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## SMI University pays tribute to alumnus Muhammad Ibrahim Joyo

By Abdul Bari

KARACHI: Sindh Madressatul Islam University organized literary reference in the honor of its alumnus and former teacher late Mohammad Ibrahim Joyo on November 19 in the inner courtyard of the university.

The literary reference was attended by eminent scholars, intellectuals and writers including Noorul Huda Shah, family of Rasool Bux Palijo, deans, chairpersons, faculty, staff members and students of SMIU, in a large number. While addressing the gathering, Pakistan's senior politician, intellectual, writer and former student of SMI, Mr. Rasool Bux Palijo said, "Mohammad Ibrahim Joyo was a great theorist of Pakistan and an extraordinary person, who had never compromised on his principles, struggled for fundamental rights of common man and worked for Sindhi literature and language till his death."

Mr. Rasool Bux Palijo, 87, had remained student of Mr. Mohammad Ibrahim Joyo at Sindh Madressatul Islam in 1940s. He was of the opinion that Mohammad Ibrahim Joyo didn't commit a single mistake in his entire life of 102 years and proved to be an exemplary man.

He further said that, "Joyo Sahab gave the society ideals and values of simplicity, selflessness, humbleness, love for human being and consciousness for basic rights of common folk." Another stalwart of Sindhi literature and progressive thinker of the country.

Mr. Palijo shared that no one can even imagine the level of knowledge of Mohammad Ibrahim Joyo regarding the world history. Recalling his school days at Sindh Madressatul Islam University, Mr. Palijo said that Mohammad Ibrahim Joyo didn't teach students

to pass exams only, but he wanted to groom the personalities of students as the individual who have social and national consciousness, love and respect for people and who can play their role for the betterment of nation and society.

Dr. Mohammad Ali Shaikh, Vice Chancellor of SMIU in his welcome address said that hon. Mohammad Ibrahim Joyo had a deep association with his Alma-Mater Sindh Madressatul Islam, which was spread over fifteen years as Mr. Joyo enrolled at SMI in 1930, when another great scholar and former student of SMI, Dr. Umer Bin Mohammad Daudpoto was its Principal.

He passed his matriculation in 1934 and joined SMI as a teacher in 1938 remained associated till 1947. Dr. Shaikh further said, "Joyo sahib was a committed and dedicated educationist and intellectual of the country."

Prominent columnist and writer Ms. Zahida Hina said that Mohammad Ibrahim Joyo had remained as a shelter for us for almost one century. He was against extremism of all kinds and exploitation of people. "Another Mohammad Ibrahim Joyo will not born again," she added.

Mr. Mazhar Jameel, a biographer of Mohammad Ibrahim Joyo said that every aspect of his life needs to be followed as he worked for neglected people of society. "After creation of Pakistan, he had a great opportunity to participate in politics because at that time Sindh was being changed, but he preferred to work intellectually and make people awake through his work" Mr. Mazhar Jameel said.

Mr. Mazharul Haq Siddiqui, Former VC, University of Sindh in his speech said that Mohammad Ibrahim Joyo always thought about betterment and bright future of youth.

While recalling an incident of University of Sindh, Mr. Siddiqui said

that he had rusticated some students from the university but Joyo sahib became disturbed on the situation over such an act and was of the view that students should be given another punishment, but they should not be expelled from the university because

dreams of their poor parents will be shattered.

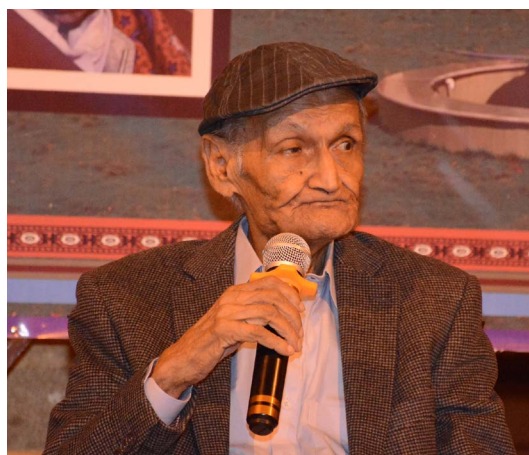
Prof. Saleem Memon, Dr. Fahmida Hussain, Dr. Ayub Shaikh, Mr. Anees Memon and Mohsin Joyo also paid tribute to late Mohammad Ibrahim Joyo, who passed away on

November 9, 2017.

They also highlighted his services rendered for Sindh's education, literature, language and culture. SMIU also screened a documentary about life and services of Mohammad Ibrahim Joyo.



INNER COURTYARD, SMIU: Vice Chancellor of Sindh Madressatul Islam University Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ali Shaikh speaking on the occasion. — Muhammad Nasir Rafi /SMIU



INNER COURTYARD, SMIU: Mr. Rasool Bux Palijo sharing his views. — Muhammad Nasir Rafi /SMIU



INNER COURTYARD, SMIU: VC of SMIU with the family of late M. Ibrahim Joyo and friends. — Muhammad Nasir Rafi /SMIU



## SBI Chairperson Naheed Memon delivers lecture at SMIU

By Sagar Sammy

KARACHI: Ms. Naheed Memon, Chairperson Sindh Board of Investment visited SMIU on October 16 to deliver a lecture to students, faculty and staff members on Investment opportunities in Sindh.

In her speech, she said that due to the development of technology in the country; the industries have been redesigned. There are so many opportunities that are waiting for the students not only at national but also at international level. In order to highlight the importance of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), she said that CPEC is a mega project.

It will link with many countries to Pakistan. Due to this project, the major problems of the country like load shedding, transportation, roads and highways will also be resolved. She further said that OBOR 'One Belt One Road' will be the revival of silk route that will connect Pakistan and China to the world market.

While highlighting the problems of Sindh, Ms. Memon shared that there is a need of five or even four-star hotel in other cities of Sindh like Hy-



SIR SHAHNAWAZ BHUTTO AUDITORIUM, SMIU: Ms. Naheed Memon delivers lecture at SMIU. — Muhammad Nasir Rafi /SMIU

derabad, Larkana and Sukkur. Also, we require amusement parks, she announced that now resorts will be set up at Keenjhar and Haleji Lakes soon. Vice Chancellor of Sindh Madressatul Islam University, Dr. Muhammad Ali Shaikh while addressing the students said that there are many opportunities available in business and trade of the country. The youth should not only be dependent on jobs but they should avail those opportunities.

