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The Vice Chancellor delivering his convocation speech. Acting Chinese Ambassador and other dignitaries sitting on stage

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**S**argodha University held its 6th convocation on April 25 to commemorate the academic accomplishments of the largest number of graduates than the previous convocations.

His Excellency, Acting Chinese Ambassador Mr Zhao Lijian was the guest of honor while the Vice Chancellor Dr Ishtiaq Ahmad presided over the convocation ceremony.

The ceremony began in a ritualistic manner, with the entrance of academic procession comprising the Vice Chancellor and Deans of the seven faculties at the convocation venue.

Addressing the ceremony, Mr Lijian expressed gratitude to the Vice Chancellor for providing him with the opportunity to visit Sargodha – the city of eagles – for the first time. He appreciated the University Administration for building academic and

research linkages with reputed Chinese institutions. The Vice Chancellor, in his convocation speech, congratulated the students on their achievements while appreciating the share of their families, faculty members and friends in their proud successes.

He highlighted that the University is making a huge difference in the academic and economic growth of Sargodha city and Punjab province, especially by generating skillful workforce, innovating agrarian products and providing community service.

The graduates were excited over the participation of Acting Chinese Ambassador in their graduation ceremony. “Inviting Mr Zhao Lijian to the 6th Convocation was one of the greatest things Sargodha University has done to inspire, motivate and enlighten the young minds. I want to thank our VC who provides opportunities which enables us to excel in our lives,” says Komal, gold medalist in BS Mathematics (2010-14).

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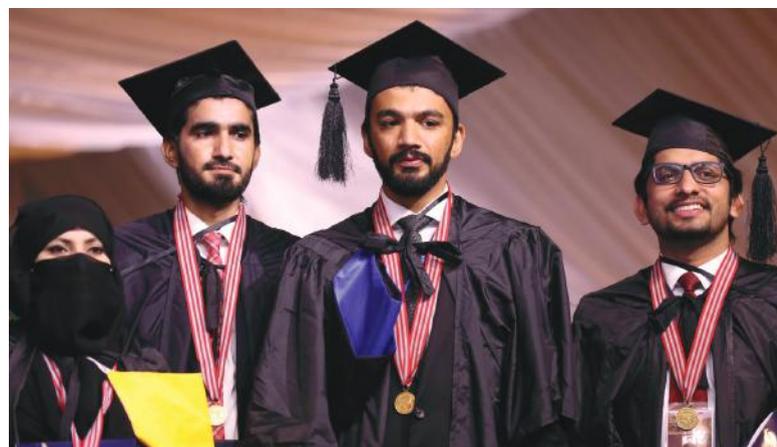
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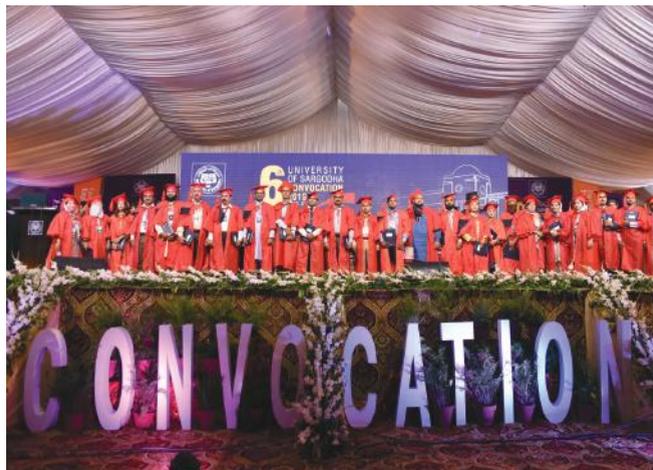


The Vice Chancellor presenting shield to Acting Chinese Ambassador Mr Zhao Lijian



**'IT IS AN HONOR FOR ME TO ATTEND THE 6TH CONVOCATION OF UNIVERSITY OF SARGODHA. IT IS A CONVOCATION OF CHINA-PAKISTAN FRIENDSHIP.'**

MR LIJIAN TWEETED



78,700 DEGREES WERE CONFERRED

40 PHD, 1,399 MPHIL

31,724 MA/MSC, 15,961 BS/BBA

29,577 BA/BSC

480 DISTINCTIONS

61% AWARDED WERE FEMALE

The Web Development Cell of the University, for the first time ever, made it possible for the students to register themselves for the convocation by following a smooth online procedure without paying visits to the University. "The online system brought us the facility of getting easily registered for the convocation, otherwise, we had to follow a lengthy manual procedure requiring several visits to the Campus. The system helped us in saving our money and time." said Ammara Saeed Gold Medalist in BS English (2011-15) while appreciating the Administration which always goes the extra mile in facilitating the students.

The colorful event of the convocation was attended by over 4,500 graduating students, their parents, and faculty members from each department.



The Vice Chancellor's meeting with the Honorable Chancellor and Governor Punjab, Chaudhry Muhammad Sarwar, at the Governor House, Lahore.

## VICE CHANCELLOR CALLS UPON GOVERNOR PUNJAB

**V**ice Chancellor Dr Ishtiaq Ahmad paid a courtesy call to the Honorable Chancellor and Governor Punjab, Chaudhry Muhammad Sarwar, on May 28 and updated him on the initiatives underway at the University of Sargodha for quality education and facilitating students and community. The Chancellor was informed that the University was already running The Khush Aab mineral water project to provide safe drinking water to the students and staff. Besides the bottled water, two plants linked with the production facility are being constructed

for the students on campus and hostels. Simultaneously, implementation of the project for recharge of aquifer for groundwater management – has also been started at the main campus.

The Chancellor was pleased to know that the standard of education at the University was being persistently lifted as the prestigious QS World University Rankings has ranked the University among the top 500 Asian Universities.

The Vice Chancellor also extended the Chancellor an invitation to attend the 7th Convocation to be held in Fall 2019, which he graciously accepted.

## HEC RECOGNIZES RESEARCH JOURNAL OF EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

**H**igher Education Commission recognized Sargodha University's bi-annual research journal titled, 'Journal of Educational Sciences and Research' on May 14.

The refereed research journal is being published by the Department of Education, Sargodha University since 2014. It has both printed and electronic versions and its recognition from HEC is part of the process to incentivize and expand University's research and publication efforts.

### RESEARCH DOMAINS

The journal welcomes research papers with empirical data on educational policies, planning, systems and management, development and changes in curriculum and pedagogy, educational assessment, economics, psychology and sociology of education, effects of ways of communication, technology, media, cultural changes, globalization, equity and inclusive education.

### REFREES

Foreign referees from France, UK, Belgium, Turkey, USA, Malaysia and Australia are taken on board to blind review the articles.

## CONTRIBUTION TO THE FIELD OF KNOWLEDGE

For the future prospects and development in the field of education, the journal intends to boost research culture among the novice researchers, educationists and social scientists. It aims to provide latest researches focusing on the application of emerging theories, use of modern communication technologies, discovering new teaching-learning techniques in varying social trends, and impacts of changing thoughts and political scenario on education.

## EDITORIAL BOARD OF THE JOURNAL

- *Dr Ishtiaq Ahmad, Vice Chancellor, University of Sargodha*
- *Dr Muhammad Sarwar, Dr Muhammad Uzair-ul-Hassan, Dr Mushtaq Ahmad and Dr Iram Uzair from Department of Education, University of Sargodha*

# CONFERENCE ON DIALOGUE OF ASIAN CIVILIZATIONS

2019年5月15日 中国·北京

MAY 15, 2019 BEIJING, CHINA



Dr Fazal ur Rahman, Director, Pakistan Institute of China Studies (behind President Xi Jinping in 3rd row) participates in the conference on Dialogue of Asian Civilization, held on May 15 in Beijing, China

## DR FAZAL PARTICIPATES IN CONFERENCE ON DIALOGUE OF ASIAN CIVILIZATION AS DISTINGUISHED GUEST

**D**r Fazal ur Rahman, Director Pakistan Institute of China Studies (PICS), Sargodha University, participated in the Conference on Dialogue of Asian Civilization as one of the distinguished Pakistani participants. The Conference held in Beijing on May 15 under the theme 'Exchanges and Mutual Learning among Asian Civilizations and a Community with a Shared Future for Asia.'

In this mega event, a total of 1352 representatives from all 47 countries in Asia, countries in other parts of the world and international organizations participated.

