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“Entrepreneurship *started from 18th century,*
but since the last fifty years it is playing a major role in
transforming the society.”

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrais' address at Job Fest



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Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor briefing members of Charter Inspection & Evaluation Committee at SMIU.



Mr. Mohammad Ismail Rahu, Minister for Universities and Boards, inaugurating the Job Fest. (Report on page 38)



Mr. Muhammad Mureed Rahimoon, Secretary Universities and Boards Department attended the Students's Week. (Report on page 42)



Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai visiting Digital Bazar organised by students of Department of Media and Communication Studies. (See report on page 18)

Vice Chancellor's Note



Established in 1885 by the visionary educationist Khan Bahadur Hassanally Effendi as a school, the Sindh Madressatul Islam University is a historic-most institution of the region which is credited with production of founder of the nation, wise persons, visionary leaders like, freedom fighters and educationist viz. Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah, Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto, Sir Abdullah Haroon, Sir Ghulam Hussain Hidayatullah, Khan Bahadur Mohammad Ayub Khuhro, Allama I.I. Kazi, Allama Umer Bin Mohammad Daudpoto, Hanif Mohammad, Mohammad Ibrahim Joyo and Mohammad Hashim Gazdar are just a few, among many others, to mention here.

The institution became college in 1943 and almost 70 years later received its charter as a university in 2012 from where it started its journey as a higher education institution in the country.

I believe, the higher education is considered the only sphere through which highly skilled professionals, scholars and experts are produced. The Sindh Madressatul Islam University, while understanding and accepting the challenges of the new world, provides quality education to its students coupled with research and hand-on-practices.

We engage students in learning process through the tools of digital age and encourage their participation in the academic as well as co-curricular activities to groom their personalities from every aspect. SMIU encourages faculty as well as students to conduct quality researches because society's problems can only be solved through research which shall lead to a developed Pakistan.

In recent times the SMIU has emerged as one of the modern universities which provides tertiary education in the market driven programs, i.e., Artificial Intelligence and Mathematical Sciences, Accounting, Banking and Finance, Business Administration, Computer Science, Software Engineering, Media and Communication Studies, Environmental Sciences, Social Development, Education and English, to meet the challenging and competitive scenario of 21st century. These offered academic programs are equipped and strengthened with quality of faculty and state of art facilities, i.e. computer labs., air-conditioned classrooms, hi-tech research lab., modern library, digital library, television studio, FM Radio and auditorium, transport and many more.

It is matter of pleasure to inform that besides maintaining the colonial architect along with imparting quality education, the university is looking

forward to have 100-acres campus at Education City at Malir and 10-acres campus in Hawksbay area with most sophisticated facilities to meet the growing demand of the country for skilled human resources.

The university is fully committed to students' academic progress and monitor it through an effective mechanism on regular basis. SMI University has also initiated some projects under public-private partnership to meet the needs of the day. SMI University has an uncompromising attitude towards quality education, facilities, and student-centered activities.

The varsity has always moved forward with great responsibility and its role is linked with the dream which was envisioned in 1885. We at SMI University aim to put all our efforts and hard work to produce global responsible citizens that shall matter to Sindh, Pakistan and beyond our national borders.

Prof. Dr. Mujeebuddin Sahrai Memon

MEETINGS and Visits



DR. MUJEEB SAHRAI VISITS MALIR CAMPUS

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor, visited Malir Campus of Sindh Madressatul Islam University on January 2, 2022. At the site, he was briefed about the progress of construction work of the campus by the Project Coordinator Suresh Mal Dodani. Later on, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai observed development work and gave instructions to the concerned persons about speedy work of the campus.

It must be mentioned here that SMIU's Malir Campus is being constructed on 100 acres of land in the Education City, in Malir District of Karachi. The land was given to SMIU by Government of Sindh, free of charge and the Higher Education Commission Pakistan, provides funds for its development work through the Government of Pakistan.



MEETING OF ASRB

By Muteeba Irshad

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor, chaired a meeting of Advanced Studies Research Board (ASRB) on January 11, 2022. The members of the board discussed various research policy matters for the SMIU's faculty and students. They also approved and suggested some important policies for the promotion of research culture among faculty and students.



MEETING WITH LOWER GRADE STAFF

By Muhammad Waseem Buzdar

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor SMIU convened a meeting with Naib Qasids of the university on January 24th, 2022. In the meeting the Vice Chancellor announced increment of Integrated Allowance for all Naib Qasids of the university. Speaking at the meeting Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai said, "We all are working for a prestigious institution of SMIU, we as management make sure that the staff members are treated equally and well, as we all are one family, and we have to work together to make this institute successful."

Meeting was attended by principal officers and Naib Qasids of the university.



SYNDICATE MEETING

By Muhammad Fahad Khan



The 26th meeting of the SMIU Syndicate was held on February 2nd, 2022 and was chaired by Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor. The higher body of the university approved the minutes of Finance & Planning Committee and discussed on various matters of the university including development project of Malir Campus.



The meeting was attended by the members of Syndicate include Mr. Haji Hanif Tayab, Prof. Dr. A. Q. Mughal, Prof. Dr. Abdul Bari Khan, Ms. Amcena Saiyid, Mr. Kamal Siddiqui, Registrar of SMIU and other members.



VICE CHANCELLOR LEADS KASHMIR DAY RALLY

Sindh Madressatul Islam University, Alma-Mater of founder of Pakistan Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah took out a rally on 5th February 2022 to observe the Kashmir Day. It was led by Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai. Faculty and staff members of the university participated in it.

The rally was brought out from the Main Building of the university, which went to Aiwan-e-Tijarat Road and Hasrat Mohani Road and then reached at the Talpur House of the university, where it was converted into a meeting.

On that occasion Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai addressed the rally and said that India has forcefully occupied the land of Kashmir.

Indian atrocities are continuing in the occupied Kashmir every day. Even women, children and aged persons are not safe from the humiliation of Indian forces. So far, hundreds of thousands of Kashmiri people have been martyred and arrested.

The Vice Chancellor demanded that the occupied Kashmir must be given its freedom according to the UNO resolutions and Indian forces must stop their inhuman actions and barbarianism in the occupied Kashmir. Dr. Sahrai said the world community, academia, intellectuals, world leaders, artists, human rights organizations and people of other professions must raise their voice against Indian occupation of Kashmir and bitter violation of human rights in it by the Indian forces and also for freedom of Kashmiri people.



THIRD COMMISSIONER KARACHI CITY MARATHON RACE

The Sindh Government arranged a "City Marathon" on February 13th, 2022, to encourage healthy and peaceful life and build harmony among citizens. The Marathon began from the Moin Khan Academy, DHA Sports Club, Karachi.

Sindh Madressatul Islam University, in collaboration with Karachi Commissioner Office supported the above mentioned initiative. Directorate of ORIC and Directorate of Students Affairs (DSA) streamlined the process of registration at SMIU.

The caravan departed from SMIU and reached at the academy to join the marathon. The Marathon Race started at 10:30 a.m. and ran in different age groups starting from under 19 and above 29 and veteran.

Participants from SMI University were students, faculty, officers and staff members. Female participants took part in the race of 5 km category while male participants competed for 10 km category race. SMIU participants competed vigorously and received certificates from the chief guest of the event.



PERFORMANCE OF SMIU'S DEPARTMENTS REVIEWED

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor, chaired a meeting of heads of various academic as well as administrative departments of SMIU on February 17, 2022 in the Conference Room. The performance of the departments was reviewed in detail.

On that occasion Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai said that all the heads of departments of the varsity must show their uncompromising attitude towards performance of their respective departments. By that way the university could achieve its goals set for making it most modern university of the country and of the world.

The meeting was attended by Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Shaikh, Mr. Pervez Ali Bhutto,



Mr. Furqan Iftikhar, Mr. Shah Mohammad Butt, Ms. Quratulain and others.

