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Convocation Special



Editorial

The much eagerly awaited maiden Convocation of the Balochistan University of Information Technology & Management Sciences took place on the 28th of April, 2006 with great aplomb and gusto. This historical event will long be remembered not only by the passing out graduates as an epoch in their lives, but by the organizers and the guests as well, as a colourful event imbued with a unique mixture of serenity and joy. On the one hand it marked the culmination of the hardwork put in by the students in the pursuit of their studies, on the other it was the realization of a dream on the part of the faculty and the University administration. The spacious hall of the recently built Expo Centre was over flowing with colours and festivity on the occasion. There was scope for experimentation and Dr. Muhammad Abbas Choudhary, an expert in the exploitation of scope of experimentation fully let loose his idealistic prowess for capturing the maximum impact.

It was no doubt a mega-event in the history of the University and, it would not be out of place, to claim that it was an event of the greatest magnitude in the city. The organizers put in their maximum energies for the sake of success of this mega-event. The dignitaries, the honorable guests, faculty members, the support staff and the students all deserve commendation for their devoted services.

The first product of BUITMS is out in the job market and it is encouraging to learn that a number of the passing out graduates have already been picked up by the employers. We expect still better reception for our products in the future, and we bow our heads in gratitude to Almighty for his blessings in the form of our success.





BUITMS Convocation 2006

Report by: Prof. Sultan Mahmood Niazi
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The Academic procession

The first convocation of Balochistan University of Information Technology & Management Sciences was the culmination of the academic efforts and the realization of the dream of imparting top quality education in Balochistan. It was a long awaited occasion for the students who now bear the seal of authentic diligence and know-how in their respective fields.

The occasion also marked the fruition of the untiring input on the part of the faculty members and the University administration, headed by a person of great vision and zeal, Dr. Mohammad Abbas Choudhary, Vice Chancellor-BUITMS.



A panoramic view of the convocation Hall

The morning of 28th of April, 2006 witnessed colorful festivity when the passing out graduates assembled in front of the spacious Expo Centre, Takatu Campus, robed in their bright and colorful gowns and oriental caps of scholars. Their faces gleamed with the satisfaction of achievement and the prospects of starting dazzling careers in their professional fields. On the other hand the faculty members, both young and old appeared in their graceful robes, distinguished by their magnificent attires.



A section of the academic congregation

The academic procession was heralded by the passing out graduates followed by the faculty in ascending order of their status i.e. Research Associates followed by lecturers, who in turn were followed by Assistant Professors, Associate Professors and Professors. The members of the University syndicate formed the vanguard of the procession with the worthy Vice Chancellor, Chancellor and guests of honor forming a dazzling array. The arrival of the academic procession was announced by Ms. Saima Asif and Ms. Nida Ali Shah with a fanfare and all those present in the convocation stood up to greet them. Marching to the tunes of the pipe band, the procession entered the hall and units of the procession started taking positions. The dais was bedecked with members of the University syndicate on both flanks of the head table, where the controller of examinations, the Vice Chancellor, the Chancellor and the guest of honor, Mr. Sharifuddin Pirzada graced the central stage.



Some of the prominent guests

The convocation was declared open by His Excellency Engr. Owais Ahmed Ghani, Chancellor BUITMS and Governor Balochistan.

Mr. Saddullah opened the proceedings with the recitation of a few verses from the Holy Quran and read out the translation of the verses. The selected verses depicted the distinctive merit of 'Man' over all other creatures, including the angels. The knowledge granted to 'Man' makes him superior to everything else which works and functions according to a pre-ordained order. It is only 'Man' who has been given



the power to think and decide his own plan of action. That is why Allah Almighty directed the angels to bow before 'Man' as a mark of acceptance of his superiority.



VC-BUITMS delivering his Maiden-Convocation Speech

Dr. Muhammad Abbas Choudhary, in his convocation speech thanked Allah Almighty for supporting the University from its toddling stage of October, 2002 to the established position of a reputed and renowned institution, today.

He highlighted the importance of the historic occasion. He was proud of the fact that the initial round had been completed with flying colors. He expressed his optimism for more rewarding achievements. He described the establishment of linkages with prime institutions of the world as the launching of an enterprise towards universal recognition.