While talking about the history of SMIU, he said that before the founda-

tion of SMI; the plot was serving as Qafila Saraye where caravans of traders from NWFP (today Khyber Pakhtunkhwa), Punjab, Baluchistan and Iran used to come but after the advent of railway line in Karachi, the importance of Qafila Saraye came to an end and then Khan Bahadur Hassan Ali Effendi purchased the plot to establish an educational institute which is SMIU today.

Ms. Memon also visited the historic Jinnah Museum and appreciated the historical belongings placed in the museum.

## Khan Bahadur Hassan Ali Effendi Library conducts Digital Resources training

By Staff Reporter

KARACHI: Khan Bahadur Hassan Ali Effendi Library in collaboration with A&jdeftek, HEC Consultant conducted a day long hands on ProQuest learning Resources and IEEEExplore digital resources on December 6 for its faculty and students in the library's DRC lab. Session was conducted by Mr. Rashid, General Manager A&J. He shared the efforts done by HEC to promote digital resources in Universities of Pakistan.

He said that the IEEEExplore has published the World's one third resources of Engineering and Computer Sciences. He further acknowledged that HEC very well negotiated annu-

al subscription fee for all resources including IEEE and due to HEC's efforts the same resources, Pakistani Universities are accessing in \$43,995 while other Universities in the world are paying \$168,995.

He also shared a Quiz Challenge which has maximum participation's points and game prizes.

He also un-folded the news of online courses, which are paid courses but they made it possible to get it free for SMI University. After completing the course, an IEEE Certificate will be issued for those who pass the test.

The benefit is two-fold, one is international certification and the other is being included in a lucky draw for I-Pad prize for winner.

Following are the free

courses available for students:

- System Fundamentals for Cyber Security
- Fundamentals on Patent Protection
- Cloud Computing I: An Introduction
- An introduction to Leadership: A primer for the practitioners
- 4G Broadband LTE

Ms. Mahjabeen Ali, Additional Librarian, gave vote of thanks and appreciated the efforts done by HEC which included 4-month trial to Sindh Madressatul Islam University of accessing the IEEEExplore from December 1, 2017 to March 31st, 2018.

60 participants included students and faculty members attended the hands-on training.

## Dr. Munir Moosa attends VAS program at UC Berkeley

By Staff Reporter

KARACHI: Dr. Munir Moosa, Assistant Professor, Department of Education at Sindh Madressatul Islam University was invited by Centre for Studies in Higher Education, University of California as Visiting Academic Scholar 'VAS' in September 2017.

UC Berkeley is a globally recognized institution which has produced high luminaries. It is globally ranked as one of the top ten universities in the world. It was the very first time that a Professor from the Pakistani University was selected by CSHE, UC Berkeley.

Dr. Munir successfully completed a small scale research study titled "Exploring elements of human rights in education policies at the higher education level, and Identifying the challenges faced by higher education to promote human rights values: A case of Pakistan and USA" with Dr. John Douglass, Senior Research Fel-

low at the University of California, which will be published in 2018. He also delivered lectures, which were valued by scholars. Dr. Munir also got opportunity to attend various social and cultural gatherings, organized by the university during the program.

He represented Sindh Madressatul Islam University and received recognition in the form of certificates, shield and letters of recognition.

Vice Chancellor SMIU, Dr. Muhammad Ali Shaikh also appreciated his efforts and achievements.



CALIFORNIA, USA: Dr. Munir Moosa with a group of scholars at UC Berkeley.





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## Media briefing on festival held



KARACHI: Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ali Shaikh, briefing the media.

By Staff Reporter

KARACHI: Sindh Madressatul Islam University arranged media briefing on December 4, regarding the Festival of Arts and Ideas and first International Conference on Computing and related technologies to be organized in December.

"International and national scholars, academia, social scientists, economists, journalists and experts of other fields are attending the festival. In this respect all preparations have been finalized." Said Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ali Shaikh while talking to press during a media briefing, held at a local hotel.

He also said that the festival is being organized to celebrate 70 years of independence of Pakistan. He said that the basic objectives of organizing this festival are to en-

hance the thinking horizons of our youth as well as to enable them to participate in various forms of art.

Dr. Ambreen Fazal, Incharge Chairperson, Department of Media and Communication Studies and Convener, Ms. Zunaira Jalali, Coordinator of the festival and Ms. Sidra Agha, coordinator of documentary competition gave presentation about the festival.

On the occasion Prof. Dr. Syed Asif Ali, Dean faculty of IT at Sindh Madressatul Islam University briefed the media persons about the International Conference on Computing and Related Technologies, which is organized by Department of Computer Science.

He said that 12 research scholars are coming to attend the conference from four continents of the world including Asia, Africa, North America and Europe.



## VC SMIU shares views in Sindh Literature Festival



SLF, BEACH LUXURY, KARACHI: SMIU Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ali Shaikh sharing his thoughts as panelist in SLF.

By Abdul Bari

KARACHI: Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ali Shaikh, Vice Chancellor SMIU along with Dr. Suleman Shaikh, Dr. Rafique Memon, Director Department of Linguistics and Literature, University of Sindh Jamshoro and Director Szabtech Ms. Waheeda Mahsar was invited as a guest speaker in a panel discussion session entitled "Role of universities in shaping minds" moderated by Dr. Riaz Shaikh.

The three-day 2nd Sindh Literature Festival 2017 was organized in Karachi to promote Sindhi culture, art, language, heritage and literature.

The three-day festival includes panel discussions on variety of topics.

Dr. Muhammad Ali Shaikh said that at the time of partition, the Sindh province had only one university but now the Sindh has more than 52 universities including public and private sector but the expansion of the universities are only in numbers not in the quality of education.

He added that the universities in Sindh are declining due to low quality education and global ranking of universities which depends on different parameters, for example, consists on foreign faculty, foreign students and the culture of research.

Dr. Shaikh said that the word university is derived from universality; the basic concept of university is to interact, to accept the difference of opinion.

He also highlighted the weaknesses of the universities in the fields of computer sciences, medical sciences, and social sciences. Panelists suggested and recommended that the dialogue sessions and the culture of research should be promoted. They recommended that we have to give equal importance to social sciences because the world's biggest problems can be solved through social sciences.

