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## Our Vision

To be among the leading universities of the world - accessible to all, imparting quality education and promoting cutting edge research.

## Mission Statement

At **BUIITEMS**, we are committed to providing quality education with focus on research and to equip students with the art of living as productive members of society, contributing to the socio-economic uplift of Pakistan in general, and Balochistan in particular.

## Our Goals

- ◆ To provide outstanding academic programs that further strengthen our performance, pre-eminence and efficiency.
- ◆ To provide an excellent teaching and learning environment to students to reach a level that matches the atmosphere prevailing at best universities in the world.
- ◆ To raise revenues from partnerships, research grants and technology transfer while strengthening our ability to more effectively invest and allocate resources for education.

## Our Core Values

- Accountability:** We are committed stewards of the human, fiscal and physical resources entrusted to us.
- Diversity :** We recognize that diversity leads to excellence, enhancing our teaching, scholarship and service as well as our ability to respect and interact with people.
- Integrity :** We practice honesty, truth and integrity in all that we do.
- Respect:** We treat each other with civility, dignity and respect.
- Social responsibility:** We contribute to intellectual, cultural, spiritual and economic well-being of the society.

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# Editorial

## The Essence of Unity and Growth at BUIITEMS

As we navigate through the dynamic environment of higher education, BUIITEMS continues to stand as a beacon of unity, growth, and excellence. Our community, marked by its diversity and inclusiveness, thrives on the shared values that bind us together. This issue of the BUIITEMS Newsletter serves as a testament to the spirit of collaboration, innovation, and achievement that defines our institution.

The recent events and initiatives featured in this edition highlight the resilience and commitment of our students, faculty, and staff. From the vibrant participation in the Pakistan Literature Festival to the profound discussions at the 2nd National Conference on Substance Use and Mental Health, BUIITEMS is at the forefront of fostering intellectual growth and addressing societal challenges.

Our re-accreditation of the BSBA and MBA programs by the National Business Education Accreditation Council (NBEAC) reaffirms our dedication to maintaining the highest academic standards. This achievement underscores the relentless efforts of our academic community to provide quality education and prepare our graduates for the competitive global market.

Moreover, the stories of our students and alumni, such as Shahzaib Rindh's exemplary sportsmanship and the PEF Career Growing Workshop, reflect the core values of perseverance, excellence, and a commitment to societal betterment. These narratives not only inspire our current students but also echo the university's mission of nurturing leaders who contribute positively to society.

As we look to the future, let us continue to build on these successes. The road ahead is filled with opportunities for growth, innovation, and continued excellence. Together, as a unified community, we will rise to the challenges and ensure that BUIITEMS remains a leader in higher education, both nationally and internationally.

Let this edition of the newsletter serve as a reminder of what we can achieve when we work together with passion, dedication, and a shared vision for a brighter future.

## Chart Competition, Ramzan Campaign on Food Wastage - 2024

Reported by: Wajid Mustafa



### A Chart

Competition in continuance of Ramzan Campaign on Food Wastage 2024" was organized by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) on 2nd April 2024 at the Department of Fine Arts, BUIITEMS. The event aimed to create awareness among the students of Fine Arts BUIITEMS by highlighting the critical issue of food wastage in society through their artistic skills. The competition aims to raise awareness about waste of food during the holy month of Ramzan through targeted initiatives across social media platforms, restaurants, and especially universities. The FAO team showed a keen interest in strengthening their partnership with BUIITEMS. Mr. Faiz Barach, FAO's Coordination and Liaising Specialist, explained the competition's objectives and promised visits within Pakistan and abroad as prizes for the winners. Over 20 students participated in the competition. The Fine Arts BUIITEMS & FAO team selected 5 winners from the chart competition. The jury panel congratulated Ms. Sumaira (1st Position), Mr. Nasir Ali (2nd Position), Ms. Hamna Nibras (3rd Position), Ms. Jiya Batool (4th Position) & Ms. Nimra Khalid (5th Position). They also commended all participants for their inspiring and meaningful contributions, which highlighted the critical issue of food wastage through the power of art. Mr. Meraj Mohammad, Director, Fine Arts, Faculty of Social Sciences & Humanities, BUIITEMS extended heartfelt gratitude to the team of FAO on behalf of BUIITEMS and the participants.

## BUIITEMS Staff Members Extend Heartfelt Eid Greetings in a Harmonious Gathering

Reported by: Syed Dara Shikoh Amir

On April 16, 2024, BUIITEMS witnessed a heart-warming gathering as staff members from various hierarchies, including the Pro Vice-Chancellor, Registrar, Deans, Directors, Heads of Departments, faculty members, and staff, came together to exchange Eid greetings. This occasion served as a testament to the unity and harmony prevailing within the BUIITEMS community. The gathering commenced with warm Eid greetings exchanged among



colleagues, reflecting the spirit of camaraderie and

inclusivity that defines BUIITEMS. Despite the diverse roles and responsibilities held by the attendees, the atmosphere was filled with warmth and mutual respect. Throughout the event, attendees engaged in meaningful conversations, sharing anecdotes, and extending well-wishes for the festive season. This opportunity allowed staff members to foster stronger bonds, transcending professional boundaries and fostering a sense of belonging within the BUIITEMS family.



The Pro Vice Chancellor, Registrar, Deans, Directors, and Heads of Departments took the lead in fostering an atmosphere of unity and goodwill, setting a positive example for the entire community. Their presence and participation underscored the importance of celebrating diversity and embracing the spirit of togetherness. As the gathering concluded, attendees left with hearts full of joy and a renewed sense of camaraderie. The Eid celebration served as a reminder of the values that BUIITEMS upholds inclusivity, respect, and unity, and highlighted the strength of its vibrant community.



The Eid gathering of BUIITEMS staff members was a resounding success, marked by genuine expressions of goodwill and camaraderie. It exemplified the spirit of unity and harmony that defines the BUIITEMS community, reaffirming its commitment to fostering a supportive and inclusive environment for all.

## Bridging Borders through Sportsmanship & Unity

Reported by: Masood Ahmed Kasi



On April 20, 2024, Shahzaib Rindh, a proud graduate of BS International Relations, BUIITEMS, Quetta, won the admiration of millions with his exemplary display of sportsmanship and unity. In a thrilling showdown at the Karate Combat League, Shahzaib emerged victorious against his Indian counterpart, Rana Singh, in a hard-fought battle. However, it was his post-match gesture that truly stole the spotlight. Amidst the fervor of victory, Shahzaib held aloft both the Pakistani and Indian flags, symbolizing a message of peace and camaraderie between the two nations.

Shahzaib's remarkable journey is adorned with numerous accolades, including being a 6-time National Champion, Provincial Champion (2008-2016), Gold Medalist in the 3-Nations International Wushu Championship, Lahore (2016), Bronze Medalist in the West Asia Wushu Championship (2016), Bronze Medalist in the Pars Cup (2016), Gold Medalist of All Pakistan Inter-University Wushu (2017), Silver Medalist in the Pars Cup (2017), Bronze Medalist in the 3rd Islamic Solidarity Games (2017), Champion in One Championship Professional Sanda in Singapore (2018), National Games Champion (2019), Silver Medalist in the South Asian Games (2019), Nepal, and participating in One Championship Professional Kickboxing Fights in Vietnam (2019) and Singapore (2020).

Shahzaib's journey exemplifies the values instilled at BUIITEMS dedication, resilience, and a commitment to excellence. The BUIITEMS family congratulates Shahzaib on his remarkable achievements and celebrates him as a true ambassador of peace and harmony through sports. His story serves as an inspiration for students to strive for greatness and to build bridges that transcend boundaries.

## PEF Career Growing Workshop Empowers Scholarship Holders

Reported by: Kinza Khan



On April 25th, the Punjab Education Foundation (PEF) hosted a transformative Career Growing Workshop for its scholarship holders. Led by renowned trainer Danish Khan Yousufzai, the workshop aimed to equip students with essential skills and insights to navigate their future careers successfully. Held at the training hall, the event proved to be highly successful, leaving a lasting impact on all participants. The Career Growing Workshop provided a platform for PEF scholarship holders to gain valuable insights and practical guidance from

industry experts. Danish Khan Yousufzai, a respected trainer in his field, led engaging sessions aimed at enhancing students' professional development and career readiness. The workshop covered a range of topics including resume writing, interview skills, and career planning strategies, providing attendees with actionable advice to excel in their chosen fields. The workshop was met with enthusiasm and participation from PEF scholarship holders, who actively engaged in the sessions and interactive activities. Attendees expressed appreciation for the opportunity to learn from experienced professionals and gain valuable insights into the world of work. The event was hailed as exceptionally fruitful, with students leaving feeling empowered and inspired to pursue their career goals with confidence. The PEF Career Growing Workshop proved to be a resounding success, empowering scholarship holders with the knowledge and skills needed to thrive in today's competitive job market. By providing students with valuable insights and an enjoyable learning experience, the workshop reaffirmed PEF's commitment to supporting the educational and professional aspirations of its beneficiaries.

## Department of Management Sciences' BSBA and MBA Programs Re-Accredited by NBEAC

Reported by: Prof. Dr. Bilal Sarwar

The BSBA and MBA programs offered by the Department of Management Sciences have been re-accredited by the National Business Education Accreditation Council (NBEAC). The programs have been awarded an X-category accreditation for a period of three years, valid from May 2, 2024, to May 2, 2027.