VICE CHANCELLOR VISITED I.T. TOWER



Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor, visited Incubation Centre, situated at the Information Technology Tower of SMIU on February 21, 2022. He went to the rooms reserved for the Centre and talked on the importance of the Incubation Centre, which provides guidance to young people in the field of business. He said SMIU works on the needs of modern day and tried to enable its youth to find new arenas of life in getting involved in entrepreneurship.

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai also visited departments of Computer Science, Software Engineering and Artificial Intelligence, which are housed in the I.T. Tower. This building, which has six floors, was a new addition to SMIU.



The Vice Chancellor said the education of Information Technology is most important for students as we are living in the age of Information Technology, hence SMIU must focus on it by providing quality education to its students along with practical work.

Prof. Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Dean Faculty of Information Technology, Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Chairperson Department of Software Engineering and Advisor to the Vice Chancellor on Academic Affairs, Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Shaikh, Registrar, Mr. Pervez Ali Bhutto, Director Works and Services and Mr. Furqan Iftikhar, Controller Examinations and Admissions accompanied the vice chancellor.

MEETING OF RESEARCH COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Research Committee of SMIU was held at the Conference Room of the university on March 16, 2022. Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor, chaired it.

Research work being conducted by the faculty and students of the university was reviewed in the meeting. HEC approved research projects of the SMIU's faculty were also discussed and the efforts of the faculty in this regards were lauded. The decisions about new research projects were also taken.

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, while addressing the meeting said SMIU encourages young scholars of the university, because research work is an essential part of academic activities of any university, which ultimately benefits the nation and the country. The Vice Chancellor further said SMIU shall fully support faculty and students in their research work.

Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, Dr. Syed Asif Ali, Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Dr. Muhammad Malook Rind, Dr. Aamir Iqbal Umrani, Dr. Saima Baig and Dr. Muhammad Afzal Chhajro attended the meeting.



PROVINCIAL ROUND OF MODEL COUNCIL OF COMMON INTERESTS

By Muhammad Waseem Bozdar

On 29th March 2022, Hanns Seidel Foundation Pakistan organized a two-day Provincial Round Meeting of the Model Council of Common Interest (MCCI) in Karachi. It was attended by forty participants from eight different universities across Sindh who were qualifiers of the first round. Model CCI meeting was held at the Institute of Business Administration, Karachi.

The Council members discussed four different topics: Higher Education, Natural Resources, Youth and Women Empowerment and Health. They debated thoroughly on the said topics and issues related to the subject. At the end, each group of students presented their suggestions on the topics.

At the concluding ceremony, Mr. Taj Haider, a prominent intellectual of the country, who was the chief guest on the occasion, addressing the audience said, "The Council of Common Interests is very important because it can solve disputes between the prov-

inces and the federation." He further added my father said that the future of Pakistan is bright because our women are now working in every field. We got Pakistan after a long struggle and that includes the hard work of Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah."

On the second day, the Model CCI team and students visited Sindh Madressatul Islam University, where they went to the Jinnah Museum. Finally, the MCCI team visited Mazar-e-Quaid, after which the two-day program came to an end.

Five students of SMI University were also part of the above mentioned event. From them, one student Mr. Muhammad Waseem Bozdar, from Department of Media & Communication Studies qualified for the HSF's National round of Model CCI, which will be held in the Senate of Pakistan.

MEETING WITH THE INDUSTRY PROFESSIONALS

The Industry Liaison Committee of Department of Software Engineering, SMIU held a meeting with the industry professionals on April 5, 2022 at the Senate Hall of the university.

The professionals from different software houses and organizations gave input about strengthening SMIU's relations with industry, that could lead to a strong Industry- Academia collaboration in the future.



It was also discussed that the Industry-Academia linkages and collaboration was a crucial mediator and modulator of skill development, adoption of knowledge and promotion of entrepreneurship. It was also said that it too aids in the strengthening research and development (R&D) investment via exploiting the synergies and complementarities present in scientific and technological capabilities. This, in turn, nurtures commercialization and mobility of IT graduates in both the public and private sectors.

It was said that collaboration of academia with industry provides opportunities to the academia to train their students as per requirements of the industry and speed up the creation of spin-off entities and licensing of patents.

In the end, souvenirs were presented to the guests by Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, In-Charge Dean Faculty of Information Technology, Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Chairperson Department of Software Engineering and Advisor to the Vice Chancellor on Academic Affairs, Dr. Aamir Iqbal Umrani, Assistant Professor, Department of Business Administration and Dr. Asif Ali Wagan, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science.

DR. MUJEEB SAHRAI CHAIRED MEETING ON SMIU MODEL SCHOOL



Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor SMIU chaired a meeting held on SMIU Model School at SMIU's Conference Room on April 6, 2022.

In the meeting, academic, administrative and admission matters of the school were reviewed in detail and some important decisions were taken. Ms. Nabila Kanwal, Principal SMIU Model School and other officials of the university attended the meeting.



Addressing the meeting Dr Sahrai said special attention will be given on development and quality education of SMIU Model School, which is an integral part of the university.

BOOKS GIFTED TO SMIU LIBRARIES

Mr. Mohammad Khan Abro, noted writer and columnist, Coordinator to the Provincial Minister for Labour, on April 12, 2022 gifted some copies of his autobiographical book titled "Wanjan Soor-a Sandha Kayo" (وجن سور سنداکیو) for Khan Bahadur Hassanally Effendi Library and the library of SMIU Model School, respectively. A copy of the same book was presented to Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor, SMIU. A letter of acknowledgment was sent to Mr. Abro from the vice chancellor, in which author's valuable literary work was appreciated and expressed thanks for gifting copies to SMIU.

VICE CHANCELLOR HOLDS A MEETING WITH SECRETARY EDUCATION

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor Sindh Madressatul Islam University held a meeting with Mr. Akbar Laghari, Secretary Education and Literacy Department, Government of Sindh on 20th May 2022, at his office.

In the meeting, they discussed on the matters related to SMIU Model School. Dr Mujeeb Sahrai apprised the secretary about financial crisis, being faced by SMIU Model School as the school is not receiving separate budget from government of Sindh and SMU University bears its all expenditures. The vice chancellor said SMIU Model School imparts quality education

to boys and girls from primary to matric and up to intermediate to girl students. Therefore, provincial government of Sindh should allocate separate budget for SMIU Model School as the Sindh Madressatul Islam school was receiving before establishment of Sindh Madressatul Islam University in 2012.

Secretary Education Mr. Akbar Laghari assured the Vice Chancellor for his full support and said that his department shall try to resolve the problems of SMIU Model School, which has played a historic role in advancement of modern education in Sindh and other parts of the country.

HEC APPROVED THREE RESEARCH PROJECTS OF SMIU FACULTY WORTH RS.28 MILLION



Higher Education Commission Pakistan (HEC) has approved three research projects of faculty members of SMIU under its National Research Program for Universities (NRPU). The approved amount of the projects was more than 28 million rupees. Among the said approved projects, one was submitted

amount of this project was Rs.4.8 million. This project was based on creating 2000 new Sindhi words, which were missing from Sindhi language. Mr. Wafa Mansoor Buriro has created new Sindhi words of those English words and also of science and technology, that were commonly used in Sindhi language these days.

The third approved project was submitted by Dr. Sarmad Ahmed Shaikh, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Science. The approved amount of this project was Rs.13.86 million. It was about the Radio Frequency (RF) Front End Development, using ground breaking Electromagnetic (EM) Lens, assisted massive Multiple-Input Multiple-Output (MIMO) Technology for location based services in cellular communication system.



by Dr. Imran Ali Chhajro, Assistant Professor and Chairperson of Department of Environmental Sciences. The approved amount of this project was Rs.9.723 million. It was based on advancement and use of 3D printing to develop water purification filters for commercial use (3D-Purify Water). The second approved project was submitted by Mr. Wafa Mansoor Buriro, and Dr. Riaz Ahmed Mangrio, the faculty members of English Department. The approved

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor has congratulated to Dr. Imran Ali, Mr. Wafa Mansoor Buriro, Dr. Riaz Ahmed Mangrio and Dr. Sarmad Ahmed Shaikh on getting financial assistance from the HEC for their research work. He said, SMIU's young researchers are contributing a lot towards the development of the country through their innovative and remarkable research work.

