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Convocation 2019

Governor Punjab Chaudhary Muhammad Sarwar said that all universities across the Punjab are being provided clean and green environment as well as drinking water. Adhocism has been abolished in the universities to ensure meritocracy, transparency and stability in the affairs of the universities. During the last few months as many as 20 Vice Chancellors have been appointed in the universities replacing interim arrangements. The Governor expressed these views during his address in the 16th Convocation of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. He said that Muslim Ummah is facing many challenges and people of

Kashmir and Palestine are being suppressed by the occupation forces and they must have their right of freedom. He said that it is his fourth visit to the Islamia University of Bahawalpur for participation in the convocation and this is the only university where he visited so many times. The faculty and students of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur are devoted towards education and their passion for teaching and research is praise worthy. He also appreciated the expansion and development initiatives of Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob to bring IUB at optimal usage of resources benefitting the community. The renewable energy projects and

automation of the administrative and academic departments is also commendable. Earlier, Governor awarded degrees and medals to 1416 students including 24 PhD, 101 MPhil, 1230 BS, MA, MSc and 44 gold as well as 44 silver medalists. Governor Punjab also inaugurated newly constructed building of faculty of Management Sciences and Hakra Art Gallery in the College of Art and Design. The Governor praised the creative and innovative art work of fine art students. Public representatives, Vice Chancellors of several universities, civil and military officials and dignitaries attended the convocation in large number.



Governor Punjab Chaudhary Muhammad Sarwar and Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor along with medal recipients



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor presenting a piece of art to Governor Punjab Chaudhary Muhammad Sarwar during inauguration of Hakra Art Gallery

Celebrations of Eid Milad ul Nabi ﷺ

A series of seminars and Mahaafil-e-Naat held at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur in connection with the Holy month of Rabi-ul-Awal. A grand seminar and Naat Khawani was held at Baghdad ul Jadeed Campus. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor presided the seminar while Dr. Noor Ahmed Shahtaz, Director, Sheikh Zayed, Islamic Center, University of Karachi, and Member Council of Islamic Ideology delivered extensive lecture. The male and female students showing best performance in Inter-faculty Naat Khawani Competitions rendered beautiful verses of naat in the ceremony. The Vice Chancellor said that the life of the Holy Prophet ﷺ is a grand example for every human being to follow. The Holy Prophet ﷺ preached Islam on the basis of his high quality character and announced his Prophet hood on the basis of his truthfulness and honesty, demanded evidence of this fact from the Quraish tribe which was duly approved by them. Due to his high quality character, the life of people of Arab land changed all together and those who used to bury their daughters alive now began to look after the birds in their nests. The guest speaker said that the first ever Wahi (divine revelation) begins with IQRA (read) and seeking of education for all Muslims was made the first priority and was ordered to travel upto China to fulfill their educational needs which was geographically very difficult as at that time Confucisim was spreading in that region. The speakers presented these views in a seminar held on the occasion of holy month of Rabi-ul-Awwal. They expressed the dignity of the Holy Prophet PBUH and said that the meaning of Muhammad PBUH is that who is praised again and again. The Holy Prophet PBUH for the first time ever eliminated the discrimination and ensured the supremacy of the merit. The Muslims got superiority over other nations due to education.

National Seerat Conference



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor along with Peer Noor-ul-Haq Qadri, Federal Minister for Religious Affairs and Inter-faith Harmony on the occasion of National Seerat Conference

First National Seerat Conference on "Compatible Pakistan in the light of Seerat-un-Nabi ﷺ" held at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. Federal Minister for Religious Affairs and Interfaith Harmony Peer Noor-ul-Haq Qadri was the Chief Guest of the inaugural session while Vice-

Islamic State of Madina was based on equality and justice where all the residents had equal rights. Federal Minister said that every Pakistani is indebted to the rulers of Bahawalpur princely state who not only became the first to access with Pakistan but also established Jamia Islamia on the

front is necessary to have an ideal Islamic state and we need to abolish our internal differences. Vice-Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob said that our diverse society is our strength and we should utilize this synergy for peace and prosperity of the country. Prof. Dr. Shafiq ul



Federal Minister for Religious Affairs Peer Noor ul Haq Qadri, Chairman Islamic Ideology Council Prof. Dr. Qibla Ayaz and Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob along with participants of First National Seerat Conference at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur

Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob presided over the session. In his address, Federal Minister said that the Islamic State of Madina is a role model for us and we can attain the dream of Islamic welfare state following the style of governance of Hazrat Muhammad ﷺ. He said that the

pattern of Jamia Al-Azhar, Egypt to equip the students of the area with knowledge of Islam and world. He said that for the first time in 70 years a government is following the footsteps of State of Madina. Chairman Islamic Ideology Council Dr. Qibla Ayaz said that strength on economic

Rehman, Dean, Faculty of Islamic Learning and other religious scholars also addressed the conference. Federal Minister also visited Vice Chancellor's Secretariat where he was briefed on academic and development activities at the University.