## Department of Media and Communication Studies organizes World Television Day

By Staff Reporter

KARACHI: Department of Media and Communication Studies of Sindh Madressatul Islam University organized International TV Day on November 21 at Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium.

Renowned media persons Saddam Tufail and Agha Shirazi were the chief guest. Documentaries by students of the department were also aired in the program which were appreciated by the audience and the guests.

Agha Shirazi, while addressing the audience said that TV was the revolutionize medium for spreading information to the masses. And still in the digital era, importance of television can't be ignored because digital world needs connectivity and internet penetration which can be a hurdle at times.

He also suggested that students of the media will have variety of options and opportunities once they will join the field. Ms. Ifrah Imam, Lecturer Department of Media and Communication Studies organized the event.



SIR SHAHNAWAZ BHUTTO AUDITORIUM, SMIU: Renowned T.V personality Saddam Tufail sharing his views on evolution of TV in Pakistani Society. — Muhammad Nasir Rafi /SMIU

## Department of Computer Science to organize International Conference on Computing & Related Technologies

By Staff Reporter

KARACHI: Department of Computer Science at SMI University is organizing an international conference entitled "1st International Conference on Computing and Related Technologies" on 28-29 December at Marriot Karachi.

National and International scholars will be participating in the conference and will present their researches in front of the audience.

The aim of this conference is to provide an opportunity for participants to discuss recent advancements in the field of Computer Science and Related Technology and analyze challenges faced by the community in the 21st century.

The target audience includes Computer Scientist, Information Technology Researcher, graduate and undergraduate students, Computer and Information Technology Professionals. The Conference will cover the topics including Computer architecture and design, Artificial intelligence, Pattern recognition, Human computer interaction, Computer networking, Software engineering, Data management, Database systems, Cloud Computing, Computer languages, Information security and cryptography, Emerging computing technologies.

## An Hour with an Author

By Zaeema Muhammed Ali

KARACHI: Literary Society of SMI University invited Mr. Mubashir Ali Zaidi, a renowned short story writer and journalist for a talk on his literary journey, with reference to his "Sou Lafzoon Ki Kahani" (one hundred words story).

In this regard, an interactive session "An hour with an author" was held at Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto auditorium on November 2.

At the beginning of the program, students presented few stories from his books that they found worthwhile and fascinating which were greatly



SIR SHAHNAWAZ BHUTTO AUDITORIUM, SMIU: Deans Dr. Zahid Ali Channar & Dr. Syed Asif Ali (from left) presenting souvenir to Mr. Mubashir Ali Zaidi. — Muhammad Nasir Rafi /SMIU

appreciated by the gathering.

Mr. Mubashir Ali Zaidi was then invited on stage where he shared his professional and literary experiences with students.

He talked about the significant role of journalism and explained that today's youth is tempted by the glam of media while few enter in the field of journalism to pursue their passion. He emphasized on the need of reading which is crucial for uplift of our society.

He also shared stories from his life and read out some short stories from his books, which got tremendous applause from the audience.

## SMIU celebrates Teacher's Day



SIR SHAHNAWAZ BHUTTO AUDITORIUM, SMIU: Vice Chancellor, Deans, Principal Officers and Students after Flag Hoisting ceremony. — Muhammad Nasir Rafi /SMIU

By Faiza Raiz

KARACHI: On October 5 Sindh

Madrassatul Islam University celebrated teacher's day program at Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium to pay

tribute to teachers by organizing various activities on the Teacher's Day.

Program was presided over by the Vice Chancellor Sindh Madressatul Islam University Dr. Muhammad Ali Shaikh. Student's Societies of SMIU presented variety of programs.

In which a documentary was presented by literary society in which students expressed their views about students-teacher relationship.

At the end of the documentary, students of different departments thanked teachers and Vice Chancellor for providing healthy and competitive environment in the university.

In open mic session students read short poems to pay tribute to

their teachers in different languages. A group of students presented Mushaira organized by Art Society.

A theatrical performance and a documentary about the role of teachers were also presented on the occasion. Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Dean Faculty of Management, Business Administration and Commerce and Dr. Syed Asif Ali, Dean Information Technology also spoke on the occasion.

In the end Deans of Sindh Madressatul Islam University presented a shield to Dr. Muhammad Ali Shaikh who appreciated the teachers and their roles in society and encourage them to work with more dedication.

# Education begins at home

Education is a fundamental human right. Everybody is entitled to attend school and learn. Educating children is an investment for the future and for the peaceful and prosperous societies. Early childhood care and education is the most cost-effective and efficient investment to start a lifelong path of learning and to ensure all children has a fair chance to reach their potential.

Specially, when it comes to their child's education, there's no doubt that parents want their child enrolled in the best school where teachers are motivated, well-qualified and effective classroom practitioners. Parents have to realize that they are their children's first teachers and that unless they take responsibility it is unfair to expect teachers and school to take their place in real.

Without an iota of doubt, children spend significantly more time at home than at school therefore, a child's home is the most important learning environment they will ever have.

If there's one thing that just about everyone involved in education agrees on, it is when parents are actively and constructively involved in their children's education, it makes a big difference in how well students do in school. Parents are not only their children's first teachers; but also they are the only teachers kids have throughout their entire childhood.

Meanwhile school teachers must

be contend with large classes and tight budgets, since they simply cannot give every child the kind of individualized attention that would be ideal. Research tells us that schools that have a lot of parent involvement are frequently more successful than those that don't.

Unfortunately, not enough parents are meaningfully involved in our community, and children are suffering as a result. Low parent involvement can be caused by a number of things, including poor communication between teachers and parents about children and working parents.

The latest research from the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development proves that Australian students spend the most time on the internet of any in the world.

Whether playing games, social networking, using chat rooms or downloading videos and music, Australian students, on average, spend more than three hours a day online — with most of it at home on weekends and during the week when parents should be in charge.

The evidence is that being online leads to lack of sleep, being late for school, feeling lonely and underperforming academically.

The OECD research also concludes: "Learning outcomes are negatively related to intensive surfing on the internet."

No wonder students that spend

far less time on the internet in countries like Korea, China, Finland and Singapore outperform Australian students in international mathematics and science tests. On the contrary, Oxford University's Professor Susan Greenfield says that too much time in front of screens and surfing the net, especially with young children, interferes with brain development and the ability to sit still, concentrate and not be distracted.