This re-accreditation reflects our commitment to maintaining high academic standards and continuous improvement in our educational offerings. The NBEAC's rigorous evaluation process ensures that our programs meet the highest quality standards in business education, preparing our graduates to excel in their professional careers.

This achievement would not have been possible without the unwavering dedication and hard work of our Dean, faculty, staff, students, and alumni. We are excited to continue our journey of providing exceptional education and fostering academic excellence within our community.



## Progress Review Meeting & Consultative Workshop of QECs

Reported by: Prof. Dr. Bilal Sarwar

Prof. Dr. Bilal Sarwar, Director of Quality Enhancement & Accreditation, BUIITEMS, participated in a 3-day progress review meeting and consultative workshop on the Pakistan Precepts, Standards, and Guidelines for Quality Assurance in Higher Education (PSG-2023). The event took place at the Centre of Innovation in Medical Education (CIME), Agha Khan University, Karachi, from May 6th to 8th, 2024. The workshop saw active participation from quality units representing universities across Sindh and Balochistan.



The opening ceremony of the event featured remarks from Mr. Nasir Shah, Director General (Quality Assurance Agency) HEC. Faisal Notta, Director of the Quality Enhancement Cell at Agha Khan University delivered the welcome address. Professor Dr. Tashmin Khamis presented a case study on "Enhancing Higher Education Quality through Transforming Teaching" from Agha Khan University. Subsequently, the first session focused on the Progress Review Meeting, discussing the annual targets for the Yearly Progress Report 2023-24. The day ended with discussions on understanding the Quality Assurance (QA) Framework.

Day two of the ongoing Higher Education Commission (HEC) workshops with the Network of Quality, Teaching, and Learning at AKU saw engaged participation from a very important stakeholder, the students. They stand to gain the most from HEC's efforts to improve the quality of higher education programs.

The second day of the workshop was dedicated to the Review of Institutional Performance and Enhancement (RIPE). Focused Group Discussions (FGDs) were conducted on RIPE, and the Judgement Framework associated with it. Moreover, during the day, all the workshop participants visited AKU's Centre for Innovation in Medical Education equipped with the state-of-the-art technologies and simulation tools available to the University students at CIME.



The final day featured sessions on the Overview of Program Review for Effectiveness and Enhancement (PREE), including discussions on standards, expectations, and guidelines. FGDs were held to review the proposed Judgement Framework for PREE.

The day concluded with a closing session, including remarks from the Director General and the President of Agha Khan University, followed by the distribution of certificates.

Overall, the workshop provided a comprehensive platform for the review and enhancement of quality assurance processes in higher education institutions. Participants engaged in fruitful discussions and deliberations aimed at improving educational standards and outcomes.

## 12th HEC all Pakistan Inter University Taekwondo Championship 2024

Reported by: Bilal Hussain



All Pakistan inter varsity Taekwondo championship was held at National University of Computer and Emerging Science (FAST), Islamabad, under the supervision of Higher Education Commission (HEC) from 8th to 13th May 2024. The opening ceremony of the event took place on May 10, 2024. A total of 170 players from 16 universities, including BUIITEMS, participated in the championship. Taekwondo players from various universities showcased their skills and performance, earning points for different styles and positions.

Muhammad Balach, a student from the department of computer science BUIITEMS, achieved 5th place in the All-Pakistan 68 KG category among 13 competitors.

## China Study Center Hosts Chinese Characters and Calligraphy Writing Event

Reported by: Dr. Abdul Sattar

The China Study Center hosted an event on May 14, 2024, where students had the opportunity to engage in Chinese characters/calligraphy writing. This event was attended by Chinese language students from different levels, including HSK 1, 2, and 3, as well as students from the Fine Arts department. Dr. Shah Jahan Shabbir, the Chinese language instructor, provided guidance and instruction to the participants as they practiced writing various Chinese characters.

The students enthusiastically participated in the activity, showcasing their written work on display boards set up in the lobby. They were eager to share their creations and expressed their appreciation for engaging in such a creative and educational activity. The students found the experience to be not only enjoyable but also beneficial to their learning process, highlighting the importance of incorporating such hands-on activities in their language studies.



## 2nd National Conference on 'Substance Use and Mental Health Comorbidities in Youth: Challenges and Opportunities in Prevention and Treatment' (ICP-SUMHC-2024)

Reported by: Asmat Ullah Kakar

Among many challenges, our society is facing the challenge of substance abuse which is directly connected to the mental health issues of the youth. Substance use is becoming one of the biggest challenges for the families concerned, neighbourhoods, governments, and higher education institutes. Eradicating the menace of substance use is not easy at the stage where our youth is indulged in the substance abuse including at the places like higher education institutes. In this context, the Institute of Clinical Psychology University of Karachi arranged the 2nd national conference on the subject 'Substance Use and Mental Health Comorbidities in Youth: Challenges and Opportunities in Prevention and Treatment' on Wednesday May 15th, 2024. The Institute of Clinical Psychology University of Karachi invited the chairpersons and directors of psychology departments from other universities who are working in collaboration with the institute of clinical psychology.



Mr. Asmat Ullah Kakar chairperson department of psychology BUITEMS, joined the conference as a penalist for the penal discussion on the title 'Do not blame: Considering Diversity, Equity and Inclusion in Preventing drug Use and Mental Health Problems in Youth'.

The speakers included stakeholders from higher education, such as vice chancellors, professors, researchers, and psychologists, as well as government authorities, including ministers, the anti-narcotics department, and representatives from the Sindh Mental Health Authority. They presented their views on the challenges and opportunities in preventing substance use.”

Researchers presented papers highlighting the importance of preventing substance use and discussing treatment techniques for substance use disorders and comorbidities. Mr. Asmat proposed a destigmatization plan, which was largely agreed upon by the panelists. The participants, including professors and researchers, concluded that stakeholders must urgently address substance use and mental health issues without waiting for government intervention.

The conference concluded with a vote of thanks and the presentation of shields to the speakers, guests, panelists, session chairs, researchers, and the organizing team.

## The Pakistan Literature Festival (PLF) BUIITEMS, Quetta

Reported by: Zarlasht Rehman Khan



The Pakistan Literature Festival (PLF) 2024, held on May 15th and 16th at BUIITEMS, was a grand celebration of literature and culture. Spanning six diverse venues at BUIITEMS including the Expo Hall, Orange Hall, Pink Hall, Art Gallery Block C, FICT Ground, and the Book Fair, the two-day event captivated over 20,000 visitors and engaged 17,000 registered participants. Featuring 34 sessions, the festival attracted more than 200 distinguished guests, including dignitaries from the Balochistan Government, Balochistan

Assembly, and Sindh Assembly.

The PLF provided a vibrant platform for literary enthusiasts, writers, artists, and thinkers to share ideas and celebrate the power of literature and art. A Fine Arts Exhibition showcased the work of 31 students and 11 faculty members from the University of Balochistan and Sardar Bahadur Khan Women's University. The success of the event was bolstered by the efforts of over 200 student volunteers from BUIITEMS. Throughout the festival, attendees experienced a rich array of sessions covering various literary genres, cultural discussions, and book launches. The PLF was a testament to the thriving literary and artistic spirit in Pakistan, fostering a deeper appreciation for the country's diverse cultural heritage.

### Pakistan Literature Festival Day 1:

#### Khushhal Balochistan Mustehkam Pakistan

**Host:** Wajahat Rauf

"Khushhal Balochistan Mustehkam Pakistan" (which translates to "Prosperous Balochistan, Strong Pakistan") held at the Arfa Karim Randhawa Expo Center. The event featured a panel discussion with several notable speakers, including:

1. Fawad Hasan Fawad
2. Mir Shoaib Noshervani
3. Saleem Safi
4. Shamsuddin Ahmad Shaikh
5. Hafeez Jamali



The discussion was moderated by Shahzada Zulfiqar and focused on strategies for promoting prosperity and development in Balochistan, with the goal of strengthening Pakistan as a whole. The event aimed to bring together experts and thought leaders to share ideas and insights on how to address the challenges facing the region and promote economic growth, social progress, and political stability. Prof. Dr. Khalid Hafeez, Vice Chancellor of BUIITEMS delivered the Vote of Thanks.

## Moasir Balochi, Pashto Brahvi Adab Aur Unkay Rujhanat

The first parallel session of the Pakistan Literature Festival held at the Orange Hall at 11:30 AM, explored the vibrant world of contemporary literature in Balochi, Pashto, and Brahvi. Moderated by Hamid Baloch, the session brought together esteemed literary figures Waheed Zaheer, Waheed Noor, Naseeb Ullah Seemab, and Moasir Baloch to discuss the latest trends and developments in these languages. The panel explored the shades of regional literature, examining the unique cultural and linguistic characteristics that shape the literary landscape of Balochistan and beyond. Through thought-provoking discussions and insightful analyses, the session celebrated the rich diversity of Pakistani literature and its many languages.

## Panel Discussion

The second session of the first day of the Pakistan Literature Festival (PLF) was held at the Arfa Karim Randhawa Expo Center. The session focused on the historical and cultural heritage of Balochistan, with a specific emphasis on Meher Garh.

The session featured a panel discussion with the following speakers:

1. Haji Lashkari Raisani
2. Kaleem ullah Lashari
3. Asma Ibrahim
4. Farooq Baloch

The discussion was moderated by Naveed Marwat and aimed to explore the historical significance of Meher Garh, ancient settlement in Balochistan known for its rich cultural and archaeological heritage. The session likely delved into the history, traditions, and customs of the region, highlighting the importance of preserving cultural heritage and promoting cultural exchange.