Seerat ul Nabi ﷺ Seminar organized by Arabic Department

Meeting of Advanced Studies and Research Board

Advanced Studies and Research Board of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur approved registration of 69 PhD scholars in its meeting held under the chair of Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor. The board also approved topics and examiners for dissertations of 117 PhD scholars. Computerized departmental test for MPhil and PhD students, and formation of Bio-Ethics Research Committee was also approved. The members also considered and approved the proposal of the Higher Education Department for running awareness campaign about harassment of women and encouraging research on this topic. Dr. Mamuna Ghani Director, Advanced Studies and Research Board also presented the implementation report of decisions taken during the last meeting.



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, presiding over the meeting of Advanced studies and Research Board

Provincial Minister Praises Pace of Development at IUB

The Islamia University of Bahawalpur is a leading University of the region providing quality education and research facilities in higher education sector. This was stated by Samiullah Ch, Provincial Minister for food during a visit to the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. He said this university has a key role in the socio-economic development of Southern Punjab. He praised efforts of the Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar

Mahboob for boosting university admissions and inducting 8000 new comers. Hiring of 100 PhDs through selection boards is another achievement in the recent months. He also lauded the University for starting bus service to facilitate students of nearby towns. Member National Assembly Farooq Azam Malik and Syndicate Member Sumaira Malik were also present on this occasion.



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, along with Samiullah ch. Provincial Minister for food and other dignitaries at Abbasia Campus

Syndicate Meeting

The syndicate of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur approved appointments of 135 faculty members besides giving go ahead to developmental projects worth Rs. 300 million. The 72nd meeting of the syndicate held under the chair of Engr Prof Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor at Abbasia Campus. The syndicate lauded efforts of the newly joined Vice Chancellor for the uplift of the University and initiating various projects making IUB, a top ranking university both nationally and internationally. The syndicate agreed to recommendations of selection boards held recently and approved hirings and promotions of 28 professors , 51 associate professors, 52 assistant professors and 4 lecturers besides appointment of 2 female medical officers. On recommendations of Finance and Planning Committee, new projects costing approximately Rs. 300 million under revised development budget estimates were approved for expansion of transport fleet and start of new routes for



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor chairing the Syndicate Meeting at Abbasia Campus

students belonging to less privileged areas from nearby towns, water waste treatment and bio gas plant, nursing college and allied health facilities ,renovation and upgradation of buildings, students teacher centre, lecture theaters, security surveillance, IT infrastructure development and automation in administrative departments,

adhoc relief allowance, health professional allowance and financial assistance for heir of deceased employees was also approved. The syndicate also praised efforts for funds generation plan through non-conventional means, alumni liaison and university building communities initiatives. As many as 345 new posts under expansion

plan of the university were also given approval both in teaching and non teaching sides. Matters related to various inquiries and disciplinary actions against employees not returning and violating terms of faculty development programs were also discussed.

Academic Council Meeting

The Academic Council of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur approved six new faculties at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur including Faculty of Agriculture and Faculty of Veterinary. The 148th meeting of the academic council was held under the chair of Engr. Prof. Dr.

Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor which approved proposal of addition of six new faculties in already existing 7 faculties. Launching of two PhD programs in Commerce and Eastern Medicine was also approved. New MPhil programs in Animal Sciences and Signal Processing Engineering

were also proved. The council also approve start of BS Media Studies and IT in Rahim Yar Khan and Bahawalnagar besides opening BS Bio Medical Engineering in the main campus. Revised syllabus of various programs at Bachelor's, Master and MPhil level were also

approved. BS programs in Applied Microbiology, Physiology, Forestry, International Relations were also approved. Setup of Executive Training Centre for faculty development was also approved.



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob vice Chancellor, presiding over the academic council meeting

Mega Campaign to Make IUB Hepatitis Free University

A mega screening and vaccination campaign to make Islamia University of Bahawalpur, the first Hepatitis free university of the country started at Baghdad ul Jadeed Campus. As many as 22,000 students, faculty members and employees of the university will be screened, tested and provided vaccination and treatment. This campaign is part of Govt. of the

Punjab Hepatitis Control Program and will be executed in the Islamia University of Bahawalpur through District Health Authority Bahawalpur. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor inaugurated this activity in the presence of Suhaib Ashraf, District Police Officer Bahawalpur, Dr. Ghulam Yasin, Chief Executive, District Health Authority Bahawalpur, Dr.



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor and DPO Bahawalpur inaugurating the Hepatitis Free University Campaign



A View of awareness seminar

Aurangzeb Malik, Focal Person Punjab Hepatitis Control Program, faculty members, officers and students who were gathered in large number on this occasion. The Vice Chancellor said that this activity has been initiated in line with the vision of Honourable Prime Minister of Pakistan to make the country free from diseases including Hepatitis. The Health

department of the Punjab on direction of Honourable Chief Minister Punjab has made large scale arrangements at the University to smoothly facilitate thousands of students and employees. The Vice Chancellor also apprised that a vaccination center will be setup in the University with the support of District Health Authority Bahawalpur for treatment of Hepatitis patients. Meanwhile, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Hepatitis and Infection Control Program Primary and Secondary Health Care Department, Govt. of the Punjab agreed to establish a Hepatitis Clinic at the University Campus. This clinic aimed at declaring the Islamia University of Bahawalpur as Hepatitis free university, establishment of Hepatitis Clinic and Sentinel



Participants of Hepatitis awareness seminar

Center at the University. This clinic will also ensure screening of every single student, faculty, staff members and their families, Hepatitis B vaccination and treatment of Hepatitis positive individuals. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Dr. Khalid Mehmood, Program Manager of Hepatitis Control and Infection Program, Government

of the Punjab signed the agreement in a ceremony at Baghdad ul Jadeed Campus. Principal Quaid e Azam Medical College, Prof. Dr. Khawaja Fayyaz Ahmed, senior faculty members and officials of District Health Authority Bahawalpur were also present on this occasion.