Primary school teachers now complain that many young children begin school with no idea of what a book is (when handed one they try to swipe the page like you would with an e-reader) and they're incapable of focusing on the task at hand.

Moreover, observation also shows the best way parents can help their preschool children is to memorize times tables, play number games and make sure they have good hand-eye coordination by doing physical things such as catching and throwing balls.

In fact, parents play a critical role in their children's education. In the early years surrounding children with pictures and print and reading those books or parents who talk to their teenage children about political and social issues, who turn off the screens and sit around the dinner table also give their children an advantage, highly is essential.

Besides, observation shows that children of involved parents are more

motivated to learn for learning's sake, and have more control over their academic performance; because they adopt their parents' positive attitudes towards school and learning.

However, parents may not always have the tools and background to support their children's cognitive and psychosocial development throughout their school years. Like China, Sri Lanka, America, France and many other developed countries, there are Parent Teacher Associations (PTA) in Pakistan, which includes goal setting, development and implementation of program activities, assessment, personnel decisions and fund allocations, etc.

Parents also offer children a safe environment, with support, supervision and socialization.

Here they learn life skills that can help them prevent diseases.

They may receive life-saving vaccines, fresh water and nutrient supplementation at home. Healthy development in early childhood, especially during the first three years of life, plays an important role in providing the basis for a healthy life and a successful formal school experience.

In sum, healthy children with positive early learning experiences and supportive, involved parents are thus most likely to succeed in school. Parents have a paramount part in physical and psychosocial health of children. Quality teachers also need similar support for their tasks in schools; because education begins at home.



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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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### Public and Traffic

I want to draw attention of the city administrator and other related authorities about the problem caused by everyday traffic jams in Karachi. It is not just about bad roads or constructions, but there is also a role of traffic police. Where they should control and make people aware of the traffic rules.

The bonding between traffic police and public is not really good in Karachi. Police lost their esteem in front of public, by bribery, leniency and unprofessional way of duty. And because of their image, public usually do not pay attention to them.

Increasing number of vehicles is another issue; they are increasing day by day which is again creating problems, as banks are issue vehicles on lease, on the contrary roads have similar capacity as previous. It means we have more number of vehicles daily on the same roads which have limited capacity. Roads are also in bad condition and most of the areas are under-construction which cause the traffic to divert on alternative routes; further causing them to create huge traffic on those roads.

We as an individual, pretend to be happy in our own circles. Rules, regulations and laws need to be followed by all segments of the society to ensure better situation, as it is said that the discipline of a nation can be seen on the roads. The role of traffic police is also very important along with the public to stop the matter from being worse.

Muhammad Afshaar Rizwan  
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### Time Management

Researches show that students usually have different stressors in their life and most of them cause due to the lack of time management. Time management is the most important skill one should learn in life specially being the student we should practice it to make it a habit that helps even in professional life. Different assignments, projects, mid and final terms should help us in growing our skill rather than we get confused on the way of achieving our targets and meeting our deadlines. Time management is the process of organizing and planning how to divide your time between specific activities. Good time management enables to work smarter not harder. Even when time is light

and pressures are high. Failing to manage your time damages your effectiveness and causes stress. It seems that there is never enough time in the day. But since, we all get same 24 hours, why is it that some people achieve so much more with their time than others? The answer here lies in good time management. Time management refers to the way that you organize and plan how long you spend on specific activities. A good time management strategy has enormous benefits including greater productivity and efficiency, a better professional reputation, less stress, increased opportunities for advancement, greater opportunities to achieve important life and career goals. Whereas failing to manage your time effectively can have some very undesirable consequences like missing deadlines, inefficient work flow, poor work quality, a poor professional reputation and higher stress levels.

Good time management allows you to accomplish more in shorter period of time which leads to more free time, which let you to take advantage of learning opportunities, lower your stress and helps to focus, and leads to more career success. Each benefit of time management improves another aspects of life.

Herman Pir  
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### Lack of Life guards in Karachi

Karachi is known as the king of natural seashores and people from different regions of the world come here for the picnic. In summer vacations people usually visit to different sea sides of Karachi such as different beaches, Sea view, and Hawks bay, thus at the same time the number of lifeguards at the beaches should be increased. As due to the minimum number of lifeguards, one or two people drowned into the water every week due to non-availability of emergency rescue services at the Seaside.

Last month 12 picnickers had drowned at Hawks bay, their lives could have been saved with the immediate and timely rescue of lifesavers. According to the size, the land of Hawks bay is very enormous which further requires that the number of beach attendant ought to be increased who can frequently control over the emergency situation, they must have certain specific equipment as well as these rescuers should be trained and they must know how to tackle with the cruel waves that can help them

in saving the life of those drowned. In many beach incidents, people had died on the spot because they did not get first aid services at the moment.

Authorities should pay attention to the issue and try to resolve it as soon as possible.

By Samia Saman  
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### SL 3 final at Karachi

As PSL2 final held at Lahore, and was organized by Mr. Najam Sethi, the chairman of Pakistan Cricket Board and also the chairman of PSL committee. PSL final was a huge event and showed peaceful and positive image of the country. After this event world XI team also came and they played three T20 matches and they enjoyed a lot. Now, Najam Sethi has announced the final match of PSL3 to be held in Karachi at National stadium of Pakistan. This decision of Najam Sethi has been taken very positively by Karachiites. I, being a student and a cricket lover, appreciated this decision.

Hamza Ghazi  
Media and Communication Studies Department

### Necessity of Public Libraries

Libraries urge individuals to explore the world through books and to lead them to think critically and play an important role in the life of a nation. It is essential for the enhancement of moral, educational and social values of a society. In the big city like Karachi, we can hardly find few libraries which clearly shows our priorities in this domain. The absence of sufficient public libraries creates lack of awareness of important issues and is problematic specially for students. Attainment of knowledge is the fundamental right of all the individuals of a society. I wish we realize the importance of public libraries and try to incorporate some in our localities and communities.

Sameer Ali Khan  
Media and Communication Studies

## The Illusion- A tale of passion

By Anmol Memon

Story

Dull, frail, depleted, a spirit tired of life and its coldblooded appraisals, head bowed down, no strength to look up, sparkless eyes, long filthy nails, muddled garments.

"What did I use to be and what am I now?" he whispered to himself, mournfully.

