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Vice Chancellor's Note

Sindh Madressatul Islam University continues to move forward with innovative ideas and unwavering dedication every day. Embracing the challenges posed by today's dynamic world in the field of higher education, SMIU strives to address emerging issues. Among the key areas of focus are the relationship between academia and industry, linkages with national and international educational organizations, curriculum updates, the impact of digital technology on academic performance, and the growing influence of Artificial Intelligence in virtually all aspects of life. These factors remain central to our deliberations, guiding the development of our policies and methodologies.

The latest issue of the SMIU Chronicle (January-June 2025) offers a comprehensive overview of the university's administrative, academic, and co-curricular activities and achievements. It serves as a reflection of the university's performance over the past six months, documenting key developments and milestones.

At the heart of any educational institution lie the processes of teaching and learning. In line with this core mission, SMIU has expanded its educational initiatives through a range of activities aimed at guiding the next generation toward a brighter future. During the past six months (January to June 2025), the university remained fully engaged in academic pursuits while also offering creative, research-driven, and entertaining experiences for students. Beyond providing high-quality education and fostering an ideal academic environment, SMIU focused on faculty involvement in research and development, while also organizing international conferences, project exhibitions, seminars, workshops, and training sessions for both faculty and students. Additionally, career development sessions, sports activities, and visits to other institutions were organized, further enriching the student experience.

In a demonstration of national solidarity, SMIU expressed its support for the Pakistan Armed Forces during India's aggression in May 2025, organizing rallies and strongly condemning the Indian actions.

SMIU regularly convenes its statutory bodies, including the Academic Council, Senate, and Syndicate, to address and resolve university-related matters. These meetings provide an opportunity for a thorough review of university performance, leading to important decisions that guide the university's future direction.

A point of great pride for SMIU is the growing interest in admission to this historic institution. Despite facing space constraints, the university continues to attract a large number of applicants. Over the past five years (2020-2025), the student population has surged from 1,800 to 5,500. During the Spring 2025 admission cycle, SMIU received a significant number of applications. However, due to limited space, the university was unable to accommodate all candidates, though it remains committed to selecting the most deserving students.

In its ongoing efforts to expand linkages with national and international organizations, Sindh Madressatul Islam University has signed Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) with five esteemed institutions: Sohail University, Karachi, the Institute of Business Management (IoBM), Karachi, the Pakistan User



Group, Shahed University, Tehran, and the University of Cologne, Germany. These academic partnerships enhance SMIU's role in global academic collaboration and open new avenues for joint initiatives aimed at promoting higher education.

A particular honour for SMIU came when the University of Istanbul, Turkey, invited me to deliver a keynote address at a seminar held on May 5, 2025. Such opportunities reflect SMIU's growing influence in the international academic community and its commitment to fostering global partnerships for the advancement of education.

As a historic institution of the country, SMIU has enjoyed strong support from all segments of society, including both the federal and provincial governments, the Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan, the Sindh HEC, and other key departments. This broad backing is a testament to the university's significant role in the nation's educational landscape. SMIU is also privileged to host distinguished personalities at its events, and over the past six months, numerous national and international experts have participated as speakers. These experts have shared valuable insights, research findings, and their experiences with SMIU's students and faculty.

A landmark event for SMIU was the two-day 4th International Conference on Computing and Related Technologies (ICCRT-2025), organized by the Faculty of Information Technology on May 21-22, 2025. This conference attracted a large number of scholars from across Pakistan and around the world, with a special focus on the transformative power of Artificial Intelligence. The theme of the conference, "Sustainable Computing and AI: Shaping the Future of Industry and Society," provided a platform for global scholars, researchers, and industry to engage in thought-provoking discussions and share groundbreaking research in the fields of computing and related disciplines.

Looking ahead, SMIU is preparing to host a major international event — the 3rd Global Research Congress on December 17-18, 2025, which will include multiple international conferences. These initiatives reflect SMIU's unwavering commitment to providing quality education and fostering the ongoing development of the university.

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai

MEETINGS, VISITS & *Events*

31ST SMIU SYNDICATE MEETING

The 31st meeting of the Syndicate of Sindh Madressatul Islam University was held on January 20, 2025, in the Conference Room of the university. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU. During the meeting, the minutes of various statutory bodies of the university were reviewed and approved. Key academic, administrative, and financial matters were discussed, and several important decisions were made.

In his address to the meeting, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai highlighted the significant progress SMIU has made in various academic and developmental areas. He emphasized the university's commitment to providing quality education and training to ensure that its graduates are well-equipped to contribute meaningfully to national development. Dr. Sahrai also informed the Syndicate that SMIU

has achieved financial sustainability by generating its own resources. This has enabled the university to introduce new academic programs and centers, ensuring the smooth operation of the institution.

The meeting was attended by a number of prominent members of the Syndicate, including Dr. Sarosh Lodi, Vice Chancellor of NED University; Dr. Tauha Hussain Ali, Vice Chancellor of Mehran University of Engineering and Technology; Mr. Sohail Anwar Baloch, Additional Secretary of Universities and Boards; Prof. Dr. Arabella Bhutto, Vice Chancellor of Shaheed Allah Bukhsh Soomro University, Jamshoro (Nominee of HEC, Islamabad); Haji Muhammad Hanif Tayyab, former Federal Minister; Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Dean of the Faculty of Information Technology at SMIU; Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Chairperson of the Department of Software



Engineering and Advisor to the Vice Chancellor on Academic Affairs; Dr. Ambreen Fazal, Chairperson of the Department of Media and Communication Studies; Ms. Quratulain Nazir Ahmed, Assistant Professor; Mr. Asif Hussain Samo, Assistant Professor; Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Shaikh, Registrar; and Mr. Shafeeq Ahmed, Lecturer at SMIU.

The meeting concluded with a reaffirmation of the university's commitment to academic excellence and furthering its institutional development.

8TH MEETING OF SMIU'S SENATE HELD



The 8th meeting of the Senate of Sindh Madressatul Islam University was held on Thursday, January 30, 2025, at the Senate Hall of the university. The meeting was chaired by Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai. During the meeting, the Senate was informed that, for the first time in the history of the university, SMIU had a surplus budget for the financial year 2023-24. The budget for that year was Rs. 963,315,795, with expenditures amounting to Rs. 907,484,864, resulting in a surplus of Rs. 55,831,494.

The meeting further detailed that the grants received from the Federal and Provincial governments totaled Rs. 498,783,149, while SMIU's own contribution to the budget was Rs. 464,532,646. Additionally, it was highlighted that SMIU's own resources accounted for 50 percent of the total budget. The Senate was also informed that the university's Pension Fund had increased significantly, rising from Rs. 74.115 million in the financial year 2022-23 to Rs. 134.809 million in 2023-24. Moreover, the budget deficit, which had been a concern in previous years, had been gradually reduced.

The deficit had decreased consistently over the past four years, starting with Rs. 70 million in 2018-19, followed by Rs. 67 million in 2019-20, Rs. 8 million in 2020-21, Rs. 7 million in 2021-22, and Rs. 6 million in 2022-23. In 2023-24, the university not only eliminated its deficit but achieved a surplus of over Rs. 50 million. The Senate was also informed that SMIU's Endowment Fund had increased to Rs. 46 million in 2023-24.

During the meeting, the Senate passed a resolution approving the annual budget estimates for the financial year 2024-25, which amounted to Rs. 1,453.405 million for the recurring resources of the university. The Senate also approved the minutes of the meetings of the Syndicate and other statutory bodies of the university.

In his address to the Senate, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai emphasized that SMIU is the first public sector university in the province to emerge from a financial crisis. He credited this





success to prudent financial management, including reducing expenditures and generating internal resources. Dr. Sahrai stated that the university's effi-

ciency in financial, academic, and administrative matters reflects the success of its management and policies.

The Senate members expressed

their appreciation for the efforts of the Vice Chancellor, faculty, and administrative staff for making SMIU one of the most financially sustainable and quality-driven universities in the country. The meeting was attended by Senate members including Dr. A.Q. Mughal, Research Professor at Greenwich University (Nominee of HEC Islamabad); Prof. Dr. Tauha Hussain Ali, Vice Chancellor of Mehran University of Engineering & Technology; Mr. Sohail Anwar Baloch, Additional Secretary of Universities & Boards, Govern-



MEETING ON DEVELOPMENT HELD



ment of Sindh; Haji Muhammad Hanif Tayyab, former Federal Minister; the Deans of SMIU, Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, and Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto; Advisor to the Vice Chancellor Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan; chairpersons of academic departments; heads of administrative sections; and other members.



A meeting regarding the development of Sindh Madressatul Islam University was held in the university's conference room on January 31, 2025, under the chairmanship of Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai. During the meeting, both new and ongoing development projects of the university were reviewed, and key decisions were made. Speaking at the meeting, Dr. Sahrai highlighted that several new projects are being launched at SMIU, including the establishment of a dedicated research center. He proudly mentioned that, due to the university's successful policies, SMIU has not only emerged



from its previous financial deficit but also recorded a surplus of more than 50 million rupees in the financial year 2023-24. This achievement, he noted, stands as a remarkable example among universities in Sindh province.

Dr. Sahrai further emphasized that the Senate meeting held on January 30, 2025, also discussed how SMIU has become a financially sta-



ble institution. He attributed this success to the university's focused efforts in reducing unnecessary expenses over the last four years. This financial stability, he explained, allows SMIU to prioritize development through the annual grants it receives from both the federal and provincial governments, as well as the internal resources the university has generated.

The Vice Chancellor also noted that SMIU is set to mark its twelfth anniversary in February, a relatively short period for any institution. Despite this, he stressed the fundamental need for continued development and expansion at SMIU, a need that is being addressed gradually. He mentioned that the upcoming research center would feature a smart classroom, a computer lab, a seminar library, and an office for the related staff. The meeting was attended by key officials, including those from the Works and Services Department, the Planning Development Department, the Registrar's Office, and the Advisor to the Vice Chancellor on Academic Affairs, among others.



KASHMIR SOLIDARITY WALK

SMIU organized a Kashmir Solidarity Walk on February 4, 2025, in observance of Kashmir Day, which is commemorated nationwide on February 5. The walk was led by Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU. Among the participants were Deans of SMIU, Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, and Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, Advisor to the Vice Chancellor on Academics Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Registrar Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Shaikh, Director of Students' Affairs and Counseling Mr. Muhammad Naeem Ahmed, chairpersons of various academic departments, heads of administrative sections, faculty, students,

and other staff members.

The walk began at the main building of SMIU, proceeding along Aiwan-e-Tijarat Road to Hasrat Mohani Road, and concluded at the university's premises near

Talpur House.

Earlier, a program to express solidarity with the people of Kashmir was held at the Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium of the university. The event, chaired by Vice Chancellor





Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, featured a tableau and speeches in English, Urdu, and Sindhi by the students. The presentations highlighted the atrocities committed by Indian forces in Kashmir and called for international justice for the Kashmiri people.

In addition to Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, the event was also addressed by school Principal Ms. Nabeela Kanwal. Both heads condemned the inhumane actions of Indian forces and voiced strong support for the right of self-determination for the people of Kashmir.

GOVERNMENT OF TURKIYE EXTENDS IT'S COOPERATION TO SMIU



On Tuesday, February 18, 2025, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of Sindh Madressatul Islam University, along with Mr. Halil Ibrahim Basaran, Head of TIKA Karachi (Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency, operating under the Turkish Ministry of Culture and Tourism), and Ms. Fatima Aziz, TIKA Karachi Programme Officer, visited various sections of the historic institution.

During the visit, they discussed the proposed establishment of the SMIU-Pak Turkish Research Center, which will be set up at SMIU with financial support from the Turkish government. Dr. Sahrai expressed his gratitude for the Turkish government's cooperation and emphasized the strong brotherly ties between Pakistan and Turkiye. He highlighted the potential for enhanced collaboration between the institutions of both countries in the fields of research, education, and culture.



The delegation was accompanied by Dr. Subhash Babu, Coordinator for the SMIU-Pak Turkish Research Center, Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Advisor to the Vice Chancellor on Academic Affairs, Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Shaikh, Registrar of SMIU, Mr. Shairan Najeeb, Director of Works and Services at SMIU, and other university officials.



SINDH MADRESSATUL ISLAM UNIVERSITY ORGANISES SOLIDARITY RALLY WITH PAKISTAN ARMED FORCES

On March 13, 2025, Sindh Madressatul Islam University organized a Solidarity Rally in support of the Pakistan Armed Forces to honor their bravery and sacrifices in safeguarding the lives of the Pakistani people and the country's interests. The rally,

threats aimed at weakening the country for ulterior motives. He strongly condemned the recent terrorist attack on the Jaffar Express in Balochistan, which resulted in the martyrdom of soldiers and innocent passengers. Dr. Sahrai described the attack as a heinous

and inhumane act perpetrated by terrorist organizations against peaceful citizens, including women, children, and military personnel. He urged the people of Pakistan to stand united and offer unwavering support to the Armed Forces in their efforts to ensure national security.

Dr. Sahrai also saluted the Armed Forces for successfully carrying out operations against terrorists and safely rescuing the passengers of the attacked train. The rally was attended by SMIU's Deans, chairpersons of various academic departments, heads of administrative sections, faculty, staff, and students, all of whom showed their solidarity with the Armed Forces.



which was led by Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, began at the Main Building of the university and proceeded through various sections of the campus, culminating at the I.T. Tower of SMIU.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai expressed deep admiration for the courage of Pakistan's Armed Forces, who are engaged in fighting both internal and external



SEMINAR HELD ON ‘THE ABROGATION OF ARTICLE 370 – LEGAL, POLITICAL AND SOCIAL IMPLICATIONS’



The SMIU hosted a seminar on Wednesday, February 26, 2025 in collaboration with the All Parties Hurriyat Conference (APHC) on the topic, “The Abrogation of Article 370 – Legal, Political, and Social Implications.” The event, held at the university’s auditorium, saw speakers condemning India’s illegal occupation of Kashmir and the abrogation of Article 370, calling it a severe violation of the fundamental rights of the Kashmiri people.