The Conference aimed at creating a platform to provide opportunities for dialogue among the Asian civilizations and forging better understanding and cooperation among them.

Chinese President Xi Jinping made the keynote speech at the inaugural session of the Conference which highlighted the role of civilizations in emerging global trends. He stated, 'the world today is moving towards greater multi-polarity, economic globalization and cultural diversity, and is becoming increasingly information-oriented.'

He pointed out that instability and uncertainties are mounting and the global challenges faced by humanity are becoming ever more daunting, calling for joint responses from countries around the world.

President Xi summed up the hopes of the Asian people in three sentences: we Asian people hope to see peace and stability across Asia; we Asian people hope to see common development; and we Asian people hope to see an open and better-connected Asia.

Dr Fazal ur Rahman, expressed his views on importance of interactions among civilizations for achieving the objective of creating a community of shared future.

He highlighted the fact that Asia covers one third of the globe's land mass; two thirds of the world's population and has more than thousand ethnic communities living in 47 states. The Asian civilizations in the past have greatly benefited from sharing knowledge and experiences of each other. No civilization is superior to the others. Each civilization has its own peculiar strengths and if put together would be beneficial for the mankind.

**Director PICS also signed an MoU with the Jingtangshan University on May 18 on behalf of Sargodha University.**

### PROVISIONS OF THE MOU:

- **Scientific research cooperation in areas including agriculture, medicines, etc.**
- **Joint establishment of a Confucius Institute at Sargodha University.**
- **Development of faculty and student exchange program.**
- **Development of other cooperation programs in specific areas of mutual interest.**

Jingtangshan University is a state-owned comprehensive university, jointly run by Chinese Ministry of Education and Jiangxi Provincial Government and assisted by Tongji University, Shanghai. The university has 21 schools, more than 19,000 students that include 500 overseas students. There are 150 Pakistani students studying medicine and engineering in Jingtangshan University. Director PICS had a long motivational session with the Pakistani students of medicine and encouraged them to work hard and set a high standard of learning.

# Q&A SESSION



Acting Chinese Ambassador Mr Zhao Lijian answering the questions

## Q&A WITH ACTING CHINESE AMBASSADOR MR ZHAO LIJIAN

*Mr Zhao Lijian is the Deputy Chief of Mission at the Chinese Embassy, Islamabad. He has been more than a diplomat who goes beyond the realms of traditional diplomacy to promote people-to-people relations between China and Pakistan. As a focal person of the Embassy on CPEC, he has been consistently responding to queries on social media to dispel the misconceptions regarding the CPEC. With a trending Twitter hashtag #AskLijianZhao, he has answered thousands of queries. He is one of the most popular diplomats in Islamabad who is seen everywhere and easily accessible to all. He strongly believes that the CPEC will benefit Pakistan's development and help in strengthening people-to-people relations between Pakistan and China.*

**T**he Sargodha Literary Festival was honored with the presence of Mr Zhao Lijian, the Acting Ambassador of China to Pakistan. The guest highlighted the depth of Pak-China friendship by saying that Pakistan and China are not fair-weather friends, but all-weather friends and this friendship is interminable. Mr Zhao Lijian answered some important questions.

### **What are your views regarding third-party participation in CPEC?**

There is a lot of third-party participation in the CPEC; for instance, the joint venture between China and Qatar, where China is having 51% share and Qatar 49%. The International Finance Corporation is also providing 50% finance for the Karot Hydropower Project alongside the US companies which are also part of this project. We are open to all the European, US and Japanese companies. The industrial corporation under CPEC works on two principles:

- There should be a consensus of China on the agreement.
- There should be a benefit for both parties.

### **CPEC is facing certain internal and external challenges, how these challenges can be encountered?**

The Pakistani government is good at averting the internal threats to this project and external challenges can be very well tackled by China. It is true that some countries are not happy with CPEC but we should be determined and do our own homework in a better way.

### **How China can help in training Pakistani workers through vocational institutes?**

It is difficult to find skilled workers in Pakistan and the system is not fully developed here. We have developed a website to facilitate the workers but the institutes of training are not established yet. This gap will soon be filled as the Chinese Embassy is planning to set up training centers in various cities of Pakistan.

### **How China made it possible to eradicate corruption from the country? What do you suggest for Pakistan in this regard?**

In the past 5 years, China removed four hundred minister-level officials and 1.5 million under joint secretary level officials because of corruption charges. There is no compromise over the honesty. The money of the state is not for the dishonest officials, and we put them behind bars if they commit corruption. Pakistan can follow the same strategy to eradicate the curse of corruption.

### **How can we overcome the cultural gap between China and Pakistan?**

We should train our staff to understand the culture, customs and religion of each other. If the mutual sense of respect is present between the two countries, the cultural gaps would not be problematic at all.

# PERVEZ HOODBHOY ON 'LOVING PAKISTAN: WHAT IT REALLY MEANS'

*Pervez Hoodbhoy is a Nuclear Physicist who serves as Distinguished Professor of Physics and Mathematics at Forman Christian College, Lahore. Previously, he has been teaching at Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad and Lahore University of Management Sciences. Hoodbhoy is also a prominent activist for the promotion of freedom of speech and education in Pakistan.*



Dr Pervez Hoodbhoy addressing a packed gathering of students and teachers

**R**enowned nuclear physicist, columnist and social activist, Pervez Hoodbhoy delivered a concluding lecture on 'Loving Pakistan: What it Really Means' to a large number of students and faculty members on the last day of Sargodha Literary Festival, April 25.

## KEY POINTS

- Loving Pakistan demands love, compassion, and respect for every Pakistani irrespective of occupation, language, ethnicity, culture, and religion. Moreover, being a patriot does not mean to be willing to sacrifice life for the motherland but to pay taxes, contribute to the prosperity of the country, and abide by the laws and constitution of the state.
- The idea of freedom of thinking and rationality should be nurtured through educational institutions as real institutions ignite imagination beyond limits, critical thinking process, and reasoning abilities. Only then, we will be able to reach the pinnacle of creativity and innovation.
- Nationalism, around 400 years back, propelled humans to build territories with geographical boundaries and work as one administrative unit in their territory and compete with other nations. Einstein concluded that nationalism will take humanity towards downfall so, it must be avoided. In today's context telecommunication and powerful ammunition has made it easier for nations to detest extremism against each other. Therefore, it is the dire need of time to live as a global citizen.
- Mongol's invasion on Baghdad is claimed as the reason behind the downfall of Muslim scientists as their intellectual assets were destroyed. Even Hiroshima was dilapidated with nuclear attack but Japan revived because they allowed people to get knowledge freely. Like Japan, to prosper as a nation, we should adopt an optimistic approach and develop an ideology to survive.

# SYMPOSIUMS

## INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON SUNFLOWER AND FORAGE CROPS PRODUCTION, CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

### ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES IN SUNFLOWER AND FORAGE CROPS PRODUCTION ARE REQUIRED

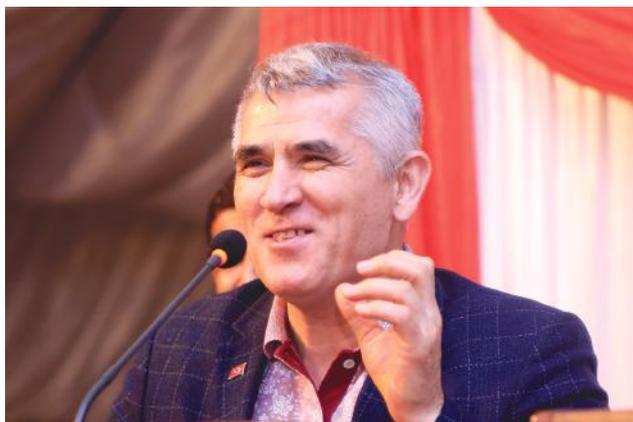
**T**he College of Agriculture at Sargodha University organized an international symposium on 'Sunflower and Forage Crops Production, Challenges and Opportunities' from March 25-27 to provide solutions for local and global challenges faced by sunflower and forage crops.

The problems related to the sustainable supply of forage crops according to the global demands, climate change and rapidly evolving crop husbandry techniques were also discussed. It provided platform to eminent national and international agricultural experts, researchers, scientists and faculty members. The Symposium was sponsored by the Pakistan Science Foundation, Islamabad and Agriculture Linkage Program, Pakistan Agriculture Research Council, Islamabad.

