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Editorial

Study of multiple books on a topic is the basic requirement for a sound grasp over different concepts at the undergraduate and post graduate levels. Students are expected to seek information on particular topics, independent of what is taught to them in the classes. At the university level, it is not enough to follow the prescribe books only, because the objective of the university is to awaken the spirit of inquisitiveness among the students. Dependence on the text books alone may suffice at lower levels of education but at the universities students have to acquire broader outlook for the study of new truths and thereby form the habit of critical examination of whatever material comes their way in respect of any particular field of study.

Libraries are known as the treasure houses of information. Well stocked libraries usually provide information on one topic by dozens of authors, each treating the topic in his peculiar way, as he deems fit for meeting the needs of the students. Though the internet has made fast strides to take the place of libraries, but it is seen that the solid treasure in the form of published books, magazines and Journals still hold the distinction of benefiting the highest number of students. Access to knowledge through the internet may be extremely fast but still the libraries have their own value. Pleasure of reading a book is far more exciting and rewarding than browsing the pages on websites.

Students need to build up their abilities of benefiting from a number of sources of information. The Balochistan University of Information Technology and Management Sciences, is committed to the objective of reinforcing the libraries at all our campuses and recently arranged book exhibitions where latest books on the related subject were at display.

The students and the faculty members appreciated this gesture of promoting reading habits, on the part of the authorities.

Book Exhibition

Report By: Ahmad Shah Durrani



Balochistan University of Information Technology and Management Sciences (BUI-TMS) has always been initiating constructive programs in order to stimulate the students to achieve high goals in their careers. In the same context, a book exhibition was held May 2-4, 2007 at Takatu Campus of BUITMS.



A view of Books displayed at the Exhibition

The objectives of the book exhibition were to promote reading habit among students and teachers; to create the reading ambiance; to encourage authors, publishers and other agencies concerned; to create and produce high quality books for the market as well as to display and recommend them to the public; to provide an opportunity for the readers to view and buy a variety of books from various publishers at special discounted prices; and to promote the chances of business in this field.



Engr. Ahmed Farooq Bazai, VC examining books

Reading is, in fact, a gateway to the world, the main objective of the exhibition was to campaign for and promote the importance of books not only among the students but also among the teachers in all fields of learning.



Students browsing the books on display

The exhibition was organized by the Library Staff of BUITMS. Mir. Ghulam Murtuza Shahwani, Librarian, BUITMS, Mr. Muhammad Rafique, Assistant Librarian, BUITMS, Madam Baseerat and other employees worked hard to make the exhibition successful. Teachers were provided opportunities to recommend relevant books in their subjects for students.



VC and faculty members looking at the books

These books were then bought by the University for the Libraries of both campuses. There is no doubt that libraries are essential institutions in a democratic society because they play a non-partisan role in providing information that allows citizens to make informed decisions. They are essential for the educational process because they support curricula, teach information literacy, and foster critical thinking skills. In addition, they are essential partners in creating educated communities because they provide opportunities for self-education, life-long learning, and self-improvement. Moreover, they are essential places of opportunity because they level the ground for making the world of information available to everyone seeking it.



A View of a section of the exhibition

The book exhibition was inaugurated by the worthy Vice – Chancellor Engineer Ahmed Farooq Bazai on the morning of Wednesday, May 2, 2007 at the Takatu Campus of BUITMS.

While addressing at the inaugural ceremony, he said that no one could ignore the importance of books even in the advanced and sophisticated era of science and technology. Book is our best advisor, loyal friend, noble teacher, kind leader and an enduring life partner that can guide and facilitate us in leading a secure life. The study of books increases knowledge that can help the reader in his present and future career.



Prof. Barkat Ali, selecting books

Later the book exhibition was shifted to the City campus where students and the staff showed keen interest in the immense treasures of informative material available in the form of latest books. The deans and the chairmen, accompanied by the young members of the faculty, selected a large number of books which are likely to boost up the value and image of our libraries at both the campuses. The faculty members and the students purchased some valuable books for their personal use as well. It is hoped that other publishing firms and book dealers would follow suit and more treasures of knowledge would be placed for display at our campuses soon.

