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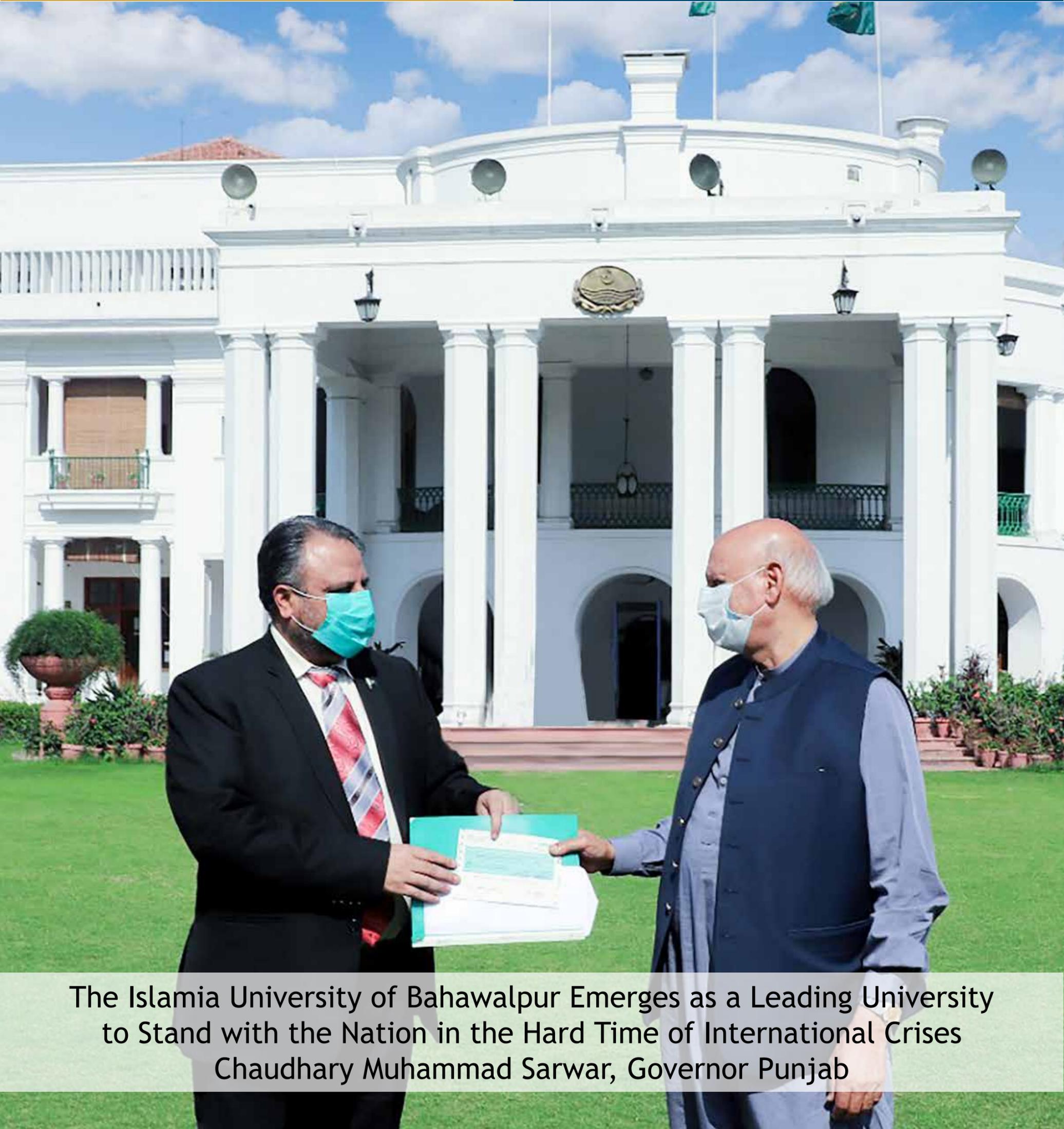
# IUB NEWS



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The Islamia University of Bahawalpur Emerges as a Leading University  
to Stand with the Nation in the Hard Time of International Crises  
Chaudhary Muhammad Sarwar, Governor Punjab

## Minister Higher Education praises IUB's Efforts during Covid 19 Pandemic

Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur called on Mr. Raja Yasir Humayun Sarfraz, Minister Higher Education Punjab and Pro Chancellor at his office in Lahore. On this occasion, matters relating to online academic activities, administrative and developmental affairs were discussed. The Minister advised the Vice Chancellor to facilitate students in the wake of hardships due to Covid 19. The Minister also advised the Vice Chancellor to ensure the Islamia University of Bahawalpur's participation in global university rankings such as Times Higher Education and QS rankings. The Vice Chancellor briefed him about continuation of online classes and conduct of examinations. He also apprised him about social responsibility efforts of the University especially during Corona Virus crises. The Honourable Minister praised the contribution of the University in socio-economic uplift of the region.



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor along with Mr. Raja Yasir Humayun Sarfraz, Minister Higher Education Punjab

## Contribution of IUB Employees for the Primer Minister's Corona Relief Fund

Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob Vice Chancellor presented a cheque of Rs 70, 31,939 (7.03 Million) to Chaudhary Muhammad Sarwar, Governor Punjab for Corona Relief

Fund. The Governor praised the contribution of IUB employees. On this occasion, the Vice Chancellor briefed the Chancellor on measures taken by the university during

current covid 19 crises. Governor lauded the university's efforts and hoped that we will come out of current situation as a resilient and united nation. Later, Dr. Athar

Mahboob participated in the live television transmission for the Primer Minister's Corona Relief Fund and announced donation of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur.



A view of the live television transmission for the Primer Minister's Corona Relief Fund

## IUB prepares for Covid-19 Challenge

A meeting was held under the chair of Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. The meeting reviewed the national emergency situation due to the spread of Corona virus. Teaching and administrative activities at the university have already been

suspended as per the government's instructions and the administrative offices have also been closed and much-needed staff has been put on duty. The Vice Chancellor directed all the staff on duty to take precautionary measures to prevent corona-virus. The medical center and the state care department

should take all necessary steps in this regard. The Vice-Chancellor directed that distance education should be adopted to minimize the educational loss of students due to sudden holidays. In this regard, the Director IT will work with the teaching departments to arrange the delivery of the

curriculum to the students through the Learning Management System and WhatsApp. On this occasion, prayers were also offered for the security of the country, the nation and the university, especially for the current situation.



Vice Chancellor chairs a meeting to review Covid 19 situation and measures taken by the University

## IUB scores 100% in HEC Online Classes Readiness Dashboard

The Islamia University of Bahawalpur scored hundred percent in the Higher Education Commission's online classes readiness board. The Higher Education Commission issued ranking of universities in terms of their performance in online classes. The universities ranked for university readiness, course readiness, faculty readiness, technology readiness, library

readiness, student readiness, evaluation readiness and laboratory readiness. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur remained level head in all parameters. The University under the leadership of Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob has resolved to save precious time of students and avoid semester loss due to Covid 19 pandemic. He directed IT, academics and quality assurance department to launch information

communication technology blended education system. The University's learning management system was implemented immediately and engaged 25000 students through 800 faculty members. The available social media means were also properly utilized to access students from their homes making them productive and vigilant. After this successful conduct of online classes, the university

has scheduled composite online exams which will pave the way of students to be promoted in next semester while final year students will be able to avail degrees on time. Education circles lauded to vision and efforts of Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor making the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and exemplary Higher education institution during the pandemic.

## Ehsaas Scholarships Distributed among 2140 Students

As many as 2140 students of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur received Prime Minister's Ehsaas Scholarships worth Rs. 190 million.

Mahboob Vice Chancellor along with notables Malik Habib Ullah Bhutta and Syed Tabish Alwari disbursed scholarships among students. In his

scholarships scheme. He said that nations are competing globally in socio economic sector and their progress and uplift will be

socio economic progress of the country. He said that due to recent developments in the university, the IUB has become first choice of the



A view of Ehsaas Scholarships Distribution Ceremony

In this connection, a ceremony was held at Abbasia Campus participated by scholarship recipients, parents, faculty members and representatives of civil society. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar

address, the Vice Chancellor said that thousands of students from across the country have benefit from this scheme and the Islamia University of Bahawalpur is one of the leading university availing this

determined by their performance in higher education sector. The government has timely focused on higher education sector and launched scholarship assistance scheme which will ultimately boost

students who will avail excellence in education through this higher education institution.

## IUB Appears in Times Higher Education Ranking for the First Time

In the recent ranking of Times Higher Education's global universities, Islamia University Bahawalpur has joined the top 1100 universities in the world. A total of 17 Pakistani universities have been included in the ranking. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor termed this remarkable achievement as a sign for a new era of progress and prosperity for the Islamia University and congratulated the faculty and students. He said that Jamia Islamia would embarrass the dream of the founders of the university which he had seen with the establishment of Jamia Abbasia in the style of Al-Azhar University. Today, Islamia University is shining on the national and global horizon with 13 faculties and 123 departments. Meanwhile, Director Quality Enhancement Cell Prof. Dr. Saeed Ahmed Bazdar said that Islamia University of Bahawalpur has started preparations for joining

the Green Ranking Matrix. Quality Enhancement Cell, headed by Prof. Dr. Saeed Ahmad Buzdar, Director, and newly appointed Deputy Directors, Dr. Syed Razaqat Kazmi, Abdul Mannan Khan, Kalsoom Akhtar, and Rao Mazhar Hussain has participated in Times Higher Education "Live Asia" Virtual Seminar. The first panel discussion was about "How have Asian universities been transformed by Covid-19?". It was discussed in detail how the pandemic has affected the current work and mission of the institutions. The panelist highlighted the implications of online teaching, mobility of international students to and from Asian universities, and the future flow of international students and academics. The panelists and speakers included representative from Times Higher Education, Microsoft, and the Vice Chancellors / Presidents of



A view of webinar on education ranking

various universities of Asia. The QEC team thanked Vice Chancellor, Islamia University Bahawalpur and

acknowledged his vision to improve the quality of practices and ranking of the university.

## Worthy Vice Chancellor Shares IUB's Resolve to Stand with the Nation in Covid-19 Pandemic

Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur said that in the hour of ordeal, the teachers, students and employees of Islamia University Bahawalpur stand by the side of the nation. The university is fulfilling its national and social responsibility. Quarantine centers have been set up in hostels of universities and other institutions across the country to prevent the spread of the corona virus.

The Punjab government has also converted six hostels of Islamia University into quarantine centers so that these facilities can be used as and when required. The Department of Pharmacy and Chemistry of the University is producing highly priced and high-quality centrifuges. Due to the rarity of these centrifuges in the market, the experts of the University are preparing such solutions and providing them

to their community. Thus, in order to reduce the educational disadvantage of students, all departments have started online classes. Arrangements are being made to make home-based teaching courses available to students online and digitally. The university is trying its best not to harm the students. The various departments of the university are also active in providing security measures and information on

corona virus. The recently established Occupational Safety Department is making special posters that are being posted on social media. The Vice-Chancellor prayed that Allah Almighty would take the whole world out of this ordeal and let us all face this calamity which is possible only through precautionary measures and safety measures and reduction and caution in social interaction.

