical role of promoting and facilitating student exchange in the university's academic development through internationalization.

The delegates expressed keen interest in collaborating on joint educational and scientific programs. Representing the delegation, Prof. Dr. Hamza Mustafa Njozi, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic) of the Muslim University of Morogoro, and Dr. Salma Noor from Kenya conveyed gratitude to Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas for extending the invitation to the students of African universities to pursue studies at the University of Sargodha.

The meeting concluded with expressions of gratitude from the Vice Chancellor, who also presented souvenirs to all foreign delegates.





Future Of Education Conference Addresses Evolving Landscape Of Education

The University of Sargodha organized the "Future of Education 2023" conference on 10-11 July, 2023 in Muzaffarabad, Azad Kashmir to explore the evolving education landscape and pave the way for a progressive and inclusive education system. The conference chaired by the Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, featured the participation of the Chairman Higher Education Commission Pakistan, Prof. Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed through "Zoom" while academic and administrative heads of the university were also present there.

The conference was aimed to explore the changing landscape of education, tackle upcoming challenges, and uncover opportunities. The conference served as a platform for meaningful discussions and idea exchanges, with the ultimate goal of charting a path towards a progressive and inclusive education system. The conference featured keynote speeches, presentations, discussions, and a way-forward session, covering a wide range of topics, including emerging technologies in education, student-centered learning approaches, digital literacy, and inclusive education practices.



ABOUT SPEAKERS

Prof. Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed,
Chairman, Higher Education Commission Pakistan

Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas,
Vice Chancellor, University of Sargodha

Deans/Directors/Chairpersons/Incharges,
Academic Units, University of Sargodha



Prof. Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed
Chairman Higher Education
Commission Pakistan

“ The world is undergoing rapid evolution, and it is crucial for academia to adapt and anticipate the changing needs of learners and society as a whole. There is a dire need to equip students with market-oriented skills and ensure their preparedness as the future workforce. ”



Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas
Vice Chancellor UoS

“ Universities play a pivotal role in providing holistic education, conducting impactful research, integrating innovative technologies, and fostering collaborations with academia, industry, and policymakers ”

KEY POINTS

- Incorporate digital tools to make learning engaging and accessible, preparing students for a tech-driven future.
- Encourage international collaborations, exchange programs, and diverse perspectives to prepare students for a globalized job market.
- Prioritize soft skills like communication, teamwork, and adaptability to ensure that students are well-rounded and versatile professionals.
- Promote cross-disciplinary studies to equip students with versatile problem-solving skills needed for complex real-world challenges.
- Provide career guidance, internships, and skill development programs to align students' skills with the job market's demands.
- Introduce a blend of online and in-person learning for flexibility, personalization, and preparing students for the digital age.
- Integrate environmental awareness into the curriculum to equip students with the knowledge and skills to address global environmental challenges.
- Instill a culture of continuous learning, motivating students to upskill throughout their careers to stay relevant in the ever-changing job market.
- Prioritize students' mental health and well-being by offering resources, counseling, and support services to prepare them for the demands of the future workforce.





Pm's Youth Laptop Distribution Ceremony Held At Uos

A momentous "Laptop Distribution Ceremony" under the Prime Minister National Laptop Scheme Phase III to distribute laptops among meritorious students of the University of Sargodha was held on August 05, 2023.

The ceremony was graced by Mr. Abdul Rehman Khan Kanju, Minister of State for the Interior Division, Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, Vice Chancellor University of Sargodha, along with a number of students, faculty, staff, parliamentarians, and civil society representatives.

The event was aimed at empowering students with essential tools for their education, enabling them to tackle challenges and pursue their academic goals effectively. Around 2000 meritorious students from UoS, have been selected for the distribution of laptops under the Prime Minister National Laptop Scheme Phase III.

Mr. Abdul Rehman Khan Kanju
Minister of State for Interior

“ Through the Prime Minister National Laptop Scheme Phase III, the government reaffirms its commitment to advancing the education sector and empowering the youth to contribute meaningfully to the nation's progress and development. ”

Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas
Vice Chancellor UoS

“ The distribution of laptops not only bridges the digital divide but also empowers talented students to explore new digital horizons. ”





Universities Should Develop Creative Solutions And Produce Low-cost Products, Says Chairman Psf

The Office of Research Innovation & Commercialization (ORIC) University of Sargodha (UoS) organized a "Research Productivity Award Ceremony" on July 05, 2023 to acknowledge the relentless efforts and remarkable achievements of the faculty members in their pursuit of scientific excellence and research productivity.

