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Honourable Governor Advises IUB to be Student-Centric and Employee-Friendly

Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur made a courtesy call on Governor Punjab and Chancellor of the University, Chaudhary Muhammad Sarwar.

Vice Chancellor, briefed the Honourable Chancellor about the progress of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. Other matters discussed included the scheduling of upcoming Convocation and

Senate meeting of the University. The Governor appreciated the performance of Islamia University of Bahawalpur and assured of his wholehearted support to Islamia University of Bahawalpur. In

particular, the Governor advised to University to be more student-centric and employee-friendly as these ingredients were necessary for world-class universities.



Governor Punjab Chaudhary Muhammad Sarwar exchanging views with Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor

National Convention on Peaceful University Campuses

Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur attended the Vice Chancellor's Convention on peaceful Universities held in joint collaboration of the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan and Inter University Consortium for Promotion of Social Sciences. Federal Education Minister Shafqat Mahmood was the chief guest on this occasion while Vice Chancellors of various federal and Punjab universities attended the event. On this occasion, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor delivered exclusive talk on academic environment in universities congenial for educational and research activities. He also shared recent achievements of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur in national and international rankings bringing academic excellence to this historic education institution.



Federal Education Minister Shafqat Mahmood presenting a souvenir to Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob during Vice Chancellor's Convention in Lahore

IUB Appears in the Times Higher Education World University Ranking

The brand IUB is continuously shining not only nationally but also internationally, under the dynamic leadership of Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur, has participated in Times Higher Education (THE) World University Ranking, 2021, for the first time in its history. According to the Times Higher Education subject ranking, most of the subjects of the university are ranked between 600 and 1000. This is a tremendous jump in the quality of teaching and research, of the university. The important domains where university has shown significant progress includes Clinical and Health, Engineering and Technology, Life Sciences and

Physical Sciences. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob has congratulated all academic and administrative staff on this achievement. The Vice Chancellor has appreciated the team of Quality Enhancement Cell, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, who worked under the headship of Prof. Dr. Saeed Ahmad Buzdar, Director, for participation in international rankings. The team QEC is focusing to let the university compete with global peers and standards. The university has recently submitted its data to participate in UI Green metric international ranking as well, and intends to go for QS ranking in the next phase.

THE WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS				PROFESSIONAL	JOB	EV
RANKING		SCORES				
Rank	Name Country/Region	No. of FTE Students	No. of students per staff			
601+	The Islamia University of Bahawalpur Pakistan	15,509	27.4			

MD Pakistan Bait ul Mal Visits IUB

Mr. Aon Abbas Buppi, Managing Director, Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal, said that the development and quality of education of Islamia University, Bahawalpur is commendable. Aon Abbas Buppi expressed these views during a meeting with Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor at Islamia University Bahawalpur at Baghdad ul-Jadeed Campus. He said that 200 scholarships are provided to IUB students through Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal. Vice Chancellor said that more than 2100 students of Jamia Islamia are benefiting under the Prime Minister's Ehsas Scholarship Program and this year more than 8000 students have applied for undergraduate scholarships. It is hoped that more than 5000 students will get these scholarships. MD Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal said that undergraduate students as well as students of Master's programs will also be provided scholarships. Under National Apprenticeship Program



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob presenting a memento to Mr. Aon Abbas Buppi

6 months training and mentoring will be provided to the students and Higher Education Commission is collecting data from universities in this regard. Two important universities of South Punjab, Islamia University Bahawalpur and Bahauddin Zakariya University Multan will be given special priority for this apprenticeship program. On the occasion, the Vice Chancellor

apprised the Managing Director Bait-ul-Mal about the teaching and developmental activities in Jamia Islamia Bahawalpur and said that teaching and non-teaching sectors are being modernized to make Islamia University, a leading University nationally and internationally. There is also a focus on digitization for efficiency in teaching and research. He

said that the field of nursing is in great demand at the national and international level and a degree program in nursing is also being introduced in the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. Punjab Regional Director Malik Mohammad Arshad said that under the present scholarship scheme, the students of Bahawalnagar and Rahim Yar Khan campuses have been paid and this phase will be completed in Bahawalpur soon. Director scholarships, Dr. Ghulam Hassan Abbasi informed about the increase in scholarships for male and female students and said that under British Scholarships and Mora Scholarships, stipends are being started for 192 male and female students. Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal Member Punjab Sheikh Farrukh Zubair, Malik Muhammad Asghar Joiya, PS Saqib Ghauri Khanzada, Rana Hasnain Noon and Rana Najam were also present on the occasion.



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob exchanging views with Mr. Aon Abbas Buppi

COMSTech and MoFA Launch Consortium of Excellence

The OIC Ministerial Standing Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation (COMSTech) and Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Government of Pakistan launched "COMSTech Consortium of Excellence (CCoE)" comprising of leading academic and research institutions of Pakistan and OIC member states in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

The launching ceremony of CCoE held at COMSTech under the chairmanship of Coordinator General, COMSTech, Prof. Dr. M. Iqbal Choudhary while Mr. Sohail Mahmood, Foreign Secretary of Pakistan were the chief guest. The Vice Chancellors and senior officials of Quaid e Azam University, Islamia University Bahawalpur, National University of Sciences and Technology, Government College

University, Lahore, Ghulam Ishaq Khan Institute of Engineering Sciences and Technology, Pakistan Institute of Nuclear Science and Technology, NED University of Engineering and Technology, Lahore University of Management Sciences, Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan, and University of the Punjab. In his inaugural address, Prof. Dr. Iqbal Choudhary, said the purpose of CCoE is to put

our efforts to achieve excellence in partnership. He said that Pakistan has done a lot in the area of Science and Technology and now it's time to reap the benefit by showcasing Pakistan. He said that this forum would bring technology to Pakistan and would help in internationalization of the areas of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. The COMSTech - MoFA collaboration will open new



A group photo of participants of Consortium of Excellence COMSTech and MoFA

avenues in Science Diplomacy. Dr. Iqbal mentioned that COMSTECH being the apex body in OIC Science arena gives Pakistan a leading role in the area of Science Technology and innovation. He discussed the current state of OIC member states and provided a comprehensive report of COMSTECH activities. CCoE is launched under the “Science Diplomacy Initiative” of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MoFA), Government of Pakistan. Mr.

Sohail Mahmood, Foreign Secretary of Pakistan said that the higher education institutions are shaping the future of Pakistan. He said that the CCoE initiative is conceived to provide the platform to the leading universities of Pakistan and the universities of the OIC member states to cooperate, collaborate and showcase their achievements. He informed that the MoFA has launched multipurpose science diplomacy initiative to create

linkages between partners and popularize science. He said that this forum will help in trade boost. The Foreign Secretary mentioned that COMSTECH has responsibility to enhance science, technology and innovation in OIC member states and commended the current efforts of COMSTECH and its leadership for initiating new projects like CCoE. Vice chancellors and senior officials of the CCoE founding member universities of Pakistan

shared current programmes. They also offered their cooperation and support to collaborate and cooperate under the umbrella of CCoE. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob Vice Chancellor Islamia University Bahawalpur in his address said that cholistan Institute of Desert Studies of IUB will be upgraded in to Center of Excellence in desert studies to promote multidisciplinary studies which will collaborate and facilitate OIC member countries.

Additional IG Police South Punjab Visits IUB

Additional Inspector General Police South Punjab Captain (Retd.)

Zafar Iqbal Awan (Sitara-e-Imtiaz) called on Vice Chancellor Islamia

University Bahawalpur Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob at Baghdad-ul-

Jadeed Campus. He praised quality of teaching and research at Islamia University Bahawalpur. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob apprised the visiting guest that Islamia University of Bahawalpur has been recently emerged prominent in the world rankings and included in the Times Higher Education ranking among 1100 top universities globally. The Additional IG appreciated the educational services of this historic and large university of South Punjab and said that this university is playing a significant role in the educational, social and economic development of the region.



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor presenting a shield to Captain (Retd.) Zafar Iqbal Awan Additional IG South Punjab

Federal Minister for National Food Security and Research Visits IUB Agriculture Farm

Syed Fakhar Imam, Federal Minister for National Food Security and Research has termed white fly resistant cotton varieties of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur a breakthrough and a great success. He said this during his visit to cotton fields of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. He felicitated Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Prof Dr Muhammad Iqbal, Chairman Plant Breeding and Genetics Department on this success paving the way for cotton crop revival in the country. After addressing the farmers in main auditorium at farmer convention, Syed Fakhar Imam visited along with Khalid Abdullah Cotton Commissioner, Prof. Dr. Asif Ali, Vice chancellor MNS University of Agriculture Multan, Khalid khokhar, President Pakistan Kissan Ittehad, Director Agriculture and cotton growers Tasawar Hussain Chatta, Ghulam Abbas, Liaqat Ali , Muhammad Ejaz and Zahid Kamboh



Syed Fakhar Imam, Federal Minister for National Food Security and Research is visiting IUB cotton field

who verified the statement of Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal about cotton genotypes for whitefly tolerance. Syed Fakhar Imam stated that it is

a great miracle and breakthrough in whitefly management. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal stated that demonstration trial will be carried

out at 50 different locations in Punjab at farmers field.

Governor Punjab Praises Cotton Research at IUB

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal, Director, Research, Innovation and Commercialization, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Chairman, Department of Plant Breeding and Genetics participated in an event held in connection with Kissan Day at Governor’s House, Lahore. Chaudhary Muhammad Sarwar, Governor Punjab was the chief guest on this occasion. Mr Nadeem Afzal Chan, Advisor to the Prime Minister, Mr. Hussain Gardezi Jahanian, Provincial Minister of Agriculture , Mr. Hanif Patafi Advisor to Chief Minister



Governor Punjab, Chaudhary Muhammad Sarwar presided over the Farmers’ Day celebrations at Governor’s House Lahore

and Jamshed Iqbal Cheema leader of PTI, Khalid Khokar President Kissan Itahad, participated in the event along with researchers, academia, representatives of

private companies and notable farmers. Strategies to revive cotton crop were discussed in the forum. Governor and ministers took keen interest in the IUB

cotton varieties and appreciated the vision of the Vice Chancellor IUB in his efforts to promote cotton production. Governor promised to visit IUB during his planned visit

of Bahawalpur near future where a plan of action regarding cotton revival will be presented to him.

Honourable Governor Praises Record Students Enrollment in IUB

Chaudhry Muhammad Sarwar, Governor Punjab and Chancellor appreciated the extraordinary development activities in the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, enhancement in the quality of education and increase in the number of teachers and students. In an interview to a private television channel, he praised the efforts of Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, the most important university of

South Punjab is rapidly emerging nationally and internationally. The Governor Punjab said that only a year ago the number of students in this university had dropped to 13,000. Thanks to the effective and timely measures taken by the present Vice Chancellor, the number of male and female students has increased to 37,000 in a single year. He said that the present government is emphasizing on meritocracy and high standard

of education in universities. He also mentioned cotton research at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. The cotton crop is the backbone of the agricultural economy. The cotton varieties discovered by the Islamia University of Bahawalpur are being grown on more than 40% of the area and are very effective in climatic and geographical conditions. It may be mentioned that the Governor Punjab has praised the performance of the

Islamia University Bahawalpur in various forums even during Covid-19. He also appreciated the donation of more than Rs. 7 million in Corona Relief Funds by the University employees during Covid-19. He had commended the research activities of teachers and students, preparation of hand sanitizers, ventilators, plasma app for COVID patients, online educational activities and conducting of online examinations.



Governor Punjab Chaudhary Muhammad Sarwar exchanging views in a Morning Show

IUB and COMSTECH Decide to Collaborate for Promotion of Research in Life Sciences

Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur met with Prof. Dr. Iqbal Chaudhary, Coordinator General COMSTECH at the Secretariat of COMSTECH in Islamabad. COMSTECH is an abbreviation for the Organization of Islamic Cooperation’s (OIC) Standing Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation for the promotion and cooperation of science and technology activities among the OIC member states.



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor and Prof. Dr. Iqbal Chaudhary during a meeting at COMSTECH, Islamabad

IUB Scientists Join Top 2% Most Cited Scientists of the World Club

The three faculty members of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur have been included in the Stanford University’s list of World Top Most Cited Scientists. The report was prepared by Prof. John PA Loannidis at Stanford University

and his team. The US-based Stanford University has released a list that represents the top 2 % of the most-cited scientists in various disciplines. The exhaustive list has 1,59,683 persons with 3 scientists from the Islamia University of

Bahawalpur. The 03 faculty members included Dr. Zaheer Abbas and Dr. Ghulam Abbas from the Department of Mathematics and Dr. Muhammad Azhar Khan from Department of Physics. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice

Chancellor felicitated the faculty members on achieving excellence in research publications and said that this success depicts global vision of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur.



Dr. Muhammad Azhar Khan



Dr. Ghulam Abbas



Dr. Zaheer Abbas

Vice Chancellors of South Punjab Universities attend meeting to review Performance of Prime Minister's Citizens Portal

Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur has termed the Prime Minister's Citizen Portal, a great initiative bridging people

the Higher Education Commission on Prime Minister's Pakistan Citizens Portal at Bahauddin Zakariya University Multan. Other Vice Chancellors on this occasion

University Multan, Engr. Prof. Dr. Aamir Ejaz, Vice Chancellor, MNS UET Multan, Prof. Dr. Saiqa Imtiaz Asif, Vice Chancellor, Govt. Sadiq College Women University

Farman Ullah Anjum, Director General and Habib Ullah Nasir Deputy Director on this occasion briefed on various aspects of Prime Minister's Citizen Portal and said



Prof. Dr. Mansoor Akbar Kundi, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellors and HEC representatives addressing the workshop

with government functionaries to resolve their problems efficiently. He was exchanging these views during a workshop organized by

included Prof. Dr. Mansoor Akbar Kundi, Vice Chancellor, BZU Multan, Prof. Dr. Asif Ali Khan, Vice Chancellor, MNS Agriculture

Bahawalpur, Prof. Dr. Akhtar Ali, Vice Chancellor, NFC Institute of Engineering and Technology and focal persons. HEC representatives

that it has been working effectively in Universities resolving day to day issues of students.