## Academic Council Approves Online Classes

Academic Council of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur approved mechanism of online education including online teaching and assessment in the wake of Covid-19 pandemic emergency. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor presided the meeting while members included Deans, Registrar, Controller Examinations, Treasurer

and Directors Academics, IT, and Quality Assurance. The participants reviewed performance of online classes held during spring semester 2020 and decided to conduct composite online examination. A comprehensive discussion was carried out regarding health policy of faculty and students, online teaching and assessment

and learning management system. It was also decided that faculty members will decide on their own regarding assessment of MPhil and PhD scholars through online exams or assignments. Director Academic will notify schedule of online exams which will be displayed on University website. The result cards of students will be dispatched

through email or courier service. The students will be given option to freeze their semester due to non-availability of internet or relevant facilities and their semester fee will carry on to next semester. Controller Examinations will soon announce online examination policy regarding affiliated colleges and private students.

## Webinar on Reopening of the Educational Institutes Post Covid 19

On 18th May 2020, Center for Global & Strategic Studies (CGSS) organized an International webinar on the topic, "Reopening Of The Educational Institutes Post COVID-19: Effects And Precautions To Be Observed", At this time of the health crisis, educational sector all over the world is effected badly and countries are taking practical measures to avoid the educational loss. The aim of the Webinar was to consolidate all the sufficient measures from different countries including Hungary, Russia, China and other European countries. Mr. Niaz Ahmad, Vice-Chancellor, University of the Punjab, Lahore stated that in these testing times, Punjab University has made virtual education effective. This Pandemic has hit our country when universities were at their completion of the session. Punjab Universities focusing on international advancements in educational system. Dr. Asif Ali, Vice-Chancellor, MNS University of Agriculture, Multan mentioned that they have developed a formula for their own special hand sanitizer amid the prevailing COVID-19 crises in Pakistan and the classes are being shifted to online programs. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, Islamia University of Bahawalpur stated that the students and teachers are following the instructions, once the university will revive its classes, reconsideration is very important to maintain the same precautionary measures. In this new post-COVID world new modules

and new learning traditions would be introduced. Laboratory tools have to be virtualized for example computer studies. Furthermore, he stated that very close watch for the virus is needed and especially the research in microbiology. Mr. Faisal Mushtaq, CEO, The Millennium Education University, Islamabad stated that we need to redefine the digital inclusive education, and digital inclusion. We have to turn towards digital medium. The key consideration is to build trust in the digital education system. This is the time to reconsider the infrastructure readiness for the crises in educational institutes and new normal has to be prepared. Ms. Wang Qianting, China Media Group, Beijing, stated that China has taken sufficient measures. We are practicing tests at every educational institute. We monitor the temperature twice a day, even AI robots are also active for testing COVID-19 and especial vehicles have been arranged for the people. Professor Xu Wenhong, Institute of Russian, East European & Central Asian Studies, China Academy of Social Sciences (CASS), Beijing, China stated that before opening the education institutes it is important to record travel history of students and faculty and to instruct the parents about the threat of the pandemic. All the educational institutions have reasonable planning including medical supplies and medical centers. After the reopening of the educational institutes, controlling an emergency program has been



A view of webinar on Education and Covid-19

made in China. It should be in law to wear masks. Mr. Zoltán Dubécz, Secretary General, Hungarian Rectors Conference, Budapest, Hungary stated that during the pandemic, Hungary made global analysis and experience. In Hungary, the high official's meetings are being conducted regularly to revisit the educational plan. Hungarian universities have organized online courses. All new challenges are being handled well by the Hungarian educational institutes. The exams of

universities will be decided by the university management. Hungarian medical universities have started comprehensive COVID-19 screening tests in Hungary that are supported by the Ministry for innovation & technology in seven regions of the country. Special attention is paid to elders and the once with chronic illness. The Webinar was attended by approximately 65 participants and was moderated by Lieutenant Colonel Khalid Taimur Akram (Retd), Executive Director, CGSS.

## Embassy of the Republic of Kazakhstan, Islamabad and Center for Global and Strategic Studies (CGSS) Islamabad jointly organized a Webinar on "The Leadership Phenomenon of the First President of Kazakhstan His Excellency Elbasy N. Nazarbayev".

The session was commenced with the opening remarks by Major General Syed Khalid Amir Jaffery HI (M), (Retd), President CGSS.

He stated that it is an honor for CGSS to organize this Webinar dedicated to H.E. Nursultan Nazarbayev, the national leader of

Kazakhstan. Pakistan has very close ties with Kazakhstan. Pakistan was among the first countries to recognize the newly independent

state of Kazakhstan and the diplomatic linkage between the two countries formally begun in 1992, with the official visit of H.E.

Nursultan Nazarbayev to Pakistan. Kazakhstan has made great socio-economic progress under the dynamic leadership of H.E. Nazarbayev. The current President of Kazakhstan, Mr. Kassym-Jomart Tokayev is following the guidelines and framework of H.E. Nazarbayev thereby setting the country on the path of progress and development. His Excellency Akan Rakhmetullin, Ambassador of the Republic of Kazakhstan to Pakistan thanked the panel speakers and participants for becoming part of this important event. He stated that he was proud to be the Ambassador of Kazakhstan to Pakistan as Pakistan was the 4th country to recognize Kazakhstan after it gained independence from the Soviet Union in 1991. He said that Quaid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah and Nursultan Nazarbayev shared the same visionary mind directed toward the growth and success of their nations. H.E. Nursultan Nazarbayev dedicated his life to establish a harmonious society and national unity in Kazakhstan. The Ambassador said that he himself had witnessed the early phases of independence of Kazakhstan and the exemplary role played by Mr. Nazarbayev in restructuring and reforming the country. It was under his leadership that Kazakhstan was successfully able to create a safe and secure environment for its people. During his period from 1992 - 2019, the transition from planned economy

to market economy took place, which proved to be the best model for the progress of Kazakhstan. Mr. Nursultan Nazarbayev created an environment conducive for economic growth and attracting foreign investment to Kazakhstan as the country has huge economic and business potential. Dr. Sobia Khurram, Director External Linkages, University of Punjab, Lahore praised the hard work and dedication of H.E. Nursultan Nazarbayev for the well-being of Kazakh people. Mr. Nazarbayev was able to achieve national unity and development through his dynamic policies and reforms in his country. Today, Kazakhstan has transformed into a modern and advanced country due to the devoted efforts of its national leader. She highlighted the five basic qualities and factors in a leader which are all found in Mr. Nazarbayev's personality. These include organizing network of proficient team, demonstrating bounded optimism and deliberated calmness, flexible decision making, empathy and strong communication. These attributes made him popular and admired among not only the people of Kazakhstan but entire world. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, Islamia University of Bahawalpur (IUB), Bahawalpur welcomed all the participants and stressed on the deep bilateral ties between Kazakhstan and Pakistan.



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob Vice Chancellor Islamia University of Bahawalpur and other speakers are participating in a webinar organized by Centre for Global and Strategic Studies

He stated that every leader is to be judged in the context in which he operates. Looking at the leadership of H.E. Nazarbayev, he emerged as a strong and inspirational leader for his nation. Prof. Dr. Shabbir Ahmed, Director, Area Study Center - University of Peshawar, Peshawar stated that H.E. Nazarbayev has an exemplary role in nation building and state

development of Kazakhstan. He has successfully overcome all hardships by his tremendous leadership and has given a message of peace to the world by giving up on nuclear weapons. The Webinar was attended by 30 participants from a cross section of society and was moderated by Ms. Mehreen Gul, Director, CGSS.

## IUB Enhances Number of Faculties and Teaching Departments

In an extraordinary development the academic council of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur approved to enhance number of faculties from existing 6 to 13 having 123 teaching departments and institutes which were previously 48. The 49<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Academic Council was held under the chair of Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor. All deans and teaching heads participated in the online meeting. The participants fully endorsed reforms bringing far reaching development and restructuring in the university. New academic departments have been established compatible with market needs and enhancing academic stature of the university both nationally and internationally. The new departments included English literature and English linguistics, Philosophy, Anthropology, Public Administration, Early Childhood Education, Special Education Planning and Management, Education Research and Evaluation and Language Education. Faculty of Islamic Learning will have a new department of Translational Studies and Quran Education will be part of curriculum both at under graduate and master level. A School of Business Management and

Administrative Sciences has been established having 9 departments including Entrepreneurship, Tourism Management, Project and Operation Management, Technology Management,

Faculty of Sciences. Faculty of Engineering will be constituted of 7 departments including Mechanical Engineering and Center for Renewable Energy System. Faculty of Veterinary and Animal Sciences is

Department of Physiotherapy. The academic council also approved PhD programs in Plant Pathology and Social Work besides giving node BS program in Seriki, Climate Change, Archaeology



A view of Abbsaia Campus

Islamic and Commerce Banking. Faculty of Pharmacy will have 5 Departments from various areas of pharmaceutical Sciences. Two new institutes Institute of Biochemistry, Biotechnology and Bio Informatics and Institute of Physics having 11 departments have been added to

now comprising of 11 departments. A new faculty of medicine and Allied Health Sciences has been established which will have university College of Conventional Medicine, Post Graduate Medical College, School of Nursing and Human Diet and Nutrition and

and Bio Informatics. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur will now follow two percent admission quota for students from minority communities.

## Scholarships worth Rs 60 Million Distributed to 890 Students

On the directions of Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor the Islamia University Bahawalpur, treasury branch deposited Rs. 60 million into the bank accounts of 890 university students. With the special efforts of the Vice

Chancellor, the federal and provincial governments have increased the provision of funds under various scholarship schemes for the students of Islamia University Bahawalpur. Provision of scholarships under these, HEC

Need Based, Ehsas program and PEEF Program is continued. After the funds were provided by HEC, the scholarships were immediately transferred to the students. It is noteworthy that more than 7,000 students of Islamia University

Bahawalpur are also benefiting from the Ehsas Scholarship Program of the Prime Minister of Pakistan which is the best educational support for the students of Southern Punjab.

## Selection Board Meeting

Selection Board of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur interviewed candidates for posts of professors and assistant professors in various departments. Two-day meeting of the selection board

was held at Baghdad ul Jadeed Campus. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor chaired the meeting while members included Syed Ibne Abbas, Member Punjab Public Service Commission,

Dr. Shehzad Qaiser retired Federal Secretary, Prof. Dr. Hameed Raza Siddiqui, Prof. Dr. Muazzam Jameel, Registrar, Deans and subject experts. Departments included Pharmaceutics,

Pharmacy Practice, Physiology, Veterinary, Physical Education, Urdu, Geography, Gender Studies, Zoology, Computer Science, Social Work and Management Science IT.



A view of selection board meeting

## Mushaal Hussein Mullick attends IUB Webinar on Kashmir Solidarity Day



Participants of Kashmir webinar

Academia can play a vital role internationally in highlighting Kashmir issue. This was stated by Mushaal Hussein Mullick, a Kashmiri leader during a live webinar organized by the Islamia University of Bahawalpur on Kashmir Siege Day. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor presided over the webinar participated by renowned personalities from various walks of life. Ms. Mushaal Hussein Mullick said that Universities embellished by scholars in the fields of Political Science, International Relations and Law can constitute Thinktanks

to present various aspects of Kashmir issue on world forums. She praised the efforts of The Islamia University of Bahawalpur for organizing seminars, conferences and promoting research work on Kashmir issue. Expressing her views, she said, occupied Kashmir is currently facing the worst ever brutalities and people of Kashmir are being deprived of their basic human and legal rights. Indian government is systematically changing demography of Kashmir Valley by issuing resident ship to millions of Indian nationals. Engr.