The Seminar on Religion, The Religious & Political Movements in the Light of Present Time

Report By: Umer Saleem BS (BA) 6A



A seminar was held at Quetta Serena Hotel on 30th April 2007 on the topic of “The political & religious movements in the light of present time”.

It was attended by the students of BUITMS on the special request of Mr. Asim Mian, a journalist and organizer of the said seminar.

The seminar was attended by many well known intellectuals, scholars and other prominent personalities as well as a large number of journalists alongwith many students from local institutions.

The speakers invited to speak on the occasion included very high profiled religious & political scholars which including:



Another section of the exhibition

He added that books make us aware of the future challenges and lead us towards the solution of various impending problems of life. They can assist us in taking positive steps for the welfare of the people and for the development of the country.

He further said that the university will continue facilitating the students in various spheres of life in order to brighten their future. He advised the students to concentrate on their studies and work hard for successful careers.



- Hafiz Hussain Ahmed (Religious scholar & Member National Assembly)
- Malik Zahoor Ahmed Shahwani (Social worker)
- Mir Kachkol Ali Advocate (Political leader & MPA)
- Allama Yaqoob Tavasali (Religious Scholar)
- Senator Abdul Rehman Mandokhail (Political leader)
- And a galaxy of the town elites.



Allama Yaqoob Tavasali delivering his speech

Allama Yaqoob Tavasali while lecturing on the occasion said that the human heart must be purified of all type of evils and the way for the heart to be pure lies in following the way of the Holy QURAN. He pointed that the current Political & religious movements and told about the suicide bombing attack in Pakistan, the Iraqi crises as he touched the present hot issues prevailing in the world.

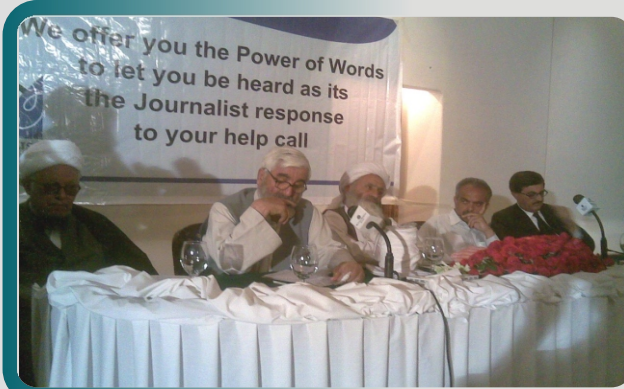
Allama emphasized on the need for mutual understanding among the Religions, Communities, tribes and at individuals. He said people are creating enemies by themselves as labeling them as this is my enemy & that is my enemy with out any reason which is wrong.



BUITMS students attending the seminar

All the other speakers addressed the respectable gathering and concluding that Islam is the religion of Peace. It does not contain any anti social or anti-religious movement like fault-finding. We need groups, individuals within ourselves to spread the real message of Islam in the world.

The victims of the Anti human, Religious and political movements are the innocent people who suffer & above all, all humans are the Sons and Daughters of Hazrat Adam & Eve. For that reason we need to live with inter-faith harmony.



A group view of elite speakers

The speakers mostly emphasized on the current problems faced by the human beings all over the world as we are being driven away from our human values. Humanity is getting into a dilemma. Humans are becoming ridiculous, senseless and vain just because of their own selfishness and greed. The speakers shed light on the causes and suggested solutions for the remedy of the prevailing ills.



Hafiz Hussain Ahmed speaking at the seminar

Hafiz Hussain Ahmed in his address spoke on the current situation that is being faced by government and the role of the political parties plus religious movements that are presently going on after their emergence in the past few years. He made a point clear that the movements are in progress for the revival of true democracy in Pakistan and are expected to continue to till rights are given to every citizen of Pakistan.