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob and Dr. Khalid Masood exchanging MoU documents

144th Birth Anniversary of Quaid e Azam



Participants of Quaid e Azam Seminar

The Islamia University of Bahawalpur organized various activities to commemorate 144th birth anniversary of Father of the Nation Quaid e Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah. These activities held on direction of Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor

included special dialogues, seminars, lectures, speech competitions and quiz shows across the campuses. Faculty members paid rich tribute to visionary leadership of Quaid e Azam who with his struggle enabled Muslims of the sub-continent to achieve their own

piece of land. In a seminar held at Main Auditorium Prof. Dr. Riaz Ahmad, Ex Director, National Institute of Historical and Cultural Research, Quaid-i-Azam University Islamabad highlighted various aspects of life of Muhammad Ali Jinnah and briefed students about his political

struggle and leading role in Pakistan Movement. He said that Quaid's principles of unity, faith and discipline are torch bearers for the Muslims even today to get rid of their problems. Dr. Aftab Hussain Gillani, Chairman, Pakistan Studies Department also spoke on this occasion.

Young Entrepreneur Summit

The two day Young Entrepreneur Summit organized by the Department of Management Science held at Baghdad ul Jadeed Campus. The event was participated by academia, experts, professionals, businessmen and industrialists from 30 universities and Chamber of Commerce and Industries from across Pakistan. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor was the chief guest of the inaugural session held at the main auditorium. In his address, the Vice Chancellor said that it is the age of entrepreneurship where ideas are more precious than money itself. There are many examples that brilliant young people are touching skies and grooming in business world due to their unique and innovative ideas. He praised the efforts of Department of Management Sciences as local youth has ample talent and full capabilities to convert their ideas into real business solutions. He advised students and entrepreneurs that 99% success of a business depends on perseverance of entrepreneur who has keen eye on business environment around him and grabs opportunities for the good of his business. This way he not

only fulfils his job requirement but also provides job opportunities to many fellow young people. The Vice Chancellor said that we are facing greater challenges of global economy and the only way to meet these challenges is to bring innovative ideas and converting these ideas into best quality products and services which are popular in the market. We should

region. The IUB was the first University which organized an awareness seminar on Kamyab Jawan Program of Government of Pakistan to provide awareness of small and medium enterprises loans for the talented youth. The university is currently in expansion phase to provide higher education opportunities to local youth by opening new market based programs. The

entrepreneur summit clearly shows commitment of the department towards academic excellence. The department has recently shifted in new building which will surely boost research and academic activities. Haseeb Ahmed, representative of State Bank of Pakistan said that his institution will finance 700,000 entrepreneurs by 2023 in small and medium sized business



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Prof. Dr. Maimona Ghani and Prof. Dr. Jawad Iqbal attending the summit

think globally and act locally to contribute national economy. The Islamia university of Bahawalpur being the leading University of the regions playing significant role in the uplift of social and economic development of the

university is collaborating with various institutions to open new avenues of job placements, training and internships for students. Prof. Dr. Jawad Iqbal, Dean, Management Sciences said that second edition of

sector. Tax ratio for these businesses has been lowered from 35 to 20 percent with 5 years tax holiday. On this occasion women entrepreneurs Hina Akbar and Gulshan Ambreen shared their success stories.

Seerat ul Nabi ﷺ and Paighame Pakistan Seminar

A grand Seerat ul Nabi ﷺ and Pegham-e-Pakistan Seminar was held jointly organized by the International Islamic University Islamabad and the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob presided the event while Prof. Ahmed

General, International Research Institute Islamabad was the guest of honor on this occasion. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob praised the efforts of International Islamic University for promoting message of peace and tolerance under Pegham-e-Pakistan



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob presenting shield to Prof. Ahmed Yousif Ahmed Al-darweesh

Yousif Ahmed Al Draiwesh, President International Islamic University Islamabad was the chief guest and Prof. Dr. Muhammad Zia Ul Haq, Director

Campaign and advised student to deeply study Muslim history which will be helpful to face challenges of today's world. Prof. Ahmed Yousif Ahmed Al



Vice Chancellor IUB and President IIU signing the MoU

Draiweesh said that Pakistan is in fact the revival of Riyasat e Madina that is why the whole Muslim world believes in strength and prosperity of this country. He said that Bahawalpur was ruled by a noble family which migrated from Arab land and established a true Muslim welfare state in this region. He praised the Muslim cultural heritage of Bahawalpur state which is clearly depicted in the great educational values of this region. Prof. Dr. Muhammad

Zia ul Haq discussed in detail the efforts to involve youth to bring Pakistan a peace-loving country. The Vice Chancellor of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur and President International Islamic University Islamabad also signed an agreement to collaborate and cooperate in teaching and research and initiating joint programs to promote education.