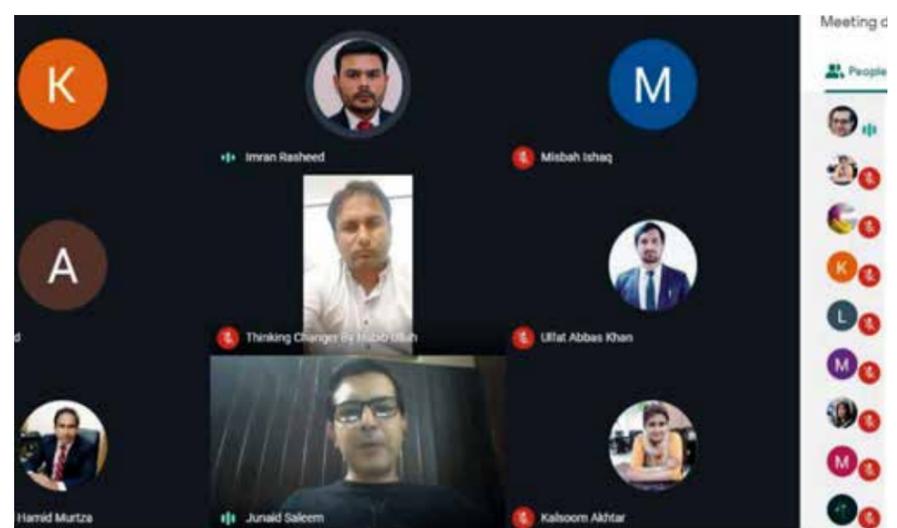
Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor IUB, in his address mentioned that Kashmir is an unfinished agenda of partition of United India and is a challenge to global peace. He said, United Nations has failed to resolve this issue diplomatically. He added, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur is collaborating with various national and international organizations to highlight Kashmir issue globally. The University also organized a media conclave few months back on the topic of highlighting Kashmir issue on social

media which was participated by renowned personalities from across the country. Hundreds of faculty members and students participated in million signature campaign to raise Kashmir issue on UN Human Rights Forum. Other scholars including Prof. Hameed Raza Siddiqui, Syed Tabish Alwari, Prof. Dr. Aftab Husain Gillani, Prof. Dr. Yasmin Ruffi, Prof. Zafar Sindho, Naseer Ahmed Nasir and Sajjad Pervez also spoke on this occasion.

## Webinar on Tourism Promotion in Southern Punjab

An Online Seminar on the Topic of "The Role of Tourism in the Economic Development of Pakistan" was successfully conducted by the Tourism and Hospitality Management Department, School of Business Management and Administrative Sciences, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur". People from Different sectors including industry, academia, and government participated in the event and shared their views. Mr. Junaid Saleem CEO of tripkar.com, Mr. Misbah Ishaq from Tourism Development Corporation of Pakistan, and Mr. Affan ud Din

Ahmed from Griffith School of Tourism, Griffith Australia shared their views on the important role of Tourism industry in the development of Pakistan. Faculty members students of Bachelor, Master, and Ph.D at different departments of the IUB had a very lively and interactive discussion with the penalists and raised the need to further develop the tourism sector and Tourism education in Pakistan.



A view of tourism webinar

## Flag Hoisting Ceremony at Abbasia Campus

The Independence Day of Pakistan was observed as Kashmir Solidarity Day at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. The day began with Quran khawani and prayers for martyrs who sacrificed their lives for motherland and for the progress and prosperity of Pakistan. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor hoisted the flag in a dignified ceremony at Abbasia Campus attended by faculty members, staff and students. On this occasion, Vice Chancellor in his address said that today is the most important day in our national

history. This is the day when the Muslims of South Asia were blessed with freedom and a new Muslim country Pakistan emerged on the map of the world. On this occasion a ceremony to distribute shields and certificates among faculty members and students for showing performance in co-curricular activities was also held at Ghulam Muhammad Ghotvi Hall. Parliamentarian Syed Tabish Awari, Naseer Ahmed Nasir President Press Club and the representatives of civil society and media also attended the ceremony.



Flag hoisting and cake cutting on Independent Day

## Secretary Agriculture South Punjab Praises Cotton Research at IUB

Secretary Agriculture South Punjab Saqib Ali Atil has appreciated the agricultural research activities in Islamia University Bahawalpur. He said that Jamia Islamia under the leadership of Engineer Prof. Dr. Athar Mehboob Vice Chancellor is performing well in all fields especially the research on cotton crop. Secretary Agriculture South Punjab expressed these views while talking to Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal, Chairman, Department of Plant Breeding and Genetics and Director Research, Islamia University, Bahawalpur. Dr Muhammad Iqbal said that the cotton varieties produced by Jamia Islamia have been cultivated in 40% of the area of South Punjab and this success was also mentioned in a briefing presented to the Prime Minister of Pakistan. He said that Jamia Islamia was currently conducting research on three important issues of cotton. Among them, farm yield is being increased from 35,000 to 40,000 plants per acre of cotton. For this purpose,



Secretary Agriculture South Punjab visits IUB cotton field

experimental cultivation is also being carried out in collaboration with Aveol Group of Companies and progressive farmers. Similarly, work is underway to develop varieties of cotton-free virus. The third major problem for the cotton crop is the whitefly, for which varieties are being developed that

provide resistance to the whitefly. He said that the university was developing virus-free and whitefly-resistant varieties. These types will be announced by the Vice Chancellor soon at an important and appropriate time. Similarly, on the direction of the Vice Chancellor, Farmers' Day will

be celebrated at the University in which farmers from all over South Punjab will participate and agronomists will be apprised of the latest developments. He appreciated the steps taken and assured all possible cooperation from his side.



Secretary Agriculture South Punjab Saqib Ali atil and Prof. Dr. Muhamamd Iqbal along with faculty and researches

## IUB receives 92,000 applications for Fall Admissions 2020

The Islamia University of Bahawalpur has received 92,000 applications for undergraduate and master programs in admissions of fall semester 2020. This season the University carried out a comprehensive admissions campaign on directions of Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar

Mahboob. In order to project the university academic programs, enhancing visibility of the university in educational horizon and attracting large number of admission seekers, admission cell introduced a smooth online admission process. Admission facilitation center was also

established at Abbasia Campus for guidance of students and parents, as a result immense number of students applied from across Punjab as well as other provinces including Gilgit Baltistan. The University has introduced market based 115 undergraduate and 63 master programs according to the

modern needs. Online classes and exams were conducted to save precious time of students during covid 19. All these steps have built confidence in students and parents who applied for admissions in such a large number.

## NED University Karachi Agreed to Collaboration for Education Promotion

Islamia University of Bahawalpur and NED University of Engineering and Technology Karachi will collaborate to promote academic excellence in Engineering education. This was agreed during a meeting of Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob Vice Chancellor Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Prof Dr. Sarosh Hashmat Lodi, Vice Chancellor NED UET Karachi during a meeting in Karachi. Both the universities will jointly organize faculty exchange of faculty and

students and cooperation in engineering projects. Close liaison will be developed to modernize curriculum of engineering education. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob said that the IUB has recently upgraded Engineering College into faculty having Electrical, Electronics, Mechanical, Computer, Telecommunications, Civil Engineering and Center for Renewable Energy System departments.



Prof. Dr. Sarosh Hashmat Lodi, Vice Chancellor NED UET Karachi presenting souvenir to Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur

## IUB and BCCI will establish Knowledge Park in Bahawalpur Industrial Estate

The Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Bahawalpur Chamber of Commerce and Industry will jointly establish a Knowledge Park in the newly established Bahawalpur Industrial Estate. This was agreed during a meeting of Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor and Javed Iqbal Chaudhary, President, Bahawalpur Chamber of Commerce and Industry. On this occasion a

ceremony was held to distribute shields and certificates among organizers of Bahawalpur Trade Fair 2020. Bahawalpur Trade Fair was a grand event held at Fort Derawar jointly organized by the Bahawalpur University and Bahawalpur Chamber of Commerce on the occasion of Cholistan Desert Jeep Rally. The University had showcased its products of Agriculture, Veterinary Sciences,

Pharmaceutical and Fine Arts departments. Cholitan Institute of Desert Studies also displayed a collection of desert plants having medicinal value. This was the unique experience in the history of Bahawalpur when thousands of tourists visited the trade expo and Bahawalpur industrial goods were displayed for visitors. In continuity of this activity, a certificate distribution event was also held at

Vice Chancellor's Secretariat where Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob Vice Chancellor, Javed Iqbal Chaudhary, President Chamber of Commerce, senior parliamentarian Syed Tabish Alwari, Islam Zamir and representatives of civil society attended and awarded certificates among performing students and alumni.



President BCCI gives away a certificate to a student

## Research Incentives distributed among 170 Faculty Members



Prof. Dr. Abu Bakar

The Islamia University of Bahawalpur has disbursed research incentives worth Rs. 8 million among 170 faculty members. According to Treasurer Prof. Dr. Abubakar, this research incentive has been given on direction of Engr. Prof.

Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor to faculty members showing performance in research. It is important to mention that Vice Chancellor had announced to encourage research activities compatible to national needs benefiting

socioeconomic development of society. The faculty also continued research activities during Covid 19 pandemic as well.

## Selection Board Meeting

Selection board of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur interviewed candidates for posts of Registrar, Treasurer and Controller Examinations besides various posts of professors and associate professors in various Departments. One day meeting of the selection board was held at Abbasia Campus. Engr. Prof Dr Athar Mahboob Vice Chancellor chaired the meeting

while members included Prof Dr. Zakaria Zakir, Vice Chancellor University of Okara, Dr Shehzad Qaiser retired Federal Secretary, Prof. Hameed Raza Siddiqui, Prof Dr. Muazzam Jameel, Registrar and subject experts. Departments for professor posts were included Management Sciences, Veterinary, Media Studies, Political Science, Pakistan Studies and English. For



A view of selection board meeting

Associate Professor candidates interviewed in disciplines of

Horticulture, Plant Pathology and Media Studies.

## Department of Education Celebrates International Literacy Day 2020

The Department of Education, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur organized an online seminar to celebrate International Literacy Day 2020. International Literacy Day is observed on September 8 every year to raise awareness and concern for literacy problems that exist within our own local communities as well as, globally. It is an annual celebration by UNESCO to highlight global needs of literacy with its mission of literacy for everyone and everywhere. This year the theme of International Literacy Day 2020 was, “*Literacy teaching and learning in the COVID-19 crisis and beyond, role of educators and changing pedagogies*”. Prof. Dr. Shahida Sajjad, Vice Chancellor, Malir University of Science and Technology, Karachi delivered an insightful speech on Online Learning Innovations- Converting threats into opportunities. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur said in his message that the Islamia University of Bahawalpur is one of the leading institutions of higher education in the country. We believe in quality education and equip our



Participants of webinar on International Literacy Day

graduates with modern knowledge, reasoning, life skills with futuristic vision and wisdom. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur focuses on research and development to address academic as well as societal issues. During the outbreak of COVID-19, university set an example of online teaching by using modern technologies and apps, the developed our own Learning Management

System (LMS), organized training workshops for the faculty. The Vice Chancellor further said that the Islamia University of Bahawalpur is determined to impart quality education and academic excellence through collaboration and linkage with international universities and institutions of Higher Education. Currently we have collaboration with more than 100 national and international universities and

professional organizations. The Vice Chancellor appreciated the efforts of Prof. Dr. Irshad Hussain, Chairman, Department of Education and his team on organizing this seminar. Prof. Dr. Akhtar Ali, Dean Faculty of Education, Prof. Dr. Nasreen Akhtar, Chairperson, Department of Special Education, Faculty members and students of the Department of Education participated in the event.