DAUGHTER OF DR HAMIDA KHUHRO VISITS SMIU'S LIBRARY



Ms. Nuha Ansari-Moore, daughter of Sindh's noted scholar Dr. Hamida Khuhro visited Sindh Madressatul Islam University on Monday, May 23, 2022. She called on Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor, at his office and talked to him on the subjects of mutual interest, as her maternal grandfather Khan Bahadur Mohammad Ayub Khuhro had received his education from Sindh Madressatul Islam.

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai told her that her mother, late Dr. Hamida Khuhro had a great association with Sindh Madressatul Islam University. She was a regular visitor to this institution, which had happened to be an Alma-Mater of her father Khan Bahadur Mohammad Ayub Khuhro.

Ms. Nuha Ansari visited the Khan Bahadur Hassanally Effendi Library of SMIU and donated some books penned down by her mother for the library.



OPENING CEREMONY OF SINDH CONSORTIUM OF UNIVERSITIES

The opening ceremony of the Sindh Consortium of Universities for establishment of Business Incubation Centers (BICs) held on May 28, 2022 at the Institute of Business Management (IoBM.) Dr. Aamir Iqbal Umrani, Director of Sindh Madressatul Islam University's ORIC, briefed the ceremony about SMIU's incubation center and said that being a partner of the Sindh Consortium of Universities, SMIU's incubation center is working very well by guiding and providing business opportunities specially to the youth. He said it was the only consortium in Sindh that has received HEC funding for establishment of incubation centers in different universities of the province.



The HEC funded Sindh Consortium of Universities has established business incubation Centers (BICs) in four universities of Sindh including Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU), Karachi, Mehran University of Engineering and Technology (MUET) Jamshoro, Institute of Business Management (IoBM.) and Dawood University of Engineering and Technology, (DUET), Karachi. The consortium is being led by MUET.

The ceremony was presided over by Mr. Talib Syed Karim, President Institute of Business Management, and Dr. Tariq Rafi, Chairman Sindh HEC, Dr. Faizullah Abassi, Vice Chancellor of Dawood University of Engineering and Technology, Dr. Aamir Iqbal Umrani, Director ORIC, SMIU, Prof. Dr. Inam Bhatti, Director ORIC, MUET, and other staff and faculty members of all the consortium partner universities attended the event.

VICE CHANCELLOR VISITED SMIU'S LIBRARIES



Dr Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor, visited different sections of the university campus including Khan Bahadur Hassanally Effendi Library and another library which is being established in the Information Technology (I.T.) Tower of SMIU.

During his visit to the library on June 17, 2022, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai observed the collection of books including some old books and 'Dr. Hamida Khuhro Corner' in the Khan Bahadur Hassanally Effendi Library. It must be mentioned here that Ms. Nuha Ansari-Moore, daughter of eminent scholar and historian of Pakistan Dr. Hamida Khuhro had given more than two thousand rare books for the corner set up with the name of her great mother, some three years ago. During his visit the Vice Chancellor said SMIU already runs two modern libraries in the

campus. Among these, one is Hassanally Effendi Library, which is for students, faculty and staff members of the university and other one is set up in SMIU Model School, for its students, teachers and staff members, while, third library is being established in the I.T. Tower, especially for the students of Department of Software Engineering, Department of Computer Science and Department of Artificial Intelligence & Mathematical Sciences of the university.



Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai said, in the modern age of information technology, importance of printed books still prevails and especially the young generation must establish their relationship with books, which are basic and authentic source of knowledge. He said all the three libraries of SMIU will be more improved.

Dean Prof. Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Dean Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepota, Advisor to the Vice Chancellor on Academic Affairs Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Director Post Graduate Studies Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Director ORIC Dr. Aamir Iqbal Umrani, Director Planning and Development Pervez Ali Bhutto, Librarians; Shahnawaz Mahessar and Ms. Mahjabeen accompanied the Vice Chancellor.

FREE MEDICAL CAMP



The Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC), Sindh Madressatul Islam University in collaboration with the Dr. Essa Laboratory organized a free Medical Camp on Wednesday, June 18, 2022 at SMIU's Medical Unit, near Hassanally Effendi Library. A large number of faculty, staff members and students benefitted from the free tests of COVID Booster Dose (Pfizer), Cholesterol, Diabetes, and Bone Mineral Density (BMD).



The Laboratory also provided blood group tests at discounted rates. An awareness session was also held on the occasion, where speakers including Dr. Jaipal Chhabria, representative of the Lab., Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepota, Dean Faculty of Management Business Administration & Commerce and Faculty of Education, Language & Cultural Studies and Dr. Aamir Iqbal Umrani, Director ORIC talked on the health issues. Dr. Halepota also presented a shield to the guest Dr. Chhabria.

Dr. Aamir Iqbal Umrani, Director ORIC, while talking on the occasion said, the basic objective of setting up medical camp at SMIU was to support faculty, staff and students in their health matters as today health issues are increasing rapidly, while the treatment cost is very high. That is why, ORIC decided to arrange free Medical camp for SMIU and that practice will also be continued over here in the future.



DR. MUJEEB SAHRAI INSPECTED EXAMINATION CENTERS

Final semester examinations for the session of Spring 2022 were held at Sindh Madressatul Islam University from 20th to 26th June, 2022. Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor, inspected examination halls on Tuesday, June 21 at the Main Building of the university. He keenly observed examination process and enquired the students, appearing in examination, about question papers and syllabus. He also checked question papers and shared his views with invigilators.

Talking to a group of faculty members Dr Mujeeb Sahrai said discipline must be maintained strictly during the examinations, because examinations are test of knowledge, students are gained during their studies," he said and added that the learning ability of students is also gauged from examinations."

Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Advisor to the Vice Chancellor on Academic Affairs, Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Director Post Graduate Studies and Mr. Furqan Ifikhar, Controller Examinations accompanied him during the visit.

The Vice Chancellor also continued his visit to the Examination centers on the next day, June 22. He went to Talpur House and observed examination process there. He expressed satisfaction over the smooth conducting of examinations.



I.T. DEPARTMENT DEVELOPED 28 APPS

Vice Chancellor chaired a meeting to review the usage of Apps

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor SMIU, chaired a meeting at the conference room of the university on June 23, 2022. In the meeting, the usage of Apps, developed by SMIU was reviewed and some important decisions were taken in this respect.

It must be mentioned here that SMIU's I.T. Department has developed 28 Applications, which are being used in various sections of the university.

The meeting was attended by Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Dean Faculty of Information Technology, Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Advisor to Vice Chancellor on Academic Affairs, Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Director Post Graduate Studies, Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Shaikh, Registrar, Mr. Shakeel Ahmed Abro, Director HRM, Mr. Shah Muhammad Butt, Director IT, Mr. Furqan Ifikhar, Controller Examinations, Mr. Parvez Ali Bhutto, Director Works and Services, Dr. Saima Baig, Director AQEC, Mr. Abdul Hameed Shaikh, Additional Director Finance, Mr. Sadam Khan, Computer Program Officer, Mr. Waheed Ahmed Abro, and Mohammad Shoaib, System Administrators.



CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF CHARTER INSPECTION & EVALUATION COMMITTEE VISITED SMIU

Members of Charter Inspection & Evaluation Committee (CIEC), headed by Chairman Sindh Higher Education Commission and CIEC Prof. Dr. Tariq Rafi visited Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU) on Thursday, June 30, 2022. It was the first visit of the committee to SMIU after getting university status in 2012.

Among other members of the committee were Professor Amjad Siraj Memon, Vice Chancellor Jinnah Sindh Medical University, Karachi, Dr.