Tears rolling down his eyes, soul stirring past right in front of his weak eyes, the vision blurred but the memories clear as crystal, the splendid, gleaming light of the crystal unbearable. He is commemorating a pleasing day at home while having his eyes on the sand dune right in front of his eyes.

"You see, I was not like this," keeping his attention towards the dune as if the dune could listen to what he had to explain.

"I was a smart, elegant and charming lad, who never was worried about where life would take him. I used to love adventures, thrills and peril. Even though, my mother never appreciated me. For her, I was careless and irresponsible, she always thought I was a child who did not know the difference between good and bad."

"She was right. I now realize", he sighed, still staring at the dune to respond.

"Let me tell you how I ended up here, in your world of BEAUTY", he tried sounding sarcastic just to break the ice. He started interpreting his miserable journey of being an adventurous, free soul to a desert slave.

As I mentioned, I loved

adventures and travelling. On one fine day, I was roaming around my fields and suddenly a strange man with long grey beard without moustache came to me and told me about the beauty of "The City of Albazia".

I was impressed by his vigorous voice and optimism. Instantly, all I wanted to do was to reach to the city of Albazia.

I rushed towards my house as fast as possible, with all the exhilaration, I told my mother about the city and its beauty. She stood still for a couple of minutes as if she was intensely calculating something. "Strange," she said amazed. "I have never heard of such city and its beauty. You must not go there. Never rush for things you are not sure of," she added.

"After her clear negation to my plan, I decided to escape the house at midnight when everybody would be into deep sleep. I did as I thought and left the house with a bag full of gold coins and with a container of food.

"The journey was a lot better than what I had thought. At last, after the travel of 30 fatigued days, I was at the doorstep of Albazia. What mesmerizing view it was! The beautiful scenery was inexplicable. For a second, I cursed myself for not being there earlier in my life but then I thanked God for eventually guiding me there. With happiness in mind I stepped into the city hoping there would be a lot more to explore. As soon as I took another step the wind started to blow with all its intensity, it indicated a hurricane. Petrified, I tightly closed my eyes and the second I opened my eyes, everything was gone, the beau-

ty, the colors, the mesmerizing view, all was gone.

"All I could discern was sand everywhere and hillocks, big, small and completely dark. My life just flipped upside down. It was all an illusion. Now I was in a desert, alone, terrified and astray. Somehow, I managed to put my broken pieces of hope together and started looking for life.

"Days had passed, my money was lost, and food had been finished. Nothing to eat, nothing to drink, alone, I was wandering in the desert. All of sudden a scorpion, from the middle of nowhere bit me. Ahhhh! It was painful, I concluded that I might not have much time to live but, I survived.

That is another thing which only as God knows for how many days I was unconscious and was almost in coma. It still hurt though, if I touch the wound.

"I saw water there, I exclaimed in happiness. I ran to the water and the moment I touched it, there was nothing but sand... only sand.

Moreover, I had to fight with snakes, had battles with the hawks, and almost became the dinner for the fox.

"You must be thinking why did I not hunt them and made my dinner instead? Well, I tried. However, as soon as I would chase them, they would disappear, like they never existed. Maybe it was magic, or maybe it was illusion... just to bother me," agonizingly, he took a deep breath.

"I have fought enough with my life, now I want peace. I need peace. I want to die. Could you help me dying?" looking at the dune he asked.

"It has been ages since I have last seen my mother, my land, my house. I miss her dearly", saying this, he burst up into tears.

"I have been trying to find a way out from ages, but everywhere I see are the dunes like you," he fell asleep with tears still rolling down his cheeks. After a long sleep and shattered hope, still drowsy, he opened his eyes slowly. A luminous, lustrous light with full intensity touched his eyes, a soft hand patting his arm with affection and with the other hand, fingers moving in his hair. He looked up and saw his mother sitting right next to him.

"MOTHER!" he screeched hugging her as tightly as he could.

Kissing his head, "What is wrong with you my child? Were you having a nightmare?" she asked surprisingly.

"Nightmare?"

"Yes, a nightmare," she added.

"Now wake up and get ready for the fields today. You know your father is waiting there for you." Giving him a look as if he was pretending to be scared so that he would be exempted of going to field and helping his father.

"You are the best mother. I love you. I will never do anything you say no to," he hugged her again and went to get ready for the fields.

## Thoughts

Selection: Saeed Ali

"Threatened are the harbours, neither slack nor sleep, oh sailor, Behold! Misty whirling waters – worrisome, swirling and sinister, Surrounded with storms, as you are, oh mariner, don't slumber."

(Shah Abdul Latif Bhitai, Sur Sri Raag, Chapter III)

## The Teacher

You taught me how to fly  
Above the skies...

Yes, you!

YOU! You without wings!  
You taught me how to fly  
Beyond dreams

(Sonya Florentino)

## The Lost Verse

I had this verse,  
Inside my mind,  
That I can't remember...

I know it is there,  
I know it is perfect,  
I just can't sing it.....

Of all the moments,  
That my life is made of,  
This verse, will make a  
difference,

It's a statement,  
It's my pride.

It's just illogical,  
full of non sense,  
Rainbows and colors....  
Plentiful of happiness.

But I can't find...  
(Was here just a moment  
ago...)

... and now, is no more...  
(Carlos Arago)

## E-Sight Glasses ---A Technological Miracle

By Bilal Zafar

Gaget Review

Technology should create positive role in society. As Doug Engelbart, inventor of the mouse, said,

**"I made a decision to maximize my contribution to mankind.  
But what would I do?"**

There were so many complicated problems in the world. Things were changing at such a large scale. I came to realize that we needed new levels of group understanding and abilities to work collectively to solve complex problems." So here I will discuss the latest Technology Esight 3 which is similar with Holo-Lens glasses and uses both AR (augmented reality) and VR (virtual reality) which I discuss in my previous article which hopefully clears you about the AR & VR.

see the world colors, see the green environment of this beautiful world, the blue ocean, the fire that burn in the night so yes now this is possible in this Hi-tech era with the contribution of scientists who focus to improve this world.

### How does it works?

Esight 3 filled with Hi-tech cameras, magnifiers and video screen the most significant electronic glasses that make blind people able to see.



The head set has a high speed camera that captures everything in front of the user and display image on two screens in front of user eyes and project virtual images in front of user eye. It adjusts color, brightness and magnification and even able to capture the image and save in glass memory through micro memory card media by using AR (augmented reality).