## IUB and University of Karachi Decide to Collaborate for the Promotion of Education

Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob Vice Chancellor visited University of Karachi and discussed with Prof. Dr. Khalid Iraqi, Vice Chancellor, possible avenues of mutual collaboration between the two universities. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob also visited the Karachi Institute of Biotechnology and Genetic Engineering (KIBGE), University of Karachi. On this occasion, he interacted with faculty and researchers and discussed various avenues of collaboration between the IUB and KIBGE in modern biotechnology and biomedical sciences.



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur receiving a shield from Prof. Dr. Khalid Iraqi Vice Chancellor during visit to Karachi University

## IUB Students made Low Cost Ventilator for Covid 19 Patients

Faculty and students of University College of Engineering and Technology, Islamia University of Bahawalpur (IUB) have made a low-cost ventilator as there was shortage of it in the hospitals during the coronavirus pandemic. This was stated by Vice-Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr Athar Mahboob while talking to media persons. He said that university was trying to contribute during this difficult time. He said that a prototype of ventilator had been prepared which would be sent to relevant institutions for approval and its trial being arranged in local hospital.



A team of researchers led by Dr Muhammad Asif , Principal , University College of Conventional Medicine has introduced a methodology to early diagnose symptoms of Covid 19 without any

testing. This development will be helpful to identify Corona Virus affected patients without any delay and keep non affectees safe. Commissioner Bahawalpur Division Javed Iqbal Chaudhary invited IUB

reaserchers team and praised their efforts against pandemic. Deputy Commissioner Bahawalpur Shozeb Saeed and medical team of Civil Hospital Bahawalpur was also present on this occasion.



## Ceremony to Pay Tribute to Martyrs of Defence Day

A ceremony was held at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur to commemorate the Martyrs of Pak Army. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor presided the event while families of Shaheed Captain Hassan Abid, Shaheed Captain Sohail Akbar and Shaheed Wing Commander Khurram Akbar attended besides faculty and students in large number. On this occasion Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor paid rich tribute to Martyrs who sacrificed their lives defending their motherland. They not only protected the geographical boundaries of the country but also saved the ideology of this great nation with their bravery and resilience. Captain Hassan Abid sacrificed his life on 8th



January 2011 and was honoured with Tamgha e Bssalat. Captain Sohail Akbar was martyred on 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2009 in a military operation of

Vice Chancellor along with families of Martyrs army aviation and awarded Tamgha e Basalat for showing extraordinary courage and bravery. Wing Commander Khurram Samad was

martyred on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2014 during an air operation while successfully saving civilian population.

## IUB Signs MoU with IUCPSS

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed between Islamia University Bahawalpur and Inter University Consortium for Promotion of Social Sciences. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Murtaza Noor National Coordinator International Consortium for Promotion of Education signed the agreement at Baghdad ul Jadeed Campus. Both the organizations agreed to organize 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the student's convention at Bahawalpur. A number of activities prior to the event will also be organized to motivate maximum students

across Pakistan. Islamia University of Bahawalpur will also facilitate and actively collaborate with the IUCPSS for establishing a Network of Campus based Student Societies and Clubs. Both the organizations will enhance cooperation for strengthening of student societies of IUB and creating linkages with other organizations and continue to work together for strengthening social sciences and promoting values of effective and responsible citizenship among students. A joint International Conference will be organized on History and Culture of Bahawalpur at Islamabad.



A view of MoU signing ceremony

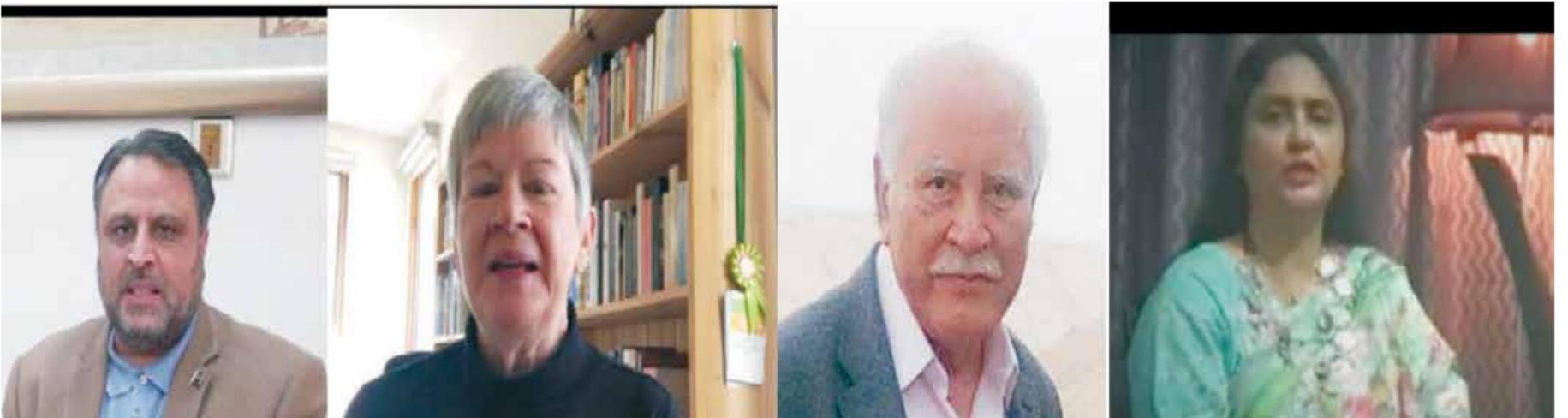
## World Book and Copyright Day observed at IUB

Department of Library and Information Science, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur organized an online celebration of World Book and Copyright Day. It is a yearly event organized on 23<sup>rd</sup> April by the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), to promote

the society, and floating awareness about protection of intellectual property through copyright. The day was observed on the direction by worthy Vice Chancellor, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob. The Vice-Chancellor, through his video message, highlighted the significance of books and readings

books and libraries. The Vice-Chancellor advised students to adopt reading habits by promoting book culture. On this occasion, The Islamia University of Bahawalpur issued a short video comprising messages of distinguished personalities. The President of International Federation of

extraordinary contribution of those who are at the social and cultural progress of humanity. Reading gives us access to other worlds, other experiences, and other people's minds, it transports us and inspires us. Reading is one of life's great pleasures, she added. Prof. Raza Ali Abidi a renowned scholar



Participants of the webinar on World Book and Copyright Day

reading, publishing, and copyright. The main objective of celebrating World Book and Copyright Day at IUB was to motivate students, faculty members, and the general public to discover the pleasures of books, promoting reading culture in

in the development and progress of knowledge society. He said that 'readers are leaders. Books not only increase our knowledge but also play an important role in personality development. The need of the hour is to promote

Library Association (IFLA), Prof. Dr. Christine Mackenzie, in her message, paid a world-wide tribute to books and the authors and encourage everyone to discover the excitement of reading and to gain a renewed respect for the

and writer, through his message, acknowledged those authors who record their life experiences and knowledge on books to transform it into the coming generations. Books are the main source of information and introduce us to the new

world. Book reading increases our knowledge and wisdom. He said, the society is not fully aware of the copyrights, there is a need to promote awareness in the society about copyrights. Prof. Dr. Rubina Bhatti, Chairperson, Department

of Library and Information Science, highlighted the significance of books and reading for the development of innovative societies. She stressed on encouraging a love of reading in young people of all ages for the enhancement of

their creative abilities. Books are always considered the reliable and authentic source for information and knowledge. Reading not only help us identify the difference between fake news and the facts, but also enable us to protect

others from consuming fake news or misinformation. In the current Covid-19 lock-down, books are the best companion as through reading we can open ourselves to others despite distance, she added.

## IUB and Bahawalpur Press Club organize Training of Working Journalists

The Islamia University of Bahawalpur has launched a training program for working journalists of Bahawalpur. During this training program having three-day sessions in each week, as many as 150 journalists will be given hands on technical training as well as awareness on media ethics. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob Vice

Chancellor on this occasion said that this training program has been formulated by the senior faculty members of university's Media Studies Department in collaboration with Bahawalpur Press Club. He said the University believes in building communities and currently playing leading role in providing leadership to various

segments of society to play active role in socioeconomic development. Journalists are very important members of the society who can very actively highlight social and economic issues and pave the way for formulating strategies to resolve these problems. He further said that university will continue supporting journalist's community

to enhance their skills and have knowledge of latest trends in their field. President Press Club Naseer Ahmed Nasir, General Secretary Press Club Riaz Ahmad Balouch and Dr. Muhammed Shehzad, Focal Person and senior journalists also spoke on this occasion.



Glimpses of training workshop

## Training Program for Newly Joined Heads of Departments

The three-day training for newly appointed heads of departments of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur was held. These orientation sessions were organized by the Quality Enhancement Cell following Higher Education Commission's guidelines to acquaint teaching heads with their responsibilities to run their academic affairs smoothly. Engr Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor was the chief guest of the concluding session. The

Vice Chancellor said that the university is experiencing a new era of expansion and development to meet challenges of national and international markets. During the previous years, the university kept working-under, capacity depriving thousands of students from opportunities of higher education. Due to progressive policies, the number of students is being raised from 13500 students to 35000 students while number

of faculty will increase from 550 to 850 within a year. Presently, university management is focusing on expansion of infrastructure enhancing facilities for faculty and students. Five new academic blocks will be constructed for new faculties while existing buildings are undergoing renovation and repair. Digitalization of administrative and finance departments will ensure transparency and efficiency. Transport fleet is being

strengthened with addition of new buses. He advised teaching heads to be part of expansion and development pursuits making Islamia University of Bahawalpur, a leading institution of international repute as this historic institution was established following the lines of Al Azhar University Cairo to the spread light of knowledge and wisdom in the subcontinent.



Engr. Dr. Prof. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor along with trainee faculty members



## IUB'S ROLE DURING COVID PANDEMIC THE ISLAMIA UNIVERSITY OF BAHAWALPUR EMERGES AS A LEADING INTERNATIONAL CRISES, CHAUDHARY MU



The Islamia University of Bahawalpur is a leading University of the Country having 800 faculty members imparting education to 26000 students in 48 teaching departments and 5 constituent colleges in seven faculties. The University has 5 campuses, 3 are located in Bahawalpur while other two are located in Bahawanagar and Rahim Yar Khan. Further, there are more than 100,000 off campus students in 150 affiliated colleges. As soon as national emergency declared by the Government due to Corona Virus outbreak in the country, the University announced holidays as per direction received from the Higher Education Department. All hostels were vacated and around 8000 boarders were sent homes. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur emerged as a leading university to stand with the nation in the hard times of International crises. Following measures were taken, following policy guidelines of the Federal Government through the Higher Education Commission and the Punjab Government through the Higher Education Department.