International Seminar on Smog

Smog has become a global issue and individual and corrective efforts are required for this hazard. The government is doing all out efforts and will provide support to organizations creating awareness on controlling this problem. This was said by Shoaib Bukhari Secretary Planning and Development during an international seminar organized at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur on smog. He praised the timely step by the Vice Chancellor, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob bringing all stakeholders including academia, researchers, policy makers, industrialists and farmers on a platform to share thoughts on smog issue and suggest solutions to get rid of this havoc spoiling our environment, society and economy. Pro Vice Chancellor MNS Agriculture University Multan Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq Ahmed Rajwana briefed on smog precautionary measures and highlighted its effects on human health, agriculture, industry and overall economy. District Officer Environment Rafiq Ahmed highlighted government



initiatives reducing Smog level in the environment. Prof. Dr. Linadu from University of Albarta Canada talked about socio economic issues due to Smog emerging at global level during his online address. Dr. Abid Niaz Convener Climate Change Research Center discussed environmental challenges emerged because of smog. Prof. Dr. Anwar ul Haq from University

Faculty and students participating in awareness walk

of Agriculture Faisalabad said that carbon emissions from traffic, burning of coal, burning of crop remains in the agriculture fields are the main causes of smog. He also added that farmer burn their crops remain which damage salinity level of the soil reducing fertility. On this occasion Prof. Dr. Moazzam Jamil, Principal University College of Agriculture, Dr. Ghulam Hassan

Abbasi Chairman Environmental Sciences Department and Muhammad Abdullah of World Wild Fund also spoke on the topic and apprised the audience about various activities going on in the faculty of agriculture to propose suggestion to deal with problem of smog.



Speakers highlighting the hazards of smog

IUB Bus Service for Khairpur Tamiwali

Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur said that the university would provide all possible facilities for higher education to students from remote areas. Islamia University Bahawalpur has become the largest university in South Punjab where students from all over the country besides Bahawalpur Division are benefiting from higher education. By launching a special

bus service for the students of Khairpur Tamiwali, the University has brought higher education to their doorstep. Commissioner, Jamshed Akhtar DSP, Sumaira Malik, University Syndicate Member, Rao Shahid Mehmood, Rana Usman Ghani, Islam Zameer, Naseer Ahmed Nasir President Press Club Bahawalpur, Riaz Ahmed Baloch Press Club Bahawalpur and hundreds of citizens participated. The Vice Chancellor expressed

these views while addressing a function organized by students, citizens and dignitaries of the area at Khairpur Tamiwali on the occasion of launch of bus service. On this occasion, he said that it is the responsibility of the university to provide a conducive environment for teaching and research activities to the students. Provide safe and comfortable travel facilities for them. Students of Khairpur Tamiwali also deserve

to benefit from timely and useful service. 7 new buses and 2 coasters have been added to the University transport fleet and with the arrival of 4 buses soon this service will be extended to Hasilpur. He said that in the last one year, the university has achieved a prominent position in every field. The number of teachers has doubled and the number of students has increased from 13,000 to 37,000 in a short span of time. Work has started



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob Vice Chancellor, Islamia University of Bahawalpur inaugurating bus service for students of Khairpur Tamiwali

on development projects worth a record Rs. 8 billion in the history

of the university and development work on five mega projects will

Collaboration to Preserve Cholistani Flora and Fauna

Researchers of Cholistan Institute of Desert Studies (CIDS) visited the Sheikh Mohammad Bin Zayed Al-Nahyan Conservation Breeding Center (CBC). Houbara Foundation International (HFI) has established a Conservation Breeding Center at Lal Suhanra National Park, Bahawalpur to conserve the Biodiversity of Cholistan desert. As per vision of Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, there is a dire need to work jointly in public-private partnerships to alleviate the sufferings of poor inhabitants of Cholistan desert. The Director CIDS, Prof. Dr. Shazia Anjum

and HFI representative, Maj. (R) Tahir Majeed discussed on various research aspects that could help to achieve the goal to conserve the fauna and flora of Cholistan desert. It is planned to initiate a number of useful projects pertaining to the exploration and utilization of desert's genetic resources, as no credible benchmark of this type was already available. It was also emphasized to encourage collaborative research with other related departments of IUB to initiate a comprehensive research on Cholistani flora and fauna.



Team of researchers from Islamia University of Bahawalpur is visiting Sheikh Mohammed Bin Zayed Al Nahyan Center for Conservation and Breeding in Cholistan Desert

Punjab Information Technology Board Praises IUB E-Rozgar Center

The Punjab government has termed the establishment of e-Rozgar Center by Islamia University Bahawalpur as a commendable initiative. The e-Rozgar training program is an ideal project of the Punjab government with the help of more than 24,000 graduates got employment and completed business projects worth more than Rs. 350 million. The Punjab Information Technology Board appreciated the provision of building and infrastructure by Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur for setting up an e-Rozgar center in the university. The initiative will provide ample



Director IT Rizwan Majeed and Manager E-Rozgar Center Haroon Munir along with Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor

employment opportunities to the graduates of Bahawalpur and its surroundings and will also boost

business activities along with the promotion of information technology in Southern Punjab.

According to the vision of the Prime Minister of Pakistan and the Chief Minister of Punjab, the e-Rozgar program is an important step towards digital Pakistan. Under the e-Rozgar training program, Pakistan will achieve a leading position in the field of information technology globally. Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur lauded the performance of Director IT Rizwan Majeed and his team for playing a significant role in setting up the e-Rozgar center. He also appreciated the cooperation of the engineering department in this regard.

International Webinar on Role of Computer-Assisted Language Learning in the Post-COVID Era

The department of English Linguistics, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur organized a webinar on 'ELT and CALL Practices in Turkey and Pakistan'. The purpose of this seminar was to make and seek deliberations on ELT and CALL Practices in both the countries. Linguists from Pakistan and Turkey contributed their insights on traditional and modern ways of teaching language in native and non-native academic settings in the Digital Age. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob in his address, appreciated the

initiative of arranging a webinar for exploring newer ways and methods of teaching the language learners during pandemic days. Prof. Dr. Jawed Hassan Chandio, Dean Faculty of Arts and Languages also termed the activity as 'a fruitful labor' done by Dr. Riaz Hussain the webinar focal person and head of the department of English linguistics. He assured the organizing team of his support in conducting such events in future as well. Dr. Ali Karakas from Mehmet Akif Ersoy University,

Burdur, Turkey talked about shifts and changes in English language teaching paradigms. Dr. Galip Kartal from Necmettin Erbakan University, Konya, Turkey, talked about developing class room activities by using modern tools. Dr. Muhammad Asif from Ghazi University, DG Khan, briefed the audience about ELT Scene, ELT practices, language controversies and the need for the promotion of indigenized variety of English in Pakistan. Dr. Riaz Hussain, the webinar focal person, presented

a research paper on Computer-Assisted Language Learning (CALL) and its importance in the post-COVID era. Dr. Ishrat Hayat Malik, from the department of Software Engineering, the Islamia University, Bahawalpur, talked about CALL Platforms and intelligent software packages which can fix online English language teaching issues. Researchers and experts of ELT and practitioners of CALL also reflected on the talks and presentations of the speakers. Prof. Dr. Habibullah Pathan, Director ELDC, MUET,

Jamshoro, Sindh, extended his valuable comments on the presentations. He also appreciated the initiative taken for conducting the webinar at an appropriate time. Prof. Dr. Mamuna Ghani, former

Dean Faculty of Arts, IUB, the guest of honor, graced the occasion and congratulated the organizers on successfully conducting the moot. Dr. Riaz Hussain, webinar focal person, highlighted the

achieved outcomes of the webinar and thanked all the attending dignitaries, faculty members and students in Turkey and Pakistan for making the activity productive and fruitful. Students and teachers from

Pakistani and Turkish universities also participated virtually in this webinar.

Webinar on Role of E-Governance in Effective Public Service Delivery

In continuation of its webinar series, the Department of Political Science at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur organized a webinar session on the “Role of E-Governance in Effective Public Service Delivery”. In his inaugural remarks, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice-Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, appreciated the initiative of conducting a series of webinars by the Department of Political Science under the dynamic leadership of Prof. Dr. Syed Mussawar Hussain Bukhari, and pledged his utmost support for such initiatives. While welcoming and thanking the learned speakers, he stressed that E-Governance is the way forward necessitating concerted and integrated efforts by all quarters to reap the dividends of prosperity. Prof. Dr. Rashid

Aftab, Director, Riphah Institute of Public Policy, Riphah International University, Islamabad delivered a comprehensive presentation on “E-Governance: Prospects and Challenges for Pakistan’s Public Sector”. Ms. Ammara Durrani, Assistant Resident Representative/ Chief Development Policy Unit, UNDP Pakistan talked about the role of “E-Governance for Realizing the 2030 Sustainable Development Agenda (SDA)/ Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)”. She also highlighted the role of UN Agencies and UNDP in particular to this effect. Prof. Dr. Shafiqur-Rehman, the Vice-Chancellor University of Balochistan, shared his thoughts regarding “E-Governance and Delivery of Higher Education: Navigating towards a Knowledge-Based Economy



A view of Webinar on Role of E-Governance in Effective Public Service Delivery

Radio Pakistan Broadcasts Interview of Vice Chancellor IUB

Vice Chancellor of the Islamia University, Bahawalpur Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob said that under three year development plan eight billion rupees will be spent on the completion of different developmental and educational projects in the university. In an exclusive interview with Radio Pakistan Bahawalpur Correspondent Sajjad Parvez conducted for Radio Pakistan’s News and Current Affairs Channel’s Programme “Hot Line”, he said that under a comprehensive plan, this huge amount will be spent on the construction of five academic buildings, four hostels for male and female students, more than three hundred residential units for university staff, a dedicated auditorium and students service centers during the next three years. The executive producer of this exclusive interview was Muhammad Tariq Chaudhry. He told that over one thousand, two hundred and seventeen million rupees have been allocated for development purpose in university current financial year budget. He said university department of plant breeding and genetics had successfully evolved three new cotton varieties of IUB-13, IUB-222 and MM-58 while continuing its research and soon will evolve another cotton variety IUB-4 which will be resistant to the cotton diseases including white fly and prove a source for the increase in per acre yield of cotton in the country. He further stated that three hundred million rupees are being spent for the provision of state of the art furniture across the university. Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob

said that the number of faculties have been increased from six to thirteen and department have also been increased from forty eight to one hundred and twenty five. He said for the first time in the university history, a record number of over twelve thousand students have been enrolled during the current educational year. He said Islamia University is playing very instrumental role for the promotion and provision of

three million rupees through its own resources, two hundred and seventy three million rupees to over two thousand students under Prime Minister’s Ehsas Scholarship programme and scholarships worth sixty million rupees to eight hundred and ninety students under Higher Education Commission need based scholarships during the current financial year. He told that under an agreement with Pakistan Bait Ul Mal, scholarship

across the country, Similarly University has also prepared prototype of latest ventilator to be used for the treatment of COVID patients. He told that soon after his assuming the charge, he re-launched evening programmes in those disciplines which have been closed down some years ago so that more students can enroll in the university. He informed that for the first time in the Bahawalpur’s history, a three day Bahawalpur



Sajjad Parvez, Dy. Controller Radio Pakistan interviewing Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor

quality education at higher level through its five campuses situated in South Punjab’s three remote districts of Bahawalpur, Rahim Yar Khan and Bahawalnagar. He said that university is providing scholarships under various programs to the students including worth three hundred and eighty

worth twenty million rupees will be provided to two hundred students. He said university has also developed special Plasma App, which contains data of all patients who are willing to donate plasma to COVID patients keeping in view the importance of plasma for the treatment of COVID patients

Literary and Cultural Festival has been organized in March this year in university for the promotion of arts, culture, literature, and other fields of performing arts in the region which have been attended by galaxy of stars from various walks of life.

IUB Collaborates with SSUET Karachi for Green Campus Development

As a part of national plantation drive Plant for Pakistan. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur (IUB) has initiated collaboration with Sir Syed University of Engineering and Technology (SSUET), Karachi for plantation at two campuses, Gulshan-e-Iqbal Campus and New Campus at Karachi Education City.

This initiative is focused on green belts development over 200 acres of land. Under this initiative, a team comprising of three faculty members Dr. Muhammad Nafees, Dr. Muhammad Amin and Dr. Muhammad Ahsan from Department of Horticultural Sciences, visited both campuses of SSUET and

advised ornamental and fruiting trees along with land preparation, soil amendments and installation of high efficiency systems for controlled and surface irrigation to SSUET team. In pursuance of this visit, a memorandum of understanding will be signed between IUB and SSUET during the

coming few months and IUB team will provide technical support to SSUET in establishing the plant nursery, training of gardening team, landscape designing, orchard plantations and various other relevant aspects

Inauguration of Bus Service for Students of Ahmadpur East

The Islamia University of Bahawalpur has launched bus service for the students coming from Ahmadpur East. A function was organized by the people of Ahmadpur East to express their gratitude towards Vice-Chancellor the Islamia University of Bahawalpur Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob for taking this step to facilitate the students of the area. Addressing the function, Vice-Chancellor said that there were almost 1150 students from Ahmadpur East studying at the university including females and transportation was their serious problem. He said that the university was planning to establish sub-campus for students of Ahmadpur East and Uch Sharif. He said that students

of Ahmadpur East are brilliant and need more opportunities to excel. Vice-Chancellor told that 2100 students of the university got the scholarships of up to Rs. 192 million under Prime Minister, Ehsaas Scholarship Programme besides 200 students got scholarships from Pakistan Bait-ul-Maal. He further revealed that the number of students swelled from 13500 to 37000 during the last 18 months. Similarly, the number of teaching faculty was also increased from 550 to 900 including 345 PhD qualified teachers. Vice-Chancellor also told that university has found a place among the top 1100 universities of the world for the first time and the ranking will improve in coming years.



