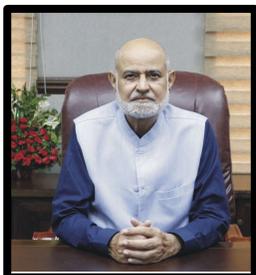




The Islamia University of Bahawalpur

Quality Enhancement Cell

“Facilitating Distinction in Academics”



Prof. Dr. Naveed Akhtar
Vice Chancellor



Prof. Dr. M. Asadullah Madni
Director QEC

Our Vision: - To become a world-class university with a global outlook and be a catalyst for socioeconomic transformation of the region.

Our Mission: - To produce human and intellectual capital of high socioeconomic value through conduct of top quality academic and research programs and establishing as well as sustaining, an environment conducive to teaching, research, innovation, service and community engagement activities.

QEC's Vision: - To make quality enhancement mechanism of IUB competitive with standards of top ranked international educational institutions.

QEC's Mission: - To achieve internationally recognized quality standards of higher education for IUB by developing and implementing internal quality assurance policies, capacity building of departments, faculty and students, automating the assessment processes and collaborating with international bodies.

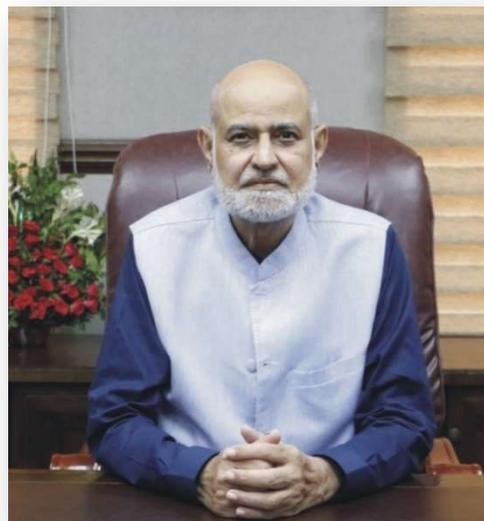


Message from the Vice Chancellor

Dear Esteemed Faculty, Staff, and Students,

Over the past year, QEC has made significant progress in upholding excellence by effectively conducting program and institutional performance reviews as per the revised Quality Assurance framework. Our rigorous monitoring and periodic evaluations demonstrate our commitment to not only meeting but exceeding standards. Leveraging stakeholder feedback has fostered a culture of continuous improvement and innovation. Additionally, QEC's alignment of our programs with global best practices, while addressing local needs, ensures that our graduates are well-prepared for success in a globalized world. I would like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to the Director of QEC, Prof. Dr. M Asadullah Madni, and his dedicated team. Their tireless efforts, innovative approaches, and unwavering commitment to quality have been instrumental in these achievements.

I am optimistic that with the QEC's ongoing dedication and the collective efforts of our faculty, staff, and students, we will continue to advance in our mission of academic excellence.



Message from Director QEC

As we navigate the evolving landscape of higher education, it is imperative to uphold the highest quality assurance standards across all facets of the institution. Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC) of The Islamia University Bahawalpur remains committed to implementing Higher Education Commission (HEC) policies, ensuring programs meet and exceed benchmarks, thereby enhancing the educational experience. Participation in international rankings underscores a commitment to global academic standards, facilitating comparisons with leading institutions. I urge all departments to actively engage with the QEC, leverage feedback, and work towards the shared goal of academic excellence. Together, let's elevate the IUB's academic quality and reputation.