Funfair of Dramatic Club

Report by: Mrs. Aysha & Asim Nizami



Extra curricular activities besides the studies have been considered to be of core importance for the students of BUITMS, those not only helps the students to develop their capabilities but also bring their artistic and colorful ideas to the stage of fruition.

With the same considerations in mind, fun fair was again organized at BUITMS city campus by the cabinet of dramatic club BUITMS after a period of 2 years. Preparation for the fun fair started with posters and banners pasted all over both the campuses (city and Takatu) in order to advertise the event. As the day of the funfair got nearer, an air of enthusiasm, excitement and participation could be felt and seen among the students. Dramatic club BUITMS arranged meetings to take decision regarding where it should be held, what ingredients should comprise it, how to decorate it, how to promote it and how to make it successful. Groups of Members could be seen working almost every where on the campus busy in making charts for advertising, banners and different stuffs for its promotion. To get the work started the financial reserves in the accounts of Dramatic club were utilized. Cards were distributed among the participants and organizers and the tickets were required to enter into the premises for the visitors so that any unpleasant happening could be avoided. Besides them other student show their interest to support the event's success as a participants.



A panoramic view of the stalls

Early in the morning of 12th May 2007 the participant started working to make their allotted stalls presentable which were camped on the ground next to Cafeteria and it seemed as if the funfair was really going to take place.



Dr. M.A.K Malghani inaugurating the festival

By 10 am, the stalls were ready and Dr. M.A.K Malghani- Acting Vice Chancellor- inaugurated and the visitors were allowed to step in and enjoy. The chief guest visited all the stalls and appreciated the efforts put in by the participants and organizers.



A Bagles stall at the festival

Different stalls to attract the people of different interests were setup. There were twenty four stalls including food stall, songs and flower dedications stall, computerized and verbal palmistry, lucky 7 and Tambola, Bangles and mehndi stalls. etc



A CDs stall at the festival

The stalls were selected keeping in mind that no one in the audience should get bored that's why no stall was vacant. Most of the boys showed their keen interest and spent most of their time on the stalls of Tambola and lucky 7. The students fully enjoyed the delicious food including chicken tikka biryani, dahi bhalay, chips & burgers and shake of fresh fruits. Due to high temperature the stalls of cold drinks and milk shake were very popular with all the visitors.



The funfair was not only enjoyed by the students but it was successful in grasping the attraction of the faculty member as well and their families.



Mr. Zeeshan inspecting the stalls

Incharges of the dramatic club Ms. Ayesha and Mr. Zeeshan were present at the premises to coordinate the organizers and to ensure that no one crosses the ethical limits.



Mr. Atique show testing his shooting skill

By the grace of Almighty Allah and by the hard work of organizers everything went according to the plans and no unpleasant and undesirable incident happened which could let the heads of the responsible bow down.

The funfair ended at 6 pm after providing unforgettable enjoyment and the participants started winding up their stalls. No doubt organizing such a great event was a great achievement and the credit goes to the cabinet of Dramatic club.

Lecture by a Prominent Chinese Scholar

Report by: Muhammad Saqib Mughal



The students and the faculty members of the BUITMS had the privilege of listening to an eminent senior scholar and correspondent of Chinese Guang Ming Daily, Mr. Zhou Roug. He had earlier visited Quetta last year when he attended an International Conference on Economic Development Strategies for

Balochistan, jointly organized by Hanns Seidel Foundation and BUITMS.

Mr. Ali Zaman Khan, Coordinator, Students Affairs, BUITMS introduced Mr. Zhou Roug as a highly reputed specialist on regional matters, ranging from historical past to modern strategy of globalization. He said that Mr. Roug had the deep insight of a philosopher and the analytical eye of a diagnosis master. His long experience of close contact with the government, the press media and the general public of Pakistan had given him competence to talk on issues related to the two brotherly nations.



Mr. Zhou Roug, Chinese scholar and columnist

Mr. Zhou Roug with his thorough knowledge of the regional political situation and history of friendly relations between Pakistan and The People's Republic of China, based his lecture mainly on the deep and time-tested cordial relations between the two brother countries and emphasized the need of building up further trade and technological ties for their mutual benefit and prosperity.

