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سابق چیئرمین شعبہ علوم اسلامیہ، پروفیسر فضل حق استقبال رمضان مہینہ سے خطاب کر رہے ہیں۔

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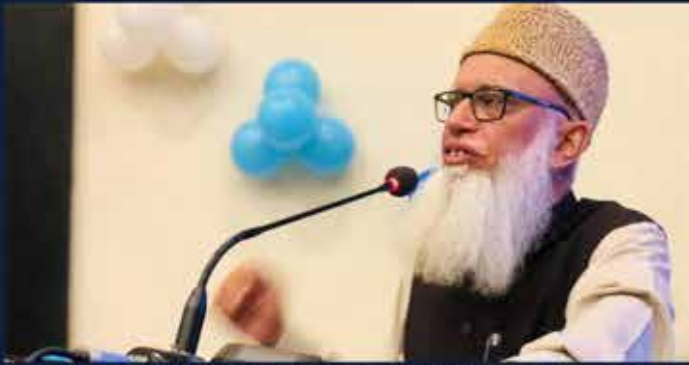
رمضان کی آمد سے پہلے ہی اس کا اشتیاق وہی کر سکتا ہے جسے رمضان المبارک کی قدر و قیمت کا صحیح ادراک ہو۔ اس مقدس مہینہ میں عبادات و معاملات کو کسے کار آمد بنایا جاسکتا ہے؟ اس تناظر میں "استقبال رمضان" کے عنوان سے شعبہ علوم اسلامیہ کے زیر اہتمام 20 مارچ 2023 کو ایک عظیم الشان سیمینار کا انعقاد کیا گیا۔ جس میں سابق چیئرمین شعبہ علوم اسلامیہ، پروفیسر فضل حق صاحب نے فلسفہ رمضان کو احسن انداز میں طلبہ کے سامنے اجاگر کیا۔ اس سیمینار کا مقصد طلبہ و طالبات کا اپنی زندگیوں میں دین اسلام سے وابستگی پیدا کرنا بالخصوص اللہ اور اس کے رسول ﷺ کے فرامین کے مطابق گزارنا اور تزیین کس سے ہے۔ فیضان رمضان پر مزید خیالات کا اظہار کرتے ہوئے فرمایا کہ رمضان نیکوں کی طرف رغبت اور گناہوں سے اجتناب کا درس دیتا ہے۔

نوجوانوں میں ملحدانہ رجحانات کا تدارک

عصر حاضر میں مسلم معاشروں میں نظریہ الہی کی فکری ترویج ناہاری اور پابندی طور پر موجود ہے، اگرچہ الہی کی مختلف اقسام ہیں لیکن بنیادی مقصد وجود باری تعالیٰ اور مذہبی تعلیمات کا انکار کرنا ہے۔ یہ نظریہ اس وقت دنیا میں مذاہب کی دوز میں جسے نہر پر اور عصر حاضر کا فوری توجہ طلب مسئلہ ہے، کیونکہ یہ "الہی فکری سیکولر ازم، لبرل ازم، فیشن ازم، مارٹن ازم اور جدیدیت کے نام سے مسلم معاشروں میں تیزی سے سرایت کرتا جا رہا ہے۔ اس مسئلہ کی سنگینی کو مد نظر رکھتے ہوئے شعبہ علوم اسلامیہ نے مورخہ 22 مارچ 2023 کو بعنوان "نوجوانوں میں ملحدانہ رجحانات کا تدارک: مسائل اور ان کا حل" ایک علمی و فکری سیمینار کا انعقاد کیا جس میں مہمان مقرر، پروفیسر ڈاکٹر محمد سعید صدیقی، سابق ڈائریکٹر سیرت چیئرمین، جناب یونیورسٹی، لاہور نے الہی کے حقیقی فلسفے اور عصر حاضر میں نوجوانوں کو درپیش مشکلات کو واضح طور پر بیان کیا۔ مزید برآں ان کے اعراض و مباحث میں، نوجوان نسل کی ذہنی پابندی، مغربی میڈیا کا ہمارے میڈیا پر بے جا تسلط، معاشرے میں موجود اللہ سے متاثرہ افراد سے میل جول، ہمارے تعلیمی نظام پر مغربی نظریات و افکار کی واضح چھاپ اور مسلمان نسل تو کی اپنے دین سے دوری جیسے اہم پہلوؤں کا خوبصورت خاکہ کیا گیا۔ اپنے خیالات کا اظہار کرتے ہوئے مہمان مقرر نے سوشل میڈیا کے نامناسب استعمال کو اس لحاظ سے طرز فکر کا بنیادی محرک اور اس کو وسیع پیمانے پر اپنانے کی بنیادی وجہ آدمی کا اپنے خاندان بالخصوص والدین کے ساتھ تعلقات کا غیر مستحکم ہونا قرار دیا۔ انہوں نے خاندانی نظام سے منسلک وابستگی اور اسلام کی مستند تعلیمات کو پوری طرح تسلیم کرنے کو اس سیکولر طرز زندگی کا بنیادی علان تجویز کیا ہے۔

تحقیق کا قرآنی منہج

شعبہ علوم اسلامیہ نے تحقیقی میدان میں روایات کو برقرار رکھتے ہوئے ایک عظیم الشان سیمینار مورخہ 20 جنوری 2023 بعنوان "تحقیق کا قرآنی منہج" کا انعقاد کیا۔ جس میں مہمان مقرر، پروفیسر ڈاکٹر مستنیش علوی صاحب نے مختلف قرآنی مثالوں کے ذریعے تصور تحقیق اور اس کے نتائج کو خوبصورتی سے بیان کیا۔ مہمان گرامی کی پر تاثیر گفتگو کی کھیل پر سوال و جواب کی نشست میں طلبہ نے بھرپور حصہ لیا۔ تقریبات کے اختتام پر چیئرمین پر سن شعبہ اسلامیات ڈاکٹر فرحت سیم طوی نے معزز مہمانوں کو شیلڈ پیش کی اور شکریہ ادا کیا۔



پروفیسر ڈاکٹر محمد سعید صدیقی ملحدانہ طرز فکر کے تدارک پر منعقدہ سیمینار سے خطاب کر رہے ہیں۔



پروفیسر ڈاکٹر مستنیش علوی تحقیق کا قرآنی منہج کے موضوع پر منعقدہ سیمینار سے خطاب کر رہے ہیں۔

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"Dr. Irfan Saleem addressing the seminar."