Review of Institutional Performance and Enhancement (RIPE) for Internal Quality Assurance (IQA)

The Review of Institutional Performance and Enhancement (RIPE) for Internal Quality Assurance (IQA) for the academic year 2023-24 was held on June 27-28, 2024. The RIPE panel consisted of external members Dr. Jahangir Khan, Director QEC, UOM, and Dr. Rukhsana Rasheed, Director, QEC, GSCWU, Bahawalpur, along with internal members Prof. Dr. Shazia Anjum, Dean, Faculty of Chemical & Biological Science, IUB, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Amjad, Dean, Faculty of Engineering & Technology, IUB, and Prof. Dr. Muhammad Asadullah Madni, Director QEC, IUB



The review team thoroughly accessed the university based on sixteen RIPE standards, examined the documentation and evidence, and interacted with Director ORIC, Registrar, Controller of Examinations, Treasurer, Deans, Chairpersons and Faculty Members. The team also visited different labs and campus facilities. The Worthy Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Naveed Akhtar, thanked the panel for the insightful review and appreciated the efforts of the Director QEC and his team in aligning IUB with the revised HEC requirements.



Training Sessions on Program Review for Effectiveness & Enhancement (PREE)

Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC) under the dynamic leadership of Prof. Dr. M. Asadullah Madni, Director QEC, organized orientation sessions focusing on Program Review for Effectiveness and Enhancement (PREE) using Internal Quality Assurance methods at the program level.

Rao Mazhar Hussain, Additional Director of QEC, provided an overview of the internal quality assurance practices, framework and procedures. Engr. M. Ahmad, Deputy Director, QEC, elaborated on the



standards and criteria outlined in the self-assessment report. Program Team members of various Departments attended the sessions.

These sessions equipped attendees with the necessary knowledge to conduct comprehensive self-assessments, recognize areas of strength and improvement, and formulate practical strategies for

enhancement at the Program level.

Assessment of different Academic Programs

QEC team has successfully conducted a comprehensive assessment of its different programs of Faculty of Pharmacy, Faculty of Chemical & Biological Sciences, Faculty of Physical & Mathematical Sciences, Faculty of Arts & Languages.

The assessment was carried out by Program Assessment Teams (PAT) approved by the Vice Chancellor. The PAT teams consisted of Dean(s) faculty concerned, Chairperson(s) concerned, Director QEC and Deputy Director QEC. The assessment aimed to evaluate the effectiveness of the academic programs, identifying areas of strength & weakness, and providing recommendations for improvement.

Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Naveed Akhtar presided the assessment activity in Faculty of Pharmacy, Prof. Dr. Shazia Anjum presided the assessment activity in the Faculty of Chemical and Biological Sciences, Prof. Dr. Amir Sohail presided the assessment activity in the Faculty of Arts & Languages and Prof. Dr. Saeed Ahmad Buzdar presided the assessment activity in the Faculty of



Physical & Mathematical Sciences. The Director QEC, Prof. Dr. Asadullah Madni, commended the respective Deans & Chairpersons for their cooperation in making the assessment process more effective.

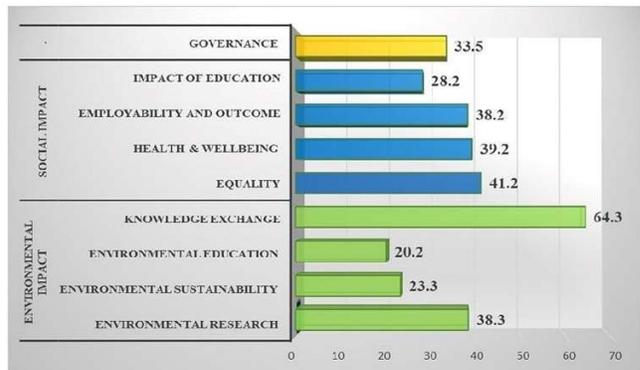
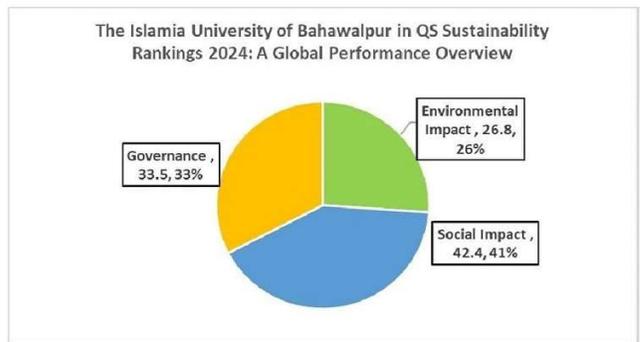


