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جامعہ سرگودھا میں رمضان المبارک کے روحانی، اخلاقی اور سماجی پیغام پر خصوصی تقریب



یونیورسٹی آف سرگودھا میں وزیر آغا لاہیری کے زیر اہتمام ماہ رمضان المبارک کی مناسبت سے ایک خصوصی تقریب منعقد ہوئی، جس کا مقصد اس مقدس مہینے کے روحانی، اخلاقی اور معاشرتی پیغام کو اجاگر کرنا تھا۔ تقریب میں وائس چانسلر یونیورسٹی آف سرگودھا پروفیسر ڈاکٹر قیصر عباس نے بطور مہمان خصوصی شرکت کی، جبکہ پروفیسر وائس چانسلر پروفیسر ڈاکٹر مسعود سرور اعوان مہمان اعزاز اور چیئر پرسن شعبہ علوم اسلامیہ پروفیسر ڈاکٹر فیروز الدین شاہ مہمان مقرر تھے۔ ڈائریکٹر اکیڈمکس و چیف لائبریریئر ڈاکٹر عظمیٰ شاہ زادی، مختلف فیکالٹیز کے ڈینز، ڈائریکٹرز، اساتذہ، افسران اور طلبہ و طالبات کی بڑی تعداد بھی تقریب میں شریک ہوئی۔



اپنے خطاب میں پروفیسر ڈاکٹر قیصر عباس نے حاضرین کو رمضان المبارک کی مبارک باد دی اور کہا کہ یہ مہینہ رحمت، برکت اور مغفرت کے ساتھ ساتھ محاسبہ نفس، کردار سازی اور روحانی تربیت کا بھی اہم موقع فراہم کرتا ہے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ رمضان المبارک کا پیغام صرف عبادات تک محدود نہیں بلکہ انسان کو ضبط نفس، دیانت، تحمل اور معاشرتی ذمہ داری کا احساس بھی دلاتا ہے۔ انہوں نے اس ضرورت پر زور دیا کہ طلبہ و طالبات رمضان کے فلسفے کو سمجھیں اور اس کی تعلیمات کو اپنی زندگی میں شامل کریں۔



پروفیسر ڈاکٹر فیروز الدین شاہ نے اپنے کلیدی خطاب میں کہا کہ روزے کا اصل مقصد تقویٰ اور نفس پر قابو پانا ہے۔ انہوں نے وضاحت کی کہ محض بھوکا اور پیاسا رہنا کافی نہیں بلکہ انسان کو اپنی زبان، نگاہ، سوچ اور خواہشات کو بھی برائی سے روکنا چاہیے۔ انہوں نے کہا کہ روزہ عقل، غضب اور شہوت میں اعتدال پیدا کرنے کی تربیت دیتا ہے، اور یہی توازن انسان کو حکمت، شجاعت اور عفت کی طرف لے جاتا ہے۔

انہوں نے نوجوانوں کو جلد بازی، اشتعال اور سخت رویوں سے بچنے کی تلقین کی اور کہا کہ تحمل، برداشت، محبت اور باہمی احترام ایک مضبوط معاشرے کی بنیاد ہیں۔ ڈاکٹر عظمیٰ شاہ زادی نے کہا کہ رمضان المبارک صبر، شکر، ایثار اور خدمتِ خلق کا عملی درس دیتا ہے۔ انہوں نے ضرورت مندوں کی مدد، معاملات میں دیانت اور تعلقات میں خلوص کو اس ماہ کی حقیقی روح قرار دیا۔

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**Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider Khan
Presides 12th Convocation**

Convocation Celebrated the Success of Over 70% Female Graduates

The University of Sargodha conferred 18,369 degrees upon graduates from eight faculties during its 12th Convocation, marking a major milestone in the University's academic journey. Over 70% of those awarded degrees were female students.



UoS Conferred 18,369 Degrees at 12th Convocation



The University of Sargodha hosted its 12th Convocation and conferred a total of 18,369 degrees upon graduates from eight faculties, marking another important milestone in the University's academic journey. Governor of Punjab and Chancellor Sardar Saleem Haider Khan presided over the ceremony along with Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas. The convocation began with the

traditional academic procession, which included the Chancellor, Vice Chancellor, Pro Vice Chancellor, Registrar, Controller of Examinations, deans of the eight faculties, heads of departments, directors, and senior university officials.

The University awarded 105 PhD, 696 MS, MPhil and LLM, 1,911 MA and MSc, 6,712 BS and BBA, and 8,945 BA and BSc

degrees. The graduates represented the Faculties of Agriculture; Arts and Humanities; Computing and Information Technology; Engineering and Technology; Medical and Allied Health Sciences; Pharmacy; Sciences; and Social Sciences.

In his opening remarks, Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas briefed the Chancellor on the University's academic, research, and develop



mental progress. He highlighted improvements in international rankings, academic standards, and research productivity. He also emphasized the University's commitment to producing skilled graduates who could respond effectively to national and global workforce requirements.

The Vice Chancellor further highlighted the University's efforts to strengthen quality education, innovation, institutional growth, and research-led development.

