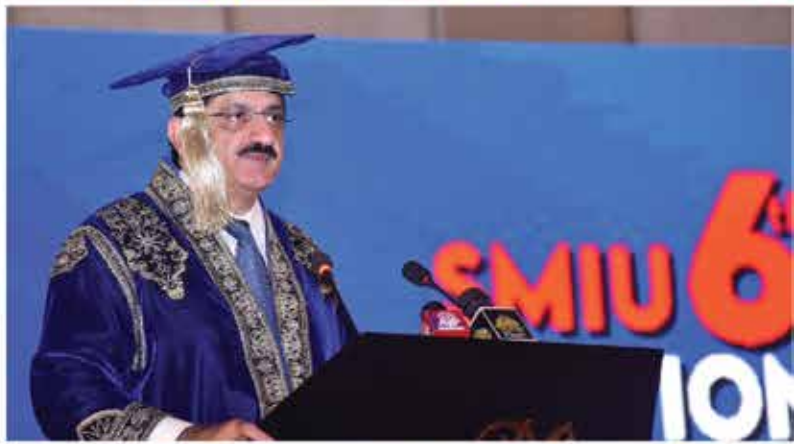


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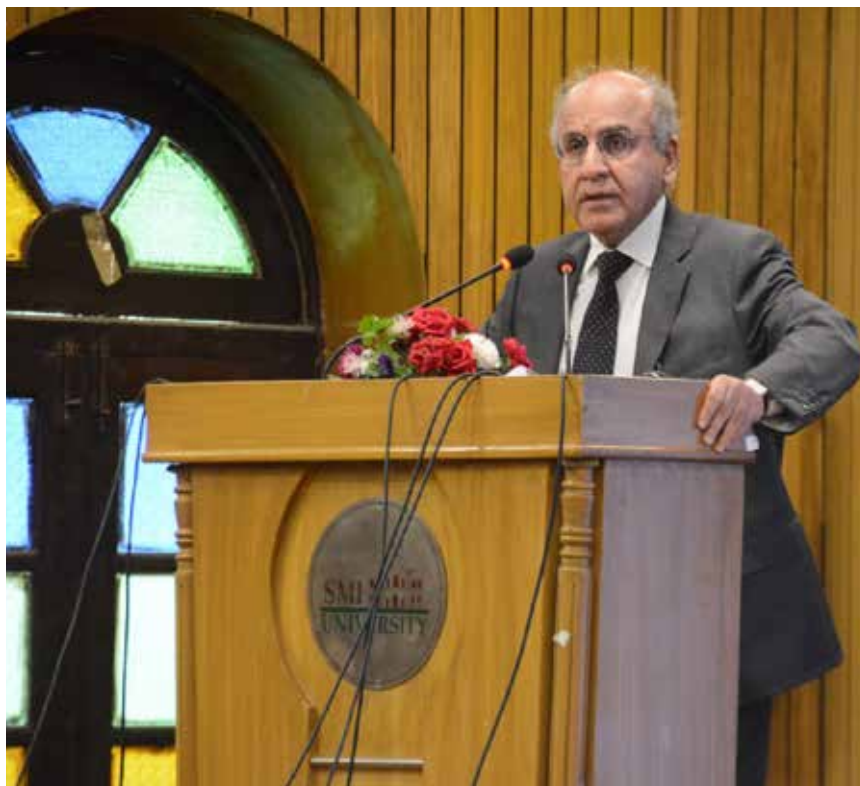
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Chairman Sindh HEC Dr. Tariq Rafi, Vice Chancellor of SMIU Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai and other guests are proceeding towards the auditorium to inaugurate the 3rd GRC on December 17, 2025.

VICE CHANCELLOR SMIU **DR. MUJEEB SAHRAI** **AWARDED SITARA-I-IMTIAZ**



On the occasion of Pakistan's Independence Day, 14th August 2025, the Presidential Awards were announced to honor distinguished personalities from various fields across the country. Among the eminent recipients is a renowned academician and Vice Chancellor of the historic institution, Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU), Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, who will be conferred the prestigious Sitara-i-Imtiaz on 23rd March 2026.

The Deans, Chairpersons, faculty members, officers, and staff of SMIU extended their heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Sahrai on this distinguished recognition by the President of Pakistan, Mr. Asif Ali Zardari. They commended his illustrious career and described him as one of the most senior and respected educationists of Sindh.

They further acknowledged that his late father, Mr. Taj Muhammad Sahrai a distinguished historian, teacher, and scholar was also a recipient of a Presidential award, reflecting a proud family legacy of academic excellence and national service.

In their statement issued on 15th August 2025, members of the SMIU community highlighted Dr. Sahrai's transformational leadership and numerous accomplishments at the University. These include regularizing the institution, fostering a strong research culture, securing approval of SMIU's first PhD program, supervising nearly ten additional PhD candidates who are close to completion, initiating the regular publication of academic journals, establishing modern computer laboratories including AI facilities, constructing the IT Tower and the Hashmat Lodhi Youth Development Center, increasing student enrollment from 1,800 to 5,500, maintaining high academic standards, converting a significant financial deficit into a surplus, establishing the "SMIU Development Fund" with PKR 200 million, ensuring regular meetings of statutory bodies and key university committees, addressing staff concerns, and promoting a culture of diligence, professionalism, and ethical conduct.

Vice Chancellor's Note

The academicians, intellectuals, and administrative elites of our country associated with higher education institutions are aware of the fact that stability at every level within any university/institution is the guarantee of its progress and development. If all its components work according to their assigned tasks, universities will be able to achieve their main goal, which is to provide modern and quality education to their students, produce great minds, and keep pace with the new era.

Moreover, if there is no balance between income and expenditure, there will be problems. We started working on a policy of balancing income and expenditure at Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU) since I was appointed as the vice chancellor of this great institution in August 2020. As a result, within three years, we not only increased the enrollment in this institution from the previous 1800 enrollment to about 6000 enrolled students, but the six-floor IT Tower was also completed, where nearly three thousand students from our IT Faculty are studying. We have created our own sources of income for the university by taking the austerity measures and bringing the university's deficit budget to a surplus.

We streamlined education and launched new academic programs. As a result, the SMIU produced first PhD this year, and more than ten PhD students are close to receiving their degrees.

Keeping rapid technological advancement in mind, especially artificial intelligence, the university has established seven computer laboratories for the students, one of which is an AI lab to meet the needs of the 21st century.

Furthermore, SMIU provides scholarships to its brightest and deserving students. In this regard, the university provided scholarships worth PKR 3.835 million to the students in the fiscal year 2024-25.

We have made it a regular feature of the university to hold convocations timely, along with the regular conduct of meetings of the statutory bodies. SMI University held its sixth convocation on 17th July 2025, which was graced by the Honourable Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah and the Honourable Governor of Sindh Mr. Muhammad Kamran Khan Tessori with their presence and encouraged the new graduates through their kind words. In the said convocation 376 students were awarded degrees in different disciplines.

It is also a fact that in the present era of science and technology, the responsibility of universities, especially in terms of supporting research, has increased significantly. Without research, innovation and new ideas in every field, the development of our country is impossible. Realizing such responsibility, SMIU decided to organize an annual world-class congress, which has been happening for the last three years. Along with the congress, international and national conferences are also being organized regularly.

In the past three years, SMIU has organized 03 Global Research Congresses and 18 international and national conferences. Hundreds of national and international scholars around the world attend these conferences, where they present their valuable research. In this regard, this year, the two-day 3rd GRC was organized in December 2025; under its umbrella, five international conferences and one national conference were held. It is a matter of happiness for us that the inaugural session of the congress was attended by the Honorable Prof. Dr. S.M. Tariq Rafi, Chairman of Sindh HEC, and other distinguished guests. Honourable Muhammad Ismail Rahoo, Minister for Universities and Boards Department, Government of Sindh; Dr. Sarosh Hashmat Lodi, Chairman of the Charter Inspection and Evaluation Committee; Secretary of the Universities and Boards Department Mr. Muhammad Abbas Baloch; and other distinguished guests attended the concluding session.

We are also grateful to the Honourable Sindh Education Minister Syed Sardar Ali Shah, who attended the 141st Foundation Day ceremony of Sindh Madressatul Islam as the Chief Guest. On this occasion, he launched the English translation of the autobiography of Khan Bahadur Hassanally Effendi, written by Mirza Qaleech Baig in Sindhi and published by SMI University. The book was translated into English by SMIU's assistant professor Mr. Wafa Mansoor Buriro.

SMIU also shown solidarity with Pakistan Armed Forces by holding rallies and other programs, who defeated Indian aggression in May 2025. All these few initiatives and achievements reflect SMIU's vision, commitment, and continuous efforts to keep pace with the demands of the current century. No doubt, all these accomplishments are a result of the combined efforts and strides of SMIU's faculty, officers, and other staff members. Their sincere efforts and expertise bring qualitative change in SMIU.

We recognize that as the world advances rapidly across various fields, it is essential to equip our young generation with the knowledge, skills, and understanding needed to match that progress. In this regard, SMIU remains fully dedicated and is not lagging behind.

This issue of "SMIU Chronicle" is a brief account of the efforts, hard work, activities, and achievements of SMIU of the last six months (July- December 2025), which will acquaint readers with the active role of this historic university.

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai



SMIU PAYS TRIBUTE TO ABDUL SATTAR EDHI ON HIS 9TH DEATH ANNIVERSARY

Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU) hosted a seminar on Tuesday, July 8, 2025, at its Senate Hall to commemorate the 9th death anniversary of renowned humanitarian Abdul Sattar Edhi. The seminar was chaired by the Vice Chancellor of SMIU, while prominent scholars and university officials paid tribute to Edhi's legacy, describing his selfless services to humanity as eternal and unforgettable.

Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai praised Abdul Sattar Edhi as a complete humanitarian who devoted his entire life to serving others without seeking personal gain or accumulating wealth. He remarked that, despite studying the lives of many global philanthropists, he found no one who could match Edhi's level of commitment and sacrifice.

The Vice Chancellor announced that an academic block at the university's Malir Campus would be named after Abdul Sattar Edhi as a tribute to his lifelong service to the underprivileged.

Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, Dean of the Faculty of Management, Business Administration, and Commerce at SMIU, highlighted Edhi's efforts in providing shelter, identity, and education to orphaned children, describing these efforts as a significant contribution to society.

Dr. Subhash Babu, Chairman of the Department of Social and Development Studies, reflected on the legacy of philanthropists in Karachi before and after the independence of Pakistan. He noted that figures such as Harchandrai Vishandas and Jamshed Nasrwanji were known as



great servants of humanity, and that after the creation of Pakistan, Abdul Sattar Edhi, in his youth, began caring for the poor, injured, and needy people of the city—an extraordinary contribution to humanitarian service.

Ms. Uzma Batool, Additional Director of Planning & Development at SMIU, presented a life sketch of Abdul Sattar Edhi and eulogized his services. Ms. Sundas Nisar, Student Welfare Officer at SMIU, conducted the proceedings of the event.



The event was attended by Dean of IT Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, chairpersons of various academic departments, heads of administrative departments, faculty members, and students.



SMIU 6th CONVOCATION JULY 17TH 2025

**376 STUDENTS AWARDED
DEGREES AT SMIU'S
6TH CONVOCATION**

**THE 1ST PhD of SMIU
WAS ALSO AWARDED THE DEGREE**



Sindh Madressatul Islam University's 6th Convocation was held at a local hotel on Thursday, July 17, 2025. A total of 376 graduating students from various disciplines were conferred degrees by the Governor of Sindh, Mr. Muhammad Kamran Khan Tessori, and the Chief Minister of Sindh, Syed Murad Ali Shah, along with the Vice Chancellor of SMIU, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai. On this occasion, 3 gold medals, 10 silver medals, and 14 bronze medals were also distributed among 27 students.

The recipients of gold medals were Ms. Yusra (Faculty of Management, Business Administration, and Commerce), Ms. Sadaf Khalid (Faculty of Social Sciences), and Dr. Abdullah Ayub Khan, the first PhD graduate of SMIU from the Department of Computer Science. Dr. Abdullah Ayub Khan is counted among the young scientists of the world.

The silver medals were awarded to Ms. Mahnoor Fatima (Faculty of Education), Muhammad Ahmed Ansari (Faculty of Information Technology), Ms. Yusra (Faculty of Management, Business Administration, and Commerce), Mr. Aizaz Ahmed (Faculty of Sciences), Ms. Nida Akram (Faculty of Social Sciences), Ms. Hamna Lakhani (Faculty of Language and Culture), Ms. Wardah Manzoor (Faculty of Information Technology), Ms. Aimen (Faculty of Management, Business Administration, and Commerce), Ms. Duaa Siddiqui (Faculty of Sciences), and Ms. Sadaf Khalid (Faculty of Social Sciences).

Similarly, the recipients of bronze medals included Ms. Mahnoor Fatima (Bachelor of Education), Muhammad Ahmed Ansari (BS Artificial Intelligence), Ms. Nazia Bibi (BS Computer Science), Mr. Hanan Ahmed Malik (BS Software Engineering), Ms.

Yusra (Bachelor of Business Administration), Mr. Aizaz Ahmed (BS Environmental Sciences), Ms. Nida Akram (BS Media Studies), Ms. Hamna Lakhani (BS English), Ms. Wardah Manzoor (BS Artificial Intelligence), Ms. Isna Karim (BS Computer Science), Ms. Aimen (Bachelor of Business Administration), Ms. Duaa Siddiqui (BS Environmental Sciences), Ms. Amina Akber (BS Development Studies), and Ms. Sadaf Khalid (BS Media and Communication Studies).

The number of graduating female students receiving medals was higher than that of male students. Notably, two female graduates—Ms. Yusra from the Faculty of Management, Business Administration, and Commerce, and Ms. Sadaf Khalid from the Faculty of Social Sciences—received three medals each: gold, silver, and bronze.





WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE VICE CHANCELLOR



Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU), in his welcome address at the 6th Convocation of SMIU, thanked the Governor of Sindh, Mr. Muhammad Kamran Khan Tessori; the Chief Minister of Sindh, Syed Murad Ali Shah; Chairman of HEC Prof. Dr. Tariq Rafi; Chairman CIEC Dr. Sarosh Lodhi; Secretary Universities and Boards Mr. Muhammad Abbas Baloch; Federal Insurance Ombudsman Syed Mumtaz Ali Shah; vice chancellors of various universities; His Excellency the Consul General of Türkiye, Dr. Cemal Sangu; and other distinguished guests. The Vice Chancellor also expressed his gratitude to the deans, faculty members, administrative staff, and other employees of SMIU, especially the organizing committee of the convocation, for making this important event a success.

While congratulating the graduating students on the successful completion of their academic journey at SMIU, the Vice Chancellor said that he proudly considers these sons and daughters as the shining faces and valuable assets of the university, as they are expected to contribute positively to the development of the country. He also congratulated their parents for supporting them in obtaining a quality education at SMIU.

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai extended special congratulations to SMIU's first PhD graduate, Dr. Abdullah Ayub Khan, and his supervisor, Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh. He recalled that when he joined this historic institution in August 2020, he realized at an early stage that the univer-



sity required immediate reforms in its research culture. Consequently, research policies—along with the reassessment of PhD and MS students' progress—were streamlined.

The Vice Chancellor stated that the awarding of the first PhD marked the realization of a long-cherished dream and added that nearly ten postgraduate students are currently in the final stages of completing their PhD degrees. He further informed that SMIU has been transformed from a deficit-budgeted institution into a surplus institution over the past two years. The Vice Chancellor also highlighted other developments and achievements of SMIU, lauding the significant role of the Government of Sindh in general and, in particular, the com-

mitment and vision of Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah, who has consistently supported SMIU.

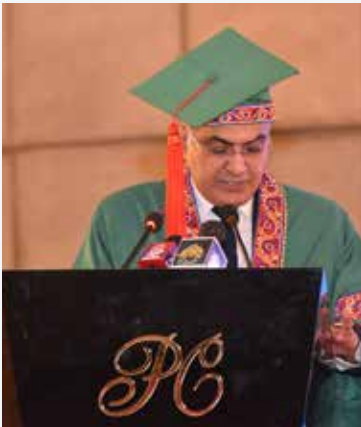
The Vice Chancellor expressed the hope that the graduating students would serve the nation with their expertise and strong national spirit.

Deans of SMIU, Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh and Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, along with Registrar Ghulam Mustafa Shaikh, also participated in conducting the proceedings during the awarding of degrees, while Ms. Zonaira Jalali efficiently conducted the proceedings of this historic event.

On this occasion, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai presented souvenirs to the Governor of Sindh, Mr. Muhammad Kamran Khan Tessori; the Chief Minister of Sindh, Syed



Murad Ali Shah; Chairman Sindh HEC Prof. Dr. Tariq Rafi; Chairman of the Charter Inspection and Evaluation Committee (CIEC), Sindh HEC, Dr. Sarosh Hashmat Lodhi; Secretary Universities and Boards Mr. Muhammad Abbas Baloch; Secretary Sindh HEC Mr. Moeen Uddin Siddiqui; Consul General of Türkiye in Karachi Mr. Cemal Sangu; and Federal Insurance Ombudsman Syed Mumtaz Ali Shah. The Governor of Sindh and the Chief Minister of Sindh also presented a souvenir to Dr. Muejib Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMU.





SINDH GOVERNOR'S ADDRESS



Mr. Muhammad Kamran Khan Tessori, Governor of Sindh, stated that it is an honour for the graduating students of Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU) to have received their higher education from the alma mater of the Founder of Pakistan, Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah. He made these remarks while addressing the 6th Convocation of Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU), held on Thursday, July 17, 2025, at a local hotel.

The Governor of Sindh further said that these young graduates would help build the ideal Pakistan envisioned by Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah and Allama Mohammad Iqbal. To achieve this goal, he emphasized that they must devote themselves to the development of Pakistan and the nation. Mr. Muhammad Kamran Khan Tessori warmly congratulated the students on

receiving their degrees, and also congratulated the faculty and Vice Chancellor, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, on the successful organization of the convocation.



Parents of the graduates.

SINDH CHIEF MINISTER'S ADDRESS



Addressing the convocation, the Honourable Chief Minister of Sindh, Syed Murad Ali Shah, stated that Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU) is not merely a university but a symbol of national pride, being the alma mater of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah and other towering personalities. He remarked that its 140-year-old legacy, founded by Khan Bahadur Hassanally Effendi, continues to inspire generations with the values of wisdom, courage, and public service.

Addressing the 6th Convocation of SMIU, the Chief Minister said that it was a momentous day for the graduating students, who had invested immense effort and dedication into their studies. "It is your day," he said while addressing the graduates, and added that he wished to acknowledge the remarkable progress made by the university under the leadership of Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai. He noted that it was particularly significant that SMIU had emerged as one of the few universities in Pakistan to move from a financial deficit to a surplus, especially during a period of high inflation.

Congratulating the Vice Chancellor, faculty, staff, and SMIU's first PhD graduate, Dr. Abdullah Ayub Khan, the Chief Minister said that, as



shared by Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, the university has streamlined its postgraduate programs, and that the awarded PhD has fulfilled all required standards and criteria. He stated that this achievement marks a significant academic milestone for the institution.

He further emphasized that both public and private universities must uphold the highest standards when awarding PhD degrees. A PhD, he said, reflects not only the merit of the scholar but also the academic integrity of the awarding institution. In essence, quality PhD programs are a hallmark of a quality institution, and this commitment to excellence must be consistently demonstrated across all levels of higher education.

The Chief Minister remarked that the convocation marks the end of one chapter in the lives of graduating students and the beginning of another. As they move forward into the workforce, further studies, entrepreneurship, or public service, they carry with them the values and education imparted by SMIU. He maintained that their success is the success of Sindh, and their dreams are the aspirations of Pakistan.

Referring to SMIU's new campus in Education City, Syed Murad Ali Shah expressed his pleasure at learning that the university is close to commencing operations at its Malir campus, spread over 100 acres of land allocated by the Government of Sindh. He said that this



development is not only a significant step toward expanding access to quality higher education but will also contribute to the socio-economic uplift of the local community by creating employment opportunities. He added that initiatives such as these are instrumental in advancing the progress of Sindh in particular and Pakistan as a whole.

Syed Murad Ali Shah called upon all stakeholders to work collectively to build a progressive, inclusive, and knowledge-driven Sindh and Pakistan, where opportunities flourish and the next generation leads with courage and vision.

In conclusion, he highly appreciat-



ed the efforts of the faculty and staff under the leadership of Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai for making the convocation a success. On behalf of the Government of Sindh, the Chief Minister assured full support for strengthening the historic Sindh Madressatul Islam University.