The Department of Economics hosted a seminar titled "COVID-19 & the Impact of Environmental Regulations on Industrial Trade: CAREC vs OECD countries." The esteemed guest speaker was welcomed by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, who provided an overview of ongoing academic and research activities at the university and outlined plans for its future development.

During the seminar, the speaker presented an empirical study demonstrating the complex relationship between trade, income growth, and environmental regulations. Specifically, the study posited that developing countries within the Central Asia Regional Economic Cooperation (CAREC) region, which possess valuable natural resources, must effectively capitalize on these resources and factor them into global markets in order to ensure environmental quality.

Additionally, the speaker highlighted the unprecedented contraction of global trade during the COVID-19 outbreak, which severely disrupted supply chains of world commodities and resulted in significant supply and demand shocks across the global economy.

KEY POINTS

- Environmental regulations for pollutive industries must consider the interests of multiple stakeholders.
- CAREC countries which possess valuable natural resources, must effectively capitalize on these resources and factor them into global markets in order to ensure environmental quality.
- Policymakers of CAREC countries need to improve both productive and innovative techniques to improve industrial export competitiveness within and between regions.
- To achieve social benefits, policy design should incorporate the impact of more disconnected sectors on industrial trade competitiveness, and diverse measurements are needed.
- The study recommends adopting a mutually supportive trade and environmental policy design that promotes and expands diversified and sustainable production at the sector level in the CAREC region.
- The COVID-19 pandemic resulted in competitive shocks for countries with narrow and less diversified natural resource-based exports.
- The lecture provided a framework for improving the policy design for the CAREC region's industrial trade competitiveness and sustainable goals.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Dr. Irfan Saleem
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"Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas and Prof. Dr. Masood Sarwar presenting souvenir to Dr. Irfan Saleem."

LESSONS FROM THE PANDEMIC: REIMAGINING TEACHING AND LEARNING IN HIGHER EDUCATION

To discuss the current status of tertiary education standards in Pakistan, particularly in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic, the Office of Research Innovation & Commercialization (ORIC) organized a seminar On January 3, 2023.

The seminar featured Dr. Syed Muhammad Junaid Zaidi who discussed the impact of quality educators and research-based curriculum on higher education quality, emphasizing its importance in serving society.

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Qaiser Abbas, welcomed the guest speaker, expressing gratitude for his presence and contribution. The event provided valuable insights into the current state of higher education in Pakistan and shed light on the opportunities and challenges that lie ahead in the aftermath of the pandemic.

During the session, the speaker also addressed some of the challenges faced by the education system, including the COVID-19 pandemic, which presented unprecedented challenges for institutions, faculty, and students alike. However, the speaker noted that classrooms have since adapted to the changes, and have even incorporated remote learning opportunities, with the use of digital platforms and technologies making teaching and learning more interactive.

Overall, the seminar underscored the critical role that quality educators and researched-based curriculum play in driving higher education quality, and highlighted the resilience and adaptability of educational institutions and classrooms in the face of unprecedented challenges.



"Dr. Syed Muhammad Junaid Zaidi interacting with the senior faculty members."

KEY POINTS

- Higher education should strive for novelty and be on the cutting edge of development to change the intellectual and commercial outlook of society.
- The COVID-19 pandemic has significantly impacted the ways we live, learn, and work.
- The pandemic was a reality check for assessing our present standing, consolidating the advantages, looking for improvements, and opening up new opportunities.
- Lessons learned from the pandemic should be used to increase student-teacher engagement in learning and revise outdated teaching methods and make necessary changes.
- Pakistani universities need to add value by uplifting the socioeconomic condition of the country through research.
- The gap between academia and industry needs to be bridged, and research projects should address industry concerns.
- Quality research, innovation, commercialization, market-oriented curriculum, modern teaching methods, and technology are needed to achieve educational goals.
- Values should be inculcated to promote a positive and productive educational environment.



"Prof. Dr. Qaiser Abbas presenting the souvenir to Dr. Syed Muhammad Junaid Zaidi."

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Dr. Syed Muhammad Junaid Zaidi
Founding Rector COMSATS University,
Islamabad

INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH AND HOLISTIC APPROACH CRUCIAL FOR PROGRESS IN PAKISTAN

An esteemed international research scholar and Professor visited the University of Sargodha to discuss and explore the potential areas of collaboration with a UK based International University. The Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas welcomed the distinguished guest and briefed about the university's academic progress and ongoing developmental projects. Speaking on the occasion, the Vice Chancellor said "The University of Sargodha is a dynamic and vibrant institution that is dedicatedly providing its students with a rigorous, challenging, and rewarding academic experience. Its commitment to research and innovation makes it an important player in the higher education landscape of Pakistan, and a valuable contributor to the global academic community" he added. Expressing his views Prof. Dr. Ihtesham-ur-Rehman said "I always feel immense pleasure when I visit Pakistan. The country is full of opportunities for interdisciplinary research that can have a significant impact not just locally but also globally. I believe that the potential for progress in various fields is immense, and it's truly exciting to think about the possibilities."



"Prof. Dr. Ihtesham-ur-Rehman writing his views in Visitor's Book of the university."



"Prof. Dr. Ihtesham-ur-Rehman interacting with the senior faculty members."

KEY POINTS

- Interdisciplinary research can have a significant impact not just locally but also globally and there are many opportunities for interdisciplinary research in Pakistan. Comprehensive and holistic research is crucial in addressing complex challenges that require a multi-faceted approach.
- Pakistan has immense potential for research and innovation. By adopting a more integrated, comprehensive, and globally-minded approach to research, we can unlock this potential and create a better future for all.
- Pakistan could benefit from collaborations with international research institutions and experts to share knowledge, resources, and best practices. There is a need to encourage universities and other institutions in Pakistan to prioritize the development of infrastructure, facilities, and funding opportunities for research and innovation.

- Research and innovations are key drivers of economic growth, job creation, and social development, and should be a priority for governments, private sector, and academia. Narrow research can be limited in its scope and does not consider broader implications, whereas comprehensive and holistic research can address complex challenges.
- We should understand the importance of promoting STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) education in Pakistan to develop a skilled workforce and support research and innovation.