Tracing the history of such close relations, he quoted Pakistan's all-out support to China in her time of need in 1962 Sino-Indian war. China was able to liberate the Chinese territories occupied by the colonial rulers of the subcontinent. Mr. Zhou Roug pointed out that the government of the Peoples Republic of China reciprocated this gesture of goodwill and mutual help in the Indo-Pakistan wars of 1965 and 1971.



Audience engrossed in listening

As far as the cultural and academic relations between the two countries are concerned, the world is well aware of the traditional values of the two nations. Visits by the cultural troupes from both the sides are now a regular feature of cultural exchange among them.

A number of Chinese scholars and diplomats are well versed in Urdu. Especially the previous ambassador of China to Pakistan was looked upon with great esteem in the literary circles of this country. The silk route (Shahrah-e- Korakorum) has always been the path of hectic trade activities between the two countries. He admitted that there was heavy trade imbalance in favour of China and Pakistan needed to improve the quality of her products in order to counter such trend.



Prof. Shameem Akhtar listening to the speech

Mr. Zhou Roug spoke of the immense contribution made by China in the construction of the deep sea port at Gawadar and declared that China had already committed her financial resources and expert manpower for building the Gawadar airport conforming to the latest requirements and international trends. The copper and gold project at Saindak already stands as a testimony of cooperation and technology transfer from China to Pakistan. He paid rich tributes to the Pakistani diplomats for their practical help in the normalization of relations between the United States of America and China when in 1971, secret visit by US Secretary of State Henry Kissinger was arranged, which paved the way for the shedding of hostilities between them.

Mr. Zhon Roug appreciated the establishment of a quality educational institution in Balochistan, in the form of BUITMS, where he found impressive learning atmosphere and highly qualified faculty.



Mr. Zhou Roug answering the questions

There was an interesting question answer session after his speech. Replying to a question regarding the quality of Chinese goods available in Pakistan Mr. Roug made it clear that such import and export

activities are taking place at individual level of the businessmen in the two countries. The two governments are not directly involved. The Pakistan businessmen go to the Chinese markets directly and pickup goods according to their own choice and purchase power. That is why an immense difference is noticed between the quality of exported goods to Pakistan and the quality of Chinese good exported to the United States and the European countries. In response to other question about the need to abolish visa requirement for travel to China by Pakistan nationals, he made it clear that this point needs to be considered at the foreign office level.

With regards to Taiwan, Mr. Zhou Roug categorically started that Taiwan is a natural part of the natural mainland China, and has just been created to meet the political motives and vested interests of a foreign power. China does not intend to shed Chinese blood by use of force for the annexation of that tiny piece of land. It is the people of Taiwan who would one day realize the truth and alienate themselves from the vested interest of the foreigners.



Prof. Shameem Akhtar sharing his views

Prof. Shameem Akhtar, Dean, Faculty of Management and Social Sciences eulogized Mr. Zhou Roug for his kind visit to this University. He drew Mr. Roug's Attention to the prospective interference of WTO in the commercial activities and economical ventures of China. There are clear indications that US is bent upon taking the piracy case against China to the WTO. The persistent US demand that China upgrade her currency, if acceded too would have an adverse effect on her International Trade and would badly affect the Chinese exports. China must not close her eyes to the recent political development in the region, especially with regards to the Indian Patronization of Dalai Lama and the US aggressive intentions against Iran. He appreciated that China is considering projects like Neelam Jhelam Dam, the Coal project in Thar and construction of Six Nuclear Power stations in Pakistan and emphasized the need of early finalization of the consideration stage and start of the on ground progress in respect of all such projects. Mr. Zhou Roug was given a warm handshake by the members of the teaching faculty and the students at the end of the proceedings.