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor and dignitaries on the occasion of inauguration of the Bus Service

IUB Participates in UI Greenmetric World University Ranking

The Islamia University of Bahawalpur has been continuously contending for various global competitions, and so regularly achieving excellent standings among its partners, for last two years. After participating in Times Higher Education, World University Ranking, the university has participated in UI Greenmetric World University Ranking for the very first time, and got 642th position, in 2020 rankings. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur ranked on number 25 among 53 Pakistani university. In the ranking for year 2020, almost one thousand universities from 84 countries participated. The Islamia University has shown excellent performance and scored significantly in some areas, including Infrastructure, Transportation, Education and Research and Energy and Climate

Rank 2020	University	Country	Total Score	Setting & Infrastructure	Energy & Climate Change	Waste	Water	Transportation	Education & Research
642	Islamia University of Bahawalpur	Pakistan	4350	900	675	525	450	1050	750

Change. Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob congratulated all the academic and administrative staff of the university, and appreciated the efforts of Quality Enhancement Cell, in collection as well as submission of data for this international ranking. Prof. Dr. Saeed Ahmad Buzdar, Director QEC has said that university has started

a new journey under the leadership of Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, and university is rapidly getting global reputation and competing with the universities around the globe, The UI Greenmetric world university ranking collect the data regarding the current condition and policies related to Green Campus and Sustainability

in the Universities all over the world. This ranking is particularly focused to combating global climate change, energy and water conservation, waste recycling, and green transportation. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur is doing efforts to implement environmental friendly and sustainable policies and programs.

International Anti-Corruption Day

The Islamia University of Bahawalpur in collaboration with Higher Education Commission,

Higher Education Department, Government of Punjab and the National Accountability Bureau

(NAB) organized anti-corruption events online in compliance with Covid-19 safety measures. In

this connection, a ceremony was held at the Baghdad ul Jadeed campus. On this occasion, Engr.



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor and Muhammad Javed Khan Daultazai distributing certificates among position holder students

Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor and Muhammad Javed Khan Daultazai, Chairman, Chief Minister's Complaints Cell, District Bahawalpur presented certificates to the students. Focal Person Dr. Abdul Wajid Khan elaborated on the Urdu and English essay, poetry,

painting and poster competitions organized by Islamia University Bahawalpur. In English essay writing competition, Sidra Safdar won first position while Mohammad Shehzad won second position. Similarly, in Urdu essay writing competition, Tariq Aziz won first and Umar

Khan second while Muhammad Ayub won third position. In poetry competition held at Islamia University of Bahawalpur, Tariq Aziz won first and Umar Khan won second position. In the painting competitions, Hafsa Shehab won first, Amna Khan second and Mustafa

Zahid third position. In the poster competition, Muhammad Usman won first, Mawra Munawar second and Zeenat Mohsin third. Dr. Azhar Hussain Advisor Character Building Society informed about various events held during week long anti-corruption day celebrations.

Inauguration of Four New Buses

Commissioner Bahawalpur, Captain (R) Zafar Iqbal along with Vice Chancellor, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob inaugurated four new buses at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. Senior faculty members, officers, deans and a large number of students were present on this occasion. Commissioner Bahawalpur said that the Islamia University of Bahawalpur is a historical and major university of the region and under the leadership of Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the university is developing on a very fast pace. Much attention is being paid to the quality of education in the university and the university holds a prominent position nationally and globally. He said that increasing the number of students from 13,000 to 37,000 and doubling the number of faculty was

a great achievement which would prove to be a milestone in the field of higher education in the region. Commissioner Bahawalpur said that Islamia University Bahawalpur already has 58 buses which are providing services to students in all the campuses and now the addition of four buses will further improve the performance of the transport fleet. On this occasion, Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob said that university transport fleet is not only providing transport facilities to students from Bahawalpur, Rahim Yar Khan, Bahawalnagar city but now these facilities have been increased for the students of Lodhran, Yazman, Ahmadpur East, Khanqah Sharif, Khairpur Tamiwali and Lal Sohanra and the students are being provided with comfortable and quality travel facility. Commissioner Bahawalpur



Commissioner Bahawalpur Captain (R) Zafar Iqbal along with Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob inaugurating the new buses

highly appreciated the increase in travel facilities for male and female students and said that thanks to university transport, teachers, students and employees reach the university campuses on time and return to their homes,

especially for nearby cities, a great facility. On the occasion, Principal Transport Officer Prof. Dr. Muhammad Hussain Tahir gave a briefing on University Transport Service and bus routes.

IUB Launches Scholarships Schemes for Students

The Islamia University of Bahawalpur is one of the first university in the country where thousands of students are benefiting from various scholarship schemes given by the federal and provincial governments. Under the Prime Minister's Ehsas Scholarship Program, more than 2,100 students are receiving scholarships worth Rs 192 Million. Similarly, thousands of students are benefiting from higher education need based and provincial government's PEEF scholarships. This was stated by Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur while presiding over a review meeting on scholarships for students. The meeting was attended by Director Information Bahawalpur Riaz-ul-Haq Bhatti, Chairman Admission Committee Prof. Dr. Jawad Iqbal, President Press Club Bahawalpur Naseer Ahmed Nasir, Secretary General Press Club Riaz Ahmed Baloch, Director Financial Assistance Dr. Ghulam Hassan Abbasi, Director IT, Rizwan Majeed, Director Academic, Dr. Makshoof Ahmed and Director Press Media and Publications



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor presiding over the review meeting of scholarships

Shahzad Ahmed Khalid. It was informed in the meeting that more than 8000 students of Islamia University Bahawalpur are benefiting from various scholarship schemes. In the second phase of the Prime Minister's PEEF Scholarship, it is hoped that more than 5,000 students of Islamia University Bahawalpur will get benefit. And this will be the largest number of scholarship recipients in all universities. The MORA Scholarship from the Federal Ministry of

Religious Affairs is being revived for Islamia University Bahawalpur after a long period and more than 100 students will receive scholarships. Similarly, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur received 200 scholarships from Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal for the first time. An agreement will soon be reached with Punjab Bait-ul-Mal for the provision of scholarships. The British Council has also increased Scottish Scholarships for IUB female students, bringing the number of

scholarships under the scheme from 6 to 98. The Vice Chancellor directed the Directorate of Financial Assistance to take steps to obtain scholarships from the Bahawalpur Chamber of Commerce and Industry and other industrial and commercial organizations and welfare institutions. Efforts should also be made to provide maximum stipends to the children of journalists of Press Club and employees of Public Relations Department Bahawalpur.

Engineering Faculty Labs Equipped with State of the Art Machinery

Engr. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Amjad, Dean Faculty of Engineering Islamia University of Bahawalpur said that the latest machinery for testing and research at Engineering College has been received from Germany. This Equipment has been obtained on the directions

of Worthy Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob so-that state-of-the-art research facilities are available for use in teaching and research in Punjab Province in particular. The lab is equipped with 10 long flume to demonstrate and study the main phenomena

of open-channel flow, sediment transport channel, visualization of seepage flow, advanced hydrologic investigations, Hydraulic Benches, fluid machinery etc. The Fluid Mechanics Laboratory at the Department of Civil Engineering of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur

has a purpose to offer the opportunity of hands-on work and demonstrations for teaching and research in the fields of Hydraulic Engineering and Fluid Mechanics. The equipment is procured from the German Principal-GUNT. The capital cost of equipment is about



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor along with Dean Engineering Faculty and Treasurer inaugurating newly installed lab equipment

Rs. 65 million. The laboratory not only provides facilities for Civil Engineering students (BSc, MSc, PhD level and researchers) but also achieves potential requirement of Mechanical Engineering Program. Thus, the experiments in the Fluid Mechanics Laboratory provide an excellent opportunity for students to visualize and analyze the very same hydraulic phenomena they are studying in the classroom and will apply as practicing engineers. Engr.

Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob (T.I.), Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur inaugurated the state-of-the-art laboratory in the Department of Civil Engineering, Faculty of Engineering. Vice Chancellor said that this laboratory is a great addition to the Faculty of Engineering. He said that Bachelor, Master and M.Phil and PhD students in Civil and Mechanical Engineering will benefit from these devices. The latest equipment for this laboratory



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor visiting the laboratory

was imported from Germany. With the formation of laboratories, the engineering laboratories of Islamia University of Bahawalpur have been equipped with unique and modern machines of their kind all over the country. According to Prof. Dr. Muhammad Amjad, Dean, Faculty of Engineering, these equipment of worth Rs. 65 million contain practical training equipment for Hydraulic Engineering and Fluid Mechanics. Similarly, Flume, costing Rs. 10 million, will help students in research

on open channel flow, sediment transport, hydraulic and flow machinery. Dr. Akbar Malik, Head of Department of Civil Engineering, Dr. Shahab Ahmad Niazi, Chairman Electronics, Dr. Muhammad Ali Qureshi, Chairman Information and Telecommunication System, Dr. Muhammad Kashif, Chairman Computer System and faculty members of Civil Engineering Department and students were also present on the occasion.

Directorate of International Linkages sign MOU with International Institutions

The Islamia University has signed 5 MoUs with the International Academic Organizations and Universities. These include University of Technology Mara Malaysia, Chinese Academy of Sciences China, University Federal De Itajuba Brazil and Oxfam International UK. Director International Linkages IUB, Dr Abid Shahzad presented the MoUs to the Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr Athar Mahboob who appreciated the efforts of the directorate to uplift IUB at the International arena. Through newly signed MoUs, IUB will get benefits of



Dr. Abid Shahzad Director International Linkages IUB is presenting an MoU from Belarus State University to Engr. Prof. Dr. Ather Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur joint research ventures in the fields of Agriculture, Science and Technology. The Director told that the Directorate of International

Linkages is jointly working with the Directorate of IT for establishing a database for all MoUs signed by IUB since 1975, the inception of the university. The Directorate is also going to organize seminars on International scholarships for IUB graduates to facilitate maximum research scholars to go abroad for higher studies. The Directorate is launching a website to update all activities such as existing MoUs, seminars, international scholarships, student exchange and faculty exchange programmes on the website.

Vice Chancellor Visits Indus Hospital Karachi

Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob Vice, Chancellor, Islamia University of Bahawalpur visited Indus Hospital and Teaching Institute, Karachi. On this occasion, matters relevant to education in Medical Field and Allied Health Sciences were discussed with senior officials of Indus Hospital, Prof. Dr. Abdul Bari Khan, Chief Executive Officer, Hakim Shah, Principal, ICoNM and Dr. Naila Baig Ansari, Chair Indus Hospital and Research Center. The Vice Chancellor said that IUB is a leading University initiating new academic programs in emerging fields of Biotechnology, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Medical

Laboratory Technology, Physical Therapy, Human Diet and Nutrition, and Nursing. Both sides also discussed collaboration in teaching and research including joint research projects, faculty exchange, conferences and symposiums. Dr. Fazal Mehmood Khan, Director Health Education Project IUB was also present on the meeting.



Prof. Dr. Abdul Bari Khan Chief Executive Officer Indus Hospital Karachi presenting a souvenir to Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, Islamia University of Bahawalpur

Sir Syed Ahmad Khan Seminar

Sir Syed Ahmad Khan with his foresight and understanding guided the Muslims of the subcontinent on the path of knowledge and progress. These views were expressed by Syed Mahmud Asadullah, Head, Sir Syed Education, Civilization and Ethics Foundation, Lahore, at

the Islamia University, Bahawalpur, to the participants of a function held in honor of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan. The ceremony was presided over by Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. Malik Habibullah Bhutta was the

guest of honor on the occasion. Syed Mahmud Asadullah said that Islamia University Bahawalpur is a historical academic asset Under Vice Chacnellor's leadership, Islamia University Bahawalpur is making rapid progress. Today's youth have to follow in the

footsteps of their forefathers and follow the great Islamic values. It is the duty of the universities to give full attention to the education of the students as well as character building. Hazrat Muhammad (Peace be upon him) is a shining example for us. Following his



Syed Mahmud Asadullah presenting a portrait of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan to Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob

teachings, the Muslims achieved perfection in all sciences and arts. The establishment of the Muslim

League in 1906 was a decisive stage which gave political impetus to the political struggle of the Muslims

of the subcontinent in the form of the Pakistan. He said that through his foundation he was spreading the great intellectual legacy of Sir Syed Ahmad Khan to the people from village to village and city to city. The purpose of his life is to acquaint his people with the great and cultural heritage of the forefathers and to awaken their consciousness. He was very happy to know about the ongoing academic, literary and educational activities at Islamia University Bahawalpur and the dedication of the teachers and students here is commendable. Speaking on the occasion, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, Islamia University, Bahawalpur, said that Sir Syed Ahmad Khan laid the

foundation of Muhammadan Anglo Society. Undoubtedly, Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah termed Aligarh as an arsenal of Muslims of the subcontinent struggled for a free state and made it possible. The Nawabs of Bahawalpur State followed the same principles and founded Jamia Islamia which is a beacon of education and civilization. The Vice Chancellor thanked Mr. Mahmud Asadullah for visiting Bahawalpur especially Jamia Islamia and for attending the seminar. Additional Commissioner, Mahar Khalid, distinguished citizens and media representatives were also present in large number on the occasion.



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor along with the participants of the event

Vice Chancellor Visits PNS Shifa

Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob Vice Chancellor Islamia University of Bahawalpur visited the Pakistan Navy Station Shifa (PNS Shifa). On this occasion, Vice Chancellor exchanged views with Surge. Cdre. Abid Hussain Shah, Commandant PNS Shifa Hospital, Karachi. Both sides discussed various avenues of cooperation in the field of health and medical sciences including nursing and paramedics training. The Vice Chancellor also visited Pakistan Navy Medical Training

School and viewed teaching and training facilities besides having interaction with medical staff. Director IUB Health Education Project Dr. Fazal Mahmood Khan was also present during the visit. PNS Shifa is a medical hospital established in 1953. Pakistan Navy Nursing School was established in 1982 which produces female nursing cadets and trainee officers for Armed Forces Nursing Services.



