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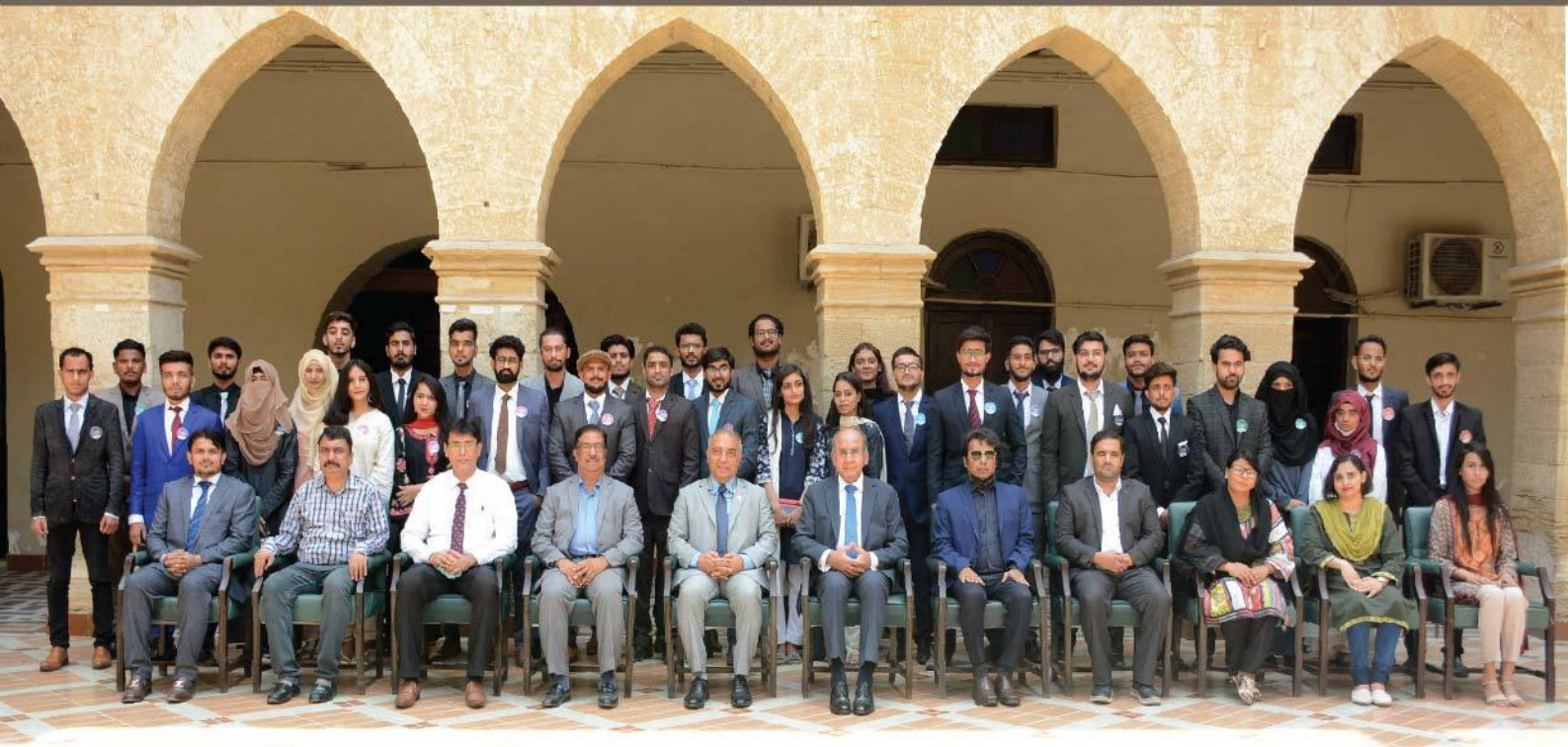
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Islam University, Karachi

"Pakistan is one of the few countries which has highest proportion of young people. To put it precisely, I call it

## YOUTH ENERGY!

We should nurture them, educate them in best possible way, so that they can help us to build this great nation"

*Prof. Mujeeb Sahrai*



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## Editor's Note



Dear Readers!

It all started when dark clouds of pandemic hovered around the globe for almost two years now. When things were restricted, life was seized, and moments were halted. But we kept on breathing; kept on living; survived and surviving yet. We did suffer a lot without any iota of doubt. Our lives were disassembled mentally, emotionally, socially, and economically.

A pandemic is not just a medical phenomenon, it affects individuals and society and causes disruption, stress, stigma, and xenophobia. We suffered from depression, anxiety, and isolation. Which led us to the disruption of mental health.

The modest way to overcome this stress is by relating yourself to Art. A simple act of coloring a book can be a source of freedom and hope. It has considerable healing effects on mental health status.

In this edition of SMIU Chronicle, you will get to know, how our students are dedicating themselves towards arts. They have represented their experiences during lockdown using painting, sketching, drawing, photography, graphics and through many other ways. I hope you will appreciate the efforts of my team, who had worked under strict deadlines while facing the chaos of Covid-19 lockdown.

We should cherish and be thankful for every smallest blessing we have in our lives. Remember, opportunity is a gift!