IUB Shines in QS World University Rankings for Sustainability 2024

The Islamia University of Bahawalpur has debuted in the 2024 QS World University Rankings for Sustainability. This ranking assesses universities' performance in Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) domains. The evaluation provides insights into the university's achievements and initiatives in sustainability, highlighting its strengths and areas of focus. This comprehensive assessment enables stakeholders to understand the university's commitment to a sustainable future.

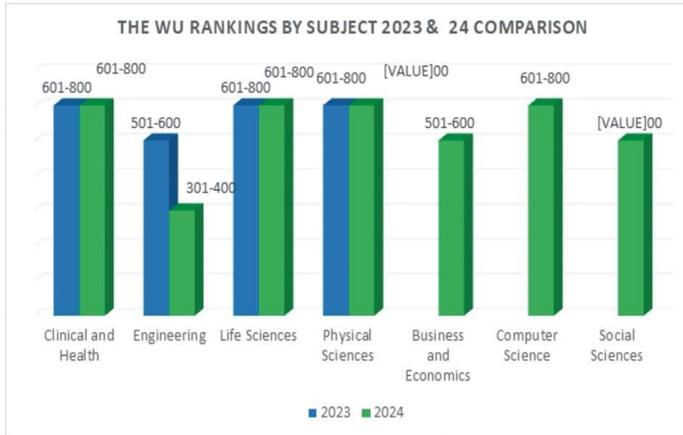
The global QS World University Ranking of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur is 1201+, with a notable position of 390th in Asia and a standing of 14th among participating institutions in Pakistan. More specifically, the university secures a ranking of 1001+ in the categories of Environmental, Social Impact, and Governance.

Islamia University of Bahawalpur has entered the QS sustainability rankings for the first time, demonstrating its commitment to addressing global challenges in environmental, social, and governance domains. This achievement showcases the university's readiness to contribute to the global discourse on sustainability. The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Naveed Akhtar, praised the Director QEC, Prof. Dr. M. Asadullah Madni, QEC team and the university community for this accomplishment. IUB aims to play a proactive role in resolving global sustainability issues.



IUB achieves Prominent Position in Times Higher Education Subject Rankings 2024

Islamia University Bahawalpur has made significant strides in the Times Higher Education Subject Rankings 2024, improving its position in various subjects compared to 2023. The university has advanced in rankings for Computer Science, Physical Sciences, Engineering, Life Sciences, and



A thorough overview of The Islamia University of Bahawalpur's ranking and performance in the Times Higher Education World

University Subject Rankings for 2024.

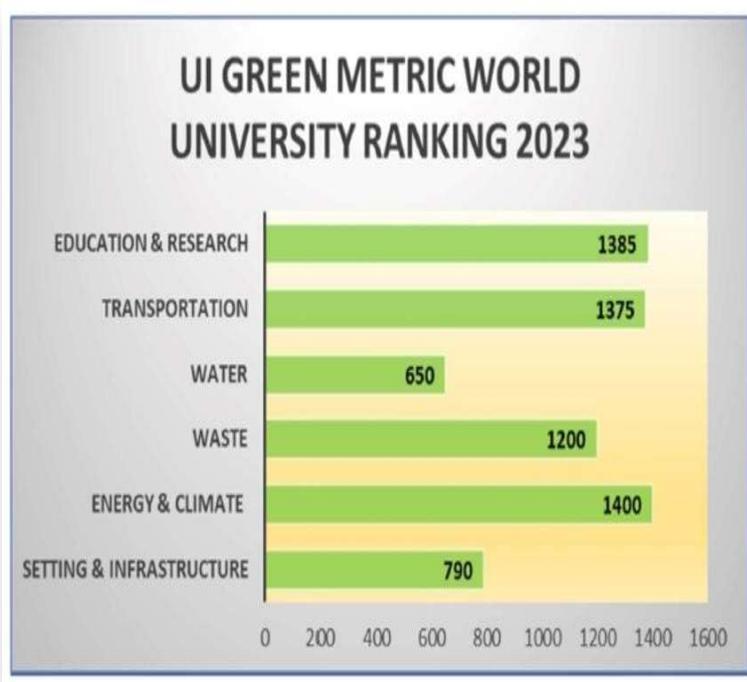
World Rank	Subject	Rank in Pakistan
501-600	Social Sciences	2 nd out of 10
501-600	Engineering	5 th out of 23
501-600	Business and Economics	6 th out of 10
601-800	Clinical and Health	5 th out of 10
601-800	Computer Science	10 th out of 15
601-800	Life Sciences	10 th out of 19
601-800	Physical Sciences	17 th out of 31

