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Prime Minister Imran Khan's interview with Hum News anchor Hamza Ali Abbasi, December 5, 2020.

In a TV interview on December 5, Prime Minister Imran Khan announced that Sargodha University would be the first university in Pakistan to start a PhD program on Seerat-un-Nabi. This would be a key component of his government's wide-ranging plan to enable the youth to emulate the life and deeds of Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, a role model for the entire humanity.

The plan is part of the Government's declared agenda of reconstructing the Islamic Republic of Pakistan as Riyasat-e-Madinah and includes a host of initiatives, which the Prime Minister identified as teaching Seerat-un-Nabi classes at the elementary school level, introducing a single curriculum at the national level and studying Sufism at the new Al-Qadir University, named after the great Sufi figure Abdul Qadir Jilani.

To prepare the curriculum of PhD in Seerat-un-Nabi, the University has constituted a Board of Advisors of eminent scholars of Islam in the country, including, among others, Dr Khalid Masud, Dr Qibla Ayyaz, Mr Khurshid Nadeem and Mr Sabookh Syed.



Dr Khalid Masud Dr Qibla Ayyaz Mr Khurshid Nadeem Mr Sabookh Syed

Research Areas

The PhD program on Seerat-un-Nabi, in both coursework and thesis research to be undertaken in Urdu, English and Arabic, will explore the following themes:

- Sustainable Development
- Character Building
- International Relations
- Islamophobia
- Social Justice
- Human Rights
- Women Rights and Gender Studies
- Inter-faith Harmony/Intra-faith Harmony
- Classical Seerah Literature (Arabic)
- Modern Trends in Seerah Studies
- Western Literature on Seerah
- Seerah Literature in the Sub-Continent
- Conflict Resolution

Dr Feroz-ud-Din Shah, the Chair of the Department of Islamic and Arabic Studies, attributes the University's distinctive achievement to its current administration's consistent efforts to inculcate the Islamic values among the students and young faculty. 'Sargodha region has a heritage of Sufism, which is in synch with our institutional profile since college times; so, it is a perfect place to start the PhD program on Seerah Studies,' he says.

INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR SEERAH STUDIES TO BE SET UP FOR RESEARCH ON SEERAH



The building of International Centre for Seerah Studies at University of Sargodha, as proposed in the PC-1

The University of Sargodha has already submitted a PC1 worth over Rs 500 million to the Federal Education Ministry to establish an International Centre for Seerah Studies (ICSS), which will run the PhD program on Seerat-un-Nabi and act as a hub for Seerah studies and research. The aim is to investigate how a contemporary Muslim society can be constructed based on Uswa-e-Hasana, the way of life of Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.

The PC1 has been prepared by the University's senior academics, including Director Academics Dr Masud Sarwar Awan, and Dr Feroz-ud-Din Shah and Dr Shahbaz Manj from the Department of Islamic and Arabic Studies, and Directorate of Planning and Development staff.

Objectives

The ICSS will aim to achieve the following objectives:

- Encourage and train researchers to explore the practical value of the Seerah of Holy Prophet ﷺ in current circumstances by providing them with relevant resources and academic atmosphere.
- Serve as a Centre of Excellence to offer public policy advice to the Government in resolving recurrent issues in the light of the Seerah of Holy Prophet ﷺ.
- Create opportunities for communication between students, researchers and organizations interested in specialized research on Seerah Studies.
- Collaborate with other such centres all over the world particularly in Muslim countries for joint research and knowledge exchange.
- Exchange expertise and organize national and international conferences and conventions in collaboration with international universities and researchers working on Seerah.
- Prepare specialized studies and research reports in the field of Seerah and its pertinent areas.

Components

In order to become a hub of scholarship in Seerah Studies, ICSS will have the following components:

■ PhD scholarships

ICSS will offer 10 PhD scholarships each year for the next five years to attract local and foreign student enrolments in the field of Seerah Studies.

■ Seerah Chair

ICSS will host a Seerah Chair, which will be headed by an eminent Islamic scholar, to promote scholarly dialogue and understanding on the Uswa-e-Hasana of Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, by organizing seminars, symposium and conferences, and starting a variety of publications, including a bi-annual journal, titled International Journal of Seerah Studies.

■ Seerah Library

ICSS will have a Seerah library, uniquely equipped with the fundamental sources of Seerah literature in the form of books and periodicals, both in hard and digital forms, to facilitate the researchers at home and abroad.

■ Scholars in Residence

ICSS will initiate a six-monthly 'Scholars in Residence' program for scholars from across the Muslim world to undertake advanced research related to Seerah Studies, to promote collective intellectual exchange, i.e. ijtehad.

■ Post-Doctoral Fellowships

ICSS will also offer post-doctoral fellowships to the faculty members of Islamic and Arabic studies at Sargodha University to learn the Arabic language and Seerah courses from the Muslim world's leading institutions.

CIEF ASSURES COOPERATION FOR DEEPENING BILATERAL TIES THROUGH SUSTAINED POLICIES OF DEVELOPING CONFUCIUS INSTITUTES IN ASIA



Meeting was held among senior officials from the CIEF and other partner universities from China and Asian Confucius Institutes in Beijing on December 15, 2020

Vice Chancellor Dr Ishtiaq Ahmad and Dr Fazal ur Rahman, Director Pakistan Institute of China Studies (PICS) participated in the virtual 2020 Asian Confucius Institute Forum jointly organized by the newly established China International Education Foundation which has replaced Hanban and the Beijing Normal University, on December 15.

The forum themed on 'Collaboration and Innovation for an Extraordinary Future of Confucius Institutes' invited senior officials from the Foundation and other partner universities from China and Asian Confucius Institutes. In their keynote speeches Prof Zhou Zuoyu, Deputy Secretary-General of Chinese International Education Foundation and Vice President of Beijing Normal University and Professor Liu Li, Vice President of China International Education Foundation and President of Beijing Language and Culture University reassured the partner universities running Confucius Institutes of

their continued support and further contributions to boost and sustain the development of Confucius Institutes.

While appreciating the role of Confucius Institutes in bridging civilizational gaps among the Asian communities and creating a deeper understanding among the people through academic exchanges and joint research, Dr Ishtiaq Ahmad acknowledged that cooperation, developing friendly relations between China and foreign countries, promoting the development of multiculturalism in the world, and building a harmonious world are some of the major objectives of Confucius Institutes.

“With the establishment of the Confucius Institute at Sargodha University, new vistas of opportunities are opened for the students in terms of further studies in China, seeking better jobs and exploring avenues of business opportunities with China.”

Dr Fazal ur Rahman

PICS MAPS OUT COMPREHENSIVE COLLABORATION PLAN FOR MUTUAL ENGAGEMENT THROUGH CONFUCIUS INSTITUTE WITH CHINA'S HENAN NORMAL UNIVERSITY



Online meeting was held between University of Sargodha and Henan Normal University on December 15, 2020

To discuss the tangible issues of cooperation regarding the Confucius Institute (CI), an online meeting was held between the Henan Normal University (HNU) and Sargodha University on December 15. Pakistan Institute of China Studies (PICS) is overseeing and steering the university's collaborative ventures with Chinese institutions. The establishment of the CI has expedited mutually beneficial processes, especially for the educated youth.

During the meeting, both sides expressed their gratitude for extending cooperation for the establishment of Confucius Institute at Sargodha University and discussed the mutual areas of cooperation to introduce, disseminate and reinforce the cultural knowledge and understanding of each other especially among the youth of both the countries.