SMIU OBSERVED YOUM-E-ISTEHSAL-E- KASHMIR

Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU) observed Youm-e-Istehsal-e-Kashmir on Tuesday, 5th August 2025, by organizing a walk and a solidarity program in support of the Kashmiri people on the university premises. Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai led the walk, which commenced from the Main Building and concluded near the university's I.T. Tower. The event was attended by deans, chairpersons of academic departments, faculty members, officers, other employees, and students. During the walk, participants chanted slogans condemning India's brutal actions in occupied Kashmir.

Earlier, a solidarity program was held at the Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium to condemn the revocation of Article 370 by India. Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Dean Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, Director of Student Affairs and Counselling Mr. Muhammad



Naeem Ahmed, and students addressed the gathering.

The Vice Chancellor and other speakers strongly condemned the revocation of Article 370 and urged the United Nations to implement the eight resolutions passed since 1948 regarding Kashmir. Expressing solidarity with the Kashmiri people, they demanded their right to self-determination. The speakers also denounced the killing, torture, and arrests of innocent Kashmiris by India in the occupied region and called on the Muslim Ummah and the global community to raise their voices against India's occupation and its use of force against innocent civilians.



SMIU COMMENCES TWO WEEK INDEPENDENCE DAY & BUNYAN-UL-MARSOOS, MARKAA-E-HAQ CELEBRATIONS



The alma mater of the Founder of Pakistan, Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah—Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU)—commenced celebrations of Pakistan's 78th Independence Day under the theme “Bunyan-ul-Marsoos, Markaa-e-Haq, Jashn-e-Azadi” from 1st August, in line with the decision of the Honourable Chief Minister of Sindh, Syed Murad Ali Shah.

The celebrations began with a tree plantation ceremony held at SMIU's Henry Vines Garden. On this occasion, the



Vice Chancellor of SMIU, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, along with Dr. Ivan Eubanks—a distinguished English language teaching professional and Director of UCCI TV at the University College of the Cayman Islands—planted saplings as a symbol of growth, resilience, and commitment to a prosperous Pakistan.

Addressing the ceremony, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai paid rich tribute to Pakistan's Armed Forces for their courage, national spirit, and unwavering commitment in defending the country during the Indian aggression of May 2025. He stated that Pakistan's Armed Forces emerged victorious in the four-day war, clearly demonstrating that any act of aggression against Pakistan is unacceptable.



to the Armed Forces, the general public, political leadership, and all segments of society.

Dr. Sahrai further remarked that the conflict was also a war of modern technology and artificial intelligence, in which Pakistan proved its strength and capability. He emphasized the vital role of youth in upholding the legacy of Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah by safeguarding national interests and serving the country with honesty and dedication.

The Vice Chancellor also announced that SMIU has planned a series of programs to celebrate Independence Day from 1st August to 14th August.

The ceremony was attended by deans, chairpersons, sectional heads, faculty members, administrative staff, and students of the university.



78TH INDEPENDENCE DAY AND THE SUCCESS OF BUNYAN-UL-MARSOOS AND MA'ARKA-E-HAQ

The alma mater of the founder of Pakistan, Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah—Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU)—following the directives of Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, commenced a two-week celebration of Pakistan's Independence and Ma'arka-e-Haq from August 1, 2025, with great enthusiasm and spirit. During this period, various indoor and outdoor activities were organized by student



Lodhi Youth Development Center of the university.

The Ma'arka-e-Haq Jashn-e-Azadi Sports Gala commenced on 7th August 2025 and continued until 13th August. In this connection, the SMIU Sports Society, in collaboration with the Sports Section of the Directorate of Student Affairs, organized a Badminton Tournament (Men and Women) on 7th August. The winners on the male side were Mr. Muhammad

societies in collaboration with the Directorate of Student Affairs (DSA). A Sports Gala was also a major highlight of the celebrations.

The historic SMIU building was illuminated on Saturday, 2nd August 2025, as part of the 78th Independence Day celebrations of Pakistan and to commemorate the success of Bunyan-ul-Marsoos and Ma'arka-e-Haq. Bunyan-ul-Marsoos was observed to condemn Indian aggression against Pakistan and pay tribute to the country's armed forces for their victory in the May 2025 war.

On Monday, 4th August 2025, SMIU organized a poetry contest on the topic "In the Shadow of the Flag, I Stand." Students participated enthusiastically in the event, which was jointly organized by the Directorate of Student Affairs and Counselling (DSA) and the SMIU Literary Society at the Hashmat





Khizer (Department of Computer Science, Winner) and Mr. Syed Moudud (Department of AI, Runner-up). The female winners were Ms. Hadeesa (SE Department, Winner) and Ms. Areeba (IT Department, Runner-up).

In August, a Chess Tournament (Men) was also organized. Mr. Murtagiz (Department of Computer Science) emerged as the winner, while Mr. Suhail Ahmed (Department of Computer Science) was the runner-up.

On 11th August, the Tug of War (Men) Championship was held, in which the Taqled Team won the championship, and the Titan Team finished as runner-up. Both teams displayed remarkable strength, coordination, and competitive spirit.

On 12th August, a Cricket Tapeball (Men) tournament took place. The Fighting Falcons team emerged victorious, with Staff XI as the runner-up. All participants demonstrated excellent teamwork and competitive spirit.

The celebrations concluded on 13th August with a Table Tennis Tournament (Men and Women). Students enthusiastically participated in the games, celebrating the spirit of unity, resilience, and national pride through sports.



THE VICE CHANCELLOR CHAIRS MEETING TO REVIEW ARRANGEMENTS FOR “MA’ARKA-E-HAQ, JASHN-E-AZADI”

The Vice Chancellor of SMIU, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, chaired a meeting of the Independence Day Celebration Committee on 12th August 2025 at the Conference Room. During the meeting, the celebration activities organized by SMIU from 1st August to date under the banner of “Ma’arka-e-Haq, Jashn-e-Azadi” were reviewed in detail, and satisfaction with the progress was expressed.

The programs for the remaining two days of the 78th Independence Day celebrations were finalized. It was decided that SMIU’s Model School

would organize an Independence Day event on Wednesday, 13th August 2025, at the Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium, chaired by the Vice Chancellor. Students of the school will deliver speeches on the Pakistan Movement, the founder of Pakistan Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah, Ma’arka-e-Haq, and the role of Sindh Madressatul Islam in the independence movement through its alumni. Additionally, students will perform national songs to mark the occasion.

For the 14th August celebration, the committee decided that a flag-hoist-

ing and cake-cutting ceremony would be held at 9:00 am. On this occasion, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Dr. Subhash, Associate Professor & Chairperson, Department of Social and Development Studies, and Dr. Hina Shehnaz, Assistant Professor & Chairperson, Department of Environmental Sciences, will address the ceremony. SMIU students will also perform national songs. Following the performances, the Vice Chancellor will distribute shields and trophies to the winners of the SMIU Ma’arka-e-Haq and Jashn-e-Azadi Sports Gala.



SMIU MODEL SCHOOL ORGANIZED “MA’ARKA-E-HAQ, JASHN-E-AZADI”

SMIU Model School organized “Ma’arka-e-Haq, Jashn-e-Azadi” on Wednesday, 13th August 2025, at the Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium of the university, as part of the ongoing 78th Independence Day Celebrations of Pakistan and Ma’arka-e-Haq. Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU, presided over the event. On this occasion, students enthralled the audience with outstanding performances

tribute to the heroes of Ma’arka-e-Haq, who defeated India in the recent May 2025 war.

Addressing the celebration, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai congratulated the nation on Independence Day and praised the exceptional role of Paki-



presented through tableaux, drama, and national songs.

Students also delivered speeches in English, Urdu, and Sindhi, highlighting the struggle for Pakistan, the pivotal role of Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah in the Pakistan Movement, and other national heroes. They further paid

tribute to the founder, Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah, an alumnus of SMI, in leading the Pakistan Movement and achieving the country’s independence. He also commended the heroic efforts of the Armed Forces of Pakistan during the May 2025 war with India.

Dr. Sahrai appreciated the dedica-

tion of teachers and students who organized and participated in the celebration. Ms. Nabila Kanwal, Principal of SMIU Model School, delivered the welcome address. Faculty members, officers, sectional heads, and students attended the event in large numbers, contributing to its success.



FLAG HOISTING AND CAKE CUTTING CEREMONY

Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU), alma mater of the founder of Pakistan, Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah, celebrated the 78th Foundation Day of Pakistan and Ma'arka-e-Haq on 14th August with patriotic zeal and in a befitting manner. Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai hoisted the National Flag and participated in the cake-cutting ceremony, held at the Main Building of the university.

On this occasion, he addressed the participants and lauded the pivotal role of Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah in the Pakistan Movement. He also highlighted Quaid-e-Azam's association with Sindh Madressatul Islam and remarked that the Father of the Nation was not only Pakistan's greatest leader



but also one of the most remarkable leaders in the world. He emphasized that the younger generation must follow his life, struggle, and ideology.

The Vice Chancellor paid tribute to the Armed Forces of Pakistan for their victory in the recent war with India, noting that while citizens live comfortably, soldiers safeguard

the nation under difficult conditions and make sacrifices for the country. He saluted their bravery. He also condemned Indian occupation and atrocities in occupied



Kashmir and urged the United Nations to ensure the implementation of its resolutions regarding Kashmir.

Dr. Sahrai congratulated the nation on Independence Day and appreciated the Directorate of Student Affairs and Counselling (DSA) team for organizing the successful Independence Day and Ma'arka-e-Haq celebrations from 1st to 14th August. Dr. Subhash, Chairperson of the Department of Social and Development Studies, and Dr. Hina Shehnaz, Chairperson of the Department of Environmental Sciences, also delivered speeches, emphasizing that on Independ-

ence Day, we must pledge to increase literacy and eradicate poverty.

On this occasion, lecturer Syeda Nazia Ashraf performed national songs, and Ms. Zonaira Jalali conducted the proceedings. Later, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai distributed certificates and shields among the winning students of the Independence Day and Ma'arka-e-Haq Sports Gala.

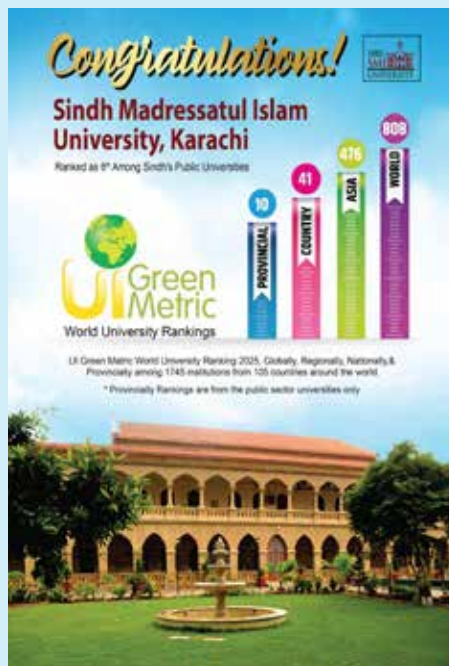
The Independence Day ceremony was attended by deans, chairpersons of academic departments, heads of administrative departments, faculty, officers, other employees, students, and teachers of the SMIU Model School.



SMIU RANKED 6TH AMONG SINDH'S PUBLIC UNIVERSITIES BY UI GREENMETRIC RANKINGS

Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU) has been ranked 6th among Sindh's public sector universities and 41st in Pakistan by the UI GreenMetric Rankings, a prestigious global ranking that evaluates sustainability. This was announced in a statement issued by SMIU.

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU, expressed that it is once again a moment of great pride for the university as it achieves another significant milestone. He stated that this accomplishment brings immense pleasure to all stakeholders, reflecting the university's notable progress in the UI GreenMetric World University Rankings. Dr. Sahrai highlighted that this year, SMIU secured the 808th position globally, 476th in Asia, 41st in Pakistan, and 6th in Sindh, compared to last year's rankings of 863rd globally, 480th in Asia, and 43rd in Pa-



kistan. He further emphasized that SMIU's upward trajectory clearly

demonstrates effective strategic planning and a strong commitment to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals and advancing Green Campus Management.

The Vice Chancellor added that these improved global and regional standings reaffirm SMIU's unwavering dedication to environmental stewardship and sustainable development. They also serve as motivation to continue enhancing efforts to establish SMIU as a model green and resilient university in the region.

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai extended his heartiest congratulations to the faculty of SMIU's Department of Environmental Sciences and the Environmental Science Society for their valuable contributions in achieving this remarkable milestone.

VICE CHANCELLOR MONITORS PREPARATIONS FOR FOUNDATION DAY



The Vice Chancellor of Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU) reviewed the preparations for the 141st Foundation Day of SMI on 28th August at the Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium. Students, faculty members, officials from the Directorate of Students' Affairs and Counselling, and other relevant staff were present at the venue.



During the review, the Vice Chancellor provided feedback and emphasized that both female and male students should be given equal opportunities in all segments of the program, including songs, tableaux, and speeches. He remarked that the Foundation Day of SMI is a landmark and prestigious event for the university and, therefore, should be celebrated with true spirit and enthusiasm.



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SMIU CELEBRATES 141ST FOUNDATION DAY



Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU) celebrated its 141st Foundation Day in a befitting manner. A memorable ceremony was held at the Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium on 1st September, presided over by Syed Sardar Ali Shah, Pro-Chancellor and Provincial Education Minister of Sindh, with Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai attending as a guest of honour.

Addressing the ceremony, Syed Sardar Ali Shah highlighted that Sindh Madressatul Islam was established by

the indigenous people of Sindh, not by British rulers. He emphasized the importance of recognizing the heroes who founded modern educational institutions during

the colonial period, such as Hasanally Effendi, founder of SMI; Dr. Noor Mohammad Lakhari, founder of Noor Mohammad School Hyderabad;



Mir Ghulam Mohammad Talpur, founder of Tandobago School; and Allahdo Shah, pioneer of Madressah School Noushehrofez.



The provincial minister further noted that Khan Bahadur Effendi was neither a sardar nor a feudal lord, yet he successfully established a modern institution in Karachi, producing a large number of notable alumni, including Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah, Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto, Sir Abdullah Haroon, Dr. Umar Bin Mohammad Daudpoto, and others. He expressed his happiness at attending the foundation day ceremony of this great seat of learning, which has now evolved into a full-fledged university.

Speaking on the performance of public sector universities, Syed Sardar Ali Shah said that among the 68 universities in Sindh, 30 operate in the public sector, and he expects valuable research contributions from them. He remarked, "If an agriculture university develops a new crop seed, it should be presented to the world; similarly, a medical university should produce a new vaccine to benefit the community." He added that although SMIU is a relatively new university, its contributions to quality education are remarkable.

The minister stressed that universities should not teach outdated syllabi; rather, they should periodically review and update them, incorporating the latest developments in their respective fields. He also noted that the Education and Literacy Department of the Government of Sindh is working on modernizing school and college syllabi to align with contemporary realities.

He pledged the continued support of the Government of Sindh for SMIU's progress and development and congratulated the vice chancellor, faculty, officers, and students on the foundation day celebration.

In his address, Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai thanked Education Minister Syed Sardar Ali Shah, vice chan-



cellors of various universities, academicians, HEC officials, and other guests for attending the event. He also congratulated the students, faculty, officers, and

the nation on SMIU's Foundation Day.

Speaking about the services of SMI's founder, Khan Bahadur Hassanally Effendi, Dr. Sahrai described him as an unsung hero who established the institution under extremely challenging circumstances during British rule. He highlighted that Effendi, coming from a middle-class family, founded SMI at the age of 55 with the goal of providing modern education to Muslim children—a cause of great significance deserving tribute on this occasion.

Dr. Sahrai announced the establishment of the Hassanally Effendi Chair at SMIU and requested support from Minister Syed Sardar Ali Shah. He also expressed gratitude to Chief Minister Sindh Syed Murad Ali Shah, Syed Sardar Ali Shah, and former Secretary of Education Mr. Akbar Laghari for providing a separate budget for SMIU Model School.

Referring to the university's progress, Dr. Sahrai said that since joining SMIU five years ago, he focused on increasing student enrollment, strengthening the research culture, and transforming SMIU into a non-deficit institution. He noted that these goals have been achieved: the student population has grown from 1,800 to 5,500; SMIU produced its first PhD graduate; more than ten PhD students are in the final stages of their programs; and the university has maintained a non-deficit status since 2023.

Noted academician Syed Jaffar Ahmed emphasized that many individuals have played a significant role in nation-building, including Hassanally Effendi. He stated that we must honour these great personalities who transformed the socio-political landscape through the educational institutions they established.



society. He also paid tribute to the teachers, past and present, for their dedicated service at both the school and university levels. Earlier, Mr. Muhammad Naeem Ahmed, Director of Student Affairs and Counselling at SMIU, delivered the welcome address.

The celebration was attended by vice chancellors of various universities, academicians, government officials,



Dr. Subhash Babu, Chairperson of the Department of Social and Development Studies at SMIU, highlighted the contributions of SMI alumni who have brought about meaningful changes in

deans of SMIU, faculty members, and a large number of students. Guests were also presented with souvenirs, and the proceedings were conducted by Ms. Zonaira Jalali.

BOOK ON KHAN BAHADUR HASSANALLY EFFENDI LAUNCHED



Syed Sardar Ali Shah, Pro-Chancellor of public sector universities in Sindh and Provincial Education Minister; Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU; Mr. Wafa Mansoor Buriro, translator of the book on Khan Bahadur Hassanally Effendi; Ms. Shahnaz Wazir Ali; Dr. Syed Jaffar Ahmed, President of SZABIST University; noted scholar Dr. Fateh Mohammad Mari, former Vice Chancellor of Agriculture University, Tandojam; and Mr. Akbar Laghari, former Secretary of Education, jointly

launched the book. They all appreciated SMIU, its Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, and Mr. Wafa Mansoor Buriro for their dedication in translating and publishing this historic work.

It is noteworthy that Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU) has published the English translation of the biography of Khan Bahadur Hassanally Effendi (1830–1895), the founder of Sindh Madressatul Islam. The book was originally written in Sindhi by Sindh's distinguished writer and scholar Mir-

za Qaleech Baig. SMIU entrusted the translation to Mr. Wafa Mansoor Buriro, Assistant Professor at SMIU.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai said that upon joining SMIU, it was his responsibility to ensure that the life, struggle, and services of Khan Bahadur Hassanally Effendi were documented and made accessible. He expressed his satisfaction at accomplishing this task and congratulated Mr. Wafa Mansoor Buriro on his excellent translation.

SMI ALUMNI ASSOCIATION LAUNCHED



On the occasion of its Foundation Day, SMIU proudly launched the SMI Alumni Association. Syed Sardar Ali Shah, along with Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Syed Jaffar Ahmed, Mr. Akbar Laghari, esteemed alumni, and other distinguished academicians, inaugurated the Association by lighting a candle placed in an elegant glass box. This launch marked the beginning of a new chapter at SMIU, aimed at strengthening the bond between alumni and their beloved alma mater.

Syed Sardar Ali Shah and Dr. Mu-

jeeb Sahrai presented souvenirs, prepared by the SMI Alumni Committee, to distinguished alumni of SMI, including Mr. Ayaz Ahmed Uqaili, Member of the I.T. Industry Development & I.T. Department, Government of Sindh; Dr. Subhash Babu, Chairperson of the Department of Social and Development Studies, SMIU; and others.

The minister appreciated SMIU's initiative, noting that the platform will reconnect alumni with their alma mater, which also happens to be the historic institution where Quaid-e-Azam

Mohammad Ali Jinnah and other great personalities studied.

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai congratulated Assistant Professor Mr. Asif Hussain Samo, Assistant Professor Ms. Qurratulain Nazeer Ahmed, and other members of the Alumni Committee for their efforts in establishing the Association.

Distinguished SMI alumnus Dr. Asif Shaikh, Vice Chancellor of Sukkur IBA University, delivered an online address congratulating Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, faculty, officers, staff, and students on SMI's 141st Foundation Day. He fondly recalled his days at SMI and paid tribute to his teachers, including Mr. Ramesh Jethmalani, and others.

The organizing committee of the SMI Alumni Association is now working on collecting data of alumni serving both within Pakistan and abroad.

SMIU'S FACULTY MEMBER DR. ASIF ALI LAGHARI INCLUDED IN THE WORLD'S TOP 2% OF SCIENTISTS

Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU) proudly announced in the month of September that its faculty member, Dr. Asif Ali Laghari, Assistant Professor in the Department of Computer Science, has been included in the World's Top 2% Scientists List by Stanford University. He has also been recognized as one of the most-cited researchers in blockchain across Scopus, Web of Science, and Google Scholar.