Clinical and Health Sciences, and has been featured in new subjects such as Business, Economics, and Social Sciences. Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. Naveed Akhtar congratulated the university community on this achievement, highlighting the institution's unique position as a world-class

university. This success is a testament to the university's commitment to quality teaching and research.

IUB Achieves Milestone in UI Green Metric World University Rankings

The Islamia University of Bahawalpur has secured 406th position out of 1183 universities worldwide in the



UI Green Metric World University Rankings 2023, ranking 14th among Pakistani universities. This marks a significant improvement of 178 positions globally and 10 positions nationally compared to the previous year. The university's dedication to sustainability and environmental responsibility has been recognized, with notable achievements in infrastructure, transportation, education, energy & climate change. IUB's commitment to fostering a culture of environmental responsibility & promoting green practices has been highlighted by the Vice Chancellor.

IUB Soars in QS World University Rankings for Asia 2024



The Islamia University of Bahawalpur has made a remarkable leap in the 2024 QS World University Rankings for Asia, securing the 125th position in Southern Asia. This significant improvement, from the 501-550 range to the 451-500 range, is a testament to the university's unwavering commitment to academic excellence and reputation.

Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Naveed Akhtar extends his warmest congratulations to the university's academic and non-academic staff and students, recognizing their tireless efforts in enhancing the university's academic offerings & overall performance.

This achievement demonstrates the university's dedication to attracting top talent and

contributing to its long-term success.

Establishment of QECACs as per HEC Requirements

Quality Enhancement Cell of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur has set up QEC for affiliated colleges unit and appointed QEC focal persons at the affiliated colleges for proper functioning and maintaining quality standards as per the criteria of HEC. On this matter, Prof.



Dr. M. Asadullah Madni, Director, QEC along with Rao Mazhar Hussain, Additional Director QEC IUB attended a meeting at the HEC regional center in Lahore, regarding the status of the establishment & functioning of QECACs setups, with all relevant records. Mr.

Afzaal, Director for QECACs, Higher Education

Commission applauded the efforts of the Vice Chancellor and QEC IUB for fulfilling all relevant terms and conditions.

HEC Resumes University Rankings to Foster Academic Excellence

After an eight-year hiatus, the Higher Education Commission (HEC) has resumed university rankings, renaming the process the "HEC National University Ranking 2023". This initiative aims to promote transparency, accountability, and academic excellence in Pakistan's higher education sector.



To facilitate this process, HEC organized a training session for focal persons from 10 Southern Punjab Public Sector Universities, equipping them to collect and provide ranking data. Rao Mazhar Hussain, Additional Director QEC, and Engr. Muhammad Ahmad, Deputy Director QEC, participated in

Ranking session conducted at MNSUAM, Multan.

The ranking criteria, finalized after incorporating feedback from universities and experts, comprise 69 parameters assessing university performance in areas like academic precision, research, financial prudence, and societal engagement. This comprehensive evaluation framework will provide a robust and inclusive ranking process, aligning with the diverse needs of Pakistan's higher education community.