MBA, MBA (Executive) Groups

He exhorted his students and his colleagues to aim at mental refinement, emotional satisfaction and physical development through hard struggle which may drive them out of their comfort zones. 'None of us ever reaches the end of our education; the more we learn, the more we appreciate how much there is more to know. The key to rich life is maintaining a passion for learning and growing. If one becomes passionate about ones profession and remains so all his/her life, then satisfaction is guaranteed. If we ponder around the history of mankind we will find our life had been as it is today with the blessing of the people who thought creatively.



VC, Governor and Syed Sharifuddin Pirzada

Helen Keller once said, "Life is either a daring adventure or nothing at all". One needs not be ashamed, if some unusual thought occurs to him/her. It is even desirable to think wildly. It would not hurt to think most stupid thing you would dream of doing as a scientist, as an engineer, and as a business person or as a husband or wife in your personal or professional life. "if at first the idea is not absurd, then there is no hope for it" said Albert Einstein, and "probable impossibilities are to be preferred to improbable possibilities," said Aristotle, "Everything that looks great now, once seemed impossible" says a Chinese proverb. Everyone must be perpetually geared by the drive to excel. Fresh ideas must be generated, since ideas alone are imperishable. If the creativity packaged in the human genes is strengthened by the enabling environment we will be able to cope with our growing pains the illiteracy, the disease, the environment. Genius is a strategic advantage which elevates the nations to the pinnacle of glory. Every one of us has genius within and we just need to explore and exploit our hidden resource of genius.'



VC and father of Gold Medalist with faculty of computer science

'These days, it is conventional wisdom that a genius and smart person creates a favorable environment and becomes an engine for wealth creation for him/herself, his/her family, nation and a global citizen in this borderless world. Indeed, Genius is a strategic advantage, the future and glory,



and resource bigger than oil and gas, geniuses are profound searchers, you can be Einstein, or Edison, or Ibn Sena. YOU also have a chance and YOU are the genius if you want to be, "Every person is a potential genius." We at the universities at least behave more boldly about our understanding and characterization of truth not only in science and engineering but also in our social, moral, and governance fabrics. We can move in this direction by knowing that we could likely be wrong, testing rational arguments, and avoiding personal attacks. A learning space needs to be hospitable not to make learning painless but to make painful things possible, things without which no learning can occur; things like exposing ignorance, testing tentative hypothesis, challenging gales of partial information and mutual criticism of thought. Each of these is essential for obedience to truth. But none of them can happen in an atmosphere where people feel threatened and judged. I appeal to the conscience of all present here that we should be honest in our personal and professional undertakings." He concluded his speech with the prayer that Almighty Allah may facilitate us in achieving our objectives and providing services to others.



Mr. Rehan Zafar receiving his degree from Chancellor, BUITMS

The conferment of the degrees was the focal event of the day. Dean, Faculty of Computer & Emerging Sciences; Dean, Faculty of Management Sciences and Dean, Faculty of Biotechnology & Informatics turn by turn presented the batches in their respective fields and requested the worthy Vice Chancellor to admit the passing out Graduates to MS(CS), MBA, MBA(Executive) and MS(Biotechnology and Informatics) degrees respectively.

The Honorable Vice Chancellor, his face aglow with delight, conferred the respective degrees. It was enthralling to see young men and women, proudly marching on to the stage and receiving their degrees from the Chancellor and the Vice Chancellor. The graduates, who had distinguished themselves by notching top positions in various programs of study, were awarded gold medals. Four students honored with the award of gold medals were:



Group of Gold Medalists

- ☆ Mr. Manzoor Ahmed Khilji, Top position and highest CGPA in MS(Computer Science).
- ☆ Ms. Fiza Ali, Top position and highest CGPA in MBA.
- ☆ Mr. Muhammad Suleman, Top position and highest CGPA in MBA(Executive).
- ☆ Mr. Muhammad Zahid Mustafa, Top position and highest CGPA in MS(Bio).



Brig(R) Sardar Rahim, with VC, Registrar of S.B.K Women University

Honorary Degrees of Doctor of Law were awarded to Mr. Sharifuddin Pirzada, Advisor to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs, Law, Justice and Human Rights and the Founding Chancellor of BUITMS, Justice (R) Amir-ul-Mulk Mengal for their scholarly works and distinctive achievements in the promotion of higher education.