Visit by Iranian Government Educationists

Report by: Prof. Sultan Mehmood Niazi

A high level Iranian delegation led by Dr. Muhammad Jawad Yazdanpanah visited the Balochistan University of Information Technology and Management Sciences, Quetta on June 8, 2007. Prof. (Dr) Yazdanpanah is Director General, Graduate Affairs at the Iranian Ministry of Science, Technology and Research, with long standing experience as an educational expert. He also delivers lectures as a professor at Tehran University of Iran. Other members of the delegation included Prof. Dr. Ahmed Momeni, representative of the Iranian Government in the sub-continent for higher education (also a professor at the Kirman University, Iran), Mr. Ali Aryan Nijad, Consul General of Iran, Mr. Muhammad Ali Roostai and Syed Hassam-uddin Muhajiri Executive Secretary from Iranian Consulate in Quetta. The delegation was accorded a warm welcome by Engr. Ahmed Farooq Bazai, Vice Chancellor and Deans and senior members of the faculty.



Iranian officials in VC office

The delegation was taken to the office of the Vice Chancellor, where the objectives of the visit were explained to the BUIITMS authorities. Dr. Yazdan Panah conveyed the desire of the Iranian Government to build up closer relation in the field of education with the elite institutions in Pakistan and to collect information about the strengths of individual institutions in their respective fields.



VC, BUIITMS exchanging views with the guests

Engr. Ahmed Farooq Bazai, assured the group of maximum collaboration in exchange of expertise and experiences. He maintained that education entails advancement and technology and provides strength and vision to meet the challenges of globalization. Developing counties should join hands together and excel in the domain of higher education. All we need is excellence in higher education and technology for which mutual cooperation is extremely important. Such feelings were reciprocated by all present on the occasion.



VC awarding the University plaque to Dr. Yazdaan Panah

The BUIITMS shields were presented to the Dr. Jawad Yazdan Panah and Dr. Momeni as mementos of their visit to BUIITMS.



Dr. M.A.K Malghani briefing the delegation

Dr. M.A.K Malghani briefed the delegation about the history of the university from the stage of its establishment in 2003 with just 90 students to the present impressive stage of more of than 3000 strength of students and the monumental physical development. With the help of multimedia, he explained the various programs being presently offered, the physical facilities available, faculty wise student strength and the teaching faculty.



Iranian Visitors being briefed about BUIITMS



The delegation was specially interested in the research activities in progress and the utilization of the top class latest equipment. Dr. Malghani made it clear that the foundations of the Balochistan University of Information Technology and Management Sciences are laid upon sound principles of excellence in academic standards, equity, equality, sincerity of purpose and a sharp vision for the future.

The group was then taken on a round of the city campus, where they were pleased to see the students engrossed in making the best use of the well stocked library facilities, academic work going on in the classes, practical work in progress in the computer labs and the cutting edge research work going on in the bio-tech laboratories.



Delegation in the Electronic Lab

The group was fascinated to see latest journals and magazines available in the library. The group showed keen interest in the Plant Tissue Culture project of the university. Miss Asma Yousafzai gave a rapid briefing about the multiple productions of various trees and plants and their supply to the farmers in the province. This project has immense prospect of making valuable contribution to the economy of the province in future.

Dr. M Jawad Yazdan Panah and Dr. Ahmed Momeni asked pertinent details about the future prospects of the university to which Dr. Malghani responded with confidence that the institution was destined to become one of the most prominent institutions, not in the province alone, but in the whole country as well.

Engineer Ahmed Farooq Bazai, VC. BUITMS discussed the possibilities of cooperation in the field of academic pursuits, research and faculty and students exchange to which Dr. Yazdan Panah responded enthusiastically. Mr. Ali Aryan Nijad and Mr. Hassamuddin Muhajiri have visited BUITMS several times in the past. They expressed their appreciation on noticing that each time they visited the university they observed something new added to the physical facilities provided to the students of this university.



Iranian Delegation being briefed about Solar Project

The delegation then proceeded to the Takattu campus to see the facilities and activities there.