**Hadia Khalil**

## SMIU News

### Turkish Delegation Visited SMI University

**By Muhammad Fahad Khan**

To acknowledge the historic services of Sindh Madressatul Islam for educational reforms in sub-continent, a Turkish delegation visited SMI University on April 08, 2021. The delegation consist of Turkish Council General in Karachi, Mr. Tolga Ucak accompanied with Prof. Dr. Birol Akgun (President) Prof. Dr. Cihad Demirli and Mr. Harun Kucukaladagi from Turkish Maarif Foundation (TMF).

Vice Chancellor SMI University Prof. Dr. Mujeebuddin Sahrai Memon welcomed the Turkish delegation. While they appreciated the efforts of the Vice Chancellor in making this historical educational institution commendable.

The meeting was held in Vice Chancellor's office in which bilateral educational policies and cooperation were discussed. Prof. Dr. Memon briefly described the achievements of SMI University. The Turkish delegation visited different departments of the university along with Jinnah Museum and Khan Bahadur Hassanally Effendi Library, where the delegation was briefed about the historical importance and prominence of this institution. The Turkish delegation acknowledged the significance of the Alma Mater in the field of education and showed their interest in future cooperation.



### Study Visit to Botanic Garden UoK

**By Zia Rehman**

On 9th April 2021 the faculty and students of Department of Environmental Science, SMI University visited the Botanic Garden, University of Karachi. Where Dr. Shoukat Ali (Taxonomist) explained about the significance of botanic garden. Meanwhile, students have explored the variegated varieties of species that are at threat of extinction. Lastly, students and faculty of Environmental Science accompanied by the UoK's Research Scholar also visited Herbarium of University of Karachi.



### Meeting of Finance & Planning Committee, SMIU

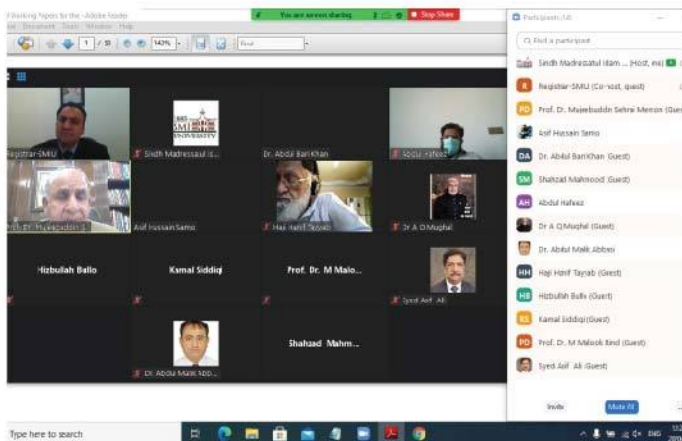
**By Bakhtawar Zakir**

The Finance & Planning Committee of SMI University held its 15th meeting online on April 20th 2021. VC SMI University, Prof. Dr. Memon chaired the meeting, in which various important financial matters of the university were discussed and approved. The meeting was attended by members of the committee, including Mr. Haji M. Hanif Tayyab, Ms. Rehana Ghulam Ali Memon, Prof. Dr. Syed Asif Ali, Prof. Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepota and Mr. Ghulam Ali Surahio.

## 25th SMIU Syndicate Meeting

By Saleh Ayub

The S1yndicate of SMI University held it's 25th session on 28th April 2021. VC SMI University, Prof. Dr. Memon chaired the session online. In this meeting various decisions related to research, academics and administrative matters were discussed and approved accordingly. The meeting was attended by the members of Syndicate including Mr. Haji Hanif Tayyab, Dr. A.Q. Mughal, Prof. Abdul Bari Khan, Ms. Amina Sayyid, Mr. Kamal Siddiqi, Mr. Shahzad Mehmood, Prof. Dr. Syed Asif Ali, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Malook Rind, Dr. Abdul Malik Abbasi, Dr. Abdul Hafeez, Mr. Asif Hussain Samo, Mr. Hizbullah Bullo and Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Shaikh.



## Research Committee Meeting, SMIU

By Bakhtawar Zakir

VC SMI University, Prof. Dr. Memon convened the research committee meeting on 29th June 2021. The meeting was attended by Prof. Dr. Syed Asif Ali, Prof. Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepota, Prof. Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Malook Rind, Dr. Aamir Iqbal Umrani and Dr. Afzal Chhajro. In this meeting some of the important internal matters related to research were discussed and endorsed.

## 7th Meeting of Advance Studies & Research Board, SMIU

By Bakhtawar Zakir

VC SMI University Prof. Dr. Memon chaired the 7th meeting of ASRB (Advance Studies & Research Board) on 5th May 2021. The members of the board discussed various research policy matters for students and faculty members. The board members suggested and approved several important policies for the promotion of research culture in university. The board members including Prof. Dr. Syed Asif Ali, Prof. Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepota, Prof. Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Prof. Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Malook Rind, Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Shaikh, Mr. Furqan Iftikhar, Dr. Stephen John, Dr. Ambreen Fazal, Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan and Dr. Aamir Iqbal Umrani attended the meeting.



## Fake News & Myths related to COVID-19 & Vaccination

By Muhammad Waseem & Muhammad Talal

On 11<sup>th</sup> June 2021, Directorate of Broadcasting & Media Trainings organized a panel discussion on "Fake News and Myths related to COVID-19 & Vaccination" at senate hall of the university. The purpose of the seminar was to spread awareness and enlighten the youth about COVID-19 and related conflict-creating assumptions. In this seminar the panelists were Dr. Sunil Kumar Dodani, (Infectious Disease Specialist, SIUT) Mr. Tauseef Razi Malik (Broadcast Journalist) and Mr. Muhammad Hunain Ameen (SMIU alumnus and Multimedia Journalist). They shared their views on disinformation associated with Covid-19 vaccines.