The Chinese side, represented by the Vice President Mr Li Xuezi of HNU appreciated the efforts of Sargodha University for consolidating logistical support by constructing a state-of-the-art center for housing the Confucius Institute besides an auditorium having the capacity to accommodate more than 1000 students and accommodation for

the Chinese Director and teachers of CI at SU. HNU is also making concerted efforts for the development of CI that includes arranging financial support for the teachers and other related activities.

Areas of Cooperation

- Engage faculty members in academic research through exchange programs that will serve as a bridge between the two universities and the people of the two countries.
- For joint research projects on areas of mutual interest and collaboration in agriculture, faculty members from both universities would be encouraged to interact with each other.
- Strong research teams would be established under senior professors for specific subject areas, especially, physics, chemistry, mathematics, biology, environmental sciences and agriculture. They will have regular interaction online and devise ways to do virtual joint research projects.
- For cooperation in teaching, HNU will provide online teaching to the CI students, while, faculty of other departments will deliver lectures, conduct workshops and offer short courses virtually.

ON RENEWED HOPES FOR KASHMIR SETTLEMENT



To mark the International Human Rights Day on December 10, the Organization of Kashmir Coalition brought together eminent scholars on Kashmir in an international webinar on Human Rights and the New US Administration: Impact on South Asia (with special reference to Jammu and Kashmir).

Excerpts from Vice Chancellor's remarks:

- The transition to Democratic leadership in the United States under President Joe Biden has renewed hopes for peaceful resolution of the Kashmir dispute. Not least because Vice President Kamala Harris is on record for having pledged not to leave the suffering Kashmiris alone, a possibility that may translate into reality if the international stakeholders of peace in Kashmir can generate enough diplomatic momentum in the light of current

Indian repression in the disputed region.

- By annexing and dividing the disputed region of Jammu and Kashmir in August 2019 and thereafter undertaking an unprecedented process of political and demographic marginalization of its largely Muslim populace, India's BJP government of Prime Minister Narendra Modi has taken the fate of Kashmiri Muslims to the next level of state repression. If the key issue before was India's refusal to implement the UN Security resolutions in the disputed territory.
- Therefore, by default, the unfolding tragedy in Jammu and Kashmir offers a rare opportunity for proactive diplomacy, which is reinforced by the possible shift in regional geopolitics after the end of populist Republicanism under President Donald Trump in the US.

ON ACADEMIA'S ROLE IN CPEC

The National Parliamentary Task Force on Sustainable Development Goals and the Convener of the Senate Special Committee on National Cohesion organized a national seminar on 'CPEC: Challenges & Opportunities' on November 24, in Islamabad.

The speakers, among others, included Federal Ministers Fawad Ahmed Chaudhry and Shibli Faraz, Deputy Speaker National Assembly Qasim Khan Suri, and Vice Chancellor Dr Ishtiaq Ahmad.

The Vice Chancellor's remarks on the occasion focused on the crucial role that higher education can play for durable progress in the China Pakistan Economic Corridor. Here are some excerpts from his speech:

- CPEC is a long-term project. Our first and foremost role as academics is to build a rational perspective on this project, especially in terms of its current state and progressive outcome. Therefore, in place of the apparently flawed



Vice Chancellor Dr Ishtiaq Ahmad sheds light on academia's role in CPEC

'game changer' discourse, there is a need for serious and realistic scholarship on the matter.

- A second relevant role that universities can play, through research and scholarship, is to guide public policy, especially now that the CPEC has entered its second phase, involving trade, industrial, agricultural and technological cooperation, and government officials of the two countries are talking about establishing Special Economic Zones (SEZs).
- Finally, the universities must gear up to overcome the enormous knowledge and cultural gap that exists between Chinese and Pakistani people.

GOVERNOR'S 'WALL OF CORONA HEROES' ACKNOWLEDGES THE SERVICES OF SARGODHA UNIVERSITY TO COMBAT THE PANDEMIC



In recognition of invaluable services rendered by the University of Sargodha amidst the pandemic, the name of the Vice Chancellor, Dr Ishtiaq Ahmad is featured on the 'Corona Heroes Wall' at Governor House Lahore.

The Punjab Governor and Chancellor of Sargodha University, Chaudhary Muhammad Sarwar established a 'Wall of Corona Heroes' at Governor House Lahore to pay homage to the frontline soldiers who fought valiantly in the challenging times of COVID-19 pandemic by rendering invaluable services and philanthropic donations. The wall was inaugurated by the President of Pakistan, Dr Arif Alvi on Oct 28.

To combat the challenges of the pandemic, Sargodha University donated Rs 4.3 Million in Prime Minister's Corona Relief Fund, launched telemedicine centre and established a field hospital to accommodate 100 corona patients at Sargodha Medical College.

Despite limited resources, the University of Sargodha swiftly shifted to online pedagogy and continue its academic services virtually. To ensure quality in e-learning through sustainable policy, the University devised two-tier monitoring and evaluation process



“ The purpose of the Corona Heroes Wall is to acknowledge and pay tribute to Corona Heroes including doctors, medical staff, vice-chancellors of universities, Police, Armed Forces and other sections of the society. ”

*Chaudhry Mohammad Sarwar
Chancellor / Governor Punjab*

through QEC Task Force, facilitated online teaching practices through the Learning Management System and developed an online assessment module for ensuring transparency in exams.

QUANTUM JUMP IN INSTITUTIONAL PRODUCTIVITY DURING 2017-2020

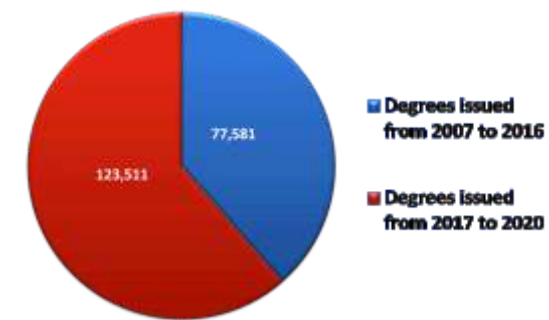
The Office of Controller of Examinations at University of Sargodha has seen a visible increase in the number of degrees issued, verification of degree and transcripts, revenue generated through examinations, number of students passed under Term, Semester and Annual Systems, and award of PhD and MS/MPhil degrees during 2017-2020.

This comparative edge in performance than the previous years is due to wide-ranging structural reforms during the tenure of the incumbent Vice Chancellor, notwithstanding the fact the Office of Controller of Examinations still faces pending capacity issues pertaining to human and IT resources. The brief on reforms and their outcomes follows.

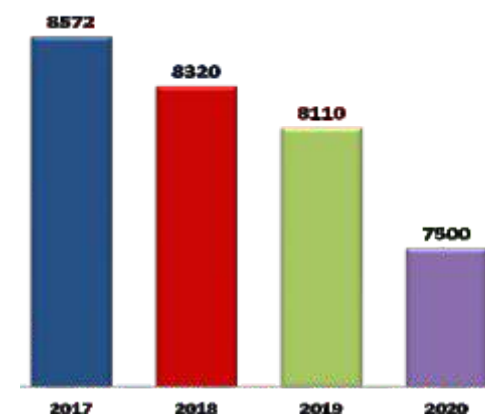
REFORMS

- Delegation of powers of Vice Chancellor to Controller of Examinations and others.
- Rotation of staff through periodic transfers.
- Swift and expeditious process of evaluation by regular / constant follow up with the evaluators.
- Immediate presentation of evaluation reports of PhD Scholars in meeting of Advanced Studies and Research Board for consideration / approval.
- Establishment of centralized plagiarism check policy through Director ORIC to ensure transparency and originality.
- Conduct of three convocations in three years 2017-2019 (Issuance of degrees to graduates of 2013-2017).
- Launch of online portal to apply for issuance of degrees and verification of transcripts/degrees.
- Arrangements are being made for conduct of another convocation expected to be held in January 2021 for award of degrees to graduates of 2018 & 2019.
- Launch of online portal for admission of Associate Degree in Arts / Science / Commerce, MA/MSc/M.Com, Pharm-D & DPT.
- Uploading of Roll No. Slips and Detailed Marks Sheet on University website.
- Launch of online portal for daily attendance of supervisory staff and candidates appearing at various examination centres constituted across Punjab.
- Revision in lists of supervisory staff appointed to conduct external examinations across Punjab.
- Start of complaint resolution system and effective service delivery in collaboration with newly established Facilitation Centre by promptly responding to queries through emails, SMS and UAN.