HEC 3-Days Training Workshop

A 3 Day Workshop by HEC on "The Review of Institutional Performance and Enhancement (RIPE) for Internal Quality Assurance (IQA) was conducted at IBA, Sukkur. Prof. Dr. M. Asadullah Madni, Director QEC along with QEC Directors from Southern Punjab and Interior Sindh HEIs attended the training.



Self-Review of Post Graduate Program Review

Self-Post Graduate Program Review of MPhil and PhD (level 7 & 8) programs offered at IUB was conducted on 25-26 April 2024. The Self-Review Panel consisted of Dr. Rana M. Bilal, Director QEC, CUVAS, Bahawalpur as External



Member, and, Prof. Dr. Khalid Mansoor, Dean Faculty of Veterinary & Animal Sciences, Prof. Dr. Asif Naveed Ranjha, Director AS&RB & Prof. Dr. Asadullah Madni, Director QEC as Internal Reviewers. Rao Mazhar Hussain, Additional Director QEC worked as Facilitator. The panel carried out evaluation as per the Higher Education Commission (HEC) guidelines. The panel also interacted with Dean faculty concerned and Chairpersons of Departments during the Self-Review.

Participation of Director QEC in Advanced Training Capacity Building Program for Ph.D. Supervisors

Coventry University, UK, hosted an advanced training program for Ph.D. supervisors. This initiative, organized by the Higher Education Commission (HEC), the National Academy of Higher Education (NAHE), the British Council, and Coventry University, follows previous training phases conducted in Lahore, Islamabad, and Karachi. Director QEC, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Asadullah Madni, participated in the



training sessions from The Islamia University of Bahawalpur.

The program aimed to enhance the supervisory framework for doctoral research in Pakistan by introducing the UK's Good Supervisory Practice Framework. The Criteria for Good Supervisory Practice was covered in the following topics

- Recruitment and selection
- Supervisory relationships with candidates
- Supervisory relationships with co-supervisors
- Supporting candidates' research projects
- Encouraging candidates to write and giving appropriate feedback
- Keeping the research on track and monitoring progress
- Supporting candidates' personal, professional and career development
- Supporting candidates through the completion and final examination
- Supporting candidates to disseminate their research

The Coventry University training offered insights into effective Ph.D. supervision practices, supervision styles, and strategies for monitoring the student lifecycle. It included panel discussions with supervisors and Ph.D. students, and an overview of the UK Council for Graduate Education's Supervisor Recognition program. This collaborative effort represents a significant step towards improving Ph.D. supervision standards in Pakistan, aligning with international best practices, and contributing to a knowledge-based economy through research advancement.

QS Insights Seminar and Award Ceremony Held at The University of Lahore

The University of Lahore hosted a seminar on QS Insights for Pakistani Universities, conducted by Quacquarelli Symonds (QS), UK, on July 10th, 2024. QS Team shared valuable insights and expertise with Pakistani universities. Prof. Dr. M. Asadullah Madni, Director, QEC IUB along with Rao Mazhar Hussain, Additional Director QEC represented The Islamia University of Bahawalpur. The event also featured the prestigious QS World University Rankings (QSWUR) Award Ceremony, recognizing excellence in higher education. The seminar and award ceremony provided a platform for universities to connect, learn, and celebrate their achievements in the global higher education landscape. This event highlights the growing importance of international collaboration and recognition in Pakistan's higher education sector.



Visits of QEC Team as External Reviewers

On the invitation of Cholistan University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, The



Government Sadiq College Women University Bahawalpur, and The Women University Multan, Director QEC, Prof. Dr. M. Asadullah Madni and Rao Mazhar Hussain, Additional Director QEC served as external reviewers.

IUB Teachers among top 2 percent Scientists of the World

Stanford University USA released the ranking of two percent of the best scientists in the world. 27 teachers of the IUB have joined the top two percent of scientists worldwide. Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Naveed Akhtar and Director QEC, Prof. Dr. M. Asadullah Madni are also declared as the best scientist. Vice-Chancellor congratulated the scientists on achieving this milestone.