Addressing the convocation, Sardar Saleem Haider Khan appreciated the progress of the University under the lead-

ership of Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas. He acknowledged the University's strategic vision, institutional reforms, and academic achievements and described UoS as a model for other public-sector universities.

The Governor of Punjab, Sardar Saleem Haider Khan, congratulated the graduates and

Graduates Encouraged To Embrace Their Role As Agents Of Positive Change



described their academic achievement as the result of sustained effort, discipline and the support of their parents and teachers. He urged the students to continue working hard and to use their education with a strong sense of responsibility.

He emphasized that the youth held an important role in the progress of the country. He encouraged the graduates to develop professional competence, remain committed to their goals and contribute positively to society through their knowledge, skills and conduct.

The Governor advised the students not to consider the award of a degree as the end of their learning journey. He asked them to remain open to new knowledge, respond confidently to emerging challenges and maintain integrity in their personal and professional lives.

He also reminded the graduates that individual success gained greater value when it contributed to the development of society and the strengthening of national institutions. He urged them to work with dedication, respect others and serve the country with sincerity and commitment.

The Governor also appreciated the collective efforts of the Vice Chancellor and his team and stated that their dedication significantly strengthened the institution. He emphasized the importance of strong national institutions and urged all stakeholders to contribute collectively to their development.

Sardar Saleem Haider Khan
Governor of Punjab and Chancellor

“Our youth are the agents of positive change and the true strength of Pakistan. Through hard work, integrity and a strong sense of responsibility, they can transform challenges into opportunities and contribute meaningfully to national progress. I urge every graduate to use knowledge not only for personal success, but also for the development of society and the strengthening of our national institutions.”



UoS Awarded Degrees to Graduates on Second Day of 12th Convocation



Celebrations continued on the second day of the 12th Convocation of the University of Sargodha as degrees were conferred upon graduates from the Faculties of Agriculture, Arts and Humanities, Computing and Information Technology, and Engineering and Technology.

Member Punjab Assembly and Member Syndicate Mr. Asim Sher Maken led the academic procession along with Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas. The procession also included the Pro Vice Chancellor, Registrar, Controller of Examinations, deans, directors, heads of departments, and senior university officials.

The degree-awarding ceremony marked an important academic milestone for the graduates and their families. Students from the four faculties received their degrees in recognition of the successful completion of their academic programmes.

In his opening address, Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas highlighted the academic, research, and infrastructural progress of the University. He briefed the audience on major institutional initiatives, including the proposed establishment of an international campus in China and a teaching hospital. He also sought the support of the Government of Punjab for the successful develop-

ment of these projects.

The Vice Chancellor emphasized the importance of strengthening academia-industry linkages to connect academic learning with practical and professional requirements. He also highlighted the role of universities in developing policy briefs and generating research-based recommendations to support evidence-based decision-making at the national level.

Addressing the graduates, Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas urged them to focus on professional skills, innovation, ethical conduct, and social responsibility. He advised them to respect their institutions, teachers, and parents and to use their education for the progress of society and the country. Mr. Asim Sher Maken congratulated the Vice Chancellor and his team on the successful organization of the convocation. He appreciated the University's academic and developmental achievements and assured the full support of the Government of Punjab for its future initiatives.

He reassured the government's commitment to strengthening higher education institutions and supporting projects that expanded educational opportunities, improved institutional capacity, and contributed to national development.



UoS Concluded 12th Convocation with Degrees Awarded to Four Faculties



The University of Sargodha concluded the third day of its 12th Convocation with the award of degrees to graduates from the Faculties of Medical and Allied Health Sciences, Pharmacy, Sciences, and Social Sciences.

Minister for Communication and Works Mr. Sohaib Ahmad Bharath attended the ceremony as chief guest and jointly presided over the proceedings with Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas. The ceremony began with the traditional academic procession comprising the chief guest, Vice Chancellor, Pro Vice Chancellor, Registrar, Controller of Examinations, deans, heads of departments, and senior university officials.

In his address, Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas highlighted the University's progress in academic excellence, research productivity, and institutional development. He emphasized the University's commitment to producing skilled, ethical, and socially responsible graduates who contributed meaningfully to national development.

Mr. Sohaib Ahmad Bharath congratulated the graduates and described their achievement as a source of pride for their parents and teachers. He appreciated the leadership of Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas and acknowledged the University's transformation into a progressive and quality-driven institution.

He expressed particular satisfaction over the strong participation of female graduates and described it as an encouraging sign for society. He advised students to respect differences of opinion and warned that disagreement should never develop into hatred or social division.

The minister urged graduates to pursue their ambitions with confidence, courage, and determination. He encouraged them to become innovators and



job creators instead of waiting only for employment opportunities. He stressed self-reliance and reminded the youth that they possessed the ability to bring positive change to society.

He also advised the graduates to remain humble, respect others, and always acknowledge the sacrifices of their parents and teachers. He stated that his public service followed the vision and leadership of Chief Minister Punjab Maryam Nawaz Sharif.