### Online Education System through ICT blended Learning Management System -Winning 100 % Score on HEC Online Readiness Dashboard

keeping in view the precious time of around 26,000 on campus and 100,000 off campus students practicing social distancing at their homes, it was decided to engage them in productive manner, fast paced steps were taken to establish an Information Communication Technology blended distance education platform. This step was truly in line with guidelines received from the Higher Education Commission, Punjab Higher Education Commission and Higher Education Department. A portal <https://lms.iub.edu.pk> and <http://my.iub.edu.pk> has been launched and all faculty member and students are onboard having received their logins and passwords to immediately resume their academic activities. Course material, assignments, syllabus books are being provided through this portal. The main features if this ICT Blended Education Model are:-

1. Online classes, information and communication technology assisted education delivery
2. Availability of learning materials to all 26000 students and its communication through SMS service.
3. Student teacher interaction through a variety of synchronous and asynchronous communication technologies such as SMS, Email, WhatsApp, LMS, Big Blue Button, Jitsimeet, Zoom, audio recordings, etc.
4. Student assessment through paper-based exams at the end or otherwise online exams.

Recently, the IUB has obtained 100 % online readiness score on HEC website leading among public sector universities across Pakistan. **Provision of 8 University Hostels for Quarantine Facilities**

The University immediately handed over six girls hostels located at Baghdad ul Jadeed Campus and two in sub-campuses in Bahawalnagr and Rahim Yar Khan for Quarantine facilities on the request of the Punjab Government through District Administrations. As

many as 1450 corona patients can be accommodated in these hostels. **Preparation of WHO Standard 5000 bottles of Hand Sanitizers and provision to on duty Staff Members, Doctors and Law Enforcement Agencies**

It was observed that there is shortage of the most demanded sanitizers in the market. The Pharmacy Department having laboratory facilities available having willing faculty members and students of IUB Science Society started preparing WHO Standard bottled hand sanitizers. On urgent basis these sanitizers were provided to on duty Security and Estate Care Staff. The volunteer students moved to Bahawal Victoria Hospital and handed over these sanitizers to on duty doctors. They also distributed these sanitizers to Police Constables performing duties in the city areas. Recently, these sanitizers were dispatched to Lodhran Police, DHQ Lodhran , THQ Yazman and Radio Pakistan and on duty FM Radio staff. The Pharmacy lab is continuing production of the sanitizers from university resource to fulfill demand of both University



## IUB UNIVERSITY TO STAND WITH THE NATION IN THE HARD TIME OF MUHAMMAD SARWAR, GOVERNOR PUNJAB



Community as well as various segments of society fighting with Corona Virus in frontline.

### Preparation of Low-Cost Ventilators

Faculty members and students of University College of Engineering and Technology are working on a low-cost ventilator, a prototype gas been prepared costing approximately Rs 50,000/-. As soon as it is approved, its small-scale production will be started.

### Donation of more than Rs 7.0 M to Chief Minister Punjab's Corona Relief Fund by employees of the IUB

IUB employees have contributed more than Rs 7.0 Million in Chief Minister Punjab's Corona Relief Fund.

### Disbursement of Payments to Daily Wagers and extending their jobs for three months

Following Government of the Punjab directions, the University notified and disbursed payments to 157 daily wages employees as well as salaries and pensions on 25<sup>th</sup> March 2020. Later, daily wages have been extension in service for three months to avoid loss of job

in current crises. All employees including daily wagers will be given salary before the commencement of the holy month of Ramadan.

### Awareness Campaigns through Info-graphics, Motivational Videos and Active Participation in National Media

The University Public Affairs Department in collaboration with various offices including Occupational Safety Office and Students Societies launched mass awareness campaign through Info-graphics and Motivational Videos on Covid 19 on social media for faculty, employees and students and general public. Posters, Videos were displayed on Social Media highlighting protective measures. The Vice Chancellor and faculty members participating in various radio and television shows to highlight online classes, provision of hand sanitizers and other relevant steps. Faculty and Officers are also publishing columns and blogs in newspapers and websites.

The IUB ICT Blended Education Model has been praised at government level, educational circles and national media. Radio

Pakistan published a report on it on following link

### Advisory Services through Tele-medicine for Patients, Farmers and Livestock Owners

- The University College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences carrying a consultancy campaign for thousands of livestock owners both in rural areas and Cholistan region where millions of livestock is present and they direly need medical advisory to look after their animals.
- The University College of Conventional Medicine has also started tele-medicine service for public who are unable to approach medical service due to lockdown. They are entertaining both male and female patients separately.
- The University College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences is also launching awareness campaign for farmers who are harvesting Wheat Crop, Cotton sowing and providing proper training to keep themselves safe in the fields. Kitchen gardening and

crops advisory services are also being provided to local farmers.

### Blood Plasma APP

Faculty members and students of Computer Science Department have prepared a blood plasma app bringing blood plasma donors and seekers on one plate farm which will be a great technological support to people during the wide spread of Covid 19.

### Contribution through Research Work

Research publications are into COVID19 early diagnosis and treatment methods are being contributed by researchers at IUB. Research projects submitted by faculty members in Biotechnology for research into prevention and cure of virus caused diseases

### Services of University Estate Care Department

The Estate Care Department of the University is washing Campus roads, academic and residential blocks as well as mosques and campus entry points with Chlorine mixed water on daily basis.

Shahzad Ahmed Khalid

## Online Seminar on Teaching and Learning

International Online Seminar on Teaching and Assessment during the COVID-19 Pandemic Sharing Strategies and Experiences held under the auspices of Department of Education the Islamia University

said that the Islamia University of Bahawalpur is one of the progressive universities of Pakistan in particular and the South Asian Region in general. We focus on research and development

modern technologies and apps. We developed our own Learning Management System (LMS), organized training of the faculty and started instructional process which is quite successful. Now we

Hussain who organizer of this International event hoped that he will be organizing such events in future particularly an International Online Conference on Higher Education in August or September



National and International participants of seminar on Teaching and Learning

of Bahawalpur. Delegates from Pakistan, Cyprus, Turkey, Ghana, Malaysia, Peru, Saudi Arabia, Argentina and India participated in the seminar. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor,

to address academic as well as societal issues. We always embrace innovations and take initiatives. During the outbreak of COVID-19, we did set an example of online teaching by using

are the pioneer in the community of traditional universities to go online and save the future of our students. Now we are the role model for our counterparts in the country. At the end Dr. Irshad

this year. He also acknowledges the participation of national and international delegates in the seminar during the crisis time of COVID-19.

## IUB and CGSS sign MoU

Major General Hafiz Masroor Ahmed (Retd), Vice President Center for Global Strategic Studies and Brigadier Abdullah Khan (Retd),

and Faculty Members. During the occasion, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was also signed between Center for

(IUB) will work together to promote joint research projects on agreed fields for developing a sound cooperation in the future.

and will also initiate student exchange programs. Major General Hafiz Masroor Ahmed, (Retd) - Vice President CGSS and Engr. Prof. Dr.



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob exchanging documents with Major General Hafiz Masroor Ahmed, (Retd.)

Senior Member Advisory Board CGSS visited Islamia University of Bahawalpur (IUB). The visiting dignitaries met with Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, Islamia University of Bahawalpur (IUB), Senior Head of Departments

Global & Strategic Studies (CGSS), Islamabad and Islamia University of Bahawalpur (IUB). Both the institutions agreed to facilitate cooperation in academic research. It was decided that CGSS and Islamia University of Bahawalpur

Furthermore, both the institutions will work and explore opportunities to involve the academia in the multilateral fields. It was decided that CGSS will link Islamia University of Bahawalpur with various international universities

Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, Islamia University of Bahawalpur (IUB) signed the MoU on behalf of their respective organizations

## APP launched to Coordinate Teaching Activities

Islamia University Bahawalpur has launched a special app to coordinate teaching activities. This app developed under the direction of Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob Vice Chancellor, teaching scheduling of all academic programs in 123 teaching departments located in the five

campuses of the University, review of student performance, marking procedure and timely issuance of results will be confirmed. The app is part of the Vice Chancellor's vision to ensure that the teaching and administrative information at the university is carried out in a timely and transparent manner,

which will lead to regularity in teaching activities. Regular record of students 'attendance and teachers' teaching work, grading and course work will be done in a better way. Delays in results will be eliminated and the quality of education will improve. In this regard, a training session was

organized by the Directorate of Academics and the Directorate of IT for the newly appointed faculty heads. Director IT Rizwan Majeed and Director Academics Dr. Makshof Ahmad provided information about this app and said that from Fall Semester 2020 all teaching activities will be linked to this app.

## IUB to Collaborate with Press Club to Honour Senior Journalists

A series of special events has been organized by the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Press Club to welcome senior journalists. The events are being held in

and welfare. The first ceremony in this regard was held in honor of senior journalist A. Majeed Gill. On this occasion Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the

Naseer Ahmed, Director Media & Publications Shehzad Ahmad Khalid paid homage to Majeed A. Gill's fifty years of journalistic service in eloquent words. He

Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor. He said that he always published his news on the basis of merit and truth and used his pen for the social and economic



Glimpses of the ceremony

the context of a Memorandum of Understanding between the two institutions, under which the two institutions will work for the development of education, professional training of journalists

Islamia University of Bahawalpur, Syed Tabish Alwari, Naseer Ahmed Nasir, President Press Club, Riaz Baloch, Secretary General Press Club, Senior Journalists Zahid Ali Khan and Chaudhry

performed his journalistic duties with utmost diligence, dedication and professional integrity. In his address, Majeed A. Gill lauded the training program for journalists and the reception hosted by Engr.

development of Bahawalpur. At the end of the ceremony, the Vice Chancellor presented a shield to Majeed A. Gill.

## Distribution of Hand Sanitizers to On-duty Police and Medical Staff

Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur distributed hand sanitizers among on-duty personnel at the university. Dean Faculty of Pharmacy Prof. Dr. Naveed Akhtar, Dr. Asadullah Madani, Principal Officer State Care Farkhanda Tehseen, Principal Officer Security Major (retd.) Syed Ijaz Shah and students of IUB Science Society were also present on the occasion. At direction of the Vice Chancellor, the hand sanitizers prepared at the university will also be distributed among the representatives of the district administration, police



and law enforcement agencies, Bahawal Victoria Hospital and the on-duty media official. Science Society students collected donations for these hand sanitizers and prepared them in the Faculty of Pharmacy. The Vice-Chancellor directed that hand sanitizers be prepared from university resources in the Faculty of Pharmacy and distributed among the personnel of the university community and institutions fighting against coronavirus. He also appreciated the efforts of the faculty, teachers, science society and IEEE.



Distribution of hand sanitizers among on duty staff

## First Urdu Research Journal Published



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob and Prof. Dr. Rubina Rafiq discussing online publishing of Urdu Journal

The Department of Urdu and Iqbaliat, Islamia University of Bahawalpur has launched its first research journal “Matan”. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob Vice Chancellor along with Prof. Dr. Rubina Rafiq, Chairperson, Urdu Department inaugurated the journal in a ceremony held online. The Vice Chancellor said that university is focusing on quality research promoting creative efforts of faculty and students.

This research journal will pave the way for showcasing skill of Urdu writers through a recognized platform. He appreciated efforts of Urdu Department for introducing a quality research journal on national horizon uplifting university’s literary image.

## First International Virtual Conference on Information Sciences

Faculty members and PhD scholars of Department of Library and Information Science, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur participated in the first International Virtual Conference on Emerging Issues on Information Landscape

on “Building, Connecting and Sustaining Libraries and Societies in the Digital Era” organized by University of Sargodha. In this conference, five research papers were presented by Dr. Salman Bin Naem, Dr. Shakeel Khan and Prof.