There were three major sessions in the symposium:

- Quality seed production, testing, the scope of hybrid seed production, and supply chains for the private seed companies and farmers.
- New innovative technologies for crop husbandry, crop processing and evaluation.
- Role of breeding and biotechnology in crops improvement.

During these sessions, 19 researchers from USA, China, Turkey, Bulgaria, presented their studies on several aspects of seed supply chains, breeding, biotechnology, and innovative technologies for crop evaluation and processing.



Dr Yalcin Kaya, Chairman, Genetics and Biotechnology Department, Trakya University, Turkey speaking on the occasion



Dr Vilianna Vasilvea, Professor, Institute of Forage Crops, Bulgaria, addressing on the symposium

## KEY POINTS

- Efforts should be employed to create a push-pull quality culture within the evolving seed sector.
- Farmers should use seed invigorating techniques to improve germinability, storability, overall field emergence and crop stand, and ultimately crop yields.
- Sustainable forage crops yield can be obtained through precision agriculture practices.
- Innovative breeding techniques should be adopted to modify sunflower oil/fatty acid, to introgress resistance against biotic and abiotic factors.
- Waste vegetable oil can be used to make bioplastic which is highly degradable and less pollutant than common plastic.
- Cost effective and user-friendly drone technology should be used for better crop husbandry.

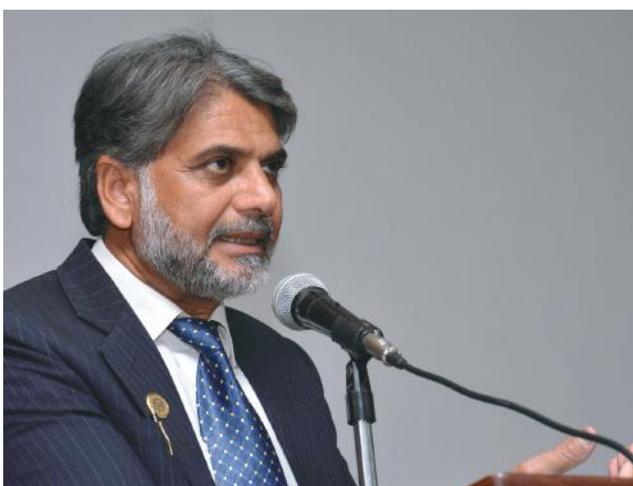
## ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

- Dr Dennis Thomposon, Professor, Southern Illinois University, Illinois, USA
- Dr Fawad Shah, President Minnesota Crop Improvement Association, USA
- Dr Yalcin Kaya, Chairman, Genetics and Biotechnology Department, Trakya University, Turkey
- Dr Vilianna Vasilvea, Professor, Institute of Forage Crops, Bulgaria
- Dr Sajida Habib, Sunflower Botanist, Oilseed Research Institute, Faisalabad

# NATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON GREEN CHEMISTRY PRESERVING THE WORLD THROUGH GREEN CHEMISTRY



Prof Jamil Anwar



Prof Shahabuddin Memon



Prof Amber Rehana Solangi

To explore ways for minimizing the detrimental effects of chemicals on the environment and to achieve sustainability in the chemical production, the Department of Chemistry organized a symposium titled, 'Green Chemistry: Recent Trends and Opportunities' on April 30.

The practice of Green Chemistry not only leads to environmental benefits, but also plays vital role in economic and social growth. The combination of these three benefits is known as the 'triple bottom line' and provides strong encouragement to develop sustainable products and processes.

## KEY POINTS

- The principles of Green Chemistry, use of technological protocols pertinent to extraction and process of synthesis for development of healthy products were highlighted.
- Awareness regarding the current environmental issues and potential uses of green/bio-solvents was provided.
- It was emphasized that to create the hazard-free industrial processes and to provide early sustainability in the design process, the source reduction strategies must be incorporated.
- While keeping in view the eco-toxicological and environmental effects of biomass processing, developing eco-friendly chemicals and materials is the need of time.
- It was suggested that to preserve and conserve resources, environmentally benign solvent systems should be utilized.

## ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

- *Prof Jamil Anwar, Professor, University of COMSATS, Lahore Campus*
- *Prof Erum Hussain, Associate Professor, Lahore College for Women University, Lahore*
- *Prof Shahabuddin Memon, Director, National Center of Excellence in Analytical Chemistry, University of Sindh, Jamshoro*
- *Prof Amber Rehana Solangi, Professor, National Center of Excellence in Analytical Chemistry, University of Sindh, Jamshoro*

# EXHIBITIONS



Visitors keenly viewing artwork displayed during National Young Artist Exhibition

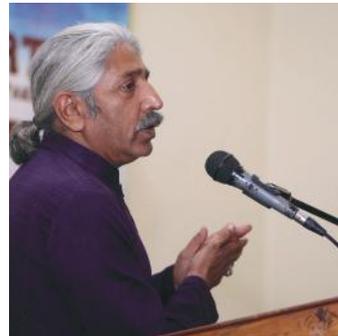
## NATIONAL YOUNG ARTIST EXHIBITION AND SEMINAR ON PAKISTANI ART

**T**he Institute of Art and Design in collaboration with 10 universities and 36 young artists of Pakistan organized the '1st National Young Artist Exhibition and Seminar on Pakistani Art' on April 11.

During interactive discussion in seminar on 'Pakistani Art' the students were apprised about outreach opportunities and latest trends in the field of art and design. Moreover, few suggestions were made by the senior artists for the promotion of Pakistani art.

### KEY POINTS

- To introduce the trending prospects in the field of art and design, various international projects of art and culture studies and new ideas in videography were highlighted.
- To learn from senior artists, students should seek internship opportunities as curators at art galleries and get experience for running their separate galleries. They should join any design and promotion organization to project their work as self-entrepreneur and present art work in exhibitions for selling.
- Senior artists and art institutions should come forth to:
  - Promote art education and talent of Visual Arts
  - Create awareness among art professionals about opportunities in the local industry
  - Polish art sense and aesthetics
  - Promote real soft image of Pakistan as a moderate and peace-loving society.



Mr Masood Akhtar



Mr Aqeel Solaungi



Mr Wajid Ali



Ms Shehla Mumtaz

### ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

- Ms Shehla Mumtaz, Resource Person, Pakistan National Council of the Arts, Islamabad
- Mr Masood Akhtar, Assistant Professor, Multan College of Arts, Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan
- Mr Aqeel Solaungi, Assistant Professor, National College of Arts, Rawalpindi
- Mr Wajid Ali, Assistant Professor, University of Gujrat, Gujrat

# INNOVATIVE DISPLAYS AT MEDIA EXPO 2019

The Department of Communication and Media Studies organized Media Expo - 2019 from May 2 - 3, which served as a platform to showcase the innovative work of talented students.

Students of Advertising depicted their skills of visual design and marketing by launching advertising campaigns with innovative ideas displayed in the form of poster ads, television commercials and corporate advertisements; students of Public Relations utilized their strategic communication skills

through Public Relations campaigns; students of Electronic Media, and Film and TV exhibited their production skills through short films and documentaries; and students of Print Media expressed their journalistic skills of writing and editing through newspapers and magazines.

**‘SUCH EVENTS ARE INTEGRAL TO SHARPEN THE MINDS OF STUDENTS AND BRIDGE THE GAP BETWEEN ACADEMIA AND INDUSTRY.’**

TEHREEM TARIQ  
STUDENT  
BS MASS COM



## ADVERTISING CAMPAIGN

- 1<sup>st</sup> Shudh Desi
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Doodh Coffee
- 3<sup>rd</sup> The Bread Box'

## PUBLIC RELATIONS CAMPAIGN

- 1<sup>st</sup> Campus Cinema
- 2<sup>nd</sup> UOS TV
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sargodha Development Authority

## PRINT MEDIA PUBLICATION

- 1<sup>st</sup> English Newspaper 'The News Breeze'
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Urdu Newspaper 'Campus News'
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Magazine Category 'University Vibes'

## SHORT FILM AND DOCUMENTARIES

- 1<sup>st</sup> Hunger
- 2<sup>nd</sup> No Excuses
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Qabool Hay

**SARGODHA**  
Literary Festival



**T**he University of Sargodha organized 2nd Sargodha Literary Festival from April 23-25 to acknowledge the irrefutable beauty of literature and culture which enables us to get our bearings right. The music of literature was so mesmerizing that it touched all souls and became a source of catharsis and purgation; thousands of literature lovers benefited from this occasion and fulfilled their quests. The Festival aimed at promoting the passion for reading, writing and critical thinking among the students and to inspire them to take ownership of their literary creativities. The event was a sigh of relief amid the stress of academics and it rejuvenated the students and gave them a platform to interact, exchange ideas and engage in candid discussions and open dialogues.