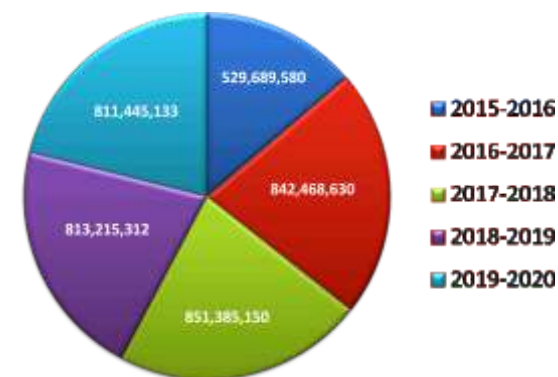
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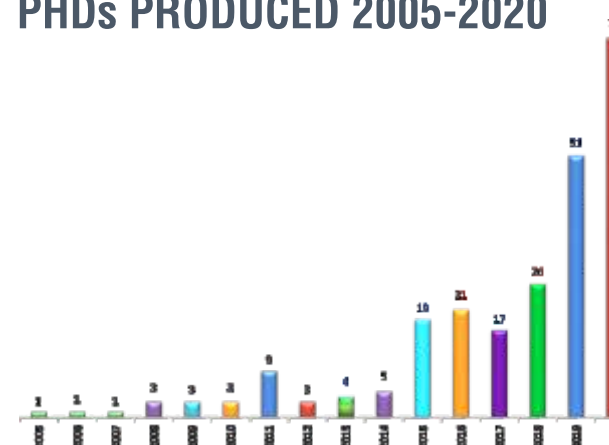
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EXAM REVENUE 2015-2020



PHDs PRODUCED 2005-2020



OUTCOMES

- Prompt decision making and implementation.
- Improvement in the working of officers and officials.
- Record number of PhDs produced in the year 2018, 2019 & 2020 strictly adhering to HEC's quality criteria.
- Speedy and expeditious issuance of degrees to thousands of graduates waiting for degrees for many years thus clearing backlog of degrees accumulated over the years.
- Issuance of verifications of degrees / transcripts within seven days.
- Issuance of degrees to the applicants within a month.
- Decrease in time span between admissions and conduct of Examinations.
- Smooth and error free conduct of examinations.
- Saving of expenditure incurred on dispatch of Roll No. Slip and Detailed Marks Sheets to thousands of candidates.
- Effective monitoring of examinations on daily basis.
- Decrease in time span between conduct of examination and declaration of result.
- Transparency and efficiency in conduct of examinations minimizing use of unfair means on the part of candidates.
- Significant decrease in number of visitors in the office.
- Significant decrease in litigation and complaints lodged by the students in office of Ombudsman Punjab and courts and Pakistan Citizen Portal.

MOU WITH SARGODHA CHAMBER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRIES TO ESTABLISH 'CENTER OF EXCELLENCE ON CITRUS'

To establish 'Center of Excellence for Citrus' the University of Sargodha has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Sargodha Chamber of Commerce and Industries (SCC&I) on December 17, 2020.

The project worth of Rs 200 million will be funded by the SCC&I through its export developmental funds. The agreement of mutual cooperation was signed by the Vice Chancellor Dr Ishtiaq Ahmad and Malik Asif Ameer Awan, the president of SCC&I. The center of excellence for citrus will be run and managed by a board of management jointly headed by the president SCC&I and the Dean Faculty of Agriculture, Sargodha University.

Both parties agreed to take initiatives enhancing domestic demand and international export of citrus, dissemination of relevant information, and trainings as well as the capacity building of upcoming entrepreneurs.

Areas of Cooperation

- Under the MoU, the University will provide the land for this center at its College of Agriculture in which joint research and developmental projects will be run.
- The University will arrange trainings and counselling for the farmers, growers and stakeholders of local citrus industry.
- The University will also help the SCC&I by



Vice Chancellor Dr Ishtiaq Ahmad and President of SCC&I Malik Asif Ameer Awan are posing for photograph after signing MoU

providing the required certificates to enhance citrus export after the establishment of center of excellence for citrus.

Addressing the occasion, the Vice Chancellor said that universities should come forward to put value addition in national development and growth as the urgent efforts are needed in the fields like agricultural industry and public policy with special focus on local industry and market in order to improve international competitiveness.

“ The mega project will yield fruitful results by boosting economic development of Sargodha and the national growth as well. ”

Malik Asif Ameer Awan
President, SCC&I

SU BECOMES MEMBER OF AL-JAMAIYAT AL-DAWLIYAT LAQSAM AL-ARABIYA

The Department of Islamic and Arabic Studies Sargodha has received the membership of International Organization of Arabic Fields (Al-Jamaiyat Al-Dawliyat Laqsam Al-Arabiya).

The membership was awarded by the director of the International Organization of Arabic Fields on the recognition of the Department's performance and achievements focused on modern research methodologies in the field of Islamic and Arabic Studies. The organization is aimed at encouraging research, professional development and studies for the Arabic language. It also works for educating the world about the importance of the Arabic language and its connection with other different languages.

Key Points

- This grant will open a door of opportunities as the Department will now be able to collaborate with the departments offering Arabic language and literature around the world.



- It will open doors for knowledge exchange by providing a platform for the promotion of the Arabic language and disclose modern research techniques.
- The organization will provide its support, cooperation and integration to achieve more accomplishments in the field of Arabic language at both the national and international level.

ONLINE ADMISSIONS FALL 2020: SURGE IN MERIT AND APPLICANTS AMID THE PANDEMIC

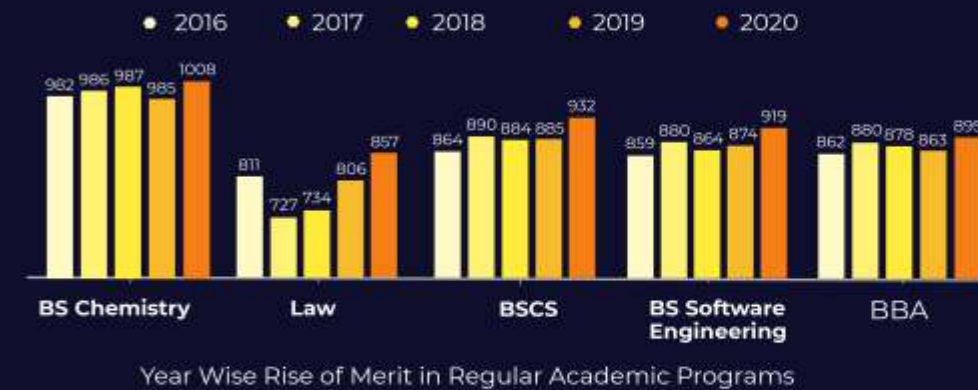
The University of Sargodha smoothly completed the process of its online admissions for Fall 2020 while ensuring strict compliance to SOPs amid the pandemic. Like previous years, the digitization of admission process facilitated around 43000 aspirants to apply in more than 150 degree programs for regular and self-support basis.