Fateh Muhammad Marri, Vice Chancellor Sindh Agriculture University, Tandojam, Dr. Nasira Khatoon, Acting Vice Chancellor University of Karachi, Prof. Dr. Tauha Hussain Ali, Vice Chancellor Mehran University of Engineering and Technology, Jamshoro, Prof. Moineedin Siddiqui, Secretary



Sindh Higher Education Commission, Mr. Khalid Hyder Shah, Secretary Colleges Mr. Noman Ahsan, Director General CIEC, Dr. Syed Ali Raza, Business Administration Iqra University, Ms. Shahila Memon, Deputy Director, Charter Inspection and Evaluation Committee, Sindh HEC, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ali Ismail, Chairman Department of Computer and Information System NED University and others.

The honourable committee members were briefed about the various matters related to SMIU's academic as well as administrative performance at the Conference Room. They were briefed about modern facilities being extended to the students, academic and research work by faculty, achievements of the ORIC, establishment of Incubation Centre, admission



policy, construction work of Malir Campus of SMIU, newly constructed building of Information Technology Tower at City Campus and SMIU's relations with industries etc. The members of the committee discussed on almost all matters of university and evaluated its performance, facilities, strength of students, faculty and staff members and development schemes in detail.

Later on, they visited various departments and sections of SMIU and attended briefings given to them by heads of different departments.

The members of the CIEC were of the opinion that within a



short period of ten years SMIU has emerged as one the of the quality universities of the country. They lauded efforts being taken by Vice Chancellor Dr Mujeeb Sahrai for SMIU's development and assured that they will fully support SMIU for its more progress and development. On the occasion, Dr Mujeeb Sahrai presented souvenirs to the chairman and members of the CIEC.

SMIU inked MoUs

SMIU AND YOUTH IMPACT TO WORK TOGETHER

Dr. Aamir Iqbal Umrani, Director, ORIC, SMIU and Mr. Hassan Bashir, Chief Operating Officer, Youth Impact, signed a MoU in the month of January 2022. Both the institutions agreed on collaborative efforts in the field of leadership skills and youth empowerment. The Youth Impact will provide full scholarships, leadership skills, development skills and outdoor experiential for Camp Himalayas trainee programs to SMIU's students.

In the signing ceremony, ORIC team member Dr. Muhammad Afzal Chhajro and Mr. Ashfaq Ahmed Siyal, Manager R&D & Focal Person were also present.



SMIU AND STARTUP COMPANY INKED MOU

Dr. Aamir Iqbal Umrani, Director, ORIC, SMIU and Mr. Amjad Ali Bhellar, CEO Startup Company inked a MoU with 5000 startup company in January 2022. SMIU and 5000 startups will mobilize students and faculty, to promote their startup ideas of young students through startup investors, mentorships, networking and arrange innovation program across the country to promote innovation, entrepreneurship and inspire startup friendly environment in academia and non-governmental organizations.



SMIU AND C-LAB DIAGNOSTIC SIGNED MOU

Dr. Aamir Iqbal Umrani, Director, ORIC, SMIU and Mr. Muhammad Ovais, General Manager, C-Lab Diagnostic Pvt. Limited, signed a MoU in January 2022 for providing 40% discounts for the health tests to all SMIU staff members and students upon the presence of the Employee Cards or Student Cards. Dr. Umrani has directed to ensure best medical facilities to all the employees of SMIU and their families. Both organizations agreed upon to take part in seminars, workshops and trainings related to health issues organized mutually by the time to time.



DEPARTMENTAL Activities



NAEAC Quality Assurance and Accreditation Awareness Seminar EXPERTS SUGGEST TO DEDICATE 8TH SEMESTER FOR INTERNSHIP

By Hamza Farooqui

The Department of Environmental Sciences organised a seminar on "NAEAC Quality Assurance and Accreditation Awareness" on 4th January 2022. Addressing the seminar, Vice Chancellor SMI University, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai said that usually people come and visit the institutions and concentrate on weaknesses and shortcomings but this time, he said, "I felt quite comfortable while going through the parameters of accreditation council, and simultaneously, I was analyzing the university that fulfills the requirements."

He appreciated the establishment and role of HEC, saying that, institutes like HEC are a blessing for universities which has gathered all the universities under one umbrella.

In his speech, Chairperson of the National Agriculture Education Accreditation Council (NAEAC) Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana called upon higher education institutions to dedicate 8th semester for full fledged internship. Highlighting the importance of curricula, he said that the environmental sciences discipline might be on the radar of the National Curriculum Council of Pakistan in 2022. New and national curricula of Environmental Sciences were going to emerge



under academic pinion.

Prof. Dr. Ishtiaq A. Rajwana further added, "There should not be a short course, no parallel internship or classwork in the last semester. Ideally, internships should be paid and to find such internships should be the responsibility of the head of the departments and career placement officers. The universities that adopted this practice have had fruitful results."

He stated, "Reputable organizations present themselves and ask the professional councils for third party evaluation voluntarily." He said that before providing accreditation, they tried to organize awareness seminars, in which their experts guided the institutions so that they could complete the requirements to get accreditation. To prevent parents and students from any fraud we try to differentiate between legitimate and non-legitimate educational institutions so that children get rid of defaulter institutions.

During the seminar, Dr. Imran Ali, Chairman of the Department of Environmental Sciences gave a presentation about SMIU. The event was attended by Deans, Director ORIC, faculty, and students of the Department of Environmental Sciences.



DIGITAL BAZAR

The advertising students of Department of Media and Communication Studies organized a campaign with the title of "Digi-Bazaar" on January 6, 2022 in the Main Building. It was a final project of "Social Media and Internet Marketing," which was supervised by Miss Khushboo Rafiq, Lecturer, Department of Media and Communication Studies.

Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai inaugurated the event. Then he visited art and food stalls set up by students, where he appreciated their efforts.



Business Administration secured the title of Best Vlogger, whereas Tayyaba Mustafa from Department of Media and Communication Studies won the Best Meme Award.

Later on, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor; along with Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Director Post Graduate Studies distributed shields and certificates among the students.



Through this campaign, students of Media Department handled Facebook and Instagram pages of different products for the period of three months as social media managers. They also arranged a Vlog competition on the theme of "Winter Charm" and a Meme competition on the theme of "Highlights of 2021." More than 40 entries were received by students from different departments of SMIU. Osama Bin Hasan from Department of





LECTURE ON INTOLERANCE AND ITS IMPACT ON YOUTH

By Muhammad Ahsan

On January 10, 2022, former Senator and distinguished intellectual of the country Mr. Javed Jabbar visited SMIU and delivered a lecture on topic "Intolerance and its impact on youth and Pakistani Society: How to Tackle the Menace of Narrow-mindedness, Bigotry, and White-collar Crime in Pakistan" at the Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium. The session was organised by the Directorate of Students Affairs and Counselling.

While expressing his views Mr. Javed Jabbar said, "The curriculum taught in universities and other educational institutions and the books recommended to students should teach them tolerance. Reading good books and quality content can eliminate extremism."

He further addressed the students and said, "You are the students of an esteemed institution – Sindh Madressatul Islam



University where history is dripping, which is the Alma-Mater of Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah. He said in Pakistan, 20 million children do not attend schools; you are fortunate to enter higher education institutes. We were ranked 146th out of 180 countries in the Human Development Index such as population, education, health, women's rights, access to fundamental rights, which is an embarrassment for Pakistan."

Highlighting extremism, he said, "Extremism could also be positive, such as the extremes of etiquette, respect for teachers, respect for elders and respect for women are examples of positive extremism. The extremism was originated from home it is up to the person whether to nurture it in a positive way or negative. Universities can play a supporting role in controlling extremism.

Speaking on the occasion, Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai said that "Extremism is not just a problem of Pakistan but of the whole world, to deal with it we all have to play our role.

The world has become a global village, but sadly how we are treating it, is a serious tragedy that due to humans and their attitudes, climate Changes are taking place."

At the end of the session, souvenirs were presented to the guest. The session was attended by Registrar, Deans, heads of various departments, faculty, and students of the university.