Surge. Cdre. Abid Hussain Shah Commandant PNS Shifa Hospital Karachi presenting a shield to Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob

IUB Observes Birth Anniversary of Quaid e Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah

Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur said that the achievement of a separate Muslim

state on the world map was possible only with the golden principles of faith, unity and discipline of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah.

Quaid-e-Azam with his leadership skills and enthusiastic leadership brought the Muslims of India to an independent state which became

the destination of the Muslims of the subcontinent. He paid tribute to Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah who led the Muslims of South



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor along with senior faculty and dignitaries cutting the cake of Quaid e Azam's birth anniversary

Asia to a free and independent state. Pakistan is the fruit of the tireless efforts of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah. The real responsibility for its protection lies with the young generation

who can use their talents to create a high position in the world of Pakistan. Certificates were also distributed among the students of the societies for participating in various co-curricular activities.

Certificates were also distributed to the participants of the workshop held under the auspices of the Federal Ministry of Education and Broadcasting. On this occasion, a cheque of Rs. 1 lac was given to

a special student Hassan Anees which was announced by Governor Punjab and Chancellor Chaudhry Muhammad Sarwar during the last convocation of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur.

IUB and Memon Medical Institute to Collaborate in Allied Health Sciences

Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, Islamia University of Bahawalpur said that state of the art teaching, researches and training facilities are being setup in the University in the field of Medical and Allied Health Sciences. Due to rapid increase in population, the demand of health practitioners and medical care staff is increasing day by day in the country as well as globally. The Vice Chancellor expressed these views during his visit to Memon Medical Institute Hospital and Memon College of Nursing. The Vice Chancellor met with Brig. (R) Dr. Malik Waqar Ahmed Awan,

Chief Executive Officer Memon Medical Institute Hospital. He said that the Islamia University of Bahawalpur is one of the leading higher education institutions, currently expanding and including modern disciplines which have market demand and can produce quality human resource for local as well as international needs. He praised quality of education and infrastructure at Memon Medical Institute Hospital. Brig. (R) Dr. Malik Waqar Ahmed Awan said that MMIH is a 332-bed tertiary care hospital project and 100% donor funded project that aims to serve people regardless of their caste, creed,



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor the Islamia University of Bahawalpur presenting shield to Brig. (R) Dr. Malik Waqar Ahmad Awan, Chief Executive Officer, Memon Medical Institute Hospital Karachi

color, religion or ability to pay. It has a Patients' Welfare Program to support the needy. The hospital has a Nursing School, Medical College and Research Institute. On this occasion Dr. Fazal Mahmood Khan,

Director Health Education Project IUB and officials of Memon Health and Education Foundation Dr. Muhammad Muzaffer Uddin and Khawaja Ashraf Hussain were also present.

Inauguration Ceremony of the Project Cut-Flower and Vegetable Production, Research and Training Cell

Inauguration ceremony of the Project Cut-Flower and Vegetable Production, Research and Training Cell was held at Baghdad ul Jadeed Campus, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor inaugurated the project along with Mr. Tanveer Mehmood Chaudhary, President Bahawalpur Chamber of Commerce and Industry who graced the occasion as guest of honor. The project aims at establishing an independent, self-sustained and revenue generating cut-flower and vegetable production cell. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob in his address on this occasion said that the project will produce the superior quality vegetables and cut flowers generating revenue for the university. Under this project, a self-sustained facility for research and capacity building will also be established making the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, a leading institution providing skilled manpower as country direly needs trained human resource and entrepreneurs for sustainable economy and self-reliance at national level. He further added that under this project we will



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor along with Mr. Tanveer Mehmood Chaudhary, President Bahawalpur Chamber of Commerce and Industry inaugurating the Project Cut-Flower and Vegetable Production, Research and Training Cell

also produce mushrooms on commercial scale along with export grade herbs and Bahawalpur Chamber of Commerce and Industry will play a role of partner utilizing technical skills through investments and business ventures. On this occasion, a display of oyster and button mushrooms and herbs produced in-house also

attracted the participants. Project Director Dr Rashid Shaheen gave a detailed briefing on this occasion thanking the Vice Chancellor for patronizing and supporting the first ever project in the university's history harnessing the skills and building capacity of faculty , researchers and students. Prof. Dr. Moazzam Jameel, Registrar,

Prof Dr. Muhammad Iqbal, Director Research, Afzaal Ahmed Director Planning and Development, Fazal Mehmood Khan, Director Health Education Project, Dr. Asif Naveed Ranjha, faculty members and students were present.



Tree Plantation and display of Mashroom products

Certificate Awarding Ceremony for IUB Students Societies

The one-year term of the Student Societies at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur has come to an end. Commissioner Bahawalpur Captain (R) Zafar Iqbal was the chief guest on the occasion. He along with Vice Chancellor, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob distributed certificates among the advisors, presidents, general secretaries and more than 150 executive members of the societies. Last year, Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, directed for the establishment of a Student Society to bring the curriculum and co-curricular activities of students at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, to the world stage. These societies include Debating Society, Performing Arts, Qiraat and Naat, Media, Literary, Sports, Science, Environmental Protection, Fine Arts, Publication and Character-Building Society. These societies organized various events and competitions during the year and the students participated in them in large numbers, which honed their talents, highlighted their leadership skills and led them to national and international forums. Commissioner Bahawalpur highly appreciated the initiative of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. It was informed on this occasion that the students of these societies organized the first International Level Bahawalpur



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor and Commissioner Bahawalpur Capt. (R) Zafar Iqbal of distributing certificates to students

Literary and Cultural Festival under the supervision of their advisors and co advisors and also the first trade fair in the history of Bahawalpur in collaboration with Tourism Development corporation Punjab and Bahawalpur Chamber of Commerce and Industry. It was held at Fort Derawar and for the first time the industrial products and handicrafts of Bahawalpur and the research product of the

university were presented to thousands of national and foreign tourists. They also participated in various programs and inter-university programs on the media channel and in various international competitions organized by the Department of Higher Education. On this occasion, Prof. Dr. Tanveer Hussain, Director Student Affairs and Chairman Student Societies said that the number of societies

has been increased to 17 on the direction of the Vice Chancellor, they will be selected after the successful completion and will include new students for next year. They will be trained on the lines on national ideology and they have fulfilled their responsibilities. Dr. Azhar Hussain Advisor Student Societies also addressed on the occasion.

High Density Fruit Orchard

Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur inaugurated the high and ultrahigh density orchard of mangoes commercial cultivars of Chounsa, Dushari, Sindhari, Anwar ratool, Citrus Kinnow, Fruiter Grapefruit, Lemons and Date Palm). In high density orchard, there will be 700 to 800 plants per acre, while 1200 plants will be adjusted in ultrahigh density orchard. Between rows of plants soft fruits like strawberry will be planted for early income to the University. Fruits of these plants will be sold directly to national or international business firms to purchase the produce of this project. Production technology will be standardized according to the agro-climatic condition of this region. Students will be involved in R&D activities. Faculty of Department of Horticulture will be engaged in research activities through this project. In the second phase of this project Processing unit of fruit plants will be installed for value addition of the produce to address malnutrition and food security issues of the region.



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor and Dr. Moazzam Jameel, Registrar inaugurating fruits orchard

Training Session on Blended Learning

A training session on blended learning was conducted jointly by Quality Enhancement Cell, Directorate of IT and Directorate of Academics in various faculties, colleges and departments in Bahawalpur campuses as well as Bahawalnagar Campus of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. Quality Enhancement Cell mainly conducted these training workshops for master trainer on blended learning. Master trainers will later conduct the same workshops for other faculty members. Prof. Dr Saeed Ahmad Buzdar, Director QEC conducted workshop on Blended

Learning and Flipped Classrooms, Moodle LMS and other related technologies. Other trainers highlighted the importance of transmission to blended learning and need of the time to culture the latest tools in classrooms and online teaching for more betterment in higher education. It is important to mention that Quality Enhancement Cell on direction of Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor is organizing these need based training workshops for the Faculty member amid the existing situations of COVID-19.



Participant of the training session on blended learning

First Farmer's Convention

Federal Minister for Food Security and Research Syed Fakhar Imam said that development of agriculture sector is one of the priorities of the present government and policy formulation is being formulated for this purpose. Which can play an important role in prosperity development of agricultural sector, increase in productivity, preparation of hybrid seeds is possible through research conducted in universities. Vice Chancellor Islamia University Bahawalpur Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor Agricultural University Multan Prof. Dr. Rao Asif Ali Khan, Mian Najeeb-ud-Din Owaisi, MNA, Secretary Agriculture South Punjab Saqib Ali Atil, Director Research Islamia University Bahawalpur were present on the occasion. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal, Sumaira Malik Member Syndicate, Heads of various agricultural research institutions, more than 300 farmers, researchers and students from four tehsils of Bahawalpur attended the convention. The Federal Minister said that it was a great pleasure to visit Jamia Islamia the Islamia University of Bahawalpur for the second time and to participate in the program organized for the farmers. 73 year history of agriculture has gone through various difficult stages of development. Self-sufficiency in food is still an important issue. Pakistan main challenge is to give farmers access to hybrid seeds, just as hybrid maize seeds have doubled yields. It is impotent to make sure that hybrid seeds, which only

the goal of self-sufficiency is still a long to go. We need a breakthrough in the field of agriculture through hybrid seeds and this breakthrough is possible with the hard work of scientists like Dr. Muhammad Iqbal Bandisha in university laboratories. He appreciated the efforts of Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob Vice Chancellor in organizing

Punjab Mr. Saqib Ali Atil said that the Farmers Convention of Islamia University Bahawalpur is welcome for the development of South Punjab. All stakeholders will discuss agricultural issues together. He said that the three divisions of South Punjab, Multan, Dera Ghazi Khan and Bahawalpur have separate agricultural problems.

Tanveer Mehmood said that the government should encourage national and international agencies for the supply of quality seeds and hybrid seeds and ensure supply to the farmers. Director General Agriculture Extension Punjab Dr. Anjum Ali Buttar said that for procurement and self-sufficiency of 20 million tonnes of wheat, we



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor presenting a shield to Syed Fakhar Imam Federal Minister for Food Security and Research

the Farmers Convention. Vice Chancellor said that the purpose of the Farmers Convention is to bring policy makers, researchers, people associated with agro-industry and farmers on one platform so that joint efforts can be made for agricultural development. He thanked other dignitaries

For example, research has shown that mango orchards in Multan are declining due to depletion of ground-level pH. Efforts are being made to make agricultural officers and their offices accessible to ordinary farmers. Steps are being taken to provide bio-pesticides and efforts are being made to grow

have to face the weather conditions and support the farmer for good production. Nasrullah Khan Farm Management Fatima Fertilizers, Khalid Mehmood Khokhar, President Kisan Ittehad and Asif Majeed Chairman Evyol Group also addressed the gathering. Earlier, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal



Federal Minister for Food Security and Research Syed Fakhar Imam and other speakers addressing the Farmer's Convention

come from developed countries and multinational companies, are developed by agricultural research institutes themselves. The second major challenge for agriculture is the extraordinary climate and climate change. That is why the present government under the leadership of Prime Minister Imran Khan is focusing on growing trees and increasing the forest cover. The cotton crop, which reached 14 million bales in 1995 and is now in a dramatic decline. The total area under wheat is 22 million acres, but

for coming to the university and attending the convention. Prof. Dr. Rao Asif Ali Khan, Vice Chancellor, Agricultural University, Multan, said that training and prosperity of the farmers along modern lines is essential to achieve the goal of food security. In the current situation, Islamia University Bahawalpur deserves congratulations on holding the Farmers Convention. In addition to the agricultural problems of the farmers, attention to the solution of social problems is also essential. Secretary South

fruits through modern cultivation methods. Dr. Khalid Abdullah, Cotton Commissioner said that the agricultural area of cotton has been reduced from 3.2 million hectares to 2.4 million hectares. We strive to bring the mechanical masonry of cotton and the number of plants per acre from 18,000 to 50,000 plants and to meet the environmental challenges. for which Islamia University Bahawalpur is doing the best job. President Bahawalpur Chamber of Commerce and Industry Chaudhry

thanked the Federal Minister Syed Fakhar Imam, Vice Chancellors, senior officers and researchers for coming to Jamia Islamia and attending the Farmers Convention and said that this initiative brought all the stakeholders together. On the occasion of Kisan Convention, agricultural research institutes, pharmaceutical companies, departments of Agricultural Faculty also organized an exhibition where information on agricultural research was provided to the farmers.



Mehfil-e-Kaafi

A Mehfil-e-Kaafi was organized at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur on the occasion of Hazrat Khawaja Ghulam Farid (RA) seminar. Renowned regional artists and university students presented the Kalam-e-Farid with great devotion. On this occasion Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, Khawaja Moin-ud-Din Mehboob Koreja, Sajjada

Nasheen, Darbar Hazrat Khawaja Ghulam Farid (RA), Dr. Shehzad Qaiser, (Sitara e Imtiaz), Retired Federal Secretary, Dr. Anwaar Ahmed Former Dean Faculty of Languages, Bahauddin Zakariya University Multan, Prof. Dr. Javed Hassan Chandio, Dean Faculty of Arts and Languages and Director Gulam Khawaja Farid Chair, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, Khawaja Rawal Moin Koreja,

Wali-Ehd Darbar Hazrat Khawaja Ghulam Farid, eminent scholar Syed Bilal Qutab, eminent writer and former parliamentarian Syed Tabish Alwari, Mujahid Jatoti Writer and Scholar, Dr. Nasrullah Khan Nasir, Renowned Glummet Naeem Masood, Dr. Shahid Hassan Rizvi, Riaz-ul-Haq Bhatti Director Information Bahawalpur, Zahoor Ahmad Dhareja and Malik Khuda Yar Channar, eminent writers,

teachers, students and a large number of citizens participated and enjoyed the Kalame-Farid. Directorate of Alumni and Senior Tutor and Advisor IUB Performing Arts Society Prof. Dr. Abdul Wajid Khan thanked the Vice Chancellor and distinguished guests for attending the ceremony.