Vice Chancellor Congratulated Dr. Niaz Ahmad on Appointment as HEC Chairman



Key Matters Discussed

- Development of the higher education sector
- Promotion of quality research and innovation
- Institutional collaboration between HEC and universities
- Strengthening academic standards
- Support for faculty members, researchers and students
- Improvement in the international standing of Pakistani universities
- Alignment of research with national priorities

Vice Chancellor University of Sargodha Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas visited the Higher Education Commission and met with Prof. Dr. Niaz Ahmad to congratulate him on his appointment as Chairman HEC.

During the meeting, Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas extended his best wishes to Prof. Dr. Niaz Ahmad and expressed confidence in his leadership. He appreciated his appointment and hoped that the Higher Education Commission would continue to play an effective role in strengthening the higher education sector of Pakistan.

The meeting focused on matters related to higher education development, research promotion and institutional collaboration. Both officials exchanged views on the importance of improving academic standards, strengthening research capacity and supporting universities in responding to emerging national and international educational challenges.

Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas emphasized the role of the Higher Education Commission in guiding universities toward quality education, innovation and institutional progress. He highlighted that close coordination between HEC and higher education institutions supported effective academic planning, research development and the implementation of quality-focused initiatives.

The Vice Chancellor also discussed the need to promote research that addressed national priorities and produced practical benefits for society. He underlined the importance of institutional cooperation in creating opportunities for faculty members, researchers and students to participate in academic and research activities.

Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas expressed hope that under the leadership of Prof. Dr. Niaz Ahmad, HEC would further strengthen the quality, research performance and global standing of Pakistani universities. He also wished him success in advancing higher education and supporting the sustainable development of institutions across the country.

Vice Chancellor Discussed Higher Education Governance with PHEC Chairman

Vice Chancellor University of Sargodha Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas met with Chairman Punjab Higher Education Commission Prof. Dr. Iqrar Ahmad Khan to discuss matters related to higher education development, institutional collaboration and governance in the university sector.

Additional Registrar UoS Mr. Waqar Ahmed accompanied the Vice Chancellor during the meeting. Both officials exchanged views on the need for stronger coordination between universities and the Punjab Higher Education Commission to address emerging administrative and institutional challenges.

The discussion focused particularly on strengthening administrative and financial governance within higher education institutions. The participants emphasized the importance of transparent procedures, responsible financial management, effective oversight and timely decision-making for the sustainable development of public-sector universities.

They also discussed the role of good governance in supporting academic quality, research growth and efficient service delivery. Strong administrative systems, they noted, enabled universities to implement policies effectively and respond to the changing needs of students, faculty members and other stakeholders.

The meeting further highlighted the value of institutional collaboration in improving planning, accountability and overall performance across the higher education sector. Close engagement with PHEC provided universities with an important platform for consultation, policy coordination and capacity-building. During the visit, Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas also attended a search committee meeting convened for the appointment of the Treasurer. The meeting formed part of the formal selection process for identifying a suitable candidate for the position.



Key Matters Discussed

- Higher education development
- Institutional collaboration between UoS and PHEC
- Administrative governance and accountability
- Financial management and institutional sustainability
- Effective implementation of higher education policies
- Strengthening public-sector universities
- Appointment process for the Treasurer

Tri-Party IoC Signed for Drone Manufacturing and Smart Agriculture Research Centre



A tri-party Intent of Cooperation was signed on January 1 among Chengdu Yihe Technology Co. Ltd., China, Pak Agro Fertilizer and Chemical Industries, and the University of Sargodha to promote drone manufacturing, smart agriculture, applied research and technology transfer.

The signing ceremony was held in the presence of Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas and Pro Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Masood Sarwar Awan. The agreement brought together Chinese technological expertise, Pakistani industrial capacity and university-led research under a collaborative framework focused on agricultural modernization and industrial development.

The Intent of Cooperation included two major initiatives. Chengdu Yihe Technology Co. Ltd. agreed to establish a Research and Training Centre at the University of Sargodha to support applied research, technical training, skills development and the transfer of emerging technologies. The centre also provided an academic platform for students, faculty members and researchers to engage with modern agricultural systems and gain practical exposure to technology-based solutions. Under the second initiative, Chengdu Yihe Technology Co. Ltd., in collaboration with Pak Agro Fertilizer and Chemical Industries, agreed to establish a Drone Technology Manufacturing Facility in Sargodha. The proposed facility focused on Unmanned Aerial Vehicles, Unmanned Ground Vehicles and crop mechanization technologies.

The partnership held particular relevance for Sargodha because agriculture played a central role in the region's economy. The introduction of locally supported drone and mechanization technologies offered opportunities

to improve agricultural efficiency and strengthen the adoption of modern farming practices.

Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas appreciated the initiative and described it as an important step toward strengthening collaboration among academia, industry and international technology partners. He emphasized the value of connecting university research with practical production, technical capacity and commercialization.



Areas of Cooperation

- Establishment of a Research and Training Centre at UoS
- Applied research in smart agriculture
- Technical training and skills development
- Technology transfer and knowledge sharing
- Manufacturing of UAVs and UGVs
- Development of crop mechanization technologies
- Academia-industry collaboration
- Support for innovation, employment and rural development

UoS and Government College University Lahore Signed MoU for Academic and Research Collaboration

The University of Sargodha and Government College University Lahore signed a Memorandum of Understanding to strengthen academic cooperation, research collaboration and institutional development between the two universities.