Due to the agenda of reforms introduced sustainable policies adopted for the improvement in academic reputation and global rankings of Sargodha University, the online admission stats for Fall 2020 observed a surge in the number of applications received and the continuous rise of the merit for every degree program as compared to the previous years. Moreover, the university is concentrating on skill-based undergraduate programs to overcome the challenges of unemployment. Resultantly, the university received a record number of applications this year in undergraduate programs.



MOST TRENDING ACADEMIC PROGRAMS 2020

- English
- Pharm D
- Law
- BSCS
- BBA



THE ARTWORKS REFLECT LIFE ON CANVAS



The artist Muhammad Javed explaining the creative concept behind the paintings to the Vice Chancellor Dr Ishtiaq Ahmad during exhibition

The Institute of Art and Design organized an art exhibition under the theme of "Reflection of Life" showcasing the work of renowned artist Muhammad Javed. A solo work of the living legend was displayed at Zubeida Agha Art Gallery of the University on Oct 6.

About thirty-two oil paintings, six calligraphies, and six charcoal drawings of Muhammad Javed were displayed. The exhibited artwork represented realities of life through the process of creating interesting forms, building strong composition by dividing space, delineating objects and manipulating the canvas with great skills.

The artist portrayed the life in his surroundings into patches of paint that are arranged in compositions, which have a strong effect on the viewer due to their colour palette. Shades of blue, a range of green, the introduction of pale hues, and areas of subtle and vivid tones mark his work different from his peers.

“ I feel honored that my 12th solo exhibition 'Reflection of Life' was displayed at Zubeida Agha Art Gallery, University of Sargodha. It is the first syndicate approved art gallery of the region with professional and conducive environment. It is much appreciated that the university took such a great step by establishing the art gallery to create an artistic atmosphere in the region. I am hoping to do more exhibitions here in the future to motivate the young artists of Sargodha. ”

Muhammad Javed
Artist

About the Artist

Muhammad Javed is a recipient of First Annual Distinguished Artist Award from MIT, USA, in 1989 and has nine solo shows at his credit organized in the country and abroad. Recently, he is featured among 39 artists of the world in a German book 'Relevance in the Art: Fine Art Masters of 21st Century' by K Heinz Player.



A busy road during Fog in Lahore city 2015, Oil on canvas, Palette knife

Busy, gritty Charing Cross Road in foggy weather in Lahore has always seemed like a likely subject.



On the roadside of Muree - 2018, Oil on canvas, Palette knife



Impressions from Old Lahore-2016, Oil on canvas, Palette-knife



Pray for water-2019 Palette knife

In this painting, artist portrayed water problem with three pitcher pots with its different positions are describing water problems facing by the people of rural areas of Pakistan.

UI GREENMETRIC DECLARES SU AS THE WORLD'S 526TH MOST SUSTAINABLE UNIVERSITY

The University of Sargodha secured 526 positions in the UI GreenMetric World Universities rankings for 2020, out of 912 universities worldwide. This is a 186-step improvement in its ranking position since 2018 when it stood at 712 out of 719 universities.

For 2020, the number of universities increased by 193, with European universities topping the list, including Wageningen University and Research, Netherland, at No.1 and University of Oxford, UK, at No.2. In Pakistan, Sargodha University is ranked 17 out of 50 universities.

The UI GreenMetric World University Ranking is an initiative of Universitas Indonesia launched in 2010. Its criteria for determining the current condition and policies related to Green Campus and Sustainability in the universities includes the location and size of the campus, the amount of green space as well as the information on energy use, transport, water use and recycling and waste treatment.



In terms of specific scores, Sargodha University is ranked 65th in the world and 2nd in Pakistan in Setting and Infrastructure facilities; 118th in the world and 3rd in Pakistan in Education and Research position; 303rd in the world and 12th in Pakistan in Transportation facilities.

SARGODHA UNIVERSITY STANDS AT 545 POSITION AMONG QS ASIAN UNIVERSITIES



2021

Sargodha University has been ranked at 545th position by QS Asia Universities ranking, out of 650 qualified universities (including 106 new entrants this year).

The London-based Quacquarelli Symonds' ranking criteria include parameters such as the Academic Reputation, Employer Reputation, Faculty Student Ratio, Staff with PhD, Citation per Paper and International Research Network.

In terms of these parameters, the University stood at 251+ in Academic and Employer Reputation; 185 in

International Research Network category; 301+ in Staff with PhD degrees, Citation per Paper and Faculty-Student Ratio.

From Pakistan, 50 universities qualified for the 2021 QS Asia ranking, with Sargodha University securing 17th position. This year the number of national universities that qualified QS ranking are more than doubled. Majority of the new entrants were from the private sector, paying for the branding service the ranking agency offered for increasing their global rankings.

ZOOLOGY CHAIR WINS GOLD MEDAL IN WILDLIFE

To honour the research contribution of Prof Dr Muhammad Arshad in the field of Zoology, the Applied Zoological Society of Pakistan (AZSP) awarded him with the 'Prof Dr Shahnaz Akhtar Rana Gold Medal in Wildlife'.

To highlight the vulture crisis in South Asia, Dr Arshad along with Indian and American scientists worked with the famous TV channel National Geographic. Dr Arshad and his team discovered the ultimate cause of vulture mortality in Pakistan and published the study in the well-reputed journal Nature. He has worked on Conservation Biology, Wildlife Ecology, Molecular Biology and Environmental Biology and published his work in peer-reviewed journals.

Dr Muhammad Arshad has published more than 55 research papers in the journals of international repute, published a book and won 04 Competitive Research Projects, 1 PI and 3 as Co-PI. He presented papers in various national/international conferences, supervised 47 MPhil/ MSc (Hons) and 03 PhD Theses.

Dr M Arshad earned his PhD from the University of Heidelberg, Germany. He is serving as the Professor/Chairman of the Department of Zoology and the Resident Officer, University of Sargodha. Moreover, he has also served as Convener Board of Studies, Director Riaz Shad Forum, Event Manager and Chairman hall council, University of Sargodha.



Not only a scientific but a conducive environment is equally responsible for better scientific research and growth, and no doubt, SU has provided me with the best environment to excel in the field of zoology.

Dr Muhammad Arshad

DR IRFAN ULLAH WINS ANOTHER GOLD MEDAL FOR SCIENTIFIC CONTRIBUTION IN ENTOMOLOGY

To recognize the academic achievements of Dr Muhammad Irfan Ullah in the field of Entomology, the Applied Zoological Society of Pakistan (AZSP) awarded him the 'Prof Dr Anjum Suhail Memorial Gold Medal in Entomology'. Earlier this year, Dr Irfan Ullah was also awarded Prof Imtiaz Ahmad Gold Medal 2020 for his recognition in entomological research.

Dr Irfan has published more than 70 research papers in the journals of International repute, published a book and several book chapters, won several international travel grants; presented papers in more than 50 various national/ international conferences, supervised 22 MPhil/ MSc (Hons)/ and 03 PhD Theses, won 02 Competitive Research Projects as PI, 02 as Co-PI. He has worked on insect-plant interaction, insect stress biology, insect genetics, and citrus entomology and has published his work in peer-reviewed journals.

Dr Muhammad Irfan Ullah earned his PhD from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, USA, and is working as an Assistant Professor at the Department of Entomology, University of Sargodha. Additionally, he serves as Deputy Director at the Office of Research, Innovation, and Commercialization (ORIC). He has been among the productive researchers of the University of Sargodha. He is also a team leader of a joint international project with Chinese University and manages a Biological control laboratory established with the cooperation of South China Agricultural University



The encouraging environment at SU has fortified me for professional growth while interdisciplinary research culture and funds are important for professional growth.