Mohan Bhagat presenting Kalame Farid (Kaafi)

خواجہ غلام فرید

سیمینار

دی اسلامیہ یونیورسٹی



Moon Shakhawat, Amna Nazar, Maham Tahir, Orangzeb and Jameel Parwana performing in Kafi Night



Organizing team of Khawaja Ghulam Farid Seminar along with Khawaja Rawal Moin Koreja

Khawaja Ghulam Farid (RA) Seminar

A grand seminar was organized by the Islamia University of Bahawalpur to convey the message of religion, spirituality and peace and love of the great Sufi poet Hazrat Khawaja Ghulam Farid (RA) to the new generation. The seminar was presided over by Khawaja Moin-ud-Din Mehboob Koreja, Sajjada Nasheen Darbar Hazrat Khawaja Ghulam Farid (RA). The special guest was Prof. Dr. Yousuf Khushk, Chairman National Academy of Letters, Dr. Shehzad Qaiser (Sitara e Imtiaz) Retired Federal Secretary, Dr. Anwaar Ahmed Former Dean Faculty of Languages, Bahauddin Zakariya University Multan, Naeem Masood Senior Columnist, Prof. Dr. Javed Hassan Chandio, Dean Faculty of

Arts and Languages and Director Khawaja Farid Chair IUB, Khawaja Rawal Moin Koreja, Wali-Ehd Darbar Hazrat Khawaja Ghulam Farid (RA), eminent scholar Syed Bilal Qutab, eminent writer and former parliamentarian Syed Tabish Alwari, Mujahid Jatoti writer and scholar, Dr. Nasrullah Khan Nasir, Dr. Shahid Hassan Rizvi, Riaz-ul-Haq Bhatti Director Information Bahawalpur, Zahoor Ahmad Dhareja and Malik Khuda Yar Channar addressed the gathering. The host of the function, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur said that the message of Hazrat Khawaja Ghulam Farid (RA) was a source of guidance and a destination for the lost. This great spiritual

leader, while performing his duty of leading religion, civilization and culture, taught the people to love their land and nationality. His words were so influential that they spread beyond the borders of Waseb to the corners of the world. His poetry of one and a half hundred years ago is still ruling the hearts and there is an urgent need to spread the usefulness of this message all over the world through effective communication. The Vice Chancellor further said that through Khawaja Ghulam Farid Chair national and international conferences will be held on Fikr-e-Farid and the scope of research will be widened. Khawaja Moin-ud-Din Mehboob Koreja welcomed the holding of the seminar at Islamia

University Bahawalpur after 22 years and congratulated the Vice Chancellor, Islamia University Bahawalpur and faculty. Prof. Dr. Yousuf Khushk, Chairman National Academy of Letters, emphasized on spreading the universal message of Khawaja Ghulam Farid (RA) globally and multi-faceted research activities. Prof. Dr. Javed Hassan Chandio, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Languages and Director, Khawaja Farid Chair, said that under the Khawaja Farid Chair, literary and research activities would be promoted and works would be published. The event was attended by a large number of scholars, writers, researchers, media and civil society representatives from across the country.



Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor presenting Seminar shield to Yousuf Khushk Chairman Urdu Academy Board, Ms. Sumaira Malik, Mr. Mujahid Jatoti and Mr. Syed Tabish Alwari



Syed Bilal Qutab Delivering Address



Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor presenting Seminar shield to Dr. Anwaar Ahmad, Mr. Shafqat Malik, Mr. Sajjad Pervez, Mr. Naseer Nasir



A view of audience in the Main auditorium

IUB and IBA Sukkur Join Hands to Promote Business Education

The Islamia University of Bahawalpur signed a memorandum of understanding with Sukkur IBA University to collaborate in academia and research at Sukkur. A delegation led by Vice Chancellor, Islamia University Bahawalpur,

management and were briefed about the initiatives taken by Sukkur IBA University by Prof. Dr. Sher Muhammad Daudpota, Director, Quality Enhancement Cell. Presenting a welcome note, Registrar, Sukkur IBA University,



Group photo of IUB delegation with IBA Sukkur administration

Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor visited Sukkur IBA University to participate in the ceremony. The venerated guests were received by the university

Engr. Zahid Hussain Khand said that universities do not compete but collaborate with each other to promote quality education and play their role in the



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Registrar, Sukkur IBA University, Engr. Zahid Hussain Khand exchanging MOU documents

socioeconomic development of a country. The world has learned it from the pandemic that physical or face to face process has been replaced by digital technologies and universities. Addressing the ceremony, Vice Chancellor, Islamia University Bahawalpur, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob commended the initiatives taken by Sukkur IBA University and said that Islamia

University Bahawalpur is working on an expansion model and has also been serving as an examining body for educational institutes in Bahawalpur. The delegation visited campus facilities and were also given a tour of Lansdowne Bridge Sukkur as a gesture of hospitality.

Bahawalpur Press Cub Offers Lifetime Membership to Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob

Bahawalpur Press Club offered lifetime membership to Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. A special ceremony was held in this regard at Press Club. Additional Commissioner Mehr Khalid Ahmed, Sumera Malik Spokesperson Punjab Government and Member Syndicate IUB, President Press Club Naseer Ahmad Nasir, Islam Zameer, Shahid Akhtar Baloch, Razish Liaquat Puri, Osama Abbasi, Mahmood Zaheer, Anwar Grewal, Athar Farooq Awan, members of the Executive Body and a large numbers of journalists were present on this occasion. Vice Chancellor in his address said that the University is working closely with the Press Club for the professional development of journalists. In this regard, a memorandum of understanding was signed between the two institutions which resulted in training workshops for journalists of Bahawalpur Division. Similarly, the university announced scholarships for the children of journalists. He thanked the



Members of Bahawalpur Press Club presenting lifetime membership to Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob

President Press Club and members for the lifetime membership. Additional Commissioner Mehr Khalid Ahmed said that the role of Bahawalpur Press Club is very important in highlighting the problems of the society and he assured full cooperation from the management. In her address, Sumaira Malik appreciated the training programs and scholarships for journalists provided by the

Islamia University of Bahawalpur. She said that she was in touch with government circles for setting up a colony for journalists. President Press Club Bahawalpur Naseer Ahmad Nasir thanked the Vice Chancellor, Additional Commissioner and other guests. He said that during his tenure he had established exemplary relations with the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, Chamber of

Commerce and Industry and other stakeholders and promoted positive and professional journalism. Expansion and renovation of Press Club and full attention was also paid to development work. The establishment of Sadiq Library Corner is a perfect example in this regard. After the ceremony, the Vice Chancellor of Islamia University Bahawalpur inaugurated the Sadiq Library.

Secretary Agriculture visits IUB Agriculture Faculty

Secretary Agriculture, South Punjab, Saqib Ali Ateel visited the Department of Plant Breeding and Genetics, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal, briefed about the research activities on cotton crop in the Department of Plant Breeding and Genetics as cotton is not just a crop but an industry in itself, ultimately sustaining the development of the country. He told that, we are emphasizing on bringing the genetic tolerance against white fly, pink boll worm, CLCV and salt effected soils. During presentation, he mentioned that soon IUB will get success in developing a CLCV and white fly tolerant variety within one year



A view of field trip by secretary Agriculture South Punjab

and demonstration trails will be conducted at farmer field next year. Secretary Agriculture Saqib Ali Ateel took keen observation along with his team in new cotton variety IUB-4 where white fly was managed without using chemicals. He observed and discussed about

lab facilities and research project carried out in Molecular Breeding lab of PBG and Microbiology lab of Soil science. Later on presentation was given on challenges on the revival of cotton in Punjab. During presentation it was discussed that federal department of

plant protection has to hunt the chemical for the control of white fly from multinational companies as white fly is damaging the cotton crop from last five years. During discussion it was proposed that entomological team Punjab should formulate strategy for white fly

management on the basis of their experiments. Secretary Agriculture highly appreciated that research activities of the department of PBG for revival of cotton in Punjab and suggested to collaborate with departments and other agricultural universities for achieving the goals.

QEC Training Session at Bahawalnagar Campus

Quality Enhancement Cell, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, conducted a training workshop for master trainer on blended learning. Dr. Saeed Ahmad Buzdar, master

trainer conducted workshop for IUB-Bahawalnagar Campus faculty members on “Blended Learning and Flipped Classrooms, Moodle LMS and other related technologies.

Acting, Director Campus, Dr. Rafaquat Ali highlighted the importance of transmission to Blended Learning and need of the time to culture the latest tools in

classrooms and online teaching for more betterment in higher education.

Multi Cropping Agricultural Techniques



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor along with Prof. Dr. Shazia Anjum and faculty members

The Cholistan Institute of Desert Studies, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur has successfully established multi-cropping system of “sesame (till) and jujube (Ber)” under drip and sprinkler irrigation method powered by solar energy in sandy alkaline soil. Dr. Muhammad Shahid Rizwan is working on project funded by the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan on diversifying the cropping system of Cholistan by integrating soil and water management practices. The Cholistan is a vast sandy desert spread over about 26,000 Square Kilometers. The sandy alkaline natured soil, harsh weather, heat and drought stress, underground saline water, and low organic matter are the main environmental

problems of Cholistan and limiting agricultural production in this region. Food security has a major issue due to continuous increase in population. During 2020, about 2.748 million tons edible oil of value Rs 321.535 billion was imported. While, our local production of edible oil during 2019-20 was estimated at 0.507 million tonnes. Total availability of edible oil from all sources is provisionally estimated at 3.255 million tonnes. There is a dire need to conserve sandy textural soils by adopting various socio-economical soil conservation techniques to get maximum income by cultivation of drought and salinity tolerant crops and plants species that will definitely contribute towards

improvement of living standard and income of Southern Punjab. Sesame is survivor crop with ability to drought-tolerant and disease

water saving techniques and irrigation management practices we can produce better oil seeds and agronomic crops with fruits culture to fulfill the country food demands that are less water demanding or able to withstand deficit irrigation with minimum impact on crops-plants yield and quality under desert environment. So, cultivation in barren desert lands may contribute to meet country’s requirement by reducing pressure on imports. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor and Director Cholistan Institute of Desert Studies Prof. Dr. Shazia Anjum appreciated and encouraged the scientists for adaptation and launching of market based practical technology and briefly explained that such type of innovative projects and research



A view of solar system supported modern irrigation techniques

resistant and having ability to grow and provided high yield where most crops fails. Dr. Muhammad Shahid told that by utilizing innovative

activities facilitating the farmers of Southern Punjab.

IUB Students Win Bahawalpur Triathlon Competition

Bahawalpur Triathlon Competition 2020 was organized by Pakistan Army. The students team of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur participated in competition under supervision of Dr. Azhar Hussain, Advisor IUB Student Society. Hafiz Marjan Haider and Aqib Razzaq got 2nd position and won Thirty thousand cash prize in University/ College Category. Pak Army gifted cycles to all 8 participants of IUB. Overall, 350 athletes participated in the event from the whole country. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur felicitated the university students participated and won prizes in the event.



Group photo of Triathlon Team

Summit on Road to Entrepreneurship

Executive Training Centre in collaboration with Department of Entrepreneurship and Innovation, Institute of Business Management and Administrative Sciences Islamia University of Bahawalpur organized a summit - Road to Entrepreneurship - in the Main Auditorium. This summit was

held to inculcate leadership and entrepreneurial skills of students. Prof. Dr. Jawad Iqbal, Dean Management Sciences Faculty presided the event and briefed on IUB Institute of Management curricular and co-curricular activities making it one of the best management institute in the

country. Well known personalities and entrepreneurs were invited for a talk in the summit. The speakers included Murshad Masud Qazi, Entrepreneur, Founder of Clay Handi, USA, Shahid Hussain Joiya, Entrepreneurship Coach, YouTuber, Usman Chughtai eCommerce Expert, Ch. Tanveer Mehmood

President, Bahawalpur Chamber of Commerce and Industry and Abdullah Mustafa, Manager, Marketing and Professional Development, IBA Centre of Entrepreneurship, Karachi.



Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Prof. Dr. Jawad Iqbal and faculty members at the training organized by Executive Training Center School of Business Management and Administrative Sciences

Addition of a Gym in the University Sports Complex

Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob inaugurated newly renovated and upgraded facilities of sports complex at Baghdad ul Jadeed Campus. On this occasion he said that with establishing state of the art indoor and outdoor Sports facilities and vinyl flooring and addition of a gym equipped with modern exercise machines, the university sports complex has become one of the best sports facilities in Southern Punjab. Cricket stadium has been setup with 1st class cricket facilities. Director Sports Amjad Farooq Waraich apprised that both girls and boys students each have sports facilities including table tennis, tennis, badminton, Valley ball, basketball, cricket, squash and many others sports in the sports complex.



Opening of a gym at Sports Complex

Local Philanthropist sends Tractors for Land Leveling at Rahim Yar Khan Campus



Visit of Mr. Farooq Waraich to IUB RYK Campus and provision of tractors for land leveling

A renowned local social figure and philanthropist Farooq Waraich visited IUB RYK Campus, he praised record admissions in the campus, efforts of the Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob for campus development and termed this institution significant for educational development of district Rahim Yar Khan. He was briefed about curricular and co-curricular activities by Campus Coordinator Umair Ashraf. On this occasion, he offered his support for developing play grounds to start sports activities in the campus. Later, Mr. Farooq Waraich sent 8 tractors to campus to level grounds.

Selection Board Meetings

Selection Board of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur interviewed 173 candidates for post of assistant professors in various departments. Four day meeting of the selection board was held at Baghdad ul Jadeed Campus. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor chaired the meeting while members included Prof. Dr. Zakaria Zakar, Vice Chancellor, University of Okara, Dr. Shehzad Qaiser retired Federal Secretary, Prof. Dr.