Addressing the ceremony, Prof. Dr. Shahid Mahmood Baig emphasized the need for producing low-cost products that would contribute to the nation's economic growth. He commended the faculty members for their research contributions and urged them to focus on generating innovative solutions that can be transformed into tangible benefits for the society.

The Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas stressed the need for fostering strong collaborations and promoting interdisciplinary research and highlighted the potential of interdisciplinary approaches in addressing complex challenges and driving innovation.

The Vice Chancellor presented a souvenir to Chairman of the Pakistan Science Foundation, Prof. Dr. Shahid Mahmood Baig S.I, as a token of gratitude in recognition of his continuous support.

KEY POINTS

- Create a platform for collaboration and knowledge sharing among faculty, students, and industry partners to facilitate the commercialization of research ideas and products, promoting innovation-driven entrepreneurship.
- Establish effective mechanisms for technology transfer, patenting, and commercialization, enabling the university to leverage its research and innovation for economic development and the benefit of society.
- Promote interdisciplinary research as a forward-looking approach that can lead to innovative solutions and groundbreaking discoveries.
- Encourage and support faculty members to develop creative solutions, thereby enhancing the innovation culture within the university.
- Emphasize the importance of low-cost products in driving economic growth by increasing consumer spending and making essential services accessible to a wider range of consumers.
- Encourage students to actively engage with the local community by applying their research and innovation skills to address societal challenges.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Dr. Shahid Mahmood Baig
Chairman, Pakistan Science Foundation





Governor Inaugurates New Building For College Of Engineering & Technology, Uos

The Governor Punjab/Chancellor Muhammad Baligh ur Rehman, on August 11, 2023 inaugurated the newly constructed College of Engineering & Technology at the Allama Iqbal Campus of the University of Sargodha. The campus, spanning over 50 acres, has been built through an investment of Rs.1100 million funds provided by the Higher Education Department, Government of Punjab. The Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar

Abbas expressed his profound gratitude towards the Governor Punjab for gracing the momentous occasion and briefed the Governor on the remarkable academic and developmental progress of the university, and underlined the institution's dedication to providing skill-based knowledge to empower students to support themselves financially, rather than relying solely on their parents' resources.

Furthermore, Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas unveiled plans



for the establishment of a cutting-edge center, envisioned to cultivate skills, nurture innovative ideas, and facilitate their translation into the market. "This forward-looking initiative aligns with the university's commitment to produce graduates who are not only academically proficient but also well-equipped to make tangible contributions to their fields and the broader economy" he added.

Addressing the enthusiastic gathering, Governor Muhammad Baligh ur Rehman lauded the efforts of the university administration in successfully completing the project. He commended the University of Sargodha's achievements, citing its prestigious ranking as the top institution in Punjab and the second-best in Pakistan for its exemplary teaching practices. He urged the university to continue its commitment to educational excellence and to keep adapting to the changing educational landscape.

The Governor Muhammad Baligh ur Rehman also highlighted the critical importance of investing in the youth who are the future leaders of the nation and ready to take charge of the country's destiny. The governor emphasized the need to equip students with technical skills and knowledge that would foster research productivity and innovation.

Dignitaries from various sectors also graced the inaugural ceremony, including Commissioner



Sargodha Muhammad Ajmal Bhatti, Regional Police Officer Shariq Kamal, Deputy Commissioner Captain (Retd.) Shoaib Ali, District Police Officer Faisal Kamran, ex-parliamentarians, representatives from civil society, as well as academic and administrative heads of the university.

The ceremony concluded with presentation of souvenirs by Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas to Governor Muhammad Baligh ur Rehman for his continuous support and presence.