Vice Chancellor University of Sargodha Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas and Vice Chancellor Government College University Lahore Prof. Dr. Muhammad Omer Chaudhary signed the agreement. During the meeting, both vice chancellors discussed matters of mutual interest and explored opportunities to expand academic engagement between the two institutions.

The MoU provided a framework for the exchange of faculty members and students. The initiative aimed to create opportunities for academic interaction, exposure to different learning environments and closer coordination among scholars from both universities.



Both institutions also agreed to facilitate the shared use of research laboratories. This arrangement supported better utilization of available research facilities and provided researchers and students with access to resources relevant to their academic work. The agreement included joint supervision of students, which enabled faculty members from both universities to contribute to research guidance and academic mentoring. Such coordination strengthened scholarly interaction and encouraged the exchange of expertise across academic disciplines. The two universities also agreed to organize training programmes, seminars and conferences. These activities provided platforms for faculty members, researchers and students to discuss emerging aca

Areas of Cooperation

- Exchange of faculty members and students
- Shared use of research laboratories
- Joint supervision of research students
- Organization of training programmes, seminars and conferences
- Collaboration between the ORICs of both universities
- Research commercialization and innovation support
- Cooperation between the Quality Enhancement Cells
- Academic quality assurance and institutional development

demic issues, share research findings and strengthen professional capacity.

Collaboration between the Offices of Research, Innovation and Commercialization of both universities formed another important component of the agreement. The partnership focused on strengthening research commercialization and supporting the practical use of academic knowledge.

The Quality Enhancement Cells of both institutions also agreed to work together to improve academic quality assurance and institutional development. Their cooperation supported the exchange of quality-related practices and strengthened internal academic processes.



UoS Organized Chinese Language and Culture Training Workshop for University Officers



Vice Chancellor University of Sargodha Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas attended the opening ceremony of a training workshop titled "Learning Chinese Language and Culture" at the Wazir Agha Library Hall. The workshop was jointly organized by the Directorate of Human Resource Development Center and the Directorate of Pakistan Institute of China Studies for university officers serving in BS-17 and above. Faculty members and university officers attended the opening session and participated in the training activity.

The training programme aimed to introduce participants to the Chinese language and provide a better understanding of Chinese culture. It also supported the University's efforts to strengthen the professional capacity of its officers in view of growing academic and institutional engagement with China.

Addressing the participants, Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas highlighted the importance of learning the Chinese language for effective communication and meaningful international cooperation. He stated that language learning helped professionals understand the cultural values, working practices and social traditions of partner institutions.

The Vice Chancellor appreciated both directorates for organizing the workshop and emphasized that such training programmes improved professional competence and institutional readiness. He observed that officers who understood the language and culture of international partners could contribute more effectively to academic coordination, administrative communication and future collaborative activities.

He also underlined the significance of cultural understanding in building respectful and sustainable partnerships. He said that stronger knowledge of Chinese language and culture could support the University's international engagement and help officers respond to emerging opportunities linked with academic cooperation.



Key Focus Areas of the Workshop

- Basic understanding of the Chinese language
- Introduction to Chinese cultural values and traditions
- Improvement of cross-cultural communication skills
- Professional capacity building of university officers
- Support for academic and institutional engagement with China
- Better preparation for emerging international partnerships



PICS Open Chinese Resource Lounge and Celebrated Chinese New Year



Key Aspects of the Initiative

- Establishment of a dedicated Chinese Resource Lounge
- Promotion of Chinese language and cultural learning
- Support for academic collaboration with Chinese institutions
- Provision of educational and reference material related to China
- Strengthening of cross-cultural understanding
- Encouragement of student and faculty engagement with Chinese studies
- Promotion of Pakistan-China educational and cultural ties

The University of Sargodha inaugurated a Chinese Resource Lounge and organized a cake-cutting ceremony to mark the Chinese New Year celebrations. The Directorate of the Pakistan Institute of China Studies arranged the event as part of the University's efforts to strengthen academic engagement and cultural understanding between Pakistan and China.

Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas inaugurated the Chinese Resource Lounge and participated in the Chinese New Year ceremony. Pro Vice Chancellor and Director PICS Prof. Dr. Tahir Mumtaz Awan attended the event along with senior academic and administrative officers of the University.

The newly established lounge provided a dedicated space for resources related to Chinese language, culture, education and academic cooperation. It supported the University's broader objective of creating opportunities for students, faculty members and officers to develop a better understanding of China and its educational and cultural traditions. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas appreciated the establishment of the Chinese Resource Lounge and described it as an important step toward strengthening academic collaboration and cultural exchange. He emphasized that such initiatives helped institutions move beyond formal agreements by creating spaces where knowledge, language and cultural understanding could develop in a practical manner.

The Vice Chancellor also highlighted the value of cultural events in promoting mutual respect and closer people-to-people relations. He stated that Chinese New Year celebrations provided an opportunity for the University community to appreciate Chinese traditions and recognize the importance of cultural awareness in international academic partnerships.

UoS Hosted Seminar on Japanese Work Culture and Honoured Sports Gala Achievers



The University of Sargodha organized a one-day seminar titled "The Japanese Way: Performance, Purpose and Precision" in collaboration with the Japanese company Idemitsu. The event also featured an award distribution ceremony for the top-performing departments and outstanding players of the University Sports Gala 2024-25.

Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas attended the ceremony as chief guest, while Idemitsu Director Mr. Sato Shun participated as guest of honour. Deans, directors, faculty members, students, representatives of Idemitsu and members of the business community also attended the event.

Addressing the seminar, Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas emphasized the importance of discipline, punctuality and commitment in institutional and national development. He referred to Japan as a leading example of a society that achieved progress through consistency, precision and a strong work ethic. He encouraged students and faculty members to adopt these values in their academic, professional and personal lives.

The Vice Chancellor also highlighted the University's longstanding sports culture and stated that UoS had promoted sports activities for more than two decades. He appreciated Director Sports and his team for organizing the Sports Gala and encouraging student participation in healthy and competitive activities.

He further underlined the need for a modern indoor gymnasium at the University and sought corporate cooperation for its establishment. He observed that improved sports facilities could support physical well-being, talent development and greater student engagement.



Mr. Sato Shun appreciated the academic and sports infrastructure of the University of Sargodha. He described Pakistan as a country with strong business potential and acknowledged the importance of closer interaction between educational institutions and the corporate sector.

At the end of the ceremony, trophies and awards were distributed among the best-performing departments and outstanding players of the Sports Gala 2024-25 in recognition of their achievements.





Female Athletes Honored at 23rd Annual Sports Gala 2025 Prize Distribution Ceremony

The University of Sargodha held the Prize Distribution Ceremony of the 23rd Annual Sports Gala 2025 for the female category. The Directorate of Sports organized the event, which brought together female students, faculty members and children of University employees for a series of gymkhana competitions and final matches.

Member National Assembly Irum Hamid attended the ceremony as chief guest, while Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas also participated in the event. Faculty members, departmental representatives and a large number of students attended the ceremony.

The Sports Gala featured competitions in different games and recreational activities, providing female participants with opportunities to demonstrate their talent, teamwork and competitive spirit. The programme also encouraged broader participation by including faculty members and staff children in selected activities.



Rana Tanveer Hussain
Federal Minister for National Food Security and Research

“ The youth of Pakistan possessed the talent, energy and creativity required to lead the country toward progress. The provision of laptops was not merely the distribution of devices; it represented an investment in students' education, skills and future. I urged the recipients to use this opportunity responsibly, strengthen their digital and professional capabilities, and transform knowledge into practical solutions. Universities also needed to connect research with industry so that innovation could address national challenges, support economic growth and contribute to sustainable development. ”

1,500 Laptops Distributed under Prime Minister's Youth Laptop Scheme



Around 1,500 students received laptops under the Prime Minister's Youth Laptop Scheme during a ceremony held at the University of Sargodha.

Federal Minister for National Food Security and Research Rana Tanveer Hussain graced the ceremony as the chief guest. He was accompanied by Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, Special Representative to the Prime Minister's Youth Programme on Women Development Ms. Maha Jamil, PM Youth Programme representative on IT Mr. Asfand Yar Naseer, Special Representative for International Linkages and Youth Development Mr. Rizwan Anwar, representatives of the Higher Education Commission (HEC), faculty members, and students.

Addressing the ceremony, Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas highlighted the University's academic and developmental progress in the areas of academic excellence, research innovation, international linkages, and transition towards solar energy. He stated that the Prime Minister's Laptop Scheme reflects the government's commitment to promoting digital learning and skill development among youth. He added that the University of Sargodha remains dedicated to supporting national education initiatives and strengthening research and technology-driven learning.

Federal Minister Rana Tanveer Hussain congratulated the students and urged them to utilize the laptops to enhance their academic and professional skills. He emphasized that youth empowerment through technology is essential for national progress and sustainable development. He stressed the importance of linking academic research with industry to achieve practical outcomes and encouraged universities to play a proactive role in addressing national and industrial challenges.

Speaking on the occasion, Mr. Asfand Yar Naseer said the initiative reflects the government's confidence in the capabilities of youth, while Mr. Rizwan Anwar highlighted that the scheme aims to support students' innovative ideas and encourage them to contribute to personal and national development.

The ceremony also featured performances by the Riaz Shad Co-Curricular Forum, including recitations of Iqbal's poetry

and national songs. A documentary on the Prime Minister's Youth Programme and the Digital Youth Hub was also presented, highlighting the programme's objectives and opportunities for students.





UoS Hosted Panel Discussion on China's Global Civilization Initiative

The Pakistan Institute of China Studies, UoS hosted a panel discussion titled "China's Global Civilization Initiative: Bridging Cultural Philosophies." The session promoted academic dialogue on civilizational values, cultural preservation and the global relevance of China's approach to intercultural understanding. The panel discussion provided an academic platform for examining cultural philosophies through a comparative and international perspective.

Prof. Dr. Tahir Mumtaz Awan moderated the discussion and opened the conversation around the major themes of the Global Civilization Initiative. The panel brought together Mr. Tahir A. Dhindsa, Engr. Dr. Hafiz Ghulam Murtaza Qamar, Ms. Nabeela Jaffer, Ms. Reema Shaukat and Dr. Ashfaq Ahmad, who shared their perspectives on China's civilizational outlook and its significance in the contemporary world.