## Media Literacy & Critical Thinking

On Day 1 of the Pakistan Literature Festival, a timely and thought-provoking session on Media Literacy & Critical Thinking took place at the Orange Hall at 12:30 PM. Expert panellists Babrak Niaz, Hamza Shafqaat, and Shahid Rind, led by the insightful Hamna Malik, explored the crucial role of media literacy and critical thinking in navigating the complex social media landscape. The discussion delved into the challenges of misinformation, disinformation, and online discourse, highlighting the essential skills and strategies for critical thinking in the digital age. By promoting media literacy and critical thinking, the session aimed to empower individuals to make informed decisions, resist manipulation, and engage constructively in online conversations.

## Book Launches

At the Pakistan Literature Festival (PLF) 2024, an exciting book launch event took place at the Pink Hall, BUIITEMS, on Day 1 at 12:30 PM. The event featured the launch of five books by renowned authors, including Ishaq Khamosh's "APURS", Sharf Shaad Gulzar Gichki's "Zaherouk", Irshad Rahim Sadiq Mari's "Kareizo'n main behta pani", Waheed Noor Yaar Jaan Badini's "Tayl kaptagen Meshani Shohaz", and a book by Manzoor Ahmed Zehri. Moderated by Shakil Khan, the session provided a platform for the authors to share their thoughts, inspirations, and writing experiences, and engage with the audience in a lively Q&A session. The book launch was a highlight of the festival, celebrating the richness and diversity of Pakistani literature.

## Ali Zaryoon Aur Aaj Ki Shairi (Ali Zaryoon and Today's Poetry)

**Host:** Wajahat Rauf

This session celebrates contemporary poetry and its relevance in today's world. Renowned poet Ali Zaryoon recited his works, exploring themes that resonate with modern audiences. The session aimed to showcase the power of poetry in capturing the essence of our times, and its ability to inspire and provoke thought.



## Sailab Ko Na Rokiye Rasta Banaiye - How to Cope with Floods?

The third parallel session of the Pakistan Literature Festival, held at the Orange Hall at 1:30 PM, tackled the pressing issue of natural disasters, focusing on floods and their devastating impact. Titled "Sailab Ko Na Rokiye Rasta Banaiye" (Don't Stop the Flood, Build a Path), the session brought together Hafeez Jamali, Nasir Majeed Baloch, and Syed Qurban Gharshin, moderated by Beenish Sultan. Through the powerful medium of poetry and stories of resilience, the panellists explored coping mechanisms and strategies for dealing with the trauma and disruption caused by floods. By sharing their experiences and insights, the session aimed to inspire hope, solidarity, and collective action in the face of natural disasters.

## Koi Daikhay Toh Chiragon Ka Firozan Hona - Bright Youth of Balochistan

On Day 1 of the Pakistan Literature Festival, a thought-provoking session titled "Koi Daikhay Toh Chiragon Ka Firozan Hona" (Someone Should Light the Lamps) took place at the Pink Hall at 6:00 PM. The session focused on the immense potential of Balochistan's youth, featuring a panel of dynamic speakers: Shahzaib Rind, Abid Brohi, Imran Hara, Tahira Baloch, and Tamseel Hafsa. Moderated by the insightful Absa Komal, the discussion explored the opportunities and challenges faced by the young people of Balochistan, highlighting their achievements, aspirations, and the role they can play in shaping the province's future. The session aimed to inspire and empower the youth, encouraging them to become beacons of hope and progress in their communities.

## Governance for People's Empowerment

The fourth session of the Pakistan Literature Festival, "Governance for People's Empowerment," took place at the Arfa Karim Randhawa Expo Center at 2:30 PM. This insightful panel discussion brought together experts Fawad Hasan Fawad, Fouzia Viqar, Usman Chachar, and Shakil Qadir, moderated by Omar Shahid Hamid. The session delved into effective governance strategies for empowering communities, exploring ways to promote inclusive decision-making, accountability, and transparency. The panellists shared their



expertise and experiences, shedding light on the challenges and opportunities in strengthening governance structures to benefit the people. The discussion aimed to inspire new ideas and approaches to empower communities and foster a more equitable society.

## **Tehseen-e-Fann - Tribute to Legendary Singer Ustad Noor Muhammad Noorul**

The fourth parallel session of the Pakistan Literature Festival, held at the Orange Hall at 2:30 PM, was a heartfelt tribute to the iconic singer, Ustad Noor Muhammad Noorul. Titled "Tehseen-e-Fann" (Celebrating Art), the session saw Mumtaz Yousuf and Gulzar Gichki come together to pay homage to the legendary artist, under the guidance of AR Daad. The session was a musical journey through Ustad Noorul's remarkable career, celebrating his enduring legacy and contributions to the world of Pakistani music. Through stories, anecdotes, and soulful renditions of his iconic songs, the panellists honoured the maestro's memory and inspired a new generation of music lovers to appreciate his timeless artistry.

## **Anwar Maqsood: Zindagi Ki Baatein**

The afternoon session at the Arfa Karim Randhawa Expo Center featured a captivating conversation with the legendary Anwar Maqsood, hosted by the charismatic Adnan Siddiqui. Titled "Zindagi Ki Baatein" (Musings on Life), the session was a treasure trove of anecdotes, reflections, and witty observations on life's journey. Anwar Maqsood, known for his sharp wit and insightful storytelling, regaled the audience with humorous and poignant tales from his life, sharing his unique perspective on love, family, and the human condition. Adnan Siddiqui skilfully guided the conversation, allowing the audience to connect with Anwar Maqsood's experiences and wisdom, making for a truly unforgettable experience.

## **Khushboo Ki Tarah Aam Kiya Hum Nay Sukhan Ko - Dialogue with Literary Figures of Balochistan**

The fifth parallel session of the Pakistan Literature Festival, held at the Orange Hall at 3:30 PM, was a unique dialogue between literary luminaries from Balochistan, celebrating the region's rich cultural heritage. Titled "Khushboo Ki Tarah Aam Kiya Hum Nay Sukhan Ko" (We Have Made



Literature as Fragrant as Perfume), the session brought together esteemed literary figures Munir Badini, Darwaish Durrani, and Arif Zia, moderated by Sharf Shaad. The conversation delved into the literary landscape of Balochistan, exploring the region's distinct cultural identity, folklore, and linguistic traditions. Through their insightful discussions and recitations, the panellists showcased the province's remarkable literary talent, highlighting its significant contribution to Pakistani literature. The session was a fitting tribute to the literary richness of Balochistan, underscoring the power of words to captivate and inspire.

## Federation of Pakistan & Balochistan

The sixth session of the Pakistan Literature Festival held at the Arfa Karim Randhawa Expo Center at 4:15 PM, delved into the crucial topic of federalism and Balochistan's place within the Pakistani federation. Moderated by the seasoned journalist Saleem Safi, the discussion featured a panel of esteemed experts, including Abdul Malik Baloch, Zahoor Ahmed Buledi, Sanaullah Baloch, and Abdul Rahim Ziaratwal. Together, they explored the intricacies of federalism, examining the challenges and opportunities that come with Balochistan's integration into the federal structure. The session aimed to foster a deeper understanding of the complex dynamics at play and spark insightful discussions on the future of Balochistan within the federation.

## Mahira Khan, Pakistan's Superstar

The seventh session of the Pakistan Literature Festival, held at the Arfa Karim Randhawa Expo Center at 4:15 PM, celebrated the remarkable career and contributions of Pakistan's beloved superstar, Mahira Khan. Hosted by the charismatic Wajahat Rauf, the session took the audience on a journey through Mahira's impressive body of work, showcasing her rise to fame, her iconic roles, and her enduring impact on Pakistan's entertainment industry. With a mix of engaging conversations, memorable anecdotes, and heartfelt tributes, the session honored Mahira Khan's dedication, talent, and inspiring influence on the world of Pakistani cinema and beyond.

## Book Launch and Mushaira

The final session of Day 1 at the Pakistan Literature Festival featured a book launch and a vibrant mushaira, celebrating the region's linguistic diversity and cultural richness. The book launch, moderated by Syed Jaffer Ahmed, showcased "Sehra main chale bad e naseeb"



(Desserts Can Bloom), a collection of poetry and prose exploring the beauty of language and culture. Panellists Habiba Hassan and Hafeez Jamali shared their insights on the book's themes and significance.

The evening concluded with a colourful mushaira, featuring renowned poets Darwaish Durrani, Munstar Younul, Aalam Ajeeb, AR Daad, Irshad Parvaz, Zubair Mukhtar, Arif Aziz, Khayyam Sana, Mustafa Etuni, Hassan Nasir, Wasaf Basit, Humaira Sadaf, and Hassani. The poets recited their works in Balochi, Brahvi, Pashto, and Hazaragi, showcasing the region's rich cultural heritage. Ishaq Khamosh hosted the session, bringing together a talented ensemble of poets and writers.

In addition to the literary events, BUITEMS hosted several exhibitions and installations, including:

- Faculty Exhibition at the Fine Arts Main Art Gallery
  - "Aas Ey Motk | The Dirge of Fire" by Hammal Khan at the Fine Arts Digital Lab
  - Gallery 1 & 2, SS Block 1st Floor, showcasing the creative talents of BUITEMS students
- The first day of the Pakistan Literature Festival at BUITEMS was a resounding success, offering attendees a unique opportunity to engage with literature, art, and culture in diverse and enriching ways.