Dr. Yazdan Panah seeing the drilling rig

Dr. Mohammad Nawaz Dean Faculty of Computer & Emerging Sciences, Dr. Abid Hussain Shah, Dean Petroleum, Gas and Textile Engineering and other prominent faculty members were there to respond to the queries made by the delegation. Dr. Mohammad Jawad Yazdanpanah and his associate members of the delegation thanked the BUITMS authorities for the warm reception accorded to them and the knowledgeable exposition of different areas of functions of the university. They hoped that greater cooperation between the institutions of Iran and Pakistan in the fields of Computer Sciences and Engineering would emerge in the days to come.

One-Day Training Session on: "Leadership in the Era of Globalization"

Report by: Shehzad Ghauri



The Students of Balochistan University of IT & MS, Quetta MBA 5th Semester organized a one-day training session on "Leadership in the Era of Globalization" at a Quetta Serena Hotel. Dr. Shahida Sajjad, Professor of Special Education, University of Karachi was invited as a resource person.



The session was started by getting a brief introduction from the participants, their profession, their strengths and weaknesses.



VC, addressing the audience

Vice Chancellor, BUITMS Quetta Engineer Ahmed Farooq Bazai joined the gathering as Chief Guest for the inaugural session. Mrs. Surraiya Alladin (Tamgha-e-Imtiaz), Chairperson TIBM was the Guest of Honor and Prof. Dr. Rasool Bakhsh Raisani Pro-VC University of Balochistan was invited as a Guest Speaker. The other dignitaries included Dr. Shameem Akhtar, Dean, Faculty of Management Sciences, BUITMS Quetta, Prof. Barkat Ali, Chairman and other educational and media personnels. Numerous Faculty members and students from various universities of Balochistan attended this session.



A section of the audience at the session

The purpose of this training was to enhance and develop leadership capabilities among youth of Balochistan and to motivate them to use these skills productively and positively. The topics covered in the training session included leadership, motivation, decision-making, emotional intelligence and communication. Various interactive case analyses were also done by the participants. The trainer laid stress on the importance of body language. She also gave numerous examples from practical life and shared her experiences with the participants. The participants really enjoyed and learnt from her.



Dr. Shahida Sajjad, the resource person

Another important aspect of this training session was that the organizing committee comprised four students namely, Asma Gul Masroor, M. Kashif Ghauri, S. Jameel Ahmad and Zahid Sami, who made all the arrangements on self-help basis.



Group photo of organizers with VC, BUITMS

The Vice Chancellor BUITMS appreciated the efforts made by the students and entitled it as the strength of his institution. He also explained to the gathering the importance of emotional intelligence in organizations and shared his personal experiences. He emphasized that students & youth should come forward and make a difference in positive manner. Mrs. Surraiya Alladin, Chairperson, TIBM & Prof. Dr. Rasool Bakhsh Raisani also expressed their views on the importance of leadership in this era of globalization.



Group photo of participants with VC, BUITMS

The participants were really glad to attend this interactive and unique training session. They showed great willingness to attend such training sessions in future also. The efforts of the organizers were acknowledged by every participant and they congratulated the team for arranging and conducting a training session so successfully.

The closing session was chaired by Mrs. Surriya Alladin. She distributed certificates and shields among resource person, participants and organizing members. She also gave a cash award as token of appreciation for the organizers.

Inauguration of Workshop on “Science Awareness through Mass Media”

Report by: Dr. M.A.K. Malghani (Dean Biotech)

As a mark of close cooperation among the Balochistan University of Information Technology and Management Sciences (BUI-TMS), Pakistan Science Foundation and its subsidiary organization PASTIC and the Media, a two day workshop was organized at the city campus of BUITMS on June 1-2, 2007. It was a unique occasion when a galaxy of prominent scientists, educationists, and media organizers were seen together, engrossed in meditating how to evolve effective means of educating the general masses on the need of scientific facts, know-how and attitude.