Dr. Rubina Bhatti and PhD scholars. Prof. Rubina Bhatti also chaired the Plenary session. Scholars from Australia, New Zealand, UK and Saudi Arabia participated in the conference.



Prof. Dr. Rubina Bhatti

## IUB and Hobara Foundation sign MoU for Conservation of Biodiversity

A memorandum of understanding has been signed between Islamia University Bahawalpur and Houbara Foundation for the protection of natural life. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor said on the occasion that the agreement would provide an effective platform for the conservation and survival of natural life between the two institutions. Cholistan Institute of Desert Studies, the Islamia University Bahawalpur will be the focal department in this regard. In addition, the Department



MoU signing ceremony

of Biology, Zoology, Veterinary Sciences, Pharmacy, Biochemistry and Biotechnology will be able

to benefit from this agreement for research activities. Prof. Dr. Shazia Anjum and Major (Retd.)

Tahir Majeed were also present on the occasion. In addition, Houbara Foundation Islamic University Bahawalpur students are provided with facilities for research on the natural environment, the threats to natural life posed by climate and climate change, threats to the survival and conservation of natural life and its social and economic impacts and survival and well-being.

## International Milk Day observed at Veterinary Faculty

Faculty of Veterinary and Animal Sciences the Islamia University of Bahawalpur observed International Milk Day. Faculty members and students participated in an online seminar and highlighted the significance of the day. The United Nation’s Food and Agriculture

Organization has been celebrating this day since 2001. Milk is an essential part of human diet and dairy industry has a vital role in world’s economy. This year due to Covid pandemic there are hurdles in distribution of milk and its products however, milk is an important

source of building immunity against Covid 19. The participants also discussed Bahawalpur desert which has millions of livestock providing milk in abundance causing socio economic uplift of the region. Dr Sajid Hameed thanked the Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar

Mahboob for patronizing the seminar on International Milk Day. On this occasion article of a student Hamza Javed on International Milk Day was highly praised.

## Covid-19 Publications by Zoology Department



Mudassir Maqbool Anjum



Abdul Ghaffar

Faculty and researchers at Islamia University of Bahawalpur are continuing their research activities following all precautionary measures to protect themselves from COVID 19. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor has directed faculty and students to keep themselves active and productive while practicing social distancing. Curricular and co-curricular activities are going on with full zeal. Faculty members at department of Physics under the Prof. Dr. Saeed Ahmed Buzdar working on research projects and displaying it on social media on topics related to Medical Physics, treatment of cancer radio therapy, solving simultaneous equations, computation physics. Faculty and students of Department of Zoology under Chairperson Dr Nuzhat Sial is working on online courses on breaking the chain of COVID 19 infection chain on a project in collaboration with the University of Medicine and Health Sciences. Two students of this department Mudassir Maqbool and Abdul Ghaffar have been selected Community Immunity Program Ambassador. At Faculty of Veterinary and Animal Science, an online quiz competition is being organized and students from

13 departments of Veterinary Sciences are participating in the activity. College of Art and Design is also organizing an online art competition.

## Art Competition on World Environment Day

The Islamia University of Bahawalpur is organizing various activities in connection with World Environment Day on direction of Engr Prof Dr Athar Mahboob Vice Chancellor. The University’s Environmental Protection Society in collaboration with IUB Science Society is organizing Online Essay & Poster Competition on World Environment Day 2020. E-Certificate of Participation will

be given to all the entries. Position winners will be provided with e-Certificates of Appreciation. The topics included impact of climate change on Biodiversity, impact of COVID19 Pandemic on Environment, sustainable management & use of Natural Resources, Integrate Climate Change Measures into Policies and Planning, Endangered Species of Pakistan, Water crisis and its socio-economic effects on

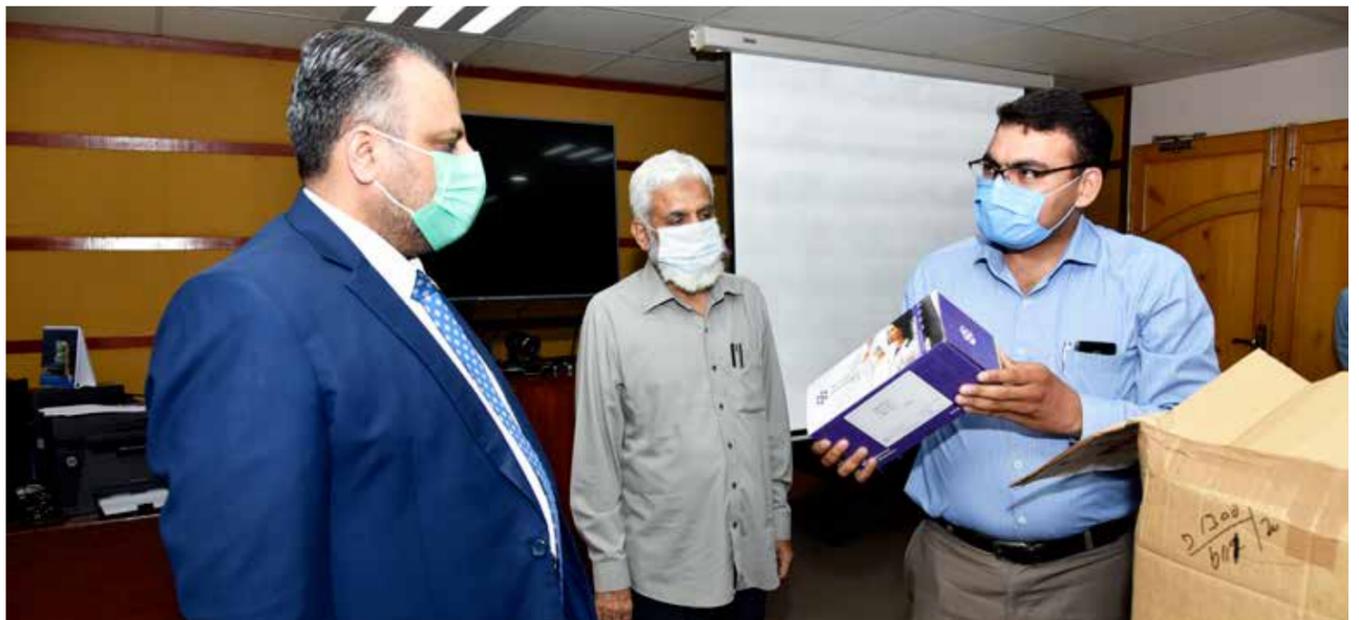


Pakistan and Effect of Deforestation on Climate Change. Department of Environmental Sciences is also

organizing a online seminar and a quiz Competition participated by students from various universities.

## UK University Donates Lab Equipment to IUB

In continuation of the ongoing collaboration, The Institute of Integrative Biology, University of Liverpool, UK has donated a significant amount of crystallization kits to the Materials Chemistry Laboratory, The Islamia University of Bahawalpur. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob Vice Chancellor handed over this equipment to Dr. Maqsood Ahmad Incharge Materials Chemistry Laboratory during a ceremony. These kits will be used by the research groups at IUB to crystallize various target proteins to determine their 3D structures for structure-based drug design. Having a critical mass of trained scientists in this vital area of research becomes even more important as the new diseases continue to emerge. The Materials Chemistry Laboratory hosts state



Dr. Maqsood Ahmed presenting lab equipment to Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob and Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ashraf. The Vice Chancellor thanked the University of Liverpool UK for this help as it will provide necessary input for ongoing efforts in the area of structural biology.

## APP for Provision of Blood Plasma to Covid-19 Patients

Faculty and students of Department of Computer Science and IT, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur

have developed an App to bring blood plasma donors and seekers on a platform. Through this app

Covid 19 patient which need blood plasma will contact recovered persons from Covid 19. Engr. Prof.

Dr. Athar Mahoo Vice Chancellor launched this app in the presence of Dr. Imran Sarwar Bajwa, Chairman Department of Computer Science and Information Technology and students. The Vice Chancellor said that due to wide spread of Corona virus, people are desperately looking for donors of blood plasma to save their lives. The University students have prepared this app which contains database including names, addresses and contact numbers of blood plasma donors. The Vice Chancellor directed students to contact district health authorities for provision of data and availability of blood plasma. He praised the efforts of students and said that the university has emerged as a leading institution fulfilling social responsibility during the pandemic.



Dr. Imran Sarwar Bajwa briefing on app for provision of blood Plasma to Covid-19 patients

## Up-gradation and Equipment Installation in the Sports Complex

Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, Islamia University Bahawalpur said that prompt

has been provided with state-of-the-art equipment for indoor sports. With the availability of fitness

of swimming pool shooting area and cricket pavilion is started. Similarly, state-of-the-

he continued to work for the up-gradation of sports complex on the directions of the Vice Chancellor



Glimpses of newly established gym at sports complex

steps are being taken to equip the entire sports complex with modern facilities. Best facilities will be provided for the faculty and students who are exemplary in all the universities. The gymnasium

machines, the equipment will be available to the students at all times. Synthetic glass coating will be done on the floors of central hall of the sports complex to take it to the world standards. Construction

art facilities have been provided for table tennis, badminton, volley ball, basketball, handball and martial arts. Director sports Mr. Amjad Farooq Warraich said that even in the crisis era of COVID19

and the students would be able to avail the best facilities at the beginning of new semester.

## 54<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary of Nawab of Bahawalpur Sir Sadiq Muhammad Khan V

An online seminar was organized by the Department of Pakistan Studies, Islamia University Bahawalpur, on the occasion of the 54<sup>th</sup> death anniversary of Nawab of Bahawalpur Sir Sadiq Muhammad Khan V. The seminar was presided over by Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, and addressed by eminent parliamentarian Syed Tabish Alwari, Member syndicate, Islamic University Bahawalpur, Prof. Hamid Raza Siddiqui, Dr. Muham-

mad Tahir and Dr. Aftab Hussain Gillani. The speakers said that Sir Sadiq Muhammad Khan was a man of arms, creative, sociable, eloquent and glorious ruler. He left a lasting impression on the livelihood and culture of the state of Bahawalpur. In his era, this was not a threat and was the cradle of sectarian harmony, equality, tolerance, justice and literature. He left no stone unturned in making Bahawalpur a modern, developed

and prosperous state. In fact, the area had become a mini-Pakistan even before the establishment of Pakistan. Due to educational and agricultural reforms, people were well off. The Nawab of Bahawalpur was in fact a born ruler and had witnessed the glory of the British Empire from an early age and made a full and successful effort to apply the developments of Europe to this remote area. The Nawab of Bahawalpur, through the

Sutlej Valley Project, turned the desert into a green land, which increased resources and revenue, organizations were modernized and strengthened, paid close attention to military governance and improved the state's ideological and geographical boundaries. There is a need to remember the life of Sir Sadiq Muhammad Khan V as a shining example and to pass on the recorded aspects to a generation.



Participants of webinar on the occasion of 54<sup>th</sup> Death Anniversary of Nawab of Bahawalpur

## Online Training Session and Field Work Activities organized by OSAH

Occupational Safety and Health department of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur has organized online seminar on Covid 19 and Basic Life Support with the collaboration of Punjab Emergency Service Rescue 1122. Speaker Shoukat Javed explained about the Covid-19 causes, precautions, psychological effects and latest situation in Bahawalpur District.