This remarkable achievement not only highlights Dr. Laghari's dedication to academic excellence but also reflects the growing research culture at SMIU.

The Vice Chancellor of SMIU, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, along with the university's faculty and other stakeholders, extended heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Laghari and wished him continued success in his future research endeavors.



SMIU COMMEMORATES DEFENCE AND MARTYRS DAY



Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU) organized a solidarity rally to commemorate Pakistan's Defence and Martyrs Day on Monday, 8th September 2025. The rally was led by Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of the university, and commenced from the Main Building, culminating near the I.T. Tower. Participants included deans, chairpersons of academic departments, heads of administrative sections, faculty, staff, and students from both SMIU and SMIU Model School.

Following the rally, a commemorative program was held at the Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium, chaired



by Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai. Addressing the audience, the Vice Chancellor lauded the courageous services and sacrifices of the Pakistan Armed Forces during the War of 1965 against India. He stated that the Armed Forces valiantly defended the motherland, thwarting the enemy's intentions. "Our brave forces crushed the evil designs of India in the

1965 war, and similarly, they achieved victory a few months ago," Dr. Sahrai said. He emphasized the importance of saluting the forces who have always defended the country with dedication and patriotism and urged all members of the nation to remain united and safeguard the country's interests through their actions.

Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, Dean of SMIU, also paid tribute to the martyrs of the 1965 war, highlighting the responsibility of remembering the brave soldiers who defended the country during various Indian aggressions.

Students of SMIU honored the martyrs by performing a national song, expressing respect and gratitude for their sacrifices.

WRITERS CALL ON THE VICE CHANCELLOR



A delegation of distinguished writers and poets—including Dr. Ghulam Mustafa Solangi, Mr. Qurban Mangi, Mr. Amar Iqbal, and Mr. Abbas Paras Mangi—visited Sindh Madressatul Islam University on September 16, 2025. During their visit, they called on Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai at his office.

In an informal meeting, the participants exchanged views on education, literature, and language. The delegation appreciated the historic role SMIU has played in promoting modern education in Sindh since the

late nineteenth century. They also commended the efforts of Dr. Sahrai in advancing quality education and fostering the development of this prestigious institution.

Welcoming the delegation, the Vice Chancellor remarked that SMIU has produced numerous eminent writers, intellectuals, and educationists. Among its notable alumni are Mohammad Ibrahim Joyo, Syed Ghulam Mustafa Shah, Shamsherul Hydri, and Ali Ahmed Brohi. On the occasion, souvenirs were presented to the distinguished guests.

15TH MEETING OF SMIU'S ACADEMIC COUNCIL



The 15th meeting of the Academic Council of Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU) was held on Wednesday, September 24, 2025, at the Senate Hall of the university. Chaired by Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, the meeting reviewed and approved the minutes of the Boards of the Faculties of Education, Sciences, Information Technology, Management, Business Administration, and Commerce.



Academic matters, including new courses under the Higher Education Commission policy and internships for students after the 5th semester, were discussed, and relevant decisions were taken. The council also reviewed the academic performance of the university, emphasizing that alongside quality education, research work must be given priority.

The council resolved to approve the recommendation of the Board of Faculty of Information Technology to establish an Industry Advisory Board, along with a

policy framework for an Industry Liaison Committee.

The council also nominated Dr. Stephen John, Chairperson, Department of Education, and Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Chairperson, Department of Software Engineering, as members of the University's Discipline Committee.

Additionally, the council approved the nomination of Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, Dean, Faculty of Management, Business Administration, and Commerce, and Dr. Syed Asif Ali, Professor, Department of Artificial Intelligence & Mathematical Sciences, to the Affiliation Committee, following the completion of the tenure of the previous members.

Addressing the meeting, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai said that we are currently living in a highly competitive world, where new challenges in all fields, including higher education, arise every day. Therefore,

universities must adapt their policies and practices to meet these challenges effectively.

Dr. Sahrai appreciated the role of SMIU's faculty in providing quality education and stated that the university has emerged as one of the best universities in the country.

He further highlighted that SMIU successfully organized its 6th Convocation on July 17, 2025, where 367 students were conferred degrees, including the university's first PhD. He added that SMIU continues to provide necessary facilities and learning opportunities to its students.

In this regard, initiatives such as the Hashmat Lodhi Youth Development Centre, the Students Development Fund, and the AI Lab have been established. SMIU also creates job opportunities for students through its strong linkages with the industry.



MEETING HELD AT MALIR CAMPUS

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU), along with officials from the Higher Education Commission (HEC), visited the under-construction Malir Campus of SMIU on October 10, 2025, to review the progress of the project. During the meeting, it was informed that six major buildings have been completed, including the Administration Block, Male Students' Hostel, Female Students' Hostel, Cafeteria, Library, and Students' Welfare Center. Additionally, construction work on faculty blocks, residential accommodations, and external development is currently underway.

The Vice Chancellor, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai; Director (Monitoring and Evaluation), HEC Islamabad, Syed Naveed Hussain Shah; and other officials expressed satisfaction with the pace and quality of the ongoing construction work.



TIKA CHIEF BRIEFED ON SMIU PAK-TURK RESEARCH CENTER

Mr. Maşuk Pusa, the newly appointed Head of the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TİKA) in Karachi, along with Ms. Fatima, held a meeting with Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU), and the heads of various departments of SMIU.

During the meeting, a briefing on the proposed SMIU Pak-Türk Research Center was presented by Dr. Subhash Babu, Chairperson of the Department of Social and Development Studies and Coordinator of the proposed SMIU Pak-Türk Research Center, along with Mr. Engr. Shairan Najeeb, Executive Engineer at SMIU.

It was decided in the meeting that the SMIU Pak-Türk Research Center would be jointly established by the Government of Türkiye and SMIU with the objective of strengthening relations between the two brotherly countries, Pakistan and Türkiye. It was further agreed that the center would facilitate faculty and student exchange programs, offer Turkish language instruction to students of SMIU and other universities in the country, promote the culture, languages, literature, and heritage of both countries, and initiate research activities in multiple fields, including business and education.

Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai welcomed the Turkish delegation to SMIU and briefed them on the efforts undertaken for the establishment of the proposed SMIU Pak-Türk Research Center during the tenure of the former Consul General of Türkiye in Karachi, Mr. Cemal Sangu, and Mr. Halil Ibrahim Başaran, former Head of the TİKA Karachi Office.

Dr. Sahrai stated that SMIU shares special relations with Türkiye due to its founder, Khan Bahadur Hassanally Effendi, who served as the Honorary Consul General of Türkiye in Karachi during the Ottoman Empire and was awarded the



titles of “Effendi” and “Bey” by the Sultan of the Ottoman Empire.

Mr. Maşuk Pusa, who has been associated with TİKA for the past 20 years and has previously served in Iraq, Palestine, Georgia, Montenegro, and Senegal, said that the proposed center would play a vital role in strengthening bilateral relations and advancing education in both countries—Pakistan and Türkiye. He added that, due to the close association of Khan Bahadur Hassanally Effendi with Türkiye, TİKA is keen to collaborate with SMIU in the fields of research, education, tourism, and the organization of joint activities.

On this occasion, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai presented souvenirs to the guests. Thereafter, the Turkish delegation visited SMIU’s Jinnah Museum and the building proposed for the Pak-Türk Research Center.

VICE CHANCELLOR BRIEFS SINDH GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ABOUT SMIU



The Vice Chancellor of Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU), Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, along with officials from the Government of Sindh, held a meeting on October 23 at



the Conference Room of SMIU. During the meeting, the Vice Chancellor briefed the participants on the historical evolution of SMIU, tracing its journey from a school to a full-fledged university, and highlighted its heritage buildings and historic playground. Following the meeting, the officials were given a tour of various sections of the university.

SMIU ORGANIZES RALLY TO OBSERVE KASHMIR BLACK DAY



Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU) observed Kashmir Black Day on Monday, October 27, 2025, to protest the occupation of Kashmir by India since October 27, 1947. In this regard, a rally was organized within the university premises to demonstrate solidarity with the people of occupied Kashmir. The rally commenced from the Main Building and concluded near the university's IT Tower. Dean Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, Registrar Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Shaikh, and other officials led the rally. Heads of various departments, faculty members, students, and other employees participated in the event. The participants chanted slogans condemning India and expressing support for the Kashmiri people.

Prior to the rally, a program was held at the Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium of the university, where speakers described October 27 as the darkest day in history and condemned India's

occupation of Kashmir. They also denounced India for the brutal and inhumane actions it has continued to commit against Kashmiris since 1947. The speakers stated that Pakistan observes Black Day in support of the Kashmiri people's right to self-determination. Additionally, they criticized India for repeatedly failing to implement the United Nations resolutions concerning occupied Kashmir.

In his address, Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, Dean of SMIU, stated that Pakistan and its people fully support the Kashmiri people in their struggle for the right to self-determination and strongly condemn India's use of force against innocent Kashmiris. He said that everyone stands with the Kashmiri

people and appealed to the international community to raise its voice for these voiceless people who have been fighting for their rights since October 27, 1947.

The event was attended by deans, including Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto and Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan; heads of various departments; faculty members; officers; and students.



SMIU CELEBRATES HISTORIC FRIENDSHIP OF PAKISTAN AND TURKIYE



and contribute to education and research. He also announced that the Turkish language would be offered to students of SMIU and

Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU) celebrated the Republic Day of Türkiye on Wednesday, October 29, 2025, at its auditorium to mark the enduring friendship between the two brotherly countries. Addressing the celebratory event, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU, stated that Pakistan and Türkiye share historic relations and an everlasting friendship that has been tested on numerous occasions, including during times of war, peace, and cooperation in technical fields.

Dr. Sahrai shared that he had recently attended a seminar in Istanbul organized by the Government of Türkiye in collaboration with Istanbul University on Abdul Rahman Peshawari, who had participated in Türkiye's war of independence. He said that this reflects the deep-rooted historical ties between the two brotherly nations. He further added that he personally witnessed immense respect, love, and honor for Pakistan and its people among the people of Türkiye.

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai further stated that Pakistan has strong roots of friendship with Türkiye, which is why the Government of Pakistan, the Government of Sindh, and other institutions regularly celebrate the Republic Day of Türkiye. "Today, we are celebrating our relationship with Türkiye," he said, adding that Sindh Madressatul Islam University also shares close ties with Türkiye dating back over 135 years. He recalled that the founder of Sindh Madressatul Islam, Khan Bahadur Hassanally Effendi, had supported the Ottoman Empire during its war with Russia. Subsequently, the Ottoman Empire entrusted him with the responsibility of Consul General in Karachi and honored him with the titles of "Bey" and "Effendi." Dr. Sahrai noted that SMIU and Türkiye continue to maintain these historic relations to this day.

He informed the audience that SMIU, in collaboration with TIKa, an organization of the Government of Türkiye, is working to jointly establish the Pak-Turkish Research Centre at SMIU. The center will promote the cultures of both countries



other institutions. Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai appreciated the former Turkish Consul General in Karachi, Mr. Cemal Sangu, for his sincere services in strengthening relations between Türkiye and Pakistan. He remarked that Mr. Sangu was a regular visitor to SMIU and had developed strong associations with the historic institution.

Dr. Sahrai emphasized that SMIU students must carry forward this rich legacy in their future lives. He stated that SMIU has always played a significant role in providing quality education and offering students opportunities to showcase their abilities, creativity, and innovative ideas through student societies. Such activities, he said, also help connect students with their rich historical heritage.

In his address, Dean of SMIU Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto congratulated the people of Pakistan and Türkiye on the Republic Day of Türkiye. He said that it was a proud day for all, as it marked the celebration of the long-standing friendship between Pakistan and Türkiye, and added that this relationship and historical bond would continue to grow stronger in the future.

On this occasion, students of SMIU delivered speeches and performed on mystic songs. The event was attended by students, faculty members, deans, and heads of various departments.

SMIU CELEBRATES QUAID-E-AZAM MOHAMMAD ALI JINNAH'S BIRTHDAY



SMIU, in collaboration with the Press Information Department (PID) and Pakistan Television (PTV), celebrated the 149th birth anniversary of Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah, founder of Pakistan and an illustrious alumnus of Sindh Madressatul Islam (SMI), with great spirit and admiration on Wednesday, December 25, 2025, at the Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium of the university.

Addressing the ceremony as the chief guest, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of Sindh Madressatul Islam University, said that Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah's life is a great source of inspiration for every citizen of the country, especially for youth, because he lived a life with great principles of honesty, dedication, and commitment. Also, he upheld moral values and became a symbol of virtues, character, conversation, and thoughts in his entire life.

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai said many writers have explored Quaid-e-Azam Mo-

hammad Ali Jinnah's political career, statesmanship, and personal life, but few have examined his early education. He urged researchers and scholars to delve deeper into this aspect of Mr. Jinnah's life.

"There is a need to do comprehensive research work on the education of Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah he received in his life, because no one has done such work in detail so far," Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai said and advised that SMIU's students, faculty, and historians of the country should write a comprehensive book on Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah's education life, which he received from different institutions including Sindh Madressatul Islam, Anjuman-e-Islam School, Bombay, Church Mission School, Karachi, and Lincoln's Inn, London. Also, the school may have explored from where he had received education in Gujarati before getting admission to SMI. SMIU shall support the researcher in this respect.

Tracing the history of Quaid's education at SMIU, the vice chancellor said that he had received his education from SMI for four and a half years. During that period, he studied at SMI's rented building, located in the area of Bolton Market, for more than two years. After construction of the present Main Building of SMI in 1890, he studied over here for two years, till 30th January 1892.

The vice chancellor said that the Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah, had remembered each and every inch of SMI, and he expressed such sentiments when he had inaugurated SM College at SMI in 1943.

On this occasion an abridged drama of PTV, "Jinnah Se Quaid," was screened, which narrated the life and struggle of Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah.

The Director-General of the Press Information Department, Ms. Iram Tanveer, thanked the SMIU for screening a drama on the Quaid and praised the initiative, noting that it was part of a



broader effort by the Ministry of Planning and Development to create high-quality content about Pakistan's founder. She also mentioned that the Government of Pakistan has declared 2026 as the "Year of Quaid-e-Azam" to commemorate his 150th birth anniversary.

Mr. Ali Asghar Arbab, the news editor and PR manager at PTV Karachi, said that PTV produced this drama with a lot of hard work on the story related to the history and facts about Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah. He thanked SMIU for giving them the honor of showcasing the historic PTV drama, originally aired in the 1990s, in memory of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah. He said that the play was presented to ensure that the younger generation could learn about the life of Pakistan's founder and draw inspiration from his journey.

Ms. Saima Siddiqui, an official from the Quaid-e-Azam House Museum, shared a documentary about the museum in the form of a video. Students from the Literary Society of SMIU also participated in the event, expressing



their love and admiration for Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah through speeches and songs, commemorating the life and legacy of Pakistan's founder. The event concluded with the presentation of shields to the guests as a token of appreciation, which were handed over by the vice chancellor of SMIU.

Historic buildings of SMIU were illuminated Celebrating the 149th birthday of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, the founder of Pakistan and the distinguished alumnus of Sindh Madressatul Islam, the main building, where he received his early education, was illuminated by the university last night (25th December).





The Vice Chancellor of SMIU is presiding over the meeting of the Steering Committee of the ORIC held on 30th July 2025. The Director of the ORIC, Dr. Mansoor Ahmed Khuhro; Dean Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto; and other members attended it.



Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU, is chairing a meeting of the promotion committee of the university on August 5, 2025, at the Conference Room of the university.



The vice chancellor of SMIU is reviewing progress of the admission for Fall 2025 in a meeting held on 5th August 2025. The meeting was attended by Deans Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh and Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto; Advisor to the Vice Chancellor on Academic Affairs Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan; Registrar Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Shaikh; and Controller of Examinations and Admissions Mr. Furqan Iftikhar.



The Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, presiding over a meeting of the Finance and Planning Committee of the university, held on August 12, 2025.



The interview for the post of the registrar at SMIU is being conducted with the candidates by the Secretary of the Universities and Boards Mr. Muhammad Abbas Baloch, Vice Chancellor of SMIU Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, and other members of the committee on 18th August, 2025, at the conference room of the university.



A meeting of the sectional heads of SMIU was held on 29th August, 2025, which was chaired by Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai. In the meeting, arrangements about the 141st Foundation Day of SMI to be held on 1st September 2025 were finalized.



Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai presided over a meeting that was convened for "Self-Review Institutional Performance Enhancement" on 30th July 2025 at SMIU. It was attended by Deans Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh and Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, Chairperson of the Department of Social and Development Studies Dr. Subhash Babu, Director QEC Dr. Saima Baig, and others.



The vice chancellor of SMIU is chairing a meeting of the Advanced Studies and Research Board (ASRB) on September 19, 2025, which was attended by deans of SMIU and other senior faculty members.



A meeting of the Impact Evaluation of the SRSP, which was the initiative of the Sindh HEC, was held on 10th November 2025.



The vice chancellor, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, is chairing the meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the Development of SMIU's Campus at Education City, Malir, Karachi, on 9th December 2025.

ACADEMIC Activities

ADMISSION TEST HELD

The Department of Admission and Examinations of Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU) conducted the admission test for the Fall 2025 session from Monday to Wednesday, 4th–6th August 2025, at the university campus. A large number of



male and female candidates appeared for the test. Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai extended his congratulations, particularly to the team of the Department of Admission and Examinations, the Admission Committee, the I.T. Services Department, and the faculty for successfully organizing and conducting the admission test.

U.S. Specialist Dr. Ivan Eubanks Delivers Lecture at SMIU, Meets Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai



Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU), in collaboration with the Regional English Language Office (RELO) at the U.S. Mission in Pakistan, hosted an enriching session titled “Academic Writing for Publication” on August 6, 2025, led by Dr. Ivan Eubanks, a renowned English Language Specialist. The event attracted participation from over 30 faculty members and students.



The session offered hands-on training in academic writing, equipping participants with a deeper understanding of the publication process in international peer-reviewed journals. Dr. Eubanks shared strategies for crafting impactful research articles and emphasized the importance of academic clarity, structured writing, and alignment with global scholarly standards.

In addition to the workshop, Dr. Eubanks held a productive meeting with Honorable Vice Chancellor of SMIU, Prof. Dr. Mujeebuddin Sahrai Memon. Their discussion focused on the evolving higher education landscape in Pakistan, the role of English language instruction, and SMIU’s commitment to fostering academic excellence and research innovation.

This engagement not only strengthened institutional ties but also provided a platform for future collaborations in education and professional development.

SMIU extended its sincere appreciation to Ms. Aisha Zee-shan of the Regional English Language Office for her office’s unwavering support of educational initiatives in Pakistan and its continued role in advancing academic opportunities for students and educators.

CAREER ACCELERATION PROGRAM

The Directorate of Students Affairs and Counselling organized a two-day Career Accelerator Program for SMIU students, which commenced on August 6, 2025, with an insightful workshop on CV writing and interview skills conducted by Mr. Salman Noor Shaikh, Manager – Human Resources.



The session was designed to equip students with essential knowledge and practical strategies to enhance their professional profiles and confidently navigate the interview process. Mr. Salman's industry expertise and real-world insights provided students with a clear understanding of employer expectations and how to present themselves effectively. SMIU extended sincere appreciation to the speaker for his valuable contribution in making the session both impactful and engaging.

On August 7, 2025, Day 2 of the Career Accelerator Program featured a focused Recruitment Drive, offering students the opportunity to participate in on-campus interviews with esteemed organizations, including Meezan Bank Limited, Fulcrum Private Limited, SparkLab Pvt. Ltd., and Jadoon Designs.

The event provided a valuable platform for students to showcase their skills, professionalism, and readiness for the workforce in a real interview environment.

SYNOPSIS AND THESIS DEFENSE OF PHD STUDENTS

The synopsis defenses of PhD scholars from the Department of Computer Science were conducted on August 7, 2026, at the University's Senate Hall. The session was chaired by Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai and attended by subject experts, PhD supervisors, deans, and faculty members. The presenting scholars included Ms. Sadaf Sharif, Mr. Govarishankar, Mr. Ayaz Hussain, Mr. Mohammad Asif Shaikh, Mr. Sufyan Muhammad Khan, and Mr. Zeeshan Ahmed Mughal. After detailed deliberations, the expert panel approved their synopses.



On August 8, 2026, the thesis defense of PhD scholar Mr. Sunil Kumar was held at the same venue.