ORIENTATION DAY FOR ADMISSIONS SPRING 2022

The Orientation Day for Spring 2022 was jointly organised by Directorate of Students Affairs & Counselling and the Department of Admissions & Examinations on 10th and 11th February 2022. Newly enrolled students were welcomed and oriented with the facilities, rules and regulations of the university by the departmental coordinators, chairpersons, faculty deans and Advisor to the Vice Chancellor on Academic Affairs Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan. Some members of the Student



Council also shared their experiences with their fellow brethren.

Students of new batch were very much happy on their admission in the Alma-Mater of Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah. They were also excited to get basic information



about the university, its departments, its academic environment, its teaching and its facilities. Later on, newly enrolled students visited various sections of the university including library, FM Radio and TV Studios.



Session on CODING TO DESIGN DESKTOP APPLICATIONS

The Department of Computer Science, in collaboration with the Directorate of Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC) organised one-day workshop on 'Coding to Design Desktop Applications' on January 11, 2022. The workshop was conducted by Mr. Irfan Ali Kandhro (Ph.D. Scholar), Lecturer, Department of Computer Science, SMIU.



Later on, the participants were awarded certificates by the departmental coordinator, Dr. Mansoor Ahmed Khuhro.

SAD GENERATION WITH HAPPY FACES

By Sadaf Khalid

On 12th January 2022, SMIU celebrated Psychology Day, a unique and essential approach towards awareness and insight on youth mentality and their mindset for guidance and support. Dr. Sana Hussain conducted a very inspiring and interactive session, different from traditional approach of speeches and talks, rather an ongoing conversation between her and the audience with some games and activities. The students were able to express themselves and easily discuss their problems with her.

The meaningful session took place with the title of "Sad Generation with Happy Faces" and was organised by Department of Media & Communication Studies.

The mental health issues need to be addressed and this was a golden opportunity for that. Later, the students of 3rd semester of Dept. of Media & Communication Studies presented a theater on the same topic, brilliantly depicting the toxic traits of our society and how the social media is setting unrealistic standards that are far from reality making us a sad generation indeed, trying to maintain a false image.

The play portrayed how social media apps and their standards are changing the directions of our lives and how it affects our mental health as youth.

Workshop on

BUILDING MOBILE APP FOR ANDROID AND IOS

By Hira Hasan

On January 12, 2022, the Department of Computer Science in collaboration with ORIC organised one-day workshop on "Building Mobile App Using REACT NATIVE for Android and IOS" for students of the Faculty of Information Technology. The workshop was conducted by Mr. Muhammed Kashif Suleman, CEO Expetizo. During the session, he made sure to make the session a very interactive one. He engaged participants using the practical demo.



Prof. Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Dean Faculty of I.T., greeted the guest. A token of appreciation was also presented to the guest by Dr. Mansoor Ahmed Khuhro and Ms. Saima Sipy. The session was well attended by faculty members and students of the I.T faculty.



The session, the play and the discussion were a memorable event for the students as it portrayed the impact of our digital lives on our mental health making us a generation that only keeps up with the appearances at the cost of our mental peace. It was a fruitful and eye-opening session and theater that inspired the students to change for better.

BEACH CLEANING DRIVE

By Muteeba Irshad



The Department of Environmental Sciences and Department of Media & Communication Studies, in collaboration with the Hisaar Foundation, organised a “Beach Cleaning Drive” on January 13, 2022. The objective of the event was to value beaches of Pakistan and their importance in contribution to the economy, recreation, and sustainable environment of the country. Students along with the faculty members cleaned the beach.

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU also joined the activity and appreciated the efforts of SMIU students.

PAKISTAN ANNUAL FLOWER SHOW

By Muhammad Talal

The Department of Environmental Sciences in collaboration with the Directorate of Student Affairs organised students’ visit to “Pakistan Annual Flower Show 2022” which was held at Seaview, Karachi on February 25, 2022. SMIU’s some faculty members were also part of the visit. They all keenly observed the show.



WORKSHOP ON SYSTEMATIC LITERATURE REVIEW

By Muhammad Ahsan

The Directorate of Office, Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC) under the Faculty Development Program organised a workshop on “Systematic Literature Review (SLT)” on February 13, 2022. Dr. Muhammad Azeem Qureshi, Assistant Professor, IoBM was the trainer for the

session. He conducted the workshop and introduced SLT and its different types in the session.

Director ORIC, Dr. Aamir Iqbal Umrani welcomed the faculty members and the trainer Dr. Qureshi. Faculty members of SMIU attended the session.



BUSINESS ANALYSIS: PRESENT AND FUTURE OPPORTUNITIES

By Nida Akram

The Department of Computer Science in collaboration with ORIC organised a workshop on “Business Analysis: Present and Future Opportunities” on March 15, 2022. It was conducted by Mr. Basit Hassan, Lecturer, Department of Computer Science and Mr. Shahzeb Muhammad. They highlighted importance of business analysis in the context of systems development and described vital role of the International Institute of Business Analysis (IIBA) in promoting the discipline of business analysis.



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY OBSERVED By Nida Akram & Hira Hasan

The Directorate of Students Affairs (DSA) observed the International Women's Day on March 8, 2022. In this connection a program was held at the auditorium of the university on the theme of "Gender Equality Today for a Sustainable Tomorrow." Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor SMIU was the chief guest of the event.



Students from different departments paid tribute to women by showing artful work brilliantly. Ms. Muteeba Irshad from Department of Media & Communication Studies shared her literacy piece in which she highlighted the real character of a woman in the society. The theme of her artwork was "They were not witches they are women".

Later on, Ms. Maheen Wahid, student of Education Department briefed about her short film "Mirror of Life", in which she highlighted real struggle of women, using real story of a girl who was married at the early age. The audience appreciated efforts of Ms. Maheen through standing ovation.

SMIU's DSA while acknowledging the efforts and struggle of women for their rights had planned various activities including, poem recitation, short films and title song.

The program started with the recitation of the Holy Quran and National Anthem. Ms Quratulain Memon, from DSA welcomed the guests and described the purpose of the event. In her speech, she specified that the objective of this celebration was to break the bias. She also highlighted the importance and role of women in the betterment of a society.



Chief guest of the event Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor SMIU in his speech highlighted the struggle of women. He said, "We all are same and equal. A woman brings a child into this world and a mother is the first teacher of us all, but unfortunately, due to the lack of education, women of Pakistan do not know their importance and role. "A woman can contribute as effectively as a man in the establishment of the society," he said.

At the end, Ms. Khushboo Rafiq, Patron Arts Society presented vote of thanks. The event was well-attended by the faculty, staff and students of the university.

Workshop on

CV WRITING AND INTERVIEW SKILLS

By Sairah Irfan



The Directorate of Student Affairs and Counselling organised a workshop on March 22, 2022 for third year and final year students of SMIU on the theme of "Effective Communication: CV Writing and Interview Skills".

The workshop was an initiative by Sahara Foundation, USA in collaboration with the Sindh Skill Development Project (SSDP), Government. of Sindh. The guests were welcomed by Ms. Quratulain Memon, Senior Manager, Student Affairs. The resource person of the session Mr. Harris Khan Mastoi, a Financial Analyst and Investment Manager introduced students to the tips and tricks of writing a correct resume as well as how to respond to the significant interview questions while applying for any employment opportunity.



The session was very interactive. Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Director Post Graduate Students, appreciated efforts of the speaker and highlighted importance of such sessions for career development of students. At the end, he presented a souvenir to the speaker.

Department of Software Engineering's Session on

IEEE STUDENTS CHAPTER PURPOSE, BENEFITS AND REGISTRATION PROCESS



The Department of Software Engineering organized an introductory session on "IEEE Students Chapter – Purpose, Benefits and Registration Process" for students and faculty members of Faculty of Information Technology; on 24th March at Sir Shah Nawaz Bhutto Auditorium. Dr. Tariq Raheem Soomro, Rector & Dean CCSIS – Institute of Business Management, who had also remained associated with SMIU for some time, conducted the session along with his team of volunteers, included Muntaz Hussain Soomro, Chair Young Professionals, M. Rafay Shaikh, Vice Chair





Young Professionals and Sadaf Manzoor, Section Student Representative. During the session, the guest speaker introduced IEEE, its purpose and benefits with the audience through presentation.