Muhammad Baligh ur Rehman Governor Punjab / Chancellor

“ Universities should launch the “Financial Assistance Program” to address the needs of students who are forced to discontinue their education due to financial constraints and similar challenges. ”





Prof. Dr. Mian Ghulam Yasin Appointed As Pro Vice Chancellor, UoS

The Governor Punjab and Chancellor Muhammad Baligh Ur Rehman has appointed Professor Dr. Mian Ghulam Yasin as the Pro Vice Chancellor of the University. With a vast background in educational and administrative affairs, Prof. Dr. Mian Ghulam Yasin, hailing from the Department of Sociology and Criminology, has assumed his new role and commenced his duties.

The Pro Vice Chancellor held a special meeting with the Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas. Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas extended his heartfelt congratulations to Prof. Dr. Mian Ghulam Yasin on his new role and expressed best wishes for the future endeavors of the University under their collaborative leadership. During the meeting, they engaged in a detailed discussion on various matters concerning the institutional capacity building, quality education, developmental progress, research productivity and the university's future development and strategies.

Notably, Prof. Dr. Mian Ghulam Yasin brings extensive experience to his new position, having served as the Dean Faculty of Social & Behavioral Sciences from October 23, 2013, to October 22, 2016, a member of the University Syndicate from July 21, 2016, to December 30, 2017, and in various administrative positions including Chairman of the Hall Council and Chairman of the Department of Sociology. The appointment of the Pro Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Mian Ghulam Yasin, has garnered widespread applause from the faculty and staff, who view it as a positive addition to the University of Sargodha's management.

Uos Observes Independence Day With Heartfelt Patriotism

The University of Sargodha commemorated Pakistan's Independence Day, displaying a series of enthusiastic activities, including 'blood donation camp for thalassemia' and special FM transmissions, culminating in a vibrant flag hoisting ceremony hosted by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas. The occasion brought together students, faculty, staff, their families and children wearing a spectrum of green and white attire, symbolizing the national colors of Pakistan.

Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas expressed his profound gratitude to Quaid-E- Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah and the countless heroes who laid down their lives for the country's independence. He emphasized the role of educational institutions in nurturing enlightened citizens who contribute positively to society and uphold the values that Pakistan was founded upon.





UoS Takes Landmark Decision To Regularize Over 500 Employees

The University of Sargodha has achieved a milestone of regularizing a total of 518 staff and faculty members under "The Punjab Regularization of Service Act 2018" after the approval from the Chancellor, the Higher Education Department of the Punjab and the University Syndicate.

In this regard, a prestigious ceremony was held in the Malik Firoz Khan Noon Auditorium, UoS on August 18, 2023. It was attended by the Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, Registrar, Deans, Directors, Incharges, and a number of faculty and staff members.

Among the newly regularized members, 208 contractual employees were from Grade 1-4, 127 employees from Grade 5-16, and 74 belonged to the Grade 17-19. In addition to the contractual employees who have been regularized, 64 temporary individuals from Grade 1-4 and 45 from Grade 5-16 have also been transitioned from temporary to regular positions, marking a significant milestone in their professional journey.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas expressed his optimism about the long-term benefits of this decision. "Regularizing these staff and faculty members not only recognizes their hard work and dedication but also ensures the continued growth and prosperity of our institution. I believe that a motivated workforce is the key to achieve academic and research goals."

The Registrar University of Sargodha Waqar Ahmed on behalf of the faculty and staff presented the souvenir to Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas in recognition of his leadership, decision making and commitment to create a stable work environment.

Training Program Empowering Educators For Future Concludes

To enhance the teaching capabilities of educators and foster advanced techniques in the field of social sciences, the third phase of a 3-day workshop on "Capacity Building Training Program" concluded at University of Sargodha. The workshop jointly organized by the University of Gujrat (UoG) and University of Sargodha, was funded by the United States Government and administered by the United States Educational Foundation in Pakistan (USEFP).

Addressing the inaugural session Mr. Noman Yaser In-charge Department of Communication and Media Studies University of Sargodha, expressed his gratitude towards the Dean Faculty of Arts, UoG Prof Dr Zahid Yousaf, United States Government and USEFP for their support in creating this unique opportunity for academic growth and knowledge exchange.