## A series of Online International Seminars and Workshops organized by SBM&AS

A series of online international seminars workshops organized by School of Business Management and Administrative Sciences (SBM&AS), Islamia University Bahawalpur is underway. The main objective of these workshops conducted under the direction of Vice Chancellor, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, is to provide M.Phil and Ph.D. Scholars and Faculty members with the opportunity to benefit from the international level business professionals. During the crisis of COVID19, university teachers and

students continued their curricular and co-curricular activities as usual and participated in a large number in workshops and seminars. Prof. Dr. Jawad Iqbal, Dean, Faculty of Management Sciences, said that Jamia Islamia has a special place in the field of Management Sciences and Entrepreneurship. The recent holding of the Entrepreneurship Summit and the International Business Conference has made the Department of Management Sciences of the University a recognized and reputable institution

across the country. Thanks to the special interest and patronage of the Vice-Chancellor, the number of PhD faculty has increased twofold and the transition to the new building equipped with state-of-the-art equipment has intensified the research. A world-renowned teacher of Lahore University of Management Sciences Prof. Dr. Javed Syed gave a special lecture on the topic of Human Resource Management. He gave special lectures on International Human Resource Management, Diversity

in the profession of Management, Business Ethics and Institutional Information. Similarly, Dr. Nasreen Khan, an international expert of Organizational behavior, gave an online lecture on the topic of research article. She added that teachers from the School of Business Management and Administrative Sciences are also publishing research papers and are committed to teaching and research activities even in the current lockdown situation.

## Qirat and Naat Competitions during Holy Month of Ramadan

In appropriation with the holy and blessed month of Ramadan to promote the spirit of religious and patriotic emotions in the students and to encourage their talents on the directions of Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, among the students of educational institutions of Bahawalpur Division, Qirat and Naat society, under the supervision of directorate of student affairs organized online competition in four categories of Husan-e-Qirat and Naat recitation competition. Students sent videos of their recitation and Naat via email and WhatsApp. A total of 26 videos were received in the competition of Husan-e-Qiraat for students in which Faizan Riaz of Arabic Department, Islamic University



Participants of Qirat and Naat Competitions

Bahawalpur won the first position, Gulfam Mohsin Department of Arabic won the second position and Zeeshan Ayaz department

of Computer Engineering won the third position. A total of 17 videos regarding female husan-e-Qirat competition were received.

In which Hafiza Mamoona Ashraf Faculty of Agriculture, Islamia University Bahawalpur won the first position, Hafiza Imama Fatima BHMS Jamia Islamia won the second position and Anusha Khan GLIMS Institute of Education Bahawalpur won the third position. Dr. Hafiz Zia-ur-Rehman, Associate Professor, Department of Islamic Studies, Dr. Hafiz Ahmad Ali, Assistant Professor, Department of Arabic and Dr. Muhammad Imran, Assistant Professor, Department of Islamic Studies, performed the duties of judges for the competition of Husan-e-Qirat. A total of 44 videos have been received for the Naat Khawani competition for students, in which Abdul Manan Government Sadiq College for

Commerce got 1<sup>st</sup> position, Sufyan Sarwar faculty of Agriculture, Islamia University Bahawalpur stood 2<sup>nd</sup> and Muhammad Ahmed from Government SE college got 3<sup>rd</sup> position. A total of 22 videos were received for the Naat Khawani competition for female students. In this competition, Aqsa Khadim, a student of Islamia University Bahawalpur won the 1<sup>st</sup> position, Ramsha Razzaq, a student of Islamic

Studies Department, Jamia Islamia Bahawalpur won the 2<sup>nd</sup> position and Muqaddas Bilal, a student of Government Sadiq College for Women University Bahawalpur won the 3<sup>rd</sup> position. Dr Muhammad Nafees, Assistant Professor, department of Agriculture and Dr. Musrat Wajid, Assistant Professor, Department of Persian and Dr. Qazi Hussain Ahmad Madni, Assistant Professor, Department of Arabic,

Islamia University Bahawalpur performed the duties of judge for the Naat Khawani competition. Vice Chancellor, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob while congratulating the students who secured the position in the competition appraised the efforts of Prof. Dr. Tanveer Hussain, Director Student Affairs, Recitation and Naat Society advisor Dr. Muhammad Saeed Sheikh, Co-advisors Dr. Sajeela

Kausar, Dr. Qari Abdul Sattar, Dr. Muhammad Nafees, Advisor to the Media Society, Dr. Shehzad Rana and the efforts of all the officials of the Qirat and Naat Society. Videos of winning Qari's and Naat recitation winner students will be uploaded on YouTube channel of the university.

## Conservation of Cholistani Flora and Fauna in IUB Biodiversity Park

On the directions of Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor Islamia University Bahawalpur, Cholistani life research activities are in full swing. Research facilities have been augmented

at the Biodiversity Park near Fort Drawer. As a result, there has been a significant increase in research on Cholistani animals and plants. In this regard, breeding of local birds and Indian rollers is taking place

in the Breeding Sand located in the Biodiversity Park. For this purpose, nesting castle parks have been set up and two to four local birds breeding is continued due to the threat of being extinct. The

Vice Chancellor appreciated the efforts of Prof. Dr. Shazia Anjum, Director, Cholistani Institute of Desert Studies and Dr. Muhammad Abdullah in this regard.



## Students to continue non-traditional education

Vice-Chancellor Islamia University Bahawalpur Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob has told to teachers and students about University conduct regarding continuation of non-traditional education during worldwide coronavirus lockdown. He said to the students, teachers and university administration that as you all know, Islamia University has decided to continue its educational activities using information and communication technology in the current situation. The purpose of this procedure is to:

- Prevent students from wasting their valuable time so that the current semester can be completed by September 7th.

Preparing Islamic University for academic and research activities in the face of future uncertainties, where it is feared that the lockdown may not be prolonged. Maintain contact with students and students in this emergency

situation and through this contact, Islamia University students and teachers are prepared, organized and prepared to play their role in society in dealing with difficult situations.

All students are assured by the Islamic University administration that:

- Resources available to students and teachers in the non-traditional / electronic method of teaching will be taken into account.
- The principle of relaxation in grading, assessment / examinations will be given priority so as not to be unfair to students and teachers.
- Educational materials and methods of communication will be tailored to the objective situation and to the technical and economic conditions of the students.

He appealed to all teachers and students to contribute their best to the success of the Islamic University-designated process and to improve it by adopting this

strategy rather than performing unnecessary negative practices. He advised to all that work closely with the administration of Islamia University to overcome this difficult time.

### Faculty member attends a webinar on Success in Professional Life



Shahbaz Ali Khan faculty member Department of Political Science, Islamia University Bahawalpur

attended the webinar on Success in Professional Life under International Consortium for Promotion of Social Sciences and International Students Convention.

### Online Quiz competition at Veterinary Faculty

Faculty of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur organized online quiz competition. It was an international level quiz competition. As many 826 students from 24 countries and 80 Universities and institutes participated. The students of Islamia University of Bahawalpur, University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Bahawalpur and University of Agriculture Faisalabad from Pakistan and Tribhuvan University from Nepal got the positions.

## IUB to Support Local Farmers

Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor Islamia University Bahawalpur has said that the University is playing a comprehensive role for the development of agriculture. In this regard, farmers, especially those who adopt modern agricultural methods, are being encouraged. Vice Chancellor made these remarks during a visit to the farmhouse of progressive farmer Chaudhry Faisal Naseem. He appreciated the method of irrigation in the farm through drip system. "Our farmers are facing

problems like water scarcity," he said. That is why the experts of the university are introducing different crops which can perform well in weather hardship and water scarcity. In this regard, the cotton introduced by Islamia University Bahawalpur is very popular among the farmers. The Vice Chancellor also planted a palm tree during his visit. Dr. Asif Naveed Ranjha, Chairman, Department of Social Work, Afzal Ahmed, Director Planning and Development and Dr. Rashid Shaheen a Faculty Member also accompanied him on the visit.



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob planting a tree during his visit to local agriculture farm

## Online Recitation and Naat Competitions

Recitation and Naat Society and Media society Directorate of Student Affairs Islamia University Bahawalpur organized online recitation and Naat competitions, students fully participated in the event. On the direction of Engineer Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob,

Vice Chancellor, online recitation competitions for students of different educational institutions of Bahawalpur Division were organized separately. The purpose of these competitions is to awaken the religious passion in the students during the holy month of

Ramadan and to encourage their talents. Students are participating in these competitions through WhatsApp and email sources. The performance of the students was judged in terms of beauty of speech, pronunciation and accent and the recitation and naat of

the best performing students was presented on university Youtube channel. Apart from these, those students were also nominated for various events and TV shows for recitation and Naat.

## IUB Sports Society organizes Stay Home, Stay Safe Campaign

On the direction of Vice Chancellor Islamia University Bahawalpur Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Directorate of Sports and Sports Society Islamia University Bahawalpur started mission of stay at home, stay safe and operational. Under the campaign, university teachers, staff and students will participate in exercises and online sports competitions to maintain it at home. Director Support Amjad Farooq Warraich and Advisor

Sports Society Dr. Aftab Gillani are guiding the faculty and students in this regard. The Vice Chancellor said that in the days of COVID19 epidemics, mental and physical activeness have become essential so that our activities are healthy and active. During the campaign teachers and employees will post their workouts and sports videos on social media. Special incentives and prizes will also be given to the best performing athletes.

**KEEP MOVING DURING QUARANTINE**  
Physical activity contributes to both our physical and mental health. As students are currently confined to their homes because of the COVID-19 pandemic, Islamia University of Bahawalpur has taken an initiative to organize competition "KEEP MOVING DURING QUARANTINE" to provide healthy activities to students so they can stay physically active in limited space.  
Directorate of Sports  
IUB Sports Society  
#StayHome #StaySafe



Participants shall send video of Push Ups and Rope Skipping On **Whatsapp**

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## Islamia University Bahawalpur Participated in Online Sachal Surmast

### Literature Conference 2020

Literature Academy Pakistan, under national cultural heritage division organized online Sachal Surmast literature conference 2020, a full participation was shown by Islamia University Bahawalpur. Conference chaired by Mr. Shafqat Mahmood, federal minister of education and professional trainer in national history and culture division was attended by intellectuals from all over the country. On behalf of Islamia University Bahawalpur, Prof. Dr. Javed Hassan

Chandio, Dean Faculty of Arts and Director Khawaja Farid chair participated. He presented an essay on Seraiki Wasaib wick Kal Sarmast di Pazeerai.



Dr. Yousef Khushk  
Chairman National Academy of Letters



Dr. Javed Hassan Chandio  
Dean

## Faculty of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences organizes Farmer Advisory Service during Covid-19 pandemic

Faculty of agriculture and environmental sciences in the context of COVID19, Farmer Advisory service provided comprehensive guidance to the farmers on wheat harvesting and sowing. Prof. Dr Muhammad Iqbal

Bandeshah, Head, department of plant breeding and genetics and director research Islamia University are supervising this consultation service. He said that cotton is the backbone of the economy, Now is the time

to restore this cash producing crop so that the farmer prospers and the economy flourishes. He said that the varieties of cotton introduced by Islamia University are being cultivated at 45% of land in the country. These types

are best performers even at high temperature, water scarcity and resistance to leaf blight virus. He asked the farmers to continue their activities with utmost precaution to avoid the Corona virus.