The Convener of APHC (AJK Chapter), Ghulam Mohammad Safi, stated that the abrogation of Article 370 reflects India’s colonial mindset, aimed at completely occupying the land of Jammu and Kashmir. He emphasized that over one million Indian troops are stationed in the region to suppress the innocent Kashmiri population. He also highlighted that India has imposed media restrictions in occupied Kashmir to keep the international community unaware of the reality on the ground. Safi further remarked that the world powers’ reluctance to resolve the Kashmir issue has allowed India to violate human rights and continue its brutal actions against the Kashmiri people. He added that any decision regarding Kashmir made by India or its allies would not be accepted by the Kashmiri people.

Advocate Pervez Shah, Secretary General of APHC, referred to a statement made by Pakistan’s founder, Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, in 1947. Jinnah had asserted that provinces with a Muslim majority would join Pakistan, yet Kashmir was unlawfully placed under Indian control. Shah pointed out that prior to the abrogation of Article 370, Kashmir’s people had exclusive rights over their land and property. However, the revocation of the article allows non-Kashmiris to buy property in the region, an act he described as a violation of the basic and legitimate rights of the Kashmiri people.

He warned that this change is leading to a demographic shift in the Muslim-majority region, which has far-reaching social and political consequences. Shah also mentioned that the people of Kashmir identify as Pakistani and seek to become part of Pakistan, a right that he believes should be granted to them. He further emphasized the strategic importance of Kashmir, highlighting its vast natural resources and the 25,000 megawatts of electricity it generates, which he believes are key reasons behind India’s forceful occupation of the region. In addition to the killings, he noted that Indian forces are now attempting to make Kashmiri youth addicted to drugs.

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU in his address expressed concern over two major global conflicts—the

Kashmir and Palestine issues—that continue to trouble peace-loving people worldwide. He criticized the failure of major world powers, including the United Nations, to resolve these issues. Dr. Sahrai condemned the human rights violations in occupied Kashmir, calling on the international community to take immediate action. He drew a parallel between India’s illegal



settlements in Kashmir and Israel’s actions in Palestine, highlighting the increasing similarities in their oppressive tactics. Dr. Sahrai reaffirmed his unwavering support for the Kashmiri people and their cause.

Dr. Shaista Tabassum, Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences at the University of Karachi, also addressed the seminar, adding her perspective on the issue. Dr. Huma Riaz Dar recited a poignant poem, expressing the sorrows of the Kashmiri people. Mr. Muhammad Naeem Ahmed, Director of Student Affairs and Counseling (DSA) at SMIU, delivered the welcome address. The event concluded with Dr. Sahrai presenting shields to the guest speakers, and Ms. Zonaira Jalali, Manager of DSA, conducted the proceedings.

The seminar was attended by a large number of SMIU’s Deans, chairpersons of various academic departments, officials, and students.

VICE CHANCELLOR PARTICIPATES IN BOOK LAUNCHING CEREMONY AT KPC

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU, participated in the book launch ceremony held on April 9, 2025, at the Karachi Press Club. The event marked the release of the autobiographical book by former Secretary of the Government of Sindh, Mr. Aftab Memon. The book was launched by esteemed scholar, journalist, and columnist Mr. Mehmood Shaam, along with Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Mr. Aftab Memon, senior journalist Mr. Sohail Sangei, and other prominent writers.



In his address, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai not only praised Mr. Aftab Memon's remarkable contributions to society as both a civil servant and a writer, but also reflected on the contents of the book. He fondly recalled his late father, the distinguished academician, archaeologist, and writer, Taj Sahrai, highlighting his significant impact on the intellectual landscape of Sindh.



DISTINGUISHED POET AYAZ GUL AND OTHER WRITERS VISIT SMIU



The distinguished poet Mr. Ayaz Gul, accompanied by writer and publisher Mr. Qurban Mangi and Mr. Muhammad Ali Majid, visited Sindh Madressatul Islam University. During their visit, they toured the university's historic buildings, including the Main Building, Hassanally Effendi Library, Talpur House, and the Mosques. The visitors expressed their admiration for the pivotal role Sindh Madressatul Islam has played in promoting modern and quality education in the region since its establishment in 1885.

Mr. Ayaz Gul highlighted the unique legacy of SMIU, noting that the institution has not only produced prominent academicians, intellectuals, and writers but also contributed significantly to educating the masses and fostering social development. He emphasized that institutions like SMIU should be valued, preserved, and promoted, as they represent living history. He further stressed the importance of ensuring that the younger generation is aware of and connected to this rich historical legacy.

CONDOLENCE WITH THE GRIEVED FAMILY

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU, expresses profound sorrow over the tragic passing of Muhammad Haris, a student of the university, who lost his life in a road accident. In a condolence message issued on March 6, 2025, the Vice Chancellor extended heartfelt condolences to the grieving family of the deceased. He also prayed for the repose of Haris's soul from the Haram Sharif in Saudi Arabia, where he was present to perform Umrah.



NEW DEAN OF FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND COMMERCE

According to the notification No.SO(U) U&B/SMIU/14-21/2020/1922, dated June 27, 2025 issued by the Universities and Boards Department, Government of Sindh, Prof. Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, working in the Department of Accounting, Banking and Finance, Sindh Madressatul Islam University as a senior professor, has been appointed as Dean, Faculty of Management, Business Administration and Commerce at SMIU, for the period of three (03) years.

TALKING ON YOUTH DEVELOPMENT



The Chairman of the Prime Minister's Youth Program (PMYP) Mr. Rana Mashhood Ahmed Khan, along with Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of Sindh Madressatul Islam University, and Mr. Fahad Shafiq, Coordinator of PMYP for Sindh, visited SMIU's Hashmat Lodi Youth Development Center, Artificial Intelligence Lab, Business Incubation Center, and other related sections of the university on Thursday, April 17, 2025.

During his visit, Mr. Rana Mashhood Khan announced support for the Hashmat Lodi Development Centre, students in Artificial Intelligence, Mathematical Sciences, and other departments of SMIU. Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai briefed the Chairman on the university's history, the facilities provided to students, and the future plans for youth development. Dr. Sahrai highlighted that approximately 3,000 students are enrolled in various IT programs, and a dedicated floor at the I.T. Tower has been allocated for the AI and Business Incubation Centers, where multiple activities and career development trainings are being held.

Following the visit, a program was organized at the Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium of SMIU. Addressing the students, faculty, and officers of the university, Mr. Rana Mashhood Khan praised the rich legacy of Sindh Madressatul Islam University, noting that great personalities such as Pakistan's founder, Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah, received their education here. He described SMIU as an institution of national importance and assured that the government of Pakistan, particularly through the Prime Minister's Youth Program, would provide numerous opportunities for SMIU students at both national and international levels.

Mr. Khan emphasized that the youth of Pakistan, both boys and girls, are the



country's bright future, but also acknowledged the significant challenges the nation faces. He stated that it is the responsibility of young people to work toward the prosperity and development of the country. He outlined that PMYP is working to create more opportunities for youth across Pakistan in higher education, technical education, and employment, regardless of background.

He also mentioned several key initiatives, including the presentation of a Youth Development Policy to the federal cabinet for the first time and the launch of a Digital Youth Hub, where young people can register to access various career opportunities both nationally and internationally. Additionally, the Green Youth Movement Club has been established at universities across the country to train environmental warriors to tackle climate change. He added that other youth-focused policies are being prepared to further empower the nation's youth, who are an exemplary force for the future.

In his address, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai welcomed Mr. Rana Mashhood Ahmed Khan and other guests. He highlighted the immense potential of Pakistan's youth, likening it to other energy sources like solar, hydel, and wind energy, stressing that this youth energy must be nurtured and utilized for the country's development.

Dr. Sahrai also praised the efforts of Sindh's Chief Minister, Syed Murad Ali



Shah, for his remarkable contributions to the improvement of higher education in the province. He noted that the Chief Minister had played a key role in rescuing Sindh's older public universities from financial crisis by increasing their budgets in the 2024-25 fiscal year. Dr. Sahrai further mentioned that both the Federal Higher Education Commission (HEC) and the Sindh Higher Education Commission have been performing well in improving the quality of higher education and youth training in the province. He also suggested that the federal HEC should consider increasing the budget for public sector universities in its upcoming fiscal year 2025-26 budget.

Mr. Fahad Shafiq, in his speech, assured that equal opportunities for education and employment would be provided to the youth of Sindh.

The event featured a folk song performance by a group of SMIU students, and later, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai presented souvenirs to the distinguished guests.



SMIU ORGANISES RALLY IN FAVOUR OF PAKISTAN AND AGAINST INDIAN AGGRESSION

On April 28, 2025, Sindh Madressatul Islam University organized a rally in support of Pakistan and in protest against India's false allegations and its decision to revoke the Indus Waters Treaty of 1960. The rally, led by Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU, commenced from the Main Building of the university and concluded near the I.T. Tower.



The Vice Chancellor stated that Pakistan itself is grappling with terrorism in its provinces of Balochistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK), making the country a victim of terrorism. He urged the international community to recognize India's hypocrisy and called for global condemnation of India's hostility toward Pakistan and its decision to revoke the Indus Waters Treaty.

Dr. Sahrai reiterated that the Prime Minister of Pakistan, Mr. Shahbaz Sharif, had rightly called for an independent international inquiry into India's allegations. He strongly condemned India's "water blackmailing" as an act of hostility, and declared that any attempt to restrict Pakistan's water supply would be considered as act of war. He reaffirmed Pakistan's full support for the government and armed forces in defending the country against any form of Indian aggression.

The rally was attended by deans from various faculties, chairpersons of different departments, heads of administrative divisions, faculty members, officers, staff, and students of SMIU.



Following the rally, Dr. Sahrai addressed the participants at Talpur House, where he strongly condemned India's baseless allegations against Pakistan. He emphasized that India has failed to provide any evidence to support these claims,

which is why it has become increasingly isolated on the global stage. Dr. Sahrai also highlighted India's ongoing state-sponsored terrorism in occupied Kashmir, where innocent Kashmiris are being killed daily.

LIBRARY STAFF RECEIVES APPRECIATION CERTIFICATES



Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of Sindh Madressatul Islam University, distributed performance certificates to the library staff at a ceremony held at the Khan Bahadur Hassanally Effendi Library on April 29, 2025. The recipients of the certificates included Mr.



Shahnawaz Mahessar (Librarian), Ms. Mahjabeen Ali (Additional Librarian), Ms. Nadia Kiran (Deputy Librarian), Mr. Tariq Aziz Gorar (Assistant Librarian), and Syeda Ayesha Urooj Naqvi (Assistant Librarian).

During his address, Dr. Sahrai emphasized the importance of books and libraries, particularly for students. He highlighted that SMIU is home to three libraries: the Khan Bahadur Hassanally Effendi Library, which serves as the central library; the Allama I.I. Kazi Library located at the I.T. Tower; and the library situated at SMIU's Model School. The Vice Chancellor noted that these libraries are equipped with valuable

books, research journals, and modern facilities such as Wi-Fi, computers, and access to digital libraries. Additionally, the libraries provide dedicated spaces for researchers to carry out their work.

Dr. Sahrai commended the library staff for maintaining an environment conducive to student learning and research. He was joined at the event by Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Dean; Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Advisor to the Vice Chancellor on Academics; and Mr. Sajid Ali, Deputy Registrar (Staff). Following the ceremony, the Vice Chancellor toured various sections of the library and issued directions for further improvements.



DR MUJEEB SAHRAI ADDRESSES AT ISTANBUL UNIVERSITY



Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of Sindh Madressatul Islam University, addressed the symposium marking the 100th anniversary of Abdul Rahman Peshawari's death at Istanbul University on May 5, 2025. In his speech, Dr. Sahrai emphasized that nations are remembered by their history, virtues, and characters. He expressed his appreciation for the Government of Turkey, led by President Recep Tayyip Erdoğan, for honoring the unsung hero of both Turkey and Pakistan, Abdul Rahman Peshawari.

Dr. Sahrai reflected on the remarkable life of Abdul Rahman

his belongings, and pursued nursing training in order to join the Turkish delegation during the Balkan War. He then went on to serve in World War I and the Turkish War of Independence, fighting to safeguard the Ottoman Empire—one of the last remaining Muslim powers of the time.

He highlighted Peshawari's role in Turkey, where he joined Anadolu News Agency as a founding reporter and later became the first Ambassador of Turkey to Kabul, a position assigned to him by the great Mustafa Kemal Atatürk. Dr. Sahrai noted that Abdul Rahman Peshawari performed



Peshawari, recounting how, at just 26 years old, he left his education at Aligarh Muslim University, sold

all these monumental tasks with dignity, bravery, and honor in just thirteen years before his assassination at



the age of forty. He pointed out that such an extraordinary legacy in such a short life shows that devoted and committed individuals can leave an indelible mark on history, as Peshawari continues to be remembered even 100 years after his death.

At this point, Dr. Sahrai also mentioned the role of Khan Bahadur Hassanally Effendi, the founder of Sindh Madressatul Islam University, who was honored by the Ottoman Empire with the titles “Bey” and “Effendi” for his contributions to education and his support for the Ottoman



Empire.

Dr. Sahrai proposed that the services and legacies of both Hassanally Effendi and Abdul Rahman Peshawari should be highlighted among the younger generations of both Pakistan and Turkey. He suggested organizing similar symposiums in cities such as Lahore, Karachi, Islamabad, and Ankara. He also offered the support of SMIU in hosting such an event in Karachi. In conclusion, Dr. Sahrai expressed his



gratitude to the Government of Turkey, the Yunus Emre Institute, and Istanbul University for their efforts in strengthening the brotherly relations between Pakistan and Turkey through this important commemoration of Abdul Rahman Peshawari’s legacy.