Dr. Sunil Kumar Dodani said, "Corona vaccine works just like all other viral diseases' vaccine, there has always been a misconception against vaccines in our society. Even after seeing a drastic increase of Covid-19 patients in Pakistan, people still come to us to ask about the credibility of these vaccines". He further added that a good number of people got vaccinated but still there is a need of creating more awareness about the benefits of vaccines among masses.

Tauseef Razi's response was not much different than Dr. Dodani about the vaccination process and vaccines. He said that the conventional media played much responsible role in spreading news related to

pandemic and vaccines, but a large number of audience have access to digital media and that is the major source of spreading news these days. Moreover, he favored the statement of having digital media legislation to control the flow of fake news in our society.

Discussing about misconception, Muhammad Hunain Ameen said that to stop the flow of fake news in our society, every single person has to play his/her role. Audience has to identify and verify the facts before sharing with others. He also shared some useful tips with students regarding verification of any news.

In concluding remarks, all the panelists showed concern that there is a need of legislation regarding fake news, however, it should not be a coerced law. Director MTC Mr. Mushtaq Muhammad Gopang in his concluding remarks urged the students to play their role to share authentic information related to Covid-19 vaccine. He presented souvenirs to the guests at the end of the event.



## Child Labour In Pakistan: Issues, Challenges And Remedies

By Usama Hassan Soomro

On 18th June 2021, a webinar on “Child Labor in Pakistan: Issues, Challenges and Remedies” was organized by the Department of Social Development. Prof. Dr. Farhan Essa (Social Activist & CEO of Essa Laboratory) Dr. Jaipal Chhabria (Secretary Human Rights Committee of Pakistan Medical Association) and Dr. Subhash Gurrairo (Chairman, Department of Social Development SMIU) were guest speakers of the session. Webinar was moderated by Mr. Muhammad Kamil Lakho, Lecturer, Department of Social Development. The session was attended by the faculty members and large number of students of SMI University.

Mr. Lakho started the webinar with shedding light on the issues and current position of child labor in Pakistan and its importance in the society. Dr. Farhan Esa briefed on the nature and current status of child labor in Pakistan. He said that this is a very important social problem in our society and thousands of children are engaged in this unlawful work all over the country. He told participants that children are facing many physical and health issues due to labor.

Dr. Jaipal talked in detail on the topic and explained the government policies and laws about child labor in all over the world and Pakistan. He said that although child rights are recognized by the government but overall, the situation is not good. In this context he mentioned different challenges and obstacles to curb the child labor in Pakistan.

Dr. Subhash spoke on the reasons of the child labor in Pakistan. He said that the socio-economic status of the child’s family is the major reason of sending their child at work. Poverty in this situation is the actual cause along with other reasons like social attitudes, family size and migration etc.

At the end of the webinar question and answer session was held, whereby students from different departments of SMIU asked questions from the speakers. These questions were related to the role of the International Labor Organization (ILO) in eradicating the child labor and gender wise status of child labor in Pakistan.

The webinar ended with a vote of thanks and comments by the chairman, Department of Social Development.

Dr. Jaipal Chhabria also said thanks to the SMIU administration for arranging the discussion. He showed his resolve to arrange further programs like this in near future.

**Live Webinar on**

**Child Labour in Pakistan: Issues, Challenges and Remedies**

**Prof. Dr. Farhan Essa**  
CEO Essa Laboratory, Governor, Rotary Club, Ex Vice President, PMA Karachi

**Dr. Jaipal Chhabria**  
Secretary Human Rights Committee (PMA), Karachi

**Dr. Subhash Babu**  
Chairperson, Department of Social Development, SMI University, Karachi

**Moderator**  
**Muhammad Kamil Lakho**  
Lecturer, Department of Social Development, SMI University, Karachi

Date and Time  
**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2021** **05:00-6:00 PM**

Organized by:  
**Department of Social Development**  
Sindh Madressatul Islam University, Karachi

## Futsal Competition 2021

By Zia Rehman

All Karachi Universities Futsal Competition 2021 held at Madhu Muhammaddin Football Ground from 28th June till 2nd July 2021. The tournament was organized by 72 Wing Bhattai Rangers University of Karachi. VC SMI University, Prof. Dr. Memon attended the closing ceremony as Guest of Honor. He appreciated the participating teams and encouraged the student’s sports activities. SMIU Futsal Team participated in this competition as well.



## Media & Communication Studies Organized an Art Exhibition

**By Usama Hassan Soomro**

Apart from academics, focusing on extracurricular activities is one of the legacies of SMIU. In this regard, an art exhibition was organized in the premises of SMIU on 24th June 2021 under the supervision of Ms. Khushboo Rafiq & Ms. Hadia Khalil, Lecturers, Department of Media & Communication Studies. Students of the department participated and exhibited their semester projects under the title of "Awareness against Corona". It included handmade posters and comic stories by students. The purpose of the event was to spread awareness among students and share their experiences during Covid-19 through their art. Along with exhibition, a live art activity was also organized in which students were free to do live painting and sketching. The faculty and staff members appreciated their efforts of particular students. Ms. Hadia Khalil, the supervisor of the event said that the purpose for arranging this activity is to develop the sense of awareness and acknowledgment about mental health among students in the tough times of covid-19.