During the discussion, the speakers discussed the importance of respecting cultural diversity and preserving the philosophical traditions of different societies. They highlighted that meaningful international engagement required a better understanding of cultural identities, historical experiences and shared human values.

The panelists also discussed the role of civilizational dialogue in reducing cultural distance and promoting mutual respect among nations. They observed that societies developed through different intellectual, social and cultural traditions, and that these differences provided opportunities for learning rather than division.

The session further highlighted the relevance of cultural preservation in an era of rapid globalization. Speakers emphasized that development and modernization did not require the loss of cultural identity. Instead, they stressed the need to protect heritage, values and traditions while remaining open to international cooperation and intellectual exchange.



Key Points of Discussion

- China's civilizational outlook and its global relevance
- Respect for cultural diversity and philosophical traditions
- Preservation of cultural identity in a globalized world
- Role of academic dialogue in promoting mutual understanding
- Importance of intercultural cooperation and shared values
- Contribution of universities to civilizational and cultural studies





PICS AND UNIVERSITY OF SINDH SIGNED MOU FOR ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH COLLABORATION

The Pakistan Institute of China Studies, University of Sargodha signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Area Study Centre for Far East and South East Asia, University of Sindh, to strengthen academic cooperation, joint research and institutional linkages in regional and international studies.

The agreement was signed during the closing ceremony of the conference, where representatives of both institutions expressed their interest in developing a structured academic partnership. The MoU provided a formal basis for future coordination between the two centres and supported greater scholarly engagement in areas related to China,

the Far East, South East Asia and broader regional affairs.

Under the agreement, both institutions agreed to promote collaborative research initiatives and facilitate the exchange of academic knowledge. The partnership also encouraged closer interaction among faculty members, researchers and scholars associated with the two centres. Addressing the conference, Prof. Dr. Tahir Mumtaz Awan reviewed the progress of CPEC and highlighted its strategic importance for Pakistan. He discussed the achievements associated with

the initiative and examined the major challenges that influenced its continued development and implementation.

He also focused on the future direction of CPEC and emphasized the need for informed academic dialogue on its long-term prospects. Prof. Dr. Tahir Mumtaz Awan highlighted the value of universities and research institutions in generating informed debate on major national and regional initiatives. He encouraged participants to examine CPEC through economic, strategic and regional viewpoints.

Areas of Cooperation

- Joint research in regional and international studies
- Academic collaboration between researchers and faculty members
- Knowledge sharing on China, the Far East and South East Asia
- Strengthening institutional linkages
- Promotion of scholarly dialogue and academic exchange
- Development of coordinated research initiatives
- Cooperation in areas of mutual academic interest



UoS Observed Kashmir Solidarity Day with Awareness Walk



An awareness walk organized by the Department of Economics in collaboration with the Riaz Shad Co-Curricular Forum, UoS to observe Kashmir Solidarity Day. The activity highlighted the continuing human rights violations committed by Indian forces in Indian-occupied Jammu and Kashmir and expressed solidarity with the Kashmiri people.

The walk began from the Department of Economics and concluded at Library Chowk. Faculty members, administrative staff and a large number of students participated in the rally and raised slogans in support of Kashmir. The participants also paid tribute to the Kashmiris who sacrificed their lives during the struggle for freedom and self-determination.

Chairperson Department of Economics Dr. Mahmood ul Hassan, Director Riaz Shad Co-Curricular Forum Dr. Muhammad Munir Gujjar, Resident Officer Dr. Faheem Arshad and Chief Security Officer Colonel (Retired) Ishtiaq Ahmed attended the walk along with other students and faculty members.

Participants strongly condemned the violence against unarmed Kashmiri civilians. They urged the international community to move beyond verbal expressions of concern and take practical steps for the implementation of United Nations resolutions concerning Jammu and Kashmir.

Speakers emphasized that the Kashmir issue represented not only a political and territorial dispute but also a serious humanitarian crisis. They regretted the continued silence of the global community over the suffering of the Kashmiri people and stressed that justice