Dr Irfanullah

THE SHADOW PANDEMIC: SOCIAL WORK APPROACHES CAN REDUCE DOMESTIC VIOLENCE



To prevent and eliminate violence against women amid the pandemic, the Department of Social Work organized a webinar titled 'Women Violence and Role of Social Work' in solidarity with UN International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women under the theme of 'Orange the World: Fund, Respond, Prevent, and Collect' on November 25, 2020.

The surge in violence against women, especially domestic violence, has led to another pandemic termed by the UN as 'Shadow Pandemic' during the COVID-19 crisis. The expert called for collaborative and collective efforts to mitigate the magnitude, intensity and density of violence against women at the national and international level.

Recommendations

- Dictatorial behaviours, violence against vulnerable segments of society, uneven distribution of wealth and disrespecting women are the hallmarks of traditional and conservative societies. Through building collective conscience, we should challenge this mindset that finds its roots in oppressing the vulnerable.
- Violence against women impedes the goal of achieving gender equality. Until women and girls are assured the right to live free of violence, they must be provided with the requisite support and protection.
- There is a dire need to recognize the role of women and take substantial steps for ensuring

the equal participation of women in legislation.

- Social workers can build strong links with other agencies and encourage better access to services for vulnerable families.
- The Government should develop policies to end aggression against women in all its forms by focusing on women participation in legislation, and provision of better employment opportunities and health care facilities.
- The Government should take preventive measures to eliminate violence against women, launch massive awareness campaigns, and devise and implement sustainable policies.
- Ethical and moral values like tolerance, peace and patience should be inculcated among youth.
- To eliminate violence, social workers need to keep updated with the latest reports and statistical data on domestic violence, learn from relevant serious case reviews and attend training.

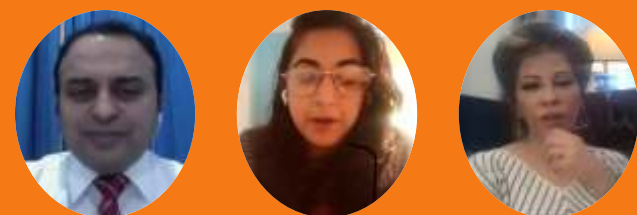


Dr Sara Safdar

About the Speaker

- Dr Sara Safdar, Member, National Commission on the Status of Women, Government of Pakistan

GENDER EQUALITY AT THE WORKPLACE: BREAKING THE GLASS CEILING AND GETTING OFF THE STICKY FLOOR



Dr Kamran

Ms Waiza Rafeeq

Ms Sabahat

The webinar explored how companies of the 21st century are building and improving their inclusive strategies for achieving gender equality at the workplace.

To discuss a better workplace environment and encourage women to work and succeed, Noon Business School conducted a webinar titled 'Gender equality at the workplace: Breaking the glass ceiling and getting off the sticky floor' under the UN SDG 5: Gender Equality on October 15.

SCHOLARS STRESS THE ROLE OF RURAL WOMEN IN THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF PAKISTAN

In recognition of the significant role of rural women in supporting their communities, Sargodha University observed UN International Rural Women's Day on October 15.

The theme for this International Day of Rural Women is 'Building rural women's resilience in the wake of COVID-19,' to create awareness of these women's struggles, their needs, and their critical and key role in our society.

Additionally, the International Center for Punjab Studies Sargodha University also organized a webinar to amplify the voices of rural women who contribute tremendously to Pakistani society but whose contributions remain unknown and unseen.

During the panel discussion, participants discussed existing policies and a framework for safeguarding the rights of rural working women. The experts called for raising the socio-economic status of rural women and suggested implementation of the Women's Property Act 2019 to ensure that rural women should not be left behind.

Recommendations

- Media should play an active role in creating awareness and developing an understanding of issues like female child education, property transfer, early marriages, and early and excessive childbearing.
- Media should reduce unfruitful discussions on political matters and turn towards issues that can make a difference in the life of rural women.
- To transform rural women's lives, acknowledge their contribution in the agriculture sector and rural households, address their grievances,



Ahmad Raza Wattoo



Itrat Sultan

provide skills and opportunities for a dignified life.

- Only an annual celebration is not enough to ensure women's importance in society. True liberation of women could come from their socio-economic and gender emancipation initiatives.
- Pakistani rural women suffer from the burden of unpaid productive, reproductive and domestic labour. Their production labour is not considered eligible for GDP statistics.
- Women farmworkers are not registered as formal labourers and are thus ineligible for social security, workers' welfare benefits, health, education and skills training opportunities.

About the Panelists

- Ms Itrat Sultan, Director Programs, Center for Social Education and Development, Islamabad
- Mr Ahmad Raza Wattoo, President, Punjabi Parchar, Lahore

Key Points

- Integrate gender-disaggregated data into decision making and share evidence of the impact of future work trends on women and a company's action in this regard.
- Build systems that are developed in non-discriminatory ways and free from biases. Such systems must be developed by diverse teams to ensure a competitive environment in the workplace.
- Demonstrate leadership through advocacy and communication efforts to build an environment

that promotes gender equality and removes systemic constraints for women to fully participate in the new world of work.

About the Panelists

- Waiza Rafique, Advocate Lahore High Court
- Kamran Ashfaq, Chairman Department of Sociology, Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan
- Sabahat Rafique, President/Executive Director, United We REACH

INFLUENCE OF CLIMATE CHANGE ON FOOD SECURITY AND APPROACHES TO MITIGATE ITS CONSEQUENCES



Dr Ilker Ugulu



Dr Mansoor Hameed



Dr Abrar Hussain



Dr Nudrat Aisha Akram



Dr Mobina Ulfat



Dr Fahim Arshad

The Department of Botany organized an International webinar titled 'Influence of Climate Change on Food Security and Approaches to Mitigate its Consequences' on October 7, 2020.

The webinar was aimed at highlighting the urgency of revamping food and agriculture systems to combat the drastic effects of climate change and present concrete solutions for this global issue.

The deliberations were made on advancement in botanical research and conservational strategies of crop plants by keeping in view the fluctuation in climate across the globe.

The event provided an opportunity to the actively involved botanical researchers for exchanging ideas in reducing the impact of climate change on crop plants through the application of the latest techniques and strategies.

Recommendations

- To meet the needs of a growing world population, diversified agro-ecological systems and sustainable management of natural resources should be adopted for showing greater resilience to climate change.
- For adapting to climate change, maintaining biodiversity for food and agriculture has become indispensable. The overexploitation of natural resources and other change-inducing factors caused by human activities should be reduced.
- Encourage the conservation of genetic resources by using ex-situ and in-situ techniques in the farms. Recognize the contribution of indigenous genetic resources, ensure their protection, and utilize traditional knowledge into practice.
- Foster local agriculture and food systems as a strategy to conserve genetic resources and support the contribution of underutilized and neglected species for maintaining biodiversity.

- To raise yields, decrease production costs and increase gross margins, utilize practices such as crop rotation and drip irrigation.
- Incorporate a whole-farm integrated crop management approach. It is crucial to prioritize risk reduction through diversification of both crops and buyers and markets. Adoption of basic agronomic techniques can reduce the damage from droughts, floods and other extreme weather.
- Expand the capacity in remote weather stations, disease modeling and index insurance systems.
- The technology can be used for improved pest and disease forecasting and control, risk-reducing financial instruments and higher-precision climate change modeling.
- Food security and climate change require national and regional actors to take numerous initiatives for the environment, including control over volatile global food markets and managing food production in line with food consumption patterns. Such controls will ensure the stability and dependability of imports and exports of vital food resources.