## Faculty of Social Sciences Organized a Research Workshop

**By Sassui Karim**

Research is the key element of quality education. Considering the importance of the subject, Department of Social Development along with Department of Media & Communication Studies organized a research workshop on the topic of "Quantitative Research Methods in Social Sciences" on June 24th 2021 at senet hall, SMIU.

The workshop was conducted by Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, Prof. Dr. Zahid Ali Channar. In which he discussed in detail the various aspects of research in the field of social sciences and related studies. Furthermore, he elaborated step by step the different methods, techniques, significance and necessities related to quantitative research. The trainer also clarified many misconceptions of students with regard to selecting a research method. The workshop was designed in a way to provide practical experience of quantitative methods in research. A large number of students and research scholars from Faculty of Social Sciences participated in this workshop.

Dr. Subhash Gurrairo, Chairman Department of Social Development gave a vote of thanks at the end of the workshop. He appreciated the efforts of both departments for conducting a productive workshop for the students and research scholars.





## “Magic Hands” Won Award in NASFF 2021

**By Muteeba Irshad**

Mr. Haris Latif, student of Department of Media & Communication Studies won sixth position award for top 12 undergraduate short film category in NASFF 2021. National Amateur Short Film Festival 2021 (NASFF) is an initiative taken by ISPR in which around 300 films were received from 72 different universities of Pakistan including Sindh Madressatul Islam University for different categories. The grand finale held on 26th June 2021 in Islamabad and the event was graced by the Prime Minister of Pakistan joined by various renowned celebrities and filmmakers. In the event, the award-winning short films and documentaries of different categories were screened to dispense a chance to the creative and talented youth of Pakistan. Young filmmakers showcased their astonishing talent to promote the soft image of Pakistan through their work.

Prime Minister of Pakistan, Imran Khan appreciated ISPR and General Babar Iftikhar while addressing the audiences. He valued the team and added that, “We adopted the Indian cinema culture without analyzing the value of originality, which is far more important than copying something. These films shows that the youth of Pakistan have a lot of potential and they will learn the technical side of film making by participating in such events. Original content can be produced by getting inspired by the real stories of people of Pakistan.”

Mr. Latif was than appreciated by Vice Chancellor and the staff of SMIU. ISPR offered the winners one year scholarship for advanced film study in University of California, USA.



## Comic-Con Theater Show

**By Muhammad Talal**

On 29th June 2021, Department of Media & Communication Studies organized a "Comic-Con Show" under the supervision of Ms. Khushboo Rafiq as their semester’s final project. Where the students brilliantly impersonated and performed famous cartoon characters through their acts. This project was a part of the subject "Dramatics and Acting Perspectives". Highlighting the purpose of this event, Ms. Rafiq told SMIU Chronicle that such platforms provide a chance to students to conquer their stage fear and polish their acting and directing skills. She dedicated this event to Cartoon Industry by saying that the role of the cartoon industry cannot be ignored in making everyone's childhood colorful.

Event was attended by a large number of students from different departments who acknowledged acting and management skills of the participants.



## Photography Workshop

**By Jamal u ddin Tunio**

On 30th June 2021, Department of Media & Communication Studies organized a “Photography Workshop” for the students in senate hall SMIU.

Mr. Ali Al Balushi, a professional Fashion & Art Photographer, was invited as trainer for the session. During the session, students learn theory and also performed practical activities related to the subject. At the end of the session, a group photo of participants was taken with trainer and faculty members of the department.



different eras of Pakistani politics, starting from military regimes till present democracy in Pakistan. While answering a question regarding censorship issues of Pakistani media, he said that, “Today’s media has more freedom than in the era of the 1960s or 1990s.” While discussing different propagandas in the light of media theories, Mr. Shahzad Khan said that, “Media should focus on fact-based news rather than giving hype to fake news and propaganda.”

The panelist concluded the discussion after giving some useful suggestions to students. Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Dean Faculty of Social Sciences and Dr. Ambreen Fazal, Chairperson of Department of Media & Communication Studies paid regards to the guests for enlightening students on such important issues. The discussion was moderated by Dr. Sumaira Memon, while supervised by Dr. Sana Shahid & Ms. Ifrah Imam.



## Media & Communication Studies Arranged a Panel Discussion on Media Theories

**By Saleh Ayub & Muhammad Talal**

On July 1st 2021, Department of Media & Communication Studies organized a panel discussion on “Media Theories and Practical Implications” at senate hall SMIU. The panelist includes Mr. Shahzad Khan from AbbTakk media group and Mr. Hidayat Sayer from FM 107.

In this panel, the challenges faced by the media in Pakistan were discussed. The panelist briefly highlighted the role of media in creating awareness in society, the history of Pakistani media and its growth in past years. Mr. Sayer discussed the role of Media in

## Film & Documentary Screening

By Muteeba Irshad

On 15th July 2021, Department of Media & Communication Studies organized "Film Screening" of the students of fourth semester supervised by Mr. Umer Qazi at Sir Shah Nawaz Bhutto Auditorium. Instructor of the subject "Introduction to Film and documentary" Mr. Umer told the SMIU Chronicle that, "Students have done a great job in their final project with limited time and resources." Mr. Kamran Lodhi, the jury of film screening appreciated the work and the efforts of the students. Around twenty plus documentaries and short films were screened at the event.