ACCREDITATION INSPECTION COMMITTEE VISITS SMIU



The Accreditation Inspection Committee (AIC) of the National Agriculture Education Accreditation Council (NAEAC) visited Sindh Madressatul Islam University on May 5, 2025, for the accreditation of the university's BS Environmental Science degree program. The visiting committee comprised three members: Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Secretary of NAEAC and Convener of the committee; Dr. M. Farakh Nawaz, Associate Professor/Director, Institute of Environmental Studies (IES), University of Karachi; and Mr. Abdullah, Deputy Director, Programs, NAEAC HEC Islamabad.

Upon their arrival at the university campus, the AIC team was warmly welcomed by Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Shaikh, Registrar of SMIU; Prof. Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Dean of the Faculty of I.T.; and Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Academic Advisor to the Vice Chancellor.

The inaugural session was held at the university's Conference Room and attended by Dr. Hina Shehnaz, Director of the Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC) at SMIU, Dr. Saima Baig, and other faculty members. During the session, the Chairperson of the Department of Environmental Sciences gave a detailed presentation covering various aspects used as performance indicators by the AIC-NAEAC for the evaluation of the degree program.

The presentation included a review of the department's faculty, their academic and research achievements, and the avail-

able infrastructure and facilities, such as the library, laboratories, transport, medical services, sports facilities, and more. Additionally, the Chairperson highlighted both the strengths and weaknesses of the program, and outlined actions taken based on recommendations made during the previous AIC-NAEAC visit.

Following the inaugural session, the AIC team visited various facilities on campus, including the Khan Bahadur Hasanally Effendi Library, Environmental Science Lab, I.T. facilities, classrooms, medical facilities, gym, and sports areas. The team also met with faculty, administrative staff, and students, engaging in discussions with Dr. Saima Baig, Director of the Accreditation & Quality Enhancement Cell (AQEC), and Dr. Mansoor Ahmed Khuhro, Director of the Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC).

The team conducted a thorough review of the BS Environmental Science degree program's curriculum in the office of the Chairperson of the Department of Environmental Sciences. Key areas examined included the vision and mission of the program, the scheme of studies, regularity of meetings of the Board of Studies (BoS) and Board of Faculty (BoF), faculty workload, and the methods used to assess students' knowledge and skills. Additionally, the team assessed the department's record-keeping practices, including examination records, meeting minutes, practical assess-

ments, and other academic matters related to the curriculum.

Separate interaction sessions were organized with newly enrolled students and alumni to gather feedback on academic matters. The students provided valuable insights into their perceptions of the program, faculty, teaching quality, and the accessibility of university facilities.

The AIC-NAEAC team also held individual meetings with faculty members to discuss their educational backgrounds, perceptions of the program, and potential areas for improvement. Faculty members were asked about job satisfaction, opportunities for growth, and other issues related to the department's academic operations.

At the conclusion of the visit, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Convener of the AIC team, presented his observations to Prof. Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Dean of the Faculty of Management, Business Administration, and Commerce at SMIU, and Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Shaikh, the university's Registrar. Senior professors from SMIU, including Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan (Advisor to the Vice Chancellor on Academics), Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh (Dean of the Faculty of I.T.), and Dr. Saima Baig (Director of QEC), were also present during the session. Dr. Ghaffar emphasized the importance of elevating the quality of education and highlighted critical areas such as faculty workload and student-teacher ratios.

In his closing remarks, Dr. Zahid Ali Channar expressed his sincere gratitude to the AIC-NAEAC team for their thorough evaluation and valuable feedback. He assured that the recommendations provided by the committee would be implemented diligently to enhance the academic standards of the Department of Environmental Sciences and to expand internship and employment opportunities for its graduates.

As a token of appreciation, Dr. Zahid Ali Channar presented shields to the members of the AIC-NAEAC team on behalf of Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU.



SOLIDARITY RALLY WITH PAKISTAN'S ARMED FORCES AND AGAINST INDIAN AGGRESSION



Sindh Madressatul Islam University, the alma mater of Pakistan's Founder Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah, organized a walk on May 8, 2025 to express unwavering solidarity with Pakistan's Armed Forces. The event also served as a protest against Indian aggression, attacks on innocent Pakistani civilians, and the unilateral suspension of the Indus Waters Treaty. The walk began at the Main Building of the university and culminated at the I.T. Tower.

The walk was led by Acting Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, along with Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Dean of the Faculty of I.T., Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Advisor to the Vice Chancellor on Academics, Mr. Muhammad Naeem Ahmed, Director of Students Af-



fairs, and Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Shaikh, Registrar. The event saw the participation of heads of academic and administrative departments, faculty members, staff, and students.

Participants raised slogans in support of Pakistan and its Armed Forces, condemning Indian aggression and attacks. They expressed their commitment to de-

fending the nation, pledging that every citizen would stand resolutely against the enemy.

In his address, Dr. Zahid Ali Channar emphasized that Sindh Madressatul Islam University stands firmly with Pakistan's Armed Forces and the entire nation in condemning India's cowardly attacks on Pakistan's civilian population. He further called on peace-loving nations, including the United Nations, to condemn India's



actions and impose sanctions, as India had effectively declared war on Pakistan through its baseless accusations following the Pahalgam incident. Dr. Channar urged the global community, including academics and enlightened citizens, to denounce India's aggression and support Pakistan in its rightful stance.

SMIU PARTICIPATES IN THE RALLY ORGANISED BY SINDH HEC IN SUPPORT OF PAKISTAN ARMED FORCES



Sindh Madressatul Islam University actively participated in a Solidarity Rally organized by the Sindh Higher Education Commission (HEC) in support of Pakistan's Armed Forces on Thursday, May 15, 2025. The rally, which took place from Nishan-e-Pakistan to the Clock Tower at Seaview, was led by Sindh HEC Chairman Dr. Tariq Rafi, alongside vice chancellors from various universities, including SMIU.

The SMIU delegation, led by Acting Vice Chancellor Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, included Deans Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, Advisor to the Vice Chancellor on Academics Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Registrar Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Shaikh, Director of Admissions and Examinations Mr. Furqan Iftikhar, along with chairpersons of academic departments, heads of administrative sections, faculty, officers, staff, and students.

During the event, Dr. Zahid Ali Channar addressed the media, paying tribute to the bravery and exemplary success of Pakistan's Armed Forces in the face of recent Indian aggression. He expressed immense pride in the Armed Forces for defending the sovereignty of the country through their courage, national spirit, and expertise during India's unwarranted attack.

Dr. Channar emphasized that the world now clearly recognizes India's hostile intentions and its consistent history of initiating aggression against Pakistan. He pointed out that, in contrast, Pakistan has



always advocated for peace in the region and demanded the right to self-determination for the people of Kashmir.

The Acting Vice Chancellor also saluted the Pakistan Air Force and its heroes, who successfully neutralized Indian



warplanes during the combat. He said it was a moment of immense pride for the nation, with India's defeat reaffirming Pakistan's moral standing in the global community.



Dr. Channar concluded by expressing unwavering support for Pakistan's Armed Forces, acknowledging their crucial role in safeguarding the nation's borders and the lives of its citizens. He reiterated Pakistan's call for peace, urging India to



respect regional harmony, withdraw from occupied Kashmir, and honor the Indus Waters Treaty. He also commended Sindh HEC Chairman Dr. Tariq Rafi for organizing the successful rally.

SINDH MADRESSATUL ISLAM UNIVERSITY OBSERVES YOUM-E-TASHAKUR



Sindh Madressatul Islam University observed Youm-e-Tashakur on May 16, 2025, with immense national pride and spirit. The celebration took place at the university's auditorium, presided over by Acting Vice Chancellor Dr. Zahid Ali Channar. The event featured speeches by students, who also performed national songs to express their patriotism.



In his speech, Dr. Zahid Ali Channar emphasized that Pakistan's Armed Forces not only downed Indian Rafale warplanes but also dismantled India's so-called supremacy, arrogance, and hegemony in the region. He noted that India's aggressive behavior had been directed against its neighboring countries, including Pakistan, and that Pakistan's successful military response, bolstered by strategic diplomacy and modern technology, had led to a decisive victory, isolating India on the global stage. "The world supported Pakistan and

rejected India's narrative," Dr. Channar stated.

He further explained that Pakistan's victory had transformed global perceptions of warfare. "We are proud of our Armed Forces, who safeguarded the country from external threats," Dr. Channar remarked. He also noted that the outcome of this conflict had opened up several opportunities for Pakistan, and it was essential to capitalize on them. He expressed the belief that while India sought to position itself as the "Israel of South Asia," Pakistan's Armed Forces had shattered this ambition, sending a powerful message to the world: Pakistan desires peace in the region and the resolution of the Kashmir issue according to United Nations resolutions.

The event saw a large turnout of sectional heads, faculty, officers, staff, and students, all united in their celebration of Pakistan's victory.

Following the speeches, Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Advisor to the Vice Chancellor on Academics Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Director of Student Affairs Mr. Muhammad Naeem Ahmed, Registrar Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Shaikh, and other university officials participated in a flag-hoisting ceremony at SMIU's Main Building.

Earlier in the event, students delivered speeches congratulating the nation on the remarkable victory of Pakistan's Armed Forces during the recent Indian aggression. They expressed their pride in the strength and resilience of the military, with many highlighting how the Air Force heroes had forced India to accept a ceasefire. The students praised the Armed Forces for their courage, national spirit, and unwavering commitment to defending Pakistan, asserting that after this triumph, no one would dare to challenge the sovereignty of the country.

SMIU RECEIVES ACCREDITATION FOR ITS BS PROGRAM OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES



Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, during the Accreditation Certificate Award Distribution Ceremony at the Senate Hall of Sindh Madressatul Islam University held on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, stressed the need for universities in Pakistan to produce skilled environmentalists. He highlighted that Pakistan is considered one of the most environmentally vulnerable countries in the world and that addressing environmental challenges requires a dedicated focus on education and research in this field.

Dr. Sahrai congratulated the Dean of the Faculty of Information Technology and Faculty of Science, Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Chairperson of the Department of Environmental Sciences, Dr. Hina Shehnaz, as well as the faculty and students of the department, for the recognition of the BS Environmental Sciences program by the National Agriculture Education Accreditation Council (NAEAC). He also expressed his gratitude to NAEAC for accrediting SMIU's Environmental Sciences program.

The Vice Chancellor noted that Pakistan is not only an agricultural laboratory but also an environmental one. He

the department and urged students and faculty to focus on projects that could directly benefit the nation.

He also underlined the importance of global attention to environmental issues, stating that environmental changes are a pressing concern for the entire world. "The academia, both in Pakistan and globally, must take environmental issues seriously because the world is facing unprecedented environmental challenges," Dr. Sahrai said.

Reflecting on the devastating floods of 2022, which caused immense human and economic loss, particularly in Sindh, Dr. Sahrai stressed the need for expert environmentalists who can guide communities, conduct research on environmental problems, and propose effective solutions. "We must prepare future generations to address such challenges," he added.

Dr. Sahrai also raised concerns about the low number of students pursuing environmental sciences as a career. He called for greater efforts to motivate students to choose this vital field of study. "The environmental conditions of our cities, province, and country are becoming increasingly dangerous due to climate change, and we need experts



emphasized that students should seize the opportunity to gain practical knowledge by studying the country's unique environmental challenges and issues.

Dr. Sahrai further pointed out that SMIU is one of the few universities in the country where the Department of Environmental Sciences has received such recognition from NAEAC. He called on the university to continue strengthening

who can play a pivotal role in addressing these issues," he emphasized.

The ceremony was also addressed by Dean Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh and Director of the Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC), Dr. Saima Baig. The event was attended by chairpersons, heads of various academic and administrative departments, as well as students.

MoU SIGNING Ceremonies

SMIU SIGNS MOU WITH PAKISTAN USER GROUP



A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed on January 7, 2025, between Dr. Mansoor Ahmed Khuhro, Director of the Office of Research, Innovation, and Commercialization (ORIC), and Mr. Umair Siddiqui, Co-Founder of Pakistan User Group, at

Sindh Madressatul Islam University.

The MoU aims to establish academic collaboration between SMIU and the Pakistan User Group, focusing on shared academic and industry interests. It outlines cooperation in the exchange of academic resources,

capacity building, and human resource development through education, training, workshops, seminars, internships, and related initiatives. This agreement underscores a mutual commitment to fostering academic excellence and growth.

The signing ceremony was attended by Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Dean of the Faculty of IT; Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Advisor to the Vice Chancellor on Academics; Registrar Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Shaikh; and Dr. Muhammad Afzal, Manager of ORIC at SMIU.

Following the ceremony, representatives of the Pakistan User Group met with Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU, at his office to discuss further avenues of cooperation between the two organizations. The meeting concluded with an exchange of souvenirs as a symbol of partnership.



SMIU SIGNS MOU WITH SOHAIL UNIVERSITY

Sindh Madressatul Islam University and Sohail University signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on January 8, 2025, aimed at fostering cooperation in innovation and research. The MoU was signed by Dr. Mansoor Ahmed Khuhro, Director of ORIC at SMIU, and Dr. Asma Tabassum, Director of ORIC at Sohail University. Dr. Sabeeh Jaffery, Registrar of Sohail University, also attended the signing ceremony.

Under this MoU, the collaboration between SMIU and Sohail University will promote a dynamic exchange of knowledge, resources, and expertise. The partnership aims to build strong networks of innovation and empower students and faculty through joint research projects and initiatives.



The ceremony was also attended by Dr. Sarmad Ahmed Shaikh, Assistant Professor; Syed Muhammad Belal Qadri, Research Coordination Officer at ORIC SMIU; along with other officials.

HEADS OF SMIU AND SHAHED UNIVERSITY, TEHRAN SIGN MOU



Sindh Madressatul Islam University and Shahed University, Tehran, Iran, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at SMIU to establish collaboration in student and faculty exchange programs, as well as joint research initiatives.

The MoU signing ceremony took place on February 10, 2025, at the SMIU Conference Room, where Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU, and Iman Zamani, Director of International Affairs at Shahed University, Tehran, formally signed the agreement. The event was attended by Dr. Mohammad Hossein Nohekhan, Senior Advisor to the President of Shahed University, Prof. Dr. Farman Ali Shah, Prof. Dr. Farman Ali Shah, Country Representative for Pakistan, and from SMIU, Dr. Mansoor Ahmed Khuhro, Director of ORIC; Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences; Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Advisor to the Vice Chancellor on Academics; and Registrar Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Shaikh.