About the Speakers

- Dr Ilker Ugulu, Professor, Usak University, Turkey
- Dr Mansoor Hameed, Professor, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad
- Dr Rana Abrar Hussain, Principal, University of Education, Lahore
- Dr Fahim Arshad, Chairperson, University of Okara, Okara
- Dr Nudrat Aisha Akram, Associate Professor, Government College University, Faisalabad
- Dr Mobina Ulfat, Assistant Professor, Lahore College for Women University, Lahore

TRAINING YOUTH WITH PRODUCTIVE SKILLS FOR COMPETITIVE EDGE

The Career Development Center (CDC) at Sargodha University launched two series of virtual sessions in Fall 2020 aimed to equip students with the set of skills and knowledge for ensuring maximum utility of time productively amid the pandemic. The theme of the sessions revolved around the skill development of students by informing the audience about the careful selection of their career paths and upskilled them with creative skills to meet the job market requirements in the digital age.

The series provided the students with an opportunity to interact with the trainers of national and international repute and get benefit from their expertise. To ensure active participation, the trainers engaged the audience and addressed their queries through Q&A session and live polling. Around twenty thousand students were engaged virtually through these sessions.



Career Choices for Women
Speaker: Ms Shabana Mahfooz
Senior journalist

To encourage women's participation in the national economy, Ms Shabana Mahfooz shared her exciting professional journey and insightful thought on career development during the virtual session on October 23. The session urged women to tackle obstacles in their career path in the form of societal pressure, gender discrimination and harassment by challenging taboos with a proactive approach. The discussion elaborated that women have the capacity and intellectual strength to excel in any field.



Art of Creative Writing
Speaker: Mr Mubashar Naqvi
Feature Writer, Freelance Journalist, Columnist at The News, Media Consultant and Teacher

To instil creative skills for content creating for different genres across the media, Mr Mubashar Naqvi shared his expertise in producing content for Print, Electronic and Digital Media in the virtual session on October 7. The speaker explained that the art of creative writing requires aesthetic skills to convert the abstract ideas and thoughts into appealing verbal and visual content with an innovative approach for captivating audience attention.



Techniques of News Production
Speaker: Mr Syed Arsalan Abbas Sherazi
Senior Sports Journalist, News Producer/Anchor/Host PTV World

For acquainting students with the techniques of news production, Mr Arslan Sherazi shed light on the responsibilities of the news producer and reporter during the live session on December 10. The speaker explained that a news reporter should give prime importance to the accuracy of the facts before broadcasting breaking news. To develop an exclusive scoop and lead story, the reporter should have a nose for news to find newsworthy element out of an ordinary situation.

VIRTUAL CONSULTANCY FOR INTERNATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

To facilitate the students, young faculty and aspirants pursuing an international academic career, the Career Development Center conducted a series of virtual consultancy workshops 'Window to Global Education'. The sessions covered the complete roadmap of international scholarship which apprised the students about various platforms to search international scholarship opportunities and prepare their portfolio according to the

international standards to get a competitive edge. The experts provided authentic information about international scholarships, grants/programs, and how to prepare an application package along with tips and tricks of writing the statement of purpose of the students to compete with global educational standards. These series were arranged under services of 'Scholarship Consultancy, and Training & Development'

Amongst all the public sector universities in Punjab, CDC at Sargodha University is leading to engage the students and enhancing their intellectual and creative skills through various sessions and activities.

Q&A SESSION WITH TARIQ PIRZADA FORMER CHIEF COMMISSIONER, ISLAMABAD

Another loaded session was hosted by the Alumni Association of Sargodha University, titled 'From student to civil servant: Encounter with Tariq Mahmood Pirzada' on July 17.

Tariq Mahmood Pirzada, Former Chief Commissioner Islamabad is our proud alumnus from the batch 1969-1971 of the then Government College Sargodha (GCS). He had rendered his services in Islamabad Capital Territory (ICT) administration on different administrative positions including; City Magistrate, Assistant Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner. He also served as a member Administration of National Highway Authority (NHA), Islamabad. He shared his views regarding the significance of civilization, culture, the evolutionary growth of GCS, and highlighted the need for critical skills among youth.

College is the place where moments become forever etched memories. Please share your memories of college life.

College days were the days that I always look back on and reminisce. I got enrolled in GCS about 50 years back when it was among the most outstanding colleges of Pakistan. I am truly proud that my institution has undergone evolutionary changes and has become a hub of higher education.

Describe your relationship with the teachers of GCS and activities in which you were involved in as a student.

During my college days, I had a potent relationship with my teachers that helped me in boosting my intellect. Healthy relationships with teachers draw students into the process of learning and foster the desire to learn. GCS had wonderful teachers, blended with competency and charismatic personality. They left an indelible mark on the students' persona.

Besides studying, I participated in various co-curricular activities, especially indoor games. I was a champion in table tennis and carom board game. The professor of economics used to play tennis with us that cultivated a sense of discipline and sportsmanship.

Who was your inspiration before joining civil services?

My friend Javaid Iqbal Awan, a politician and a member of the assembly was my source of inspiration. In college, he used to be the president of the college union. I completed my graduation in 1971 and joined the civil services of Pakistan. This was to mark the beginning of an illustrious and



distinguished career. I was the 15th deputy commissioner of the ICT administration and later assumed the charge of chief commissioner, Islamabad.

What role does education play in the postmodern world?

The main aim of education in postmodern ethos is materialism and to fit in the industry capital economy. It is promoting individualism against collective values. Whereas, true meaning and purpose of education are to train intelligence into social morality, fear of falsehood, and a society built on equality and high morals. An able-bodied man without character is of no good.

What advice would you like to give to empower the young generation?

The youth should follow Iqbal's philosophy of action for facing modern-day challenges. Iqbal was not just a poet for excellence but an epoch and a perpetual fountain of inspiration for youngsters to achieve unachievable goals and compete with other nations using their inborn talent and vision.



پنجاب دی کالونی گیری تاریخ: پہلی وڈی لام' فوجی بھرتی تے لوک مکنی

اسیں اوس درد، دیس دی اودر تے جمن بھونیں دی دوری ورگے دکھ ویون والے موضوعاں بارے پڑھدے آں۔

پنجاب تے پنجابیاں وچ نیشنلزم دے حوالے نال گل کردیاں محمود اعوان ہوراں اک بہت ودھیا بھاء دتا۔ اوہناں دا آکھنا سی کہ ایہہ پنجاب وچ ہمیشہ توں ای بہت نظر انداز کیتا جاوے والا موضوع رہیا اے۔ ایس معاملے وچ دی گورے نے پنجابیاں نال دھرو کیتا تے حیاتی دے ہر کھیتز و آنگوں مذہباں دی بنیاد تے لوکاں وچ ونڈ پا ئی۔ ایہہ نتیجہ ایہہ ہو یا کہ دیسی لوک اپنی ثقافتی پہچان نوں اکھوں اوہلے کر کے مذہبی پہچان بارے زیادہ دھیان دیون لگ پئے۔ گورے نوں ایہہ ونڈ وارا کھاندی سی کیوں جے پنجابیاں نوں قابو کرن دا اوہدے کول کوئی ہور راہ نہیں سی۔ گورے دی پائی ایہہ ونڈ اج تائیں قائم اے۔ موجودہ حالات تے چڑھدے، لہندے پنجاب وچ بارڈر دی لکیر پاروں پنجاب وچ نیشنلزم نوں اچ نہیں دیکھیا جاسکدا جیویں کہ باقی ہر تھاں تے دیکھیا جاندا اے۔ پاکستانی پنجابی اپنے آپ نوں اسلام نال تے ہندوستانی پنجابی اپنے آپ نوں سکھ مت یاں ہندومت نال جوڑ کے دیکھدے نیں۔ ایس لئی سانوں کلچرل نیشنلزم نوں ودھواو دین دی لوڑ اے۔ کیوں جے بارڈر دے دوہاں پاسے تے ساری دنیا وچ وسدے پنجابی سماجی ثقافتی ریت دے سائیں نیں۔ ساڈے کھانے، پہرا، خوشی غمی دیاں رسماں، بول چال تاں سائیں ہے ای پر ایس دے نال نال ساڈا پنجابیاں دا سبھا وی اکو جیہا اے۔ اچ دیکھیا جاوے تاں کلچرل نیشنلزم والی گل اتے کسے نوں کوئی اعتراض وی نہیں کیوں جے ایس راہیں اسیں اک دوہے دے مذہبی جذبات تے نظریات نوں برداشت کرنا سگوسں احترام دینا وی سکھ سکدے آں۔