### Affordability

Currently this reliable gadget is not affordable by a layman. Esight is being used by about 1000 user. It costs \$9,995. It is available only in world's best store and used by rich people. But hopefully, in future, like all other technological devices, this will also get cheaper. So, enjoy the positive outcomes of the tech world.



Esight 3 works for Blind or low sighted people on both Realities.

### What is actually eSight 3 and what it does?

eSight 3 is the newest technology Hybrid headset and the most innovative Revolutionary Technology for the Legally Blind People that allow the legally blind people to see or even low sight people to use.

Through AR (augmented reality) it captures the pictures & through VR (virtual reality) gives sight to blind people.

Imagine for a while if someone is unable to see but suddenly someone gives him a miracle device which gives him a sight from which he will be able to

## Nothing is Permanent

By Rabiya

I woke up this morning  
I walk to the forest  
The leaves were falling  
They turn into brown

A sweet breeze was there  
I feel of being getting older  
Turning of my childhood  
into the elder one

I wait there and look at the  
old leaves

They were falling and the  
new one taking places  
I wonder of being my fall-  
ing and the place taking by  
the new one

## A journey of delights



NEWYORK, USA: Ramsha Akmal while enjoying the trip.

By Ramsha Akmal

For I always had desirous interest in travelling I have had many opportunities to travel across the globe, having this trip decided proved to be one of the best decisions of my life because this was going to be the first venture all the way to United

States of America and all by myself.

To start with, this tour was more than a vacation it has been a roller coaster ride for me in many aspects I explored my own capabilities traveling alone from booking my tickets to carrying my big luggage, to manage things in so much of chaos. Perhaps, having limited time and

much to traverse I couldn't manage to see all of the sightseeing places but it got me to some of the main attractions of Florida and New York. Orlando Eye, Kissimmee, SeaWorld, Daytona beach, Saint Augustine beach (the oldest city of Florida). Madison Square, New York Water Taxi etc. in New York.

Not forgetting the specialty for which West is famous for, someone who has been dieting the whole year had this chance to Eat-it-all, got the golden chance to delight the taste buds with the local restaurant food like pancakes by IHop, famous breadsticks from Olive Garden, mouthwatering sandwiches from Denny's and Panera bread.

It feels like I've lived every moment and the memories I made all by myself is inexpressible, sometimes you just need your own company to be happy and that's what I did.

On my way back onboard I got to make a couple of friends from United States of America who were keen to have me again as their guest on my next trip. Now Europe is on my checklist.

## Allama Iqbal Inter-University declamation competition: SMIU student receives Award of Excellence



KARACHI: Samar Abbas at Allama Iqbal Inter-University Declamation Competition.

By Staff Reporter

Karachi: Samar Abbas, student of Business Administration department at SMIU University, stood best performer in Allama Iqbal Inter-university declamation competition which was organized by Pakistan Women Foundation for Peace at Beach Luxury hotel on November 21.

He received Award of Excellence and cash prize for his performance. Students from all leading universities of the city participated in the event.

## SMIU student wins Preview Pakistan Photography Competition

By Staff Reporter

KARACHI: Samia Saman Muhammad Asim Khan, a student of Media and Communication Studies Department at Sindh Madressatul Islam University, won Preview Pakistan Photography Contest orga-

nized by Arena Multimedia Pakistan. Contest started in the month of August and the Award ceremony held in November.

Samia Saman has showcased her photography skills and her work was very much appreciated.

The picture she has submitted was

one of her best and enchanting shot moreover it was about the mesmerizing view of the city of lights Karachi.

She won award, certificate and cash prize as token of appreciation for her work. 162 Photographers from all over Pakistan have participated in this contest.



KARACHI: Samia Saman is receiving the award shield and certificate.

## Our experiences at SMIU

Mushahid Hussain Shah  
Department of Business  
Administration



"I am proud of being a part of this historic institution- a nursery of leaders. This University has provided me opportunities and a chance to grow as a person as well as academically. And whatever I am today is because of Sindh Madressatul Islam University."

Sadaf Zohra  
Department of Media &  
Communication Studies



"I am honored being a student of SMIU, which is the Alma mater of Quaid-e-Azam, I feel motivated just by remembering all of the efforts of our leaders, I am Lucky to be part of this historical institute."

Moomal Bughio  
Department of Business  
Administration



"The University is a part of Pakistan's heritage and will forever be imparting knowledge and guidance to the youth. This makes me feel immense pride in myself as I am a part of this great institute. Being a part of SMIU was one of the best decision of my life. SMIU is one of the best institutes that let students grow and think smart."

Sana Jalil  
Department of BBA



"SMI university is creating bright future for Pakistan by imparting quality education to its students. I feel really honored to be a part of this university."

Hasham Ali Rahoojo  
Department of Business  
Administration



"I always lacked confidence to speak and more often was an introvert. My admission in SMIU has brought up fluent speaking skills in me and has made me stand at a better place. I am still in process of learning and yet have to accomplish a lot."

Misbah Muhammad Iqbal  
Department of Computer Science



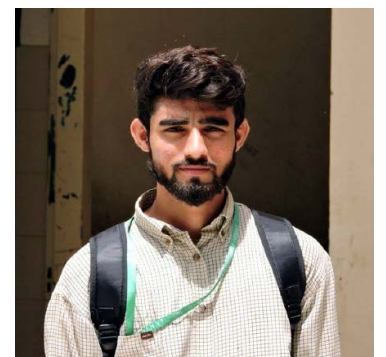
"For me, SMIU is just like a synonym of exposure. Exposure to leadership, exposure to studies and exposure to Information Technology which has given me a blissful experience of my life when it comes to my career. SMIU is a great place to study and the opportunities it provides has no match."

Tahir Zaman  
Department of Environmental  
Science



"After being a student of SMIU, I am feeling positive changes in my personality, regarding leadership and presentation skills. Activities here, enhances our courage and motivation level."

Syed Yousuf Raza  
Department of Computer Science



"SMIU is very different from other public-sector universities by being highly professional. It has been a wonderful journey with SMIU. I hope this historical Institute may prosper more in the future."

## Catch your Dream – A session on entrepreneurship organized by Science Society

By Bilal Zafar

KARACHI: Science Society of SMI University organized a session on Entrepreneurship entitled, "Catch Your Dream" on November 16, at Shah Nawaz Bhutto Auditorium to promote the awareness regarding entrepreneurship in youth and to encourage them to go beyond boundaries.