Seminar on “Exploring Diverse Careers for Botanists”

A mega seminar on “Seeding Your Future: Exploring Diverse Careers for Botanists” was conducted by Engr. Muhammad Ahmad, Deputy Director QEC, for the outgoing students of Department of Botany. Mr. Ahmad shared insights on entrepreneurial opportunities for botanists and job opportunities for botanists in industrial, education and services sector. It's fantastic to see the department of Botany fostering a culture of innovation and creativity, preparing the next generation of leaders and changemakers under the Chairpersonship of Prof. Dr. Nargis Naz.



Participation in 4th International PNQAHE Conference and Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Rao Mazhar Hussain, Additional Director QEC and Engr. Muhammad Ahmad, Deputy Director QEC represented The Islamia University of Bahawalpur at 4th International Conference of Pakistan Network of Quality Assurance in Higher (PNQAHE) and Annual General Meeting (AGM)



Training session on Internal QA at Meer

Chakir Rind University (MCRU)

Training session on Program Review for Effectiveness & Enhancement (PREE) for Internal QA at Meer Chakir Rind University (MCRU) was conducted by Engr. Muhammad Ahmad, Deputy Director QEC, The Islamia University of Bahawalpur. In the concluding remarks, Vice Chancellor, MCRU,



Prof. Dr. Mehmood Saleem emphasized, "Internal Quality Assurance is the starting point to achieve total quality in HEIs. It is our collective responsibility to ensure excellence in our institutions."

Program Assessments in Affiliated Colleges

To ensure the highest educational standards, Director QEC, Prof. Dr. M. Asadullah Madni and Rao Mazhar Hussain, Additional Director QEC, conducted comprehensive assessments of several affiliated colleges in line with HEC Criterion & Standards. The evaluations included a thorough review of Johar Institute of Professional Studies, Lahore, Pakistan Homeopathic Medical College, Lahore, Yashfeen College of Allied Health Sciences, Lahore, and Sialkot Institute of Science & Technology, Sialkot, among others. This assessment was conducted under the "Programme Review for Effectiveness and Enhancement (PREE)" framework, aimed at evaluating and enhancing the effectiveness of academic programs and ensuring



they meet the required quality benchmarks. Assessment team findings report shared with respective colleges, accordingly colleges will prepare continuous quality implementation (CQI) plan and duly approved (CQI) plan will be followed by QECAs unit of QEC.



Participation in International Conference on Sustainable Development Goals (ICSDG-2024)

Engr. Muhammad Ahmad, Deputy Director QEC, and Ms. Arooj Fatima, Lecturer Management Sciences, participated as presenter in 02 Days International Conference on Sustainable Development

Goals (ICSDG-2024) at Khawja Fareed University of Engineering & Information Technology. Theme for 2024 was “Quality Education through Vocational Training & Skills Development:



Life-Changing Seminar on "Stress-Free Exams" Empowers Civil Engineering Students



QEC organized a seminar in Civil Engg. Department on “Stress-Free Exams”. Engr. Muhammad Ahmad, Deputy Director QEC, highlighted critical aspects of exam-related stress & practical tools to navigate the challenges associated with examinations. Dr. Haroon Rashid, Chairman of the Department of Civil Engineering, remarked, "This seminar reflects our commitment to the holistic development of our students”

Ghazi University Hosts Seminar on Career Opportunities for Botanists

Ghazi University, Dera Ghazi Khan, hosted an enlightening seminar titled "Exploring Diverse Careers for Botanists," led by Engr. Muhammad Ahmad, Deputy Director QEC at The Islamia University. The event aimed to broaden the horizons of students and faculty by showcasing a range of career opportunities available to botanists beyond the traditional roles. Engr. Ahmad’s presentation offered valuable insights and inspiration, helping to spark new interests and ideas among the university's botany enthusiasts.



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