انٹرنیشنل سنٹر فار پنجاب سٹڈیز، سرگودھا یونیورسٹی ولوں شروع کیتی گئی لیکچر سیریز دا پہلا لیکچر 5 دسمبر 2020ء نوں یونیورسٹی دے فیس بک پیج توں نشر کیتا گیا۔ آئر لینڈ وسدے پنجابی کھوج کار، شاعر تے کالم کار محمود اعوان ہوراں پہلی عالمی جنگ دے پس منظر وچ تخلیق ہوون والی پنجابی لوک شاعری بارے بھروں گل بات مکتبی محمود اعوان ہوراں دی جم پل پیل پدھرا دی اے۔ ایہہ خطہ شروع توں ای فوجی بھرتی دے حوالے نال سارے پنجاب وچ نمایاں رہیا اے۔ انگریز سرکار دی فوج وچ دیسیاں دی بھرتی وچ پنجاب دا حصہ سبھ توں ودھ رہیا۔ محمود اعوان ہوراں ایہدے کارناں بارے کھارویں گل مکتبی۔ انگریز دی فوج وچ پنجابیاں دی گنتی ہولی ہولی ودھی۔ 1880ء وچ ایہہ گنتی 18 فیصد سی جیہڑی کہ 1900ء وچ 35 فیصد تے 1919ء وچ 45 فیصد تائیں اپڑ گئی۔ پنجابیاں دی ایڈی وڈی گنتی دا کارن کسے حد تائیں مالی تنگی وی سی۔ جدوں اسیں ایس سلسلے وچ تخلیق ہوون والے ادب ول دھیان کردے آں تاں سانوں بہت بھروں جذبیاں والی شاعری ملدی اے۔ ایس وچ اک تاں اوہ شاعری اے جیہڑی فوج وچ جاوے والیاں دے کچھے اڈکین والے تے رووون والے رشتیاں ولوں تخلیق ہوئی تے دو جاوہ شعری تے نشری خط نہیں جیہڑے یورپ دے جنگی کیمپاں وچ بندی وان ہوئے فوجیاں ولوں لکھے گئے۔ ایہناں بندی واناں وچ اک تاں اوہ فوجی سن جیہڑے جنگی مستقبل دے سُننے لے کے اپنی مرضی نال فوج وچ بھرتی ہوئے تے دوجی تے وڈی گنتی اوہناں دی سی جیہڑے استھوں دے مقامی سرداراں، وڈیریاں تے چودھریاں ولوں جبری بھرتی دے نتیجے وچ فوج وچ گئے سن۔ ایہناں وڈیریاں آپ تاں انگریز سرکار توں انعام تے جاگیراں لیاں پر جبری بھرتی دے شکار لوکاں دیاں جیتیاں گال کے رکھ چھڈیاں۔ ایس لوک شاعری وچ

ماہ ربیع الاول اور ہفتہ شان رسول کے سلسلہ میں تقریبات



بات نہیں ہو سکتی تو پھر شانِ رحمتِ العالمین کو بھی مد نظر رکھنا چاہیے اور اس ضمن میں سرکردہ اسلامی ممالک کے ساتھ مل کر یورپین کورٹ آف ہیومن رائٹس میں قانون سازی کے لیے کوشش کرنا ہوگی تاکہ کوئی بھی یورپی ملک آزادی اظہار کے نام پر ایسی گستاخانہ حرکت دوبارہ نہ کر سکے۔ انھوں نے کہا کہ ہمیں پر امن طور پر اپنا موقف پیش کرنا ہوگا، تاکہ اس کا مستقل حل کیا جائے اور دوبارہ ایسے واقعات پیش نہ آئیں، جس سے عالم اسلام کی دل آزاری ہو، جبکہ اسلاموفوبیا سے نمٹنے کے لیے ڈیجیٹل ذرائع کو بھی استعمال میں لانا ہوگا اور ایک ایسا لائحہ عمل بنانا ہوگا کہ کوئی بھی ہمارے نبی کی شان میں گستاخی کا تصور بھی نہ کرے۔

محفل درود و سلام ﷺ

ہفتہ شانِ رحمتِ العالمین ﷺ کے سلسلہ میں جامع مسجد عابد کے بالمقابل درود و سلام پیش کرنے کے لیے ایک اجتماع منعقد ہوا، جس میں یونیورسٹی سٹاف، فیکلٹی اور طلبہ نے بھرپور شرکت کی۔ اس موقع پر شرکاء کی طرف سے آنحضرت پر با آواز بلند درود و سلام پیش کر کے نبی آخر الزماں حضرت محمد ﷺ سے محبت و عقیدت کا اظہار کیا گیا اور اقوام عالم کو یہ پیغام دیا گیا کہ نبی کریم ﷺ مسلمانوں کے دلوں میں بستے ہیں اور کوئی بھی مسلمان آنحضرت کی شان میں گستاخی برداشت نہیں کر سکتا، گستاخانہ خاکوں کے ذریعے مسلمانوں کے جذبات کو مجروح کرنے کا سلسلہ ختم کیا جائے۔

اسلامک کیلی گرافک نمائش

ہفتہ شانِ رحمتِ العالمین ﷺ کی تقریبات کے سلسلہ میں سرگودھا یونیورسٹی نے اسلامی کیلی گرافک نمائش کا انعقاد کیا۔ انسٹی ٹیوٹ آف آرٹ اینڈ ڈیزائن کے زیر اہتمام زبیدہ آغا آرٹ گیلری میں منعقدہ نمائش میں طلبہ و طالبات نے خطاطی کے دیدہ زیب فن پارے پیش کیے۔ وائس چانسلر ڈاکٹر اشتیاق احمد نے نمائش کا افتتاح کیا اور طلبہ کی خداداد صلاحیتوں کو سراہا۔ طلبہ نے فن پاروں میں بڑی خوبصورتی سے حضور پاک ﷺ سے محبت و عقیدت کا اظہار کرتے ہوئے قلم کے ذریعے آنحضرت کے اخلاق حسنہ کو رنگوں کی قوس قزح سے بھر دیا اور اقوام عالم کو ایک پیغام دیا کہ ہم حضور پاک ﷺ کے نام کو رنگوں سے بھر کر آپ کو خراج عقیدت پیش کر رہے ہیں۔ فن پاروں کی دوسری قومی نمائش میں طالبات کی نمائندگی کرتے ہوئے ماہ پارہ رضا پیلے، آمنہ ٹھاکر دوسرے، جبکہ حشر محمود تیسرے نمبر پر ہیں۔ طلبہ میں ثاقب علی پیلے، امیر حمزہ دوسرے، جبکہ محمد معاذ احمد اہمیتس مہدی تیسرے نمبر پر ہیں۔ فن پاروں کی نمائش کا اہتمام انچارج انسٹی ٹیوٹ آف آرٹس اینڈ ڈیزائن احمد فراز اور آرٹ سٹیوڈیو نورین کی نگرانی میں کیا گیا۔ فن پاروں کی دوسری قومی نمائش میں قومی سطح پر صائمہ اشفاق عباسی لاہور، ذکی شیخ بھلوال، محمد شعیب منڈی بہاؤ الدین، ثارا احمد فیصل آباد، وقاص بیگی قصور اور راجی آرٹ سنڈھ کے فن پارے سرفہرست رہے۔