The presentation was divided into two parts. The first part was covered by Dr. Tariq Raheem Soomro, in which he talked on all important aspects of IEEE in detail and the second part of the presentation was presented by Ms. Sadaf Manzoor. It was comprised of detailed information of IEEE Students Chapter and its Registration process. The guests also gave answers to the questions asked by audience. Dr. Aamir Iqbal Umrani, Director ORIC presented vote of thanks.

The session was concluded with the presentation of souvenirs to the guests. The students who were part of the organising committee and volunteered during the event were Hiran Hassan, Iffah Fatima, Shayan Ali, Aved Ahmed, Shah Hamza Farooqui and Laraib Waheed.

THE ART OF FREELANCING

By Hira Hasan

The Department of Software Engineering in collaboration with ORIC organised a session on the subject of "The Art of Freelancing" on March 24, 2022 at the Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium. Mr. Muhammad Ali Mughal, CEO of Jawan Pakistan, delivered his talk on freelancing platforms and guided students about freelancing job market.

A large number of students and faculty members from various departments attended the session. It was moderated by Mr. Muhammad Ameen Chhajro. Question-Answer session was also held.



Workshop on

STARTUP GRANT CHALLENGE

By Muhammad Fahad Khan

On March 24, 2022, ORIC in collaboration with the Institute of Business Management (IoBM), Karachi organised a workshop on the "Startup Grant Challenge" for final year students/fresh graduates to participate and pitch in their business ideas to win PKR 500,000 as seed money. SSK Incubation Center (SSKIC) provides support and resources to early-stage start-ups.



Seminar held on **ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

Sindh Madressatul Islam University in collaboration with the Pakistan Entrepreneurs Club (PEC) organized a seminar on "Entrepreneurship" on March 25, 2022 at its Senate Hall.

Addressing the seminar Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor SMIU traced the history of the entrepreneurship and said it started from 18th century, but now it seems different since the last fifty years. It is playing a major role in transforming the society.

Dr Mujeeb Sahrai further said the SMIU is already working on to aware its students about entrepreneurship through its Faculty of Management Business Administration & Commerce. "ORIC and AQEC of the university are also contributing a lot towards research and innovative fields. Apart from it, SMIU has an incubation center, which supports the students to learn about entrepreneur, entrepreneurship and business development. Dr Sahrai said the SMIU and PEC shall work together in the areas of mutual interest.

Mr. Riaz Hussain Shah, Special Assistant to CM Sindh said Sindh Madressatul Islam University being the historic institution, has a



great contribution in the development of the country. "The government of Sindh will support SMIU in its development and in its all initiatives be taken to benefit students and youth of the country."

Ms. Zeelaf Haris Yameen, Chairperson PEC said youth must design their own destiny. Male and female can equally move forward for development as there is no difference in capabilities of male power and female power. She said there are many opportunities in entrepreneurship, which must be availed by youth of the country. She offered her cooperation to SMIU and its students in the field of entrepreneurship. "Initially, we may select fifteen students who are willing to visit different industries including Port Qasim Authority," she said.



Prof. Dr. Jamshed Halepoto, Dean Faculty of Business Administration and Management Science, said entrepreneurship brings reforms and positive change in the society. He said the society needs business and for that youth must be encouraged. He hoped that this event will prove positive initiative for students of SMIU.

Ms. Nilofer Lalani, from Real Estate, Travel and Aviation Industry talked about importance of the real estate in the country and said there are large opportunities in the area of real estate, which is flourishing day by day. Syed Aijaz Ali Rizvi, Secretary Port Qasim Authority, Ministry of Maritime Affairs, invited SMIU students to visit the Authority. Mr. Ali Suhag of Sindh Police also addressed the seminar, while Muhammad Asad Ayub, renowned Naat Khuwan of the country recited Naat.



Earlier, Dr. Asif Ali Wagan, Director DSA, in his welcome address thanked the guests, and said this seminar will enhance cooperation between SMIU and PEC in near future.

SMIU Vice Chancellor and PEC Chairperson presented souvenirs to the guests on the occasion. The seminar was attended by Muhammad Furqan Bilal, Chairman Karachi Division, Consumer Association of Pakistan and President Karachi All Private Schools Management Association, Mr. Kaukab Iqbal, Chairman Consumer Association of Pakistan, sectional heads of SMIU including Registrar Ghulam Mustafa Shaikh, Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Academic Advisor to Vice Chancellor, and students of SMIU.



MEDIA TRAINING CENTER CONDUCTED SHORT COURSES

By Hira Hasan

The Directorate of Broadcasting & Media Training Center SMIU conducted its 4-month Media Short Courses in March 2022. Twenty students were enrolled in three different short courses namely, Program & News Anchoring, Creative Arts & Graphic Design, and Film & Documentary Production. The Directorate has experienced course instructors to teach the courses and providing hands-on training to the students. Media Training Center empower talented beginners and professional trainees to shape and share their stories with the world by delivering the most future-focused education, research, and training in the field of print and electronic media.



SMIU has a multimedia facility installed which features TV studio, Radio studio, multimedia editing suites, audio/video library suite, recording studio for common work, and Radio Station (FM 96.6).

Seminar held on

DIGITAL BUSINESS

By Hamza Farooqui



The Department of Artificial Intelligence & Mathematical Sciences organised a seminar on the subject of "Start Your Digital Business without Investment" on April 1, 2022 at Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium. Mr. Muhammad Faizan, Founder & CEO of Paper-Free Organization was the chief guest.



While addressing the seminar, Mr. Muhammad Faizan said, "Today, people are spending more money online. It proves that the business emphasis has shifted from traditional to digital sources of revenue and channels. The growth of digital economy has made people more familiar with digital products and services. Therefore, digital transformation is a fundamental reality for businesses today".

The seminar was moderated by Mr. Syed Muhammad Hassan, and it was attended by Professor Dr. Syed Asif Ali, Dr. Imtiaz Hussain, Mr. Syed Azeem Inam, Mr. Hassan Hashim, Departmental Coordinator AIMS and Dr. Sarmad Ahmed Shaikh. At the end, Dr. Mansoor Ahmed Khuhro presented souvenirs to the speaker. Students from different departments of the varsity attended the seminar.

Workshop on
**DESKTOP ORIENTED
 GRAPHICAL USER INTERFACE**

By Muhammad Waseem Bozdar



The Department of Computer Science in collaboration with ORIC organised a workshop on the topic of 'Desktop Oriented Graphical User Interface' on April 1, 2022.

Mr. Irfan Ali Kandhro, Lecturer, Department of Computer Science, conducted the session. He said, "Workshops help students to learn essential and basic concepts related to their subject of interest. These workshops are highly important at the university level, and this kind of activities must be organized on regular basis." It was attended by a large number of students of the department.



SMEDA ONE WINDOW



The NEP-NICs (National Expansion Plan of National Incubation Centers) Karachi Center, in collaboration with the ORIC of SMIU & SMEDA (Small and Medium Enterprises Development Authority) jointly organised a session on the government's initiative of "SMEDA One Window" (SOW) solution for early stage startups and business, on April 27, 2022.

Mrs. Shafaq from SMEDA team, briefed the startups regarding organization and services delivered under the SOW solution. Besides SMEDA's internal services, the participants also learnt about different types of business models, company registration process, relevant agencies, certifications, and taxation policies.



The SMEDA team also gave one-on-one mentorship session to all incubated startups of NEP-NICs Karachi Center to discuss their individual needs in terms of business legalities and registration.