## Pakistan Literature Festival Day 2:

A Showcase of Literary and Artistic Brilliance at BUITEMS. The second day of the Pakistan Literature Festival at BUITEMS (Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering and Management Sciences) continued to captivate audiences with a diverse range of sessions, further celebrating literature, culture, and art. The day's events commenced with

### Higher Education in Balochistan:

At the Arfa Karim Randhawa Expo Center at 10:00 AM, titled "**Higher Education in Balochistan: Where Do We Stand?**" This thought-provoking discussion featured a panel of esteemed experts, including Mukhtar Ahmed, Rahila Durrani, Khalid Hafeez, Zahoor Ahmed Bazai, Ghazi Salahuddin, and Sadiqa Salahuddin, moderated by Syed Jaffar Ahmed. Together, they delved into the current state of higher education in Balochistan, exploring challenges, opportunities, and potential solutions.



This session set the tone for a day filled with insightful discussions, poetry recitals, and cultural exhibitions, showcasing the rich literary and artistic heritage of Pakistan. Over the course of **18 sessions**, attendees were treated to a wide range of topics, from literary criticism and book launches to mushairas and art exhibitions, all hosted at various venues across the BUIITEMS campus.

## Urdu Literature & Balochistan

The second session of Day 2 at the Pakistan Literature Festival, held at the Arfa Karim Randhawa Expo Center at 11:00 AM, delved into the fascinating relationship between Urdu literature and Balochistan's cultural landscape. Titled "Urdu Literature & Balochistan," this thought-provoking discussion featured a panel of esteemed experts, including Zia Ul Hassan, Agha Gul, Mohsin Shakeel, and Qandeel Badar, moderated by AR Daad.

Together, they explored the ways in which Urdu literature has influenced and been influenced by the rich cultural heritage of Balochistan, examining the intersections and exchange between the two. This session offered a unique opportunity for attendees to gain a deeper understanding of the region's literary and cultural dynamics.

## Sindh Aur Balochistan k Rishtay

The third session of Day 2 at the Pakistan Literature Festival, held at the Orange Hall, BUIITEMS, at 11:00 AM, explored the historical and cultural ties between Sindh and Balochistan. Titled "Sindh Aur Balochistan Kay Rishtey" (The Relations between Sindh and Balochistan), this enlightening discussion brought together a panel of esteemed experts, including Madad Ali Sindhi, Noor Ul Huda Shah, Kaleem Ullah Lashari, and Farooq Baloch, skillfully facilitated by Ayoub Shaikh. Through their insightful deliberations, the panellists shed light on the shared cultural heritage and historical connections between the two regions, fostering a deeper understanding and appreciation of the rich diversity that defines Pakistan's literary and cultural landscape.

## Balochistan Kay Ilmi Adabi Aur Saqafi Idare

The fourth session of Day 2 at the Pakistan Literature Festival, held at the Pink Hall, BUIITEMS, at 11:00 AM, turned the spotlight on the academic and literary institutions of Balochistan. Titled



"Balochistan Kay Ilmi Adabi Aur Saqafti Idare" (Academic and Literary Institutions of Balochistan), this informative session featured insightful discussions led by a panel of experts, including Liaquat Sani, Barkat Shah Kakar, Sharf Shaad, and Gulzar Gichki, skillfully moderated by Hamid Baloch. The session delved into the role and impact of these institutions in promoting education, literature, and culture in the region, highlighting their achievements, challenges, and future directions.

### Excerpts of YBQ's Life

The fifth session of Day 2 at the Pakistan Literature Festival, held at the Arfa Karim Randhawa Expo Center, BUIITEMS, at 12:00 PM, offered a fascinating glimpse into the life and work of a renowned individual, YBQ. This session, titled "Excerpts of YBQ's Life," likely featured a panel of experts sharing insightful anecdotes, experiences, and reflections on YBQ's achievements, struggles, and contributions to literature, culture, and society. Through this session, attendees gained a deeper understanding of YBQ's legacy and the impact of their work on the literary and cultural landscape of Pakistan.

### Yaadain Baatain - Celebrating Quetta "The City of Gardens"

The sixth session of Day 2 at the Pakistan Literature Festival, held at the Orange Hall at 12:00 PM, was a nostalgic journey through the cultural and historical landscape of Quetta, fittingly titled "Yaadain Baatain" (Remembering the Past). This session celebrated Quetta's rich heritage as "The City of Gardens" with a panel of esteemed experts, including Muneer Badini, Sadiqa Salahuddin, Jamal Shah, Zafar Maira, Farooq Baloch, and Quratulain Bakhtiari, skillfully moderated by Injeel Sahifa. Through their reminiscences and insightful discussions, the panellists transported the audience to a bygone era, highlighting Quetta's significance as a cultural hub and its enduring impact on Pakistani literature and society.

### Tehzeeb Hafi Ki Shairi Aur Aaj Ka Naujawan

The seventh session of Day 2 at the Pakistan Literature Festival, held at the Arfa Karim Randhawa Expo Center at 1:00 PM, explored the dynamic relationship between traditional poetry and modern youth. Titled "Tehzeeb Hafi Ki Shairi Aur Aaj Ka Naujawan" (Tehzeeb Hafi's Poetry and Today's Youth), this engaging session was hosted by Yasir Hussain, who likely led a panel of experts and young poets in thought-provoking discussions and performances. The session delved into the relevance and impact of classical poetry on contemporary youth culture,



highlighting how timeless verses continue to inspire and influence new generations of writers and thinkers. Through this session, attendees gained a deeper understanding of the enduring power of poetry to bridge cultural and generational divides.

### **Aitraaf-e-Kamal - Tributes to Literary Stalwarts**

The eighth session of Day 2 at the Pakistan Literature Festival, held at the Orange Hall, BUIITEMS, at 1:00 PM, was a heartfelt tribute to literary legends. Titled "Aitraaf-e-Kamal" (Tributes to Literary Stalwarts), this session brought together a panel of esteemed writers and scholars, including Abdul Saboor Baloch (Mubarak Qazi), Beeram Ghori (Abdullah Jaan Jamaldini), AR Daad (Atta Shad), Waheed Zaheer (Abdur Rehman Brahvi), Naseeb Ullah Seemab (Abdus Salam Ashazi), and Yar Jan Badini (Gul Khan Naseer), moderated by Sarwar Javed. Through their insightful reflections and poignant recollections, the panellists honoured the contributions and legacies of literary giants, celebrating their impact on Pakistani literature and culture. This session served as a fitting tribute to the masters who have shaped the country's literary heritage.

### **Session on Visual & Performing Arts**

The ninth session of Day 2 at the Pakistan Literature Festival, held at the Arfa Karim Randhawa Expo Center at 2:00 PM, delved into the vibrant world of visual and performing arts. This session brought together a diverse panel of experts, including Noor Ul Huda, Jamal Shah, Zafar Mairaj, Ayub Khoso, and Adnan Siddiqui, skilfully guided by Huma Mir. Through their engaging discussions and insightful presentations, the panellists explored various aspects of visual and performing arts, highlighting their significance in Pakistani culture and society. The session covered a range of topics, from the role of art in social commentary to the evolution of traditional performing arts, offering attendees a deeper understanding and appreciation of the country's rich artistic heritage.

### **Memories of Daniyasl Tareer**

The tenth session of Day 2 at the Pakistan Literature Festival, held at the Orange Hall, BUIITEMS, at 2:00 PM, was a nostalgic tribute to the late Daniyal Tareer. Titled "Memories of Daniyal Tareer," this session brought together a panel of close friends and colleagues, including



Zia Ul Hassan, Bilal Aswad, and Awais Maloom, moderated by Salman Peerzada. Through their heartfelt memories and reflections, the panellists celebrated Daniyal Tareer's life and contributions to Pakistani literature and culture, sharing stories and anecdotes that highlighted his impact on the literary community. This session served as a fitting tribute to a beloved figure, preserving his legacy for future generations.

## Role of Syed Zahoor Shah Hashmi in Modern Balochi Literature

The eleventh session of Day 2 at the Pakistan Literature Festival, held at the Orange Hall, BUIITEMS, at 2:30 PM, shed light on the remarkable contributions of Syed Zahoor Shah Hashmi to modern Balochi literature. This session, moderated by Ishaq Khamosh, featured a panel of experts, including Munir Momin, AR Daad, and Hamid Baloch, who delved into Hashmi's profound impact on the literary landscape of Balochistan. Through their insightful discussions, the panellists explored Hashmi's works, highlighting his innovative style, thematic concerns, and influence on contemporary Balochi writing. This session served as a tribute to Hashmi's legacy, acknowledging his role in shaping the literary identity of the region.

## Role of National Media on Balochistan

The twelfth session of Day 2 at the Pakistan Literature Festival, held at the Arfa Karim Randhawa Expo Center at 3:00 PM, examined the significant role of national media in shaping the narrative on Balochistan. This session, moderated by Absa Komal, brought together a panel of distinguished journalists and media personalities, including Mazhar Abbas, Saleem Safi, Shahid Rind, and Rafat Saeed. Through their thought-provoking discussions, the panellists analyzed the impact of national media on the province, highlighting both the positive and negative consequences of media coverage on the region's political, social, and cultural landscape. The session aimed to spark a nuanced conversation on the responsibilities of national media in promoting a more inclusive and accurate representation of Balochistan.