ABOUT THE GUEST

Prof. Dr. Ihtesham-ur-Rehman
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University of Central Lancashire, UK



NEED TO ENCOURAGE FINANCIAL LIBERATION THROUGH ENTREPRENEURSHIP AMONG YOUTH



"Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas and Prof. Dr. Ghulam Ali Bhatti presenting souvenir to Prof. Dr. Muhammad Nauman Farooqi."

To provide students, faculty and the staff with hands-on, "learning-by-doing" experience that prepares them for the real world, Malik Feroz Khan Noon Business School (MFKNBS) of the University hosted a workshop titled "Experiential Learning Approach to Entrepreneurship" on January 18, 2023.

The workshop was led by an international Professor, who shared his own experience as an entrepreneur and how he found traditional teaching methods to be lacking in capturing the excitement and real-world applicability of entrepreneurship for his students.

The Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas welcomed the renowned guest to the University of Sargodha and acknowledged his significant experience and expertise in the field of entrepreneurship and experiential learning.

He expressed that the workshop would be valuable for students and faculty members who are interested in entrepreneurship, as they will have the opportunity to learn from his experience and expertise.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

- Prof. Dr. Muhammad Nauman Farooqi
Dean of Business & Social Sciences
Mount Allison University, Canada

KEY POINTS

- Experiential learning helps students to be better prepared for the business world and equips them with the skills and knowledge they need to succeed.
- Combining experiential learning with reflective assessment tools allows students to learn through "hands-on" experience and prepares them for the "real world."
- This approach is more effective than traditional classroom learning as it allows individuals to gain a deeper understanding of the complexities of entrepreneurship and develop the skills they need to be successful.
- Reflective learning assessment tools are used to combine experiential learning pedagogy to enhance the students' understanding of the complexities of entrepreneurship and develop their skills.
- There is a need to empower the educated youth through entrepreneurship and encourage students to pursue entrepreneurship for financial liberation.
- Entrepreneurship can help alleviate poverty, create job opportunities, and stimulate economic growth in the region.
- Active participation is required from the learners in group discussions, brainstorming sessions, and collaboration to create a dynamic learning environment.
- It emphasized the importance of action planning and encourages students to develop concrete plans of action to apply what they have learned in their own entrepreneurial endeavors.
- Participants were encouraged to explore different perspectives and experiences, and to identify opportunities for collaboration and partnership with individuals from diverse backgrounds.
- Design thinking is a problem-solving approach that is often used in experiential learning. It involves understanding the needs of the user, generating creative solutions, and testing and refining those solutions through prototyping and feedback.
- Mentoring and coaching are key components of experiential learning who can help them navigate the challenges of entrepreneurship.

CHINA AND UOS STRENGTHEN TIES FOR FUTURE COLLABORATION

Professor Dr. Qaisar Abbas, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Sargodha, had the privilege of meeting His Excellency Nong Rong, the Chinese Ambassador of the People's Republic of China on January 11, 2023. During the meeting, the Vice Chancellor elaborated on the remarkable progress made by the University of Sargodha since its inception in 2002, highlighting its numerous accomplishments and achievements.

The meeting was a significant step towards fostering stronger Pakistan-China relations, promoting academic excellence, and creating opportunities for joint ventures between the two countries.

In addition, Dr. Abbas also provided the Ambassador with an overview of the Pakistan Institute of China Studies and the Confucius Institute at the University, emphasizing their pivotal role in strengthening Pakistan-China relations and fostering a greater understanding of China among the youth. The Vice Chancellor also outlined his future plans for the university, which involve introducing skills-based education through partnerships with esteemed Chinese organizations such as Tang International Chinese Education. Moreover, he discussed his vision of expanding cooperation between business and academia to enhance productivity.

Recognizing the region's expertise in citrus production, Dr. Abbas emphasized the need for the introduction of new technologies for the production of a range of byproducts of citrus in collaboration with esteemed Chinese companies in joint ventures. Additionally, he briefed the Ambassador on the university's ambitious plans for the solarization of its three campuses.

Ambassador Nong Rong expressed his admiration for the China Studies Program of the University of Sargodha and pledged his full support for the future endeavors. Furthermore, he expressed his optimism that, with the gradual opening up of travel to China, more opportunities would be created for people-to-people contact, academic exchanges, and joint research. The meeting was also attended by Dr. Fazal ur Rahman, Director of the Pakistan Institute of China Studies, Dr. Gu, Agriculture Commissioner at the Chinese Embassy and Ms. Wang Yiqi.



"H.E. Amb. Nong Rong meets with V.C UoS Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas."



"H.E. Amb. Nong Rong exchanging ideas with V.C UoS Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas to extend cooperation in various fields."



"H.E. Amb. Nong Rong presenting a gift to V.C UoS Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas."

PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN CSC-CUI AND UOS TO BOOST PAKISTAN-CHINA BUSINESS FORUM

The Head of China Study Centre at COMSATS University Islamabad (CSC-CUI) met with the Vice Chancellor of the University of Sargodha, Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, to extend cooperation in the fields of common interest. The meeting was aimed to establish joint research activities, exchange of ideas and innovations, and other initiatives that would mutually benefit both institutions. The meeting discussed several key features of the collaboration, including joint international academic conferences, Chinese language workshops, and industry-academia liaison initiatives for Chinese enterprises operating in Pakistan. Additionally, they explored the possibility of partnering for the upcoming Pakistan-China Business Forum, a platform designed to facilitate business interactions and promote economic ties between the two countries. The meeting concluded with expressing commitment to fostering a mutually beneficial relationship and promoting academic excellence through collaboration.



"The Head (CSC-CUI) presenting a souvenir to Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas V.C UoS"

CELEBRATING CHINESE NEW YEAR AT UOS

The Pakistan Institute of China Studies (PICS) and the Confucius Institute (CI) at the University of Sargodha organized a joint event to celebrate the Chinese New Year with students of Chinese language Course. The event included presentations on Chinese

New Year traditions by Jane Chen, Director of CI, and lessons on paper cutting and pronunciation of festive expressions by Ms. Jessica and Dr. Cao. Moreover, Dr. Fazal ur Rahman, Director of PICS, emphasized the importance of learning the Chinese language as China is a leading power in the 21st century.



"Students of Chinese Language course attending the China's new year celebrations through web while director PICS Dr. Fazal Rahman addressing the students."

PARTNERSHIP BETWEEN UOS AND ICCBS KARACHI TO ADVANCE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH



"Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas and Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal Chaudhary signing the agreement."