Soch The Band playing to a highly charged large crowd

## SOCH THE BAND HOLDS AUDIENCE SPELLBOUND

**B**esides the intellectual talks and interactive sessions with scholars, the Festival also included a power-packed musical concert featuring stunning musical performance by Soch The Band, Maan Awan and Music Society of the University.

Soch The Band, known for its philosophical yet easy to understand lyrics, has always been a source of spreading awareness among the youth of the country about the social issues. Uth Jawana, Dhola, Awari, Mera



Members of Music Society mesmerising the crowd  
From **L** to **R**: Ume Kalsoom, Nayab and Aqsa





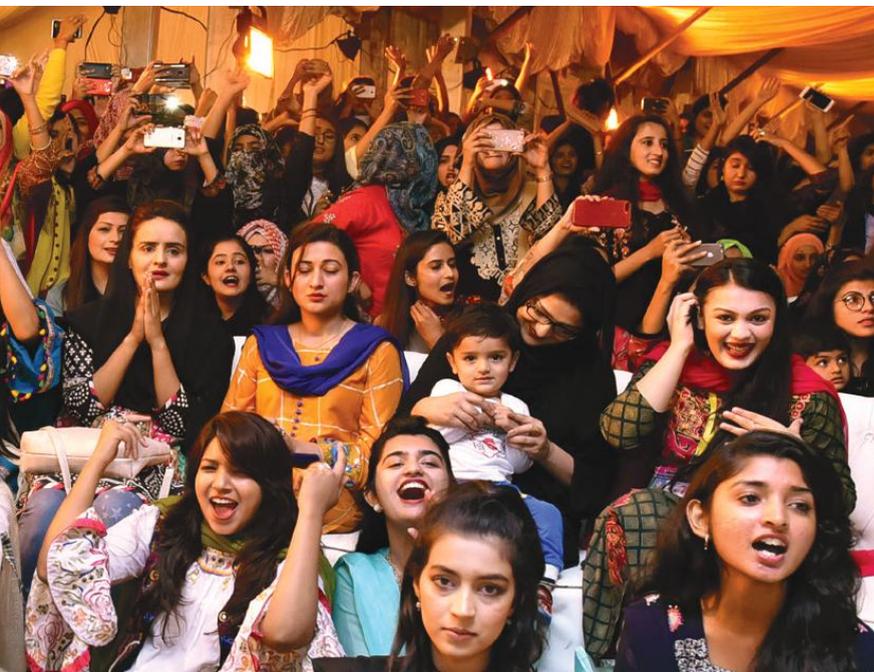
Jinnah, Bol Hu are few examples of their artistic work.

The young dynamic duo, consisting of powerful vocalist Adnan Dhool and multi-talented guitarist Rabi Ahmed, are the soul of Soch Band. Along with them, the amazingly talented Umer Hashmi on guitars, Paul Marice on drums and Omair on bass guitar, made the crowd go bonkers.

The students of the Music Society of Sargodha University performed reprised versions of classical melodies. The upcoming star, and alumnus of the University, Maan Awan also mesmerized the audience by his amazing performances.



Members of Music Society taking curtain call after their performance



Maan Awan and Adnan Dhool performing a duet



Mr Aamir Rana



Mr Sabookh Syed



Mr Farnood Alam



Ms Rabia Akhtar



Dr Ishtiaq Ahmad



Dr Fazal ur Rahman

## MEDIA AND SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

A scholarly discussion titled 'Media and Social Responsibilities' was conducted on the first day of Sargodha Literary Festival, April 23. The discussion provided a platform for the interactive dialogue and gave insight on the role of media and its responsibilities.

### KEY POINTS

- Media is considered as the reflection of society. Therefore, it plays a crucial role in shaping the realities and constructing a whole new digital world.
- The social responsibility of mainstream media is to propagate the voices of the subalterns. This platform highlights societal issues in order to support humanism. However, advocating the oppressed voices raises concerns for journalists. Irrespective of all this, they promote 'freedom of expression' with neutrality.
- The social responsibility of journalists is critical in establishing connection or detachment between the rich and the poor. Though, nowadays, journalists are becoming more prone to having public relations and not focusing on public issues.
- Despite the fact that social media cannot replace mainstream media, it encourages citizen journalism by giving power to the general public. This brings forth the democracy and highlights the societal issues which are sometimes being ignored by the mainstream media.

### ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

- Mr Muhammad Aamir Rana, Renowned Security Analyst and Director Pak Institute for Peace Studies
- Mr Sabookh Syed, Veteran Journalist and Motivational Speaker
- Mr Farnood Alam, Renowned Columnist

## YOUTH, KEY TO PEACE

In the evening of the first day of Sargodha Literary Festival, 23 April, an interactive session was held to discuss the role of youth in peace-building

### KEY POINTS

- Youth in Pakistan is dealing with radicalization. Studies show that religiosity, frustration, exclusive mindset, intolerance, divisions of boundaries and youth militancy are some of the indicators of radicalization.
- Youth acts as a catalyst for peace. Therefore, there is a dire need to disconnect them from radical forces and inculcate creative ideas in them for the promotion of peace in the society.
- Youth has to practice productivity which can be enhanced through involvement in sports activities, informal education, community development programs, training, seminars and conferences.
- Indeed, to bring peace to the outer world, it needs to prosper from inside first. Unless the youth is trained, disciplined and organized, and cultivated with compassion, tolerance and respect, no society can progress.
- This era is not about the war of weapons, it is the time period of the war of narratives.
- In the wake of hyper-charged propaganda through social media, young minds are needed to be nourished through reading diverse literature and by getting involved in civilized arguments to develop critical thinking and analytical reasoning.

### ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

- Dr Ishtiaq Ahmad, Vice Chancellor Sargodha University
- Dr Fazal ur Rehman, Director Pakistan Institute of China Studies
- Mr Muhammad Aamir Rana, Renowned Security Analyst and Director Pak Institute for Peace Studies
- Ms Rabia Akhtar, Director Centre for Security, Strategy and Policy Research, University of Lahore

# HEADS OF CONFUCIUS INSTITUTES VISIT SARGODHA UNIVERSITY



Heads of the Confucius Institutes attending the seminar

**H**eads of three Confucius Institutes visited Sargodha University on April 16 to attend an In-house Seminar organized by Pakistan Institute of China Studies (PICS) on developing China Studies at the University.

The Vice-Chancellor Dr Ishtiaq Ahmad, Director PICS Dr Fazal ur Rahman and senior faculty members attended the seminar, which highlighted the importance of China Studies in Pakistan keeping in view the evolving regional and global environment and China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI).

Dr Fazal ur Rahman briefed the Chinese delegates on the working of PICS and its future plans and asked for the cooperation of Confucius Institutes in order to design various programmes for introducing China Studies at Sargodha University.

## SU HAS SIGNED MOUs WITH:

- Agriculture Information Institute, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Science, Beijing, China, for agricultural knowledge exchange
- Lanzhou University China for Pakistan Dryland Agroecology and biomass energy development
- South China Agriculture University for promoting academic and research activities in agriculture
- Mountain Agrochemicals (Pvt) Limited, China for sustainable agriculture

**THE UNIVERSITY HAS PUBLISHED 39 JOINT RESEARCH ARTICLES IN COLLABORATION WITH THE CHINESE UNIVERSITIES AND RESEARCH ORGANIZATIONS.**

## SUGGESTIONS MADE BY CHINESE DELEGATES

- Sargodha University should include the Chinese language in the University's curriculum as an optional course
- Initiate an undergraduate 4+4 or 6+2 degree program in close collaboration with Chinese universities allowing the students to complete 4-6 semesters in Pakistan and remaining 2-4 semesters in China.
- Focus on training and transfer of Chinese agricultural technology and practices to the region.
- The Chinese delegates emphasized the need for translating Urdu literature in Chinese and Chinese literature in Urdu to bridge the cultural understanding between the people of the two countries.