130 SMIU STUDENTS RECEIVE GOOGLE CAREER CERTIFICATES



to equip the youth of the province with modern technological skills, enabling them to earn through international digital platforms. He added that Google would utilize student-generated content, which would be linked to its job portal.

The Secretary also highlighted that Sindh Madressatul Islam University holds a prestigious status as the alma mater of the Founder of Pakistan, Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah, which is why it is often referred to as the “University of Leaders.” Owing to this distinction, he

Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU), in collaboration with the Government of Sindh, Google, Google for Education, and Tech Valley Pakistan, organized a certificate distribution ceremony for the Google Career Certificate Program on September 3, 2025, at the Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium, SMIU.



Out of 300 students who successfully completed the program, 130 students attended the ceremony and received Google Career Certificates from Mr. Paul Hutchings, Regional Head (Greater Asia) and Head of APAC, Google for Education. The ceremony was also attended by Mr. Noor Ahmed Samo, Secretary for Information, Science and Technology, Government of Sindh, and Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU.

Addressing the ceremony, Mr. Noor Ahmed Samo stated that the Government of Sindh, with its support, has provided Google scholarships to 30,000 students across all 30 public sector universities in Sindh. He emphasized that the future of students lies in acquiring digital skills and urged them to learn and master the latest technologies. He further shared that it is the vision of the Honourable Chief Minister of Sindh, Syed Murad Ali Shah,

said, the Sindh government is prioritizing SMIU in its development initiatives. He encouraged students to fully benefit from the opportunity, as employers are actively seeking digitally skilled graduates. Mr. Samo also lauded the services of Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai for his commitment to quality education and student training at SMIU.

In his address, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai appreciated the efforts of Mr. Noor Ahmed Samo for facilitating scholarship oppor-



tunities that are equipping students with industry-relevant digital skills. He also acknowledged Google's continued commitment to supporting SMIU students through scholarships. Dr. Sahrai stated that SMIU places equal emphasis on quality education and job-oriented skill development by strengthening its linkages with industry. He stressed that in the present era of information technology, the younger generation must acquire modern technological skills to remain competi-

with valuable knowledge and digital skills required for entry into the global workforce. He also appreciated the efforts of Dr. Syed Azeem Inam, Assistant Professor at SMIU, and Mr. Basit Hassan, Lecturer at SMIU, for their contributions to the successful implementation of the program.

Mr. Paul Hutchings highlighted the significance of the Google Career Certificate scholarships and informed the audience that 30,000 scholarships have

tive in the global job market.

Dr. Sahrai further shared that the Honourable Chief Minister of Sindh, Syed Murad Ali Shah, has taken a keen personal interest in the initiative, which provides students

been awarded to students across Sindh under this initiative. He congratulated the SMIU students who successfully completed the program and appreciated the collaboration of the Government of Sindh and Sindh Madressatul Islam University.

Mr. Umar Farooq, CEO of Tech Valley Pakistan, remarked that a longstanding gap between academia and industry is now being addressed through such scholarship programs.

The ceremony was attended by Mr. Timothy Paolini, Special Initiatives Head, APAC, Google for Education; Dr. Tauha Hussain, Vice Chancellor of Mehran University of Engineering and Technology, Jamshoro; IT experts, government officials, SMIU deans, chairpersons of academic departments, officers, faculty members, and students.

SMIU STUDENTS RECEIVE FUNDING TO PRODUCE A SHORT FILM



The students of the Department of Media and Communication Studies, SMIU, namely Talal Ahmed, Tayyab, and Basit Shafiq, secured PKR 50,000 in funding to produce a socially driven short film at a prestigious workshop organized by Sony Alpha in collaboration with Skills360PK and TheCoach360.

The two-day filmmaking workshop brought together emerging creators and professionals from across the city, offering an immersive experience that included expert sessions, hands-on guidance, and a



short film pitching competition before an esteemed panel of industry judges.

SMIU's students not only participated actively but also stood out with their thought-provoking short film concept,

centered on women empowerment and giving voice to the voiceless—a narrative that strongly resonated with the judges. Their idea was selected from among many for its emotional depth, relevance, and cinematic vision.

This success reflects the hard work, creativity, and dedication of the Department of Media and Communication Studies and showcases how SMIU continues to empower students to use storytelling as a tool for positive societal change.



Celebration of **EID** **MILAD-UN-NABI** **(PBUH)**

Sindh Madressatul Islam University commemorated Eid Milad-un-Nabi (Peace Be Upon Him) on September 4, 2025, at the Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium with great religious fervor and devotion. The event celebrated the birth and teachings of the Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH). Students and faculty members of SMIU, along with participants from SMIU Model School, presented soulful recitations of Qiraat and Naat, creating a spiritually uplifting atmosphere.

In his address, Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai emphasized the timeless teachings of peace, compassion, and humanity exemplified by the Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH). He stated that the University is committed not only to promoting knowledge and innovation but also to nurturing values, ethics, and character grounded in our spiritual traditions and cultural heritage. He further urged the audience to strengthen their commitment to the principles of peace, compassion, and service to humanity as taught by our Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH).



ELECTION FOR SMIU SENATE MEMBER



The election for ten faculty representatives to the SMIU Senate was held on September 9, 2025, at the Senate Hall. Faculty members participated in the electoral process with keen interest and enthusiasm. As a result, Mr. Shahid Obaid, Assistant Professor (Department of Business Administration), Mr. Ameen Khawaja, Assistant Professor (Department of Software Engineering), Dr. Umair Rais, Assistant Professor (Department of Social and Development Studies), and Ms. Quratul Ain Nazeer Ahmed, Assistant Professor (Department of Accounting, Banking, and Finance), Syed Azeem Inam;

Assistant Professor (Department of Artificial Intelligence and Mathematical Sciences), Mr. Muhammad Naeem Ahmed; Assistant Professor (Department of Business Administration), Mr. Asif Mehmood Awan; Lecturer (Department of Artificial Intelligence and Mathematical Sciences), Mr. Hatesh Kumar; Lecturer (Department of English), Mr. Muzafar Ali Shah; Lecturer (Department of Business Administration); and Syeda Wajiha Naim, Lecturer (Department of Software Engineering), were elected as members of the Senate for a period of three years.

A DELEGATION VISITS YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER

A delegation from the Prime Minister's Youth Office, Karachi, led by the Coordinator for the Sindh Chapter, Mr. Fahad Shafique, visited Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU) in the month of

September 2025. During the visit, the delegation reviewed the University's ongoing initiatives and assessed their impact on youth development. The visiting team also interacted with stu-

dents and faculty members and commended the University's efforts to empower young people through skill development and capacity-building programs.



ORIENTATION DAY FOR STUDENTS OF FALL 2025



The Department of Examination and Admissions organized an Orientation Day for newly admitted students of the Fall 2025 semester on Friday, September 12, 2025. Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU, was the chief guest at the event.

In his address, the vice chancellor emphasized that students of SMIU are highly privileged to study in Karachi and at Sindh Madressatul Islam University, which boasts a 141-year legacy of excellence in education. He urged the newly enrolled students to respect their faculty and value their time, as these principles are essential for their success.

Dr. Sahrai highlighted that over the past 20 years, universities in Pakistan have developed significantly, and university culture has strengthened. In this regard, the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan and the Sindh Higher Education Commission have played a pivotal



role in ensuring quality education at the university level.

He further advised the students to focus on their education and look beyond graduation, which has now become a basic degree. He encouraged them to pursue master's programs and other advanced studies to build successful careers.



are found in every field, and the newly admitted students should also contribute to the development and prosperity of the country upon completing their education.

Deans of SMIU, Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh and Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, Dr. Hina Shahnaz, Chairperson of the Department of Environmental Science, Ms. Sundas Nisar, Student Welfare Officer, and other department heads addressed the session, introducing students to the various departments and facilities available at SMIU.



Congratulating the students on their admission to SMIU, the vice chancellor reminded them that SMIU is the alma mater of the founder of Pakistan, Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah, and many other notable personalities. He emphasized that the university's alumni





SMIU'S TECH FEST-25 BRIDGES THE GAP BETWEEN ACADEMIA AND INDUSTRY

Sindh Madressatul Islam University's Faculty of Information Technology, in collaboration with the university's Business Incubation Centre (BIC), hosted Tech Fest-25, a dynamic exhibition of student projects, on September 25, 2025, at SMIU's I.T. Tower. The event was inaugurated by Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU.



The fest showcased the innovative capabilities of students enrolled in BS Computer Science, BS Software Engineering, and BS Artificial Intelligence programs. The projects addressed globally relevant themes, including HealthTech & Medical AI, Smart Systems & IoT, AI and Machine Learning Applications, Fintech and Business Solutions, Cybersecurity & Digital Safety, Education and Learning Technologies, Gaming, Simulations and Entertainment, and Social Impact and Community Solutions. The research demonstrated the students' ability to develop practical, real-world solutions.

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, along with Deans Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh and Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, Advisor to the Vice Chan-

cellor on Academics Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Director of ORIC Dr. Mansoor Ahmed Khuhro, and other department heads and faculty members, visited the stalls and encouraged the students, appreciating the combination of innovative ideas and research in their projects.



The Vice Chancellor urged students to utilize BIC's facilities to convert their innovative ideas into businesses. He also directed the Dean of the Faculty of Information Technology, Prof. Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, and the Manager of BIC to link students' projects with the relevant industries.

Dr. Sahrai congratulated the organizers of Tech Fest-25 for a successful event and emphasized that students should align their research and ideas with industry needs. He remarked that in today's era, success belongs to those with new and innovative ideas, as ideas are shaping a better world. He further noted that Pakistan's youth is advancing rapidly in science and technology, which will greatly benefit the country. He highlighted that

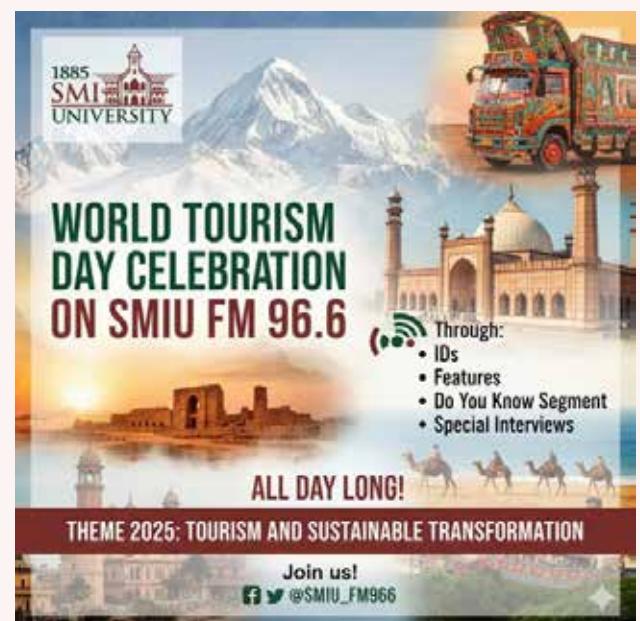


SMIU provides state-of-the-art technological facilities, including computer and AI labs, where students actively engage in research.

All projects were subsequently evaluated by industry experts, including Kashef Uddin, former Lead Technology Trainer; M. Abid Musif Khan, VP Faculty Enrichment at Ponder; Erum Hanna, Techlogix; Muhammad Hassan, Folio3; Muhammad Naeem, Contour Software; Syed Wasiq Muhammad Wenawa, Founder of HealthTune; Sheeraz Sattar, TRAFIX LLC; and Kamran Ali.

SMIU RADIO FM 96.6 CELEBRATES WORLD TOURISM DAY

SMIU's Radio FM 96.6 aired a special transmission on 27th September 2025 to commemorate World Tourism Day. The program focused on the global theme, "Tourism and Sustainable Transformation," highlighting the importance of responsible tourism in protecting natural resources and cultural heritage. Through informative segments, interviews, and engaging narration, the broadcast took listeners on a journey across Pakistan. It showcased the country's breathtaking beauty, from towering mountain ranges and historic heritage sites to vibrant cultures, diverse traditions, and peaceful coastlines. The transmission also emphasized how sustainable tourism can support local communities, preserve historical landmarks, and promote environmental awareness. Overall, the program aimed to inspire listeners to appreciate Pakistan's tourism potential while encouraging practices that ensure long-term social, cultural, and environmental sustainability. Such initiatives reinforce the role of media in shaping positive tourism narratives and fostering sustainable national development.



SMIU STUDENT SELECTED FOR AN INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP

SMIU proudly announced on 30th September 2025 that its student, Talal Ahmed from the Department of Media and Communication Studies, has been officially selected as an international Qimam Fellow, part of the Qimam Pakistan Fellowship Class of 2025.

This prestigious fellowship received over 11,000 applications from talented Pakistani students, including those enrolled at top international universities. Among these, only 38 exceptional students from universities across the globe were selected for the program.

The SMIU administration, faculty, and staff congratulate Talal Ahmed on this remarkable achievement and wish him continued success as he proudly represents SMIU on both national and international platforms.



FROM GUTENBERG TO OFFSET PRINTING: MEDIA STUDENTS EXPLORED THE LEGACY OF PRINT MEDIA



The Department of Media & Communication Studies at Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU) organized an educational visit for its students to the Printing Press Museum, Karachi, on 30th September 2025, led by Dr. Nousheen Hussain, a lecturer at SMIU. The visit aimed to provide students with an opportunity to connect theory with practice and history with hands-on learning.

The experience proved both engaging and memorable. The museum staff warmly welcomed the students and facilitated interactive activities that encouraged curiosity and active participation throughout the visit. A highlight of the tour was an insightful discussion with Mr. Faheem Qureshi, the visionary behind Pakistan's first Printing Press Museum, who generously shared the journey of establishing and curating the museum.



Prominent scholar Dr. Kaleemullah Lashari also briefed students on the rich history of print media. Participants explored the ancient arts of block printing and roll printing and observed century-old printing machines from the British era, including the historic Gutenberg Press. Students even had a rare hands-on experience with one of the earliest printing press machines, deepening their understanding of the evolution of print media and its significance in communication history.

To conclude the visit on an engaging note, the museum organized a quiz competition, with souvenirs awarded to the top three performers in recognition of their participation and learning.

SEMINAR ON “IDEA AND IMPACT”



Sindh Madressatul Islam University's Office of Research, Innovation & Commercialization (ORIC) and Business Incubation Centre (BIC), in collaboration with the Sindh Enterprise Incubation Centre (SEIC) of the Gov-

ernment of Sindh, organized a seminar titled “Idea and Impact” on Friday, October 3, 2025, at the Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium, SMIU. The seminar witnessed enthusiastic participation from students aspiring to launch startups, social enterprises, and technology-driven ventures.

Mr. Noor Ahmed Samo, Secretary,

Khaskhely highlighted the significance of startups and entrepreneurship, as well as the vital role of incubation centers in supporting young entrepreneurs.

The seminar concluded with a souvenir distribution ceremony led by Professor Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh; Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, Dean, Faculty of Management, Business Adminis-



Science and Information Technology Department (S&ITD), Government of Sindh; Professor Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Acting Vice Chancellor of SMIU and Dean, Faculty of Information Technology; and renowned enterprise mentors Mr. Umair Jaliawala and Mr. Malik

tration and Commerce; Dr. Mansoor Ahmed Khuhro, Director, ORIC; and Assistant Professor Shahid Obaid, to honor the distinguished guests. The proceedings of the seminar were conducted by Assistant Professor Wafa Mansoor Buriri.

WORLD SIGHT DAY 2025

EYE HEALTH AWARENESS & FREE EYE CAMP

On October 6, 2025, Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU), in collaboration with the Vision Healthcare Foundation, organized an Awareness Session and Free Eye Camp in observance of World Sight Day.



The eye camp was held at the Hashmat Lodi Youth Development Center Activity Hall at SMIU, where students, faculty, and staff received free eye examinations, as well as free eye drops and spectacles for those in need. Participants were also provided with guidance on maintaining healthy vision.



This initiative served as an important effort to promote eye health and raise awareness about the significance of vision care.

TRAINING SESSION ON DIGITAL SAHAFAT

The Department of Media and Communication Studies and the Department of Social and Development Studies, Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU), jointly organized a training session on Digital Sahafat on Tuesday, October 7, 2025, at the Senate Hall of the university. A large number of students actively participated in the one-day training session, which focused on digital journalism tools, fact-checking practices, and responsible navigation of today's evolving media landscape.

The university expressed its sincere appreciation to Google and Tech Valley for partnering with SMIU and making this valuable learning opportunity possible.

In addition to students, the session was attended by Dr. Ambreen Fazal, Chairperson, Department of Media and Communication Studies; Dr. Subhash, Chairperson, Department of Social and Development Studies; and departmental coordinators Dr. Muhammad Kamil and Dr. Sumera Memon.



AN ANTI-DRUG AWARENESS SESSION

An Anti-Drug Awareness Session was organized by the Regional Directorate of the Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF), Sindh, on October 9, 2025, at the Senate Hall of the university. The session aimed to raise awareness about the harmful effects of drug abuse and to educate participants on the social, psychological, and legal consequences associated with narcotics.

Ms. Nida Memon, Assistant Director, ANF Sindh, along with other officials from the Regional Directorate,



delivered informative lectures highlighting the dangers of drug addiction, preventive strategies, and the role of individuals and communities in combating drug abuse. Throughout the session, speakers emphasized the importance of early intervention, awareness, and col-

lective responsibility.

Participants actively engaged in the discussion, demonstrating keen interest and appreciation for the informative presentations. The session concluded with a strong message advocating for a drug-free and healthy society.



3-DAY WOMEN'S WELLNESS 2025

The Directorate of Students' Affairs and Counselling at Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU) organized a three-day event titled "Women's Wellness 2025" from October 14 to 16, 2025, at the Hashmat Lodi Youth Development Centre and the Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium. The primary objective of the initiative



was to promote awareness among women and girls regarding health, empowerment, and overall well-being. A large number of female students from SMIU and SMIU Model School, along with female faculty members, officers, and staff, actively participated in the sessions. Brief highlights of the three days are as follows:

Day 1

On October 14, the opening day featured a

session on physical fitness combined with gratitude journaling, organized by the Directorate of Students' Affairs (DSA). Ms. Fatima Omer, Founder of Befitwithfa (Health & Wellness), conducted an engaging and motivational session emphasizing the transformative power of integrating physical fitness with mind-

ful gratitude practices. She highlighted how small, consistent habits can positively impact both physical and emotional health, encouraging women to cultivate resilience, balance, and self-compassion in their daily lives.

The second session focused on "Nutritional Requirements Across Women's Life Stages." Dr. Attiya Anwar, a renowned physician and wellness expert, provided valuable insights into women's evolving nutritional needs at dif-

ferent stages of life. Her informative talk offered practical guidance on maintaining a balanced diet, adopting healthy lifestyle practices, and prioritizing preventive care for lifelong wellness.

These sessions in-

cluded a thought-provoking session centered on mental health and self-care. Participants were encouraged to prioritize their mental well-being and build self-confidence through mindful practices.

Dr. Sadia Awan,



spired participants to take proactive steps toward improving their physical health and overall well-being.

Day 2

The second day fea-

Clinical Psychologist at Dow University of Health Sciences, delivered an insightful and empowering talk on understanding mental health and incorporating self-care into daily routines. She discussed

effective stress management techniques, mindfulness practices, and emotional regulation strategies that contribute to enhanced well-being and productivity. The session equipped participants with practical tools to maintain

cussion motivated them to nurture their mental and emotional health and adopt a more balanced, confident, and positive outlook on life.

Ms. Zonaira Jalali, Manager DSA, conducted the proceedings throughout the three-day event.



to breast cancer awareness and prevention, organized in collaboration with Pink Ribbon Pakistan.

The session focused on promoting early detection, preventive measures, and support for breast cancer patients, reaffirming SMIU's commitment to women's health and empowerment. The University was honored by the presence of Dr. Shehnaz Memon, former Chief

open dialogue regarding women's health issues. Her presentation empowered participants with knowledge and encouraged proactive health practices.

Dr. Ambreen Fazal, Chairperson, Department of Media and Communication Studies, presented a bouquet to the chief guest as a token of appreciation for her valuable contributions to the healthcare sector.



mental balance, foster self-awareness, and break the stigma surrounding conversations about mental health.

The session concluded with heartfelt reflections from participants, who shared how the dis-

Day 3

The final day, held on October 16, 2025, marked the successful conclusion of Women's Wellness Week 2025 with a powerful session dedicated

Medical Officer, Health Department, Government of Sindh, who appreciated SMIU's efforts and emphasized the importance of regular screenings, awareness, and community support networks for women's health.