The University of Sargodha and the International Center for Chemical and Biological Sciences (ICCBS), HEJ Research Institute of Chemistry at the University of Karachi have taken a major step towards advancing scientific research and technological development in the field of chemical and biological sciences by signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on January 31, 2023. The agreement concluded during a visit of Coordinator General COMSTech and Director ICCBS; Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal Chaudhary to the University of Sargodha and was signed by the Vice Chancellor of the University of Sargodha, Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas and Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal Chaudhary. The MoU represents a significant step towards promoting international collaboration and knowledge exchange, contributing to the advancement of scientific research and development globally. The Vice Chancellor, University of Sargodha, Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, welcomed the distinguished guest and expressed his gratitude for the visit. He briefed the delegates about the ongoing academic and research progress and long-term objectives for enhancing its reputation.

KEY AREAS

- The agreement involves collaboration on postgraduate training, research, and education, as well as the exchange of students, faculty, and research information.
- Students at the University of Sargodha will have access to ICCBS expertise and research facilities in chemical and biological sciences.
- Joint organization of academic events, such as conferences and workshops, will allow for the exchange of ideas and sharing of research findings between both institutes.
- The partnership will create a platform for interdisciplinary research and innovation in chemical and biological sciences, paving the way for breakthrough discoveries and novel applications.
- Both institutions will have the opportunity to explore potential joint ventures and collaborative projects, opening up new avenues for industrial and commercial applications of research findings.
- The exchange of faculty members and students will foster cultural exchange and cross-institutional learning, facilitating a more diverse and inclusive academic community.

PUTTING SAFETY FIRST: LEARN HOW TO ENSURE SAFE LABORATORY OPERATIONS

The University of Sargodha organized the international workshop titled "Laboratory Safety and Security Management in Academic Laboratories" in collaboration with the OIC COMSTech and International Center for Chemical and Biological Sciences. The two-day workshop was attended by the international scholars from Saudi Arabia, Iran, Indonesia, Cameroon, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Sudan, Bangladesh, Kyrgyzstan, Libya, Egypt, and Azerbaijan, both in-person and online. The event was attended by more than 10 international students physically, around 150 through "Zoom" and a large number of senior teachers and students from UoS.

In his opening speech, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal Chaudhry stressed the need to focus on modern academic and scientific programs in Pakistan and take practical steps through various forums to improve the field of science. The Vice-Chancellor

REVEALING THE SECRETS OF DRUG DISCOVERY: THE INTERSECTION OF CHEMISTRY AND BIOLOGY

The Office of Research Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC) organized a special lecture on "Science at the Interface of Chemistry and Biology" delivered by Prof. Dr. Iqbal Chaudhary, a renowned expert in the fields of organic and bio-organic chemistry.

He emphasized the importance of interdisciplinary research and collaboration between scientists and researchers from various disciplines in the fight against diseases and highlighted the crucial role of chemistry in developing new drugs and therapies for the treatment of these diseases. The event was attended by a large number of students, faculty members, and researchers from various departments of the university.

At the end, the Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaiser Abbas presented a souvenir to Prof. Chaudhary in recognition of his significant contribution to the field of medicinal sciences.



"Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal Chaudhary delivering a special lecture on science."

KEY POINTS

- Interdisciplinary research can lead to the discovery of new drugs and therapies for various diseases. There is need to understand the importance of collaboration between scientists and researchers from various disciplines such as chemistry, biology, medicine, and engineering.
- Chemistry plays a vital role in drug discovery and development. The significance of bio-organic chemistry in medicinal sciences, including the design and synthesis of new compounds based on the principles of molecular recognition and enzyme inhibition, and minimize toxicity to develop effective drugs.
- Understanding the molecular mechanisms of diseases can lead to the development of effective treatments. Optimizing the pharmacokinetics and pharmacodynamics of drugs is very important as the design and synthesis of new compounds can lead to the discovery of drugs with higher efficacy and lower toxicity.

- There is the need for innovation and creativity in drug discovery and development. Researchers must be encouraged to think outside the box and explore new avenues for drug discovery.
- Natural products are a rich source of biologically active compounds and have the potential of natural products in drug discovery and development, including the identification of new compounds and the optimization of existing compounds.
- The role of academia in drug discovery and development is crucial. Researchers can contribute to drug discovery by identifying new targets, designing new compounds, and conducting preclinical studies.

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal Chaudhary H.I, S.J, T.I,
Coordinator General COMSTECH
Director International Center for Chemical and
Biological Sciences (ICCBS) University of Karachi

of the University of Sargodha, Prof. Dr. Qaiser Abbas, emphasized that knowledge development is not possible without modern science and technology, and that Pakistan's Higher Education Commission will soon become a modern teaching and research field for students from Islamic countries.

KEY POINTS

- Develop and implement comprehensive safety protocols and guidelines that cover all aspects of laboratory operations, including the handling, storage, and disposal of chemicals and other hazardous materials.
- Conduct regular safety audits and inspections to identify potential hazards and ensure that safety protocols are being followed.
- Develop and implement a crisis management plan to address potential emergencies such as chemical spills, fires, and other accidents.
- Encourage a culture of safety in the laboratory, where everyone takes responsibility for ensuring a safe working environment and adheres to safety protocols at all times.
- Collaborate with other institutions and organizations to share best practices and knowledge related to laboratory safety and security management.

BRITISH COUNCIL'S LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM WELCOMES PAKISTANI EDUCATION DELEGATION

By Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas

As a Vice Chancellor University of Sargodha, I had the privilege of joining a delegation of esteemed academicians and education leaders headed by Chairman Higher Education Commission, Pakistan Prof. Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed, Chairman Punjab Higher Education Commission Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir, and Vice Chancellors from leading universities to explore opportunities for collaboration in higher education between Pakistan and the UK, and to gain insights and best practices that we could bring back to our respective institutions.

The delegation joined the British Council's Leadership Development Program, which was formed under the auspices of the PAK-UK education gateway. The program's first session, titled "Leadership and putting strategy into practice," focused on the knowledge and skills required to effectively put strategies into practice. The second session, titled "Effective Governance in Higher Education," provided a detailed understanding of the principles and practices of governance in higher education. The resource persons, Mr. David Lock and Mr. John Rushforth, respectively, guided the delegation in navigating the complexities of governing educational institutions and offered practical solutions to the challenges they may face.