According to the agreement, both universities will develop and strengthen ties between their academic communities. The MoU outlines the initiation of joint programs aimed at enhancing educational functions, including sharing research laboratories and providing necessary facilities to support collaboration.

The partnership further includes cooperation on research projects, joint conferences, seminars, workshops, and other academic activities.



During the ceremony, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai warmly welcomed the representatives of Shahed University and noted that, following other Pakistani universities, Shahed University

is now collaborating with SMIU. He highlighted that this partnership will benefit students and faculty at both institutions, particularly in departments such as Artificial Intelligence, Education, and English Language.

Dr. Mohammad Hossein Nohekhan expressed his happiness in signing the MoU with SMIU, describing it as the alma mater of Pakistan's founder, Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah. "We feel honored to visit this historic and oldest institution in Pakistan," he remarked.

On this occasion, Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai appointed Dr. Mansoor Ahmed Khuhro, Director of ORIC, as the coordinator for ongoing collaboration with Shahed University representatives on behalf of SMIU. The ceremony concluded with an exchange of souvenirs.

SMIU, GERMANY'S UNIVERSITY OF COLON SIGN MOU



On May 15, 2025, Sindh Madressatul Islam University and Germany's University of Cologne signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to foster bilateral cooperation in education and academic research.

The agreement focuses on exploring innovative research opportunities in the fields of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and Stem Cell (SC) technology.

The MoU was signed by Prof. Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU, and Prof. Dr. Jürgen Hescheler, Chairman and Director of the Institute of Neurophysiology at the University of Cologne, during Dr. Sahrai's recent visit to the university.

As per the MoU, both institutions have agreed to collaborate on a range of academic and research initiatives. These include organizing lecture series and workshops, developing joint research activities through funded projects, and initiating faculty and staff exchanges to finalize research models. Additionally, student exchange and visiting programs will be established, and the results of the collaborative research will be shared between the two institutions. Other joint research activities will also be planned for the mutual benefit of both universities.

SMIU AND IOBM SIGN MOU



On May 22, 2025, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of Sindh Madressatul Islam University, and Dr. Tariq Raheem Soomro, Rector of the Institute of Business Management (IoBM), signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at SMIU to formalize a strategic partnership between the two institutions. The MoU outlines several key areas of collaboration, including joint research projects, knowledge exchange, capacity-building activities for researchers, faculty, and students, product development and mentorship programs, as well as the organization of joint seminars, conferences, workshops, and training sessions.

The agreement also includes plans to support startups, share best practices for innovation and startup ecosystem development, and provide entrepreneurship support to students. Furthermore, the institutions have committed to facilitating the exchange of mentors and securing financial back-

ing from both national and international bodies to support the implementation of the MoU.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai expressed his excitement about the partnership, calling it an invaluable opportunity for SMIU to collaborate with one of the country's most modern and progressive institutions, IoBM. He emphasized that this collaboration will bring immense benefits to both faculty and students, particularly in the fields of research and entrepreneurship.

Dr. Tariq Raheem Soomro, in his remarks, described it as an honor to sign the MoU with SMIU, a historic institution known for its commitment to quality education. He stated that the partnership's ultimate goal is to facilitate the exchange of knowledge and experiences, which will significantly enrich the academic and entrepreneurial ecosystems at both institutions.

PICTORIAL REPORTS



On February 12, 2025, Ms. Marvi Rashdi, a Member of the Sindh Assembly, visited SMIU. She met with Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai at his office, where they discussed the historic role of Sindh Madressatul Islam University. Ms. Rashdi expressed her pride in visiting an institution where the founder of Pakistan, Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah, along with other prominent leaders of the Pakistan Movement, received their early education. She was deeply impressed by the university's rich history, which she described as a living legacy. Dr. Sahrai, in turn, thanked Ms. Rashdi for her visit and emphasized that this historic institution should be explored by all Pakistanis. During her visit, she also toured various facilities including the Jinnah Museum, I.T. Tower, Artificial Intelligence Lab, Business Incubation Center, Hashmat Lodi Youth Development Center, and the TV Studio.



SMIU organized a faculty training session on April 29, 2025, held at the Senate Hall. Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, the Vice Chancellor, was the chief guest at the session.



Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU attending a session of the Defense of PhD Proposal by a student Muhammad Sharif on March 14, 2025 at the Senate Hall of the university.

Mr. Mushtaq Muhammad Gopang was elected as a member of the Syndicate, representing the administration, during the election held on May 27, 2025. Mr. Gopang is currently serving as a Radio Producer at Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU).



4thSMIU ORGANISES
INTERNATIONAL
CONFERENCE ON“SUSTAINABLE COMPUTING AND AI:
SHAPING THE FUTURE OF
INDUSTRY AND SOCIETY”

The Faculty of Information Technology at Sindh Madressatul Islam University, in collaboration with the Sindh Higher Education Commission (Sindh HEC) and the Pakistan Science Foundation, organized the 2-Day 4th International Conference on Computing and Related Technologies (ICCRT-2025) on Wednesday, May 21, and Thursday, May 22, 2025. The conference, held under the theme “Sustainable Computing and AI: Shaping the Future of Industry and Society,” brought together national and international scholars, academicians, researchers, and government officials.

Over the course of the two days, the conference featured an inaugural and concluding sessions, seven technical sessions, and one panel discussion, all conducted across various venues at SMIU. Distinguished academicians and research scholars presented their work, shared insights, and explored both the opportunities and challenges of Artificial Intelligence.

Under the leadership of Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, SMIU has made significant strides in research over the past five years, prioritizing innovation, quality education, and strong industry partnerships for the benefit of its students. During his tenure, SMIU has successfully hosted two Global Research Congresses and 11 International Conferences, with the ICCRT-2025 marking the 12th international conference held by the university. Notably, this conference focused on Artificial Intelligence, one of today’s most transformative technologies, highlighting SMIU’s forward-thinking approach and its commitment to equipping students with the knowledge and skills needed for the rapidly evolving global landscape.

Following is a brief account of the said Conference.



INAUGURATION CEREMONY



The inauguration ceremony of the 2-day 4th International Conference titled “Sustainable Computing and AI: Shaping the Future of Industry and Society” was held on Wednesday, May 21, 2025. The event was formally inaugurated by Chairman of the Sindh HEC, Prof. Dr. Tariq Rafi, and Vice Chancellor of Sindh Madressatul Islam University, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, who ceremoniously launched the conference by pressing a button to light up the Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium at the university.

The proceedings began with a recitation from the Holy Quran, followed by the National Anthem. The session was jointly conducted by Assistant Professor Wafa Mansoor Buriro and Ms. Bakhtawar Daudpota, Lecturer at SMIU. They then invited Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai to deliver the opening speech.

In his address, Dr. Sahrai expressed his gratitude to Chairman Dr. Tariq Rafi, as well as to the national and international research



scholars and guests in attendance. He highlighted that, over the past three years, SMIU has successfully organized 12 international conferences, with significant contributions from the university’s faculty.

Dr. Sahrai pointed out that while Sindh Madressatul Islam is 140 years old, the university itself is only 13 years old, yet it has managed to focus on both quality education and research. He proudly noted that, in addition to its research efforts, the university publishes research journals.

Discussing Artificial Intelligence (AI), Dr. Sahrai acknowledged that while AI



brings numerous opportunities, it also presents significant challenges, particularly for the younger generation. He emphasized the need to understand these challenges in order to navigate the complexities of this transformative technology. “AI is a challenge for all of us,” he said, stressing the importance of the IT community, AI engineers, programmers, and software experts working together to address the new realities AI brings. He concluded by stating that these conferences provide a valuable platform to better understand the implications of AI and its societal impact, including how AI can help us understand great thinkers like Shah Latif and Mirza Ghalib.

Chairman of Sindh HEC, Dr. Tariq Rafi, addressed the gathering, sharing his



honor and pride in visiting Sindh Madresatul Islam University, the alma-mater of Pakistan’s Founder, Quaid-e-Azam

development and activities.

Dr. Rafi emphasized the need to foster a culture of research within Pakistan’s universities, noting the rapid transformation brought about by information technology and Artificial Intelligence. “The future lies in information technology, especially AI,” he said, urging educational institutions to equip students, faculty, and staff with the necessary skills. He further noted that technological advances over the last three decades have radically changed the landscape, and the younger generation must be prepared for this shift.

In a reference to the recent Indian aggression, Dr. Rafi highlighted the role of technology in modern warfare, particularly in cyber warfare, where Pakistan demonstrated its technological capability to respond. “It wasn’t a conventional war; it was a cyber-war,” he remarked, stressing



Mohammad Ali Jinnah, and other renowned leaders. He praised SMIU for organizing the conference and lauded Dr.

Sahrai’s leadership in making these events a success. Dr. Rafi also highlighted Sindh HEC’s continued support for SMIU’s de-



that technology played a central role in this new kind of conflict.

He also spoke about the importance of focusing on education and health for Pakistan's development and praised the Sindh Government's commitment to higher education, noting that the provincial government allocates a higher budget for higher education than other provinces. He commended Sindh's Chief Minister, Syed Murad Ali Shah, for his dedication to improving the state of higher education and university conditions in Sindh.

Dr. Tariq Rahim Soomro, Rector of the Institute of Business Management, spoke on the global need for agreements to prevent the misuse of AI, particularly in decep-

tive practices. He advocated for initiatives by UNESCO or the UNAI to address these concerns and recommended the establish-



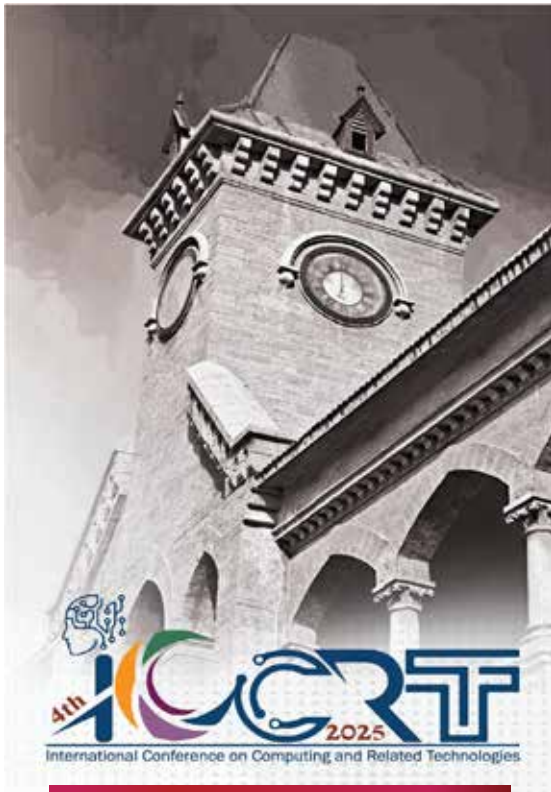
ment of internal oversight bodies to monitor AI development and deployment. He also emphasized the importance of restricting AI use in areas prone to manipulation, such as political campaigns or sensitive media reporting.

Other notable speakers included Prof. Muazzam Ali Khan Khattak, Director of Science and Technology at Quaid-e-Azam University Islamabad, Dr. Tariq Mahmood from IoBA Karachi, and Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Dean of SMIU. Canadian scholar Prof. Dr. Martin Maier and Prof. Dr. Bhawani Shankar also contributed their insights through the virtual addresses.

The conference served as a vital platform for discussing the opportunities and challenges presented by AI, and its potential to shape the future of both industry and society.



TECHNICAL SESSIONS HELD DURING THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE



DAY-ONE

TECHNICAL SESSION 01:

The first technical session of the conference, focused on “Data Science and Artificial Intelligence,” was held at the Senate Hall of Sindh Madressatul Islam University. The session was chaired by Prof. Dr. Aqeel-ur-Rehman from Sohail University, Karachi, with Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Dean of the Faculty of Information Technology at SMIU, serving as co-chair. Syed Hassan Zaidi, a Lecturer at SMIU, moderated the session, while Ms. Nazia Ashraf, also a Lecturer at SMIU, facilitated the proceedings.

The session featured two research paper presentations. The first paper, titled “AI on the Road: Real-Time License Plate Recognition with K-NN,” was presented by Mr. Moazzam Ali Bhutto, Mr. Ajeet Kumar, Anam Memon, and Muhammad Salman from NUML University, Hyderabad. The second paper, “Machine Learning-based Smart Students’ Complaint Resolution System,” was presented by Ms. Rimsha Javed and Engr. Muhammad Hussain Mughal from Mohammad Ali Jinnah University, Karachi.

At the conclusion of the session, souvenirs were presented to the esteemed guests as a token of appreciation.

TECHNICAL SESSION 02:

This session, focused on “Computer Networks, Cyber Security, and Computer Systems,” and was held in Room A-07 of the Main Building at SMIU. The session was chaired by Prof. Dr. Nadeem Mahmood from the University of Karachi, with Dr. Sarmad Ahmed Shaikh, Assistant Professor at SMIU, serving as co-chair. Ms. Syeda Wajiha Naim, Lecturer at SMIU, moderated the session, while Ms. Sindhu facilitated the proceedings.

The session featured two insightful paper presentations. The first paper, titled “A Hybrid Cryptographic Framework Integrating Classical, Post-Quantum, and Quantum Key Distribution Using IBM Qiskit,” was presented by Mr. Asad Raza from the School of Computer Science and Engineering, Central South University, Changsha, China. The second paper, “Advancing Requirement Engineering Using Large Language Models (LLMs),” was presented by Ms. Ushna Tasleem from Jinnah University for Women, Karachi.

Both presentations sparked thoughtful discussions on the evolving landscape of computer security and the integration of advanced technologies in network systems.