## Talking About Mental Health at Workplace

The thirteenth session of Day 2 at the Pakistan Literature Festival, held at the Orange Hall, BUIITEMS, at 3:00 PM, addressed a vital yet often overlooked topic: mental health in the workplace. Titled "Talking About Mental Health at Workplace," this session brought together a



panel of experts, including Ghina Saleem, Arisha Zahoor, Yasmeen Jogezi, and Marium Amjad, led by Asmat Kakar. Through their insightful discussions, the panellists highlighted the significance of mental health awareness in professional settings, sharing personal experiences and strategies for promoting a supportive work environment. The session aimed to break the stigma surrounding mental health and encourage open conversations, fostering a culture of empathy and understanding in the workplace.

## Iqbal Kay Noujawan

The fourteenth session of Day 2 at the Pakistan Literature Festival, held at the Pink Hall, BUITEMS, at 03:00 PM, was a tribute to the great poet and philosopher Allama Iqbal. Titled "Iqbal Kay Noujawan" (Iqbal and the Youth), this session was presided over by Pirzada Qasim Raza Siddiqui and featured a lecture by Abdul Rauf Rafiqui, hosted by Zia ul Hassan. The session explored Iqbal's ideas and vision for the youth, highlighting his contributions to Urdu literature and his impact on Pakistani culture and society. Through this session, the audience gained a deeper understanding of Iqbal's philosophy and its relevance to contemporary issues, inspiring a new generation of thinkers and writers.

## The One & Only Bushra Ansari

The fifteenth session of Day 2 at the Pakistan Literature Festival, held at the Arfa Karim Randhawa Expo Center at 4:00 PM, was a special tribute to the legendary Bushra Ansari. Titled "The One & Only Bushra Ansari," this session was hosted by Yasir Hussain and celebrated the iconic artist's illustrious career spanning decades. The session featured a conversation with Bushra Ansari herself, delving into her experiences, achievements, and contributions to Pakistani television, film, and theatre. The audience was treated to a journey through her remarkable life, highlighting her impact on the entertainment industry and her enduring legacy as a cultural icon.

## State of Women

The sixteenth session of Day 2 at the Pakistan Literature Festival, held at the Orange Hall, BUITEMS, at 4:00 PM, focused on the pressing issue of women's rights and empowerment. Titled "State of Women," this session brought together a panel of distinguished women,



including Sadiqa Salahuddin, Noor ul Huda Shah, Rubaba Khan, and Farah Azeem Shah, moderated by Uzma Alkarim. Through their thought-provoking discussions, the panellists examined the current status of women in Pakistani society, highlighting the challenges they face and the progress made towards gender equality. The session aimed to spark a meaningful conversation on women's empowerment, encouraging the audience to think critically about the role of women in shaping the country's future.

## **The Creative Journey of Adnan Siddiqui**

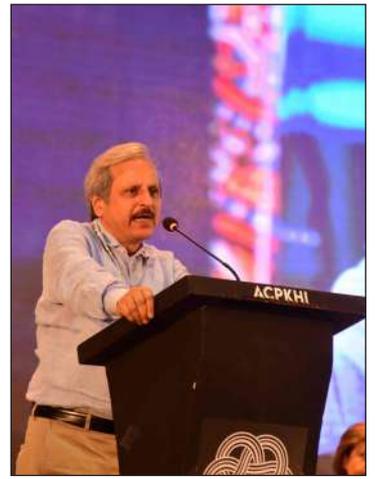
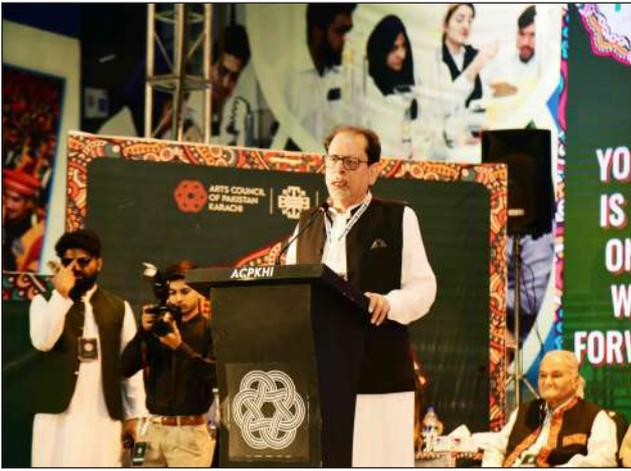
The seventeenth session of Day 2 at the Pakistan Literature Festival, held at the Arfa Karim Randhawa Expo Center at 4:45 PM, celebrated the remarkable career of actor Adnan Siddiqui. This session, titled "The Creative Journey of Adnan Siddiqui," delved into his inspiring journey, from his early days to his current success. Participants explored his notable achievements, iconic roles, and contributions to Pakistani television and film. Through this session, attendees gained insight into Adnan Siddiqui's creative process and the challenges he overcame to become a household name. The session was a fitting tribute to his talent and dedication to the entertainment industry. Adnan Siddiqui's presence made the session even more special, as he shared his experiences and thoughts with the audience. The session concluded with a standing ovation, honouring his remarkable creative journey.

## **Hasna Hasana Sohail Ahmed (Azizi) Kay Sath**

The eighteenth session of Day 2 at the Pakistan Literature Festival, held at the Arfa Karim Randhawa Expo Center at 5:30 PM, was a hilarious and entertaining affair. Titled "Hasna Hasana Sohail Ahmed (Azizi) Kay Sath," this session featured the renowned comedian Sohail Ahmed, popularly known as Azizi. Mohammad Ahmed Shah hosted the session, which was a laugh-out-loud conversation with Azizi, exploring his journey and experiences in the world of comedy. The audience was treated to Azizi's humorous anecdotes, making it a memorable session. The session was a tribute to Azizi's contributions to Pakistani comedy and his ability to make people laugh. It was a fantastic conclusion to the second day of the festival.

## **Closing Ceremony & Grand Mushaira**

The Pakistan Literature Festival at BUIITEMS concluded with a grand mushaira, featuring a galaxy of esteemed poets and literary figures. The evening was a poetic extravaganza, with luminaries like Pirzada Qasim Raza Siddiqui, Anwer Shoor, and Abbas Tabish, among many others, regaling the audience with their verse. The ceremony was hosted by Ambareen Hasib Amber and Shakil Khan, who kept the proceedings engaging and lively. The festival's second day showcased the richness and diversity of literature, culture, and art, leaving attendees enriched and inspired by the myriad discussions and performances. The grand mushaira was a fitting finale to the festival, celebrating the power of poetry to bring people together and transcend boundaries. As the curtains closed, the audience departed with memories to cherish and a renewed appreciation for the beauty of words.





## 67th meeting of Human Resource Development Committee (HRDC)

*Reported by: Prof. Muhammad Aazan*

The 67th meeting of the Human Resource Development Committee (HRDC) was held on May 22, 2024, at Video Conference Room, Sir Syed Block, Takatu Campus BUIITEMS, under the Chairmanship of the Worthy Vice Chancellor, BUIITEMS, Prof. Dr. Khalid Hafeez. The respected Pro Vice Chancellor, Registrar, Faculty Deans, Director ORIC, and QE&A attended the meeting. Additional Director (HRM), Syed Irfan Shah Bukhari presented various agenda items for deliberations by the HRDC members. The meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the chair.



## Session on Self-Assessment Report at Balochistan University of Health and Medical Sciences (BUMHS), Quetta

*Reported by: Prof. Dr. Bilal Sarwar*



On May 29, 2024 the Balochistan University of Health and Medical Sciences, Quetta, hosted a session on Self-Assessment Reports (SARs), led by Prof. Dr. Bilal Sarwar, Director of Quality Enhancement & Accreditation at BUIITEMS. The session aimed to improve quality assurance across institutions and strengthen partnerships between Quality Enhancement Cells (QECs) in Balochistan.

Dr. Sarwar provided a comprehensive overview of SARs, discussing their significance in educational quality and detailed guidelines on preparation, execution, and evaluation. Emphasis was placed on data accuracy, stakeholder involvement, and continuous monitoring. The session highlighted the role of QECs in supporting academic departments and promoting continuous improvement.

Collaborative initiatives, joint training programs, and knowledge-sharing platforms were proposed to enhance inter-institutional ties. An interactive Q&A session allowed participants to address challenges and share best practices. The session concluded with a commitment to implement the strategies learned, establishing a foundation for a collaborative QEC network in Balochistan.

The session concluded with a heartfelt note of gratitude delivered by Prof. Dr. Nadeem Samad, Director of the Quality Assurance and Accreditation Directorate (QAAD) and Engr. Aurangzeb Registrar at BUMHS. Prof. Dr. Samad expressed his sincere thanks to all the participants for their active engagement and valuable contributions. He highlighted the importance of the topics discussed and praised the collaborative efforts that made the session a success.

## Sustainable Resource Consumption and Environmental Stewardship

Reported by: Dr. Anila Ali



On May 30, 2024 a one day seminar was conducted on "Sustainable Resource Consumption and Environmental Stewardship" by the Department of Environmental Science, Faculty of Life Sciences and Informatics in collaboration with WWF. With the recitation of the verses from Holy Quran, the event commenced with the following insightful sessions:

Prof. Dr. Naeem Shahwani, Dean of Life Sciences and Informatics BUIITEMS emphasized on the importance of collective action in preserving natural resources through sustainable consumption. He empathized on the importance of collaborated stewardess with stakeholders of Balochistan.

Mehak Sikander Coordinator Freshwater Programme, WWF Pakistan, shared the vision, mission and contribution of WWF in Environmental Conservation in Pakistan. She encouraged the students for their role in active research in innovation and development for sustainable solutions towards restoration, preservation and conservation of nature.