Following the welcome note, Prof. Dr. Zahid Yousaf, provided an insightful introduction of the project. He highlighted the program's significance in empowering educators with cutting-edge teaching methodologies and fostering collaborative efforts between universities. He also discussed the importance of curriculum development and pedagogical techniques in enhancing the quality of education.

Dr. Savera Shami delivered two impactful presentations on "Making Optimum Use of Technology for Effective Teaching" and "Digital Safety and Security." Her sessions emphasized the importance of leveraging technology to enrich the learning experience and addressed essential aspects of online safety and security in the digital age.

Dr. Muhammad Zahid Bilal talked about "Beyond Polarization: Linking Classrooms with the Power of Literature" and "Global Vision, Local Impact: Creating a Culture of Globalized Research." His discussion revolved around the role of literature in bridging divides and fostering a more inclusive classroom environment. He discussed strategies for using literature to explore different perspectives and break down polarizations. He also highlighted the significance of international collaboration and the impact of local research on a global scale.





Textile, Graphic Design, And Fine Arts Thesis Brilliance Unveiled

The Institute of Art and Design exhibited the impressive theses projects of their talented undergraduate students specializing in Graphic Design, Textile Design and Fine Arts. The works displayed at the Zubeida Agha Art Gallery, were a captivating showcase of creative excellence. The Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas and the Dean Faculty of Arts and Humanities Prof. Dr. Ghulam Abbas inaugurated the project display.

The first segment of the exhibition featured the "BS Textile Design Theses 2023," and "BS Graphic Design Theses 2023," which served as a platform for graduating students to unveil their imaginative and intricate creations in the realm of textile design. The colorful array of textiles, patterns, and designs on display showcased the students' dedication and creativity.

The second segment, "BS Fine Arts Theses 2023," provided a canvas for 22 budding artists to exhibit their exceptional works of art. These talented individuals explored a diverse range of themes and artistic expressions, offering a glimpse into their unique perspectives and creative abilities. The exhibition, rich with visual storytelling, emphasized the students' dedication to pushing the boundaries of artistic innovation.

The event not only celebrated the artistic achievements of the students but also highlighted the University's commitment to nurture the generation of creative talent.





Youm-e-istehsal-e-kashmir Observed With Resolve To Free Kashmir From Illegal Indian Occupation

"Youm-e-Istehsal-e-Kashmir" was observed on August 05, 2023 to pay tribute to the righteous struggle of the Kashmiri people for freedom and to denounce the illegal and unilateral acts of India. On August 5, 2019, India's ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) had revoked occupied Kashmir's special status by repealing Article 370 of the constitution.

The move allowed people from the rest of India to have the right to acquire property in occupied Kashmir and settle there permanently. A seminar featuring a keynote address by Prof. Dr. Ghulam Mian Yasin, Pro Vice Chancellor and the Chairman Department of Sociology and Criminology, UoS was also held on the day, attended by numerous students, faculty, and staff. He delivered a thought-provoking lecture on the Kashmir conflict, Indian atrocities in occupied Kashmir, Article 370, and regional stability. The event concluded with a unanimous call for peaceful dialogue and resolution of the Kashmir conflict, underscoring the need for regional stability and a just solution that respects the rights of the Kashmiri people.



ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Prof. Dr. Ghulam Mian Yasin,
Pro Vice Chancellor/Chairman Department of Sociology
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KEY POINTS

- The continuation of inhumane military lockdown, illegal measures to change the demographic structure of the occupied territory and the gross and systematic transgressions of human rights are all manifest violations of international law.
- History bears witness to the fact that brute force has never succeeded in extinguishing the fire of freedom and rights.
- It is important to honor the courageous struggle of the Kashmiri people for their freedom while also condemning the illegal and immoral actions of India.
- These actions included changes to the demographic structure and electoral boundaries in the occupied territory for further marginalization of Kashmiri Muslims" and "suppressing their demand for freedom."
- Every Pakistani stands with the Kashmiris, and the time is not far when occupied Kashmir would be free from Indian oppression.
- The international community must demand an end to India's gross and widespread human rights violations in the region, reversal of its unilateral and illegal actions of August 5, 2019, repeal of draconian laws, and implementation of relevant UN Security Council (UNSC) resolutions on Jammu and Kashmir.