Seminar on INTERFAITH HARMONY IN SINDH

The Department of Social and Development Studies, in collaboration with 'The Knowledge Forum (TKF)' organised a seminar on "Interfaith Harmony in Sindh" on May 12, 2022 at the Senate Hall. On that occasion the academics, human rights activists, government officials and civil society members underlined the need for promotion of Interfaith harmony in the



society for development of the country. Ms. Noureen Bashir, Secretary Human Rights Department, Government of Sindh in her speech said that youth should respect different ideas and cultures for interfaith harmony in the province of Sindh as well in the country. She also asked the students to work for spreading tolerance and peace in the society. However, she said social media has provided opportunities to work for peace in society.

Member of Provincial Assembly, Sindh Ms. Mangala Sharma spoke on the importance of harmony in different aspects of life and said all religions teach us love and tolerance. She said Sindh province has a credit to have peaceful society, where people from different faiths have been living in peace for centuries.

Prof. Dr. Jahan Ara Lutfi from Sheikh Zayed Islamic Centre, University of Karachi said Islam is a religion of peace. We have to move towards one-point agenda of spreading the message of Interfaith Harmony in the society. Prof. Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Director Post Graduate Studies, elaborated necessity of Interfaith

Harmony in the society and explained different aspects and concepts of the topic to the students. Chairperson of the Department of Social and Development Studies Dr. Subhash highlighted importance of interfaith harmony in Sindh and welcomed the participants. "Our society needs harmony, tolerance and respect for each other," Dr Subhash said.

Mr. Muhammad Kamil Lakho of Department of Social & Development Studies talked on the importance of the seminar and said students of the university, especially those who are studying the subject of human rights, must understand the essence of harmony.

Bishop of Karachi and Balochistan Mr. Frederick John; Prof. Dr. Shahzad Channa from Regional Dawah Centre of International Islamic University, Islamabad; Ms. Naghma Shaikh and Shujaiddin Qureshi from TKF also spoke. The seminar was attended by government officials, religious leaders, academia, human rights activists, journalists and students in a large number.





SMIU STUDENTS SHOWCASE NEW ANDROID APPLICATIONS AT EXPO CENTRE

Sindh Madressatul Islam University participated in the two-day Research and Technology Showcase 2022, held at Expo Centre, Karachi on Thursday and Friday - May 19 and 20, 2022. At the event, SMIU's students showcased their three projects of computer applications, which were Highway App, Crops Disease Detection and ApkaCare App. The projects were appreciated by the leading universities and major industry players of Sindh.

Vice Chancellor SMIU Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai and faculty members congratulated to Mr. Muhammad Ameen Chhajro, Ms. Saima Sippy and Ms. Syeda Wajihah Naeem, faculty members of the university, for their successful supervision, finalization of the projects and guidance extended to the talented students of SMIU. Mr. Shahbaz Khan, Ms. Ayesha Khalid, Ms. Seema Sikander, Mr. Daniyal Khan, and Mr. Hamza Asghar showcased their projects at the Expo Centre.

It was Pakistan's first Expo that was held for advancement of research and commercialization culture and facilitating the Industry-Academia Collaboration. This mega-event was a joint venture of NEDUET and the Sindh Higher Education Commission (SHEC). Over 340 commercialization-ready research and technology products developed by more than 32 universities were displayed in the exhibition.

A project of SMIU student- "Highway App" was a GPS application with a built-in React Native for nearest places finder for the tourists and travelers on one click. In case of any emergency like accident or any needs of police station user can get location on one click. It also provides a service to easily find the nearest places includes Fuel Pumps (petrol pumps, CNG and diesels pumps), transport stations (bus stops, airport and railway stations), food (hotels, fruits, pizza and burger), stay (restaurants, cafe), shopping (malls, market stores, mobile shops, books), vehicle (car wash stations, mechanic, puncture shop), prayer places (mosques) and emergency (police stations, fire brigade, clinic) etc. This project was prepared by Shahbaz Khan, student of Department of Com-



puter Science and its supervisor was Mr. Mohammad Ameen Chhajro. The second project was of "Crops Disease Detection". It was Artificial Intelligence based android application, which was built in React Native for health status of plants to enhance



Pakistan's economy. This real time plant disease recognition app would deliver accurate information about plants. It will reduce huge work of monitoring in big crop fields and in early stages, detects symptoms of disease. This project was prepared by Ayesha Khalid, student of Computer Science and project supervisor was Ms. Saima Sipy.

SMIU's third project was "ApkaCare." It was also an android application about maintaining patient's medical history by uploading their medical reports so that they can easily get such reports whenever they need. This application can also assist medical industry including medical laboratories for testing, charges and location issues as well as requiring blood etc. It also can support a patient for providing online doctor's consultation to him/her including the first aid treatments, before reaching to the hospital.



This project was jointly prepared by Seema Sikander, Daniyal Khan and Hamza Asghar, students of Department of Computer Science and the supervisor was Ms. Wajiha Naeem.

Workshop held on LEARN: CRUD APPLICATIONS



The Department of Computer Science and ORIC jointly organized a workshop on "Learn: How to Create CRUD (Create, Read, Update and Delete) Applications from Scratch using Java," on Saturday, May 14, 2022 at the Senate Hall. More than 100 students of various IT departments of SMIU including Department of Computer Science, Department of Software Engineering and Department of Artificial Intelligence and Mathematical Sciences; participated in the workshop, which was held in two sessions.

Mr. Irfan Ali Kandhro, PhD Scholar, who also works as a lecturer in Department of Computer Science of the university, conducted the workshop. He talked on the core objectives of Java programming language with Database Management System (DBMS) in detail.

Mr. Kandhro said the objective of holding workshop was to provide hands on experience to students with Java programming and its object-oriented features. This workshop will help them in learning the writing, compiling and execution of Java programs and building robust applications by using Java's object-oriented features. Thus, it will help the students to empower themselves with programming skills and related knowledge.

During the session, participants practically learnt the use of Java SDK environment to create, debug and run simple Java programs. Also, they learnt ideas about advanced Java topics like JDBC, Servlets and JSP.

Mr. Kandhro said that in addition to the convenient learning environment, conducting online workshops via Java CRUD Applications, permits participants to manage and use their time excellently; for the university. It is also a cost-efficient method of delivering training to the targeted audience with an outstanding outcome. Therefore, the aim of the workshop was to boost competency of students, prepare them to compete in the technologically driven job environment, and enable them to develop and implement innovative solutions to the programming languages issues. During the session, CRUD operations were practically taught to the students.

Department of Environmental Sciences and ORIC observed **WORLD ENVIRONMENTAL DAY**

Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai urges citizens of the country to play their role for protection of environment.



The Department of Environmental Sciences and ORIC organised a seminar in connection with the World Environmental Day, on Friday, June 10, 2022 at the Senate Hall. (The actual date of the World Environmental Day is 5th July.)

Addressing the seminar Dr Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor said pollution of all sorts, climate change, food scarcity, water shortage and increase in temperature has brought the earth in danger zone, hence everyone must play his/her role to normalize the environmental situation in the world.

Dr Sahrai said Pakistan has so many blessings and fortunes including strong solar and hydro system, four seasons, major crops, plains, river, sea and mountains. "When we couldn't preserve our good things then how could we handle the difficulties," the vice chancellor said and maintained that we are not rightly using our resources for development of the country. He said the younger population is Pakistan's fortune, which is more than 50 percent of the total population of the country, but we have failed to get them involved in the betterment of the country.

He said currently we are living in a hazardous world, but younger generation should come forward and play their significant role in spreading awareness among masses including farmers about environmental issues.

"In Sindh province, Karachi city is more affected by the climate change. Disasters come in seconds but recovering from the destruction takes years. Therefore, before meeting the disaster we must try to handle the issues seriously and consciously," Dr Sahrai said.

He advised the Department of Environmental Sciences of Sindh Madressatul Islam University to form a waste management



system in the campus, and work on the agenda that how can we keep clean and green to the university.