## Inter- University Tug of War Tournament

By Bakhtawar Zakir

On the eve of Pakistan Day, the Inter-University Tug of War (Boys & Girls) Tournament 2021 was organized by Sir Syed University of Engineering & Technology on 31st of March 2021 in SSUET Ground. The host institution invited eight universities of Karachi for this tournament. In this regard, SMI University, University of Karachi, Iqra University, ILMA University, Dewan University, Hamdard University and Bahria University participated in the tournament. Nine teams of Boys category and eight teams of girls category participated in this event.

SMI University Tug of War Boys' team secured 3rd position and Girls' team secured 4th position in Inter-University Tug of War Tournament 2021. In the concluding ceremony, Vice Chancellor of SSUET, Karachi awarded the trophies and certificates to the position holder teams. Mr. Muhammad Kashif, sports officer SMIU, appreciated the participating teams. He said, "With limited resources and time during Covid-19 lockdown these students performed very well and we will continue to support our student's sports activities in future too."



## SMIU Celebrated Independence Day

**By Muhammad Waseem**

August 14, 2021 SMI University celebrated 75th Independence Day of Pakistan. The ceremony at the Alma Mater of Muhammad Ali Jinnah begun with the national anthem. The chief guest of the event VC SMI University, Prof. Dr. Memon hoisted the national flag and congratulated everyone for the completion of 74 years of independence. Addressing the ceremony, he said, "Allah has blessed Pakistan with innumerable blessings. Pakistan is rich in natural resources but we need to work hard to utilize those in the right manner." He further stated that the universities are playing a vital role in the development of our country. Youth is the future of Pakistan and the greatest strength of our society. By giving them a right path towards education and technological advancement, we can bring Pakistan on the track of development and prosperity. We all should pledge this day to make this country a better place, wherever we are, we all should work hard with dedication.

Dr. Stephen John, Chairman, Department of Education also shed light on the historical background of Pakistan that how the British came to the subcontinent and became rulers. He narrated the events of some heroes of Pakistan movement and

advised the youngsters to always remember the struggles of our elders specially the unsung heroes who sacrificed everything for the creation of our homeland.

A cake cutting ceremony was also held at the end of program. Event was attended by Registrar, Deans, Head of Departments, faculty & staff members of university.



## SMIU Reports

### Model CCI Simulation Exercise By Hanns Seidel Foundation

**By Muteeba Irshad, Muhammad Fahad**

In collaboration with Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF Pakistan) Department of Media & Communication Studies organized the Model CCI simulation exercise for students of SMIU on 2nd April 2021 at Sir Shahnwaz Bhutto Auditorium.

In the first round, forty students were trained to take part in this activity. Later, those forty students participated for the simulation exercise from which four teams of ten members were constructed for a debate competition. Each participant was assigned a different role as a political member to make different policies for Pakistan. Each team consisted of a Prime Minister, Federal Minister, Provisional Ministers and a Chief Minister, which were provided with various topics to debate on.

The topics included Standard of Higher Education in Pakistan, Inter-Provisional Coordination on Health, Inter-Provisional Coordination on Youth & Women Empowerment, and Natural Resources for policy making. In each simulation, each member of the committee presented their policies as per their roles and at the end of simulation each team was supposed to conclude their respective session with a common consent. The jury consist of three members, named as: Dr. Syeda Daud, Mr. Muhammad Kamil Lakho and Mr. Zohaib Hussain Shah.

Later on, results were announced. In which five students were selected among forty participants for the next and provincial round that is to be held later this year. The selected participants include Usama Hassan Soomro, Muteeba Irshad, Muhammad Waseem, Mirza Huraira Baig and Wara Khan from Department of Media & Communication Studies.

The Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF) has been Pakistan's distinguished partner on democracy, peace, and development since 1983. HSF has contributed to narrowing the gap between policy makers and academia through various dialogue forums. The purpose to organize this policy dialogue was to build a better understanding of political affairs and policy making in Pakistan. In concluding session, Dr. Zahid Ali Channar (Dean Faculty of Social Sciences) appreciated and encouraged the participants. He further said, "Activities like this will help in student's growth. They will learn and understand the political system and importance of democracy." At the end of the event, Dr. Ambreen Fazal (Chairperson), Dr. Zahid Ali Channar (Dean) and Mr. Lal Zaman from HSF distributed the certificates among the participants.



## SMIU Student Society Elections 2021-22

By Muteeba Irshad

Directorate of Student Affairs & Counselling organized annual elections for SMIU's Student Society Council. The student society's elections held on 6th April 2021 on main campus of the university.

There are seven major student societies that are working for SMIU's Student Council including Arts society, Music society, Literary society, Debating society, Sports society, Science society and Character-building society. These societies work as a bridge among university's students and officials. VC SMI University, Prof. Dr. Memon encouraged the electoral process of Student's Societies. He congratulated the elected students and said, "Student unions are very important stake of any educational institute, they have the strength to polish the political skills of youngsters. However, in present circumstances, I am very much contented that our elected student societies are performing the same."