*In response to the suggestions and ideas floated by the Chinese delegates, the Vice Chancellor agreed to explore the possibilities of initiating the joint-degree program and optional language course for students.*

*The seminar was concluded with an understanding that PICS and the University of Sargodha will benefit from the resources available at various Confucius Institutes in the region while initiating the process of setting up a Confucius Institute at the University of Sargodha.*

## ABOUT THE CHINESE DELEGATES

- Prof Liu Chensheng, Director of Confucius Institute at Punjab University, Lahore
- Dr Zhou Changming, Chinese Dean of Confucius Institute at the University of Agriculture, Faisalabad
- Dr Zhang Daojian, Head of Confucius Institute, NUML, Islamabad
- Mr Shaheen, a renowned Chinese journalist and Director China Radio International
- Ms Wang Sujing, Deputy Director, China Radio International

# SEMINAR SERIES

## ENCOURAGING ACTIVE ROLE OF WOMEN IN SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

**T**he Department of Economics conducted a seminar on 2nd April to shed light on the broader role of women in bringing an economic change and make a self-reliant society.

The seminar, titled 'Women Empowerment: A catalyst for Economic and Social Development,' focused on bringing about positive attitudinal changes in society for the effective participation of women in all fields of life.

### KEY POINTS

- The availability of decent employment opportunities with good working conditions must be ensured for women.
- Women should be provided with equal access to quality education, health facilities, skills development and training.
- Access to power should be guaranteed to women through representation in political and decision-making bodies.
- Women must be given access to property, assets and financial services.



Dr Babar Aziz



- Women should have equal access to opportunities to acquire job.
- Proper focus should be given to polish the leadership qualities of women.

### ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

- *Dr Babar Aziz, Dean and Professor at NUR International University, Lahore*
- *Dr Zahid Iqbal, Associate Professor at Forman Christian College University, Lahore*

## MORE RESEARCH REQUIRED TO MITIGATE CLIMATE CHANGE

**T**he Department of Earth Sciences, in collaboration with the Ministry of Climate Change, organized a seminar on April 2. In the seminar, Dr Amjad Masood delivered a lecture on 'Climate Change and Water Resources of Pakistan: Emerging Trends in Engineering, Management and Sciences' while Dr Muhammad Azmat shared his thoughts on 'State and Fate of Water Resources to Changing Climate in Pakistan.'

### KEY POINTS

- Climate change occurs mainly due to global warming which is primarily caused by the greenhouse effect.
- The worst climate change impacts include melting of glaciers and ice mass, rising sea level, producing flooding and threatening coastal environments, extreme weather phenomena and extinction of species.
- During last century, increase in global temperature was recorded to be 0.6° C, but in the 19th year of the 21st century, it has already been increased more than 0.4° C, which is an alarming condition.
- Climate change causes uncertainty in water availability, decrease in crop yields, loss of biodiversity and increase in health risks.



Dr Amjad Masood



Dr Muhammad Azmat

- Pakistan is the 8th most affected country from climate change, and has become a water stressed country because her reservoirs can store water equivalent to 30 days of consumption, whereas the standard minimum requirement is 120 days.
- More research and appropriate adaptation measures are required to counter the negative impacts of climate change.

### ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

- *Dr Amjad Masood, Scientific Officer at Water Resources and Glaciology Section, Global Change Impact Studies Centre, Islamabad*
- *Dr Muhammad Azmat, Assistant Professor at National University of Sciences and Technology, Islamabad*

# SEMINAR ON GEOPHYSICAL TECHNIQUES AND APPLICATIONS: SEEING THE UNSEEN

**T**he Department of Earth Sciences organized a seminar on April 9 titled 'Geophysical Techniques and Applications.'

The speakers from eminent Petroleum industry and Engineering sector highlighted that in the last two decades, new instruments, data-acquisition techniques, non-invasive geophysical methods and processing strategies have made the geophysical data acquisition and interpretation much faster and more reliable.

The case studies related to various stages of The Shallow Geophysical Techniques carries out in UK, Oman and UAE were also discussed.

## KEY POINTS

- The geophysical surveys have been employed for the exploration of hydrocarbons but recent advancements have enabled us to use them for engineering and environmental investigations as well.
- The Shallow Geophysical Surveys are conducted for various kinds of investigations that include post-construction structural problems for skyscrapers, evaluation of water reserves, dam abutment seepages, detection of buried pipelines,



Mr Muhammad Faisal



Mr Fakhar Abbas, UAE

artifacts and archeological remains.

- The Shallow Geophysical methods are conducted in remote areas where drilling is not possible and the topography is uneven. For instance, the Laser-link technology was suggested to be used at river banks for seismic reflection data acquisition.

## ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

- *Fakhar Abbas, Project Manager, Fugro Middle East, UAE*
- *Muhammad Faisal, Geophysicist, Oil and Gas Development Company Ltd (OGDCL), Islamabad*

# INCULCATING ENTREPRENEURIAL SKILLS TO COMMERCIALIZE INNOVATIVE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH

**T**aking into consideration the importance of commercialization of innovative ideas and business discoveries, the Office of Research Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC), University of Sargodha, organized a training workshop titled, 'Developing Entrepreneurial Scientists – Serving Science and Society' on April 4. The speakers highlighted the significance of knowledge innovation by discussing their findings from 20 case studies.

## KEY POINTS

- An entrepreneurial scientist working in academia, industry or government institutions not only contributes to the body of knowledge, but also gives new products and services to improve the human life experiences.
- The entrepreneurial scientists extend scientific research into unexplored opportunities through solving social problems and generating more economic activities and financial rewards.
- For promotion and development of the culture of entrepreneurial research, the PESE framework for entrepreneurial scientists, including components such as personality, environment, scientific and



Mr Rahmatullah

enterprising skills are crucial to consider.

- Regions where the level of entrepreneurship is high, the capital reflects higher levels of output and productivity, while in areas that lack entrepreneurial investment, the capital has a tendency to generate the output and productivity at lower levels.

## ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

- *Mr Rahmatullah, Chief Coordinator at Institute of Research Promotion, Lahore*
- *Dr Rashida Zohra, Director ORIC at Jinnah University for Women, Karachi*

# PROUD ALUMNUS



Former President Rafiq Tarar confers Hilal-i-Imtiaz on Dr Masud Ahmad on 23 March 1998 at Aiwan-e-Sadar, Islamabad

## A TRIBUTE TO LATE NUCLEAR SCIENTIST, DR MASUD AHMAD, HILAL-I-IMTIAZ

**D**r Muhammad Masud Ahmad (1943-2018) the esteemed alumnus of Government College Sargodha/University of Sargodha was an illustrious nuclear scientist. He served as Member Science in Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission (PAEC) and Member, Chairman Advisory Council. Dr Ahmad had developed the design of nuclear bomb which was tested in May 1998. In recognition of his significant contributions in the country's nuclear program, he was conferred upon Hilal-i-Imtiaz and Pride of Performance by the Government of Pakistan in 1998.

Dr Ahmad attained his degree of Bachelor of Science from Government College Sargodha in 1963. The Newsletter Team interviewed Dr Ahmad's daughter, Ms Noshin Masud, to know more about the celebrated theoretical physicist and proud alumnus of the University.

**Being a nuclear scientist, what were Dr Ahmad's views regarding the national development and defense?**

He was a staunch supporter of positive use of nuclear science in agriculture, health and research sector. In spite of developing the design of nuclear bomb for country's defense, he suggested peaceful use of nuclear technology and never wanted to see countries living in a state of fear and worry.

**What motivated Dr Ahmad to pursue career in nuclear science?**

He was passionate towards science and used to put his soul in everything. Apart from this, he had a knack of getting into the minutest details which enabled him to achieve perfection in his work. He was naturally gifted a brain of scientist, and this is the reason that choosing nuclear sciences turned out to be the best decision of his life.

**How other people around you remember your father?**

They all say one thing 'Putting others first.' He was extremely considerate and always used to put others comfort before anything. Other than his professional side, he had a very sharp sense of humor and had the ability to induce life in any gathering with his humorous remarks and one-liners.