Prof. Dr. Anila Ali, Chairperson Department of Environmental Sciences, BUIITEMS, Highlighted the current environmental issues of Balochistan and strategies for academia engagement with policy makers, institutions, industries, communities.

Resource Conservation and Water Replenishment Projects of WWF, Pakistan was presented by Mr. Rashid Ahmed Manager, Freshwater Programme, WWF Pakistan.

Prof. Dr. Khalid Hafeez, Vice Chancellor of BUIITEMS, expressed gratitude to the attendees, organizers and contributors by acknowledging their support and commitment to environmental conservation. He also shared ideas for water conservation, rain harvesting and encouraged youth for their active contribution towards environmental conservation.

In essence, BUIITEMS continues its commitment for achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) through collaborations and partnerships with various stakeholders and providing learning opportunities for the students.



## Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Khalid Hafeez Leads Engaging Session with BUITEMS Faculty

Reported by: Zarlasht Rehman Khan

The Directorate of Communications organized the event, which was a significant milestone in the pursuit of academic excellence and collaborative development at BUITEMS. Syed Dara Shikoh Amir, Director of Communications at BUITEMS, extended a warm greeting to all attendees during a lively and interactive session on May 31, 2024. Prof. Dr. Khalid Hafeez, the Vice Chancellor of BUITEMS, engaged with the Faculty of Social Sciences & Humanities (FSSH) and the Faculty of Management Sciences (FMS) at Orange Hall. The session was attended by Dr. Abdul Rehman Khan, Pro Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Abdul Wadood, Dean of FSSH, Prof. Dr. Abdul Raziq, Dean of FMS, and Associate Deans, Professors, and Lecturers from both faculties.

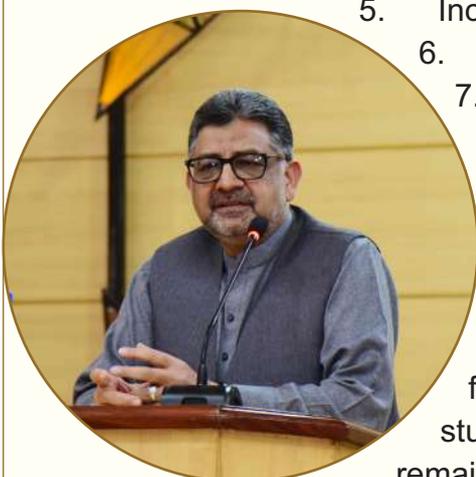


Prof. Dr. Khalid Hafeez outlined his visionary approach for BUITEMS, emphasizing several critical areas:

1. Learning and Teaching
2. Research and Commercialization
3. Marketing and Recruitment
4. Community Services

He stressed the importance of involving youth in applied research, underlining the necessity for BUITEMS faculty to formulate strategies for enhancing the quality of education and research. Prof. Dr. Khalid Hafeez also addressed the opportunities and challenges faced by BUITEMS, including:

1. Overcoming university challenges
2. Green campus initiatives
3. Enhancing research capabilities
4. Social responsibility
5. Increasing admissions
6. Faculty responsibilities toward students and research
7. Securing more scholarships
8. Promoting a paperless environment
9. Enhancing teacher quality



The Vice Chancellor and faculty members engaged in a constructive dialogue, reinforcing their commitment to prioritizing students' interests despite resource constraints and financial challenges. The session underscored the message that students are invaluable assets to BUITEMS, and the institution remains dedicated to maintaining excellence in education regardless of obstacles. The event highlighted BUITEMS' student-centric approach and unwavering dedication to academic excellence. It was an inspiring gathering of educators uniting to ensure students receive the highest quality education, even in the face of challenges.

## Polio Painting and Print Making Exhibition

Reported by: Meraj Mohammad



On May 31, 2024, UNICEF conducted a Painting and Print Making competition among three universities of Quetta including BUIITEMS, SBK, and UOB. The topic of this competition was the Pakistan Polio Eradication Programme. Students of the fine arts department, from the above-mentioned universities submitted their artworks, and an exhibition was held at BUIITEMS Art Gallery 1 and 2 SS Block. Chief guest Miss Maryam also visited the exhibition along with DC Quetta, SSP Quetta, Chief Secretariat Quetta along with other honored members of UNICEF. All the artworks were judged by the renowned Artist, Miss Sadia Rathore. First, second, third, and fourth prize winners were awarded with shields and all the other participants were awarded with participation certificates. Students of BUIITEMS secured the top four positions among 30 participants.

## World Environment Day

Reported by: Hamid Abdullah

On June 5, 2024, World Environment Day was celebrated by the Department of Environmental Science, Faculty of Life Sciences and Informatics, BUIITEMS, in collaboration with the Forest and Wildlife Department, Government of Balochistan. It aimed to raise awareness and encourage action for the protection of the environment. The theme for this year, "Ecosystem Restoration", guided various activities and events aimed at promoting environmental awareness and action within the university community and beyond.



The World Environment Day celebration started with the tree plantation drive which signified the positive collaboration between BUIITEMS and the Forest & Wildlife Department. It was concluded with prayers for the well-being of trees and conservation of the environment.

After the tree planation drive, participants joined for the formal succession of the event at Pink Hall, BUIITEMS. The event started with the recitation of the verses from the Holy Quran.

Dean, Faculty of Life Sciences and Informatics, BUIITEMS, Professor Dr. Naeem Shahwani, emphasized the active role of academia playing its role of the restoration of the environment. He also appreciated the role of the environmental sciences department's faculty and students for actively being involved in generating various initiatives in such a cause.

Project Director, Green Pakistan Up scaling Program (TBTP) and Conservator of Quetta Division, Mr. Niaz Khan Kakar gave a detailed Introduction to TBTP activities conducted in Balochistan. He highlighted significant developments in the province, such as converting barren land into agricultural land, initiating flood reservoirs, implementing reforestation projects, and providing a 20 million grant for research students to engage with academia.

The Secretary of the Forest & Wildlife Department, Government of Balochistan, Dr. Dostain Jamaldini gave a very enlightening presentation on Environmental Issues of Balochistan and Role of forest department. He discussed various initiatives undertaken by the department and shared new ideas with the participants for their keen involvement in environmental restoration.



Vice Chancellor BUIITEMS, Prof. Dr. Khalid Hafeez, shared his remarks regarding 5th June International World Environmental Day. He shared his thoughts on how individual efforts and small initiatives play a bigger impact in restoration of our environment. He also emphasized the current initiatives undertaken by the department of environmental Science, BUIITEMS, including Zero Waste Management Plan.

Pressing Environmental Issues of Balochistan and Role of Academia was discussed by the Chairperson, Department of Environmental Science, BUIITEMS, Professor Dr. Anila Zafar. She shared important insight about Pakistan being 8th most vulnerable country from climate risk and how we need to play an important role for building resilience in our community. She also emphasized on monitoring carbon footprint at individual level, and how academia plays its role through active research, trainings and developments.

Program was concluded with the Vote of Thanks from Project Director, Niaz Kakar with overwhelming participation of students and faculty.

## Training Session on HEC Anti-Plagiarism Policy 2.0 Conducted at BUIITEMS

*Reported by: Prof. Dr. Bilal Sarwar*



On June 7, 2024, a comprehensive training session on the Higher Education Commission (HEC) Anti-Plagiarism Policy 2.0 was held for the supervisors and Turnitin focal persons from all faculties of BUIITEMS. The session took place in the Training Hall and was led by Prof. Dr. Bilal Sarwar, Director of Quality Enhancement and Accreditation (QE&A). The training aimed to familiarize faculty members with the updated guidelines and procedures outlined in the HEC Anti-Plagiarism Policy 2.0. Dr. Sarwar provided an in-depth overview of the policy, emphasizing the importance of academic integrity and the measures to prevent plagiarism in academic work. A significant portion of the session was dedicated to discussing the implications of AI generation in MS and PhD theses. This segment included a thorough examination of the challenges and strategies for detecting and preventing the misuse of AI tools in academic writing, ensuring that the originality and authenticity of research work are maintained. Participants engaged in interactive discussions and sample AI reports were shared with them, enhancing their understanding of the policy's implementation and the tools available for plagiarism detection and prevention. The session also covered best practices for promoting originality in research and academic writing.

## Empowering Futures:BUITEMS Alumni Mentorship in CV Writing & Interviewing Skills

Reported by: Wajid Mustafa



The BUITEMS Career Services organized a highly impactful session titled "CV Writing & Interviewing Skills" on June 7th, 2024, as part of the BUITEMS Alumni-Student Mentoring Program. Held at the Purple Hall at BUITEMS Quetta, the event attracted a diverse audience, comprising students from various faculties across BUITEMS, Takatu Campus.

Mr. Amir Mehmood Shaikh, an esteemed BUITEMS alumnus currently working as an International Trade Officer at the United Nations, graciously graced the event as the guest speaker. With his wealth of experience, Mr. Shaikh emphasized the paramount importance of mastering the art of CV writing and honing interviewing skills to succeed in today's competitive job market.

The interactive nature of the session facilitated an engaging exchange of ideas, with Mr. Shaikh patiently addressing queries and providing valuable insights into crafting compelling resumes and excelling in interviews. Participants found the session enlightening and left equipped with practical knowledge to enhance their employability prospects.

As the session drew to a close, Mr. Osma Aziz, Manager of Career Services, extended sincere gratitude to Mr. Shaikh for his invaluable contribution and commended the active participation of attendees. The success of the event underscores BUITEMS's dedication to offering comprehensive support to its students, empowering them to confidently and competently navigate their career paths.