Syed Sharifuddin Pirzada

Citation:

"Syed Sharifuddin Pirzada; Bar-at-Law; Born on 12.06.1923; Graduated in law from Bombay University in 1945; Senior Advocate Supreme Court of Pakistan; Bar-at-Law; Honorary Secretary to Quaid-i-Azam Mr. Muhammad Ali Jinnah from 1941- 44; Secretary Bombay City Muslim League in 1945-47; Chairman, Publicity Committee of Bombay Provincial Muslim League during General Elections 1945-47; Managing Editor of the Daily Morning Herald, Bombay 1947; Professor, S.M. Law College 1947 to 1953; Member, International Rivers Committee 1960-66 Represented Pakistan in United Nations Sea Conferences;



led Pakistani delegation to United Nations; Chairman Company Law Commission (1961); President Sindh High Court Bar Association 1964; Chairman Quaid-i-Azam Biographic Committee; Foreign Minister of Pakistan, 1966-68; Advisor to the Constitution Commission of Pakistan; Attorney General of Pakistan, 1968-71; Chairman, U.N. Human Rights Sub-Committee on Minorities 1977; Member, International Law Commission; Chairman, Experts Committee for drafting the statutes of Islamic International Court of Justice (OIC); Attorney General and Law Minister, 1978-84; Represented Pakistan in International Tribunal on Runn of Kutch, 1965; Appeared before International Civil Aviation Authority, Montreal in the over flight case; also appeared in the International Court of Justice in the Reference Regarding Namibia; Secretary General O.I.C., 1985-88; Ambassador-at-Large; Caretaker Foreign Minister, 1993; Honorary Senior Advisor to the Chief Executive of Pakistan; Member, national Security Council 1999; Judge Ad-hoc, International Court of Justice 2000; honorary Senior Advisor to the Chief Executive of Pakistan on Foreign Affairs, Law, Justice and Human Rights 1999 to 2002 and Chairman, National Committee on the Celebration year of Quaid-i-Azam 2001. Member, Panel of Arbitration of International Chamber, Paris; Awarded Sitar-i-Pakistan, 1964 and 'Nishan-i-Imtiaz in 1998; Received High Awards from France, Germany, Jordan, Syria and South Korea; Presently, Mr. Pirzada is Senior Advisor to the Prime Minister on Foreign Affairs, law, Justice and Human Rights with the status of Senior Federal Minister. Author of, among others, Fundamental Rights in Pakistan; Dissolution of Constituent Assembly of Pakistan, Foundations of Pakistan(3-Volumes); Evolution of Pakistan; Some Aspects of Mr. Jinnah's life, Collected works of Quaid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah (3-Volumes) Correspondence of Mr. Jinnah with important Leaders.

Excerpts from the Address of Mr. Sharifuddin Pirzada:

It is indeed a great honor to deliver the Convocation address at the Balochistan University of Information Technology & Management Sciences. The University under the able guidance of its founder Vice Chancellor Dr. Muhammad Abbas Choudhary and members of the faculty has made substantial progress in the short period of 4 years.



Syed Sharifuddin Pirzada addressing the University mob

Its six faculties have drawn about 2,200 students. To raise the quality of research, BUITMS has established multiple links with reputable international universities and is engaged in collaborative student exchange programs.



Syed Sharifudin Pirzada receiving university shield

The BUITMS has been strengthening its PhD Program in areas of particular relevance to Balochistan and Pakistan. I must warmly congratulate the staff and the students on their collective contribution towards the success of the University. Today we need an educational system which can produce "Muslim philosophers, Muslim scientists, Muslim economists, Muslim Jurists, Muslim Statesmen, in brief, Muslim experts in all fields of knowledge who would reconstruct the social order in accordance with the tenets of Islam."