Each society consist of five seats that are: President, Vice President, Male secretary, Female secretary and Treasurer. Around seventy students submitted their nomination forms for the respective seats from each society to become the office bearers of the above-mentioned seats. To become one of the office bearers, students have to go through a strong eligibility criteria from having required CGPA, good academic record and good campus behavior. To attain the seat for their specific position, students have to undergo a month-long election campaign in which the participants convinced other students to vote them, so they will be elected for the desired position. The election lasted for almost three hours and the results were announced later that day. Elected students celebrated their victory with great joy. However, on the other hand the participants who lost elections were seemed to be sad but also optimistic to win it next time.



Each society has specific roles and objectives related to its discipline. The aim of these student societies is to work on students' character and skill developments by organizing various activities and events. Apart from academia, these societies also organized amusing and exciting events and competitions in which students participate with great zeal. Various events such as short film competition, art and photography exhibition, web development competition, debate competition etc. had been organized in the previous years. Moreover, students are strength of a university, by going through all this electoral process will help them to better understand the political system of the country.



## Importance Of Vaccines In Current Situation

**By Sassui Karim**

April 30<sup>th</sup> 2021, Department of Social Development organized a webinar titled, “Importance of Vaccines in Current Situation”. Faculty and students from different universities of Sindh attended the session online. Guests from Expanded Program on Immunization (EPI) joined the session and briefed students about vaccination process.

Dr. Muhammad Juman Bahoto (PD, EPI) elaborated the role played by the EPI in the vaccination process and generating immunity among the children and people of Sindh. Furthermore, Dr. Ahsan Bhurgri (Technical Advisor EPI) explained about immunization, vaccination and how EPI Sindh is reaching the defined goals. A detailed presentation was also given by Mr. Sunil Raja (Communication Specialist EPI / UNICEF) describing diseases especially prevailing among the children of Sindh province.

Followed by presentation and briefings there was a question-answer session. In this interactive session students raised different questions regarding immunization among the children and the impact of the vaccination on the health of children. Mr. Bhurgri responded to all the queries of students comprehensively and appreciated students for their concerns and urge of knowledge about pandemic.

The webinar ended with the vote of thanks by Mr. Muhammad Kamil Lakho, Lecturer, Department of Social Development. The speakers of this session also thanked the administration of SMIU for arranging this webinar keeping the current health situation in mind.

The program was moderated by Dr. Subhash, Chairman, Department of Social Development.

## Skill Development Training Workshop

**By Usama Hassan Somro**

Directorate of Student Affairs & Counselling arranged an extensive three days “Skill Development Training Workshop” from 28th June till 30th June 2021. The workshop was exclusively designed for the final year students of the university. Students from different departments attended various sessions, including CV writing, Mock Interview, Career Counseling, Motivational Speaking, Time Management and Change Management. More than 150 students participated in these sessions which were conducted by different national and international experts from various industries.

Concluding ceremony of the workshop held on 30th June 2021 at Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium. VC SMI University, Prof. Dr. Memon attended the ceremony as chief guest. He acknowledged the efforts of concerned department for planning and organizing such an excellent program. While addressing to the audience he said, “We believe in supporting and developing our students to compete in the market, such programs are extremely important for the growth of our students”.

Director DSA, Dr. Asif Ali Wagan said, “Students of SMIU are eager to learn. Activities like skill development are indispensable in today’s competitive market and such opportunities shall enhance the skills of students. Directorate of Students Affairs along with the support of faculty members will bring more such innovative and creative opportunities in the coming days.” In the end, the certificates and awards were distributed among the resource persons and the participants of the workshop.



## Volley Ball Championship

**By Arslan Abdullah**

SMI University organized the HEC Inter-varsity Zone-G Volleyball (Men) Championship 2020-21 on 22nd & 23rd June 2021 at Khokhar Volleyball Club, Karachi.

Four universities including SMIU, IOBM, Hamdard University and Sir Syed University of Engineering & Technology of Zone-G Karachi participated in the event.

Director DSA, Dr. Asif Ali Wagan welcomed the chief guest Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Shaikh (Registrar, SMIU) in the opening ceremony and presented souvenir. Mr. Muhammad Kashif, Sports Officer introduced the university team players and officials to him. The chief guest appreciated the efforts of the organizers and shared his valuable thoughts with the audience.

In his address he said, "I am so happy after seeing the energy of our students and our management team. From past two years the pandemic had badly affected our student's education and co-curricular activities but now we have trained ourselves for new normal. I am hopeful that these activities will bring new talent in our country sports and some day we will see them on our national television."

The opening match of the tournament was played between the host team of SMI University and



Hamdard University. Final match was played between SSUET and UoK. University of Karachi defeated SSUET with the set score of 2-0 and UoK also defended its Zone level title and became the winner of HEC Inter-varsity Zone-G Volleyball (Men) Championship 2020-21.

At the end of the tournament, the prize distribution ceremony was held at the same court. Mr. Shah Naeem Zafar (General Secretary, Pakistan Volleyball Federation) was the chief guest of the closing ceremony. The Chief Guest distributed trophies among the winner & runner-up teams of the volleyball Zone-G championship. Engr. Shah Naeem Zafar admired the efforts of SMIU management for organizing a great event ensuring compliance to Covid-19 SOPs. He said, "These activities are examples of a healthy society, we must encourage our students to take part in sport so in their free time they can utilize their energy in healthy activities."