Group Photo of Seerat ul Nabi ﷺ and Paigham e Pakistan Seminar

IUB and CUST Signed MoU to Promote Higher Education

The Islamia University of Bahawalpur and City University of Science and Technology Peshawar signed MoU to promote education and research in the respective institutions. This agreement was in-line with the vision of Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahbob, Vice Chancellor who is promoting and encouraging collaborations and joint endeavors with other organizations. Prof. Dr. Jawad Iqbal, Dean Faculty of Management Sciences and Prof. Dr. Kashif Ur Rehman, Vice Chancellor, City University of Science and Information Technology, Peshawar signed the MOU at Baghdad ul Jadeed Campus. Both the institutions will promote faculty and students exchange programs, joint research projects and make arrangements for professional development of the human resources. Research publications will also be printed and disseminated.



Dean Management Sciences IUB and Vice Chancellor CUST signing the MoU

Million Signatures Campaign to Show Solidarity with Kashmiri People

Faculty and students of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur are participating in Million Signature Campaign to show solidarity with Kashmiri people with zeal and fervor. Special Committee on Kashmir constituted by Chief Minister Punjab launched this million signature campaign which is being followed in all universities of the Punjab. On world Human Rights Day, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor also signed the petition to express solidarity with the people of Indian occupied Kashmir. It is important to mention here that this petition is being presented before United Nation Human Rights Commission on world Human Rights Day.



Vice Chancellor and faculty members participating in a walk to express solidarity with people of Kashmir

IUB to Promote Cholistani Cultural Heritage during Annual Jeep Rally

Cholistan desert is custodian of great civilization which promoted message of peace and harmony in the world. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur will promote thousands years old Hakra Valley Civilization of this region. The Vice Chancellor Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob expressed these views during a meeting to organize various events in collaboration with Punjab Government, Tourism Development Corporation

Punjab, Bahawalpur Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Bahawalpur Museum and Cholistan Development Authority. He said that Annual Jeep Rally has become a grand event which brings thousands of tourists from around the world. The present government is doing all out efforts to promote Pakistan as a popular tourist destination in the world. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur being a leading university of the region will play a

leading role to promote tourism in this region. The University will organize seminars to highlight centuries old cultural heritage and preaching of local Sufi Saints Hazrat Khawaja Gulam Fareed, Hazrat Noor Muhammad Maharvi and City of saints Uch Sharif will be highlighted which brought message of love, harmony, tolerance and inclusiveness to the world. An art exhibition will be held in Hakra Art Gallery and Cholistan Diorama will be

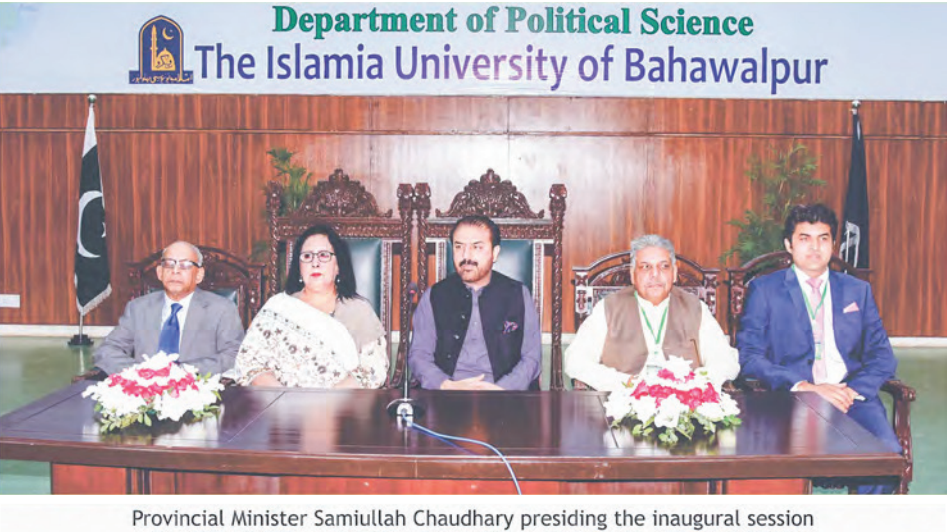
displayed in Biodiversity Park Fort Derawar. Director Information Bahawalpur Rana Ejaz Mehmood, Ahmad Bilal, Senior Vice President Bahawalpur Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Dr. Nasrullah Khan Nasir and Prof. Dr. Mamuna Ghani, Prof. Dr. Shazia Anjum, Prof. Dr. Rana Ejaz Ali Khan and representatives of TDCP and Bahawalpur Museum were also present on this occasion.



Speakers of a seminar organized by Character Building Society

National Conference on New Provinces in the Punjab Challenges and Opportunities

Department of Political Science, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur organized a two-day national conference on making of new provinces in Punjab, challenges and opportunities. Provincial Food Minister Samiullah Chaudhary in his inaugural address said that organizing of conferences on social, political and economic issues provides opportunities to have dialogue and bring practical solutions to national and International issues. This dialogue also helps policy makers to devise policies and make decisions on vital national issues. He said Punjab is one the



Provincial Minister Samiullah Chaudhary presiding the inaugural session

largest province in the world and it is bigger in size and population than forty countries. He emphasized on the need to have equal and justified distribution of

resources from centre to grass root level. He also said that new provinces should be based on administrative needs and not on lingual or regional basis.