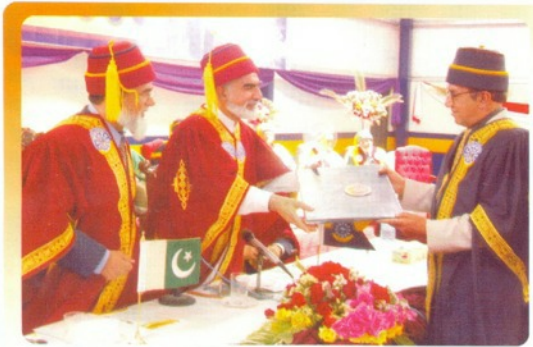


The convocation congregation



Justice (R) Amir-ul-Mulk Mengal Citation

Justice (R) Amir-ul-Mulk Mengal; Born April 3rd, 1945; Graduated in Law from Islamia Law College Karachi; Did his Masters in Political Science from University of Karachi; Practiced Law in Quetta from 1967-1985; was elected as President Balochistan Bar Association 1985; appointed as Advocate General Balochistan 1985; became Judge Balochistan High Court in 1989; Member Election Commission of Pakistan 1990; Chairman Zakat Council Balochistan; Chairman Balochistan Services Tribunal; Chief Justice of Balochistan 1996-1999; Governor Balochistan and First and Founding Chancellor of Balochistan University of Information Technology & Management Sciences. Justice (R) Amir-ul-Mulk Mengal is an acclaimed Poet, Writer and Intellectual; he has written short stories; poems and a poetry book in Brahvi; Law Books. He has distinction of writing Dastoor-ul-Amal Diwani Kalat.



Justice (R) Amir-ul-Mulk Mengal receiving Honorary Degree of Doctor of Law

In recognition of his refined literary taste and profound grasp over legal matters, and as a mark of expression of gratitude for his sincere services in the establishment of the Balochistan University of Information Technology & Management Sciences, the Honorary Degree of Doctor of law is conferred on Justice (R) Amir-ul-Mulk Mengal.

Address by Justice(R) AmirulMulk

Offering thanks on the bestowal of Honorary Degree of Doctorate of Law, Justice (R) Amir-ul-Mulk Mengal said that Balochistan University of Information Technology & Management Sciences was established in October 2002 with the intention of improving the quality of Education in Balochistan. BUITMS has served the purpose very well and has come up to the expectations attached with it. He expressed felicitation upon the dynamic leadership of Dr. Muhammad Abbas Choudhary - VC, BUITMS and said that Dr. Abbas's leadership contributed a lot in the instant success and glory of the institution.



Justice (R) Amir-ul-Mulk Mengal addressing the audience

He praised the University for achieving international standards which have added to the skills and professional approach of the students passing out from the institution. According to Mr. Amir-ul-Mulk Mengal, this institution should be a model for others, not merely in this province, but in the country rather in Asia. He offered thanks to the Chancellor, Vice Chancellor. Finally Justice (R) Amir-ul-Mulk Mengal assured his support for the institution and said he shall always be ready to assist BUITMS in every possible capacity.

ADDRESS BY THE CHANCELLOR

The honorable Chancellor/Governor of Balochistan Engr. Owais Ahmed Ghani described the convocation as a historic occasion in the lives of young men and women, a glorious landmark in the history of the University and a memorable event for the people of the province of Balochistan. He said, "I extend my heart felt greetings to you, to your colleagues and to the graduates and post-graduates passing out today. I also take this opportunity to eulogize the services of the respectable teachers for their whole-hearted devotion to their work and the spirit of sincerity to the cause of higher education. Balochistan University of Information Technology and Management Sciences has been continuously and smoothly functioning for more than three years. It is gratifying to note the total absence of disruptive elements among the students. When there is a conducive atmosphere prevalent on the campuses, quality is bound to emerge. This University has also the unique distinction among public sector universities of introducing four year degree programs, in keeping with the forward-looking ambitions of the Government of Pakistan." He appreciated the research culture developed at BUITMS and exhorted the students to create 'a janoon' to excel in themselves. He congratulated the recipients of degrees, their parents and the University authorities on turning a dream into a reality.



He expressed his felicitation on the achievements of the University and said, "I am pleased to know that, at this University, there is constant focus on research and development. The need for developing a research culture among the faculty and the students at the universities cannot be over emphasized. The government is doing much to nurture the research culture. The establishment of linkages with renowned varsities of UK and USA has opened new channels of research ventures. This University itself is now equipped with latest laboratories and BUITMS has already embarked upon the process of building up linkages with industries. The Faculty of Biotechnology and Informatics has already initiated a mechanism of joint efforts with pharmaceutical companies. Similarly there has been a noticeable progress at the Plant Tissue Culture Center, established at the Hazar Ganji Campus. All this shows the university is making rapid strides on the path of progress. Such endeavors need to be emulated by other institutions of higher education as well."