Hameed Raza Siddiqui, Prof. Dr. Muazzam Jameel, Registrar, Deans and subject experts. Departments included Agronomy, Entomology, Food Science and Technology, Plant Breeding and Genetics, Plant Pathology, Soil and Environmental Sciences, Forestry Range and Wildlife Management, Civil Engineering, Arabic, Chemistry, Biochemistry, Biotechnology, Physics, Islamic Studies, Modern Center of Excellence Islamic Studies, Mathematics, Education

and Educational Training. Associate Professor for Department of Food Technology was interviewed. The board also interviewed for the post of Additional Registrar, Deputy Registrar, Deputy Controller and Deputy Treasurer. Another Selection board of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur interviewed more than 100 candidates for post of Additional Controller of Examination, Assistant Registrar and Assistant Controller Examination. Two day

meeting of the selection board was held at Baghdad ul Jadeed Campus. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor chaired the meeting while members included Prof. Dr. Zakaria Zakar, Vice Chancellor, University of Okara, Dr. Shehzad Qaiser retired Federal Secretary, Prof. Dr. Hameed Raza Siddiqui, Syed Ibne Abbas, Member of Punjab Service Commission and Prof. Dr. Muazzam Jameel, Registrar.



A view of selection board meeting

Women in Physics Webinar

A webinar was held on the topic of “Women in Physics” in the Institute of Physics, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur under the chair of Prof. Dr. Saeed Ahmad Buzdar. Prof. Dr. Irene Georgakoudi from Tufts University, USA , Prof. Dr. Cristina Karachi from University of Sao Paulo, Brazil, and Prof. Dr. Talat Rahman from university of Central Florida, USA were the guest speakers. Dr. Aalia Nazir Assistant Professor, Dr. Zahida Batool, Assistant professor and Dr. Hafeez Ullah, Associate professor

were the organizers of the webinar. A large number of students and research scholar joined the event through zoom. The role of women in STEM and particularly in Physics was discussed, and ideas were presented to add more fascination and comfort to fill the gender gap, both in studies as well as career, in STEM. The webinar ended with the vote of thanks by Dr. Hafeez Ullah, Associate Professor of Physics and closing remarks by Dr. Zahida Batool.



A view of webinar on Women in Physics

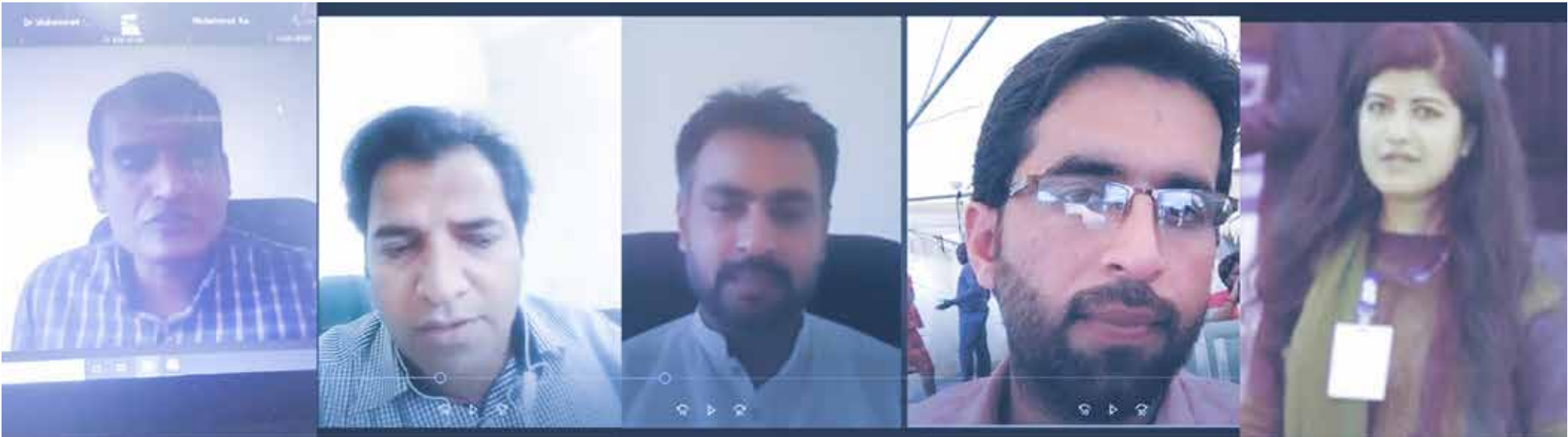
Webinar on Project Management in Covid-19

Department of Project and Operations Management organized a webinar on Challenges and Opportunities in Project and Operations Management, Shahid Kaleem Supply Chain Specialist

from United Nations presented his speech regarding current situation of covid-19 and role of supply chain management. The team of project and operation management department including head of

department Dr. Muhammad Shafiq who said that under the supervision of Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob and Dean Faculty of Management Sciences Prof. Dr. Jawad Iqbal, the department will

be able to produce the best human resources for projects in Southern Punjab as well as for the country.



Participants of webinar on Project Management

Art Display on Kashmir Black Day

Faculty and students of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur observed Kashmir Black Day expressing solidarity with suppressed people of Kashmir who are struggling for their freedom since many decades. On direction of Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor seminars were held in the university campuses

where speakers highlighted the Kashmiri Freedom Movement and condemned brutal occupation of Indian forces. On 27th October 1947, Indian forces landed illegally in Kashmir and occupied the valley against the will of Kashmiri people and this day is marked as black day by Kashmiris living in all parts of

the world. Pakistan has always supported struggle of Kashmiri people and raised voice for their right of plebiscite at every forum including United Nations. Faculty and students of College of Art and Design organized art display at Hakra Art Gallery to highlight Kashmiri freedom movement and

violation of human rights in the valley. The artists in impressive manner displayed struggle and sacrifice of Kashmiri people through various mediums of art including painting, sculpture, calligraphy and miniature.



Art display highlighting Kashmir conflict at Hakra Art Gallery

Seminar on Teaching of Persian Language

A seminar on importance of Persian teaching was organized by the Department of Persian Language and Literature, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur at the Islamic Learning Faculty Auditorium. Prof. Dr. Sheikh Shafiq ur Rehman, Dean, Faculty of Islamic Learning presided over the event. Chief guest was Syed Tabish Alwari, distinguished parliamentarian, poet and writer, while Prof. Dr. Shahid Hassan Rizvi, former chairman, Department of History, Islamia University, Prof. Qudratullah Shehzad, former Chairman of Urdu Department Sadiq Public School and Mujahid Jatoti, scholar and expert of Faridiaat. The ceremony started with the recitation of Holy Quran by Hafiz Muzammil Shabbir and naat was presented by Hafiza Einab Rasheed. Dr. Ismat Durrani, Chairperson, Department of

Persian, in her welcome address, specially thanked the Vice Chancellor, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob for his patronage of the Department of Persian. While stating the importance of Persian language, the origins of social, scientific, and cultural civilization and history and their sources are in Persian language only, especially all the histories of Bahawalpur state official correspondence and documents are in Persian language without which it is difficult to understand the history of the state. He suggested holding Persian workshops for Urdu teachers to understand Persian. Mujahid Jatoti told about Saraiki language and especially the Persian books of Khawaja Ghulam Farid (RA) and the Persian found in his poetry. Dr. Shahid Hassan Rizvi's dissertation was titled "The Need of Persian, in the Context of History". The Chief



Renowned scholar Mujahid Jatoti addressing the seminar while Syed Tabish Alwari and Dean Faculty of Islamic Learning were also present

guest Syed Tabish Alwari gave an insight into various subjects under the title of "Persian and We" and various fields of life. He highlighted the importance of Persian, and gave many valuable suggestions, including recommendations for the Persian language courses and a translation center at the university.

Prof. Dr. Sheikh Shafiq-ur-Rehman, Dean of Islamic Learning delivered a presidential address and congratulated the department for organizing the event. At the end, chief guest Syed Tabish Alwari presented honorary shields to the speakers.

Delegation of the Punjab University Visits IUB

Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur said that the teachers of mass communication should play their positive role to further improve the performance of media in Pakistan. He was talking to delegation from Institute of Communication Studies, University of the Punjab, Lahore, headed by Prof. Dr. Bushra H. Rehman and other members of Media Teachers Association. The Vice Chancellor apprised them about various development projects of physical and academic infrastructure in the University. The members of the delegate appreciated the vision of the Vice Chancellor and reformation to transform according to the future needs of the country. They hoped that the model of IUB will be an example for other institutions of higher education in Pakistan. The delegation also visited the Department of Media Studies, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. Addressing the faculty members and students, Dr. Bushra



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob Vice Chancellor along with delegation of Punjab University

briefed regarding AMCAP and stated that its main objective is to bring the academia and the media professionals closer so that they should be benefited from the experiences and knowledge of each other for the purpose of improving the quality of media education and functioning of media in Pakistan. She also invited students and faculty members to join the doctoral spring school and

international conference being organized in February, 2021. The students and faculty members welcomed the members of delegation and termed their visit as a great opportunity of networking with academia and scholars. All faculty members including Prof. Dr. Sajjad Paracha, Prof. Dr. Wajid Khan, Dr. Abida Noureen, Dr. Awais Gillani, Dr. Zubair Jatoti, Dr. Malik Adnan, Ali Hassan and Shafaq

Manzoor, Associate Lecturers and large number of MPhil and PhD students attended the session and discussed various academic matters with visiting scholars Dr. Abida Ashraf, Dr. Fawad Mehmood of Punjab University, Dr. Zahid Bilal from Okara University and Dr. Zaeem Yasin from Lahore College for Women University.

Students Convention

The Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Inter University Consortium for Promotion of Social Sciences will jointly organize National Students Convention in Bahawalpur. In this connection, a ceremony was held to launch logo of the National Students Convention at Baghdad

ul Jadeed Campus. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, Murtaza Noor, National coordinator Inter University Consortium, Prof. Dr. Yasmeen Rofi, Political Science Department, Dr. Asif Naveed Ranjha, Chairman, Department of Social Work, Shahzad Ahmed

Khalid, Director Press Media and Publications, Dr. Azhar Hussain, Assistant Professor, Arsalan Rasool, Assistant Professor, Shaheer Rizvi, Department of Management Science and students were present on this occasion. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob said that Islamia University

of Bahawalpur will host students from all parts of the country and this event will provide opportunity to interact and collaborate for national harmony and unity.



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob unveiling students convention logo

Inter-university Competition of Reciting Kalam e Iqbal on the Occasion of Birth Anniversary of Allama Muhammad Iqbal

A competition of word recitation was organized in the Department of Persian under the title of "Jashan-e-Iqbal". Allama Iqbal's poem "Shikwah" was selected for the recitation. The event was moderated by Nawal Mehdi, Senior Vice President, and Tariq Aziz Baloch, Press Secretary, IUB Literary Society. Prof. Dr. Sheikh Shafiq ur Rehman, Dean, Faculty of Islamic Learning was the Chief Guest, Dr. Rozina Anjum Naqvi presides the event and Agha Sadaf Mehdi, Senior Producer was the guest of honour. Prof. Dr. Faizul Hassan Naseem, former Chairman, Department of Biochemistry and Biotechnology, while other judges included Dr. Liaqat Ali, Department of Urdu and Iqbaliyat, Zeeshan Tabassum, Department of Urdu and Iqbaliyat and Co-Advisor of Literary Society, and Dr. Hamid Nawaz Khan, Department of Agriculture Extension Education, and Co-Advisor of Literary Society. The ceremony started



Seminar participants along with Dean Faculty of Islamic Learning

with the recitation of the Holy Quran by Hafiz Muzammil Shabbir, Department of Media Studies. Dr. Musarat Wajid, Assistant Professor of Persian Department and Advisor Literary Society on the behalf of department of Persian and literary society welcomed the distinguished guests, participants and students participating in the competition and thanked the

DSA Dr. Tanveer Hussain Turabi. A total of twenty-four (24) students from different departments of the university participated in the competition and recited the two "band" selected by the judges from the poem "Shikwah" with great enthusiasm. Agha Sadaf Mehdi explained the techniques and characteristics of word recitation from different examples

skillfully. Dr. Rozina Anjum Naqvi in her presidential address described the Allama Iqbal's philosophy in his poem "Shikwah". Prof. Dr. Faizul Hassan Naseem also highlighted Allama Iqbal's philosophy regarding science and announced the results of the competition. Mohammad Ayub, Department of Engineering came first, Mahim Rafiq, Department of Biochemistry and Biotechnology came second, and Aniq Zahid, Department of Media Studies bagged the third position, while Nisar Abid, Department of Media Studies bagged the Encouragement Award. Prof. Dr. Sheikh Shafiq ur Rehman, Dr. Ismat Durrani, Chairperson Persian Department and Prof. Dr. Faizul Hassan Naseem and other honourable guests bagged the position holder. Students awarded honorary shields and certificates were also distributed among all the participating students.

Webinar on Breast Cancer

Breast cancer is a leading female cancer in the world resulting in about 500,000 deaths each year and is also common cancer of Pakistan. It is 100% curable if detected at early stage. There is a need to educate females especially of the younger age group for early detection and thus avoid complication of late

detection. This was highlighted during a cancer awareness webinar organized by the Islamia University of Bahawalpur in World Health Organization and Bahawalpur Institute of Nuclear Oncology (BINO). The speakers included Dr. Iftikhar Alam, Director BINO, Dr. Mufakir Mian, Divisional Head WHO, Prof. Dr. Raheela Khalid

Qureshi, Dr. Badar Masood, Dr. Robina Ali and Dr. Safeena Sheikh whereas Ms. Fatima Muzahir, Deputy PRO was the moderator. They said that breast cancer is the most common cancer in women around the world. Unfortunately, Pakistan has the highest incidence of breast cancer in Asia. Due to the lack of awareness of breast cancer

in Pakistan this treatable disease is usually detected at advanced stage when nothing can turn the course of disease. We cannot rely or wait for others to take up this issue seriously and hoped that students will join to educate women on how they can reduce their risk of developing breast cancer.