Dr. Yumna Ahmed, Radiation Oncologist at Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Centre (JPMC), conducted an informative and interactive session highlighting the significance of early diagnosis, healthy lifestyle choices, and

On this occasion, certificates of appreciation were awarded to volunteers, participants, and the best fundraising team in recognition of their dedication and enthusiasm. The funds raised during the event were donated to support breast cancer patients, reflecting the compassion and collective spirit of the SMIU community.

The event concluded on a note of hope, awareness, and empowerment, celebrating the strength and resilience of women.

ORIC HOSTS AN AWARENESS SESSION

The Office of Research, Innovation & Commercialization (ORIC) at Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU) organized an awareness session on the Ali Suleman Habib 4th Engineering Excellence Awards on October 13, 2025, at the Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium. Mr. Hasan Anees, ASH



Awards Coordinator at House of Habib, attended as the guest speaker and provided comprehensive guidance on the application process for this prestigious competition, which carries a grand prize of PKR 1 million.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Mansoor Ahmed Khuhro, Director ORIC, SMIU, remarked that the competition is not merely about winning a prize but serves as a valuable platform to validate innovative ideas at the national level.

He expressed confidence in the creative and technical capabilities of SMIU students and encouraged them to participate actively, assuring them of full support from ORIC. The session was moderated by Mr. Syed Belal Qadri.

ORIENTATION SESSION FOR PRIZE NATIONAL ARTICLE WRITING COMPETITION 2025

The Directorate of Students' Affairs and Counselling (DSA) at Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU) organized an orientation session in collaboration with Policy Research Initiative for Zakat-Based, Interest-Free Economy (PRIZE) on October 17, 2025, at the Sen-



ate Hall. The session introduced students to the National Article Writing Competition 2025—a prestigious platform aimed at promoting innovative research on zakat-based, interest-free economic models. SMIU reaffirmed its commitment to supporting student-led research initia-

tives and fostering meaningful dialogue on economic reform grounded in Islamic principles.

Representatives of the DSA expressed their sincere appreciation to Mr.

Qanit Khalil Ullah, Chairman of PRIZE, for his insightful address. A souvenir was presented to the guest as a token of gratitude for his valuable contribution and presence at the event.

WORKSHOP ON FILMMAKING



The Department of Media and Communication Studies at Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU), in collaboration with Sony and Tapmad, organized a one-day workshop titled “Mad for Films” on October 23, 2025, at the University auditorium. The workshop was designed to equip aspiring filmmakers with a comprehensive understanding of the creative and technical dimensions of filmmaking, with particular emphasis on content creation for digital and OTT platforms.

The event commenced with a welcome address by Dr. Ambreen Fazal, Chairperson of the Department of Media and Communication Studies, who underscored the importance of practical learning and industry collaboration in preparing students for the rapidly evolving media landscape. Dean Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto also addressed the audience, highlighting the value of experiential learning initiatives in enhancing



students’ professional competencies. The session was moderated by Dr. Sumaira Memon.

Ms. Zainab Nasir, an independent filmmaker, conducted an engaging workshop on “Storytelling for OTT,” where she explored the art of crafting compelling narratives for streaming audiences. She discussed story structure, character development, and the distinct creative demands of digital platforms. This was followed by a hands-on Sony Experience session, during which representatives demonstrated the

use of professional cameras and industry-grade equipment. Participants gained practical exposure to cinematography techniques, camera settings, lighting arrangements, and sound design.

The workshop also featured an insightful panel discussion titled “What OTT Platforms Want and What Will Work for the Audience?” Industry experts from Sony and Tapmad, along with independent filmmakers, shared perspectives on emerging OTT trends, audience prefer-



ences, and the creative expectations of streaming platforms. Certificates of appreciation were later presented to the panelists in recognition of their valuable contributions.

In the concluding segment, Ms. Zainab Nasir led a pitching workshop with support from Tapmad representatives. Students developed and presented their original story ideas and film pitches, receiving constructive feedback and professional guidance from the mentors. The session concluded with idea submissions, detailed reviews, and personalized feedback, enabling students to refine their storytelling and pitching skills.

The “Mad for Films” workshop proved to be a highly enriching and inspiring experience for both students and faculty. It not only enhanced participants’ technical and creative capabilities but also deepened their understanding of the requirements and opportunities within the dynamic landscape of digital filmmaking.

TALK ON “RESPONSIBLE CITIZENSHIP: PROMOTING ROAD DISCIPLINE AMONG THE YOUTH” AT SMIU

In a landmark step toward modernizing traffic management and ensuring greater transparency on the city's roads, the Faculty of Management, Business Administration & Commerce at Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU) organized an insightful seminar titled “Responsible Citizenship: Promoting Road Discipline among the Youth” on October 29, 2025, at the Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium of the university.

The distinguished guest speaker, Syed Pir Muhammad Shah, Deputy Inspector General (DIG) Police, Traffic, delivered an engaging and thought-provoking address, emphasizing the importance of responsible road behavior. He highlighted the recent



reforms introduced by the Karachi Traffic Police, particularly the innovative TRACS (Traffic Reforms and Automated Citation System), a modern e-Challan mechanism designed to promote transparency, efficiency, and accountability in traffic management.

DIG Syed Pir Muhammad Shah stated that the Sindh Government's e-Challan initiative represents a transformative stride under the Karachi Safe City Project, introducing automation and digital monitoring in traffic law enforcement. He explained that the system aims to enhance road safety, reduce direct public-police interaction, and promote accountability through data-driven governance.

Referring to Karachi as a city of over twenty million people, he noted that it has long suffered from severe traffic congestion, poor road discipline, and a high frequency of accidents. According to official data, prior to the implementation of TRACS, an average of ninety people lost their lives in road accidents each month in Karachi. This number has now decreased to approximately fifty fatalities per month—a significant improvement, though still a se-



rious concern for public safety.

The DIG further shared that a detailed analysis of road accident data reveals that 53 percent of the victims are motorcyclists, 32 percent are pedestrians, and the remaining 15 percent are drivers or passengers of cars, trucks, and tankers. This indicates that motorcyclists and pedestrians together account for nearly 85 percent of all road fatalities in the city, underscoring the urgent need for systemic reforms in traffic regulation, road infrastructure, and driver education.

To facilitate citizens and ensure fairness in implementation, eleven TRACS Service Centers have been established across Karachi. These centers enable citizens to check and pay challans, file appeals or corrections in cases of wrongful issuance, and process applications within ten working days. They also serve as information and assistance points for public awareness. In addition, the TRACS Mobile App has been developed to

empower citizens by allowing them to view their challan history, pay fines online, receive safety alerts, and report violations by uploading photographs directly through the app.

Responding to questions during the session, DIG Shah explained that citizens may appeal emergency-related violations by presenting valid evidence, such as hospital records. He further added that enforcement of parking and one-way regulations would improve as designated parking areas and road signage are expanded across the city. He stated that TRACS would operate in close coordination with the Karachi Metropolitan Corporation, the Traffic Engineering Bureau, and other relevant departments to enhance overall traffic infrastructure. Future expansion plans include extending TRACS to cover multi-storey parking facilities, highway monitoring, and complete citywide integration.

The Vice Chancellor of Sindh Madressatul Islam University, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, reflected on the significance of the seminar, describing it as both educational and deeply thought-provoking. He observed that true learning often extends beyond classrooms and lies in observing life, understanding people, and cultivating discipline in daily conduct. Linking the discussion to broader social behavior, he emphasized the



importance of road discipline and public responsibility, sharing personal reflections that compared local civic habits with those in developed countries such as Singapore, Japan, the United Kingdom, and across Europe.

He remarked that citizens in these societies follow rules not because they are affluent or technologically advanced, but because they possess awareness, respect for the law, and a strong sense of civic duty. People there plan their journeys carefully, comply with traffic regulations, and view fines or parking fees as contributions toward maintaining public order. In contrast, he noted that in many developing societies, people often take public services and facilities for granted, expecting benefits without an equivalent sense of responsibility.

The Vice Chancellor concluded by extending heartfelt gratitude to the esteemed guest speaker for his inspiring and thought-provoking address. He presented shields and souvenirs to the honorable guest speaker and other distinguished participants as a token of appreciation.



SESSION ON **TECH ENTREPRENEURSHIP** **AND LATEST TRENDS/SKILLS**



Sindh Madressatul Islam University's Business Incubation Center (BIC) organized an insightful session titled "Tech Entrepreneurship & Latest Trends/Skills Needed for Global Career Opportunities" on October 29, 2025, at the Senate Hall. The session was conducted by Mr. Mahboob Shar, Founder and CEO of iCreativez Technologies.

During his talk, the distinguished speaker shared actionable insights into emerging global technology trends and the evolving landscape of tech entrepreneurship. The session witnessed active par-

ticipation from BIC incubatees, aspiring entrepreneurs, final-year students, and technology enthusiasts, who engaged in a thoughtful and interactive discussion.

Director ORIC, Dr. Mansoor Ahmed Khuhro, presented the vote of thanks and encouraged students to apply for the 2nd Cohort of the SMIU BIC, for which registrations are currently open. He emphasized the importance of seizing opportunities to transform innovative ideas into viable business ventures. Highlighting the support offered by the BIC—including mentorship, industry linkages, and essential resources—he noted that young



entrepreneurs possess the potential to address real-world challenges and contribute meaningfully to society. He urged students to take initiative, pursue continuous learning, and position themselves as pioneers within the tech ecosystem.

The event concluded with the presentation of souvenirs to Mr. Mahboob Shar by Dean, Faculty of Information Technology, Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, and Director ORIC, Dr. Mansoor Ahmed Khuhro, in recognition of his valuable contribution. The session was moderated by Syed Muhammad Belal Qadri, Assistant Manager at the SMIU Business Incubation Center.

MUSIC WORKSHOP CONDUCTED BY AN INTERNATIONAL DELEGATE-DR. RIZWAN

Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU) hosted an engaging music workshop conducted by Dr. Rizwan, an international delegate from the USA associated with the World Cultural Festival, facilitated by the Arts Council of



Pakistan, Karachi. The session was held on November 05 at the Hashmat Lodi Youth Development Centre, providing participants with valuable insights into musical expression, cultural exchange, and global artistic perspectives, reinforcing the university's commitment to cultural engagement.

SMIU sincerely appreciates Dr. Rizwan's expertise, professionalism, and dedication to fostering cultural apprecia-



tion through the arts. The university also extends its gratitude to the Arts Council of

Pakistan, Karachi, for providing this enriching opportunity to SMIU students.

CELEBRATING ALLAMA MUHAMMAD IQBAL'S DAY



The Directorate of Students' Affairs (DSA), Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU), commemorated the birth anniversary of the great poet and philosopher Allama Mohammad Iqbal by organizing a poetry circle on the inspiring theme "Allama Mohammad Iqbal aur Khudi ka Paigham" on 7th November, two days before his birthday that happens on 9th November, at the Hashmat Lodi Youth Development Centre of the university.

During the event, students pas-



sionately recited poetry reflecting Allama Mohammad Iqbal's philosophy of Khudi, emphasizing self-realization, dignity, and the pursuit of excellence.

An essay-writing activity was also held at the Youth Development Centre on the topic "Allama Mohammad Iqbal's Message of Hope and Action," where students shared their insights into Iqbal's timeless vision of faith, courage, and self-empowerment.

The event celebrated the enduring spirit of Allama Mohammad Iqbal's thought, inspiring the youth to dream boldly, strive purposefully, and contribute to transforming society through knowledge and strong character.

ELECTION OF SMIU STUDENTS' SOCIETIES



ated all students who exercised their right to vote, thereby contributing to the strengthening of student leadership at SMIU. They wished the new council members success as they embark on their journey to represent and serve the student body.

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai remarked that the Students' Council elections are a unique and democratic tradition of SMIU, providing students with

Sindh Madressatul Islam University's Directorate of Students' Affairs and Counselling organized the annual elections of the Students' Council for the tenure 2025–26 on November 20, 2025, at the university premises. The Students' Council comprises nine student societies, including the Science Society, Debating Society, Community Service Society, Character Building Society, Literary Society, Arts Society, Sports Society, Environmental Society, and Music Society.

The election day was marked by a festive atmosphere, with enthusiastic participation from the entire student community. Students actively took part in the electoral process, and upon the announcement of the results, celebrated with great excitement by extending congratulations to the newly elected representatives.



The Vice Chancellor of SMIU, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, along with the Directorate of Students' Affairs team, extended heartfelt congratulations to the newly elected office-bearers and appreci-

valuable opportunities to develop leadership skills and learn democratic values through healthy competition. He further expressed hope that the newly elected office-bearers would uphold harmony on campus and work collectively for the betterment of the university and its students.

SMIU'S SECOND PHD STUDENT



Ms. Asia Samreen has become the second PhD graduate of Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU), completing her PhD in 2025. In addition to her thesis, she fulfilled all requirements set by the Higher Education Commission.

Ms. Asia Samreen presented her final defense on her thesis titled “Intelligent Presentation Scheme (IPS) to Identify Human Behavior Using Textual Data” on November 21, 2025, at the Senate Hall of SMIU. The session was presided over by Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU. Alongside her supervisor, Dr. Syed Asif Ali, the session was attended by deans of various faculties, senior faculty members of SMIU, and external experts.

She stated that her research findings demonstrate how textual data can reveal hidden intentions, thoughts, sentiments, or emotions, which may help predict an individual’s forthcoming actions. She further explained that behavior identification through technology can reduce the risk of fraud. Moreover, rather than outrightly excluding individuals, they can be monitored or marked for observation to enhance the privacy and security of social

networks.

During her presentation, she expressed gratitude to Sindh Madressatul Islam University and Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai for promoting a research-oriented culture at the university. She also thanked her PhD supervisor, Dr. Syed Asif Ali, and the evaluators. Responding to questions from the experts, she explained that her research can be implemented through software to identify the intentions of individuals at risk of committing suicide or engaging in fraudulent activities. Additionally, it can help understand the psychological challenges faced by students.

Speaking at the session, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU, commended Ms. Asia Samreen for her presentation, noting that her research is significant and will benefit the country and society. He emphasized that SMIU encourages research that brings qualitative changes to society.

Dr. Sahrai added that today’s students have access to more resources than those in the past, and therefore, their research must be innovative and original. While PhD research is inherently broad,



current PhD students often focus on specific topics; hence, they should leverage modern technology and global connectivity to make a meaningful contribution to their field.

It is worth noting that Ms. Asia Samreen enrolled in the PhD program in the Department of Computer Science at SMIU in 2018. She is currently a Senior Assistant Professor at Bahria University, Karachi, and has successfully defended her PhD thesis at SMIU.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

The students of the Department of Artificial Intelligence and Mathematical Sciences, in collaboration with the ORIC of SMIU, visited an old age home as part of their community engagement activity. The students spent quality time with the elderly, listened to their life experiences, and shared moments of warmth and compassion. The visit instilled in the students the values of empathy, respect, and gratitude towards senior citizens.

Encouragingly, the students of the Department of AI have been actively involved in various civic and social initiatives. Recently, they distributed clothes to people in need. The department regards this as an important aspect of community service, emphasizing that students must learn the value of giving back at this stage of their lives. SMIU has lauded their compassion and commitment to social responsibility.



ISLAMIC BANKING AWARENESS SESSION



On November 21, 2025, the Faculty of Management, Business Administration, and Commerce at Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU) organized an informative Islamic Banking Awareness Session for students and faculty, featuring a distinguished panel from Bank Alfalah Islamic and the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP).

The session aimed to enhance participants' understanding of Islamic finance, its Shariah principles, and its growing role

in Pakistan's financial sector. As Islamic banking continues to expand nationwide, such initiatives provide students with the opportunity to connect classroom learning with real-world industry practices.

The distinguished panel included Ms. Sara Sajjad, Deputy Chief Manager (DCM), SBP; Mr. Ali Ahsan, Unit Head, Product Development, Bank Alfalah Islamic; Mufti Usama Ehsan, Member, Shariah Board, Bank Alfalah Islamic; Mr. Moham-

mad Faizan Zafar, Assistant Chief Manager, SBP; and Mr. Iftikhar Ullah, Senior Officer, SBP BSC Karachi.

The session offered valuable insights into Shariah-compliant financial practices, product development, and the regulatory framework overseen by SBP. Students actively engaged with the experts, gaining practical knowledge and industry perspectives that complemented their academic learning.

SEMINAR HELD ON CSS & PCS CAREERS



The Faculty of Management, Business Administration, and Commerce at Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU) organized an engaging and informative career seminar on CSS/PCS preparation on November 25. Among the speakers were Ms. Sadaf Mehmood Shaikh, Pakistan Audit and Accounts Service (CSS-2011); Mr. Tariq Mehmood Shaikh, Assistant Superintendent of Police (CSS-2020); Dr. Manisha Ropeta, Sindh Police Service (CCE-2019); and Mr. Kashif Nabi Khuhro, Pakistan Administrative

Service (CSS-2012). Ms. Quratulain Nazir Ahmed, Assistant Professor at SMIU, also spoke on the occasion. Distinguished public service officers shared their experiences, success stories, and practical guidance on navigating the civil services examination process. SMIU students actively participated, posed insightful questions, and gained valuable clarity on preparation strategies and career pathways in the public service.



Dean of the Faculty of Management, Business Administration, and Commerce Dr. Jamshed Adil and Mr. Mansoor Ahmed Khuhro, Director of ORIC, presented souvenirs to the guests.

SESSION ON “CHAINLINK 101: ORACLES DECODED”



The Department of Artificial Intelligence and Mathematical Sciences at Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU) hosted an engaging session titled “Chainlink 101: Oracles Decoded” on 25th November 2025 at the University’s Senate Hall. The session introduced students to the fundamentals of blockchain technology, the role and significance of oracles and bridges, and the ways in which Chainlink enables real-world Web3 applications. The event wit-



nessed enthusiastic participation, with students demonstrating keen interest through thoughtful questions and active engagement on emerging technologies. As an institution, SMIU remains committed to providing such platforms that connect students with cutting-edge innovations and industry experts. The University extends its sincere appreciation to Mr. M. Usman Qureshi, Chainlink Advocate and Founder of Decentralized Technologies (DT), for delivering an insightful and informative session. SMIU also acknowledges the valuable support and presence of Mr. Abro, DT Community Representative, whose contribution added further value to the event.

SMIU’S STUDENTS CONDUCTED RESEARCH STUDY ON KEENJHAR LAKE



Students of the Department of Environmental Sciences at Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU), under the supervision of faculty members Mr. Khalid Hassan and Mr. Naeem Samo, conducted a comprehensive research study at Keenjhar Lake in District Thatta, near Jhampir. The study tour, organized in collaboration with WWF-Pakistan, was attended by thirty students from the department. The department shared the following details in a statement issued on December 8, 2025.

The first focus area of the study was water quality monitoring. Students collected surface and groundwater samples from various locations around the lake. They used Global Positioning System (GPS) devices to accurately record sampling points, which are essential for spatial data analysis. Basic water quality parameters were

measured on-site. The collected samples will undergo detailed physicochemical analysis in SMIU’s Environmental Sciences Laboratory to comprehensively assess the lake’s water quality.

The second focus area involved an ecological survey and biodiversity assessment. Students carried out an extensive survey of the wetland ecosystem, documenting its rich biodiversity and habitats. They employed various techniques, including direct observation, habitat assessment, and specialized dung/scat, bird, and track surveys to identify and estimate wildlife populations. The students also visited turtle ponds and a butterfly pollination garden, highlighting the ecological significance of Keenjhar Lake.

Mr. Kamal Palari, Head of the Community-Based Organization (CBO) in Ghulam Nabi Palari village, provided

a detailed briefing on the local wetland biodiversity and community conservation efforts.

The third focus area was a socio-economic survey conducted in villages surrounding Keenjhar Lake. Using structured questionnaires, students collected data on key socio-economic indicators such as income, employment, poverty levels, education, and health. Female students interviewed women, while male students interviewed male residents, ensuring inclusive data collection and a comprehensive understanding of community conditions and challenges.

This field study provided students with valuable practical experience and enhanced their integrated understanding of the complex environmental and socio-economic dynamics associated with Keenjhar Lake.

ADMISSION TEST FOR SPRING 2026



The Department of Admissions and Examinations at Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU) successfully conducted the computer-based admission test for the Spring 2026 semester on 10th and 11th December 2025 at various examination centers. A large number of candidates appeared for the test.

It is noteworthy that Sindh Madressatul Islam University offers admissions twice each year: for the Fall semester in June and for the Spring semester in November.