It served as the platform for students to observe the realities and generate ideas accordingly and to groom the innovative and creative ideas of younger generation.

A workshop session mentored by acclaimed Entrepreneur Mr. Nasir Zaidi was a part of the event to provide students quick tips and techniques to go for entrepreneurship.

Students appreciated the efforts of Science Society of SMIU and showed their interest in the session. At the end, Dean Information Technology, Dr. Asif Ali presented souvenir to the guest.

## Literary Society of SMIU organizes Spelling Bee Competition



QUAID-E-AZAM CONFERENCE HALL: Dean Faculty of Management, Business Administration and Commerce Dr. Zahid Ali Channar along with lecturer of Allied Department, Mr. Hatesh Kumar, distributes trophy and certificates to winners and runnersup. — Muhammad Nasir Rafi /SMIU

By Staff Reporter

KARACHI: Literary Society of SMIU organized Spelling Bee Competition 2017 which comprised on three rounds. 1st round took place on November 21.

Total of 120 students participated, among which 32 students were selected for Second and Semi-final round which was held on November 23.

Final round was conducted at 30th

November 2017 in Quaid-e-Azam Conference hall at Talpur House.

Literary society helps making students eloquent and fluent speakers and effective communicators by improving their reading, writing and speaking skills through their vocabulary.

Spelling bee is one of such competitions which encourage youth to learn new words, their usage and to be confident and expressive. It aids in improving their pronunciation, and introduce new words to them

thereby increasing their vocabulary and developing their spelling skill.

A huge number of students gathered to support their fellows.

After a tough competition Mr. Mushahid Hussain Shah took lead and became the winner.

Dean Business Administration, Commerce and Management, Dr. Zahid Ali Channar distributed prizes among the runners up and winner.

He also encouraged students to take part in such activities.

## Fourth meeting of Senate held

By Sameer Ali Khan

KARACHI: The fourth meeting of SMI University's Senate was held in the Senate Hall of the university on October 13.

Provincial Minister of Education, Government of Sindh Mr. Jam Mehtab Hussain Dahar, who is also Pro-Chancellor of SMIU, chaired the meeting. Dr. Muhammad Ali Shaikh, Vice Chancellor of SMIU while presenting the five-year report of the university said that the present provincial government of Sindh has given ten acres of land to SMIU in Hawks Bay area, where "Hawks Bay Campus of SMIU" will be established soon.

Dr. Shaikh appreciated the efforts of the Government of Sindh and said that previously government had given one hundred acres of land for SMIU's Malir Campus in the Education City of Karachi. He said that the enrollment of the students is increasing every year at SMIU as the present day Main Campus of the university is insufficient to accommodate students and thus demands further campuses.

He also highlighted the achievements of the university made in the areas of quality education, research, training of faculty and SMIU's leadership program etc. Sindh Education Minister Mr. Jam Mahtab Hussain Dahar in his speech said that SMI University enjoys a historic status due to its affiliation with founder of the country Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah and other leading figures of Pakistan Movement.

He said that the Government of Sindh will fully support SMIU in establishment of its new campus in Hawks Bay. The education minister announced that SMIU will be included in Sindh Education Department's Endowment Fund, from where deserving students of the university will be benefited. Earlier the SMIU Senate has taken some important decisions and approved minutes of its third meeting. Mr. Justice (retired) Syed Deedar Hussain Shah, former Judge of the Supreme Court of Pakistan, Moinuddin Siddiqui, Director Confucius Institute of Chinese Language, Prof Dr. Abdul Rashid, former Dean, Faculty of Islamic Learning, KU, Dean Prof. Dr. Zahid Ali Channar of SMIU, Dean Prof. Dr. Syed Asif Ali and Prof. Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh were among other members of the Senate who attended the meeting. Later, Mr. Jam Mehtab Hussain Dahar also visited Jinnah Museum of the University.

## Certificate Distribution Ceremony for SMI Model School held

By Staff Reporter

KARACHI: On October 31, Sindh Madressatul Islam University organized certificate distribution ceremony for the fifty teachers of SMI Model School at Sir Shah Nawaz Bhutto Auditorium on completion of English Language Course arranged by the institution for the personal and professional grooming of the teachers so they can deliver the best to their students and can further enhance their careers.

Teachers completed their English Training Program from the Pak American Cultural Center (PACC) with the collaboration of SMIU. Vice Chancellor SMI University Dr. Muhammad Ali Shaikh distribut-

ed certificates to the participants of the English Training Program.

While addressing the audience, he said that Model School is an integral part of Sindh Madressah University, equal importance is being given to its academic development and progress by arranging training programs for its teachers and bringing improvement in classroom learning of the students.

He further said that main objective of the training was to improve communication skills of teachers in English language, that ultimately will benefit students, as teachers should be more focused on quality learning of their students, for which this institution has earned reputation.

He also announced that the



SIR SHAHNAWAZ BHUTTO AUDITORIUM, SMIU: A group of teacher of SMI Model school with SMIU VC Prof. Dr. M. Ali Shaikh. — Muhammad Nasir Rafi /SMIU

students of Sindh Madressatul Islam Model School will be provided opportunities of study tours within the city to enhance their observation and learn-

ing. Ms. Nabila Kanwal, Principal of Sindh Madressatul Islam Model School and teachers also spoke on the occasion.

## Debating Society organizes panel discussion on Social Media



SIR SHAHNAWAZ BHUTTO AUDITORIUM, SMIU: Lecturer of Department of Media and Communication Studies Ms. Quratulain Rasheed as a moderator (C) along with the panelists of the session. — Muhammad Nasir Rafi /SMIU

By Abdul Bari

KARACHI: Debating Society of SMI

University organized a Panel Discussion on "Social Media: Where the world converges: Role, impact

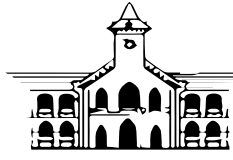
and importance of Social Media in Pakistani Society" on October 26 at Sir Shah Nawaz Bhutto Auditorium.

Panelists included Mr. Kamal Siddiqui, Director Center of Excellence at IBA, Ms. Lubna Naqvi, Freelance Journalist, Dr. Mujeeb-ur-Rehman, Assistant Professor, Department of Media and Communication Studies at SMIU and Asad Khan, student SMIU. Ms. Quratulain Rasheed, Lecturer, Department of Media and Communication Studies moderated the event. Panelists shared their views on emerging trend of social media in the vast arena of Mass Media.