A view of webinar on Breast Cancer

Project to Decorate Bahawalpur Railway Station

Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur along with Mr. Muhammad Javed Khan Daultazai Chairman CM Complaint Cell Bahawalpur visited newly constructed building of Bahawalpur Railway Station. During this visit, held on invitation of Divisional Engineer Pakistan Railway Multan, the Vice Chancellor along with university team had a detailed visit of the railway station building. He said that a special team has been constituted to various department including Engineering, Estate Care and College of Art & Design of the University which will contribute in the beautification of the railway station particularly illumination. Mr. Muhammad Javed Khan Daultazai said that he has requested to Islamia University of Bahawalpur to contribute in the beautification of railway building making it a fine tourist building.



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor visiting Bahawalpur Railway Station along with Mr. Muhammad Javed Khan Daultazai

Workshop on Research Methodology



Prof. Dr. Aftab Hussain Gillani, Chairman Department of Pakistan Studies distributing certificates among participants

Department of Pakistan Studies, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur organized one day Workshop on Research Methodology for the Students of PhD and MPhil. Prof. Dr. Aftab Hussain Gillani, Chairman Department of Pakistan studies gave welcome address and discusses the objectives of workshop. Prof. Dr. Yasmin Roofi Director Women Centre, Dr. Samia Khalid, Head of Department History and Dr. Safdar Hussain Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science were the

Speakers and gave lectures on research methodology. Dr Rubina Yasmin has conducted this workshop. Prof Dr. Sheikh Shafiq ur Rehman Dean Faculty of Islamic Learning gave & Shields to the guest Speakers. On this occasion Dr. Musawar Bukhari, Chairman Department of Political Science and other faculty members of Department of Pakistan Studies and number of students attended the workshop.

IUB and PASTIC agree to promote Information Sciences

The Islamia University Bahawalpur and Pakistan Scientific and Technological Information Center Islamabad have agreed to promote education, teaching and research in the field of Information Sciences. In this regard an MoU signing ceremony was held at PASTIC headquarters in Islamabad. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob Vice Chancellor Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akram Shaikh Director General PASTIC signed MoU on behalf of their respective organizations. The main areas of mutual cooperation between the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and the Pakistan Scientific and Technological Information Center PASTIC are to foster cooperation and collaboration for the promotion of National S&T/R&D

entrepreneurs by holding joint seminars, Workshops, and other related actives in the areas of the common interest. Both organizations will explore the options for mutual offering/seeking wide-ranging services/resources and the supply of S&T Bibliographic/ Full-text Documents, the publication of Pakistan Journal of Computer and Information System (PJCIS). Pakistan Science Abstracts (PSA), Patent Information Service, indigenous S&T databases, Union Catalogues and Directories, and resource sharing through National Science Reference library. Both the institution will support each other to improve the capacities of institutions as well as access and outreach to different stakeholders, communities and audiences for



Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob and Director General PASTIC Dr. Muhammad Akram Shaikh exchanging MoU documents

spreading the common cause. Prof. Dr. Rubina Bhatti on this occasion thankful the leadership of IUN and

PASTIC for signing MoU promoting education and research.

Farewell to Muhammad Aslam Employee at Vice Chancellor's Secretariat

Vice Chancellor Islamia University Bahawalpur Engineer Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob said that employees are the best asset of the organization. Their welfare and care are the responsibility of the organization. Employees who have retired after rendering services in the University are to be commended. The Vice Chancellor expressed these views on the occasion of a function held

in honor of Muhammad Aslam, retired employee from the Vice Chancellor's Secretariat. He said that Muhammad Aslam performed his service very responsibly and regularly. On his retirement from the university, all the employees pay homage to him. On this occasion, all the officers and employees of the Vice Chancellor's office were also present.



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor presenting flowers to Mr. Muhammad Aslam on his retirement day

Leadership Training Session

The Executive Training Center School of Business Management and Administrative Sciences, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur organized a leadership training

session at Baghdad ul Jadeed Campus. On this occasion, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor delivered an extensive lecture on human progress over

the ages, the information pyramid industry and academia linkages and leadership styles. Prof. Dr. Jawad Iqbal Dean Faculty of Management Sciences thanked Vice Chancellor

for visiting training center and delivering an exclusive lecture to faculty members.

HAINA IUB ICT Academy

An agreement was signed between the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Al-Khawarizmi

Institute of Computer Science (KICS) UET Lahore to establish Huawei ICT Academy (HAINA-

IUB) at the Faculty of Engineering under 2nd tier HAINA project that is initiated by Huawei. Huawei is

a leading global Information and Communication Technology (ICT) solution provider and Huawei

Certification System is a well-recognized standard system for ICT talent cultivation. Huawei ICT Academy is a partnership between Huawei and Academies around the world. Through this partnership,

HAINA-IUB ICT Academy will deliver Huawei ICT technologies training, encourages students to get Huawei certification, and develops talents with practical skills for the ICT industry and the community. In

the first phase, the HAINA-IUB Academy will provide training in Routing and Switching and Network security at the Associate level to get Huawei Certified ICT Associate (HCIA) certifications.

Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor felicitated Engr. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Amjad Dean Faculty of Engineering on this achievement.

A team of field workers and cotton growers from Rajanpur visited the cotton field of Department of Plant Breeding and Genetics, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal Chairman of the department of Plant Breeding Genetics along with Abdul Rehman

PhD Scholar and Dr Humayun Raza welcomed and gave briefing about the new cotton genotype IUB-4 and IUB-21 especially about whitefly management. Team leader Naveed Jameel and others appreciated the performance of new cotton varieties specially management

of whitefly without application of chemicals. Later, the team called on Engineer Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and requested the Vice Chancellor for production of quality seed of varieties developed by IUB. Vice

Chancellor assured them that university will provide quality seed of approved varieties of IUB in coming year. Vice Chancellor also assured to conduct demonstration trail in Rajanpur next year.



A delegation of farmers from Rajanpur called on Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor

Pak-UK Education Gateway Seminar

Pak-UK Education Gateway invited the Directorate of International Linkages, IUB to participate in the webinar on the Pak-UK universities collaboration. The three days webinar was jointly

organized by the Higher Education Commission and the British Council Pakistan to promote mutual collaboration between the UK and Pakistan. Dr. Abid Shahzad, Director International

Linkages, participated in the webinar from IUB. Among the other distinguish speakers, the British High Commissioner in Pakistan, Speakers National Assembly and Chairman HEC participated and

spoke to the audience. More than 150 participants from the UK and Pakistani universities attended the webinar.

Training Workshop on Logical Framework Analysis

A group of four faculty members from the Islamia University of Bahawalpur comprising of Prof. Dr. Jawad Iqbal, Dean, Faculty of Management Sciences, Dr. Muhammad Shafiq, Head of Department of Project and Operations Management, Mr. Hameed Murtaza, Assistant Professor, Department of Tourism Management, Mr. Shaheer Rizvi, Program Manager, Executive Training Center participated three day training workshop on Logical Framework Analysis at Akhtar Hameed Khan National Centre for Rural Development (AHKNCRD) Establishment Division, Islamabad. This organization is responsible for promoting the cause of development in Pakistan, through its programs of capacity building and research. The training aimed at to promote adoption of systematic tools and practices for success of development projects, especially those driven by donors; and, to promote sharing of experiences among the participants with respect to logical framework analysis in Pakistan.



Faculty members of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur participated in training workshop at Akhtar Hameed Khan National Centre for Rural Development, Islamabad

Selection Committee Meeting

A meeting of selection committee for the projects “Establishment of Cut-Flower and Vegetable Production, Research and Training Cell” and “Installation of Micro-irrigation and Lawn Cum Avenue Plantation” was held at Conference Hall, University College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences. Interviews were conducted for hiring the project’s staff including Project Manager, Horticulturist, Social / Community Mobilizer, Mali and Baildar / Labour Man.

The committee members Mr. Afzal Ahmad, Dr. Asif Naveed Ranjha, Dr. Muhammad Rashid Shaheen, Dr. Muhammad Aurangzaib, Mr. Shaji-ur-Rehman and Mr. Ilyas Hashmi conducted the interviews. It is worth mentioning here that these projects will not only enhance research and capacity building of students & teachers at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, but will also generate revenue for the university.



Selection Committee visited the Research and Training Cell of Cut Flowers and Vegetables Production

Seminar on Islamic Finance and Social Equity

A session was organized by Centre of Excellence in Islamic Finance and Social Equity (CEIFSE), Department of Islamic and Conventional Banking (ICB), School of Business Management and Administrative

Sciences, Speaker of the session Shariah Scholar Mufti Rafey Ashraf Usmani along with Muhammad Kashif Akram, Area Manager Punjab Bank Limited delivered exclusive talk on this occasion.

MoU to Promote Halal Food Certification



Meeting of Working Group on Nutrition and Up gradation of Farms

Dr. Zahid Kamran, Chairman Department of Animal Nutrition participated in an online meeting of Working Group-II "Nutriton and Upgradation of Farms" notified by Secretary, Livestock & Dairy Development Department, Punjab. The Working Group-II was constituted for working on development of strategies for up gradation of livestock sector through better feeding and nutrition. Prof. Dr. Talat Naseer Pasha, Vice Chancellor University of Education, Lahore convened and chaired the meeting which was attended by prominent experts

and scientists from various public and private sector organizations. Dr. Zahid Kamran explained the current status and problems of the livestock sector, work being done by IUB and suggested future strategies for improving the nutrition and subsequent uplifting of livestock sector of South Punjab in general and Cholistan region in particular. The vision of IUB leadership and efforts of scientists were appreciated for their contribution in livestock economy through quality research and extension services.

Joint Research Work on Isabgol Cultivation

A Joint Research activity of Cholistan Institute of Desert Studies (CIDS), the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Arid Zone Research Institute (AZRI) PARC, Bahawalpur was held. Malik Muhammad Yousaf, Director Arid Zone Research Institute (AZRI) and his team started a joint Research

on the screening of Germplasm of Isabgol (*Plantago ovata* forsk.) in the experimental area of CIDS. Both, Director CIDS Prof. Dr. Shazia Anjum and Director AZRI, Malik Muhammad Yousaf, emphasized on more Research collaboration for betterment of researchers and farmer of this region.



Experts visiting Isabgol cultivation project along with Prof. Dr. Shazia Anjum

Online Session on Associate Degree Programme

Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur said that there is a dire need to train our students to cope up with the future challenges of globalized world. He was addressing the Online Orientation Session organized for the Principals of affiliated colleges regarding Associate Degree Program. He further stated that Pakistan is considered to be the 5th largest country of the world, having around 63% population comprising youth aged between 15-33, of which only 6% population was university graduate. HEC has planning to increase this ratio upto 20% by 2025. It is best time to avail this opportunity to educate and train our students according to needs of the hour. Associate Degree



A view of online session on associate degree programme

Program will prepare the graduates for job market as well as for self-employment. The graduates of AD Program will be having the facility of transfer their credit hours to continue their studies in BS Programs of any university after the phasing out of MA/MSc. The adoption of AD Program will help Pakistan to find better position

in the ranking of international standards classification of Education (ISCED). Prof. Dr. Irshad Hussain, while responding different queries of the participants, said that all the issues will be resolved with mutual understanding of all the stake holders. Prof. Dr. Sajjad Paracha, Focal Person, ADP requested all the participants to

make Associate Degree program of IUB as best example for other institutions of higher education. Dr. Salman Naeem, Associate Director AD Program, Dr. Zubair Jatoti and Talib Hussain, Deputy Controllers ADP, Imran Bhutta, Deputy Registrar, Affiliated Colleges were also present on the occasion.

International Webinar on Global Discourse 2020

Department of English Linguistics organized an international webinar on 'Global Discourses in 2020'. Dr. Yasir Hadidi, Khazar University Azerbaijan, Dr. M. Saeed Akhtar, Chairman Ripha International University, Faisalabad Campus, Dr. Akbar Sajid, head, department of

English, NUML, Multan, Dr. Riaz Hussain, incharge, department of English Linguistics, IUB and Sadaf Masroor, PhD scholar, department of English Linguistics, IUB were the speakers at the webinar. Speakers presented sociolinguistic analyses of the important discourses of 2020

such Karabakh War, Covid-19 and Brexit. At the end of the webinar, the focal person highlighted outcomes of the webinar and gave vote of thanks. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor appreciated the efforts of the department in organizing the

event. After the Webinar, speaker from Azerbaijan, left the following message of love and fraternity for Pakistanis and Department of English Linguistics, IUB



Dr. Yasir Hadidi Khazar University of Azerbaijan addressing the faculty of English Department at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur

Training of Newly Appointed Associate Lectures

Executive Training Center, School of Business Management and Administrative Sciences organized a 4 day training on teaching as a profession for the newly appointed Associate Lectures at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. Renowned scholar, Education Trainer Prof. Dr. Aslam Adeeb was the key resource person. 35 participants representing different departments participated in this training. He covered multiple important topics including passion for teaching

profession, teaching in the 21st century, ethics & professional responsibilities, teacher as a change agent, personality development, preparing course file, lesson planning and essentials of online teaching. At the closing ceremony, the assessment was taken from the participants and a certificate of participation was distributed among them by Prof. Dr. Jawad Iqbal, Dean, Faculty of Management Sciences.



Certificate distribution among trainee associate lecturers

QEC IUB Endeavors for High Ranking of the University



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur along with faculty members and officers

Quality Enhancement Cell, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur,

intends to align and accelerate the advancements in various academic

and administrative constituents, as per vision of Worthy Vice Chancellor. The IUB has participated for the very first time in international rankings including Times Higher Education, World University Ranking, Time Higher Education Impact Rankings, and UI Green Metric World University Rankings. University has been highlighted on global horizon along with very few other Pakistani universities. As per vision and ambitions of the Worthy Vice-Chancellor, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, university has the potential to jump up drastically and to attain a more fascinating position. A harmonization and

methodical attempt from various academic and administrative departments of the university can be highly advantageous. Prof. Dr. Saeed Ahmad Buzdar, Director QEC facilitated a presentation titled, University on Global Vista, Improvement through Performance analysis and Benchmarking. Worthy Vice-Chancellor, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob preside the event. All Directors / Non academics Heads attended the session. A healthy discussion was held to motivate the all participants. Worthy Vice Chancellor appreciated the efforts of QEC team, to improve the ranking of IUB.