Bahawalpur was an ideal Muslim welfare state where people of all color and creed were living in a homogeneous culture which was a real cause of prosperity of the state. Dr. Khwaja Alqama, Prof. Dr. Memuna Ghani, Dr. Musawwir Hussain Bukhari and Dr. Safder Hussain also spoke on this occasion. As many as 500 delegates from various universities across Pakistan participated in the conference having 20 key note speakers highlighting social, political, geographical and economic perspectives of the Punjab.

Selection Board Meeting

Three-day selection board meeting of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur held at Abbasia Campus. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor

presided the meeting while members included Dr. Shehzad Qaiser, Retd. Federal Secretary, Prof. Dr. Hameed Raza Siddiqui, Member Syndicate, relevant

departmental heads and subject experts. The board interviewed candidates for vacant posts of Assistant Professor at Department of Pharmacy,

Management Sciences, BEMS, BHMS, Live-stock Managements Sciences and administrative posts for the positions of Registrar, Controller, Director IT and other vacancies. Another two-day selection board meeting of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur held at Abbasia Campus. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor presided the meeting while members included Prof. Dr. Zakria Zakar, Vice Chancellor, University of Okara, Dr. Shehzad Qaiser, Retd. Federal Secretary, Prof. Dr. Hameed Raza Siddiqui. The board interviewed candidates for 10 vacant posts of assistant professor at Department of Computer Sciences and discussed various appointment matters.



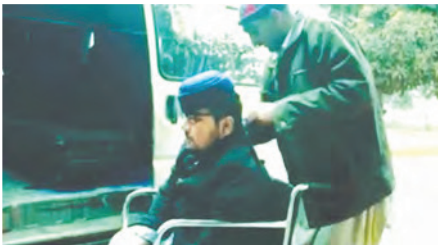
Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor presiding the meeting of selection board

International Day of People with Disabilities Observed

The Islamia University of Bahawalpur is providing exemplary services to special students and employees. This was stated by Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob Vice Chancellor on the occasion of International Day of Persons with Disabilities. He said

that special students are provided free of cost education and boarding facilities at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. Each department in the university has been allocated 2 percent admission quota for special students in each program. The

University also has allocated 2 percent job quota for special persons in the university. Special students are also provided pick and drop service from their doorstep to the departments.



A driver helps a special student to board on university provided pick and drop facility

Seminar on International Cotton Day

Cotton is a white gold and backbone of Pakistani economy, a cash crop for the farmer and major raw material for the textile industry. However, during last few years its production and cultivated land is decreasing very fast. This year too, due to non-seasonal rains

and other factors the target of 15 million bales seems unachievable task. This was highlighted during a seminar at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur held in connection with International Cotton Day. The speakers felicitated Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor for his

steps to promote quality research including cotton and other crops. The Islamia University of Bahawalpur has produced three cotton varieties IUB-13, IUB-222 and MM-58 which are being cultivate on 40% cotton area of the country. These varieties are tolerant to heat and water scarce

conditions as well as resistant to curl leaf virus. The speaker Dr. Muhammad Iqbal Bandesha and Dr. Muazzam Jamil praised efforts of government both federal and provincial level to revive cotton crop to revive noticed economy.



Awareness walk to highlight role of cotton in national economy

Delegation of National Agriculture Education Accreditation Council Visits IUB

The Accreditation Inspection Committee of National Agriculture Education Accreditation Council, Higher Education Commission (HEC), visited the University College of Agriculture and Environmental Science, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. The visit was aimed to evaluate Department of Soil Science and Department of Forestry Range and Wildlife Management. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor briefed the delegation about on-going developmental projects at University College of Agriculture and Environmental Science. Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq Ahmad Rajwana, Chairperson, NAEAC / Pro-Vice Chancellor MNS-University of Agriculture, Multan explained the objectives and achievements of the council. The team comprised of Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq Ahmad Rajwana, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Abid Kharal, Dr. Jam Niaz Ahmad,



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, along with delegation of National Agriculture Education Accreditation Council

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Zubair and Prof. Dr. Din Muhammad Zahid. Prof. Dr. Moazzam Jamil, Principal University College of Agriculture and Environmental Science and Prof. Dr. Tanveer Hussain Khan, Chairman, Forestry Range and Wildlife Management

presented their respective departments to the subject experts. The experts evaluated the two departments on the basis of standard TORs and checked infrastructure, laboratories, class-rooms, experimental area, hostel facilities, medical

facilities and sports facilities. The team also interacted with faculty members and students of various sessions. The team appreciated academics and supporting facilities and hoped that development with good pace will be continued in future.