**If Dr Ahmad was ever asked to give a message to the students of Sargodha University, what he would have suggested?**

He was deeply inspired by the Nobel Laureate Dr. Abdus Salam, since he had the opportunity to work with him, so he used to impart lessons he learnt from him. He used to advise: "Never worry about the outcome and always give your best shot. Fretting about results will only affect your journey. Put in your best and leave the rest to destiny."

Moreover, he never restricted his daughters from excelling in life and never discouraged them in going after what they wanted to achieve.

# ACHIEVEMENTS

## GOLD MEDAL FOR RESEARCH CONTRIBUTIONS IN ENTOMOLOGICAL SCIENCES

**D**r Muhammad Zeeshan Majeed, Lecturer at the Department of Entomology, College of Agriculture, Sargodha University has been awarded Prof Dr Imtiaz Ahmad Gold Medal 2019 by the Zoological Society of Pakistan on his outstanding research contributions in Entomological Sciences.

The medal was conferred on him by Dr Abdul Rauf Shakoori, the President of Zoological Society of Pakistan during the inaugural ceremony of the 39th International Pakistan Congress of Zoology, held at the Islamia College University, Peshawar in March 2019.

The award was bestowed on Dr Majeed in recognition of his contribution to entomological research in the form of research papers published in the reputed national and international scientific journals and various research projects.

"The University of Sargodha groomed me professionally and enabled me to work hard with my full potential to qualify for this award of honor," says Dr Majeed.



Dr Zeeshan Majeed holding gold medal and certificate, poses for camera

Almost all entomologists from Pakistan had applied for this award. Their applications were reviewed by a panel of experts nominated by the Executive Council of the Zoologist Society of Pakistan.

*Dr Majeed earned his Postdoc from the Institute of Plant Protection, Chinese Academy of Agricultural Sciences, Beijing in 2018.*

*He earned his PhD in Insect Microbial Ecology from the University of Montpellier-II, Montpellier, France. He has got 50+ published papers in reputed SCI-indexed scientific journals.*

*He is also the recipient of HEC Best Research Paper Award 2013-14 and Elsevier (Scopus) Highly Cited Research Certificate 2016.*

## JURY'S SPECIAL AWARD AT WATERCOLOR EXHIBITION, ROMANIA

**M**s Nadia Abbasi's watercolor painting won 'The Jury's Special Award' in the 1st International Watercolor Exhibition held at the Palace of Parliament, Bucharest, Romania from April 1-30.

The Watercolor Exhibition was organized by International Watercolor Society, Romania and it was attended by artists from more than 35 countries. Ms Abbasi also voluntarily designed catalog for national and international exhibitions of International Watercolor Society, Romania.

Society has made a special request to Ms Abbasi to donate her traditional painting to 'Watercolor Painting Museum' of Romania.



Award-winning painting of Ms Nadia Abbassi

*Ms Abbasi is currently serving in Sargodha University as Lecturer at the Institute of Art and Design. She is also a member of International Watercolor Society, Pakistan. Her paintings have also been selected for exhibition in Urbino, Italy and Geneva, Switzerland.*

# SU LECTURER TO REPRESENT PAKISTAN IN YOUNG SINOLOGISTS VISITING PROGRAM 2019

**U**niversity of Sargodha has made its mark among other universities of Pakistan as its Lecturer in Economics Mr Muhammad Nauman Malik has been selected after a competitive process to represent its homeland in the 2019 Visiting Program for Young Sinologists.

The Visiting Program – hosted by the Ministry of Culture and Tourism of the People’s Republic of China – aims to build a platform to support overseas young sinologists in carrying out Chinese studies, to provide convenient and substantial assistance for their academic research, to support their exchanges and collaborative research projects with outstanding Chinese academic, cultural, and educational institutions, groups, companies, and scholars, and to help them enhance their academic competence and international influence.

More than 40 countries’ participants would enrich and add value to the visiting forum scheduled to be held from June 16 to July 7, 2019.

In the backdrop of China Pakistan Economic Corridor and long-term strategic partnership of China and Pakistan which is much beyond the development of infrastructure, business and trade, such programs help increasing interaction of academia and research fraternity of both sides in order to streamline the path of joint knowledge creation.



Mr Muhammad Nauman Malik

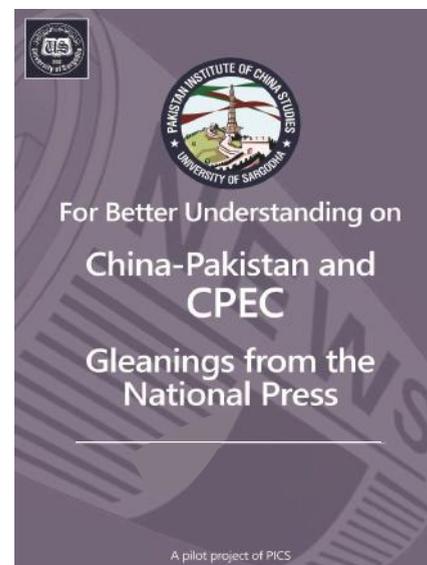
## PICS COMPILES DATA TO FACILITATE RESEARCH ON CHINA

**P**akistan Institute of China Studies, Sargodha University, introduced ‘Gleanings from the National Press’ to facilitate researchers, academicians and opinion makers in their research on Sino-Pak relations and China Pakistan Economic Corridor.

The fortnightly published Gleanings are a chronological compilation of news, views and vital information from 12 national mainstream newspapers.

The information, gathered since January 2019, provides a good source for users to form independent opinion on the developments and discourse of the bilateral relations, and construction of CPEC which has entered into Phase-II.

“The Project intends to incorporate data from Chinese and foreign press to support researchers working on China in various dimensions,” informed Dr Fazal-ur-Rahman, Director PICS.



Recently established PICS at University of Sargodha is playing a vital role in carrying forward the spirit of time-tested friendship between Pakistan and China through developing better understanding of the students on China. PICS is making serious efforts to help youth equip themselves with adequate skills and knowledge to fully utilize the opportunities emerging with the development of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC).

# SUCCESS STORIES

## STUDENTS WIN 6 POSITIONS IN 1ST YOUTH CARNIVAL 2019

**T**he talented squad of University of Sargodha won six positions in 12th Youth Carnival 2019 held at the Institute of Space Technology, Islamabad on March 28-30.

The Youth Carnival is an inter-university annual event of IST which features a vast spectrum of competitions in various categories. The carnival has developed a legacy of 11 years with total participation of over 5000 students every year.

This year, from all over the Pakistan, students from 50 different universities participated in the event to compete with each other and to showcase their talent and skills.

Participating in such events is crucial for personality development of the students as they boost up their managerial, literary, leadership and soft skills. – Asma Saleem, winner of the Sketching Contest



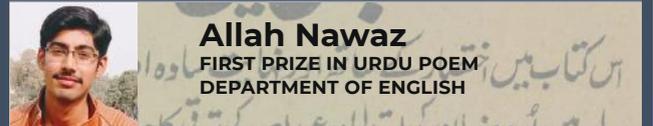
**Usama & Nabeeha**  
FIRST PRIZE IN WALL PAINTING  
INSTITUTE OF ART AND DESIGN



**Asma Saleem**  
FIRST PRIZE IN SKETCHING  
INSTITUTE OF ART AND DESIGN



**Waqar Hanif**  
FIRST PRIZE IN CALLIGRAPHY  
INSTITUTE OF ART AND DESIGN



**Allah Nawaz**  
FIRST PRIZE IN URDU POEM  
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH



**Zain Ul Abiden**  
FIRST PRIZE IN QIRAT  
ISLAMIC AND ARABIC STUDIES



**Faizan**  
SECOND PRIZE IN SHORT STORY  
URDU AND ORIENTAL LANGUAGES

## 2ND POSITION IN UNIVERSITY SPORTS LEAGUE 2019

**T**he Girls Cricket Team of Sargodha University stood first runner up in the University Sports League 2019 held from March 16 to April 29. The team also secured 1st position in Big9 Batch, comprising of top 9 universities of Punjab.

It was a T20 cricket tournament, organized by Higher Education Department in order to give fresh talented youth a chance to showcase their abilities. 48 national universities participated in the league.

A total of 213 matches were played during the League. The Girls Cricket Team of Sargodha University won 11 matches out of 12 while the Boys Cricket Team won five matches out of six matches; two matches were drawn.