The delegation visited several prestigious universities in the UK, including Queen Mary University of London, University College London (UCL), and Oxford New College. At UCL, the group was welcomed by the Dean and Prof. Jawwad Darr, who provided a comprehensive briefing on the university's research, innovation, and global engagement initiatives. Additionally, the delegation had the privilege to attend a talk by David Paulfreyman on "How to Make a World-Class University" at Oxford New College, which provided valuable insights

into the workings of one of the world's leading universities.

In Manchester, the delegation had a meeting with the Mayor of Manchester, Mr. Andrew Murray Burnham, where they discussed the potential of education and its impact on the community. The delegation also met with representatives from the Greater Manchester Universities and attended a session on "Policy and Practice Discussion about Transnational Education Prospects in Pakistan and Networking Opportunities" at Salford University. These visits and meetings allowed the delegation to learn about the education landscape in Manchester and explore opportunities for cooperation between UK and Pakistani universities.

The delegation also met with the senior management of the University of Glasgow and University of Strathclyde and discussed enhancing internationalization through effective global engagement strategies and improving graduate employability in STEM subjects.

Finally, the delegation met with the Advance HE Fellowship team in York to discuss leadership development in higher education. The meeting revolved around the discussion about the Fellowship projects and how the National Academy of Higher Education can play its role in the initiative.



INDUSTRY-READY GRADUATES KEY TO PAKISTAN'S ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, SAYS HEC CHAIRMAN

The University of Sargodha hosted an interactive session titled "Challenges for Higher Education: A Way Forward," which was addressed by the Chairman of Higher Education Commission, Prof. Mukhtar Ahmed. The Vice Chancellor of the University of Sargodha, Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, welcomed the Chairman HEC and distinguished guests, and highlighted the university's ongoing academic and research endeavors.

The speaker emphasized the importance of research and innovation in higher education and stressed the importance of education and the role of teachers, which he compared to that of prophets. He highlighted the need for producing industry-ready graduates who can contribute to the development of the country's economy and underlined the importance of collaboration between universities, industry, and the government to address challenges faced by the education sector in Pakistan.

The interactive session was concluded with a question-answer session, during which the faculty members had the opportunity to ask questions and engage in a discussion with the distinguished guest. The event ended with the presentation of souvenirs to the guests as a token of regard.

KEY POINTS

- Higher education institutions should focus on providing quality education, including research and innovation, to their students.
- Collaboration between universities, industry, and the government can lead to the development of industry-ready graduates who can contribute to the country's economy.
- Online education and digital learning can be used to expand access to education and to improve the quality of education.
- Teachers play a crucial role in shaping the minds of students and preparing them for the future. Therefore, teacher training programs should be implemented to ensure that they have the necessary skills and knowledge to educate their students effectively.
- Incentives should be provided to universities to encourage them to conduct more research and develop new technologies.
- Higher education institutions should work to bridge the gap between academia and industry by promoting internships and job placements for their students.
- The establishment of centers of excellence can help universities to focus on specific areas of research and development and can attract top talent to the institution.



ABOUT THE SPEAKER

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



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WINNER: UNIVERSITY OF PUNJAB, LAHORE

STUDENTS AND EMPLOYERS CONNECT AT UNIVERSITY'S JOB FAIR 2023

The University of Sargodha held a groundbreaking event, the "Job Fair 2023" aimed at providing students and alumni with an opportunity to explore and learn about potential career opportunities. The event was held on March 17, 2023 and was attended by over 50 leading companies and organizations from various sectors such as banking, technology, education, healthcare, government, and non-profit organizations.

The fair featured booths and stalls set up by the participating companies where students could interact with potential employers, learn about job requirements, salary packages, and the selection process. The organizers were overwhelmed by the positive response from both the participating companies and the students and alumni who attended the event.

Many students expressed their excitement for the opportunity to meet with employers and learn about their organizations. Some students even received job offers on the spot, while others were invited for further interviews.

One student, Mishal Ali, shared her experience and said, "Attending this job fair has been an incredible experience. I was able to speak with representatives from different companies and learn about their work culture and available positions. I even had a chance of interview with a few companies and am hoping to hear back from them soon."



SCORE HIGH, GO FAR: CDC HOSTS GRE MOCK TEST WITH FREE VOUCHER PRIZE FOR FIVE TOPPERS

The Career Development Center, UoS organized a Graduate Record Examinations (GRE) Mock Test in collaboration with United States Education Foundation Pakistan (USEFP) in which faculty members and students from various departments participated in numbers. The GRE test is often required as part of the admission process for graduate programs in various fields, particularly in the United States. The test was designed to assess the verbal, mathematical, and analytical writing skills of the candidates. It is pertinent to mention here that top 05 high scorers get a chance to win a free GRE test voucher by USEFP.



MINISTER FOR HIGHER EDUCATION PUNJAB ACKNOWLEDGES UOS EFFORTS TO PROMOTE QUALITY EDUCATION

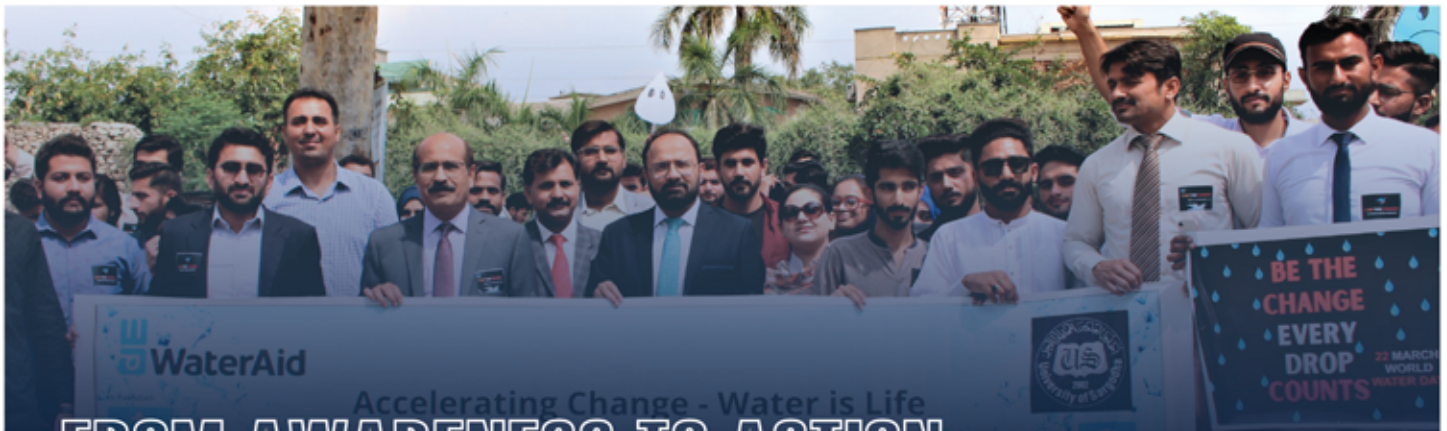
The Minister for School and Higher Education Punjab, Mansoor Qadir, visited the University of Sargodha to learn about the university's academic progress and ongoing developmental projects on March 31, 2023. The honorable guests were welcomed by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, who gave them a detailed presentation on the university's current academic and developmental projects and vision to improve its ranking by enhancing its research output and increasing the number of research publications. The Vice Chancellor also emphasized the importance of strengthening the university's international collaborations to achieve this goal. During the briefing, the Vice Chancellor shared his vision to uplift the university's ranking by improving its research output, increasing the number of research publications, and strengthening the university's international collaborations. Furthermore, the Vice Chancellor shared his plan to bridge the gap between academia and industry, which is a crucial aspect for the growth and development of any university. He also emphasized the need for collaboration between the two sectors to promote research and innovation and to equip students with the skills and knowledge required for the job market. The Minister for School and Higher Education appreciated the efforts of the Vice Chancellor and the university administration in promoting quality education and research culture. He highlighted the importance of higher education in the development of any country and pledged his support to the university's ongoing and future projects. The Honorable Minister also emphasized on providing quality education to the students.