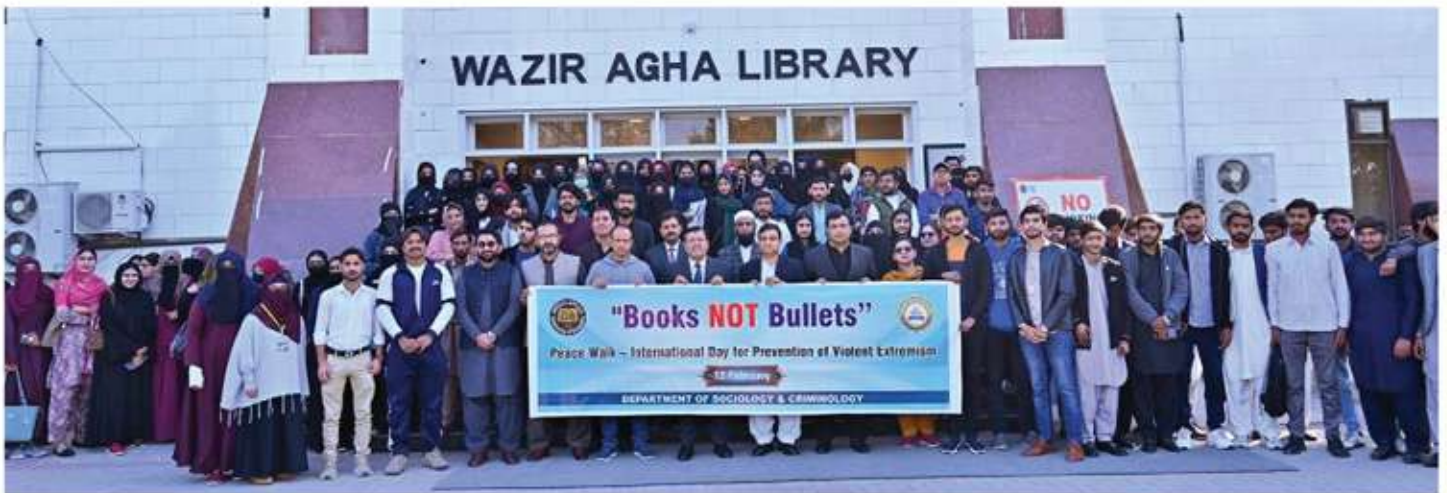
required respect for their internationally recognized right to self-determination.

The participants also underlined that lasting peace and stability in South Asia depended on a just and peaceful resolution of the Kashmir dispute in accordance with the aspirations of the Kashmiri people.

Students reaffirmed that Pakistan's youth stood with their Kashmiri brothers and sisters and continued to raise their voices at appropriate forums against India's illegal occupation.



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The University of Sargodha organized an awareness walk and seminar in connection with the International Day for the Prevention of Violent Extremism. The Department of Sociology and Criminology arranged the activity in collaboration with the Punjab Probation and Parole Service to sensitize students and youth about the causes, consequences and prevention of violent extremism.

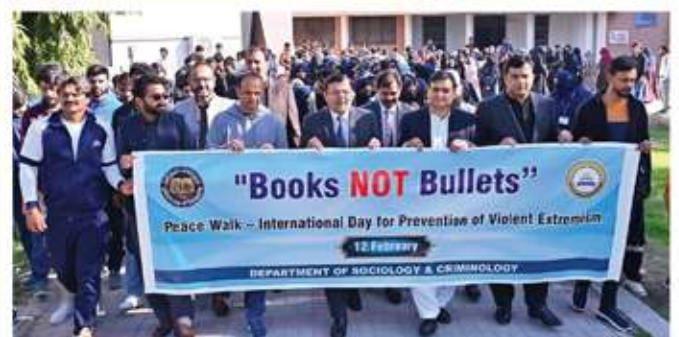
Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas led the awareness walk, which drew participation from faculty members, religious scholars, students and representatives of relevant institutions. The walk conveyed a message of peace, tolerance and social responsibility and highlighted the need for collective efforts to counter extremist attitudes.

The seminar featured Assistant Director Muhammad Amir Aslam, senior faculty members, religious scholars and a large number of students. Speakers discussed violent extremism as a complex global challenge influenced by social, economic and psychological factors. They emphasized that effective prevention required education, dialogue, community engagement and timely support for vulnerable individuals.

Addressing the participants, Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas stated that awareness activities played an important role in promoting patience, mutual respect and peaceful coexistence among young people. He said universities had a responsibility to create learning environments that encouraged critical thinking, constructive dialogue and respect for different viewpoints.

The speakers also highlighted the contribution of

academic institutions, law enforcement agencies and rehabilitation services in preventing extremism and supporting social reintegration. They stressed that punitive measures alone could not provide lasting solutions and recommended greater focus on education, counselling, social inclusion and community-based interventions.



Rural Research Lab and ACIAR Citrus Value Chain Project Signed MoU



The Rural Research Lab and the ACIAR Citrus Value Chain Project signed a Memorandum of Understanding on February 3 to promote collaborative research, knowledge sharing and field-based innovation in Pakistan's citrus sector. The agreement established a formal framework for cooperation in citrus value chain development and rural development research.

The signing ceremony took place at the Committee Room of the Multi-Purpose Hall. Pro Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Masood Sarwar Awan and Dr. Muhammad Irfan signed the agreement in the presence of Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas. Senior faculty members and representatives of the project also attended the ceremony.

The partnership held particular significance for Sargodha because the region remained one of Pakistan's major citrus-producing areas. The agreement focused on strengthening research that

addressed practical challenges faced by growers, traders and rural communities associated with citrus production and marketing.

During the ceremony, participants highlighted the importance of research-based responses to issues affecting the citrus sector, including productivity, post-harvest losses, market access and value addition. They emphasized that stronger coordination between academic researchers and field-based projects could improve the relevance and practical application of research findings.

The ACIAR Citrus Value Chain Project contributed experience in citrus production, farmer engagement and value chain improvement, while the Rural Research Lab provided local knowledge and community-based research capacity. Through the agreement, both sides planned to share expertise, undertake joint studies and support field-level innovation.