## Celebration of World Olympic Day at BUITEMS Quetta

Reported by: Masood Ahmed Kasi

Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering, and Management Sciences (BUITEMS) and Lasbella University of Agriculture, Water and Marine Sciences (LUAWMS) jointly celebrated World Olympic Day at BUITEMS Takatu Campus on June 7, 2024. The event aimed to promote the values of friendship, fair play, and teamwork, while encouraging students from both universities to engage in physical activity and adopt a healthy lifestyle. It fostered unity and a sense of community among the participants, highlighting the importance of collaboration and mutual respect.



## 3rd All Balochistan Archery Championship

Reported by: Masood Ahmed Kasi

Congratulations to Zubiada, a BUIITEMS student in the 4th semester of BS Education, for achieving an impressive 2nd position in the Archery Championship 2024 at the 'All Balochistan Student Sports Gala 2024'! We are proud of your remarkable achievement and dedication to your sport. Keep shining! The 3rd All Balochistan Archery Championships 2024 were successfully held from June 8-10, 2024, organized by the Balochistan Students Olympic Association. Archers from various schools and colleges across the region participated, showcasing their skills and competing for top honors. The students' enthusiasm and dedication to the sport were palpable, with many expressing their passion for archery and determination to excel.



"I've been practicing archery for months, and it's amazing to see how it's helped develop my focus and concentration," said one student. Another added, "Archery has taught me the importance of perseverance and teamwork." The event not only celebrated the students' athletic achievements but also highlighted the valuable life skills they've gained through their participation in the sport.

The Chief Guests presented medals to the winners of the archery competitions and shields to the guests of honor. The Chief Organizer, Din Muhammad Noorzai, also presented a shield to the Chief Guest as a token of appreciation. The event was a resounding success, promoting the sport of archery and celebrating the achievements of the young athletes in Balochistan.

## 14th South Asian Bodybuilding & Physique Sports Championship, at Maldives

Reported by: Masood Ahmed Kasi



Bilal Ahmed, a proud alumnus of BUIITEMS (Fall 2018), has made a remarkable impact in the world of bodybuilding. His dedication and hard work have earned him numerous titles and accolades, making him a shining star in the sport. Mr. Bilal Ahmed represented BUIITEMS at HEC Lahore in 2019 in two events. He was titled Mr. Quetta (2021), Mr. Balochistan (2021), Mr. Pakistan (2021), Mr. Pakistan in Lahore (2022), and secured 4th place at the World Bodybuilding Competition in Thailand (2022) among competitors from 44 countries. Additionally, he achieved the title Mr. Pakistan (2023) and

became the youngest Pakistani to win the Asian Gold Medal on June 9, 2024. Bilal Ahmed's journey is an inspiration to many, showcasing his perseverance and passion for bodybuilding. His achievements have brought immense pride to BUIITEMS, Pakistan, and his family. We wish him continued success and glory in his future endeavours.

## Empowering Tomorrow's Leaders: BUIITEMS Communication Skills Session's Recap

Reported by: Wajid Mustafa



BUIITEMS Career Services, in collaboration with the Department of English, recently hosted a session focusing on "Communication Skills" tailored for undergraduate students. The session, held on June 11th, 2024, at the Pink Hall within the Sir Syed Block at BUIITEMS, Quetta, attracted a robust attendance from students across various faculties of BUIITEMS, Takatu Campus. Esteemed guest speakers, Ms. Farhat Farooqi, Chairman of the Department of English, and Ms. Hameeda Aslam, Assistant Professor in the Department

of English, led the session. Their engaging presentations and interactive approach allowed participants to delve deeply into the intricacies of effective communication. Throughout the session, attendees gained invaluable insights into the significance of communication skills, with a focus on clarity, active listening, empathy, and non-verbal communication. The session emphasized the importance of adapting communication styles to diverse contexts and audiences, essential for academic, professional, and personal success. Wajid Mustafa, Deputy Director of Career Services, extended sincere gratitude to the guest speakers for their invaluable contributions and commended the active participation of attendees. This successful session underscores BUIITEMS's steadfast commitment to providing holistic support to its students, empowering them to become confident and competent leaders of tomorrow.

## BUIITEMS Recognized as one of the Founding Members of the Zero Waste Alliance Pakistan (ZWAP) by the Zero Waste International Alliance (ZWIA)

Reported by: Dr. Beenish Sultan, Dr. Anila Ali, and Hamid Abdullah

We are thrilled to share some fantastic news with you all. BUIITEMS has been recognized as one of the founding members of the prestigious Zero Waste Alliance Pakistan (ZWAP), by the Zero Waste International Alliance (ZWIA). ZWAP was an initiative of the National University of Medical Sciences (NUMS), Rawalpindi, geared towards allying with like-minded national institutions. Other than BUIITEMS, the Alliance includes prestigious national institutions i.e. LUMS Lahore, NUST Islamabad, MUST Mirpur, KIU Gilgit Baltistan, AMC KMU Peshawar, and Agha Khan University Karachi. A prestigious launch ceremony of the Alliance was held online on 11th June 24. It is worth mentioning that, the National Alliance is now officially recognized by the Zero Waste International Alliance, taking BUIITEMS and other institutions to a newer international horizon of collaboration and partnerships.



This recognition is a testament to our unwavering commitment to sustainability and our proactive approach towards environmental responsibility.

This milestone underscores the significance of our efforts, particularly of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities and Faculty of Life Sciences and Informatics, and highlights BUIITEMS' dedication to pioneering initiatives that make a tangible impact. Our inclusion in the Zero Waste Alliance positions BUIITEMS as a leading institution in Balochistan, that is committed to not only academic excellence but also has a resolve to fulfil moral and civic responsibilities.



This recognition opens new doors for collaboration with international partners, allowing us to share knowledge, conduct on-campus training, and implement best practices in waste management. It is a significant step towards creating a sustainable future and setting an example for other institutions to follow.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to everyone at BUIITEMS for this tremendous achievement. Your hard work, passion, and dedication have made this possible. Let us continue to strive for excellence and uphold our commitment to sustainability.

## Open Tournament 2024: Scrabble, Chess (Male & Female), and Men's Badminton

Reported by: Muhammad Azam



### Scrabble (Male & Female):

The opening ceremony was held on June 10, 2024, at the BUIITEMS Sports Complex, where a total of 22 BUIITEMS students, both male and female, participated in the competition.

### Scrabble Final Match (Male Tournament):

The Scrabble Final Match (Male Tournament) was held on June 12, 2024, between Abdullah from BS (EVE) and Sajjad from BS IT. Mr. Abdullah of BS (EVE) won the tournament and secured first place, while Sajjad finished in second place.

### Scrabble Final Match (Female Tournament):

The Scrabble Final Match (Female Tournament) was played on June 12, 2024, between Fatima from BS (PA) and Nahal from BS (PA). MS Fatima of BS (PA) won the tournament and secured first place, while MS Nahal finished in second place, and Ms Hania achieved third place.

### Chess (Male & Female):

The opening ceremony was held on June 10, 2024, at the BUIITEMS Sports Complex, where a total of 29 BUIITEMS students, both male and female, participated in the competition.



### Chess Final Match (Male tournament):

The Chess Final Match (Male Tournament) was played on June 12, 2024, between Khudaydad from BS (ARCH) and Muhammad Sulaiman from the Law Department. Mr. Khudaydad of BS (ARCH) won the tournament and secured first place, while Muhammad Sulaiman finished in second place and Shahzaib from BS IR achieved third place.

### Chess Final Match (Female Tournament):

The Chess Final Match (Female Tournament) was played on June 12, 2024, between Fatima from BS (PA) and Kiran from BS (Education). MS Fatima of BS (PA) won the tournament and secured first place, while MS Kiran from BS (Education) finished in second place.

### Badminton Male Tournament:

The opening ceremony was held on June 11, 2024, at the BUIITEMS Sports Complex, where a total of 36 BUIITEMS male students, along with administrative and faculty staff, participated in the competition. The results are as follows:

#### Badminton Singles Tournament:

- **Winner:** Muhammad Hasnain (BUIITEMS Alumni)
- **Runner-up:** Malik Haris (BUIITEMS Student)

#### Badminton Doubles Tournament:

- **Winners:** Nadir Ali (UoB) & Hafeez Ullah (Alumni)
- **Runners-up:** Abdul Sami & Haris Rafiq (BUIITEMS Students)



Mr. Masood Ahmed Kasi, Additional Director of Sports at BUIITEMS, was the chief guest at the prize distribution ceremony. He awarded prizes and certificates to the winning and runner-up teams.



## BUIITEMS and UNFPA Collaborate to Strengthen Population Research in Balochistan

Reported by: Abdul Wajid

On June 13, 2024, a meeting was held at BUIITEMS between Dr. Shabaneh, the UNFPA Country Representative, and Dr. Abdul Rehman Khan, the Pro Vice Chancellor of BUIITEMS, along with other university officials. The discussion focused on enhancing the capabilities of the Population Research Center at BUIITEMS, a key institution for demographic studies in the region. Dr. Shabaneh emphasized the critical need for comprehensive population research to tackle demographic issues in Balochistan. BUIITEMS officials shared their ongoing research efforts and the impact these have had on regional policy-making and development programs. Discussions were held on bolstering the existing infrastructure and research capacity of the Population Research Center. Dr. Shabaneh proposed various strategies and resources that UNFPA could provide to support these enhancements. Both parties explored potential avenues for collaboration, with a focus on aligning research initiatives with UNFPA's mandate to improve reproductive health, gender equality, and population dynamics. Proposed areas of partnership include joint research projects, capacity-building programs, and data-sharing agreements. The meeting concluded with a mutual agreement to continue discussions and develop a formal partnership framework. UNFPA is committed to supporting the strengthening of the Population Research Center at BUIITEMS. Both sides identified priority areas for collaborative research that would benefit not only BUIITEMS but also the broader community in Balochistan. This collaboration is poised to bring significant advancements in population research and development initiatives in Balochistan, paving the way for more informed policy-making and sustainable development in the region.