PROUD MOMENT FOR SMIU

SMIU proudly represented its students—Muhammad Mubeen Malik (President, YPDC-SMIU Chapter), Muhammad Shoaib Taha (Vice President, YPDC-SMIU Chapter), and Fatima Fazal (Coordinator, YPDC-SMIU Chapter)—at the Uraan National Debate Competition 2025, organized by the Ministry of Planning, Development & Special Initiatives under the Uraan Pakistan Program in Islamabad.

For the first time, SMIU students participated in the British Parliamentary Debate format, engaging in thought-provoking discussions on the 5Es of Uraan YPDC. The experience provided an invaluable opportunity to connect with youth from diverse backgrounds, build confidence, sharpen analytical skills, and embrace teamwork. More than a competition, it was a celebration of ideas, diver-



sity, and dialogue.

In a statement issued on December 12, 2025, SMIU highlighted that its students showcased resilience and intellectual brilliance on a national stage. The statement emphasized the importance of continuing to empower youth voices and fostering a culture of informed debate for Pakistan's progress.



3rd SMIU GLOBAL RESEARCH CONGRESS 2025

AN INTERNATIONAL EVENT: 3RD GLOBAL RESEARCH CONGRESS

Proudly expressing that Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU) has strengthened research culture within the university and beyond by organizing international academic events, namely the Global Research Congress (GRC), and regular international research conferences on a consistent basis now. These mega-events draw academicians, researchers, and scholars across the country and abroad. Following the tradition set by the SMIU, it organized a two-day 3rd Global Research Congress, comprising five international conferences and one national conference on the theme of “Reinventing Societies: Integrating Intelligence to Transform Leadership, Learning, and Living” from Wednesday, December 17, to Thursday, December 18, 2025, at SMIU.

The vice chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai was overseeing all activities of the Congress and leading the entire university community to make the GRC more successful and outcome-oriented and effective results. No doubt, a significant contribution came from the faculty in organizing this large event indeed. The rest of the staff, including officers, other employees, and students, were actively involved in various tasks. The vice chancellor of SMIU Dr. Sahrai has established a remarkable tradition of organizing almost all major and minor activities on the SMIU premises rather than choosing five-star hotels and other costly venues externally held. It offers several benefits for SMIU. The major benefit is that visitors experience the beautiful architecture of SMIU buildings constructed in the late nineteenth century and early twentieth century era heritage period architectural legacy. Apart from it, a large number of students have the privilege to attend highly informative sessions and meet world-renowned scholars and exchange their views with them directly.

FIVE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES:



During the 3rd GRC, the following international conferences were organized:

1. The Faculty of Management, Business Administration, and Commerce hosted the 4th International Conference on “Management, Business, and Leadership (ICMBL-2025)” under the theme “Sustainable Intelligence: Redefining Business Value in the Age of AI and Climate Responsibility.”
2. The Faculty of Social Sciences organized the 3rd International Conference on “Media and Social Development” (ICMSD-2025) under the theme “Media for a Sustainable Society: Communicating Climate Change and the SDGs in the Age of Artificial Intelligence.”
3. The Faculty of Language and Culture Studies organized the 3rd International Conference on “Reimagining Applied Linguistics and Language Practices” (ICRALLP-2025) with the theme “Emerging Trends in AI and Corpus Linguistics.”
4. The Faculty of Science organized the 3rd International Conference on “Green and Sustainable Environment (ICGSE-2025)” under the theme “Valuing Nature: Reimagining Food and Environmental Sustainability.”
5. The Faculty of Information Technology (I.T.) organized the 1st International Conference on “Advances in Artificial Intelligence and Computing” (ICAAIC-2025) under the theme “Ethical Computing and AI for Social Good.”

NATIONAL CONFERENCE:



6. The Faculty of Education is organizing the 2nd National Conference on “Teacher Education for Sustainable Development” (ICTESD-2025) with the theme of “Empowering Educators for Sustainable Societies through Innovation and Inclusion.”

VICE CHANCELLOR REVIEWS ARRANGEMENTS



Before the commencement of the 3rd GRC, the Vice Chancellor, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, convened a meeting of the Central Executive Committee, the official body responsible for the arrangements of the



GRC, on December 10, 2025, in the university's conference room.

All members of CEC presented progress reports on their assigned tasks during the meeting. The Convener of the GRC, Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, informed the meeting that out of 200 research paper abstracts received from national and international scholars, 180 have been accepted for presentation. The meeting was further briefed that nine national and international keynote speakers would participate in the GRC and associated international conferences. In addition to the inaugural and concluding sessions, 10 technical sessions and six panel discussions are scheduled over the two days of the congress. A notable panel discussion would feature six vice chancellors, who would deliberate on higher education and related issues. A pre-conference training session was also planned for December 16, one day before the GRC, to be conducted by an Iranian scholar.

Speaking at the meeting, Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai stated that SMIU was organizing a much-needed two-day Global Research Congress on the theme "Reinventing Societies: Integrating Intelligence to Transform Leadership, Learning, and Living." He noted that the event would explore key dimensions of higher education, particularly in research and artificial intelligence.

Highlighting previous achievements, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai remarked that SMIU had successfully organized two earlier Global Research Congresses and 11 international conferences in 2023 and 2024, respectively. He added that the 3rd GRC, along with five international conferences and one national conference, would also be successfully held on December 17 and 18, with participation from prominent national and international scholars.

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai expressed satisfaction with the arrangements made by the organizing committee and relevant officials. He further advised the organizers to engage more students as volunteers during the congress and conferences, enabling them to gain valuable learning experience from the event.

The meeting was attended by the Convener of the GRC, Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, along with other members of the organizing committee and heads of various administrative departments.

CENTRAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF 3RD GRC

The eleven-member Central Executive Committee (CEC) of the 3rd GRC was comprised of Prof. Dr. Jamshed Adil, Dean of the Faculty of Management, Business Administration, and Commerce (Convener of the GRC); Prof. Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Dean of the Faculty of Information Technology and advisor to the Vice Chancellor on Academic Affairs; Prof. Dr. Stephen John, Dean of the Faculty of Education; Dr. Mansoor Ahmed Khuhro, Chairperson of the Department of Artificial Intelligence and Mathematical Sciences (Secretary of the GRC); Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Shaikh, Registrar; Mr. Yasir Shaukat, Director of Finance; Mr. Asif Hussain Samo, Assistant Professor; Ms. Quratulain Nazeer Ahmed, Assistant Professor and Chairperson of the Department of Accounting, Banking, and Finance; Mr. Abdul Waheed Jatoti, Additional Director of I.T.; Mr. Asif Ghaffar, Incharge Director of Broadcasting and Media Trainings; and Anwar Ali Abro, Consultant on Publications.

SECRETARIES OF CONFERENCES

The following academicians of SMIU fulfilled their responsibilities as secretaries of the five international conferences and one national conference held during the 3rd GRC:

1. **Ms. Quratulain Nazeer Ahmed**, Assistant Professor (International Conference on Management, Business, and Leadership - ICMBL),
2. **Dr. Subhash Guriro**, Associate Professor (International Conference on Media and Social Development - ICMSD)
3. **Mr. Wafa Mansoor Buriro**, Assistant Professor (International Conference on Reimagining Applied Linguistics and Language Practices—ICRALLP),
4. **Dr. Asif Ali Laghari**, Assistant Professor (International Conference on Advances in Artificial Intelligence and Computing - ICAAIC)
5. **Dr. M. Hashim Zuberi**, Assistant Professor (International Conference on Green and Sustainable Environment—ICGSE), and
6. **Prof. Dr. Stephen John** (National Conference on Teacher Education for Sustainable Development-NCTESD).

Day One

On the first day of the GRC, the entire university was decorated with colorful panaflexes, standees, and media walls. Unique artwork representing Sindh Madressatul Islam University was also displayed across various campus walls, along with welcoming slogans placed at different locations throughout the university. Most halls, rooms, and the auditorium in the Main Building, Talpur House, and I.T. Tower were equipped with modern I.T. facilities to host different sessions. The inner courtyard of the Main Building, which also serves as the Administration Block, was arranged for refreshments and meals for national and international guests. Overall, the atmosphere at SMIU was vibrant and festive, reflecting the spirit of the Global Research Congress. This has now become an annual tradition and a distinctive hallmark of the university.



The inauguration ceremony of the 3rd Global Research Congress (3rd GRC-2025), along with five international conferences and one national conference, was held on Wednesday, December 17, 2025, at the Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium.. The event was inaugurated by Dr. Tariq Rafi, Chairman of the Sindh Higher Education Commission (Sindh HEC), along with Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU, Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, Convener of the GRC and Dr. Mansoor Ahmed Khuhro, Secretary of the GRC through the symbolic lighting of a globe, representing the global significance of the congress.

In their addresses, Dr. Tariq Rafi, Prof. Edwina Pio, Dr. Paul McEvoy, and Dr. Maria Isabel Maldonado Garcia, along with Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, emphasized the importance of education and research in national development. The chairman of Sindh HEC and other national and international speakers commended SMIU, its vice chancellor, faculty, and administrative staff for successfully organizing the congress and associated conferences. They also discussed both the opportunities and challenges posed by artificial intelligence.



Dr. Tariq Rafi said that it is a matter of pride for him to attend the much more valuable conference of SMIU, where a significant number of research scholars from Pakistan and abroad have participated.

The chairman of Sindh HEC said we are lacking in research; therefore, research culture must be inculcated in youth and faculty to bring the country to its heights. He said education is playing a fundamental role in the development of a country.

Reciting examples from China, Singapore, and Malaysia, the chairman of Sindh HEC said these countries achieved their development goals after giving top priority to education. "In the 1980s, China was not a world economic power, but the president of that time, Deng Xiaoping, brought a major change in the country by giving priority to education above all things. Today China has emerged as one of the world's economic powers due to its education system," Dr. Tariq Rafi said, adding that Pakistan has 62 percent of the youth population, which can play a significant role in the development of the country.

He said higher education in our country depends on education being imparted at the primary, secondary, and college levels, but unfortunately, education from primary to college is not generating good results.

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, vice chancellor of SMIU, thanked the





chairman of Sindh HEC, Dr. Tariq Rafi, and other national and international guests for participating in the congress and conferences.

He said Sindh Madressatul Islam University has been organizing the Global Research Congress along with international and national conferences for the last three years, which have contributed a lot to motivating academicians to do research work.

He said that this time SMIU has received 312 research papers from the research scholars across the world, which reflect the confidence and trust of researchers in SMIU.

Dr. Sahari said in the last five years SMIU has increased its enrollment from 1800 to 5500 students, overcome the financial deficit, and started to produce PhD students. "Sindh Madressatul Islam has a 141-year legacy of academic excellence, but SMI University is just 13 years old. Despite that fact, the university is strengthening its research culture by taking special efforts," Dr. Sahrai said and expressed gratitude to Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah for his support of the university.

Prof. Edwina Pio, Auckland University of Technology, New Zealand; Dr. Paul McEvoy, Dublin Business School, Ireland; and Dr. Maria Isabel Maldonado Garcia, Professor at the Institute of Languages and Linguistics, University of the Punjab, Lahore, also addressed the inaugural session. They all talked about the advantages and disadvantages of the AI. A brief documentary prepared by SMI on GRC was also screened. Mr. Wafa Mansoor



Buriro, Assistant Professor at SMIU, conducted the ceremony.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by a large number of national and international scholars, including Mr. Shams Ul Haq Memon, former Secretary of Sindh; Retired Justice Kausar Sultana, Vice Chancellor of Shaheed Zulfikar Ali Bhutto University of Law (SZABUL), Karachi; and Dr. Muhammad Ismail Kumbhar of Sindh Agriculture University, Tandojam, as well as faculty members, officers, and students of SMIU.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, Dr. Tariq Rafi and Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai presented souvenirs to the distinguished guests.

Later on, five international conferences and one national conference were also inaugurated at different venues of the university, which were followed by technical and panel discussion sessions on different subjects.



INAUGURATION SESSIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES



Following the inaugural session of the 3rd Global Research Congress, five international conferences and one national conference were inaugurated at different venues. These pictures are from the inauguration session of the 4th International Conference on Management, Business, and Leadership, which was organized by the Faculty of Management, Business Administration, and Commerce at the auditorium of SMIU. SMIU's Assistant Professor Asif Hussain Samo; Dr. Syed Jawad Ahmed; Professor at the Lahore University of Management Sciences; and other scholars spoke on the occasion.

INAUGURATION SESSION OF THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE



These pictures are of the 2nd National Conference on "Teacher Education for Sustainable Development," which was organized by the Faculty of Education at the Senate Hall of the SMIU and was addressed by the Dean of the Faculty of Education Dr. Stephen John and other scholars.



KEYNOTE SPEAKERS' SESSION

SUSTAINABLE INTELLIGENCE: REDEFINING BUSINESS VALUE IN THE AGE OF AI AND CLIMATE RESPONSIBILITY



A keynote speakers' session was held on December 17, 2025, the first and inaugural day of the 3rd Global Research Congress, at the Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium of SMIU.

On this occasion, Dr. Edwina Pio, an emeritus professor of diversity and inclusivity from Auckland University of Technology, New Zealand, spoke at length and emphasized the worth of folk wisdom and indigenous practices, which pass on from generation to generation. The amalgamation of such practices with modern technology and AI may bring forth more-reaching impact on our climate, and we may have sustainable resources for days to come. She stated that it may have been useful to blend our local values with AI & technology to have sustainable business models.

Dr. Mustafa Ozbilgin from Brunel University, London, England, also delivered his talk. He stated and advocated that we need to be more cautious towards our climate and adopt AI carefully to benefit optimally and strive for a sustainable prospect.

Dean of Business Management, IQRA University, Karachi, Dr. Zaki Rashdi, in his speech highlighted the use of sustainable measures to have a greener and more stable business scenario. He urged the use of economic measures to protect our precious resources, which are depleting rapidly.

The Lahore University of Management Sciences top-notch professor Syed Jawad Ahmed explained the role of diverse local knowledge and strategies to cope with modern times challenges such as climate change and have sustainable business models and profit maximization.

In conclusion remarks, Professor Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, Dean of the Faculty of Management & Business Administration at Sindh Madressatul Islam, thanked all keynote speakers for their valuable insights.

DELEGATES VISITING MAZAR-E-QUAID

After completion of the proceedings of the first day of the GRC Sindh Madressatul Islam University arranged a visit for national and international participants of the 3rd GRC, along with the Dean and faculty members, to the Mazar-e-Quaid to pay homage to the Founder of Pakistan, Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, who was also an illustrious alumnus of SMIU. The participants also visited the adjoining museum, where personal belongings and historical relics of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah are preserved and displayed.



PANEL DISCUSSIONS

Panel discussions were a key feature of the Global Research Congress (GRC), bringing together distinguished scholars, academicians, and experts from diverse fields. These sessions provided valuable insights and fostered meaningful dialogue, aligning with one of the core objectives of the GRC: the exchange of knowledge and informed perspectives. A brief report of the panel discussions organized by various faculties and departments of Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU) is presented below.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND MEDIA NARRATIVES IN THE AGE OF AI



On Wednesday, December 17, the first day of the Global Research Congress, the Faculty of Social Sciences organized a panel discussion titled “Climate Change and Media Narratives in the Age of AI” at the Senate Hall of SMIU. The session featured distinguished speakers, including Mr. Nasir Ali Panhwar, Ms. Fatima Majeed (social worker and Chairperson of the Sindh Fisheries), Ms. Zeenia Shaukat, and Professor Dr. Subhash Babu.

In his address, Mr. Nasir Ali Panhwar emphasized the urgent need to strengthen climate change narratives in Pakistan. He noted that public awareness regarding climate policies and global climate action remains limited. Despite Pakistan being a signatory to international climate agreements such as the Paris Agreement and contributing minimally to global greenhouse gas emissions, the country continues to experience disproportionate climate impacts. He stressed the importance of aligning national policies with global commitments to mitigate climate risks.

Mr. Panhwar also highlighted the decline of indigenous, climate-responsive architectural and lifestyle practices, which have increasingly been replaced by Western construction models ill-suited to local environmental conditions. He explained that traditional design elements—such as wind catchers, natural ventilation, and optimal solar orientation—have largely disappeared, leading to negative environmental and health consequences.

Ms. Fatima Majeed underscored the ecological significance of the mangrove forests in the Indus Delta for the environmental sustainability of Karachi. She pointed out that public awareness about mangroves remains critically low and encouraged students and researchers to focus on this vital area. She further

explained that reduced freshwater flows into the Indus Delta have intensified sea intrusion, resulting in the loss of vast tracts of fertile land and posing serious threats to marine biodiversity and local livelihoods.

She also highlighted the adverse effects of unregulated industrial waste disposal into the sea, which has severely damaged marine ecosystems and exacerbated the socioeconomic challenges faced by coastal communities.

Ms. Zeenia Shaukat observed that government engagement with climate policy remains insufficient, while public perception often treats climate change as a distant or elite concern. She provided insights into Pakistan’s recent shift toward solar energy, noting that it has largely been driven by prolonged energy shortages and binding agreements with Independent Power Producers (IPPs), which constrained policy flexibility. Consequently, households increasingly turned to solar energy as an alternative solution. She remarked that Pakistan’s emergence as a major solar market over the past decade was less the result of strategic planning and more a “blessing in disguise” arising from systemic energy challenges.

Ms. Shaukat also critiqued mainstream media for focusing primarily on natural disasters rather than addressing climate change as a long-term structural issue. She argued that such selective framing often aligns with the interests of fossil fuel stakeholders and entrenched political elites.

At the conclusion of the session, souvenirs were presented to the distinguished speakers by Dr. Ambreen Fazal, Chairperson of the Department of Media and Communication Studies, and Dr. Subhash Babu, Chairperson of the Department of Social and Development Studies at SMIU. The session was moderated by Dr. Nousheen Hussain, Lecturer at SMIU.



ROLE OF EDUCATORS IN SHAPING SUSTAINABLE SOCIETIES: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES



A panel discussion on the theme “Role of Educators in Shaping Sustainable Societies: Challenges and Opportunities” was held under the umbrella of the 3rd Global Research Congress (GRC). The session was organized by the Faculty of Education on Wednesday, the first day of the congress, at the Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium of the university.

The session brought together prominent educationists and policymakers, including Professor Shahida Sajjad, Vice Chancellor of Metropolitan University Karachi; Ms. Rana Hussain, educationist and former Minister for Education; and Professor Dr. Amjad Arain, Vice Chancellor of Government College University Hyderabad. The discussion focused on the vital role of educators in promoting sustainability amid ongoing challenges within Pakistan’s education system.

Ms. Rana Hussain highlighted the importance of teacher sustainability, emphasizing that strengthening teachers through effective pedagogical practices, continuous training, and professional development is essential for building sustainable societies. She stressed that empowered and well-supported teachers play a crucial role in shaping students’ values, skills, and social responsibility.

Addressing sustainability in higher education, Professor Shahida Sajjad acknowledged that although significant challenges persist, universities are making continuous efforts to integrate sustainability into their academic frameworks and institutional practices.

Professor Dr. Amjad Arain drew attention to governance gaps in the education sector, noting that while sound policies exist, their implementation often lacks seriousness and consistency. He observed that universities, as the final stage of formal education, are expected to produce graduates capable of contributing positively to society; however, they often receive

students with weak academic foundations due to systemic shortcomings at the school and college levels. He cited alarming statistics, stating that more than 35% of children aged 6–16 are out of school, and referred to the ASER Report 2024, which indicates that in Sindh, over 25% of children cannot write and more than 35% struggle with basic arithmetic.

Comparing Pakistan with countries such as South Korea and Singapore, he noted that their educational success is rooted in rigorous teaching practices, innovation, and well-compensated teaching professions. He cautioned that in Pakistan, an over-reliance on outdated methods and a preference for conformity over creativity continue to hinder educational progress.

The panel collectively emphasized the need for policy reforms aligned with societal needs, contemporary demands, and local contexts, and called for stronger advocacy and accountability mechanisms. The session concluded with closing remarks by Dr. Stephen John, Dean of the Faculty of Education, who thanked the panelists and presented shields and souvenirs in recognition of their valuable contributions.



THE ETHICS OF AI IN LANGUAGE EDUCATION AND RESEARCH



Another panel discussion session was held on the first day of the Global Research Congress (GRC), organized by the Faculty of Language and Culture Studies at the Senate Hall of the university. The topic of the discussion was “Ethics of AI in Language Education and Research.”