3-DAY BLOOD DONATION CAMP: A VITAL ACT OF KINDNESS THAT SAVES LIVES

The blood donation society of the University of Sargodha organized a three-day successful blood donation camp. The event was well-attended by the students, faculty, and staff, all of whom were eager to give back to their community and help those in need. The camp featured several stations where donors could register, have their blood tested, and give blood. The event was staffed by the well-trained medical professionals, who ensured that the process was safe and efficient for all participants. The Vice Chancellor of the University of Sargodha, Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, made a special visit to the blood donation camp and expressed his appreciation for the efforts of the organizers. He said, "I am impressed by the dedication of the organizers to this noble cause. Blood donation is a vital act of kindness, as it helps to save lives and make a difference in the community." He also distributed souvenirs among the organizers as a token of appreciation for their hard work and commitment to the event. He encouraged all students, faculty, and staff to continue supporting such causes and to make a positive impact on their community.





FROM AWARENESS TO ACTION: WORLD WATER DAY OBSERVED AT UOS

The Department of Sociology & Criminology organized a series of activities to observe the World Water Day on March 22, under the theme of "Accelerating Change - Water is Life." The seminar was followed by a walk and photography, videography and a poster competition, which was attended by faculty members and students in numbers. The events were aimed to create awareness about the importance of water conservation, sanitation and to promote sustainable management of water resources and encouraged participants to take action to preserve water resources.

KEY POINTS

- Access to clean water is a basic human right, so we need to conserve water resources for future generations, and highlighted the importance of preserving water resources in the face of growing environmental challenges.
- Plant a tree or create your own water garden. These actions can help protect water ecosystems from pollution and reduce the risk of flooding and store water efficiently.
- Individuals and communities can play a role in conserving water resources. Water is a precious resource, and we must take steps to conserve it for future generations.
- It is our collective responsibility to ensure that we use water wisely and to raise awareness on the critical connection between toilets, sanitation, and personal hygiene.

ABOUT SPEAKER

- Prof. Dr. Mian Ghulam Yasin, Head of the Department of Sociology & Criminology.



"Prof. Dr. Mian Ghulam Yasin addressing the seminar."

PLANTING FOR A GREENER FUTURE ON INTERNATIONAL FOREST DAY

The College of Agriculture, University of Sargodha celebrated the International Day of Forests under the theme of "Healthy Forests for Healthy People." The day started with an inaugural ceremony of plantation drive under which the Vice Chancellor University of Sargodha Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, planted a sapling at the College of Agriculture. The Vice Chancellor was joined by the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture and other faculty members as they led an awareness walk to highlight the importance of forests and the role they play in ensuring a healthy environment. The event also included a tree plantation drive and the distribution of free plants to encourage people to plant more trees and contribute towards a greener environment. Speaking on the occasion, the Vice Chancellor emphasized the role that forests play in mitigating climate change, protecting biodiversity, and providing essential ecosystem services.





UMCRC STEPS UP TO RAISE AWARENESS AGAINST HEPATITIS

The University Medical Care Research Center (UMCRC) of the University of Sargodha organized an awareness walk in connection with the "Hepatitis Control Campaign" to raise awareness about the importance of hepatitis prevention and treatment. The walk led by the Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, began from the Wazir Agha Library of the university, where students, faculty, and staff gathered to learn more about the disease and its impact on public health. The participants carried banners and posters that provided information on the different types of hepatitis, the symptoms, and ways to protect oneself from the disease. Addressing the occasion, the Vice Chancellor said that the disease poses a significant threat to public health and it is important for us as a university community to come together to raise awareness about the disease and the steps we can take to prevent it. "I urge all of our students, faculty, and staff to educate themselves about the ways in which hepatitis can be contracted and the ways to protect themselves" the VC said.

CONSERVATION STRATEGIES AND INDIVIDUAL ACTIONS DISCUSSED ON WORLD WILDLIFE DAY

The Department of Zoology organized a special lecture in connection with World Wildlife Day. The event was held to raise awareness about the importance of wildlife conservation and the threats facing the world's ecosystems. The speakers highlighted the importance of protecting wildlife and preserving their habitats and emphasized that the loss of biodiversity has serious consequences for both the environment and human well-being. They also stressed the importance of educating people about the value of biodiversity and the need for conservation efforts.

KEY POINTS

- Wildlife is threatened by habitat loss, poaching, and climate change. These threats can lead to the extinction of species, which can have a cascading effect on ecosystems.
- Local communities can play a crucial role in wildlife conservation by participating in eco-tourism, sustainable agriculture, and other conservation initiatives.
- Individuals can also play a role in wildlife conservation by supporting conservation organizations, reducing their carbon footprint, and advocating for wildlife protection.
- Technology can be used to monitor wildlife populations, track migration patterns, and identify areas in need of conservation efforts.



"Arooj Zaheer addressing the seminar."