## OSAH organized Safety Workshop during COVID-19

Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur has said that the University has established Office of Occupational Safety and Health (OSAH) to identify workplace hazards for all employees and to develop the safety and health manuals. He was addressing to participants of safety and health training workshop at Baghdad ul Jadeed Campus. This training workshop was aimed at providing facilities regarding awareness of workplace hazards among stakeholders at work and to ensure a healthy working environment. The training addressed the effective implementation of health and safety standard, awareness about health and safety



A view of safety workshop

procedures, necessary training for effective implantation of COVID-19, measures of before and after the re-opening the university,

necessary trainings of first aids, fire and road safety and provide the hands-on practice to all attendees. He praised the efforts of OSAH is

organizing the training workshop and distributed certificates among participants.



Glimpses of safety workshop and certificate distribution

## Clean and Green Pakistan Campaign Seed Broadcast activity in Cholistan Desert

Cholistan Institute of Desert Studies (CIDS), the Islamia University of Bahawalpur organized seed broadcast activity in Cholistan desert during recent rains under Clean and Green Pakistan Campaign. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor said that the main objective of this activity was to restore the indigenous flora of Cholistan desert especially the plant species. Migratory birds feed on desert insects and plants but due to overgrazing, drought, over exploitation of vegetation for fuel, timber and medicinal purposes, Cholistan desert is losing its biodiversity. Therefore, it was planned to broadcast the seeds of indigenous flora the form of seed balls and direct seed broadcast. Dr. Muhammad Abdullah, university faculty member and activity organizer stated that seeds of indigenous plants were



Correspondent 92 News Amjad Awan discusses seed broadcast activity with Dr. Muhammad Abdullah

collected from Cholistan and Seed balls making process was carried in university laboratory. The University is also working on establishing a seed bank and conservation of desert plants in

experimental area. Prof. Dr. Shazia Anjum, Director, Cholistan Institute of Desert Studies briefed that Cholistan is a fragile ecosystem which is losing its native flora and fauna ultimately losing its potential

to support migratory birds. Seed broad cast is an excellent conservation technique to restore desert to its original form.

## Covid-19 Islamia University Bahawalpur's Online Classes in Progress

Islamia University Bahawalpur's online classes are successfully in progress for its students in the wake of Covid-19 during the ongoing lock down and will be continued till the opening of university. Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof Dr Athar Mahboob while giving details to Radio Pakistan Bahawalpur Correspondent Sajjad Parvez said that university had launched a portal through which all faculty members and

students are on board to continue their academic activities. He said that the course material, assignments and books have already been provided to the students through this portal. He told that university's Pharmacy Department and the Science Society members had so far prepared five thousand bottles of sanitizers which have been distributed among various government departments free of cost.

Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Athar Mahboob further stated that University College of Engineering and Technology had made a prototype of low-cost ventilators which has been sent to concerned bodies for approval. He said University's College of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, College of Agriculture and Environmental Sciences and College of Conventional Medicine have also successfully launched telemedicine

services for the livestock owners, farmers and general public. He told Islamia University is playing instrumental role of the provision of quality education to one lakh and twenty six thousand students through its eight hundred faculty members in its forty eight departments on five campuses and as many constituent colleges.

## International Biodiversity Day

On directions of Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor and in pursuance of his vision regarding online activities at Islamia University of Bahawalpur, Department of Zoology in collaboration with IUB Science

Society observed International Biodiversity Day 2020 by conducting International Virtual Symposium. According to Prof Dr Nuzhat Sial, Chairperson Zoology Department, the event was conducted through an online platform. National

and International experts on biodiversity highlighted the significance of the day. University's Science Society also released video message of the Vice Chancellor Islamia University Bahawalpur on this occasion who emphasized

faculty and students to raise awareness on environmental issues and joint efforts to preserve biodiversity maintaining global ecological balance.

## IUB and BINO to Collaborate for Promotion of Teaching and Research

Dr. Shahab Fatmi, Director, Bahawalpur Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Oncology (BINO) along with renowned educationist Syed Naseem Jafery and Saad Jafery called on Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob Vice Chancellor at Abbasia Campus. It was decided that the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Bahawalpur Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Oncology will promote collaboration in the field of Physics, a joint awareness campaign on breast cancer will also be launched. Worthy Vice Chancellor on this occasion presented mementos to visiting guests. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Bahawalpur Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Oncology will promote collaboration in the field of Physics, screening and awareness of breast cancer. This was finalized during a meeting of Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor and Dr. Shahab Fatmi, Director during a meeting at Bahawalpur Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Oncology. On this occasion, a ceremony was held to sign MOU between the two organizations. Bahawalpur Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Oncology will facilitate students and researchers of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur in



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob signing MoU with Dr. Shahab Fatmi

research activities and will provide necessary training in this regard. Medical doctors and practitioners of Bahawalpur Institute of Nuclear Medicine and Oncology will perform teaching in relevant university departments. Similarly, the social

work department of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur will organize screening and awareness camps for breast cancer. On this occasion Dr. Kokab Jabeen, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ashraf, Prof. Dr. Muazzam Jameel, Prof. Dr. Saeed

Ahmed Buzdar, Syed Nasim Jafery, Dr. Rana Muhammad Tariq and representative of civil society and media persons were present.



A group photo of participants of MoU signing ceremony

## Renowned Poet Syed Qasim Jalal Visits IUB

Renowned poet and local literary personality Syed Qasim Jalal yesterday met with Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob Worthy Vice Chancellor at his office. On this occasion, Vice Chancellor praised his literary contribution and thanked for his participation in grand mushaira of Bahawalpur Literary and Cultural Festival 2020. Prof. Dr. Muazzam Jameel, Registrar and Dr. Rafiq ul Islam AP Urdu were also present on this occasion.



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob presenting souvenir to Syed Qasim Jalal

## Controller Examinations and Private College Administrators decide to collaborate for Quality Education

A delegation of private colleges association called on the Controller of Examinations of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur in his office and discussed different matters related of the exams being scheduled to be held in future. Imran Butta Deputy Registrar Affiliation was also present in the meeting. The delegate expressed satisfaction on the policies of IUB under the dynamic leadership of Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur.



Delegation of private colleges association along with Prof. Dr. Sajjad Ahmad Paracha, Controller Examinations, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur

## PHEC awards International Post-doctorate Scholarships to faculty members



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur handing over post doctorate scholarship of Punjab Higher Education Commission to Dr. Muhammad shakir

The Punjab Higher Education Commission has awarded International Post Doctorate Scholarship to Dr. Muhammad Shakir, faculty member department of Educational Training, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. He won the scholarship after completing with 156 candidates and availed post graduate scholarship of University of London in the category of Social Sciences. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor has felicitated the scholar on this achievement.

## IUB and Sir Syed University of Engineering and Technology decide to Collaborate for Quality Engineering Education

Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor visited Sir Syed University of Engineering and Technology Karachi and met with Mr. Jawaid Anwer, Chancellor and Prof. Dr. Vali Uddin, Vice Chancellor besides having interactions with faculty members. He also addressed to a group of faculty members on this occasion. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob praised quality of education at Sir Syed University of Engineering and Technology which is first ever Engineering University established in private sector.



Chancellor Sir syed University of Engineering and Technology Karachi Jawaid Anwar presenting souvenir to Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob Vice Chancellor Islamia University of Bahawalpur

## IUB's International Liaison Office Upgraded to Directorate



Dr. Abid Shahzad Director International Linkages IUB is presenting an MoU from Belarus State University to Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor

Worthy Vice Chancellor has nominated Dr Abid Shahzad as the Director, Directorate of International Linkages, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. Dr Abid Shahzad has visited more than twenty countries and presented his research papers at top ranked universities including Harvard, Cambridge and European universities. He has developed collaborations with Curtin University Australia, Groningen University Netherlands, North Texas University USA and other more than fifteen international universities. Currently, The Belarus University has invited IUB to join hands for collaboration in various fields. The Director has reiterated that DIL will fulfill the dream of Vice Chancellor to put IUB in the top 100 universities of the world.

## Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal will provide Scholarships to 200 IUB students

Pakistan Bait-ul-Mal will provide scholarships to 200 students of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. In this connection, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob Vice Chancellor signed an MoU at Baghdad ul Jadeed Campus today. Managing Director of the Bait-ul-Mal Mr. Aon Abbas Buppi signed the document at his office and will visit the university after the lockdown ends to further strengthen the collaboration between the two organisations. According to details of the agreement, 100 scholarships will be provided to students of the main campuses at Bahawalpur while 50 scholarships each will be given to students of sub Campuses



Signing of MoU between Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Pakistan Bait-ul Mal

## Faculty Member publishes Book on Meta Physical Study

Dr. Muhammad Rafiq-ul-Islam's book Urdu Dastan: Metaphysical Study has been published. Dr. Muhammad Rafiq-ul-Islam is attached to the Department of Urdu and Iqbaliyat of Islamia University, Bahawalpur. He is also the Secretary General of the Language and Literature Research Institute. He is also an international member of Amnesty International and the Muslims of South Asia Forum London. He is also the founding editor of the Pakistani language research journal "Prakh" and a consultant and commentator for over a dozen research journals. Metaphysics is also called first philosophy or um philosophy because philosophy originated from metaphysical

discussions and later all other branches of philosophy were born from metaphysics. Dr. Muhammad Rafiq-ul-Islam Has been tested in the context of the philosophy on which he was awarded a PhD degree. His dissertation is now published under the title "Urdu Story: Metaphysical Studies". Prof. Dr. Saghir Ebrahim, former President, Department of Urdu, Aligarh Muslim University, India, has written a detailed case on this, in which he has described this article as a unique essay of his style. It is an admirable and unforgettable endeavor.



Dr. Rafiq ul Islam presenting a book to Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob

## Sumaira Malik Syndicate Member Praises Efforts of IUB Admission Cell

Member Syndicate Sumaira Malik visited IUB's Central Admission Facilitation Center at Abbasia Campus to view computerized admission process and facilities provided to candidates. Director IT Rizwan Majeed briefed her about admission portal which is user friendly and students can apply while sitting in their homes. He said that after displaying

merit lists, students will visit admission center where they will be provided all facilities relevant to documents verification and issuing fee submission receipts. He apprised that as many as 30,000 visitors came during the last week to seek admission related information where they were given guidance about admission criteria and career guidance

about academic programs. A Central IT Control Room has been established at Directorate of IT in Baghdad ul Jadeed Campus where admissions are monitored in all the campuses including sub campuses Bahawalnagar and Rahim Yar Khan. Sumaira Malik discussed visiting parents and students and asked about facilities provided by the university. She praised the vision

of Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor for opening 15000 admission slots at undergraduate, Master's, MPhil and PhD level opening new avenues of higher education for students from Southern Punjab as well as from other parts of the country.



Member Syndicate Sumaira Malik visits Central Admission Office

## PCB Nominates IUB Faculty Member as National Umpire



Prof. Dr. Aftab Hussain Gillani

Pakistan Cricket Board has selected Prof. Dr. Aftab Hussain Gillani, Chairman Department of Pakistan Studies for the domestic season in the match official panel. Dr. Aftab Hussain Gillani serves as the National Empire in national and international cricket. The Pakistan Cricket Board has selected him in the national panel for his professional services. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, teachers and students have congratulated him on this achievement.