Dr. Maria Isabel Maldonado Garcia, Professor at the Institute of Languages and Linguistics, University of the Punjab, Lahore; Dr. Hina Hussain Kazmi, Technical Expert at the Women’s Parliamentary Caucus–Sindh, UN Women; Ms. Sidrah Niaz, Chief Executive Officer of Evolution – Igniting Potential; and Ms. Zahra Khan, Assistant Professor of English at Bahria University, Karachi Campus, participated in the session as panelists. Mr. Wafa Mansoor, Assistant Professor at SMIU, moderated the session.

The panelists discussed education, language, research, and the ethical dimensions of artificial intelligence in detail.





TRANSFORMING KARACHI INTO A SUSTAINABLE AND LIVABLE CITY

On the first day of the 3rd Global Research Congress (GRC), Wednesday, December 17, a panel discussion titled “Transforming Karachi into a Sustainable and Livable City” was organized by the Faculty of Science at the Hashmat Lodi Development Center of Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU). The session featured distinguished speakers, including Mr. Waqar Alam, Senior Hydrogeologist (CSU, USA); Mr. Ahmed Shabbar, Senior Environmentalist and Waste Management Expert; Mr. Yasir Hussain, Director of the Climate Action Centre (CAC); and Mr. Muhammad Imran Sabir, Director (Natural Resources) at the Sindh Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA).

Mr. Waqar Alam emphasized that sustainable urban development in Karachi must begin with science-based groundwater assessment and management. He highlighted the alarming decline in groundwater levels due to unregulated extraction and rapid urbanization, stressing the need for aquifer mapping, monitoring, and data-driven well construction to ensure long-term water security. He further noted that improving groundwater quality is equally critical, as contamination poses serious public health risks.



Mr. Alam advocated for integrated water resource management by linking surface water, groundwater, and urban planning. He underscored the importance of artificial recharge and rainwater harvesting, particularly in densely populated urban areas. He also emphasized the role of community awareness in promoting sustainable water-use practices and called for stronger collaboration among government, academia, and technical experts. Highlighting the need for capacity building, he stressed training local professionals in quantitative hydrogeology and concluded that sustainable ground-



water management is essential for making Karachi a resilient and livable city.

Mr. Ahmed Shabbar emphasized that transforming Karachi into a sustainable city requires placing environmental protection at the core of urban development. He identified solid waste mismanagement as one of the city's most pressing challenges and called for decentralized, community-based waste management systems. He advocated adopting a circular economy approach focused on waste reduction, recycling, and resource recovery, while cautioning against large-scale infrastructure projects that overlook ecological impacts.

Mr. Shabbar also highlighted the importance of protecting Karachi's natural ecosystems, including mangroves and coastal zones. He stressed that citizen engagement and environmental education are key drivers of sustainable urban transformation and concluded that a “Nature First” development approach is essential for long-term resilience and livability.

Mr. Yasir Hussain highlighted that climate-responsive planning is critical for transforming Karachi into a sustainable and livable city. He emphasized the severe impact of poor air quality on public health and urban living conditions, advocating for a transition to clean energy, particularly renewable energy integration in urban infrastructure. He also supported the promotion of electric mobility to reduce emissions and traffic-related pollution.

Mr. Hussain stressed the importance of data-driven climate action and continuous air quality monitoring, while also underscoring the role of cultural spaces in promoting climate awareness and public engagement. He called for the integration of climate action into municipal decision-making processes and emphasized collaboration among policymakers, academia, civil society, and youth. He further noted that behavioral change is as important as technological advancement in addressing climate challenges.

Mr. Muhammad Imran Sabir highlighted the need for improved wastewater treatment systems and effective industrial effluent management. He stressed the importance of transparency and accountability in environmental approvals and monitoring processes, concluding that strong environmental regulation is vital for transforming Karachi into a sustainable and livable megacity.

The session was moderated by Mr. Saquib Ejaz Hussain, an award-winning environmental consultant.

Day-Two

Following the successful completion of the first day of the Global Research Congress (GRC), the second and final day, Thursday, December 18, 2025, continued with renewed energy and enthusiasm among the management of Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU), organizers, volunteers, and students. All responsible personnel resumed their duties from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., ensuring the smooth execution of scheduled activities.

Guests were warmly received at designated venues for technical and panel discussion sessions by SMIU coordinators. Members of the Central Executive Committee remained highly active and vigilant, ensuring that all sessions commenced on time. They closely coordinated with session chairs and co-chairs while overseeing logistical arrangements and technical support at the venues. Meanwhile, the Vice Chancellor welcomed distinguished guests at his office and monitored the proceedings of this major academic event.

LOCALIZING CLIMATE ACTION IN SINDH: CHALLENGES AND ADAPTATION STRATEGIES



A panel discussion on the theme “Localizing Climate Action in Sindh: Challenges and Adaptation Strategies” was held on Thursday, December 18, the second day of the Global Research Congress (GRC), at the Senate Hall of the university. The session was jointly organized by the Faculty of Social Sciences, Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU), and The Knowledge Forum (TKF).

The panel featured Dr. Bushra Khan, Chairperson of the Department of Environmental Sciences at the University of Peshawar; Ms. Zeenia Shaukat, Director of The Knowledge Forum; Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ismail Kumbhar, Professor at Sindh Agriculture University, Tandojam; and journalist and researcher Mr. Basil Andrews.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ismail Kumbhar highlighted the growing impact of changing weather patterns on Pakistan’s agriculture and economy. He noted that temperature variations have significantly affected crop productivity, while sea intrusion in the Indus Delta has rendered vast areas of agricultural land barren.

“Sindh has a diverse geography, including a long coastline, arid and desert zones, river belts, and the Indus Delta. Climate change is impacting all these regions differently, yet severely,” he observed, adding that approximately 4.2 million hectares of land in the Indus Delta have been lost due to sea intrusion.

Referring to the 2022 floods, Dr. Kumbhar stated that the disaster affected nearly 33 million people nationwide, destroyed about 80 percent of standing crops, and caused extensive losses to livestock and infrastructure in Sindh. He also highlighted recurrent heatwaves, heavy rainfall, hill torrents, urban flooding, and the role of the Left Bank Outfall Drain system in exacerbating these challenges, many of which are linked to climate change.

Dr. Kumbhar further noted that although Pakistan has developed national and provincial climate policies, there remains a significant gap in their practical implementation. Citing World Bank estimates, he stated that around 45 percent of the population lives below the poverty line, with climate change further intensifying socio-economic vulnerabilities. He also warned that water in many parts of Sindh is increasingly unsafe for human consumption.

He emphasized the need for climate-smart strategies, including

the revival of indigenous tree species better suited to local climatic conditions.

Dr. Bushra Khan observed that Pakistan contributes only about 0.8 percent to global carbon emissions and ranks relatively low globally, yet remains among the most climate-vulnerable countries. “We are not major emitters, yet we are paying a disproportionate price,” she remarked.

She referred to Pakistan’s commitments under the Paris Agreement, including limiting global temperature rise to 1.5°C and securing climate financing. While Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) have been formulated, she stressed the need for stronger political will and effective implementation to meet these targets.



Dr. Khan also acknowledged a gradual shift in Pakistan’s energy mix toward solar power, noting that the country is gaining recognition for this transition. However, she cautioned that continued reliance on coal-based energy undermines climate goals. She highlighted ongoing climate-smart agricultural initiatives in Gilgit-Baltistan and warned that water scarcity is likely to become one of the most pressing future challenges.

Journalist and researcher Mr. Basil Andrews focused on urban climate issues, particularly in Karachi. He described the city as one of the most densely populated urban centers, with emissions originating from multiple sectors. “Summers in Karachi and across Sindh are becoming longer and more intense,” he noted, calling for immediate mitigation measures.

He suggested practical solutions, including the reuse of kitchen waste and improved urban planning, to reduce emissions and manage rising temperatures.

Ms. Zeenia Shaukat, Director of TKF, emphasized the importance of localized solutions, community engagement, and the integration of indigenous knowledge systems. She noted that these approaches are essential for building climate resilience and effective adaptation strategies in Sindh and across Pakistan.

At the conclusion of the session, souvenirs were presented to the distinguished speakers by Dr. Ambreen Fazal, Chairperson of the Department of Media and Communication Studies, and Dr. Subhash Babu, Chairperson of the Department of Social and Development Studies at SMIU.

CREATING TRANSLINGUAL DIGITAL SPACES FOR SOUTHERN SOLIDARITY



A panel discussion titled “Creating Translingual Digital Spaces for Southern Solidarity: Dialogic Panel” was organized by the Department of English, Faculty of Language and Culture Studies, on Thursday, 18 December 2025, at the Senate Hall of the university. The event brought together distinguished scholars from various universities across Sindh to deliberate on the challenges and possibilities of digital environments in language education and applied linguistics.

The panel featured Prof. Liaquat Ali Channa from Government College University Hyderabad, Dr. Waqar Ali Shah from Mehran University of Engineering and Technology, Jamshoro, and Dr. Asadullah Lashari from the University of Sindh, Thatta Campus. The session was moderated by Mr. Wafa Mansoor, Assistant Professor at Sindh Madressatul Islam University.

The discussion critically examined the role of digital spaces in shaping language learning, knowledge production, and cultural representation. The panelists observed that while digital platforms have created unprecedented opportunities for communication and learning, they are also frequently criticized for perpetuating algorithmic biases, linguistic inequalities, and epistemic hierarchies. Such inequalities often privilege the languages, cultures, and knowledge systems of developed economies, thereby widening the digital divide between the Global North and the Global South.

The panel further highlighted how digital environments can reinforce colonial, patriarchal, and neoliberal ideologies that shape teaching and learning practices. These dynamics may encourage market-driven approaches to education and contribute to the commodification of languages and pedagogies, at times distancing learners from their local contexts, multilingual repertoires, and indigenous knowledge traditions.

Drawing on Southern perspectives and decolonial scholarship, the speakers emphasized the need to reimagine digital spaces in ways that recognize and value local epistemologies, cultures, identities, and intellectual traditions. They argued that multilingual learners should be empowered to challenge racist and exclusionary biases embedded in digital systems and to reclaim digital platforms as sites of critical engagement and knowledge exchange.



The discussion also explored possibilities within English Language Teaching (ELT) and Applied Linguistics in Pakistan to cultivate new forms of solidarity grounded in praxis. The panelists suggested that educators, researchers, and students collaborate to develop pedagogical approaches that promote linguistic diversity, social justice, and inclusive digital practices.

The session concluded with an engaging interaction between the panelists and the audience, during which participants reflected on practical strategies for building translingual and equitable digital spaces. Overall, the panel served as a significant platform for fostering dialogue on how scholars and educators in the Global South can collectively rethink digital environments to support socially just and culturally responsive futures.



ETHICAL AI FOR SOCIAL GOOD

The Department of Artificial Intelligence and Mathematical Sciences at SMIU successfully organized a panel discussion titled “Ethical AI for Social Good: Addressing Pakistan’s Pressing Challenges in Health, Education, and Governance.” The session was held on Thursday, 18 December 2025, at the Youth Development Centre as part of the 3rd Global Research Congress and the 1st International Conference on Advances in Artificial Intelligence and Computing.

The event brought together distinguished experts from academia, industry, and government to deliberate on the transformative potential of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in addressing critical societal challenges in Pakistan.

The panel featured Dr. Ubaida Fatima, AI and Social Network Analyst at NED University, Karachi; Mr. Mehboob Shar, Founder and CEO of iCreativez Technologies; Dr. Muhammad Bilal Azmi, Associate Professor at Dow Medical College; and Dr. Rana Shahzad Qaiser, Director General of the Information Science and Technology Department, Government of Sindh. The session was moderated by Dr. Imtiaz Husain, Assistant Professor in the Department of Artificial Intelligence and Mathematical Sciences at SMIU.

The discussion focused on the ethical deployment of AI technologies in key sectors, particularly healthcare, education, and governance. The panelists highlighted the potential of AI-driven solutions to enhance healthcare diagnostics, expand access to quality education through adaptive learning systems, and improve transparency and efficiency in governance. At the same time, they critically examined ethical concerns associated with AI, including data privacy, algorithmic bias, accountability, and the widening digital divide.

Dr. Ubaida Fatima emphasized the importance of developing responsible AI frameworks that ensure fairness, transparency, and inclusivity in data-driven decision-making. Mr. Mehboob Shar provided industry perspectives, demonstrating how AI innovations can be scaled for social impact while maintaining ethical standards. Dr. Muhammad Bilal Azmi discussed the application of AI in medical diagnostics and public health, underscoring the need for strong regulatory oversight to protect patient data and ensure reliability. Dr. Rana Shahzad Qaiser highlighted government initiatives and policy challenges in integrating AI into public sector operations, stressing the importance of ethical governance models.



The moderator, Dr. Imtiaz Husain, effectively guided the discussion by raising critical questions about balancing technological advancement with ethical responsibility. The session fostered an interactive dialogue, enabling participants to engage with the panelists on practical challenges and future directions for AI in Pakistan.

A key outcome of the discussion was the shared consensus that, while AI holds immense promise for socio-economic development, its implementation must be guided by robust ethical principles, interdisciplinary collaboration, and context-specific policy frameworks. The panelists collectively emphasized the importance of capacity building, research innovation, and stakeholder engagement to ensure that AI technologies align with societal values and national priorities.



VICE CHANCELLORS' SESSION



The “Vice Chancellors’ Session” was one of the most significant highlights of the 3rd Global Research Congress (GRC-25). It was held on Thursday, December 18, 2025—the second and concluding day of the congress—at the Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium.

The session featured distinguished panelists, including Prof. Dr. Muhammad Tufail, Vice Chancellor of NED University of Engineering and Technology, Karachi; Prof. Dr. Fateh Muhammad Marri, Vice Chancellor of the University of Sindh, Jamshoro; Prof. Dr. Wasim Qazi, Vice Chancellor of Karachi Metropolitan University; and Prof. Edwina Pio from Auckland

University of Technology, New Zealand. The panelists shared their perspectives on a wide range of topics, including artificial intelligence, university leadership, agriculture, the relationship between general, technical, and medical universities, entrepreneurship, global rankings, financial sustainability, and other key issues in higher education.

The theme of the session was “Future-Ready Universities: Leveraging Leadership to Build Globally Competitive and So-



cially Impactful Higher Education in Pakistan.”

During the discussion, the panelists emphasized how faculty members, researchers, and students can effectively leverage opportunities emerging from the AI era to enhance global competitiveness. The session began with an introduction by Mr. Wafa Mansoor Buriro, Assistant Professor at SMIU.

The session was attended by the Vice Chancellor of SMIU, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai; Prof. Dr. Misbah Qureshi, Pro-Vice Chancellor of the University of Sindh (Thatta Campus); as well as faculty members, officers, and students. Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, Dean of SMIU and Convener of the 3rd GRC, conducted the session. At the conclusion, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai presented shields to the distinguished guests in recognition of their participation.



TECHNICAL SESSIONS



The SMIU organized 39 parallel technical sessions during the two days of the 3rd GRC, in which more than 25 international and national scholars participated. In addition, about 78 academicians attended the sessions as chairs and co-chairs.

The Faculty of Sciences organized six technical sessions, providing a platform for research presentations on a wide range of contemporary scientific and environmental issues. The Faculty of Information Technology, Management and Business Administration, and Language and Culture each organized seven sessions, while the Faculty of Social Sciences organized eight sessions and the Faculty of Education organized four. These sessions were attended by more than 78 distinguished national and international scholars and academicians who presented their research papers.

These sessions provided a valuable academic platform for emerging researchers to present innovative ideas and practical solutions of multiple issues ranging from AI to pressing environment and societal challenges. Faculty members and participants appreciated the quality of the research and highlighted the importance of such scholarly engagements in fostering scientific awareness and pro-

moting sustainable development.

A brief account of the national and international speakers and chairs and co-chairs is given below:

1. International Conference on Advances in AI & Computing (ICAAIC-25)

National & International Scholars:

- Dr. Paul McEvoy (Ireland)
- Prof. Dr. Mohammad Reza (Iran)
- Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ibrahim Channa
- Prof. Dr. Tariq Mahmood

Chairs & Co-Chairs:

- Prof. Dr. Najeed Ahmed Khan / Dr. Syed Asif Ali
- Prof. Dr. Tariq Rahim Soomro / Prof. Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan
- Prof. Dr. Amir Mehmood / Dr. Sarmad Ahmed Shaikh
- Dr. Engr. H. M. Zahid Tunio / Dr. Haque Nawaz Lashari
- Dr. Syeda Saleha Raza / Dr. Abdullah Ayoob Khan
- Prof. Dr. Nadeem Mehmood / Dr. Muhammad Ali

- Prof. Dr. Shafiq-ur-Rehman Massan / Dr. Sarmad Ahmed Shaikh

Number of Technical Sessions: 07

2. International Conference on Management, Business & Leadership (ICMBL)

National & International Scholars:

- Prof. Dr. Mustafa Ozbilgin (London)
- Prof. Dr. Zaki Rashdi
- Prof. Dr. Mohsin Ali Soomro
- Prof. Dr. Jawad Syed

Chairs & Co-Chairs:

- Prof. Dr. Zaki Rashdi / Dr. Muhammad Mujtaba
- Prof. Dr. Saqib Sharif / Dr. Muhammad Asad Ali
- Prof. Dr. Mohsin Ali Soomro / Dr. Muhammad Mujtaba
- Prof. Dr. Jawad Syed / Dr. Muhammad Adnan
- Prof. Dr. Paul Joesph MC Evoy / Dr. Maheen Iqbal
- Prof. Dr. Edwina Pio / Dr. Muhammad Adnan
- Prof. Dr. Zahid Ali Channar / Dr. Muhammad Adnan

Number of Technical Sessions: 07

3. International Conference on Media & Social Development (ICMSD)

National & International Scholars:

- Prof. Dr. Donna Halper, Perdue University / Lesley University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, USA
- Prof. Dr. Ishak Sobhi, Universiti Kebangsaan, Malaysia
- Prof. Dr. Nadeem Javaid, PIDE
- Prof. Dr. Ismail Kumbhar, Sindh Agriculture University, Tandojam

Chairs & Co-Chairs

- Prof. Dr. Rafia Taj / Dr. Muhammad Ramzan Pahore

- Prof. Dr. Kaneez Fatima Mamdani / Dr. Sara Wahid
- Prof. Dr. Mumtaz Khaskheli / Dr. Ambreen Fazal
- Prof. Dr. Norsiah Hamid / Prof. Dr. Razaq Adisa
- Dr. Fayaz Hussain Tunio / Dr. Sumera Memon
- Prof. Dr. Riaz Ahmed Shaikh / Muhammad Ali Panhyar
- Dr. Fouzia Naz / Dr. Syed Khurram Mehdi
- Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ismail Kumbhar / Dr. Mahe Darakhshan

Number of Technical Sessions: 08

4. International Conference on Applied Linguistics and Language Practices (ICRALLP)

National & International Scholars:

- Dr. Benet Vincent (England)
- Prof. Ahmed Bashir
- Dr. María Isabel Maldonado García
- Dr. Hina Hussain Kazmi
- Ms. Sidrah Niaz
- Ms. Zahra Khan

Chairs & Co-Chairs

- Maria Isabel Maldonado Garcia / Ms. Zahra Khan
- Dr. Hina Hussain Kazmi / Ms. Sidrah Niaz
- Ms. Kishwar Nazli / Ms. Zahra Khan
- Dr. Sahib Khatoon / Mr. Wafa Mansoor Buriro
- Dr. Abdullah Laghari / Dr. Waqar Ali Shah
- Dr. Asadullah Lashari / Mr. Hatesh Kumar
- Dr. Waqar Ali Shah / Dr. Abdul Malik Abbasi

Number of Technical Sessions: 07

5. International Conference on Green & Sustainable Environment (ICGSE)

National & International Scholars:

- Dr. Bushra Khan
- Mr. Shamsul Haq Memon
- Dr. Masood Parwaiz



- Dr. Abdul Ghaffar
- Dr. Nuzhat Khan
- Dr. Sana Hussain
- Dr. Falak Shad Memon

Chairs & Co-Chairs:

- Dr. Bushra Khan / Dr. Kabir Ghoto
- Dr. Abdul Ghaffar / Dr. Imran Ali
- Dr. Bushra Khan / Dr. M. Hashim Zuberi
- Dr. Nuzhat Khan / Dr. Altaf Hussain Lahori
- Dr. Sana Hussain / Dr. Kabir Ghoto
- Dr. Falak Shad Memon / Dr. M. Hashim Zuberi

No. of Technical Session: 6

6. National Conference on Teacher Education & Sustainable Development (NCTESD)

Chairs & Co-Chairs:

- Dr. Safia Urooj / Ms. Nadia Saeed
- Dr. Ghulam Muhiuddin Solangi / Dr. Abdul Karim Suhag
- Dr. Naeem Akhter Rana / Dr. Sumbul Ansar
- Dr. Mahboob Ali Dehraj / Ms. Shagufta Khokher
- Dr. Rukhshanda Jabeen / Dr. Inayatullah Magsi

- Dr. Saima Mehmood / Mr. Muhammad Imran
- Prof. Dr. Anjum Bano / Dr. Umair Rais Uddin
- Dr. Khadim Hussain Dahri / Mr. Muhammad Ali Panhyar
- Dr. Victoria Joseph / Ms. Nadia Saeed
- Dr. Kamal Haider / Dr. Abdul Karim Suhag
- Dr. Farida Lodhi / Mr. Syed Mir Syed
- Prof. Dr. Shagufta Shahzadi / Ms. Kishwar Nazli
- Dr. Mahboob Ali Dehraj / Mr. Muhammad Ali Panhyar
- Dr. Shaista Naz / Mr. Ali Orangzeb
- Dr. Ann Samson / Dr. Umair Rais Uddin
- Dr. Lubna Oad / Dr. Inayatullah Magsi
- Dr. Ghulam Muhiuddin Solangi / Ms. Nadia Saeed
- Dr. Rabia Aslam / Dr. Abdul Karim Suhag
- Dr. Abdul Jabbar Dahri / Mr. Asif Awan
- Dr. Safia Urooj / Dr. Sumbul Ansar
- Dr. Alamgir Shah / Dr. Umair Rais
- Dr. Shahnawaz Tunio / Dr. Inayatullah Magsi
- Dr. Akhter Kang / Prof. Dr. Stephen John
- Dr. Nazir Ahmed / Mr. Muhammad Imran

TECHNICAL SESSIONS *in pictures*









SOME GLIMPSES OF THE GRC





The two-day 3rd Global Research Congress of Sindh Madressatul Islam University—comprising five international and one national conference—successfully concluded on Thursday, December 18, 2025, with participants expressing great satisfaction over its outcomes. Sindh Minister for Universities and Boards, Mr. Muhammad Ismail Rahoo chaired the ceremony. The event served as a landmark academic gathering, bringing together national and international scholars, researchers, academicians, policymakers, industry experts, faculty members, and students to deliberate on pressing national and global challenges.