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS

Arooj Zaheer
Assistant Director
Wildlife, Sargodha

EMPOWERING THE YOUTH: SEMINAR ENCOURAGES ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT

Malik Feroz Khan Noon Business School at the University of Sargodha hosted a seminar on February 01, 2023, that focused on the challenges and opportunities of youth engagement and entrepreneurial journey. The event titled "Youth & Social Welfare" was aimed at creating awareness among students and faculty members about the importance of youth engagement in social welfare.

The seminar was graced by the Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, who expressed his gratitude towards the keynote speakers and attendees for their presence. He highlighted the significance of providing the younger generation with necessary skills and resources to deal with the challenges of the modern era. The speakers emphasized the need for a systematic approach towards youth engagement, with a focus on providing them with education, vocational training, and entrepreneurial skills. They also urged the government and policymakers to develop policies that prioritize youth development and empower them to contribute to the economy and discussed the role of technology and entrepreneurship in creating opportunities for young individuals.

KEY POINTS

- Youth engagement is crucial for the development and progress of society, as young people bring fresh perspectives, innovative ideas, and energy to the table.
- Entrepreneurship can be a powerful tool for economic growth and job creation, and can help young people turn their passions and ideas into viable businesses.
- There is need for youth engagement in social welfare activities, highlighting the potential for young people to make a positive impact on their communities and society as a whole.
- Inspire and motivate young individuals to take the initiative and become agents of change, while also providing practical advice and guidance on how to start and sustain a successful entrepreneurial journey.
- Empathy was highlighted as a crucial approach to tackle issues and challenges faced by the youth, with an emphasis on understanding and responsibility.
- There is a need to address the challenges that young people face in pursuing entrepreneurial endeavors, such as lack of access to resources, financial constraints, and limited networks.



"Dr. Amjed Saqib addressing the seminar."



"Dr. Hussain A. Piracha addressing the seminar."

ABOUT SPEAKERS

Dr. Amjed Saqib, Development Practitioner

Dr. Hussain A. Piracha, Senior Columnist/ Analyst

PROMOTING EMOTIONAL WELLNESS AND PSYCHOLOGICAL FIRST AID THROUGH TRAINING WORKSHOPS



Senior Faculty members attending the workshop.

The Department of Psychology and the Counseling Centre of University of Sargodha organized various training workshops for the teachers and the students to promote emotional and psychological wellness for teachers, and to address strategies for fostering collaborative learning among students to promote deep learning. The workshop was attended by teachers from Govt Ambala Muslim College Sargodha, the Department of Education, and the Department of Psychology, as well as faculty members from the University of Gujrat and Fatima Jinnah Women University Rawalpindi, who joined through an online link. Speakers emphasized the importance of collaborative learning and the need for teachers to develop innovative strategies for managing, assessing, and evaluating collaborative activities. They also highlighted the need for a culture of peer tutoring, student-led teaching and stressed the importance of emotional and psychological well-being for teachers and the need for continuous emotional and professional development.

PROMOTING FINANCIAL LITERACY: FEDERAL TAX OMBUDSMAN'S LECTURE

To acknowledge the role of Federal Tax Ombudsman and to raise awareness of their rights and responsibilities as taxpayers, the Department of Economics organized a special lecture titled "The Role of Tax Ombudsman in Protecting Taxpayers' Rights" on January 24, 2023.

The speaker explained the importance of the Tax Ombudsman institution and how it can improve the functioning of the Federal Board of Revenue (FBR). He also shared his insights with the attendees and shed light on various topics related to the role of Tax Ombudsman, including the historical background of the institution. The lecture was well-received by the audience, which consisted of students and faculty members.

The event was a great success, as it provided students with the opportunity to learn about their rights and responsibilities as taxpayers and to understand the role of the Tax Ombudsman in protecting those rights.

KEY POINTS

- The Tax Ombudsman institution is an independent and autonomous body, which is not subject to the influence or control of the FBR. This ensures that the Tax Ombudsman can carry out its functions in an impartial and unbiased manner.
- The role of the Tax Ombudsman is not limited to addressing complaints from taxpayers. It also plays a key role in promoting tax awareness and education among the public, as well as identifying systemic issues within the tax system that need to be addressed. This helps to ensure that the tax system is functioning effectively and efficiently.
- The Tax Ombudsman's role includes addressing issues such as delayed refunds, incorrect assessments, and harassment by tax officials. The Tax Ombudsman takes a customer-centric approach to deal with complaints and strives to resolve them in a timely and fair manner.
- The Tax Ombudsman is responsible for investigating complaints from taxpayers, providing recommendations for resolution, and monitoring the implementation of those recommendations by the FBR. This helps to ensure that the FBR is held accountable for its actions and that taxpayers are treated fairly.
- Educating students about the role and functions of the Tax Ombudsman is crucial in promoting financial literacy and raising awareness about taxpayers' rights and responsibilities.



"Dr. Asif Mahmood Jah delivering a special lecture at MFKNBS."

ABOUT THE SPEAKER

- Dr. Asif Mahmood Jah
- Federal Tax Ombudsman, Islamabad

Speakers also endorsed the inclusion of a psychological and emotional wellness model in faculty training. Training Co-Ordinator from the Health Directorate provided certificate training on "Psychological First Aid" to students of Psychology and emphasized the use of the RAPID model, which includes Reflective Listening, Assessment, Prioritization, Intervention, and Disposition, to recognize and respond to individuals experiencing stress related to crises or disasters. The training also focused on how to use the model to help oneself and others cope with stressful events. As many as 150 students from the department were trained in the LOT Quality Assurance Sampling (LQAS) methodology to work as supervisors and surveyors in the Polio Eradication Campaign started from May 2022 in four batches.

ABOUT SPEAKERS

- Dr. Sidra Asif, Academic Expert, Canberra Business school, Australia
- Dr. Aneela Maqsood, Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi
- Malik Ahmed Shiraz, Training Co-Ordinator, Health Directorate, Peshawar



"Malik Ahmed Shiraz presenting a lecture."