## Exhibition of Photography & Graphic Design

By Sassui Karim

Department of Media & Communication Studies organized a Photography and Graphic Design exhibition on 1st July 2021 in the premises of SMIU. Where the students showcased their photography skills and graphic designs. The display was part of the final project of students under the supervision of Ms. Ifrah Imam and Mr. Khalid Soomro. The purpose of the event was to introduce the audience to the fresh perspective of young talent.

The exhibition, titled as "The Beginner's Composition", showcased creative work of students including photographs and graphic design projects. Students from various departments, faculty members, staff, and officials including Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Shaikh (Registrar) Dr. Zahid Ali Channar (Dean Faculty of Social Sciences), Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, (Dean Faculty of Business Administration), Dr. Syed Asif Ali (Dean Faculty of Information Technology) and Dr. Ambreen Fazal (Chairperson, Department of Media & Communication



Studies) visited the exhibition and valued the efforts of students.

VC SMI University, Prof. Dr. Memon inaugurated the exhibition as the guest of honor. While visiting the exhibition area, he appreciated the efforts of students for organizing a successful event. He further said, "Our youth is very talented; we have to point them towards the right path. This is the era of technology; we do not only have to educate our students but also make them ready for the market and such activities are a learning ground for our students. Their ideas are innovative and unique; university officials should introduce the talent of the students to the world."

The organizers told SMIU chronicle that such platform provide a chance to students to participate and get hands on training of what they have studied in classrooms. The purpose of the exhibition was not only to display their creative work, but they also had the opportunity to launch their own products on small scale in the event. Students came up with very creative entrepreneurial ideas as well.

The colorful event concluded with a positive note of chairperson of the department, Dr. Ambreen Fazal. She said: "This is just the beginning, these students have a world to conquer yet".



## Oath Taking Ceremony

By Arslan Abdullah

Directorate of Student affairs & Counselling organized the “Oath Taking Ceremony” for the newly elected office bearers of SMIU Student Council & SMIU Character-Building Society 2020-21 on 6th July 2021 at Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium.

All the elected members of the seven student societies of SMIU student’s council namely Debating society, Art society, Community service society, Literary society, Science society, Sports society and Music society took their oath in ceremony. For the first-time, Character-Building Society SMIU, was also the part of this oath taking ceremony.

The ceremony was started with the recitation of Holy Quran. Director DSA, Dr. Asif Ali Wagan in his welcome note congratulated newly elected members and appreciated the efforts & enthusiasm of students for successfully taking part in electoral process of society’s election. He further extended full support from DSA in future as well. Vice Chancellor SMIU and President Karachi Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Mr. Tariq Vohra were invited as the chief guests of the ceremony.

VC SMI University, Prof. Dr. Memon in his address to the audience highlighted the role of Sindh Madressatul Islam as a nursery of leaders in past. He further added, “Our institute has a pride that the Father of the Nation was once a student here and he used to sit at the same places where our students sit today. This is a matter of pride as well as motivation for all of us. Our country is moving forward to its bright future and our youth is our future. Now it is their responsibility to prove themselves as Leaders”.

After his speech, the guests administered the oath to the newly elected office bearers. In which they took oath to



be an ambassador of this institute, and that they will responsibly play their role for betterment of students, university & society. The chief guest of the ceremony, Mr. Tariq Vohra addressed the students and admired the efforts of SMIU management for providing a platform to students for improving their leadership skills to become future leaders. He shed light on the importance of the role of students in country politics. He also offered internships at Karachi Chamber of Commerce & Industry to the students of SMIU.

He further added “I am delighted to see such young and energetic leaders around and I am hopeful that in future some of them will lead our country. Today reminds me of my university days when I was a student and we used to take part in student union activities but then students union got banned because of the circumstances. We saw a gap between students and politics which increased by time which resulted in the form of generation gap in our country politics. Now after so many years universities have tried to emerge students through student councils. When I meet young leaders like them, all I can say that hopefully soon we will see fresh blood in Pakistani politics.”

Later on, VC SMIU presented souvenir to President KCCI, Mr. Tariq Vohra. The guests distributed the appreciation certificates among the former office bearers of student council 2019. A memorable group photo of newly elected members was taken with VC, chief guest, Deans, Patrons and officials at Inner Courtyard of SMIU.



## STUDENT'S Corner

### Art is Life

**By Syeda Harmeen**

Art is an expression that has the potential of bringing out the raw emotions of the one making it and the one seeing it. Art is like a scientific revolution of the future and the rich history of the past merged into one entity. It is like a school without boundaries, where every form of art matter, and is precious, and is in its league. As Thomas Merton stated, "Art enables us to find ourselves and lose ourselves at the same time."

There is no comparison in art. It is like a never-ending galaxy of stars where every star is imperfectly perfect in its own way. Art is for everyone; the only difference is in the understanding of the person viewing it.

Art is like the cool breeze of air that refreshes the minds of all. Not only this, but art can also be a force that has the power to change the mindset of thousands of people used as a form of revolution, and for the betterment of society. Art is like a river, having its force and speed. Sometimes it can shape the minds through its content slowly and gradually, yet some other time it could flood our minds and heart in an instant and the effect could be visible for all. Art is both; a calming piece of paper to look at and a start to the rising of a new revolution for changing the thoughts of many.