سبز برقی قمقوں سے چراغان

ہفتہ شانِ رسول کے سلسلہ میں سرگودھا یونیورسٹی کی تاریخی عمارت جناح بلاک، جامع مسجد عابد اور ایڈمنسٹریٹو بلاک کو سبز برقی قمقوں سے سجایا گیا، جس سے یونیورسٹی بقیع نور بنی رہی اور دیکھنے والوں کی آنکھوں کو جلا بخشتی رہی۔



مقابلہ حسن قرأت و نعت ﷺ

ریاض شاد ہم نصابی فورم کے زیر اہتمام مقابلہ حسن قرأت و نعت کا انعقاد کیا گیا۔ یہ مقابلہ جات حکومت پنجاب کی جانب سے منائے جانے والے ”ہفتہ شانِ رحمتِ العالمین ﷺ“ کے سلسلہ میں ڈویژنل سطح پر منعقد کیے گئے، جس میں مختلف جامعات کے طلبہ و طالبات نے حمد باری تعالیٰ اور بارگاہ رسالت ﷺ میں ہدیہ عقیدت پیش کیا۔ یہ مقابلہ جات کیمپس ریڈیو پر براہ راست نشر کیے گئے۔ مقابلہ حسن قرأت کی میل کیٹیگری میں شعبہ علوم اسلامیہ و عربیہ کے طالب علم محمد ایوب نے پہلی، شعبہ ہیلتھ اینڈ فزیکل ایجوکیشن کے شکیل احمد نے دوسری، جبکہ نمل انسٹی ٹیوٹ میانوالی کے طالب علم محمد



طیب نے تیسری پوزیشن حاصل کی۔ فی میل کیٹیگری میں سرگودھا یونیورسٹی کی حافظہ مریم نے پہلی، نمل انسٹی ٹیوٹ میانوالی کی مطاہرہ نے دوسری اور الوینہ بشیر نے تیسری پوزیشن حاصل کی۔ مقابلہ نعت کی میل کیٹیگری میں سرگودھا یونیورسٹی کے طلبہ نے تینوں پوزیشنز حاصل کیں۔ حافظہ محمد یاسر نے پہلی، سیف اللہ نے دوسری، جبکہ عامر شہزاد نے تیسری پوزیشن حاصل کی۔ فی میل کیٹیگری میں ڈیپارٹمنٹ آف ہائٹی کی رابعہ سکندر نے پہلی، الیکٹریکل انجینئرنگ کی ثوبیہ یاسمین نے دوسری، جبکہ نمل انسٹی ٹیوٹ کی طالبہ عمارہ سعید نے تیسری پوزیشن حاصل کی۔ مقابلہ جات میں پہلی پوزیشن حاصل کرنے والے طلبہ و طالبات پنجاب پر منعقدہ مقابلہ جات میں شرکت کریں گے۔



جامع مسجد عابد کی توسیع اور تزئین و آرائش

فن تعمیر کے نمونے نقش ہیں۔ ہال کے مرکزی گنبد کے نیچے دیدہ زیب فانوس نصب کیا گیا ہے، جس کی روشنی سے پوری مسجد منور ہوتی ہے۔ یہ فانوس سرگودھا کی سماجی شخصیت حاجی عبدالرحمن نے ہدیہ کیا ہے۔ مسجد کے مرکزی ہال کی چار دیواری پر اسلامی تعلیمات، اخلاقی و سماجی اقدار اور تعلیم و تعلم کے موضوعات پر مشتمل منتخب قرآنی آیات کی دل آویز خطاطی کی گئی ہے، جس کو دیکھ کر روح سرشار ہو جاتی ہے۔ مسجد کی اندرونی دیواروں پر سورۃ حمد لکھی گئی ہے، جو اپنی خوبصورتی کا منہ بولتا ثبوت ہے۔ یہ کیلی گرائی جہاں مختلف رنگوں کے حسین امتزاج کی حامل ہے، وہیں ان رنگوں میں مزید نکھار پیدا کرنے کے لیے بڑی نفاست کے ساتھ لائٹس کا استعمال کیا گیا ہے۔

بارش اور دھوپ کے اثرات سے نمازیوں کو بچانے کے لیے مسجد کے صحن میں جدید سلائڈنگ (برقی) چھت نصب کی گئی ہے، جس کو ضرورت کے مطابق کھولا اور بند کیا جاسکتا ہے۔ علاوہ ازیں مسجد کے دائیں جانب ایک برآمدہ اور ذیلی و مرکزی دروازہ از سر نو تعمیر کیا گیا ہے، جس سے ایک ہی وقت میں نمازیوں کی آمد و رفت میں سہولت ہوئی ہے اور مسجد کا حسن بھی دوبالا ہو گیا ہے۔ یہ جامع مسجد عابد 15435 مربع فٹ پر محیط ہے اور 1900 سے زائد نمازیوں کی گنجائش رکھتی ہے۔ یہاں پر یہ امر بھی قابل ذکر ہے کہ طالبات کیلئے نماز کی ادائیگی کے لیے الگ کشادہ ہال بھی تعمیر کیا گیا ہے۔ یہ مسجد جہاں اپنے عہد میں فن تعمیر کا شاہکار تھی، آج بھی نفاست و تقدیس کی دلکش علامت ہے اور یونیورسٹی کے حسن کو دو چند کرنے کا باعث ہے۔

سرگودھا یونیورسٹی کی جامع مسجد عابد اپنے فن تعمیر، خوبصورتی اور تاریخی پس منظر کی وجہ سے منفرد مقام رکھتی ہے۔ یہ مسجد جہاں یونیورسٹی کے طلبہ کی دینی و اخلاقی تربیت کا باعث ہے، وہیں ریجن بھر کے لوگ اس مسجد سے دلی وابستگی رکھتے ہیں۔ یہ دیدہ زیب مسجد سرسید احمد کے پوتے پروفیسر ڈاکٹر عابد احمد علی کے نام سے منسوب ہے، جو 1950ء سے 1958ء تک گورنمنٹ کالج سرگودھا کے پرنسپل رہے اور ایک صاحب علم شخصیت تھے۔ انھی کے دور میں یہ خوبصورت مسجد تعمیر کی گئی، تاہم موجودہ وائس چانسلر کی خصوصی دلچسپی سے اس مسجد کی جدید تقاضوں کے مطابق از سر نو تزئین و آرائش اور توسیع کا کام مکمل ہوا ہے۔ اس مسجد کو کثیر المقاصد بنایا گیا ہے، جہاں مذہبی فرائض کی ادائیگی اور اجتماعات کا بخوبی انعقاد کیا جاسکتا ہے۔

یہ مسجد اعلیٰ جمالیاتی حسن کا نادر نمونہ ہے اور اس کے درمخرب مسجد قرطبہ کی طرز پر تعمیر کیے گئے ہیں، جس کے لیے لکڑی اور جالی کا استعمال کیا گیا ہے۔ اس کے محراب میں کھڑے ہو کر تلاوت کی جائے تو پورے ہال میں آواز کا ارتعاش اس انداز سے پیدا ہوتا ہے اور لاؤڈ سپیکر کی ضرورت محسوس نہیں ہوتی۔ محراب پر مسلم عہد کے جیومیٹریکل



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