Cancer Awareness Seminar

A breast cancer awareness seminar was organized under the Pink Ribbon Youth Awareness Program. Female students, faculty and dignitaries were offered pink ribbons to wear and express their support and alliance with the cause. They were also given informative literature containing cancer hazards and precautionary measures. Posters and banners were also displayed in main areas at Baghdad-ul-Jadeed and Abbassia Campuses. The seminar was chaired by Begum Vice Chancellor, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob who expressed her pleasure on this initiative taken by the IUB. In these circumstances, more and more awareness programs can lower the mortality rate, since early detection is the best remedy for breast cancer. Dr. Koukab Jabeen, Deputy Medical Chief, BINO Hospital Bahawalpur



Participants of awareness seminar on breast cancer at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur

delivered an extensive lecture on symptoms, diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer. She expressed that mortality rate due to breast cancer in Pakistan was far higher as compared to other Asian countries and the best remedy of this fatal disease was early detection. Dr. Kaukab

explicitly answered the queries of the audience during the questions and answers session. Dr. Safina Sheikh, Medical Doctor also highlighted the topic as well as elaborated upon female health issues. Dr Rahila Khalid Qureshi, Focal Person expressed special gratitude for the guests of honor

for elaborating upon this critical health issue and spreading awareness among female population of this area. Around 1000 faculty members and students attended the seminar.

National Resilience Day

A seminar and an awareness walk was organized at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur on National Resilience Day with a pledge to fight natural disasters with better knowledge and capacity building. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor announced to launch disaster management courses in the University to equip youth with skills to protect themselves and community from disaster of

natural calamities in professional manner. He said in his message that this day reminds us the horrific catastrophe of earthquake of 8 October 2005 when the whole nation united to fight this disaster. At a seminar held at Department of Social Work the participants said that it is duty of youth to voluntarily participate in trainings of disaster management and raise awareness in this regard.



Participants of awareness walk

Meet the Press at Abbasia Campus

Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur said that as many as 8,000 students got admissions at undergraduate Master, MPhil and PhD levels in fall semester in all the five campuses. This is the largest ever intake in the history of the university which has been ensured to maximize resource utilization and facilitation of admission seekers. The Vice Chancellor expressed these views during a press conference at Abbasia Campus. He said that recently three selection boards were held to recruit 135 faculty members and faculty strength will be enhanced in coming semesters to meet fast growing number of students. Launching of user-friendly online admission system and setup of admission cell has facilitated around 60,000 applicants who visited the university from all parts of the country. The university buses and routes will be increased to



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor addressing the journalists

facilitate students. The university has also started bus service to facilitate students of neighboring towns. Blood screening and vaccination of 20,000 students will be arranged during coming days. Residential facilities for students are also being enhanced making four new hostels functional. Innovative projects are being initiated to facilitate both university and community which include solar energy plant, biogas project and sewerage water treatment to produce energy in collaboration with District Government.

Khawaja Fareed Chair will be activated and a grand Khawaja Fareed Conference is being organized in the month of December. Talking about new academic programs, the Vice Chancellor said that Post Graduate Medical College and a Nursing College are being setup while Civil Engineering and Environmental Sciences programs have been introduced besides up gradation of commerce courses. Veterinary College is being upgraded under a three-year development program and Livestock and Dairy Department

has been taken on board to promote this field. Sports department has been made functional with launching of Women Cricket League and Inter Colleges Sports events. Olympian Samiullah Khan has been requested to provide his expertise to boost sports at the University. The Vice Chancellor also praised the establishing of Sir Sadiq Muhamamd Khan Corner at Bahawalpur Press Club assuring full support from the university.

Kashmir Solidarity Walk

Faculty of Pharmacy and students participated in a rally to express solidarity with Kashmiri people. The activity was held in connection with Government of Pakistan Kashmir Solidarity Theme on "Kashmir Day". The participants walked in Khawaja Fareed Campus and chanted slogans for Kashmiri people who are facing brutality of Indian forces.



Orientation Sessions for Newly Inducted Students

The Islamia University of Bahawalpur organized orientation sessions for newly inducted student in the main auditorium. The University inducted 8000 students in 112 morning and 84 evening programs at Bachelor, Master, MPhil and PhD levels in all the seven faculties across five campuses for the fall semester 2019. Addressing the gathering of students, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor said that the Islamia University of Bahawalpur is experiencing a new era of expansion and development to meet the challenges both at national and global level. We have to convert this university in to an innovative and progressive institution competing globally. On this occasion, he gave slogan to faculty and administration, The Islamia University of Bahawalpur - The IUB Tolerance, Honesty, Eco Friendly, Innovative, Understanding and Beneficial. He

said in order to keep abreast ourselves with social and economic challenges, environmental and technological advances around the world, we need to be tolerant to diversity

culture and people around and beneficial not only to our own society but for the whole world. He said students should utilize their time in the university seeking knowledge and make

congenial environment for their curricular and co curricular activities while faculty and administration is available every time to ensure smooth running of academic activities with allied facilities. On this occasion administrative heads from hostels, transport, medical, sports, security, career development center, directorate of alumni, library and financial aid offices briefed in detail about practices and procedures for the provision of facilities to students. The Vice Chancellor also distributed appreciation certificates to students shown remarkable achievements in co curricular activities.