Art is like a heaven's gift to everyone. Which is personalized for every single soul and it depends on us to understand it, nurture and cultivate it. It is an irreplaceable part of us that can never be left behind. It is in everything, art surrounds us from all directions, we just need to have the eye to see it. It educates us not just emotionally but also spiritually. Art is the energy that nurtures our roots like sunlight providing the essence of life to the roots of a tree. Yes, art is life itself!

### Art: Need to Transforms the Dynamics of the World

**By Sumair Abdullah**

Education is the perfecting of life, the aforementioned lines reflect the essence of education. Although there has been a long discourse throughout ages and history about what kind of education should be inculcated and imparted in our education system. Yet, by all means we maze what to teach and what not, for instance to suspend our disbelief.

If we see through the eyes of an artist the world is a beautiful place to wander to live and to cherish. All we need to know is the importance of art in education. Because art broadens new horizons of mental capability and gives lenses to see the world through the aesthetic sense, in this chaotic world.

However, there are three things that education of art instructs us to love by the control, enjoyment, and understanding of life. As in the words of Will Durant, "Art exists not merely to express, but to transmit an emotion, an aspiration, or an idea ". Thus, education of art fulfills a purpose.

“It helps us to live a nonviolent and peaceful life”

Although, to have a harmonious life we need education of art that transforms the dynamics of the world. In this technocratic global village art gives shelter to the tormented and perturbed souls of humans.

Education of art could create an ideal realm where one can mold the darkness of worldly wickedness towards the pinnacle of consciousness. It is the only way for humans to escape from the repetitive and mechanical cycle of life. Because for decades philosophers are interpreting the world and science is busy in inventing and unearthing. But, art is the only exceptional choice where the burden of unfathomable emotions and psychological disruptions are relieved.

Nevertheless, in this contemporary dynamic of the world where everyone is self-centered, every other field is working for their cause and quantum. We can not deny the importance of art in our education.

## Meet our Alumnus



Qurat ul Ain Ali

It is rightly said that “Students are the future’s leaders”. We are so proud to see our alumnus working and progressing in their field of interests. SMIU believes that our students are our strength. We encouraged them to follow their dreams & prepare them to take that path confidently and successfully. Ms. Qurat ul Ain Ali is one of our alumni, studied in SMIU Media & Communication Studies Department for her BS degree. She is currently working as Program Coordinator for the Wellbeing Centre at CEJ, IBA. She manages the free counselling service for journalists and media workers in Karachi. She has previously worked as an Associate Coordinator at the Pakistan Press Foundation. Remembering the times in SMIU she said, “It is indeed an honor to have been a part of such a prestigious institute that has been producing leaders since decades for our country.”

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Shahroze Rizvi

Mr. Shahroze Rizvi is working as a Senior Project Manager at vFairs LLC, USA. He graduated with a bachelor’s degree in Computer Science from SMIU in 2016. That was the first official graduation of SMIU after being elevated to the status of a university. After completion of his degree, Mr. Rizvi joined Leisure Leagues (a British Football leagues organizer). Through which he got a chance to travel Spain, Portugal, Dubai and Greece for the world cups, leading Pakistan’s National Football Team as their manager overseas. For promotion and development of football in Pakistan he worked hand in hand with UNGC, UNO, OXFAM, World Bank, Asian Development Bank and many such entities. While talking to SMIU Chronicle, he said that “I was a different person when I joined SMIU, and I believe that I owe it to my teachers and this institute who carved out the best in me. The opportunities this institution presented me with, were the turning points that helped me polish my skills, boost my confidence and make me the professional I am today.”

## SMIU's Collaborations



July 2021: SMI University and Baluchistan University of Engineering and Technology (BUET) Khuzdar signed a MoU to strengthen the academic relationship between both universities. VC SMIU Prof Dr. Memon, VC BUET Ehsan Ullah Khan, Registrar and Deans SMIU were present during the signing ceremony.



June 2021: MoU signing ceremony held in between SMIU and Hashmani Group of Hospitals to provide health facilities to the employees and students of SMIU. VC SMIU Prof. Dr. Memon and CEO of Hashmani Group Mr. Arslan Hashmani signed the documents at the VC Secretariat. Director ORIC, Registrar and Deans SMIU witnessed the ceremony.



June 2021: SMI University and Dawn Convertec Limited inked a MoU to strengthen the academic and research collaboration. During the signing ceremony, Prof. Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepota (Dean Faculty of Management Business Administration & Commerce) CFO Dawn Group Mr. Asad Ullah Rajput, Director ORIC SMIU Dr. Aamir Iqbal were present.



April 2021: SMIU inked a MoU with Essa Laboratory to provide health care facilities and discounts to the employees and students of SMIU. Director ORIC SMIU Dr. Aamir Iqbal and Dr. Jaipal Chhabria from Essa lab signed the document.



March 2021: SMIU signed a MoU with US-Pakistan Center for Advanced Studies in Water established at Mehran University of Engineering and Technology Jamshoro. Dr. Syed Asif Ali (Dean Faculty of Information Technology SMIU) and Prof. Dr. Rasool Bux Mahar (Director US-PCAS-W) signed the document to ensure mutual collaboration on different areas of research and academic exchange.



March 2021: SMIU and Dawood University of Engineering and Technology (DUET) inked a MOU for mutual collaboration in academics and research. Registrars of both universities signed the MoU in presence of VC SMIU Prof. Dr. Memon and VC DUET Dr. Faizullah Abbasi.

## PHOTO Gallery







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