**‘IT WAS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY FOR US AND, I AM GRATEFUL TO THE COACHES OF UNIVERSITY FOR POLISHING OUR SKILLS THAT ENABLED US TO EXHIBIT OUR TALENT BEFORE THE NATIONAL SPORTS BODIES.’**

NABEELA ZAMAN,  
CAPTAIN, SU GIRLS CRICKET TEAM



Players of the University's Girls Cricket Team pose for a group photo with the first runner up trophy



A group photo of University's Boys Cricket Team

# صوفی ادب تے برداشت دی ریت



جناب خالد سعید



جناب غلام حسین ساجد



جناب یوسف خالد

سرگودھا یونیورسٹی وچ 23-25 اپریل نوں ہون والے ادبی میلے دے دووے دیہاڑے پنجاب دی صوفی ریت تے معاشرے وچ گھنڈی ہوئی برداشت دے مسئلے نوں اجاگر کرن واسطے ”صوفی ادب تے برداشت دی ریت“ دے سرناویں نال اک سیشن دا انعقاد ہویا۔ اس بیٹھک دا مقصد صوفی ادب تے تعلیمات دے ذریعے امن، رواداری تے برداشت دے پیغام نوں عام کرنا سی۔

لیس سیشن دے یار ملک دے وڈے تے چونیوں سوجھوان جناب خالد سعید صاحب، جناب غلام حسین ساجد صاحب تے جناب یوسف خالد صاحب سن جنہاں گل بات کر دیاں ہویاں لیس گل تے ایکا کیتا کہ معاشرے وچ برداشت، بھائی چارے، امن تے رواداری دے پرچار لئی ضروری اے کہ صوفی ادب تے صوفی تعلیم نوں فروغ دتا جائے۔ انہاں اگے پنجاب دا صوفی ہی امن دا اصلی پرچارک اے جس نے لوکائی نوں جوڑن دی کوشش کیتی سی تے اوہدے کول ہر رنگ، مذہب تے نسل دے لوگ آوندے سن تے صوفی ایہناں لوگاں نوں رب نال جوڑ دے سن۔

سوجھواناں نے ایہہ گل دی کیتی کہ پنجابی صوفی نے اپنی شاعری وچ پسماندہ طبقات دے حق لئی آواز اٹھائی تے لوکائی نوں جڑت دا درس دتا۔ انہاں لیس چیز تے زور دتا کہ سانوں صوفیاء دے پیغام نوں عام کرن واسطے اک موثر پالیسی بناؤن دی لوڑ اے تے نویں نسل واسطے صوفیاء دی تعلیمات نوں عام کرن واسطے کج بھردیں کم کرن دی لوڑ اے تے صوفی بیانے دا استعمال امن دے فروغ لئی کرن واسطے سارے گروہاں نوں مل کے کم کرن دی لوڑ اے۔

## روشن خیالی اور فنون لطیفہ



ڈاکٹر نجیب جمال



ڈاکٹر شگفتہ حسین

رنگا رنگ سرگودھا لٹریری فیسٹیول کے دوسرے روز فی زمانہ روشن خیالی کی ضرورت و اہمیت کو اجاگر کرنے کیلئے ”روشن خیالی اور فنون لطیفہ“ کے عنوان سے نشست کا اہتمام کیا گیا جس میں معروف محققین ڈاکٹر انوار احمد، ڈاکٹر نجیب جمال، ڈاکٹر صلاح الدین درویش اور ڈاکٹر شگفتہ حسین نے شرکت کی۔

نقاد اور محقق ڈاکٹر صلاح الدین درویش نے کہا کہ روشن خیالی ایک ذہنی رویہ ہے، انسان ہر دور میں علوم و فنون کے تحفظ کے لیے ارتقائی سیڑھیاں چڑھتا آیا ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ تخیل کی مادی ساخت جب تک سامنے نہیں آتی تب تک کسی کے نظریہ اور تصور کو سمجھا نہیں جاسکتا۔

ڈاکٹر شگفتہ حسین نے کہا کہ روشن خیالی خرد مند اور خرد افروزی ہے اور یہ سیاسی اعتبار سے مضبوط اور فکری طور پر ہر قسم کی پابندیوں سے آزاد معاشروں میں جنم لیتی ہے۔ ان کے مطابق علوم و فنون آفاقی حیثیت کے حامل ہیں جنہیں مذہبی لبادے میں نہیں لپیٹا جانا چاہیے۔ ڈاکٹر انوار احمد نے کہا کہ فن کسی بھی علم کے عملی روپ کا نام ہے، روشن خیالی ہر انسان کے اندر موجود ہوتی ہے اور اسی سے فنون لطیفہ جنم لیتے ہیں جو ہمارے افسانوں، کہاوتوں اور لوک کہانیوں میں پائے جاتے ہیں۔

ڈاکٹر نجیب جمال کے مطابق خوف اور روشن خیالی کا کوئی جوڑ نہیں ہو سکتا جبکہ فنون لطیفہ کو تخلیق کرنے کے لئے روشن خیالی ہونا ضروری ہے۔

انچارج شعبہ اردو اور مشرقی زبانیں ڈاکٹر عامر سہیل نے کہا کہ فنون لطیفہ ہوتا ہی روشن خیالی ہے اور تخلیق کی بنیادی صفت ہی یہ ہے کہ وہ مروجہ اصولوں کو توڑتی ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ ایسی نشستیں طلبہ کے علم میں اضافے کا باعث بنتی ہیں اور تخلیقی سوچ کو پروان چڑھاتی ہیں۔

# پہلی عالمی پنجابی کانفرنس

کانفرنس وچ ملکی تے غیر ملکی پدھر دے سوجھواناں دی رلت پڑھیاں تے سہناراں نوں اجوکے پنجابی ادب دے مہاڑاں نوں جانن تے سمجھن دا اک اہم موقع سی جینے سوچ تے پے جندریاں تے اک سٹ ضرور ماری اے۔



پروفیسر پریتیم سنگھ، آکسفورڈ یونیورسٹی، برطانیہ



ڈاکٹر ولی اسلم، ہاتھ یونیورسٹی، برطانیہ

پنجاب دی تاریخ، ادب تے رہتل بارے وچار وٹاندر کرن لئی سرگودھا یونیورسٹی دے شعبہ پنجابی ہائر ایجوکیشن کمیشن دے تعاون نال 15-16 اپریل نوں پہلی عالمی پنجابی کانفرنس دا انعقاد کیتا۔ ”پنجاب: تاریخ ادب تے رہتل“ دے سرناویں پیٹھ ہون والی اس کانفرنس وچ ملکی تے غیر ملکی سوجھواناں نے رلت کیتی۔ ماں بولی دی اہمیت تے اجوکے دور وچ اگے ودھن لئی ایہدی لوڑ بارے گل بات کانفرنس دا ایچھا موضوع سی۔

چار حصیاں تے مشتمل ایس کانفرنس وچ پاکستان تے باہروں آئے سوجھواناں دے نال نال یونیورسٹی دے پڑھنہاراں دی چوکھی تعداد نے شرکت کیتی۔ کانفرنس دے پہلے سیشن دے بلاک آکسفورڈ یونیورسٹی انگلینڈ توں آئے پروفیسر پریتیم سنگھ تے گورنمنٹ کالج یونیورسٹی لہور دے شعبہ پنجابی دے پردھان ڈاکٹر سعید بھٹا تے سرگودھا یونیورسٹی دے شعبہ اردو تے مشرقی زبانان دے سربراہ سید عامر سہیل ہوری سن۔ ایس سیشن وچ زبان، شناخت تے سیاست دے موضوع تے گل بات کیتی گئی۔

کانفرنس دا دووا سیشن ”پنجابی لوک ادب تے تاریخ“ بارے سی جیہدے وچ نین سکھ، ڈاکٹر ظہیر وٹو تے ڈاکٹر فیصل جیا ہوراں نے مقالے پیش کیتے۔ 16 اپریل نوں کانفرنس دے دووے دن انگلینڈ توں آئے ڈاکٹر ولی اسلم نے ”گواچے پنجابی تے پنجابی رہتل“ نوں اپنے مقالے دا موضوع بنایا۔ ایس سیشن وچ ڈاکٹر پریتیم سنگھ تے سرگودھا یونیورسٹی دے وائس چانسلر ڈاکٹر اشفاق احمد ہوراں وی رلت کیتی تے ”پنجاب دی سماجی، اقتصادی تے ثقافتی تبدیلی“ دے موضوع اتے بھروں گل بات کیتی۔