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor addressing a gathering of students during orientation ceremony

and bring a culture of inclusiveness, environmental friendly, bringing innovative and smart solutions to problems, being understanding to the

them competent enough to imbibe information they receive and convert it into useful knowledge. He said all out efforts would be made to provide them a

Shahid Khan Afridi Visits IUB

Former Test Cricketer Shahid Khan Afridi said that the Islamia University of Bahawalpur has marvelous contribution in

girls in the auditorium of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. He thanked Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor for

thousand students in the university recently has clearly shown the popularity of the institution. Recently, steps have

faculty and students. Earlier, Shahid Khan Afridi called on the Vice Chancellor at his office and briefed him about his educational



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur presenting shield to Shahid Khan Afridi

promotion of education in the region. This university has immense talent which strengthens our belief in bright future of the nation. He expressed these views during a seminar to promote education for

organizing a big gathering of faculty members and students and providing him opportunity to interact with them. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor welcomed him at the University and said that huge intake of 8

been taken to expand the university to facilitate people of the region including launching of new market oriented academic programs and initiatives to maximize the utilization of infrastructure benefitting both

campaign in Southern Punjab. On this occasion, promotion of sports activities was also discussed to harness talent of students.



Glimpses of Shahid Khan Afridi's visit to IUB

Intelligent Technologies and Applications (INTAP 2019)



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, giving away a souvenir to a scholar during the concluding ceremony of 2nd International Conference on Intelligent Technologies and Applications

The 2nd International Conference on Intelligent Technologies and Applications (INTAP 2019) held at the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. This three-day conference was jointly organized in collaboration with the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan, the Punjab Higher Education Commission and the Islamia University of Bahawalpur. As many as 120 delegates from Turkey, Italy and Pakistan participated in the event. The Vice Chancellor, Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob said in his message on this occasion that Information Technology, Cognitive Sciences,

Biotechnology and Nanotechnology are converging to open up new technological frontiers. These trends bring important benefits, economic growth, a better quality of life, job opportunities and more consumer choice - all of which depend on innovation. The Conference adopts a timely theme, Smart and Intelligent Technologies. Technology has penetrated into virtually all areas of operations of health, education and business. To effectively benefit from technology applications, it is essential that education professionals set themselves

ready for transforming their practices and keep identifying effective ways for transformations in their contexts. It is essential to bring together experts in the field of technology in education to realize the potential of technology for education. He praised IUB Artificial Intelligence Research Group for a wonderful job to organize a new series of annual conferences at Bahawalpur that capitalizes on their strengths and have built on common commitment to promote effective use of technology in diverse modes of life. Conference focal person Dr. Imran Sarwar

Bajwa said that INTAP 19 will address recent advancements in the field of artificial intelligence that has resulted in a number of emerging fields of research such as ambient intelligence, pervasive intelligence, web intelligence, bio-inspired intelligence, and many more fields. Emergence in various new fields of Intelligent Computing has opened new horizons of research and development. It is an important aspect to see that how these advancements in the field of intelligent computing are affecting the human life. Moreover, we are interested to investigate the way of the modern intelligent technologies simplifying decision making and information processing. He further said that the INTAP 2019 conference will feature original research and industrial papers on the theory, design and implementation of artificial intelligence in different fields of research, as well as demonstrations, tutorials, workshops and industrial presentations. This conference included presentations of contributed papers by invited keynote speakers. He thanked local and foreign experts for their participation in the event.

Services of Sundas Foundation Praised

Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, visited Blood Transfusion Center of Sundas Foundation Lahore and praised the efforts of the organization serving the humanity. On this occasion, he interacted with staff and cancer patient children in the center. He was briefed that Sundas Foundation has been providing medical facilities and blood to thalassemia, hemophilia and blood cancer patients since last 21 years. Currently, 6000

patients are provided blood transfusion after every fifteen days. All the facilities including blood transfusion, physiotherapy and medical tests are provided free of cost. The Vice Chancellor appreciated the dedication and hard work of medical staff and said that their moral, social and medical support to unprivileged people is really praiseworthy and everyone should join this noble cause.



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor interacting with a thalassemia patient

Annual GIS Maps Exhibition



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor inaugurating maps exhibition at Department of Geography

Department of Geography organized "Annual GIS based map exhibition". Prof Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur inaugurated the event. Students of MSc. and MPhil. Geography presented their GIS based map projects on various themes including sustainable management of environment, Medical and health Geography, Culture and economic

development, land use planning of various cities under the supervision of Chairman Dr. Abdul Sattar Khan Department of Geography. Faculty members and students from various departments attended the event. Vice Chancellor also addressed to students and highly appreciated the efforts of students and teachers and also visited the exhibition.

IUB to Promote Tourism



Tourists from Austria visited Bahawalpur

The present government is promoting tourism in the country and the Islamia University of Bahawalpur will play it's due role in promotion of tourism in Southern Punjab. The Vice Chancellor said this during a meeting with two Austrian tourists visiting Pakistan on the theme of highlighting ancient silk route connecting Europe and

Asia. The Vice Chancellor said that recently thousands of local and foreign tourists visited northern Pakistan. Bahawalpur has a rich cultural heritage and visiting guests will enjoy local hospitality. Both the visitors also interacted with faculty and students and praised beauty of the university campuses.

IUB Signs MOU with Bahawalpur Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor and Mr. Javaid Iqbal Chaudhry, President, Bahawalpur Chamber of Commerce and Industry signed MoU between Bahawalpur Chamber of Commerce and Industry and the Islamia University of Bahawalpur to establish Industry-Academia Linkages.