Key Areas of Cooperation

- Collaborative research on citrus production and value chain development
- Knowledge sharing between researchers, project teams and rural communities
- Field-based studies on agricultural and marketing challenges
- Farmer engagement and community-focused research
- Improvement in post-harvest management and value addition
- Research opportunities for faculty members, students and project researchers
- Support for evidence-based rural development initiatives



UoS Signed MoU with ABM Pakistan to Strengthen Laboratory Biosafety and Biosecurity



The University of Sargodha signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Association for Bio-risk Management Pakistan to strengthen laboratory biosafety, biosecurity and institutional preparedness for managing biological and zoonotic risks.

The signing ceremony was attended by Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas. Executive Director ABM Pakistan Dr. Asghar Ali signed the agreement on behalf of the Association, while Director Interdisciplinary Research Center for One Health Prof. Dr. Zafar Hayat represented the University of Sargodha. Pro Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Masood Sarwar Awan and Director ORIC Prof. Dr. Ahmad Raza Bilal also attended the ceremony.

Under the agreement, both institutions agreed to collaborate in improving laboratory safety through technical support, bio-risk assessments, capacity-building programmes and the development and implementation of standard operating procedures. The partnership also covered support for essential

laboratory equipment and reagents required for safer and more effective laboratory operations.

The MoU focused on strengthening institutional systems for identifying, assessing and mitigating biological risks. It also supported the development of a stronger culture of biosafety and biosecurity among faculty members, researchers, laboratory staff and other relevant personnel.

As part of the agreement, the University of Sargodha agreed to ensure the active participation of its faculty and staff in training and assessment activities. The University also committed to implementing recommended risk-reduction measures and establishing or activating an Institutional Biosafety Committee to support oversight and compliance.

The collaboration also aligned laboratory practices with internationally recognized safety standards and reinforced the University's commitment to the One Health approach, which connected human, animal and environmental health.

Key Areas of Cooperation

- Technical support for laboratory biosafety and biosecurity
- Comprehensive bio-risk assessments
- Capacity-building and professional training
- Development and implementation of SOPs
- Support for essential laboratory equipment and reagents
- Risk mitigation and institutional compliance
- Establishment or activation of an Institutional Biosafety Committee
- Promotion of the One Health approach



UoS Held 73rd Syndicate Meeting to Advance Governance and Institutional Development



The University of Sargodha successfully held the 73rd meeting of its Syndicate under the chairmanship of Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas. The meeting reviewed important academic, administrative, financial and policy-related matters concerning the University.

During the proceedings, the Syndicate considered and approved various recommendations presented by the Selection Board, Finance and Planning Committee, and Academic Council. The members examined the proposals in detail and took decisions aimed at strengthening institutional governance, academic quality and administrative efficiency.

The Syndicate also appointed two members of the Selection Board and approved the appointment of the Chairman of the Affiliation Committee. These appointments supported the functioning of key statutory bodies responsible for recruitment, academic oversight and matters related to affiliated colleges.

Several important administrative decisions also received approval after detailed discussion. The Syndicate considered the adoption of policies issued by the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan and approved their implementation in accordance with institutional requirements. Members emphasized that effective policy adoption and timely implementation remained essential for maintaining academic standards and improving university governance.

The meeting was attended by former Chairman HEC Prof. Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad, Chairman Punjab Higher Education Commission Prof. Dr. Iqrar Ahmad Khan, Vice Chancellor Government College University Lahore Prof. Dr. Omer Chaudhry, Members of the Provincial Assembly Mansoor Azam Sindhu and Asim Sher Maken, and Additional Secretary Universities, Higher Education Department Punjab, Zaida Azhar. Representatives from the law and finance departments also participated. Pro Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Masood Sarwar Awan, Dean Faculty of Sciences Prof. Dr. Aamir Ali, principals of affiliated colleges and other members of syndicate attended the meeting and contributed to the deliberations.



UoS Established First Alumni Association and Administered Oath to Elected Body



The University of Sargodha established its Alumni Association and marked the development with a formal oath-taking ceremony for the newly elected office bearers. The initiative represented an important institutional step toward strengthening the University's engagement with its graduates and developing a structured platform for long-term alumni participation.

The ceremony was held in the Committee Room of the Multi-Purpose Hall at the University of Sargodha. Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas administered

the oath to the newly elected representatives of the Association, including the President, Vice President, Secretary, Joint Secretary, Information Secretary and members of the Executive Body. The meeting was presided by Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas while Pro Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Masood Sarwar Awan, Director Alumni Office Prof. Dr. Ahmad Raza Bilal, senior administrative officers and members of the alumni community attended the event.

Addressing the participants, the Vice Chancellor emphasized the important role of alumni as representatives and ambassadors of their alma mater. He stated that graduates contributed to the reputation of a university through their professional achievements, public service and continued association with the institution.

He highlighted that the Alumni Association provided a formal platform for maintaining lifelong connections between graduates and the University. The Association aimed to promote collaboration, professional networking, mentorship and knowledge exchange among alumni, students and academic departments.

The Vice Chancellor also underlined the value of alumni participation in academic, professional and institutional development. He encouraged the elected office bearers to strengthen communication with graduates from different disciplines and to build an inclusive alumni network that represented the diversity of the University community.