TECHNICAL SESSION 03:

The third technical session of the conference, focused on “Computer Vision, Image, and Signal Processing,” was held at the Senate Hall of SMIU. The session was chaired by Dr. Rana Shahzad Qaiser, Director General of the Department of Information Technology, Government of Sindh, with Prof. Dr. Muhammad Malook Rind from SMIU serving as co-chair. Ms. Nazia Ashraf, Lecturer at SMIU, moderated the session, while Ms. Sanea from SMIU facilitated the proceedings.

The session featured three compelling paper presentations. The first paper, titled “Feature Analysis for Performance Optimization of Next Generation Wireless Communication Networks Based on Free Space Optical (FSO) System,” was presented by Dr. Waqas Ahmed Imtiaz from Jaloza Campus, UET Peshawar. The second paper, “ML-Based Speed Violation Detection and E-Challan Generation Using YOLO V8 and Deep SORT,” was presented by Mr. Javed Shar. The third paper, “Brahui Handwritten and Printed Digit Recognition Using Deep Learning Approach – A Step Toward Low-Resource Language Digitization,” was presented by Mr. Hamid Saleh from Balochistan University of Engineering & Technology, Khuzdar.

The presentations covered a range of innovative topics in computer vision, machine learning, and signal processing, sparking insightful discussions among the attendees.

TECHNICAL SESSION 04:

The session on “Information Systems, HCI, and Enterprise Systems” was held at the Senate Hall of the SMIU. The session was chaired by Dr. Abdul Aziz from FAST University, Karachi, with Prof. Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Chairperson of the Department of Computer Science at SMIU, serving as co-chair. Mr. Syed Hassan Ali Zaidi, Lecturer at SMIU, moderated the session, while Ms. Saima Sipy facilitated the proceedings.

The session featured three engaging research paper presentations. The first paper, titled “Fashion Accessory Recommendation System,” was presented by Ms. Sundas Latif from the Mohammad Ali Jinnah University, Karachi. The second paper, “Machine Learning for Water Efficiency: AI-Based Irrigation Management in Balochistan’s Dams,” was presented by Noor Ullah from Balochistan University of Engineering & Technology, Khuzdar, Balochistan. The third paper, “Sentiment Analysis of Brahui Texts Using TF-IDF and Logistic Regression,” was presented by Mr. Mohammed Yasir, also from Balochistan University of Engineering & Technology, Khuzdar.

The papers addressed key topics in information systems, human-computer interaction, and enterprise systems, generating insightful discussions and ideas for future research in these fields.

DAY-TWO

On Thursday, May 22, the second and final day of the 4th International Conference on Computing and Related Technologies, two technical sessions and one panel discussion session took place. Below is a brief report on the proceedings of these sessions:

TECHNICAL SESSION 05:

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TECHNICAL SESSION 06:

The 6th and final technical session of the International Conference was held on the topic of “Social Media and Web Technologies” at the Senate Hall of SMIU. The session was chaired by Prof. Dr. Rizwan Khan from IBA Karachi, with Dr. Sarmad Ahmed Shaikh, Assistant Professor at the Department of Computer Science, SMIU, serving as co-chair. Ms. Nazia Ashraf, Lecturer at SMIU, moderated the session, while Ms. Sanea facilitated the proceedings.

The session featured three engaging research paper presentations. The first paper, titled “Internet of Things-Based Smart Education Teaching and Learning Model,” was presented by Engr. Ali Ahmed from Bahria University, Karachi Campus. The second paper, “The Impact of Climate Change on Elderly Persons Using Artificial Intelligence,” was presented by Amjad Ali Khawaja. The third paper, “AI-Driven Troponin I Detection and Myocardial Infarction Severity Classification,” was presented by Mr. Zahid Latif from the Department of Computer Science, Balochistan University of Engineering & Technology, Khuzdar (BUETK).

These papers explored the intersections of AI, healthcare, environmental change, and education, offering valuable insights into the role of emerging technologies in addressing contemporary challenges.

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TECHNICAL SESSIONS *in pictures*







SOME GLIMPSES



PANEL DISCUSSION

**“THE FUTURE OF GENERATIVE AI:
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ulty of CEET at Dawood University of Engineering and Technology, Karachi; Mr. Abdul Samad, Dean of the School of Science and Engineering at

Habib University, Karachi; Ms. Ammara Aftab, Founder & CEO of PRO AI GLOBAL; and Mr. Atiq Raja, CEO of AR Trainings and Consultancy. The

session was moderated by Dr. Imtiaz Husain, Assistant Professor at SMIU, with Syed Hassan Ali Zaidi and Ms. Saima Sipy serving as facilitators.

The panelists emphasized the urgent need for legislation surrounding AI due to its growing challenges and risks, particularly concerning the spread of disinformation and fake content, which disproportionately affect children and women.

Dr. Rana Shahzad Qaiser discussed the Sindh Government’s ongoing efforts to develop an AI policy, stressing the importance of educating the public on distinguishing between real and fake information. He pointed out that fake content has been widely

circulated via AI, particularly highlighting the recent disinformation during Indian aggression. Dr. Qaiser also remarked on the shrinking public sector job market due to AI, encouraging students to focus on creating projects that can be transformed into marketable products. He further stressed that women must learn about AI, as it

could offer them opportunities to work from home. Ms. Ammara Aftab noted that while AI is not new—it has existed since 1956—the current wave of AI, including Super Artificial Intelligence, presents new challenges. She warned that both children and parents need to be aware of AI and its implications, particularly the risks of fake videos and disinformation. She shared a recent in-

cident in Lahore, where a young girl suffered trauma due to a fake video, underscoring the importance of safeguarding children from such harmful content. Ms. Aftab also quoted experts who believe that AI should be slowed down, as it has the potential to dominate humanity if left unchecked.

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Zahid Tunio mentioned that the Higher Education Commission (HEC) is integrating AI into curricula so that younger generations can learn about it during their studies.

Mr. Atiq Raja emphasized the need to protect the creative minds of children from the dangers of disinformation. He cautioned against fully trusting AI-generated content, stating that without understanding the foundations of AI, we cannot harness its full potential. He urged that AI should be understood in a human-centric context, stressing the importance of knowledge of its basics.

Mr. Abdul Samad discussed how debates like this are crucial for shaping policies on AI. He noted the shift from traditional books to digital formats, while highlighting the importance of fostering critical thinking among students, even as they embrace new technologies.

Prof. Dr. Zulfikar Ali Memon from FAST National University Karachi raised an important point about AI's lack of a human touch, emphasizing that AI-generated content should not be blindly trusted. He urged the need for humans to question AI outputs, as they are based on models created by people.

The session concluded with Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU, presenting shields to the esteemed guests as a token of appreciation for their valuable insights.



CONCLUDING SESSION

The efforts of the Information Technology experts and organizers at Sindh Madressatul Islam University in successfully organizing the two-day 4th International Conference on Computing and Related Technologies deserve commendation. The active participation of experts, students, and faculty in all the technical sessions and panel discussions was highly encouraging. The research papers presented by national and international scholars across different sessions provided a glimpse into the transformative potential of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in shaping the future.

The concluding ceremony of this landmark event, held on Thursday, May 22, 2025, at the Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium, was a fitting end to the conference. Dr. Sarosh Lodi, Chairman of

the Charter Inspection and Evaluation Committee (CIEC) of Sindh HEC, and Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai,

Vice Chancellor of SMIU, were the chief guests at the ceremony. The event was attended by a large number of national and international guests, academicians, faculty members, students, and government officials.

For the organizers of SMIU, it was a proud moment as they reached the final segment of an international event they had been preparing for months—the con-



cluding ceremony.

In his address, Dr. Sarosh Lodi, former Vice Chancellor of NED University, Karachi, congratulated SMIU, its Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, and the conference organizers for successfully holding such a crucial international conference on AI, a topic of great importance in today's world. He highlighted that such conferences provide a valuable platform

for experts to discuss innovative ideas that could benefit the country and its people.

Dr. Lodi also reflected on the rapid technological development he has witnessed since the 1980s. He shared that many of the concepts he had once imagined have now become reality. For example, just a year ago, ChatGPT was a new concept, and today it is widely used across the globe. He emphasized that technology is evolving at an unprecedented pace and that we must embrace these changes to move forward. He also pointed out that information technology has revolutionized teaching and learning processes, making it essential for both teachers and students to stay familiar with these advancements.

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU, also congratulated the organizers, including Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Dr. Mansoor Ahmed Khuhro, Dr. Sarmad Ahmed



Shaikh and others, for their tireless efforts in making the conference a success. He extended his gratitude to Sindh HEC and its Chairman, Dr. Tariq Rafi, for their financial and moral support. Dr. Sahrai remarked that SMU, as a historic institution, is fortunate to have the unwavering support of its stakeholders including Government of Sindh, which has played a crucial role in the success of such events.

He further explained that the decision to focus the conference on AI was in line with SMU's commitment to advanced learning and research that is practically relevant to the country and its people. He emphasized that AI is now influencing every aspect of life and shaping a new society, which requires us to use it responsibly. He also commended the seven technical sessions held during the conference,



so that AI-based solutions can be developed in areas such as health, education, agriculture, and governance. He also called for the creation of an enabling en-

vironment that fosters collaboration between industry and academia to drive innovation and development. The event marked a significant milestone for SMU and provided valuable insights that will guide the future of AI in Pakistan.



Dr. Abdul Samad, Dean of the School of Science and



stating that their recommendations would be forwarded to policymakers for consideration and implementation.

Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, the convenor of the conference and Dean of the Faculty of IT at SMU, presented a detailed report on the conference. He shared key recommendations, urging both provincial and federal governments to incorporate AI ethics into their regulatory policies. He emphasized the need for governments to share local challenges with academia,

Engineering at Habib University, also spoke at the ceremony. He praised the conference, calling it a resounding success and emphasizing its significance in fostering meaningful dialogue on the future of AI.

In conclusion, the 4th International Conference on Computing and Related Technologies successfully brought together experts, scholars, and industry leaders to explore the promising future of AI, its challenges, and its potential impact



APPRECIATING THE ORGANISERS

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU, presented a shield to the distinguished guest, Dr. Sarosh Lodi, in recognition of his valuable contribution to the event.

The Vice Chancellor also awarded certificates of appreciation to the conference organizers for their tireless efforts in making the event a success. Among those recognized for their outstanding contributions were Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Shaikh, Dr. Sarmad Ahmed Shaikh, Dr. Syed Asif Ali, Mr. Imran Khan, Mr.

Asif Mehmood Awan and Anwar Ali Abro.

Additionally, Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Dean of the Faculty of IT, and Dean Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto presented shields to several individuals who played a crucial role in the conference's success. These individuals included Dr. Imtiaz Hussain,

Syeda Nazia Ashraf, Syeda Wajiha Naim, Ms. Saima Sipy Nangraj, Syed Muhammad Hassan, Mr. Ghulam Ali

Ramejo, Mr. Sunil Kumar, Mr. Muhammad Kashif, Mr. Fayaz Ali Tunio, Mr. Nizamuddin Ansari, Mr. Muhammad Nasir Rafi, Mr. Khursheed Ahmed, Mr. Zulfiqar Ali Mallah, Mr. Zee-shan Ahmed, and many others who contributed their time and efforts to ensuring the event's smooth execution.



ACADEMIC *Activities*

OVER 90 SMIU BUSINESS GRADUATES SHOWCASE 26 PROJECTS AT START-UP SUMMIT

SMIU Business Incubation Center (BIC), in collaboration with the Department of Business Administration, organized the “Start-Up Summit 3.0: From Concept to Success” on Thursday, January 9, 2025, at Talpur House.

The event highlighted the innovative business ideas of over 90 final-year business graduates, who presented 26 start-up projects aimed at revolutionizing industries and addressing real-world challenges.



The Vice Chancellor of SMIU, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, inaugurated the summit by cutting the ribbon. He visited the various stalls where students showcased their diverse projects, including IT products, fashion, mobile videography, publications, fabrics, leather goods, modern plantation techniques, and more.

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai praised the students for their creativity and entrepreneurial spirit, noting that their ideas held great potential for success in the business world. He encouraged the students to ensure legal compliance before launching their products, especially when it came to food and health-related items, where safety and regulation are critical.

He also emphasized that the entrepreneurial skills demonstrated by SMIU's students would contribute significantly to the country's economic growth. By nurturing young talent, he said, the university is helping create more job opportunities for others in the future.

Dr. Sahrai expressed his gratitude to Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Dean of the Faculty of Management, Business Administration, and Commerce, Mr. Shahid Obaid, Assistant Professor, and the entire faculty of the Department of Business Administration for their continued support in organizing this remarkable event.

The summit was attended by several distinguished guests, including Mr. Halil Ibrahim Basaran, Head of Turkey's State-run Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA); Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences; Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Advisor to the Vice Chancellor on Academics; Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Shaikh, Registrar; Dr. Mansoor Ahmed Khuhro, Director of ORIC; Dr. Subhash Babu, Chairperson of the Department of Social and Development Studies; and other heads of departments who came to support the initiative.

4TH SINDH HEC RESEARCH AND TECHNOLOGY SHOWCASE 2025



contributions and impactful projects.

A total of 37 public and private sector universities participated, showcasing a variety of innovative projects. SMIU was among the institutions represented, with its students presenting six projects from a total of 14 accepted entries at the Expo. Dr. Mansoor Ahmed Khuhro, Director of ORIC at SMIU, and Mr. Muhammad Afzal Chhajro, Manager of ORIC, also attended the event to represent the university.



The 4th Sindh HEC Research and Technology Showcase 2025 was held on January 22-23, 2025, at the Expo Centre in Karachi. The event aimed to strengthen the connection between industry and academia by aligning both with the latest technological advancements and the

evolving needs of the industry.

Dr. S. M. Tariq Rafi, Chairman of Sindh HEC, along with Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai and other key stakeholders, visited the SMIU stalls and commended the students for their innovative

SEMESTER BREAK

SMIU's academic departments were closed from January 24, 2025, to February 2, 2025, due to the semester break. However, the Deans of all faculties and the administrative staff continued to observe their regular duty hours.