Chief Guest and the Organizers

The main stage was bedecked by Dr. Ms. Nageen Ainuddin, Director PASTIC, Dr.N.M.Butt, Chairman Pakistan Foundation, Engr. Ahmed Farooq Bazai, Vice Chancellor BUITMS, Mr. Jamal Shah Kakar, Speaker Balochistan Assembly and Mr. Muhammad Nawaz Magsi, General Manager PTV Quetta. Selection of a legislator i-e Syed Jamal Shah Kakar as the Chief Guest for the occasion was an indication that the organizers had their mind focused on getting the legislative approval and support for the propose strategy. The proceedings started with the recitation of Quranic Verses by Qari Arshad Yameen, who provided the translation and a brief elaboration of the recited verses as well.



Dr. Ms. Nageen addressing the audience

Dr. Ms. Nageen Ainuddin, Director PASTIC in her welcome address, briefed the audience about the PASTIC activities. The main objective of the centre is to cater to the information needs of researchers, and entrepreneurs, industrialists, educationists and policy makers through anticipatory and responsive information services.

The Chief Guest in the inaugural session of the seminar was Professor M. Akhtar, Fellow Royal Society of Science (FRS), Director General, School of Biological Sciences, University of the Punjab, Lahore. The session was inaugurated with the lead lecture of Professor Dr David Perret of University of London on the main theme of the seminar. The subsequent session was chaired by Professor M.A.K. Malghani. In the five sessions of the seminar International speakers from UK and renowned Pakistan scientists delivered their presentations.



A section of the audience at the seminar

She proudly announced that PASTIC is one of the pioneer public sector organization to acquire ISO-9001 certification. She pointed out that there is lack of scientific culture in our society and media is required to play a very proactive role, as all the three organs i-e Print Media, Radio and Television reach the majority of population.



Dr. N.M Butt delivering presidential address

Dr. N.M Butt, Chairman Pakistan Foundation in his presidential address described the event as a historic occurrence where scientist and scholarly and media practitioners had joined hands to deliberate on an important issue. He described the holding of the workshop as a timely step towards harnessing knowledge and information for the sake of socio economic development. He informed that the Pakistan Science Foundation had started a program of taking Pakistan students on visit abroad to meet Nobel laureates. He was pleased to find that one of the students from Balochistan had performed outstandingly for selection as a member of the visiting Pakistani delegate. Dr. N.M. But illustrated the need of joint efforts for the spread of education and economic development. He contented that economy and scientific ascendance go together hand in hand.



Engr. Ahmed Farooq Bazai, VC BUITMS

Engr. Ahmed Farooq Bazai, Vice Chancellor BUITMS expressing his gratitude to the organizers and participants pointed out the process of forging strong relationship with the Pakistan Science Foundation had already got off as an MOU for the establishment of a Science Centre within the University premises had been signed a few weeks back. He told that a piece of land had been earmarked and hoped that the centre would physically start taking shape in very near future. He thanked the media magnates, the journalist and intellectuals for their keen interest in the workshop

and expressed his special thanks for the speaker of the Balochistan Provincial Assembly for finding time to grace the occasion.

General Manager PTV Mr. Muhammad Nawaz Magsi in his speech highlighted the contribution of the media in the promotion of enlightened awareness and consciousness of Pakistan's own heritage. He gave a brief account of the services and activities of the PTV and mentioned the physical arrangement available for covering important events and for the propagation of information to the masses.



Syed Jamal Shah Kakar addressing the seminar

Syed Jamal Shah Kakar the chief guest of the ceremony displayed wit and update knowledge of Popular Programs telecast by different channels on TV. He regretted that there are special channels for Sports, Cookery, Music, News, Movies and animal world but there is no exclusive channel for the propagation of scientific knowledge and information. He referred to the screening of movies based on science fiction but since their logic is far fetched, they don't stimulate our children to think scientifically or display scientific attitude towards the realities of life. He wished all success to the organizers in their efforts to devise ways and means of popularizing Science through the courtesy of Media.



Dr. N.M. Butt awarding shield to the Speaker Balochistan Assembly