Sindh Minister for Universities and Boards, Mr. Muhammad Ismail Rahoo, commended SMIU for its academic



growth and reaffirmed the government's support for research-based policymaking. He encouraged the university to formally share key research outcomes with the Government of Sindh. Highlighting SMIU's historic role in promot-





ing modern education, he noted its special significance as the alma mater of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah. He further stated that the Government of Sindh, under the leadership of Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah and with the support of the Sindh Higher Education Commission, is actively striving to enhance the quality of education at all levels.

He emphasized the need for researchers who can explore new avenues for national development and remarked that such research conferences play a vital role in strengthen-

He expressed gratitude to all national and international participants and congratulated the organizers—particularly the faculty—for their leadership in successfully executing the congress. He also appreciated the efforts of volunteers, officers, students, and staff.

International keynote speaker Dr. Paul McEvoy from



ing the country's research culture. He also urged universities to move beyond traditional curricula and address broader issues related to human development and social integration in the digital age.

Dr. Sarosh Hashmat Lodi, Chairman of the Charter Inspection and Evaluation Committee, also appreciated SMIU's efforts in organizing an international academic event of this scale, noting its importance in promoting research culture across the country. He specifically acknowledged the contributions of Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai in advancing quality education and research initiatives.

In his concluding remarks, Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai described the Global Research Congress as a flagship academic initiative of SMIU. He reaffirmed the university's commitment to disseminating and implementing research recommendations at both national and international levels.





Dublin Business School, Ireland, praised the academic rigor of the congress and commended Pakistan's hospitality, expressing interest in future institutional collaborations.

During the concluding session, the Convener of the 3rd GRC 2025, Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, presented a comprehensive report on the proceedings and key outcomes of the two-day event. He reported that over 400 research papers were submitted, of which 228 peer-reviewed papers were presented across multiple parallel technical sessions. The discussions generated valuable insights and practical recommendations in areas such as artificial intelligence, climate change, sustainable development, education, media, business, and social sciences.

The congress concluded with a renewed commitment to advancing ethical research, inclusive education, and sustain-

able development in future editions of the Global Research Congress.

At the end of the session, Muhammad Ismail Rahoo and Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai distributed shields to the convener, secretary, members of the Central Executive Committee, session chairpersons, and other organizers. The proceedings were conducted by Mr. Wafa Mansoor Buriro, Assistant Professor at SMIU.

The concluding ceremony was attended by Muhammad Abbas Baloch, Secretary of Universities and Boards, Government of Sindh; Dr. Fateh Muhammad Marri, Vice Chancellor of the University of Sindh; Prof. Dr. Misbah Qureshi, Pro-Vice Chancellor of the University of Sindh (Thatta Campus); along with a large number of national and international scholars, academicians, faculty members, officers, and students.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Congress put forward several key recommendations, including the formulation of ethical national frameworks for artificial intelligence, the promotion of renewable energy initiatives, green urban planning, and eco-friendly housing solutions. It also emphasized the increased integration of artificial intelligence and data analytics in public health, governance, and climate risk management to address emerging national and global challenges effectively.

The recommendations were presented by the GRC convener, Professor Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, which were endorsed by the participants, who requested the government to implement them.



RECOGNITION



Among the recipients of awards were Convener of the GRC Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto; secretary of the GRC Dr. Mansoor Ahmed Khuhro; members Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Mr. Asif Hussain Samo, Ms. Quratulain Nazeer Ahmed, Prof. Dr. Stephen John, Dr. Subhash Guriro, Dr. Ambreen Fazal, Dr. Hina Shehnaz, Mr. Wafa Mansoor Buriro, Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Shaikh, Mr. Yasir Shaukat, Dr. Muhammad Adnan Khurshid, Mr. Shahid Obaid, Mr. Poorab Sarhan, Dr. Asif Ali Laghari, Dr. Imtiaz Husain, Mr. Imran Khan, Dr. M. Hashim Zuberi, Mr. Khalid Hassan, Dr. Muhammad Kamil Lakho, Dr. Sumera Memon, Mr. Hatesh Kumar, Syeda Kiran Shirazi, Dr. Abdul Karim Suhag, Mr. Abdul Waheed Jatoi, and Mr. Asif Ghaffar.

Mr. Mohammad Ismail Rahoo, Provincial Minister for Universities and Boards, Government of Sindh; Dr. Sarosh Hashmat Lodi, Chairman of the Charter Inspection and Evolution Committee; Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU; and Mr. Muhammad Abbas Baloch, Secretary of Universities and Boards, presented awards to the CEC members of the GRC, secretaries of different conferences, and faculty members who actively participated in organization of the GRC, in the concluding ceremony of the Congress, held on December 18, 2025, at the Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium.

Sindh Madressatul Islam University has 9 students' societies, through whose platform students continue to engage in various healthy activities. Along with this, they also play their role as volunteers in important events organized by the university. During the two days of the GRC, various groups of students also performed their responsibilities with great enthusiasm and passion. Appreciating their hard work and efforts, the Vice Chancellor of the university, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, and the organizers of the GRC gave them recognition awards.



AWARD/CERTIFICATE DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY



Like the previous Global Research Congresses, SMIU upheld its tradition of recognizing the services of its employees during the 3rd Global Research Congress. In this regard, an award and certificate distribution ceremony was held at SMIU's auditorium, presided over by Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai.

On this occasion, the Vice Chancellor distributed



shields and appreciation certificates to employees, including faculty, officers, lab assistants, drivers, peons, cleaning staff, security guards, and other personnel. They all worked enthusiastically during the GRC. This recognition brought smiles to their faces as SMIU valued their contributions and honored their services.



Faculty members of SMIU—Dr. Sarmad Ahmed Shaikh, Assistant Professor; Ms. Saima Sipy Nangraj, Lecturer; Mr. Basit Hassan, Lecturer; Syed Muhammad Hassan, Lecturer; Mr. Shafique Ahmed, Lecturer; Mu-

hammad Danish Mujtaba, Lecturer; Syeda Nazia Ashraf, Lecturer; Ms. Suman Talreja, Lecturer and Ms. Shiza Riaz Memon, Lecturer are receiving awards from Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU.



Syed Mazhar Ali Shah, Deputy Director HRM; Mr. Mumtaz Ali Soomro, Additional Director of Examinations; Mr. Mushtaq Muhammad Gopang, Radio Producer; Mr. Sajid Ali Lashari, Deputy Registrar (Staff); Muhammad Adeel Mughal, Assistant Registrar (In charge of Security & Safety); Mr. Tariq Aziz Gorar, Assistant Librarian; Mr. Ghulam Ali Ramejo, Assistant Registrar (In charge of Caretaking); Ms. Nadia Kiran, Deputy Librarian; Ms. Sumaira, Assistant Programs Manager; and Muhammad Nasir Rafi, Photographer, are receiving awards from the Vice Chancellor, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, in recognition of their contribution to the 3rd GRC.



Mr. Zulfiqar Ali Mallah, Office Assistant; Mr. Zeeshan Bajwa; Mr. Ajiar Ali Soomro, Steno-typist; Mr. Sudheer Ahmed, Office Assistant; Mr. Asif Ali Abbasi, Carpenter; Mr. Ali Muhammad; Mr. Asif Ali Abbasi, Non-Linear Editor TV; Muhammad Idris; Mr. Junaaid Sarwar, Office Assistant; Mr. Muhammad Yousuf, Electrician; Mr. Usama Ibrahim, Audio Switcher Operator TV; and others are receiving appreciation certificates from Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU.



Peons of SMIU – Shah Jahan, Summair, Qutubuddin, Mohammad Wakeel, Bakhshal, Ali Gohar, Ahmed, Junaid Ahmed, and Sirajuddin are receiving appreciation certificates from the vice chancellor, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai.



Security guards of SMIU—Mohammad Ameen, Pir Syed, Jahan Zaib, Muneer Ahmed, Gulab, and Mohammad Afzal—are receiving appreciation certificates from the vice chancellor, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai.



Drivers of SMIU – Ghulam Samdani, Naimatullah, Ghulam Hussain, Abdul Hameed, Nisar Ahmed, Ali Raza, and Mohammad Rafique Korae are receiving appreciation certificates from the vice chancellor, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai.



Cleaning workers of SMIU—Anil Kumar, Balam, Geeta, and Tooshal—are receiving appreciation certificates from the vice chancellor, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai.



The first picture shows the Minister for Universities and Boards, Mr. Ismail Rahu, and the Vice Chancellor of SMIU, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, meeting at the Vice Chancellor's office on the closing day of the 3rd GRC. In the second picture, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai is meeting with the Congress participants, including noted educationist Muhammad Ismail Kumbhar and environmentalist Mr. Nasir Ali Panhwar. Dr. Subhash Babu is also present on the occasion.

MEDIA COVERAGE

The Global Research Congress received extensive media coverage. Sindh Madressatul Islam University extends its sincere appreciation to the editors, news editors, directors, reporters, and other media professionals from various newspapers, television channels, and digital platforms for their valuable support and cooperation extended during the two-day event held on December 17–18, 2025, at the SMIU.



REFRESHMENT

It has also been SMIU's tradition to provide refreshments to the guests invited to any small or big event. Thus, on the occasion of GRC, refreshments and food were arranged for the guests within the university.





MUSICAL PROGRAM

It is generally believed that music is a food for the soul, and it is also true that music acts as a form of spiritual therapy in the present era. It has been a tradition of SMIU that at the end of any of its mega events, music is arranged so that local and foreign guests can be acquainted with its rich folk and national music.

This time too, keeping the same tradition alive, after the conclusion of all the technical activities of the GRC, a musical program was organized in the evening at the inner courtyard of the beautiful Main Building of the university, in which local singers showcased their art. The event was attended by a large number of guests participating in the Congress, faculty, officers and students of the university.





SMIU celebrated the 78th Independence Day of Pakistan and Ma'arka-e-Haq from August 01 to August 14, 2025, with national spirit. During these days, different indoor and outdoor activities were organized by different students' societies of the university in collaboration with the Directorate of Students Affairs (DSA). The Sports Gala was also a part of the celebrations. Different teams of SMIU's students, officers, and other employees participated in table tennis, chess, cricket, tug of war, etc. Happily, the winners of these sports were given shields and appreciation certificates by the vice chancellor, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, on the occasion of the Independence Day Celebration and Ma'arka-e-Haq held on 14th August, 2025, at SMIU.

SPORTING SALUTE TO OUR HEROES: HONOURING DEFENCE & MARTYRS DAY



The Sports Section of Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU) organized the “SMIU–SZABIST Defence & Martyrs Day Table Tennis Cup 2025” on 4th September 2025. The tournament concluded with SMIU emerging as the winner, while the combined SMIU–SZABIST team secured the runner-up position.

More than a competition, the event served as a heartfelt tribute to the courage and sacrifice of Pakistan’s martyrs. It showcased a spirited display of friendly rivalry, national pride, and sporting excellence, honoring the heroes who laid down their lives for the nation.

The ceremony was graced by SZABIST officials Mr. Usama Khalid and Mr. Naveed Wassan, while Mr. Muhammad Naeem Ahmed, Director of Student Affairs (DSA) at SMIU, presented bouquets to the guests and distributed certificates to all partici-



pants. The DSA team, including Ms. Qurratulain Memon (Senior Manager), Ms. Zonaira Jalali (Manager), and Mr. Muhammad Kashif (Sports Officer), also attended the ceremony.

In a report shared on their social media pages, SZABIST extended heartfelt thanks to SMIU, Karachi, for their warm hospitality and for partnering in commemorating this meaningful day through the power of sport.

THE HEC INTERVARSITY ZONE-L TABLE TENNIS (MEN) CHAMPIONSHIP 2025-26

The two-day HEC Intervarsity Zone-L Table Tennis (Men) Championship 2025-26 was held on 16th and 17th October 2025 at SMIU. From the first serve to the final point, the



atmosphere at SMIU’s YDC Indoor Sports Hall was electric, as 10 universities competed with remarkable energy and enthusiasm.

The championship kicked off with intense battles, with players from across Karachi showcasing their skill and determination, setting the stage for a thrilling finale. The grand finals lived up to every expectation, with displays of exceptional talent, strategy, and composure.



After a fierce contest, the champions emerged victorious, earning a well-deserved round of applause for their remarkable performance. Congratulations to all our podium heroes!

SINGLES CHAMPION: Furqan (Iqra University)

RUNNER-UP: Raza (Iqra University)

THIRD POSITION: Sabahat (Hamdard University)

DOUBLES CHAMPIONS: Furqan & Raza (Iqra University)

RUNNER-UP: Salman & Ahsan (SZABIST)

THIRD POSITION:

Azeem & Daniyal (SMI University)

The championship concluded with a prestigious closing ceremony, graced by the chief guest, Prof. Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Dean of the Faculty of IT and Advisor to the Vice Chancellor on Academic Affairs at SMIU. During the ceremony, Dr. Khan commended the efforts of the Sports Section and specially congratulated Mr. Muhammad Kashif, Sports Officer, for organizing the event in an exemplary and successful manner.

Heartfelt thanks were extended to all athletes, team managers, technical officials, and the HEC Sports Division for their invaluable contributions in making this championship a grand success.

HEC INTERVARSITY ZONE-L BADMINTON (MEN) CHAMPIONSHIP 2025-26

The Sports Section – DSA&C of Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU), Karachi, proudly organized the 3-Day HEC Intervarsity Zone-L Badminton (Men) Championship 2025-26 in collaboration with the HEC Sports & Co-Curricular Division, Islamabad, from 4th to 6th November 2025.

The thrilling three-day championship featured top teams from 11 universities, showcasing exceptional sportsmanship, teamwork, and fair play. The event commenced with an inspiring



Opening Ceremony, graced by Engr. Shah Naeem Zafar, General Secretary of the Pakistan Volleyball Federation, and concluded with a memorable Prize Distribution Ceremony led by Mr. Bux Ali, Vice President of the Sindh Badminton Association.

WINNERS – SINGLES CATEGORY:

- 1st: Mr. Fayaz (UoK)
- 2nd: Mr. Husnain (IU)
- 3rd: Mr. Arslan (SMIU)
- 3rd: Mr. Aahil (SBBDU)

Winners – Doubles Category:

- 1st: Khalil & Husnain (IU)
- 2nd: Fayaz & Mirza (UoK)
- 3rd: Yousuf & Sohail (HU)
- 3rd: Iftikhar & Arslan (SMIU)



SMIU extends heartfelt congratulations to all participants and expresses sincere appreciation to the HEC Sports Division, the Sindh Badminton Association, and the university management for their invaluable support in making the event a resounding success.

The Vice Chancellor of SMIU, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, also congratulated Mr. Muhammad Naeem Ahmed, Director of the DSA; Mr. Muhammad Kashif, Sports Officer; and the entire DSA team for their exemplary efforts in organizing the championship successfully.



THE 43RD HEC ALL-PAKISTAN INTERVARSITY TENNIS (MEN) CHAMPIONSHIP 2025-26

VICE CHANCELLOR OF SMIU

DR. MUJEEB SAHRAI INAUGURATED THE OPENING CEREMONY

The three-day 43rd HEC All-Pakistan Intersvarsity Tennis (Men) Championship 2025-26 was held at the Naya Nazimabad Gymkhana Club, Karachi, from 27th to 29th November 2025, with 24 universities from across Pakistan participating. Sindh Madresatul Islam University (SMIU) proudly hosted the championship, with all arrangements expertly managed by SMIU's Directorate of Student Affairs and Counselling (DSA) and the Sports Section.

The championship was inaugurated by Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU, at the Naya Nazimabad Gymkhana Club. In his address, he commended the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan (HEC) for promoting sports nationwide and encouraging youth engagement in healthy activities. He also praised the dedication and efforts of the university players who competed in the championship.





Dr. Sahrai highlighted the importance of motivating and inspiring Pakistan's youth to achieve success. He emphasized that sports play a crucial role in fostering national unity, brotherhood, tolerance, and healthy competition among young people, and stressed the need to cultivate a strong sports culture across the country. He further commended SMIU Sports Officer Mr. Kashif Ahmed, Director DSA Mr. Muhammad Naeem Ahmed, the DSA team, and the Sports and Youth Affairs Department of the Government of Sindh for their exceptional efforts in organizing the championship.

During the ceremony, Dr. Sahrai presented shields to the managers of all participating teams, as well as to Director DSA Mr. Muhammad Naeem Ahmed, Deans Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, and Dr. Stephen John, SMIU Sports Officer Mr. Kashif Ahmed, and other key contributors.

The participating universities included: University of Lahore, LUMS Lahore, UVAS Lahore, UCP Lahore, Superior University Lahore, GCU Lahore, University of Punjab, UMT Lahore, Beaconhouse National University Faisalabad, Comsats University Islamabad, NUST Islamabad, LUMHS Jamshoro, Isra University Hyderabad, SZ-ABIST Karachi, Sindh Madressatul Islam University Karachi, University of Karachi, IBA Karachi, IoBM Karachi, Nazeer Hussain University Karachi, SBB Dewan Uni-



versity Karachi, Bahria University Karachi Campus, SSUET Karachi, and Hamdard University Karachi.



On 2nd December 2025, the SMIU Tennis (Women) team participated in the 46th HEC All Pakistan Intersarsity Tennis (Women) Championship 2025-26 organized by SSUET, Karachi.



MoU SIGNING Ceremonies

SMIU and Savaira Sign MoU

Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU) and Savaira, a division of the Soorty Foundation, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 28th August 2025 to collaborate on mental health awareness and support initiatives. The MoU was signed by Dr. Mansoor Ahmed Khuhro, Director of ORIC at SMIU, and Mr. Shakeel Ahmed, Director of Programs at Savaira. Representatives from ORIC and the Directorate of Student Affairs (DSA), SMIU, also attended the ceremony. This partnership reflects a shared commitment to promoting mental well-being and fostering a supportive environment for students and the wider community.



SMIU'S FACULTY OF I.T. INKS MoU WITH ICREATIVEZ TECHNOLOGIES



Sindh Madressatul Islam University's Faculty of I.T. and iCreativez Technologies signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on October 29, 2025, at a ceremony held at the Senate Hall of the university. Dean of the faculty Prof. Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan and Mr. Mahboob Shar, founder & CEO of iCreativez Technologies, signed the MoU. According to the agreement, both the organizations shall jointly work in the fields of technology and research.



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