KASHMIR DAY HOLIDAY

SMIU and the SMIU Model School were closed on Wednesday, February 5, 2025, in observance of Kashmir Solidarity Day.

CLASSES OF NEW BATCH

The classes of the newly enrolled students for Spring 2025 Semester commenced from Monday, 17th February 2025.



ORIENTATION FOR SPRING 2025 BATCH



The Directorate of Admissions and Examinations at SMIU organized orientation sessions for newly enrolled students of the Spring 2025 semester on February 6th and 7th 2025 at the Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium.

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU, graced the occasion as the chief guest. In his address, he warmly welcomed the students to the alma mater



of Pakistan. To fulfill this responsibility, he encouraged them to gain knowledge, develop expertise, and cultivate leadership qualities during their time at this historic institution.

The sessions also featured addresses by SMIU's esteemed Deans: Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, and Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto. In addition, Ms. Sundas Nisar, Student Welfare Officer, and Ms. Zonaira Jalali, Manager of Student Affairs, gave detailed presentations on the various departments and student facilities available at SMIU.

The event was also attended by Mr. Furqan Iftikhar, Director Admissions and Examinations; Mr. Mumtaz Ali Soomro, Additional Controller of Examinations; Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Shaikh, Registrar; and other university officials.

of the Founder of Pakistan, Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah. He urged the students to strictly adhere to the university's rules, regulations, and code of conduct, and to remain focused on their studies, which will be delivered by the university's highly qualified faculty.

Dr. Sahrai emphasized that, like their predecessors, the new students of SMIU have a vital role to play in the future development



SUSTAINOVATION EXPO 2025

The Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC) and the Business Incubation Center (BIC) of Sindh Madressatul Islam University jointly organized the Sustainovation Expo 2025 on Tuesday, February 18, 2025, at Talpur House, SMIU.

The event was inaugurated by Dr. Tariq Rafi, Chairman of the Sindh Higher Education Commission (HEC), alongside SMIU Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, and Dr. Rana Shahzad Qaiser, Director General of the Information Science and Technology Department, Government of Sindh.



In his address at the inauguration ceremony, Dr. Tariq Rafi praised SMIU for organizing a timely and impactful event that encourages student engagement in entrepreneurship. He highlighted that SMIU is taking a leading role in promoting entrepreneurial and startup culture within the province.

Dr. Tariq Rafi expressed concern over the growing mismatch between the number of graduates and available em-



This year, SMIU received 110 project nominations from 25 universities across Sindh. After a thorough evaluation process, 35 projects from 16 universities were shortlisted and showcased at the Expo.



ployment opportunities, noting that over two million students graduate from public universities annually, with limited job prospects. He emphasized the need for students to shift their focus from job seeking to entrepreneurship.

Commenting on the changing dynamics of the market due to advancements in Artificial Intelligence, Dr. Rafi noted that one person today can replace



multiple jobs through automation and smart tools. “This is why acquiring relevant skills is more crucial than simply holding degrees,” he said. While stressing that he wasn’t discouraging students from education, he cited Elon Musk and Bill Gates as examples of visionary dropouts who succeeded through innovation and creativity.

He further suggested that SMIU should establish a think tank under the leadership of Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai to develop new ideas in the field of Information Technology. He also encouraged other universities in the province to prioritize startups as a strategic direction for the future.



Welcoming the distinguished guests, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai thanked Dr. Tariq Rafi and Dr. Rana Shahzad Kaiser for their presence and support. He reaffirmed SMIU’s commitment to nurturing innovation and preparing students to enter the entrepreneurial world with confidence.

Dr. Sahrai shared that SMIU organizes two major student-centered events annually to introduce young minds to the fields of entrepreneurship and industry. He expressed optimism that these emerging entrepreneurs will contribute meaningfully to the development of Sindh and the country through their innovative ideas.

Mr. Rana Shahzad Kaiser from the Information Science and Technology Department, Government of Sindh, commended Sindh Madressatul Islam University for organizing a province-wide startup event that brought together a significant number of universities from across Sindh.



He appreciated SMIU's forward-looking approach, stating that the university recognizes the needs of the modern era and is actively engaging students in developing innovative projects that could lead to future success. He also highlighted the Government of Sindh's ongoing commitment to promoting startups, emphasizing that entrepreneurship and trade are viable career paths for the younger generation.

Earlier in the program, Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Dean of the Faculty of Management, Business Administration, and Commerce, delivered the welcome address.



Chairman Sindh HEC, Vice Chancellor SMIU and DG I.T Department Visited stalls

Dr. Tariq Rafi, Chairman of the Sindh Higher Education Commission (HEC), accompanied by Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of Sindh Madressatul Islam University, and Dr. Rana Shahzad Qaiser, Director General of the Information Science and Technology Department, Government of Sindh, visited the startup stalls set up by students during the Sustainovation Expo 2025.

A total of 35 stalls, showcasing innovative entrepreneurial ventures and research projects, were displayed by students representing 16 universities from across Sindh. The exhibition was held in front of Talpur House, one of SMIU's main academic blocks.

The visiting dignitaries highly appreciated the creativity, innovation, and entrepreneurial spirit demonstrated by the students. They expressed their admiration for the quality of work and the promising ideas presented, reaffirming the importance of such platforms in nurturing the next generation of entrepreneurs and innovators.



The inauguration ceremony was attended by key members of the university administration, including Dr. Mansoor Ahmed Khuhro, Director of ORIC; Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Advisor to the Vice Chancellor; Mr. Naeem Ahmed, Director of Student Affairs and Counselling; and Assistant Professor Shahid Obaid, one of the event's key organizers. Chairpersons of academic departments, heads of

administrative units, faculty members, and a large number of students were also present.

Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai presented commemorative shields to the distinguished guests in recognition of their participation and support.

The event proceedings were conducted by Ms. Zonaira Jalali, Manager of Student Affairs.

CONCLUDING CEREMONY



The concluding ceremony of the Expo, chaired by Engr. Nazeer Hussain, Director General of Higher Education Commission Pakistan, was held at the Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium on the same day, while Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor SMIU and Sayed Rasool Bux Shah, Executive Director of Sindh Teachers Education Development Authority (STEDA) graced the event as the guests of honour. On this occasion, prizes were distributed among the students of those universities who secured first, second and third position

by showcasing their projects. Park-Ease of Iqra University won first prize, Handya of Mirpurkhas University won 2nd prize and 3rd went to Institute of Business Management. Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Engr. Nazeer Hussain, and Sayed Rasool Bux Shah gave away awards to the winners. SMIU faculty members and the team of ORIC and BIC who played significant role in organizing the successful mega event were also given shields of appreciation. All the speakers lauded efforts of SMIU management, ORIC's team headed by Dr. Mansoor Ahmed Khuhro and BIC for organising the most successful Expo. Mr. Shahid Obaid, Assistant Professor, conducted the proceedings.



DEPARTMENT OF SOFTWARE ENGINEERING HOSTS FYP EVALUATION SESSION

The Department of Software Engineering at SMIU conducted the Final Year Project (FYP) evaluation session for the BS Software Engineering (BSSE) program's 2024–2025 cohort on February 22, 2025. This significant event served as a platform for students to present their innovative projects and receive valuable feedback from a panel of esteemed industry experts, effectively bridging the gap between academic learning and real-world application.



The evaluation panel included Mr. Noman Islam, Senior IT Manager at the Pakistan Stock Exchange; Mr. Syed Wasiq Muhammad, CEO and Director at Wenawa; Mr. Zeeshan Haq, Product Owner at Pakistan Single Window (PSW); and Ms. Iqra Bibi, Tech Lead QA

Automation at securiti.ai. The panelists were highly impressed with the students' dedication, technical skills, and the practical relevance of their projects.

The experts commended the students for addressing complex challenges through well-thought-out software solutions and emphasized the potential impact of their projects in real-world scenarios. The session proved to be an essential learning experience, offering students constructive criticism, guidance, and industry insights that will support their transition from academia to successful careers in the software industry.

CAREER ACCELERATOR 2025

The DSA successfully organized the two-day Career Accelerator 2025 sessions on February 24-25, 2025, at the Hashmat Lodi Youth Development Centre of SMIU. On the first day, Mr. Adeel Durvesh, Director of PACE College of Advanced Studies, conducted a session on CV Writing & Interview Skills. Students acquired essential job market skills, learning how to create strong CVs and perform well in interviews.

The second day featured a Recruitment Drive, where Impressols HR and Meezan Bank Limited conducted interviews and selected students for available positions. SMIU is proud



to offer its students real-world career opportunities and connect them with top recruiters.

FINAL YEAR PROJECT EVALUATION SESSION OF DEPARTMENT OF AI & MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES



The Department of Artificial Intelligence and Mathematical Sciences at Sindh Madressatul Islam University held its Final Year Project (FYP) Evaluation Session on February 26, 2025, at the Dr. Ibrahim Mulla High Performance Computing Lab. The session was attended by the department's chairperson, Dr. Mansoor Ahmed Khuhro, along with faculty members and esteemed industry experts. Mr. Muhammad Faizan, CEO of PaperFree Software, and Mr. Aamir Nawaz Tanoli, CEO and Co-Founder of Tech20Four (Pvt.) Ltd., served as external evaluators. They assessed the final year

projects developed by students, providing insights and constructive feedback.

The final year projects were evaluated by the industry experts; Mr. Muhammad Faizan, CEO, PaperFree Software, Mr. Aamir Nawaz Tanoli, CEO and Co-Founder, Tech20Four (Pvt.) Ltd.



INTERNSHIP AT SMIU TO STRENGTHEN INDUSTRY-ACADEMIA LINKAGES

The Department of Business Administration and the Department of Accounting, Banking & Finance at Sindh Madressatul Islam University are jointly committed to meeting the evolving demands of the modern era, with a particular focus on strengthening linkages between academia and industry.



As part of this effort, both departments enrolled their students in an Internship Program during the Fall 2024 semester, offering a structured course designed to bridge the gap between academic knowledge and real-world business practice. The initiative aimed to provide students with hands-on industry exposure and a deeper understanding of contemporary business environments.



In alignment with the program's requirements, students submitted comprehensive internship reports that reflected their learning experiences and insights gained from the industry. To assess their understanding and ensure meaningful engagement in their respective roles, evaluation interviews were conducted on February 27, 2025, at the Business Incubation Center (BIC) located in the I.T. Tower of SMIU.



A panel of esteemed faculty members from both departments conducted the evaluations, offering students constructive feedback and guidance. This rigorous process reaffirmed the university's commitment to experiential learning and to preparing students for the competitive job market.

Faculty members highlighted that such initiatives play a pivotal role in developing future business leaders by equipping students with essential skills, industry exposure, and analytical capabilities needed for long-term success.

EID AL FITR HOLIDAYS

SMIU and its Model School remained closed from Monday to Wednesday, March 31-April 2, 2025 on the account of Eid Al Fitr, and reopened on Thursday, April 3, 2025.

MIDTERM EXAMINATIONS

Sindh Madressatul Islam University conducted Midterm Examinations from Monday to Sunday, April 14-20, 2025.

WINNERS OF SMIU



The SMIU proudly extended heartfelt congratulations to Emaan from the Department of Business Administration and Sohaib Raheem from the Department of Software Engineering for securing 3rd position in the prestigious Bazam-e-Dansh – All Pakistan Quiz Competition.

Organized by the Karachi University Quiz Society, the competition was held on April 23, 2025, at the University of Karachi, drawing talented participants from universities across the country.

Representing Sindh Madressatul Islam University, Emaan and Sohaib demonstrated exceptional teamwork, intelligence, and dedication throughout the event. Their remarkable performance on a national platform is a source of pride for the entire SMIU community.

A GUEST SPEAKER SESSION ON IMPORTANCE OF INVESTMENT



SMIU's Faculty of Management, Business Administration, and Commerce, in collaboration with the Arif Habib Limited, hosted a guest speaker session on "Importance of Investment: Empowering Students for a Financially Secure Future" on April 28, 2025. The session provided students with valuable insights into the fundamentals of financial planning, the significance of early investment, and strategies for long-term financial security.

SMIU extended sincere gratitude to the distinguished speakers from the Arif Habib Limited for sharing their expertise and inspiring students to make informed financial decisions. The university remains committed to fostering a culture of financial literacy and growth among its students.



AWARENESS SESSION ON ENABLESHIP 2025

The DSA organized an informative awareness session on the Enableship 2025 internship program by Adamjee Life Assurance Co. Ltd. on May 7, 2025, at the Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium of the university.

Esteemed guest speakers Mr. Asfar H. Zaidi, Deputy Manager of Human Resources, and Ms. Huma Rizvi, Talent Acquisition and Organization Development Lead, delivered an engaging presentation on Adamjee Life Assurance Co. Ltd. and the Enableship 2025 program. They shared valuable insights and guidance with students preparing to enter the workforce.

The event concluded with closing remarks by Mr. Muhammad Naeem Ahmed, Director of DSA, who also presented souvenirs to the distinguished guests in recognition of their meaningful contributions and support. Ms. Zonaira Jalali, Manager of Student Affairs, conducted the proceedings of the session.



FROM CLASSROOM TO STARTUP: STUDENTS GAIN ENTREPRENEURIAL INSIGHTS IN MEDIA

On May 8, 2025, the Department of Media and Communication Studies at Sindh Madressatul Islam University organized an engaging session titled “Entrepreneurial Edge in Digital Media” as part of the course Introduction to Electronic Media, under the supervision of Dr. Nosheen Hussain.

The session featured Rehan Haider, a senior digital journalist and entrepreneur, who led an insightful and interactive discussion with students on the rapidly evolving landscape of media entrepreneurship. He introduced several founda-



tional concepts, including how to craft a compelling pitch, various funding models, and the critical role of innovation and adaptability in digital media ventures. Drawing from his personal journey as a digital entrepreneur, Rehan Haider shared practical advice and real-world insights,

inspiring students to consider independent media careers.