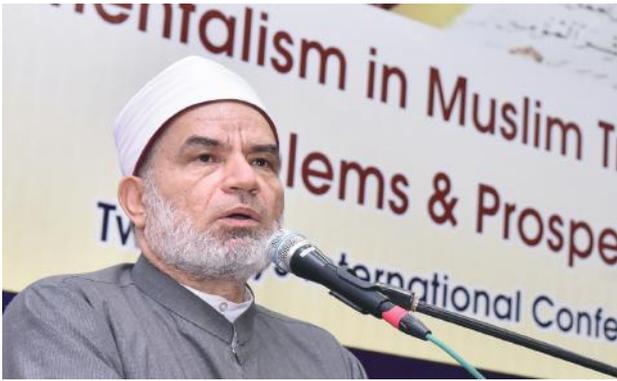
کانفرنس دے آخری سیشن دا موضوع ”پنجابی ادب وچ قصہ تے صوفی ریت“ بارے سی جیہدے وچ لہور توں آئی سوجھوان ڈاکٹر مجاہد ہ بٹ، ڈاکٹر صائمہ بٹول تے ڈاکٹر شمینہ بٹول ہوراں نے مقالے پڑھے۔ کانفرنس دے چاراں سیشنوں نوں پنجابی دے کوآرڈینیٹر ڈاکٹر محمد منیر، شعبہ اردو دے استاد ڈاکٹر محمد نعیم تے ڈاکٹر ساجد جاوید تے اسلامیہ کالج لہور دے پروفیسر زبیر احمد ہوراں نے اپنی گل بات نال چارچن لا دتے۔

کانفرنس دی خاص گل ایہہ سی کہ کانفرنس دے وچ گل بات دا طریقہ کارڈو پاسی رکھیا گیا تے سوجھواناں دے نال نال کانفرنس وچ شریک پڑھنہاراں نے بہت سارے سوال چکے جیہناں توں اتلے موضوعاں بارے بھروں گل بات اگے ودھی۔ کانفرنس راہیں بہت سارے اچھے علمی مقالے سامنے آئے جنہاں وچ صوفی ریت دے پچھوکڑ وچ لوک سبھتا تے برداشت دے تیاں نوں لکھیہ دیا گیا۔

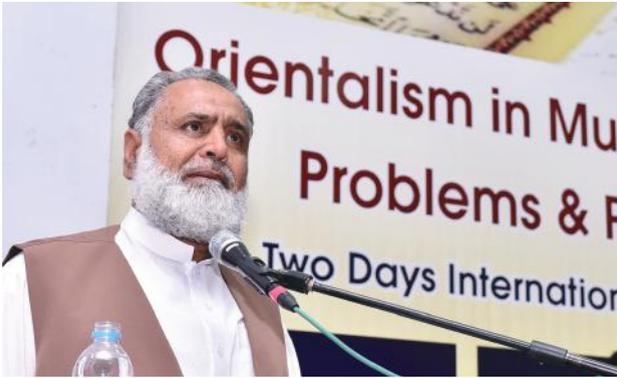
ایہہ کانفرنس اک خطے دے طور تے پنجاب دی حیثیت تے اہمیت نوں اگھاڑن وچ لایہ ون د ہووے گی۔ ایس وچ پنجاب دے سماجی، معاشی، ثقافتی تے تاریخی مہاندراں بارے کیتی گئی گل بات نال پنجابی رہتل وچ امن دی ریت نوں سمجھن وچ مدد ملی۔

کانفرنس دے آخر وچ سارے سوجھواناں تے رلتیاں نے قرارداد پیش کیتی کہ سرگودھا یونیورسٹی وچ پنجابی زبان تے رہتل دے فروغ لئی ”انٹرنیشنل سنٹر فار پنجاب سٹڈیز“ دے نال اک سنٹر بنایا جائے۔

# مطالعہ استشراق کی مسلم روایت: رجحانات و امکانات



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مطالعہ استشراق کی اسلامی روایت کے رجحانات و اثرات کے جائزے کے لیے شعبہ علوم اسلامیہ، یونیورسٹی آف سرگودھا کی جانب سے ”مطالعہ استشراق کی مسلم روایت: رجحانات و اثرات“ کے عنوان کے تحت مورخہ 29 اور 30 اپریل کو دو روزہ بین الاقوامی کانفرنس منعقد ہوئی۔

کانفرنس کا مقصد مسلمان محققین کی اس موضوع پر قابل قدر کاوشوں کو خراج تحسین پیش کرنے کے ساتھ ساتھ ان کے افکار و مطالعات کی روشنی میں جدید استشراقی رجحانات کا تجزیاتی مطالعہ کرنا تھا۔ اس کی دیگر اغراض میں مستشرقین کی علمی و ادبی کاوشوں کا تعارف، مسلمان محققین کے افکار کے استشراق پر اثرات کا جائزہ اور جدید استشراقی رجحانات سے آگاہی اور ان کے دفاع کے لیے مطلوبہ معیارات کا تعین کرنا تھا۔

کانفرنس میں قومی اور بین الاقوامی سکالرز کی ایک بڑی تعداد نے شرکت کی جبکہ اس دوران دو درجن سے زائد مقالات پیش کیے گئے جن کی تحقیقی معیار پر چھان بین کے بعد ان کو کتابی شکل میں یونیورسٹی کی طرف سے شائع کیا جائے گا۔

کانفرنس میں پیش کی جانے والی تجاویز میں ایک اہم تجویز سرگودھا یونیورسٹی میں ”مرکز مطالعہ استشراق“ کا قیام ہے۔ ملک و بیرون ملک سے آنے ہوئے مہمان سکالرز اور مقالہ نگاروں نے اس مرکز سے متعلق اپنے علمی تعاون کا یقین دلایا۔

کانفرنس کا کلیدی خطبہ معروف محقق و سکالر جناب ڈاکٹر سفیر اختر نے پیش کیا۔ انھوں نے اپنے خطاب میں اسلامی و مشرقی علوم سے متعلق استشراقی نقطہ ہائے نظر کو تفصیل سے بیان کیا اور مستشرقین کے مطالعات کے مثبت و منفی پہلوؤں کو اجاگر کیا۔ اور واضح کیا کہ ہمیں مستشرقین کے حوالے سے نقد و تجزیے میں ہمیں معروضی انداز اختیار کرنا چاہیے۔ ان کی تنقید کے جواب کے ساتھ ساتھ علوم اسلامیہ کی ترویج و اشاعت میں ان کی کاوشوں کی قدر کرنی چاہیے اور ان سے استفادہ کرنا چاہیے۔

کانفرنس کے بین الاقوامی سکالرز میں مصر سے ڈاکٹر ابراہیم سعد النادی اور شیخ ڈاکٹر عبدالصیر الحضیر کے نام شامل ہیں۔ انھوں نے اپنی گفت گو میں استشراقی مطالعات اور مقاصد و اہداف پر روشنی ڈالی نیز مسلمانوں کو ان کے جواب کی تیاری کی طرف متوجہ کیا۔

کانفرنس میں ملک کے طول عرض کی جامعات کے نامور سکالرز نے شرکت کی جن میں ڈاکٹر اکرام الحق، سیکرٹری اسلامی نظریاتی کونسل، اسلام آباد، پنجاب یونیورسٹی لاہور سے پروفیسر ڈاکٹر محمد سعد صدیقی، انٹرنیشنل اسلامک یونیورسٹی سے ڈاکٹر محمد ضیاء الحق، پشاور یونیورسٹی سے پروفیسر ڈاکٹر معراج الاسلام ضیاء، علامہ اقبال اوپن یونیورسٹی اسلام سے ڈاکٹر محمد سجاد دومن یونیورسٹی سیالکوٹ سے ڈاکٹر سیدہ سعیدی، عمل اسلام آباد سے پروفیسر ڈاکٹر عبدالغفار بخاری، پیر مہر علی شاہ بارانی یونیورسٹی راولپنڈی سے ڈاکٹر غلام حسین بابر اور دیگر بہت سے سکالرز نے شرکت کی اور کانفرنس کے مرکزی موضوع سے متعلق مختلف جہات پر اپنے مقالات پیش کیے۔