STANDING IN SOLIDARITY WITH KASHMIR: CALL FOR PROTECTION OF HUMAN RIGHTS

The Department of Politics and International Relations (DPIR), University of Sargodha organized a "Kashmir Solidarity Walk" and a seminar titled "Kashmir: Freedom is a Right, not a Privilege" to support the ongoing movement for the right to self-determination of people in Indian Occupied Kashmir (IOK). The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas led the walk, which was attended by a large number of students, staff and faculty members. Participants carried banners and placards inscribed with the slogans calling for peace and justice in the disputed region such as "Kashmir: Freedom is the right not privilege, Kashmir is bleeding, we support Kashmiris right of self-determination" and "Go India, Go Back." The seminar provided a platform for in-depth discussions on the ongoing human rights crisis in IOK and the need for immediate action to address the issue. The guest speakers shared their insights and expertise on the political, historical, and cultural aspects of the conflict, and emphasized the importance of peaceful resolution of the issue.

KEY POINTS

- It is the moral and ethical duty of all citizens to raise their voice against the atrocities being committed in IOK and to stand in solidarity with the oppressed people of the region.
- The speakers condemned the atrocities on Kashmiris, urging the United Nations to take notice of the Indian brutality in IOK and highlighted that according to the UN resolutions, Kashmiris should have the right to self-determination.
- The United Nations has a responsibility to uphold its own resolutions and to ensure that the people of Kashmir are given the opportunity to determine their own future.
- The human rights of the people of Kashmir must be protected and that the international community must take a stand against the ongoing violations.
- India is mistaken if it believes it could crush the iron will of the Kashmiri people. The Kashmiri people have kept the torch of freedom burning with their sacrifices.

ABOUT SPEAKERS

- Dr. M. Iqbal Chawla, Ex. Dean of Social Sciences and Arts, University of Punjab
- Dr. Rashid Ahmed Khan, Ex. Dean of Social Sciences, Law and Humanities, University of Sargodha



EMPOWERING WOMEN, BUILDING THE FUTURE: UOS CELEBRATES INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

The University of Sargodha celebrated International Women's Day with great fervor and enthusiasm by organizing various events and seminars to raise awareness about the importance of women empowerment and gender equality.

The University in collaboration with "Bardasht" an NGO organized an awareness walk and a seminar to celebrate the achievements of women in various fields particularly in social welfare. Speakers emphasized the importance of recognizing and celebrating the achievements of women in all fields, including social welfare, and pledged to raise voice and support for gender equality and women's empowerment. The event was attended by a large number of students, faculty, and literary enthusiasts.

Addressing the seminar, the Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas emphasized the importance of gender equality and the need to empower women in all areas of life. "As a society, we must recognize and appreciate the vital role that women play in shaping our world. International Women's Day provides us with an opportunity to celebrate their achievements and acknowledge the challenges they continue to face. At the University of

Sargodha, we are committed to creating a safe and supportive environment for women to learn, grow, and excel. We will continue to work towards empowering women and promoting gender equality in all aspects of our institution" he added.

The Department of Communication & Media Studies organized a seminar focusing on the need for women's empowerment in every sector of society, including education, health, politics, and the economy. Speakers from different fields shared their insights and experiences, emphasizing the importance of women's role in society. They also discussed the challenges faced by women in their fields and provided guidance and advice to young women who aspire to achieve their goals.

The seminars featured several keynote speakers, including prominent women from academia, civil society, and government, who shared their experiences and insights on various issues related to women's empowerment.



TECH GIANT I2C INC EXPLORES COLLABORATION OPPORTUNITIES WITH UOS

A high-level delegation from i2c Inc., (Pakistan Pvt Ltd) visited the University of Sargodha to explore potential collaboration opportunities and lend their support to the establishment of the incubation center. The three-member team, comprising of executives from i2c, offered technical, financial, and mentorship support to help establish the center, which is expected to provide a major boost to the local economy and create numerous job opportunities for students at the university.

During their visit, the i2c delegation toured the university's existing incubation center and engaged in discussions with the administration, incubators, and students to exchange ideas and knowledge. The potential for collaboration and future prospects of the incubation center were explored.

The partnership between i2c and the University of Sargodha highlights the importance of collaboration between academia and industry in driving technological development and promoting innovation.

Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Sargodha, hailed the collaboration as a significant step towards promoting entrepreneurship and innovation in the region, with the potential for long-lasting impact on the local community. He added that the establishment of the incubation center would provide a platform for young entrepreneurs and startups to turn their ideas into successful businesses.



"Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas presenting souvenir to"



"Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas presenting souvenir to"

MODERNIZED & EFFICIENT LEARNING ZONE UNVEILED WAZIR AGHA CENTRAL LIBRARY

The University of Sargodha has recently undergone a major renovation of its Wazir Agha Central Library in order to provide a more comfortable, efficient, and modernized learning environment for students.

The library has been completely redesigned with a sophisticated and soothing interior, creating a more aesthetically pleasing and conducive space for studying and researching. With the addition of stylish and cool seating options, including sofas, armchairs, and traditional desks and chairs, the students can now choose the seating arrangement that best suits their needs and create different working environments.

The adjustable furniture allows students to rearrange the space as per their requirements, making the library an even more versatile and collaborative working space. With the newly renovated Wazir Agha Central Library, the University of Sargodha is committed to providing its students with the best possible resources and environment to foster academic excellence.





FREELANCING EXPERTS VISIT TO FOSTER CULTURE OF INNOVATION AND SELF-EMPLOYMENT

A delegation of Lahore-based freelancing experts on January 19, 2023 visited the University of Sargodha to introduce a two-week comprehensive training program designed to equip students with the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed as freelancers. The meeting was held between the delegation and Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaiser Abbas to discuss the details of the program and potential partnerships between the university and freelancing experts.

The training program aims to provide students with maximum mentorship, networking opportunities, and real-time knowledge and experience of the freelancing industry. It will cover the most important aspects of freelancing, including project management, client communication, and online marketing, and will be initially scheduled for commerce students before being made available to all university students.

KEY POINTS

- The training program will also cover the basics of freelancing, such as setting up a profile on freelancing platforms, bidding on projects, and managing finances as a freelancer.
- The freelancing experts will provide personalized feedback and guidance to each student to help them improve their skills and build a successful freelancing career.
- The program will also include workshops on time management, goal setting, and self-discipline, which are crucial skills for any freelancer.
- The freelancing industry is growing rapidly in Pakistan, and there is a huge demand for skilled and talented freelancers who can compete in the global market.
- Upon completion of the training program, students will be awarded a certificate recognized by the freelancing industry.
- The training program is expected to foster a culture of innovation, creativity and self-employment.



"Freelancing experts visiting regional plan 9 office at UoS."



"A group photo of Lahore-based freelancing experts with Prof. Dr. Qaiser Abbas."