Justice (R) Amir-ul-Mulk Mengal and other celebrities offering 'dua'

Qari Arshad Yameen solemnly led the gathering in offering 'dua' at the end of the degree awarding ceremony. On this occasion, All Pakistan issue of Daily Dawn; Daily Jang, Quetta; Daily Mashriq, Quetta and Balochistan Times brought out special supplements, highlighting the messages received from the Prime Minister Pakistan, Governor Balochistan and VC BUITMS and salient features of the university.

*Newsletter, BUITMS heartily
congratulates all the recipients
of Degrees and wishes them
success and glory in future.*

Mushaera held at BUITMS

Report by: Ahmed Waqas

Balochistan University of Information Technology & Management Sciences by its nomenclature is considered to be an institution related to technology and commerce alone, but, in reality, this institution has equal capacity to cater to refined literary tastes. Dr. Muhammad Abbas Choudhary, VC, BUITMS, though basically an engineer and a computer wizard, is also a person of versatile literary tastes, displaying his sharp wit frequently in his speeches.



Ms. Shama presenting her Poem

On the auspicious occasion of the first Convocation of Balochistan University of Information Technology & Management Sciences, a Mushaera was organized in the City Campus Auditorium.

The Guest Poets who participated in the Mushaera were:

Saeed Gohar, Nasim Ahmed Nasim, Sharafat Abbas, Irfan Ahmed Baig, Irfan-ul-Haq Saim, Bairam Gori, Mohsin Shakeel, Afzal Murad, Dr. Asmat Durrani, Sumera Seher, Qayum Bedar, Tasneem Sanam, Ali Baba Taj and Ahmed Shehryar.



Prof. S. M. Niazi presenting his Poetical Work



All the poets enthralled the audience with high class verses fit for recital at Mushaeras at National and International levels. Poets from the Host institution included Ms. Shama Sadaqat, Mr. Rajab Ali, Mr. Ali Zaman Shah, Mr. Ahmed Waqas, Prof. Sultan Mahmood Niazi and Dr. M. A. K. Malghani. They were warmly acclaimed for the quality of their poems and the liveliness which formed the texture of their verses.



Audience absorbed in the Mushaera

A large number of students and faculty members attended the literary function. The Mushaera was presided over by a renowned poet and intellectual Mr. Saeed Gohar. The Vice Chancellor-BUITMS was the Chief Guest. Mr. Gohar in his address said that he was happy to see the members of this institution showing keen interest in the literary activities along with the curricular activities. He said that literature plays an important role in the mental development of a person. He congratulated the administration of BUITMS on arranging such a beautiful function.



Mr. Mohsin Shakeel receiving University Trophy from VC

The Chief Guest Dr. Muhammad Abbas Choudhary spoke in his peculiar humorous style and said that poetry is a blessing of God. Poets and intellectuals are the real assets of the society. He thanked all the guest poets. A dinner followed the Mushaera.

Message From Prof. Dr. Atta-ur-Rahman Chairman, HEC



On the eve of the first convocation of the Balochistan University of Information Technology and Management Sciences, I extend my heart-felt felicitations to the Vice Chancellor, learned faculty and the students. It is, no doubt, a commendable achievement event, that the first batch of graduates and post graduates is passing out although this new University was established about 3½ years back. I hope that the young men and women passing out today would be able to demonstrate their talents and skills in their practical life.

Higher Education Commission is committed to provide support to all institutions which offer the promise of development and extend the boundaries of knowledge. BUITMS, has been given special treatment by HEC because this institution, under the leadership of Dr. Muhammad Abbas Choudhary, has made rapid strides towards trying to achieve high standards. A genuine university is measured by its ability to create new knowledge and it should have about 200-300 Ph.D. level faculty members carrying out teaching high quality research. This is measured by (a) high quality Ph.D. output, (b) patents that are commercialized based on the work carried out in the universities, (c) honors and awards won by the faculty at international level (d) citations of the work of the faculty in the Science Citation Index, (e) impact factors of the journals in which the work of the faculty members is published, (f) international grants won by the faculty. These and other such measures which reflect the creativity of the faculty and students of the university determine the academic stature of the university. The management of the Balochistan University of Information Technology and Management Sciences will need to use these yardsticks for its own performance assessment so that it can emerge as a genuine quality university.

The passing out graduates of today have great responsibility on their shoulders. They have not only to carve a niche of esteem for themselves, but also to uphold the name of the institution which should have equipped them with knowledge and skill to embark on the voyage of practical life.