As part of the closing ceremony, certificates of appreciation were awarded to the organizing students, while all attendees received digital certificates for their participation. In recognition of his valuable contribution, Dr. Ambreen Fazal, Chairperson of the Department of Media and Communication Studies, presented a commemorative shield to Rehan Haider.

The session successfully bridged academic theory with industry practice, leaving students motivated and better equipped to explore entrepreneurial opportunities in the dynamic field of digital media.



ORIENTATION SESSION – FIRST COHORT OF SMIU BUSINESS INCUBATION CENTER

The Orientation Session for the inaugural cohort of the Business Incubation Center (BIC) at Sindh Madressatul Islam University was successfully held on May 13, 2025, at the Senate Hall of the university.

The session was graced by Prof. Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Dean of the Faculty



of Management, Business Administration and Commerce, who delivered an inspiring address on the importance of entrepreneurship and innovation in today's economic landscape.

Mr. Shahid Obaid, Assistant Professor and Manager of BIC, presented a comprehensive overview of the center's

vision, mission, and the journey leading to the launch of its first cohort. He also acknowledged the commendable efforts of Syed Muhammad Belal Qadri, Assistant Manager BIC, for his pivotal role in making this milestone possible.

Dr. Mansoor Ahmed Khuhro, Director of the Office of Research, Innovation



and Commercialization (ORIC), congratulated the selected entrepreneurs and extended his best wishes for their future ventures. He expressed confidence in their potential to drive meaningful change and contribute to the entrepreneurial ecosystem.



SMIU STUDENTS VISIT TDF MAGNIFI SCIENCE MUSEUM

Students enrolled in the Social Psychology course at the Department of Social and Development Studies, SMIU, visited the TDF MagnifiScience Museum on May 13, 2025. The educational visit was conducted under the supervision of Dr. Nosheen Hussain, Lecturer.



The museum, spread across three floors, features interactive exhibits covering a wide range of disciplines, including psychology, human anatomy, physics, mathematics, and geography. The primary objective of the visit was to provide students with hands-on experience and a practical understanding of core psychological concepts—particularly those related to perception, cognition, and human behavior.

Students thoroughly enjoyed the immersive learning experience, actively engaging with the exhibits and drawing connections between classroom theory and real-world application. The visit not only enhanced their understanding of psychological concepts but also encouraged critical thinking and reflective observation.



The SMIU, in collaboration with Indus Hospital, successfully organized a Blood Donation Drive on May 13, 2025. The initiative united students, faculty, and staff in a meaningful effort to give back to the community and support patients in urgent need of blood.



The drive received an overwhelming response, with enthusiastic participation from across the campus. Through this collective act of compassion, SMIU contributed to a life-saving cause—demonstrating once again that even small acts of kindness can have a profound impact.

SMIU STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN PMYP'S CONSULTATION SESSION

A group of students from the Department of Environmental Sciences at SMIU, led by Lecturer Mr. Naeem Akhtar Samo, participated in a consultation session on May 17, 2025, at the Chinese Teachers Memorial Auditorium, University of Karachi. The session was part of a national series of consultations and Focus Group Discussions (FGDs) organized under the Prime Minister's Youth Program (PMYP) in collaboration with the Higher Education Commission (HEC), aimed at formulating the National Adolescent and Youth Policy.

The consultation brought together students and faculty from various educational institutions to share their aspirations, concerns, and innovative ideas. SMIU students actively engaged in these discussions, contributing valuable perspectives to ensure the proposed policy reflects the real needs, challenges, and aspirations of Pakistan's youth.

Prominent members of the PMYP team in attendance included Dr. Muhammad Ali Malik, Mr. Fahad Shafiq, Syed Waqar Hussain Shah, Mr. Shahid Ali, and Mr. Junaid Cheema. The session also featured participation from UNICEF, represented by Mr. Prem Bahadur Chand.



AWARENESS SESSION ON MENTAL HEALTH

The Department of Social and Development Studies at SMIU, Karachi, organized an awareness session on mental health titled "Social Anxiety and Introversion among University Students" on May 20, 2025. The session aimed to raise awareness and promote mental well-being among students, particularly in the context of academic and social environments.

Ms. Hania Kazmi, Mental Health Counsellor at Credo College, Karachi, was the guest speaker for the session. She shared valuable insights on understanding and managing social anxiety and introversion, offering practical strategies to help students navigate these challenges within university life.



The session began with a welcome address by Dr. Muhammad Kamil Lakho, Assistant Professor in the Department of Social and Development Studies. Dr. Subhash, Chairperson of the department, delivered the concluding remarks and of-

ferred a vote of thanks, emphasizing the importance of mental health support in academic institutions.

The event was attended by students and faculty from various departments of SMIU and concluded with the presentation of a souvenir to the guest speaker in appreciation of her valuable contribution.





TALENT UNPLUGGED: THE RISING TUNE

SMIU Art Society organized “Talent Unplugged – The Rising Tune,” a campus-event showcasing musical talent among students. The program included a live band performance and an open mic session, providing individuals with opportunities to present original compositions or covers in an informal setting. The event drew enthusiastic participation, fostered creative expression, and reinforced SMIU’s commitment to supporting the arts and nurturing student talent.



On May 21, 2025, the Department of Environmental Sciences and the Department of Food Science and Technology at SMIU hosted a vibrant and educational event at the Talpur House Ground Floor to celebrate one of the world’s most cherished beverages-tea! The event aimed to raise awareness about the cultural, nutritional, and environmental significance of tea, while showcasing innovative and sustainable practices in its production and consumption.

The student-led tea exhibition was a highlight, offering a diverse selection of teas, including herbal infusions, traditional brews, and organic blends. Informative displays emphasized the sustainable cultivation and processing of tea leaves, as well as the environmental impact of commercial tea production. Attendees enjoyed live tea preparation demonstrations and tastings, providing an opportunity to explore the unique flavors and health benefits of different teas.

The event also celebrated local and traditional tea cultures, with a focus on eco-friendly practices and indigenous knowledge. Interactive sessions, led by students, delved into the science of tea, covering topics such as antioxidants, fermentation processes, and the numerous health benefits it offers. Every cup of tea is an opportunity to support a more sustainable future.

STUDY VISIT BY STUDENTS OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES

A group of students from the Department of Environmental Sciences at SMIU, led by faculty members Mr. Khalid Hassan, Mr. Naeem Akhtar Samo, and Ms. Ambreen Aziz, visited the Prof. Dr. S. I. Ali Botanic Garden at the University of Karachi on May 22, 2025, to celebrate International Biodiversity Day.

The event, organized by the Centre for Plant Conservation, aimed to enhance students’ understanding of plant biodiversity, conservation efforts, and the vital role plants play in stabilizing climate conditions. The botanical garden, spanning 35 acres, houses over 3,000 plant species and serves as a key hub for conservation, education, and research.

During the visit, SMIU’s students



explored various sections of the garden, gaining valuable knowledge about plant species and their ecological significance. In his keynote address, Vice Chancellor of the University of Karachi, Prof. Dr. Khalid Iraqi, emphasized the importance of biodiversity in enhancing climate resilience. Prof. Dr. Qaiser Naqvi also delivered an insightful lecture on plant propagation and effective conservation strategies.



CYBER WARFARE



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Mr. Baig explored the evolving cyber threats and defense mechanisms,



The Science Society of SMIU successfully organized a thought-provoking session titled **“Cyber Warfare: The Invisible Frontline of Modern Conflict”** on May 26, 2025, with Mirza Burhan Baig, Principal Security Engi-

neering, as the guest speaker. Mr. Baig explored the evolving cyber threats and defense mechanisms, shedding light on the unseen battles in the digital world. The session sparked lively discussions among students from

various departments and highlighted the increasing importance of cybersecurity awareness in today's tech-driven era.

SAFE TALK: ONE-ON-ONE PSYCHOLOGICAL CONSULTATION

The Department of Social and Development Studies at SMIU organized an event titled **“Safe Talk: Free Psychological Consultation Sessions”** on May 27, 2025, under the supervision of Dr. Nosheen Hussain. The event, held



at the Business Incubation Centre, I.T. Tower, SMIU, aimed to provide students with free psychological consultations, addressing their mental health concerns and offering a safe space to share their thoughts.

Clinical psychologists Marium Hussain, Shan-e-Zainab, and Sana Shamim, representing the Savaira organization, provided their services during the session. Approximately 30 students availed themselves of the opportunity for personalized consultations.

At the conclusion of the event, Dr. Subhash Babu, Chairperson of the Department, presented shields to the guests as a token of appreciation. Dr. Ambreen Fazal, Dr. Muhammad Kamil Lakho, and Dr. Sumaira Memon were also in attendance.



FRIENDLY SPORTS MATCHES

The teams from SMIU and Hamdard University (HU) celebrated Youm-e-Takbeer Day with enthusiasm by organizing a series of friendly matches in Badminton (Men & Women), Table Tennis (Men & Women), and Futsal (Men). The event, hosted at HU's Main Campus in Karachi on Tuesday, May 27, 2025, saw active participation from students of both universities, who displayed excellent sportsmanship and team spirit throughout the competition.



Results were as under:

1. Badminton (Men & Women): SMIU (Winner), HU (Runner-up)
2. Table Tennis (Men & Women): HU (Winner), SMIU (Runner-up)
3. Futsal (Men): HU (Winner), SMIU (Runner-up)



The friendly matches between the SMIU Sports Society and YAP Sports Society (YSS), Arts Council of Pakistan, were filled with intense competition, thrilling moments, and unforgettable memories.

Table Tennis: SMIU dominated with a clean sweep of 3-0.

Chess: YAP Sports Society fought hard and won 2-1.

After an exciting showdown, the overall winner was SMIU, while YAP Sports Society taken runner-up position.

WORKSHOP ON “DIGITAL MEDIA LITERACY”



The Department of Media and Communication Studies organized an insightful and impactful workshop titled “Digital Media Literacy: Unlocking the Secrets of AI & Algorithms to Fight Disinformation” on May 27, 2025, at the Senate Hall. The workshop was facilitated by Dr. Sumera Memon, Assistant Professor and Departmental Coordinator. She emphasized the importance of digital literacy as an essential skill for media s, students, and academics in today’s rapidly evolving information ecosystem.



online information.

Key highlights of the workshop were: understanding how AI and algorithms shape the digital media landscape, identifying the role of algorithmic biases and filter bubbles in the spread of disinformation, learning strategies and tools to detect and combat misinformation online, developing critical digital media literacy skills and discussing the ethical responsibilities of digital citizens in an AI-driven world.

The event concluded with a Q&A session, followed by the presentation of a shield to Dr. Sumera Memon by Dr. Ambreen Fazal, Chairperson of the Department of Media and Communication Studies, in recognition of her valuable contribution. The session was attended by Dr. Subhash, Chairperson of the Department of Social and Development Studies, Dr. Kamil Lakho, Assistant Professor, along with other faculty members and students.



The primary objective of the workshop was to address the growing concerns surrounding misinformation and disinformation in the digital age. As Artificial Intelligence (AI) and algorithmic content curation increasingly influence digital platforms, the workshop aimed to equip students, researchers, and faculty with the tools and knowledge necessary to critically evaluate





SMIU Students urged to explore SUFİ LITERATURE THROUGH THEATRE

A soul-stirring theatre play, “Sas-sui Punhu: A Journey of the Soul,” was staged at SMIU on June 3, 2025. Organized by the Literary Society of SMIU in collaboration with the Dramatic Society of the Arts Council of Pakistan, the performance brought to life the timeless folktale of Sassui and Punhu, drawn from Shah Jo Risalo, the revered work of Sufi poet Shah Abdul Latif Bhittai.



The evening was inaugurated by Assistant Professor Wafa Mansoor Bur-iro, Patron of the Literary Society, who highlighted the enduring significance of Sindh’s rich literary heritage. He praised Shah Abdul Latif Bhittai’s narrative for its profound spiritual depth and time-less relevance, urging students to engage more deeply with Sufi literature to enhance their cultural understanding and personal growth.

Directed by Muhammad Taha Na-deem and scripted by Zaheer Abbas, the play featured powerful performances by Sartaj Amir as Punhu and Maya Soomro as Sassui. The lead actors, along with Komal Hayat Veerji as Punhu’s mother and Saifullah Minhas as his father, skill-fully embodied the emotional and spir-



itual depth of the story, which centers on love, longing, endurance, and devotion.

The narrative follows Sassui's desperate journey across harsh landscapes to find her abducted husband, Punhu, who was taken on their wedding night by his brothers. Ultimately, the tragic lovers succumb to fate, embodying the spiritual



sacrifices celebrated in Bhattai's poetry.

Closing remarks were delivered by Ali Mehdi Abro, President of the Literary Society, who spoke of the society's commitment to reviving classical heritage through creative expression. He ex-



pressed gratitude to his team, including Vice President Asadullah Sheikh, Treasurer Hasnain Bhatti, and other members who worked tirelessly on script development, set design, promotions, and logistics to ensure the event's success.

SESSION ON "POSITIVE MINDSET & LEADERSHIP SKILLS"

The Character Building Society (CBS), under the DSA, successfully hosted an inspiring session titled "Positive Mindset & Leadership Skills" on Thursday, June 5, 2025, at the Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium. The session featured Ustad Wajih Uddin, TEDx Speaker and Regional



Director of Youth Club Sindh, who delivered a compelling talk on self-growth, purpose-driven leadership, and maintaining motivation in today's world.

Ustad Wajih Uddin's engaging presentation resonated deeply with students, followed by interactive ac-

tivities such as a quiz and a Q&A session that encouraged active participation and reflection. Gift hampers were awarded to the quiz winners, and CBS Patron Syed Hassan Zaidi presented a commemorative shield to the guest speaker in recognition of his valuable contribution.

SMIU STUDENTS VISITED KARACHI PRESS CLUB



On June 4, 2025 a group of students from the Department of Media and Communication Studies at SMIU visited the Karachi Press Club (KPC) as part of their academic learning and field exposure. The visit, supervised by course instructor Dr. Nosheen Hussain and accompanied by the departmental chairperson, Dr. Ambreen Fazal, aimed to deepen students' understanding of journalistic institutions and the practical dynamics of electronic media in Pakistan.