Igniting Entrepreneurial Skills for Success

The Career Development Center University of Sargodha has started an extensive Skills Development Program aimed at equipping students with essential abilities for personal and professional growth. The program comprises a series of workshops, training sessions, and seminars, covering various domains vital for success in today's competitive world.

The first session of the program, titled "English Language: Enhancing Writing and Speaking Skills," was conducted by Dr. Barirah Nazir, a distinguished faculty member of English Department at the University. The session was aimed at enhancing students' proficiency in English language communication, focusing on both writing and speaking skills.

The second session of the Skills Development Program featured an enlightening session on "Entrepreneurial Skills," facilitated by Salman Hussain, faculty member of Malik Firoz Khan Noon Business School (MFKNBS). This session was aimed to foster an entrepreneurial mindset among students and equip them with the essential skills and knowledge to pursue their entrepreneurial dreams.





To equip students with the skills and knowledge required to thrive in the dynamic world of social media content creation, a session titled "Become a Social Media Content Creator" was held to address the growing interest and importance of social media as a powerful tool for personal branding, business promotion, and community engagement.

Resource Person Malik Haseeb provided in-depth information about popular social media platforms such as Instagram, Facebook, Twitter, TikTok, and LinkedIn. He also emphasized the significance of a well-thought-out content strategy such as creating a content calendar, understanding the target audience, and incorporating diverse content formats such as images, videos, and written posts.

An information Session was held on "UGRAD" (United States Undergraduate Semester Exchange Program) in which Mr. Muhammad Umair Khan, Ms. Toshiba & Ms. Fizza Khalid (Who had availed UGRAD) delved into the discussion about this unique opportunity and provided guidance on the application process, including deadlines and requirements.

Under the "On Campus Recruitment Drive Program" three students from Malik Firoz Khan Noon Business School (MFKNBS) were offered the job in the Suzuki Falcon Motors. The Recruitment Drive was held at CDC UoS in which around 50 students were shortlisted for the interview. The drive provided a platform for students to showcase their skills, interact with industry professionals, and explore potential career.



Governor Presents Academic Excellence Award 2023 To Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas

The Governor Punjab Muhammad Baligh Ur Rehman and the Chairman Higher Education Commission Prof. Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed along with Professor Dr. Abdur ur Rehman Chairman AUPSUP presented Academic Excellence Award 2023 to the Vice Chancellor University of Sargodha Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas. The award was presented in recognition of the true mark in Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Ranking and QS Ranking. The ceremony was organized by the Association of Private Sector Universities of Pakistan. The honorable Governor Punjab was the chief guest of the event held at the Governor House Lahore.

Multipurpose Cafeterias To Be Built Under Bot Model

The University of Sargodha has signed agreements to establish multipurpose cafeterias at its Main Campus, College of Agriculture (CoA), and Allama Iqbal Campus. These cafeterias will be set up under the Build-Operate-Transfer (BoT) model, marking a significant achievement for the University. The facility includes a diverse air conditioned indoor and outdoor dining, a departmental store, printing services, a shop for fruits and juices, a coffee shop, and other amenities to assist everyone at the university. The state of the art facilities will be ready to use before the June 2024.

The Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas laid the foundation stone of multipurpose cafeteria at its Main Campus. It is set to be completed in just 10 months, under an innovative Build-Operate-Transfer (BoT) initiative that promises to elevate the university's amenities to new heights. The new facilities are poised to offer a host of conveniences catering to the needs of both students and staff alike. The ceremony was attended by the Pro-Vice Chancellor, Registrar, Deans, Director, and Heads of various Academic & Administrative Departments.

Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas
Vice Chancellor UoS

“These cafeterias represent a major step forward in our commitment to provide a conducive and enriching environment for learning and working. We are dedicated to ensure that the needs and comforts of our community are met at the highest standard.”





Need To Embrace Modern Trends And Technologies

A delegation, led by Dr. Kaiser Rafiq, CEO of Discover Pakistan UHD TV, accompanied by Dr. Sohail Riaz, Chairman of the Media & Communication Department, COMSATS University Lahore, and Dr. Shahid, a renowned educationist visited the University of Sargodha on August 22, 2023.