## Embracing Traditions: BUIITEMS' Eid Milan Gathering

Reported by: Hamid Abdullah



On June 21, 2024, the Training Hall at Takatu Campus was abuzz with joy as faculty and staff members gathered for an Eid Milan party. The event was a vibrant celebration of Eid, bringing together colleagues in a festive atmosphere. Vice Chancellor BUIITEMS, Dr. Khalid Hafeez, honored the occasion with his presence, elevating the significance of the gathering. Esteemed Deans, Directors, senior management, faculty, and administrative employees also joined, all unified in the festive spirit of Eid. Dr. Hafeez, extended his warm Eid greetings to all attendees, appreciating their dedication and hard work. The Deans

and Directors also shared their best wishes, highlighting the collaborative spirit that drives the institution forward. BUIITEMS Eid milan party featured a series of engaging activities, including a delightful exchange of greetings and stories about Eid traditions. Faculty and staff members had the opportunity to interact in a relaxed setting, fostering stronger personal and professional connections. The festive decor and the joyous ambiance added to the overall experience, making it a memorable occasion for everyone present. The shared moments of happiness and the collective celebration underscored the university's commitment to fostering a supportive and inclusive environment for all its members.

## Prevention and Countering Terrorism in Balochistan, Pakistan

Reported by: Prof. Dr. Abdul Wadood



A seminar titled “Prevention and Countering Terrorism in Balochistan, Pakistan” was jointly organized by Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering, and Management Sciences (BUIITEMS) and Peace, Development, Research, and Education (PDRE) on June 26, 2024, at 11:00 AM in the Training Hall at BUIITEMS.

The seminar began with the recitation of the verses from the Holy Quran and the National Anthem of Pakistan. The stage secretary, Ms. Fiza Batool, a BS student, introduced the seminar topic and presented video clips of terrorist attacks on the Karachi Stock Exchange and Gwadar Port.

### Keynote Speakers:

**Prof. Dr. Abdul Wadood**, Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences at BUIITEMS, presented on “Terrorism Trends in Balochistan: Changing Dynamics and New Challenges.” He discussed the historical and current impacts of terrorism in Balochistan, highlighting disruptions in daily life and human resource development. He also examined the ethnic dimensions of violence and the potential benefits of the CPEC mega project for the region.

**Dr. Siraj Bashir**, Director of Research at the Balochistan Think Tank Network, spoke on peacebuilding and youth engagement in Balochistan. He emphasized addressing socio-economic issues and providing opportunities to reduce reliance on traditional power structures. He advocated for educational reforms to foster logical and critical thinking among students to prevent marginalization and promote socio-economic development.



**Ms. Faiza Mir**, a faculty member in the International Relations Department at the University of Balochistan, discussed conflict management and counter-terrorism strategies in Balochistan. Her presentation included international, regional, and national perspectives, offering historical case studies and strategies for resolving conflicts peacefully.

**Prof. Dr. Zahid Anwar**, Ex-Pro Vice Chancellor of the University of Peshawar and Director of PDRE, concluded the seminar with a discussion on the regional impact of terrorism. He highlighted the paradigm shift in South Asia following NATO's occupation of Afghanistan, the emergence of China as a global economic power, and the challenges faced due to regional and international dynamics affecting Pakistan's development efforts.

## 2 Days Global Conference on Psychopathology and Rehabilitation (GCPR-24) (Wellness: Our Shared Responsibility)

Reported by: Asmat Ullah Kakar

Due to rehabilitation and recovery obstacles, mental health issues are rising. The least psychologically disturbed population in Pakistan is 11%, while the most is 38%, according to many polls. Our country needs more psychologists and a stronger mental health system to help mentally ill persons recover. On June 26–27, 2024, the University of Central Punjab Psychology Department hosted the “Global Conference on Psychopathology & Rehabilitation (GCPR-24): Wellness—Our Shared Responsibility” two-day conference. BUIITEMS Psychology Department Chair Asmat Ullah Kakar chaired the online scientific session during the conference. Dr. Ansa from Air University co-chaired the session, which comprised research contributions from Pakistani cities. Psychopathology and rehabilitation professionals attended the meeting in large numbers. The two-day symposium examined psychopathological issues and treatment strategies, focusing on current research and new patient recovery procedures. Mental health, psychological phenomena, relationship dynamics, support networks, cultural impacts, the socio-digital landscape, stress management, psychological tools, behavior, intervention strategies, healing, and resilience were covered. Mr. Asmat Ullah Kakar chaired a psychological rehabilitation insights session where academics and lecturers gave presentations on psycho-spiritual therapy, extended mourning disorder, intellectual disability, Autism Spectrum Disorder, and women’s self-harm. Professor Dr. Shazia Hassan praised Mr. Kakar, the co-chair, and the researchers after a Q&A session.



## Chancellor's Visit to BUIITEMS

Reported by: Zarlashat Rehman Khan



On June 27, 2024 Governor Balochistan / Chancellor BUIITEMS, Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail, visited Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering and Management Sciences (BUIITEMS). The Governor/Chancellor's visit was a significant event focused on discussing and strategizing the university's progress and future initiatives. It involved in-depth discussions on the strategic direction, long-term planning, and development goals of the university. This collaborative effort aimed to ensure that the university remains at the forefront of academic excellence and innovation, aligning its objectives with the broader educational vision and addressing the evolving needs of the

academic community. Vice Chancellor BUIITEMS Dr. Khalid Hafeez briefed the Chancellor about the university's plans to introduce new programs in Data Science, Artificial Intelligence (AI), and Masters in Education. He highlighted the university's focus on improving efficiency, reducing expenses, and generating resources. Moreover, the installation of solar systems on campus, which has significantly reduced electricity costs, was also highlighted. Chancellor BUIITEMS was further informed about the university's various campuses, programs of study, research work, and recent achievements, including the successful hosting of the national-level Pakistan Literature Festival (PLF). The Vice Chancellor thanked the chancellor for his visit and presented a commemorative shield on behalf of BUIITEMS, marking the significance of the occasion.

## ICRMS Activities and Events

Reported by: Nafisa Nasar



The International Center for Refugees and Migration Studies, (ICRMS) has conducted a range of activities up until June 30th, aimed at fostering career development, academic exposure, and public engagement. The highlights of these activities are as follows:

- **Career Counseling Sessions:** Three sessions were held to offer guidance and support to individuals navigating their career paths.
- **Exposure Visits:** Three visits were organized to provide participants with practical insights and hands-on experience in relevant fields.

- **Workshops:** Three workshops were conducted to enhance skill development and knowledge among attendees.
- **Public Lectures:** Two public lectures were delivered, focusing on key topics of interest to the community.

Additionally, ICRMS commemorated World Refugee Day and hosted a Gala to raise awareness and support for refugee issues. The Center also organized research defenses for the Frontier Scholars Research Awards and the Emerging Scholars Research Awards. The details of these events, including their specific dates, are listed below:

S.No	Activities / Events Titles	Date
01	First Career Counseling Session at Firdowsi High School, Hazara Town, Quetta	18 April, 2024
02	First Exposure Visit of Firdowsi High School, Hazara Town, Quetta	19 April, 2024
03	Research Proposal defense of ICRMS Emerging Scholars Research Grants ESRA	23rd April, 2024
04	Research Proposal Defense of Frontier Scholars Research Grants ESRA	24th April, 2024
05	Refugee and Host Students' Enrichment Workshop Series On Critical Thinking and Academic Success	25th April, 2024
06	ICRMS' Second Career Counseling Session UNHCR School No 15 and 23, Refugee Village, Saranan	29th April, 2024
07	Second Exposure Visit of UNHCR School No. 15, Refugee Village, Saranan	30th April, 2024
08	ICMRS' Third Career Counseling at Hazrat-e-Bilal High School, Ghouseabad Quetta	14th May, 2024
09	Third Exposure Visit of Hazrat-e-Bilal High School, Ghouseabad, Quetta	24th May, 2024
10	Orientation Session of the Crash Course for Afghan Refugee Students, 2024	24th June, 2024
11	ICRMS Quiz Competition 2024	25th June, 2024
12	UNHCR and ICRMS Commemorating World Refugee Day and Gala, June 27 & 28, 2024	June 27 & 28, 2024



## Quality Policy Statement

**BUITEMS** contributes in defining standards and systems for the uplift of socio-economic order through quality education and services by:

- ◆ Providing an environment conducive to learning, teaching, academic inquiry and innovation
- ◆ Maintaining academic excellence and professionalism
- ◆ Adhering to established systems for ensuring good governance for management and transfer of knowledge
- ◆ Benchmarking with other leading institutions of higher education for improvement
- ◆ Enhancing efficient and effective operations by encouraging participation of stakeholders
- ◆ Pursuing continuous improvement through creativity, team work and adaptation to change

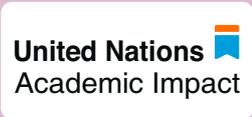
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