Tariq Mehmood Chohan Chief Librarian Retires from Service

Tariq Mehmood Chauhan, chief librarian of Islamia University Bahawalpur, retired last week after completing his term. A farewell ceremony was held in his honor at Sir Sadiq Mohammad Khan Library. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor was the chief guest on the occasion. He

appreciated the services of Tariq Mahmood Chohan for the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, especially for the library. During his service, he made the library a center of academic and literary activities for teachers, researchers and students, and welcomed everyone to the library. The Vice Chancellor said

that such officers are the assets of the university who render tireless services for the betterment and development of the institution. Tariq Mahmood Chohan also thanked the library staff for organizing the event in his honor and the Vice Chancellor for his special participation in the event.

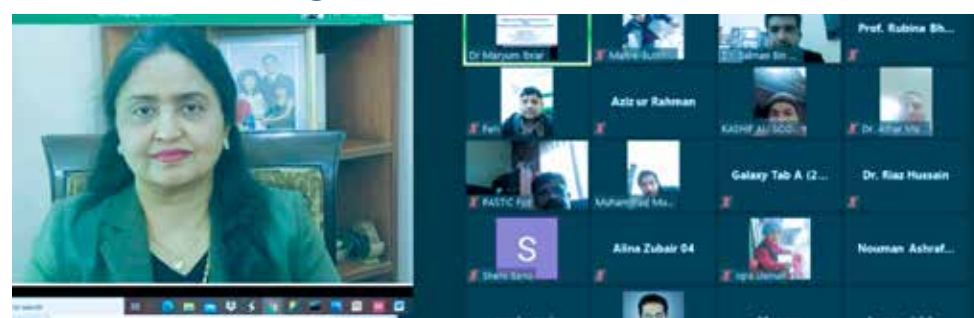


Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, presenting shield to Tariq Mehmood Chohan, Chief Librarian, IUB on his retirement during a special ceremony

Online Workshop on Mendeley Reference Management Software

The Department of Library and Information Science in collaboration with Pakistan Scientific and Technological Information Centre (PASTIC), sub-centre, Faisalabad organized an Online Workshop on Mendeley-Reference Management Software for faculty members, PhD and MPhil scholars, medical professionals and trainees. Prof. Dr. Rubina Bhatti, Chairperson, Department of Library and Information Science, shed a light on the significance of Medley a free reference manager and social network that helps researchers to organize their research, collaborate with others, and discover new research. Vice Chancellor, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob was the Chief Guest. In his address, the Worthy Vice Chancellor appreciated the organization of a workshop in collaboration with the PASTIC, with which the IUB has recently signed an MOU. He said that it is

heartening to see collaborative activity taking place under the MOU. He wished the participants to get the maximum benefits out of this training workshop. The Vice Chancellor hoped that more and more such workshops and training programs will be organized by the Department of Library and Information Science with the collaboration of PASTIC. Prof. Dr. Rubina Bhatti extended her vote of thanks to Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, for joining the workshop and sharing his vision with the participants. She also appreciated the Resource Person Dr. Maryum Ibrar, Mendeley Advisor, and Senior Scientific Officer for her comprehensive presentation and hands-on-training. Prof. Rubina Bhatti also appreciated and extended a vote of thanks to participants for their overwhelming interest in the workshop and good feedback.



Prof. Dr. Rubina Bhatti, addressing on line workshop on Mandalay Research Management Software

In the end, it was pledged to organize more and more training workshops and seminars according to the vision of the Worthy Vice Chancellor. The training workshop was attended by more than 100 participants that include Faculty Members, Library professionals, M. Phil and Ph.D. Scholars of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan, medical professionals and trainees from Quaid-e-Azam Medical College Bahawalpur, and the Children's Hospital and The Institute of Child Health,

Multan, Agha Khan University, Karachi, University of Peshawar, Islamia College Peshawar and from various other universities and institutions of Sindh and KPK. Prof. Dr. Ameer Malik, Head, Department of Pediatric QMC, Prof. Dr. Soufia Farrukh, Director, Medical Education QMC, Muhammad Hasnain, Deputy Director, STI, PASTIC, Dr. Kamran Ishfaq, Chairman, Department of Sociology, BZU, Multan, Dr. Riaz Hussain, Chairman, Department of English Linguistics were also present in the Workshop.

Webinar on Literature and Pandemic

Department of English Literature, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur organized a webinar on Literature and Pandemics: Lessons from the Past and Cultural Disposition during COVID-19, to reflect upon the situation of pandemic, as literature gives a more intimate view to understand the ways in which past epidemics allow modern readers to deliberate on the fear of death and disease. The program began with a recitation from the Holy Quran, followed by the formal introduction of the speakers and the webinar's raison d'être. The webinar was online chaired by the Honourable Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob (T.I.) Through a video clip, the panelists and the attendees from around the world, were introduced

to the Islamia University and the history of Bahawalpur. The Chairman Department of English Literature, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ayub Jajja welcomed the guests and voiced the vitality and eminence of literature in being the true reflective of life for thousands of years, as it captures the instances of grief, hopelessness and at the same time of courage and persistence. Prof. Dr. Jajja in his address also thanked the Vice Chancellor for his constant support towards the department. Literary Scholars from United States, United Kingdom and Pakistan contributed in analyzing what literature teaches us about the effect of these deadly manifestations on humanity, and the way they shape what it means to be human. Prof. Dr. Amardeep

Singh, from Lehigh University, Pennsylvania, USA discussed Mary Shelley's Last Man, a novel about the experience of loss and the psychic cost of isolation. While building a connection between the COVID-19, he probed on the novel, The Scarlet Plague, as it centers the spread of the Red Death, an uncontrollable epidemic that depopulated and nearly destroyed the world. Even though it was published more than a century ago, that The Scarlet Plague feels contemporary, particularly, in the lead character Jack London's opinion, who believes that capitalism led to the rise in population and to overcrowding, and overcrowding led to plague. Consequently, capitalism is presented as the ultimate cause

of the pandemic and thus blamed. Another work that he discussed was Mandel's Station Eleven, starting with roughly the same apocalyptic plague plot as The Scarlet Plague. However, the substantiality lies in the fact that art and creativity remain important to the survivors. Dr. Beci Carver gave a talk on Lockdown Modernism - Foster, Mansfield & Woolf, she briefed on the life in quarantine with her focus on the Lighthouse in Woolf and Mansfield, the talk discussed the way in which quarantine has impacted the individual and societal growth all around the globe, her approach towards the 'quarantine island' mentioned in the Mansfield's work, Prelude, a liminal space cut off from the mainland while still belonging

to it became an ideal place to quarantine European travelers who intended to settle in New Zealand and contracted diseases along the way, the layout of which was designed in a way to minimize the spread of infection, all this paints a bleak picture of lockdown, she deliberated that these texts written in the 20th century becomes a reflective of our present situation. Madam Moni Mohsin, a British-Pakistani novelist engaged in an interactive conversation with Ms. Raheen Fatimah Khan, Lecturer, Department of English Literature and moderator of the webinar to emphasize on the consolatory role of literature. She pointed that humans are the stories they tell, and in a time of a pandemic, these



Participants of Webinar on Literature and Pandemic

stories show how human race has survived through the crisis and it is the smaller things, that assist the cycle of life to run smoothly and ultimately to build a brighter

tomorrow. The webinar focal person, and Chairman Department of English Literature, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ayub Jajja culminated the session by highlighting the

prodigious outcome of the webinar with his enlightening remarks, and on behalf of the Vice Chancellor, thanked esteemed speakers, dignitaries and attendees from Pakistani universities and abroad who virtually participated the webinar, and distributed certificates among the students that participated onsite. Vice Chancellor of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob appreciated the Department's effort in arranging an international event that addresses the predicaments of age in which we live and the struggles to remake a world whose essential unity has been underscored by one of the greatest pandemics in human history.

CIDS Weather Station

Cholistan Institute of Desert Studies, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur installed a weather station in the experimental area to provide research facilities. A weather station is a facility with instruments and equipment's for measuring atmospheric conditions to provide information for weather forecasts and to study the weather and climate. This instrument has been imported from USA, engineered to handle the harshest environments and deliver data with scientific precision, year after year with a wide range of options and sensors. The measurements taken include temperature, dew, wind speed & direction, Barometric pressure, moon phase, UV & Solar radiation, rainfall & its rate

and many more factors. These weather stations help to take the precautionary measures against the destructive rains, winds, severe high or low temperature. The use of weather stations helps to cope with the frost and high temperature in summer. Director Cholistan Institute of Desert Studies Prof. Dr. Shazia Anjum told that Prof Dr Athar Mahboob Vice Chancellor is patronizing research activities and with availability of this weather system now it is a great opportunity and facility for faculty members, researchers, and students for measuring atmospheric conditions to provide information for weather forecasts and to study the weather and climate.

Christmas Celebrations

Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob was the chief guest at a special Christmas function held at Islamia University Bahawalpur. He cut a Christmas cake with faculty members, students and Christian

community in the Abbasia Campus. He said that today is a happy day for Christian brothers and sisters and all the teachers and students of Islamia University of Bahawalpur are sharing their festivities.



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, Sumaira Malik, Members Syndicate and other faculty members cutting Christmas cake with employees

The 2020 IEEE International Multi Topic Conference (INMIC)

The 2020 IEEE 23rd International Multi Topic Conference (INMIC), jointly organized by the IEEE Lahore Section, IEEE Bahawalpur Subsection and the Islamia University of Bahawalpur (IUB), Pakistan, under patronship of Vice Chancellor, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar

Engineering, Computer Systems Engineering, Computer science and Allied fields. The IEEE INMIC 2020 is the first International IEEE conference held in the Southern Punjab. The event started with the welcome speech by Engr. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Amjad, Dean Faculty

followed by the second keynote by Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ali Imran, Dean, University of Glasgow, UK on the topic "Overcoming digital divide by connecting the unconnected - technology enablers and future overview" through zoom online sessions. Due to the COVID-19

on Renewable Energy, Image Processing, Intelligent Systems & Applications, and Machine Learning tracks were conducted at the IEEE Video Conference Room at New Engineering College Building. In the sessions, 56 papers were presented in total. Engr. Prof. Dr.



Participants of 2020 IEEE International Multi Topic Conference

Mahboob (TI) and Dean Faculty of Engineering, Engr. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Amjad was held at the Main Auditorium IUB. The INMIC is a flag ship annual conference of IEEE in Pakistan being organized in rotation among IEEE Lahore, Karachi and Islamabad Sections. The focus of the INMIC is on multi-disciplinary topics in the field of Electrical and Electronics

of Engineering followed by opening keynote speech delivered by Dr. Muhammad Ali Qureshi, Chair IEEE Bahawalpur Subsection and Chair IEEE INMIC 2020. After the opening ceremony, the first technical keynote was delivered by Prof. Dr. Zainal Bin Salam, University Technology Malaysia on the topic Building the solar photovoltaic systems industry ecosystem

Pandemic, in light of the SOPs provided by the IEEE and IUB, technical sessions of the conference are being organized virtually through zoom online platform. The first day of the conference was joined by the faculty, students, and researchers from national and international institutes. After the two keynote speeches, four parallel technical sessions

Athar Mahboob was the chief guest in the closing ceremony held in the historic Ghulam Muhammad Ghotvi Hall at Abbasia Campus. A galaxy of scientists, engineers, researchers and students attended the event.

Events in Pictures



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob Vice Chancellor met with Muhammad Abdullah Khan Sumbal, Finance Secretary, Government of Punjab. On this occasion, matters related to promoting higher education were discussed besides development projects in the university.



Mr. Saeed Sheikh, DG Press Information Department presenting his book to Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob along with Ms. Sumaira Malik, Member Syndicate



Local social figure and founder of Waseeb Hall Masood Sabir presented a book to Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. On this occasion, it was agreed to hold alumni celebrations in collaboration with Islamia University, Waseeb Hall and Bahawalpur Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Both institutions will jointly hold a seminar on the occasion of Iqbal Day. The seminar will be chaired by Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor and chief guest Chaudhry Tanveer Mahmood, President, Bahawalpur Chamber of Commerce and Industry will be the chief guest.



Dr. Asif Naveed Ranjha, Chairman Department of Social Work and Dr. Azhar Hussain, Assistant Professor, Soil Sciences participated in Online Training Workshop on 'Higher Education Portal (HEP)', established under the ambit of Rehnumai Markaz. The training was about PHEC Rehnumai Markaz and Universities Data Provision for the Portal.



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob Vice Chancellor along with Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ali Shah Vice Chancellor Quaid e Azam University Islamabad and Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir Vice Chancellor University of Jhang attended a gathering to discuss matters related to higher education at residence of renowned columnist Naeem Masood.



Prof. Dr. Akhtar Ali, Dean Faculty of Education awarded with Quaid e Azam Gold Medal during a ceremony in Lahore. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor and faculty members felicitated him on this occasion.



Letter to Editor "Hand Sanitizers and COVID-19. A Pharmacist-led Approach" accepted among the top 12% letters in Q1, American Journal, Academic Medicine, (Journal Impact Factor: 5.354). This letter (Sanitizers Project) is accepted in the Scope: Generalizable solutions, innovations, and/or transformations resulting from COVID that illuminate a larger issue in medical training or Academic Medicine. Academic Medicine is the official, peer-reviewed journal of the Association of American Medical Colleges. The letter emphasized on the pharmacist-led approach in Covid-19 and also it highlighted the role of institutions in dealing with pandemics. The authors of this letter are students of Department of Pharmaceutics namely Muhammad Asim Masoom Zubair, Faizan Akram and Muhammad Farhan. The authors also acknowledged the role of university, worthy vice chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, IUB Science Society, Directorate of Student Affairs, IEEE UCET and Faculty of Pharmacy for the success of this Project.

Glimpses of the Year End Tourist Event and Explore Bahawalpur Photowalk