The visit was aimed at exploring avenues of collaboration and discussing the ever-evolving landscape of digital media and education. The discussions centered around mutual cooperation possibilities and the significance of generating digital media content to empower students financially.

Emphasizing the institutional commitment to embrace modern trends and technologies, Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas highlighted the importance of fostering a culture of innovation and creativity among students, enabling them to harness digital media platforms as avenues for both personal growth and income generation.



Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Kaiser Rafiq underscored the pivotal role of digital media and artificial intelligence in shaping the present and future. He elaborated on the impactful role played by Discover Pakistan TV in portraying the diverse landscapes of Pakistan. Dr. Kaiser Rafiq also introduced the concept of the first fully AI-powered talk show, providing attendees with glimpses of this innovative endeavor.

Highlighting the potential for students to not only express their creativity but also earn money through digital media platforms, Dr. Kaiser Rafiq extended an invitation to participate in content creation on digital media platforms.

The delegation also visited various projects, including the Media Information Center, Waheed Wain Incubation Center, Career Development Center, and VOV FM 98.2.



WWIC UoS Launches Transformative Journey for Business Innovation

The Waheed Wain Incubation Center, UoS has started a series of diverse range of sessions and workshops featuring industry experts, successful entrepreneurs, and seasoned professionals, covering various aspects of business development, ranging from developing business acumen to building stronger teams, providing participants with a holistic understanding of the entrepreneurial landscape.

This series of events is aimed to nurture a culture of innovation, creativity, and strategic thinking. By providing a platform for individuals to refine their ideas, acquire essential skills, and connect with experienced mentors, the center aims to play a pivotal role in shaping the future of entrepreneurship at the University of Sargodha.

The Center hosted a dynamic session, "Developing Business Acumen," featuring Haris Shaikh, Business Performance Manager, DG Group UK. Attendees had the privilege of gaining valuable insights and skills to elevate their business knowledge and decision-making capabilities. Haris Shaikh's expertise illuminated the path for participants seeking to enhance their understanding of the business world to drive better results in their professional pursuits.

Nimra Zia, Lecturer MFKNBS and Manager Lincoln Corner, shared her expertise in a session titled "Build Stronger Teams" held at the WWIC. Attendees were equipped with valuable strategies and insights to enhance team dynamics and collaboration. Her expertise contributed to a successful session, fostering an environment where participants could develop the skills necessary to build stronger and more effective teams in their entrepreneurial pursuits.





Cultural Affairs Officer Paul Garr Engages In Vibrant Dialogue

The Cultural Affairs Officer at the US Consulate in Lahore Mr. Paul Garr visited the Lincoln Corner Sargodha on July 11, 2023. The visit includes a lively discussion between Mr. Garr, the corner's staff, members of AWE, and Friends of Corner. The conversation touched upon various facets of Pak-American cultural ties, including discussions on cultural food, music, and the shared challenges faced by women in both nations in the 21st century.

Delving into opportunities for Pakistani youth, Mr. Garr highlighted initiatives such as the US Undergraduate Cultural Exchange Program and Leadership Training Program. A visit to the Tech Lab left Mr. Garr impressed, appreciating the initiative's role in providing students with hands-on experience in technology. The Cultural Affairs Officer also commended the impact of summer camp activities, culminating in a visit that left behind a treasury of positive memories.



LCS Ignites Learning Enthusiasm With Four-Week Summer Camp

Lincoln Corner Sargodha brought the joy of learning to life with a four-week-long Summer Camp, targeting both primary and secondary students concurrently. The camp, designed to cover Science, Technology, English, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM), featured an array of engaging activities.

The first week, titled "Let's Learn Robotics," set the tone for an exploration of technology. The second week centered around the theme "Arts Leading to Creativity," encouraging artistic expression. The third week took a unique approach with "Math Melodies" and "Martial Arts" for young adults. The final week provided students the opportunity to share their perspectives through debates and workshops on Canva, MS PowerPoint, and Excel, enhancing their technical skills. The summer camp sparked excitement and curiosity among students, fostering a dynamic and interactive learning environment at Lincoln Corner Sargodha.