IUB faculty members and office bearers of BCCI during the MoU ceremony

Training Workshop on PPRA Rules

A one-day training workshop held on how to avoid mis-procurement in public procurement under the auspice's Punjab Procurement Authority. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur was the chief guest while Shahid Hussain, Managing Director, Punjab Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) delivered extensive lecture on Punjab Procurement Rule and Process. The workshop aimed to equip participants with an overview of the PPRA rules. It explored roles, key activities and methods used to drive value from the procurement process. The training course provided the delegate with an awareness and

understanding of public sector procurement, providing an overview of such areas as the legislative environment, the processes, rules and documentation. This training empowered delegates to be better equipped to engage with public sector organizations. The course focused upon the creation of efficient and effective tendering strategy including completion of pre-qualification questionnaires, invitation to tender documentation and evaluation methodologies under PPRA. Participants of this training program learned some of the key control issues in dealing with government resources and financial controls place to



Participants of training workshop

prevent fraud, corruption and mis-procurement. This training provided an interactive forum for the officers to share, explore and discuss concepts and issues related to procurement

Representatives of Quaid e Azam Medical College and Sadiq College Women University also attended the workshop.

IUB to Promote Agricultural Research



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor along with faculty members visiting agricultural farm

Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur visited the agriculture farm of a progressive grower Asif Majeed in Muzaffargarh and witnessed the date palm orchard irrigated through drip irrigation. He also met with Syed Fakhar Imam, Chairman Kashmir Committee, Prof. Dr. Asif Ali, Vice Chancellor,

MNS University of Agriculture, Multan, Dr Khalid Abdullah, Cotton Commissioner, Mr. Khalid Khokhar, Mr. Qasim Langah, Prof. Dr. Attique, date palm expert, Gomal University, Sardar Sultan Nasir, Mr. Asad Iqbal, progressive grower and other dignitaries of Multan and Muzaffargarh. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal, Director ORIC and Dr. Maqshoof Ahmad,

Manager ORIC, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur were also present on this occasion. The Vice Chancellor appreciated the efforts of the grower in planting date palm in desert area of the region by efficiently utilizing the brackish water through drip irrigation system. This method of irrigation provides excellent solution to issues related to

various fruit crops in problematic soils with limited water availability. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor assured the growers that IUB will extend its complete support for such ventures. Other agricultural issues like failure of cotton and strategies for its revival were also discussed in detail with a view to revitalize textile sector in Pakistan, which contributes major share in country's economy. Syed Fakhar Imam who is also the convener of National Assembly Agriculture Committee highlighted the significant role of IUB varieties in cotton cultivation and hoped that IUB will keep on playing its leading role in cotton revival. The Vice Chancellor on this occasion informed the growers that IUB have a dedicated team of researchers pursuing day and night to produce such varieties of crops which are compatible to local climatic condition and meet the expectations of the farming community as well as textile industry.

Performing Arts Festival

A colorful Performing Art Festival depicting student's talent through sufiana kalam, folk music and drama performance was held at the Main Auditorium. A team of 200 students of university Performing Arts Society shown mesmerizing performance in music and acting and enthralled the audience. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob Vice Chancellor, Hockey Olympian Sami Ullah Khan and Columnists Naeem Masood along with faculty members and hundreds of students attended the festival and praised artistic skills of students. Advisor Performing Art Society Dr. Abdul Wajid Khan thanked the Vice Chancellor and guests for encouraging the student's talent.



Glimpses of Performing Arts Festival

IUB Signs MoU with Press Club Bahawalpur

The Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Press Club Bahawalpur signed an MoU to collaborate for training of media persons and promoting educational activities. Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor and President Press Club Naseer Ahmed Nasir signed the agreement in the presence of faculty members, journalists and students. The Vice Chancellor said that this agreement is mile stone to promote professionalism

and media ethics in Southern Punjab. The University will organize training courses for journalists to give them hand on training to improve their professional skills. He also praised establishing of Sir Sadiq Corner in the press club to promote literary activities and reiterated university support for this purpose. President Press Club Naseer Ahmed Nasir said that they will promote education and stand with the university on this cause.



A view of MoU signing Ceremony

Annual Art Exhibition

Annual art and design show of University College of Art and Design, the Islamia University of Bahawalpur held at Baghdad ul Jadeed Campus. As many as 51 artist students of final year class presented their art work at display in newly inaugurated Hakra Art Gallery at the university. Engr Prof Dr Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor along with renowned artist and former Principal, National College of Arts, Lahore Saleema Hashmi inaugurated the thesis display. The visitors praised the innovative designs in painting, miniature, calligraphy, textile and digital art formats. It was noted that artist besides highlighting various social issues on their canvas also beautifully presented Cholistani culture and thousands year old



Inauguration of Annual Art Exhibition

Hakra Valley civilization. The experts visiting from renowned art schools from across Pakistan highly praised the creative style

and innovation of art students. They were of the view that art work of local students should be displayed in big cities and

projected through various mediums including social media.



A view of Hakra art gallery



Glimpses of Art Exhibition



Visit of Alumni and Renowned Columnist/Anchor Javed Chaudhary to IUB



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor and Mr. Javed Chaudhary attending a seminar at main auditorium



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob welcoming Mr. Javed Chaudhary



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor presenting souvenir to Mr. Javed Chaudhary



Mr. Javed Chaudhary addressing the faculty and students



Engr. Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor and Mr. Javed Chaudhary planting a tree at Lal Sohanra National Park