Kamal Siddiqui discussed the notion of freedom of expression, its limits on the social media and the measures to ensure it. Cyber-crime bill also came in the discussion while Dr. Mujeeb ur Rehman shared some researches on the behavior of social media platforms and its impact on the human lives. Ms. Naqvi discussed the importance of the platform for freelancers and the opportunities it provided to the new generation.



KARACHI: Members interacting during the meeting of senate. — Muhammad Nasir Rafi /SMIU



# SMIU CHRONICLE

## Campus Management System organizes training

By Staff Reporter

KARACHI: IT department of SMIU organized a technical training session on Campus Management System (CMS) for faculty members of SMIU during 21-24 August.

Training sessions were divided according to different departments of the varsity including Media & Communication Studies, Environmental Sciences, Business Administration, Computer Science & Education. Sindh Madressatul Islam University is among few of those universities having paperless environment.

CMS is helping teachers and students to take direct advantage of IT technology and to interact with each other directly for all academic matters. Varsity already has LMS (Learning Management System) where lectures are being uploaded throughout the semester along with other quizzes, assignments and all course related materials.

CMS will go one step ahead by providing options for online enrolment, selection of courses, fee submission and result. So, now the complete system is online, faculty can upload all students' related activities and students can check their relevant information by accessing their account anywhere. CMS is already active and students and faculty practiced it in session of Spring 2017.

To further enhance the expertise of faculty, this training session proved helpful.

Training has also been conducted for the new batch so they can easily take advantage of this facility.

## Pink Ribbon Day observed at SMIU



SMIU: Students are actively participating during the event. — Muhammad Nasir Rafi /SMIU

By Syed Qandeel Zehra

KARACHI: SMI University observed the Pink Ribbon Day on October 27.

In this respect a program was held in Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium.

The pink ribbon event was the highlight of an even bigger awareness campaign throughout the month of October. Speaking at the program as a chief guest Mrs. Shaista M Ali said

that breast cancer is a fatal disease for women, but in our country women are taking it as a taboo.

Therefore, such ignorance is a major hurdle in beating up breast cancer. She said that there is a

need to spread awareness among women and girls about breast cancer, which will help them to get diagnosed at the primary stage. "Our girls and women are usually gripped with a fear of cancer, that is why they are avoiding consulting a doctor, which proves harmful for their lives in later days," she said.

Dr Ambreen Fazal, Chairperson Department of Media and Communication Studies at SMIU said, "Early detection save lives. The more we talk about it, the more people are aware and can take the necessary precautions."

As the ratio of breast cancer in young girls has alarmingly increased in last few decades, Pink Ribbon aims to educate the young girls about prevention and early diagnosis. SMIU's female students also talked on the subject and emphasized to spread awareness about the breast cancer.

On this occasion Pink Ribbon Dress Competition was held among the female students of SMIU. Dozens of students wore pink and formed a giant human ribbon to spotlight breast cancer and also organized sports activities for the event.

## HEC allows SMIU to initiate Phd program

By Staff Reporter

Karachi: Higher Education Commission of Pakistan (HEC) has allowed Sindh Madressatul Islam University to start PhD programs at the University by issuing No Objection Certificate (NOC) in May 2017.

Dr. Muhammad Ali Shaikh, Vice Chancellor Sindh Madressatul Islam University, while congratulat-

ing faculty and staff members of the university has said that HEC's decision to permit SMIU to start PhD programs along with ongoing under graduate and graduate programs, shows its trust on the quality education of SMI University.

He also congratulated Prof Dr. Syed Asif Ali, Dean, faculty of Information Technology, on his efforts taken in this regard.

## QEC conducts faculty training on Teacher-Student Relationship

By Staff Reporter

KARACHI: Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC) of Sindh Madressatul Islam University organized a two-hours motivational session entitled "Effective Teaching for improving Teacher-Student Relationship in Higher Education" on August 28, at Quaid-e-Azam Conference Hall.

Mr. Mansoor Soomro, Corporate Trainer & Executive Educator moderated the interactive session.

The aim of the training was to facilitate & encourage teachers to have a different approach while imparting their knowledge to the students.

Quality Enhancement Cell ensures to train the faculty on various themes and aims to continue the trend in future also. This interactive session was followed by question answer at the end.

Mr. Soomro suggested that teachers should develop element of curiosity in students and should appreciate them in discovering the answers of their questions themselves rather than feeding them a pre-assumed or set notion.

He also focused on being creative rather than opting for the traditional approach. Faculty found this training helpful in practical implementation and to make

## SMIU launches Faculty Advisory Initiative Program

By Salman Khan

KARACHI: Vice Chancellor SMI University Dr. Muhammad Ali Shaikh has launched a program on October 6 for academic counseling for the students of university with the help of faculty members.

In this respect Sindh Madres-

satul Islam University's faculty members have been nominated to give two hours in a week to various assigned groups of students for academic counseling. Dr. Shaikh said this while addressing the 'Faculty Advisory Initiative Program,' organized by Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC) on October 6, 2017 at Sir Shahnawaz

Bhutto Auditorium of the university.

Dr. Muhammad Ali Shaikh has said that young generation of the country needs counseling to resolve their problems.

He further said that today's generation is the most sensitive, they need more attention from their parents and also from teachers. While citing the example from the past Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ali Shaikh said that teachers of the past were most kind, sympathetic, dedicated and supportive to their students.

They used to establish a bond of respect with their students. Dr. Muhammad Ali Shaikh said that the Sindh Madressatul Islam University has a great tradition of teacher-student interaction. Today we are reviving such culture in our institution by initiating the advisory program.

Ms. Ambreen Barwani, Deputy Director of Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC), also gave presentation on the subject and talked about the mechanism chalked out by Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC) for students counseling.



SIR SHAHNAWAZ BHUTTO AUDITORIUM, SMIU: Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ali Shaikh launching 'Faculty Advisory Initiative Program,' organized by QEC. — Muhammad Nasir Rafi /SMIU



QUAID-E-AZAM CONFERENCE HALL: Faculty attending session on 'Effective Teaching for improving Teacher-Student Relationship in Higher Education.' — Muhammad Nasir Rafi /SMIU