Upon arrival, the students explored the historic Karachi Press Club building and received a comprehensive orientation about its legacy, significance, and contributions to media development in the country. The group was warmly welcomed



expansion plans. A lively Q&A session followed, where students actively engaged with the journalists, discussing the challenges and opportunities faced by the media industry today.

As a token of appreciation, the Joint Secretary of KPC presented traditional Ajraks to Dr. Nosheen Hussain and Dr. Ambreen Fazal. In return, Dr. Ambreen Fazal presented shields to Mr. Muhammad Munsif, Ms. Mona Siddiqui, and Mr. Rehan Hyder on behalf of SMIU, thanking them for their warm hospitality and support in making the visit a meaningful experience. The overall experience proved to be highly educational and inspiring for the students, offering valuable exposure to the practical workings of media institutions and enriching their academic journey.



by the Joint Secretary of KPC, Mr. Muhammad Munsif, Health Committee Secretary Mr. Hamid-ur-Rehman, and Ms. Mona Siddiqui. They provided an in-depth briefing on the club's past achievements, its current role in the media landscape, and future



SEMINAR ON “CLIMATE RISKS AND CHALLENGES”

A highly engaging seminar titled “Climate Risks and Challenges in Sindh: Regional Vulnerabilities, Emissions Control, and Institutional Strategies for Sustainable Action” was held on Wednesday, June 11, 2025, at the Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium of SMIU. The event was jointly organized by the Department of Social and Development Studies, SMIU, and The Knowledge Forum (TKF).



ment of Social and Development Studies, who skillfully guided the discussions and facilitated an interactive dialogue between the panelists and the audience.

The session concluded with closing remarks from Prof. Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, who underscored the need for regional collaboration and greater academic involvement in climate resilience initiatives.



The session began with welcome remarks by Dr. Subhash Babu, Chairperson of the Department of Social and Development Studies at SMIU. This was followed by insightful presentations from three distinguished speakers: Mr. Ali Anjum from WWF, Ms. Fatima Majeed, representing the fishing community and Ms. Zhenia Shoukat from The Knowledge Forum. Each speaker addressed various aspects of the climate crisis, from rising sea levels and extreme weather events impacting the Indus Delta to the urgent need for emission controls and robust institutional frameworks for climate governance.

The seminar was moderated by Dr. Muhammad Kamil Lakh, Assistant Professor and senior faculty member of the Depart-



The seminar was well-received and praised for its relevance, particularly in the context of Pakistan's increasing vulnerability to climate change and environmental degradation. It marked a significant step toward fostering informed dialogue and collective action on climate resilience in Sindh.

At the close of the event, Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto and Dr. Subhash Babu presented shields to the distinguished guests, including Mr. Ali Anjum, Ms. Fatima Majeed, Ms. Zhenia Shoukat, and Mr. Shuja Qureshi, in recognition of their valuable contributions.

START-UP SUMMIT 4.0: FROM CONCEPT TO SUCCESS HELD



The Startup Summit 4.0, SMIU's flagship event for entrepreneurship and innovation, was successfully held on Thursday, June 12, 2025, at the Business Incubation Center (BIC) of SMIU. Jointly organized by the BIC and the Department of Business Administration, this fourth consecutive edition of the summit provided a platform for final-year BBA students to showcase 25 dynamic startup ventures developed through the Entrepreneurship course curriculum.



SMIU's Vice Chancellor, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, along with Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Dean of the Faculty of I.T., Assistant Professor Shahid Obaid, and Director of ORIC, Dr. Mansoor Ahmed Khuhro, visited the event and praised the innovative work of the students. The Vice Chancellor also highlighted the pivotal role played by Mr. Shahid Obaid in guiding and supporting the students in organizing such a research-oriented startup exhibition.

Esteemed evaluators for the event, Syed Aamir Alam Rizvi, Audit Officer at the Pakistan Audit Department, and Syed

Muhammad Danish Mujtaba, Lecturer at the Department of Business Administration at SMIU, offered valuable insights during their assessments of the student-led startup projects. Both evaluators provided constructive feedback and encouraged the young entrepreneurs to continue refining their ideas, embrace innovation, and stay committed to building sustainable ventures.



The summit reaffirmed SMIU's commitment to fostering an entrepreneurial ecosystem where students are empowered to ideate, prototype, and pitch with confidence.

15 UNIVERSITIES PARTICIPATE IN AN INTELLECTUAL DIALOGUE

On June 16, 2025, the DSA, in collaboration with SMIU's Debating Society, hosted a historic event at SMIU, bringing together 15 universities and 40 exceptional participants for a dynamic celebration of oratory excellence and intellectual dialogue.



After a series of thought-provoking speeches and intense competition, the following participants were recognized by the judges in both the English and Urdu categories. In the English category, Mu-

hammad Sharjeel from Bahria University took 1st position, Zurriat from Karachi University secured 2nd position, and Mu-tee Ur Rehman from Jamia Tus Saeed placed 3rd. In the Urdu category, Fasih



Haider from the School of Visual & Performing Arts, Arts Council of Pakistan claimed 1st place, Zulqarnain from Jamia Tus Saeed earned 2nd, and Samra from Dow University of Health Sciences received 3rd. In the team categories, Jamia Tus Saeed was crowned the Champion Team, while SOVAPA was recognized as the Runner-up Team.

SMIU ORGANISES SEMINAR ON “ECHOES OF EARTH: VOICES AGAINST PLASTIC POLLUTION”



The Department of Environmental Sciences of SMIU in collaboration with the Red Crescent Society (Sindh Branch) organised a seminar on “Echoes of Earth: Voices Against Plastic Pollution” on June 26, 2025. The event held in connection with the World Environment Day, which is observed on June 5.



The seminar emphasized the need for every citizen to become a practical environmentalist, as climate change and environmental degradation are not only evident through extreme weather events like floods and cyclones but are also increasingly affecting public health, resources, and society as a whole.

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU, expressed concern over the lack of real impact from the numerous environmental organizations, including those in Sindh, the country, and globally. He remarked that despite the presence of environmental departments in universities and thousands of organiza-



tions dedicated to climate protection, the ground-level impact remains insufficient. He called for a shift toward practical environmentalism and stressed the importance of raising awareness about climate change and its effects, particularly among students and rural populations. Dr. Sahrai also advocated for a significant increase in the budget allocated for environmental protection and education.

He further pointed out that, despite Pakistan's status as an agricultural nation, it is facing numerous environmental challenges. Notably, traditional crops such as mangoes, wheat, paddy, and dates have been severely impacted by changing climatic conditions. Dr. Sahrai highlighted that approximately 80% of farmers remain unaware of the changing climate patterns and their effects on crop production. Educating them on these shifts is crucial to mitigating further damage to agriculture.

Dr. Sahrai also reflected on the 2022 floods, which affected 35% of the country's population, particularly in Sindh, underscoring the importance of raising

awareness about environmental changes in rural areas. He expressed concern about the declining number of students enrolling in environmental science departments at universities. Despite the widespread recognition of environmental challenges, there is a significant lack of interest among students to pursue studies in this field. This, he believes, exacerbates the challenges of addressing environmental issues in the country.

Mr. Kanwar Waseem, Provincial Secretary of the Pakistan Red Crescent Society, Sindh Branch, spoke about the role of the Red Crescent in disaster management and emergency response. He emphasized that behavioral change is essential for achieving environmental progress, and called on students to actively contribute to environmental conservation.

Ms. Sadia Tariq, Program Officer for Climate Smart Disaster Risk Management at Pakistan Red Crescent Society, administered a pledge to the audience, urging them to take action against plastic pollution. She reminded attendees that while Earth doesn't belong to us, we belong to Earth and must take responsibility for its protection.

Other speakers included Dr. Hina Shahnaz, Chairperson of the Department of Environmental Sciences, and Ms. Ambreen Aziz, Lecturer at SMIU, who also shared their thoughts on environmental issues. The event concluded with the Vice Chancellor presenting souvenirs to the distinguished guests.

FINAL PROPOSAL DEFENCE OF THREE PHD STUDENTS OF SMIU HELD



Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of Sindh Madressatul Islam University has emphasized that research should not merely rely on existing references but should adopt a critical approach to the subject matter, with clear findings and actionable suggestions. He made these



Department of Education, Iqra University, highlighted that a new curriculum has been developed for universities, designed with market needs in mind. She recommended that PhD students review this curriculum to ensure alignment with the current educational landscape.



remarks during the Final Proposal Defense of three PhD students from the Department of Education at SMIU, held on Monday, June 30, 2025, at the Senate Hall.

During the defense, Dr. Sahrai critically reviewed the research proposals, advising the students to explore the latest literature, as well as the policies of the Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan, Sindh Higher Education Commission (SHEC), and the education departments of the Sindh government. He stressed that research on education—from primary to higher education levels—must maintain authenticity and offer innovative ideas that contribute to improving the education system.

He further emphasized that education is a vast and significant subject, and PhD research in this field should not be approached lightly. He encouraged the inclusion of issues, challenges, and suggestions related to the quality and methodology of education in their theses.

Regarding the proposal titled “Inclusive Education Advocacy: Policy, Practices, and Challenges in Public Secondary Schools of Karachi” by PhD student Ashfaq Ahmed, Dr. Sahrai stressed the importance of addressing the needs of special children. He pointed out that research on secondary education should not overlook the challenges faced by special children and the facilities available to them in both public and private schools. He advocated for basic facilities to be provided for special children in these institutions.

Regarding the proposal “Aligning Undergraduate Curriculum with Market Needs: Analyzing Gaps and Proposing Strategies for Enhanced Employability in Educational Institutions of Sindh”, Dr. Sahrai advised that graduates should not be limited to employment within educational institutions alone. He suggested that they explore career opportunities in other sectors as well.

Dr. Anjum Bano Kazmi, Head of the

The third proposal, “Analyzing Sindh Higher Education Development Plans: Quality, Accessibility, and Implementation Challenges” by Toufique Shaikh, received suggestions from the experts to include policies and departments responsible for enhancing quality education at universities. They also recommended that the roles of both the Federal HEC and the Sindh HEC be explored in promoting higher education in the country.

At the conclusion of the session, the experts approved only one proposal, that of Ms. Saida Batool, with minor revisions. The other two PhD students were advised to make fundamental changes to their work and were invited to resubmit their proposals for defense after one month.

In addition to Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai and Prof. Dr. Anjum Bano Kazmi, the session was attended by Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Dean of SMIU, Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, Dean of SMIU, Dr. Stephen John, Chairperson of the Department of Education, Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Advisor to the Vice Chancellor on Academics, Dr. Ambreen Fazal, Chairperson of the Department of Media and Communication Studies, and other faculty members, including Dr. Muhammad Malook Rind and Dr. Muhammad Adnan Khurshid.



Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU distributed cheques among the students of different universities of Sindh who secured positions during the Sustainovation Expo 2025 hosted by SMIU on February 18, 2025 at its premises.



The team of the National Computing Education Accreditation Council (NCEAC) of the Higher Education Commission visited SMIU on June 13, 2025 for accreditation to the BS AI Program of the Department of Artificial Intelligence and Mathematical Sciences. The team members also held a meeting with Vice Chancellor SMIU Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai at the Conference Room.



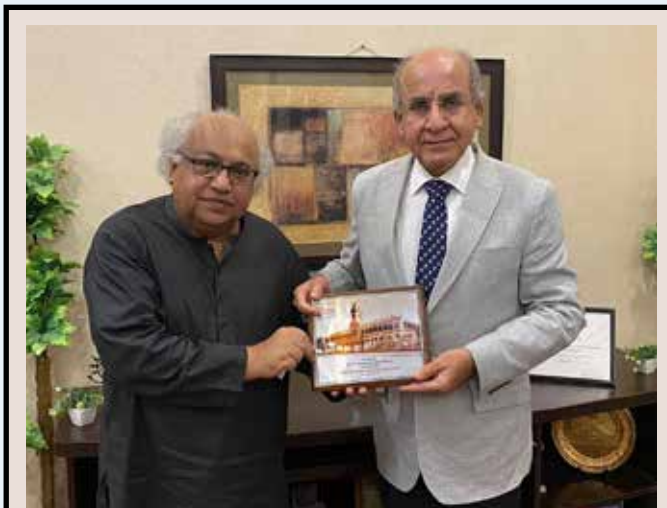
The Team of HEC comprised of Director ORIC NED, Dr. Riaz Uddin, Director IEC MUET, Mr. Saleem Ahmed Memon, Program Focal Person Incubation, Mr. Waheed Khizar and Manager BIC IoBM, Mr. Raza Abbas visited SMIU on June 3, 2025 to review the activities of the Business Incubation Center of the university. They also held a meeting with Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU and the heads of SMIU's ORIC and BIC at the Conference Room of the university.



Assistant Professor Wafa Mansoor Buriro, patron of the Literary Society of SMIUs' students, is addressing the Book Club session on May 9, 2025.



Dr. Rabia, Director of Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC), University of Gwadar met with Dr. Saima Baig, Director of QEC, Sindh Madressatul Islam University on February 27, 2025 at SMIU. Their discussion focused on key areas of quality assurance, international rankings, institutional growth and reinforcing both universities' commitment to academic excellence.



Noted writer, author and former Associate Professor Niaz Panhwer, former Principal Sindh College of Commerce Hyderabad called on Vice Chancellor Sindh Madressatul Islam University Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai. During the meeting they exchanged views on education with special reference to SMIU. Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai informed the delegation that SMIU is generating good results in its academics and is being developed according to the demands of the digital age. Also, its faculty and other staff members are working sincerely and with dedication by keeping the historic character of SMI University in their mind. Mr. Niaz Panhwar praised the role of SMIU playing in the modern education. After the meeting, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai presented souvenirs to the guests.



The SMIU Model School organised Eid Millan Party on April 3, 2025 just after the Eid-ul-Fitr.

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