Mr. Muhammad Umar Karimi, water resources management specialist, who is working with UN-FAO talked on the environmental issues of Sindh with connection underground water issues. He said, in Sindh, river flow is decreasing due to increase in usage of underground water through tube wells on governmental as well as private level. "The natural flow of a river firstly maintains the underground water level, but it is causing low flow of water in the river," he said.



Mr. Umar Karim said we are producing good crops in Sindh, but rise in cash crops results in dried up of Indus River. He said before colonial era, there was a centuries old natural irrigation system in Sindh, which was environmental friendly. Looking back to his childhood, he said in his childhood days, people were getting sweet water by giving a cut to the land, but today about 80 to 85 percent water is saline. He said when the river is filled with water, then we are getting fresh underground water. "Indus River is our lifeline, but we had destroyed our environmental system by shortage of water," he said and added that ground water availability in





Sindh must be maintained up to 8 to 10-million-acre foot. Usage of more underground water will create geological problems too. Therefore, we should not over exploit underground water.

He was of the view that floods and rains used to recharge a thin layer of aquifer, which used to be consumed throughout the year through hand pumps or dug Wells. The contiguous irrigation system raised the cropping intensities as well as ground water tables.

Mr. Umer Karim further said the intensification of crops and further use of artificial fertilizers and pesticides has contaminated the resource base. We cannot directly use water for drinking purpose from any source place in the country. This is very deep environmental issue needs proper research. He gave presentation on historical mapping of Ground Water in Sindh by M.H Panhwer, and Lower Indus Development Plan 1966. In the last, he encouraged students to adopt this topic for future research and diagnosis.

Mr. Jibran Khalid Kidwai, environmentalist and social development consultant and alumni of SMI University, who is working on various national and international projects, emphasized that it is the time we should promote environmental education, inspire action, and renew and expand commitments to protect our planet, country and province. Mr. Jibran also updated the forum that

Sindh will be leading province to launch first ever cleaner production policy by Sindh Environmental Protection Agency.

He also said that specially in Sindh province there are very serious environmental issues including deforestation, urban and rural flooding, desertification and degradation of fresh water bodies. Later on, Vice Chancellor of Sindh Madressatul Islam University gave away shields to the guests. Incharge chairperson of the Department of Environmental Sciences Dr. Imran Ali thanked the guests.



The seminar was attended by Dean Faculty of I.T. Prof. Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Director PGS Prof. Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Director ORIC Dr. Amir Iqbal Umrani, Chairperson Department of Environmental Sciences Dr Imran Ali, Departmental Coordinator Mr. Abdul Majeed Pirzada, faculty members and students.



Guest Speaker's Session held on

GAME DEVELOPMENT AND ITS CURRENT TRENDS

The Department of Software Engineering organised a session on "Game Development and Its Current Trends" with the collaboration of ORIC, on Monday, June 10, 2022 in Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium. Concerned faculty members and students attended it in a large number.

The guest speaker Mr. Yawar Awan, Director M- Labs., discussed on game development essentials in detail and said game development is grasping enormous importance in the world with advancement of technology. He said software games are being adopted by people of all ages and that trend is increasing day by day.



It followed question-answer session, where students asked important questions that made the session more informative. The session was moderated by Ms. Saima Sipy, Lecture Department of Software Engineering.

Session held on

MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

Depression, anxiety and other mental health issues are rapidly increasing among our youth but they don't know how to cope up with them. Keeping it in mind, Department of Media and Communication Studies, organised a guest speaker's session on June 11, 2022. Neuro-Psychiatrist and Counsellor Dr. Ajeet Lal Waswani talked on the subject.



SECURING CHILDREN FROM ABUSE



Advertising students from Department of Media and Communication Studies organised an awareness session with school kids on the subject of "Child Sexual Abuse" on June 11, 2022. Participating students presented basic concepts related to "Good touch and Bad touch", "Early Warning Signs" and "Preventive steps" through a cartoon video, handmade colorful posters, small group discussion and colouring activity.



The project was supervised by Ms. Khushboo Rafiq, Lecturer at Department of Media and Communication Studies. This activity was carried out at a charity organization - Aghaaz School with the cooperation of SMIU.





Workshop on HOW TO GROW PROFESSIONALLY

A workshop was held on the subject of “How to Grow Professionally” for teacher-learners on Saturday, June 11, 2022. Department of Education had organised it with collaboration of ORIC. Renowned educationist and trainer Dr. Sumera Umrani, Associate Professor, Institute of English Language and Literature, University of Sindh, was the guest speaker. She made the workshop an important source of learning for teacher-learners of SMIU through her talk.

It must be noted here that SMIU has always played a role as a mother institution of the country for academic grooming of its students as well as welfare of society and professional development of teachers. Likewise, SMIU's Department of Education ensures continuous professional development of its enrolled teacher-learners by organising workshops, seminars, guest speaker sessions and other such activities on regular basis.



Professional development of prospective teachers provides them opportunities to learn new teaching strategies and methodologies. Thus, when they return back to their respective institutions after completion of their professional training over here at the Department of Education, they could make visible changes in their teaching strategies and curricula and teach students' in a better way.

Hence, in the session Dr. Sumera Umrani shared more new teaching techniques and knowledge with teacher-learners.



Prior to it, Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Director Post Graduate Studies, delivered welcome address and Dr. Stephen John, Chairperson of Department of Education gave the concluding remarks. Dr. Zahid Ali Channar and other faculty members also presented souvenirs to the guest speaker. Mr. Ajab Ali Lashari, Lecturer Department of Education presented vote of thanks.

workshop on

DYNAMICS OF LANGUAGING AND FORMATTING A RESEARCH THESIS

The Department of Education organized a workshop on "The Dynamics of languaging and formatting a Research Thesis" on Wednesday, June 15, 2022 at the Senate Hall and it was conducted by a renowned educationist and resource person Dr. Ghulam Ali Buriro.

Dr. Stephen John, Chairperson of the Department of Education, welcomed the guest. Dr. Aamir Iqbal Umrani, Director ORIC talked on the opportunities being offered by SMIU to its students and faculty in the areas of learning and research. Professor Dr Jamshed Adil Halepota, Dean Faculty of Management Business Administration & Commerce and Faculty of Education, Language & Cultural



Studies, gave vote of thanks. He also distributed certificates among the participants.

The dedicated team of Education Department passionately guides young researchers of the department in getting published their research papers in journals as well as in proceedings of conferences. Dr Ghulam Ali Buriro, who possesses vast experience in academic as well as in research, assured the faculty



and researchers for getting published their research papers in targeted conferences and research journals. A good number of faculty and researchers attended the session.



PROJECT PRESENTATIONS & SCREENING OF AWARENESS DOCUMENTARIES



The Department of Media and Communication Studies organized final project presentations on communication campaigns and screening of awareness documentaries at Sindh Madressatul Islam University on June 13, 2022.

The project was part of the course titled: "Development Support Communication" led by Ms. Quratulain Sandeelo. Sixteen groups from Department of Media and Communication Studies and the Department of Social and Development presented various social issues such as women empowerment, social acceptance, stray animal awareness, transgender' social inclusion and many other issues through presentations and documentaries. Also, students highlighted strategies to engage communities to seek social change through dialogue and interpersonal communication. Later on, three best presentations were awarded. Dr. Aamir Iqbal Umrani, Director ORIC, SMI while speaking on the occasion,



lauded efforts of the students and highlighted importance of their initiatives that will bring positive change in the society. He also encouraged them to convert their ideas into entrepreneurship initiatives and startups in order to sustain the efforts of change.

STUDENTS' Festival



Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU) has always played a significant role in providing quality education to its students as well as showcasing their creative abilities and leadership skills by organising major events ranging from seminars, workshops, conferences, photo & painting exhibitions and sports competitions to the educational, cultural and social festivals. It was the great legacy of this historic institution and that is still carried out by today's management, faculty, staff and student with heart and soul.

In that connection SMIU's Directorate of Students Affairs and Counselling (DSA) organised a 4-Day "Students' Festival 2022" from Tuesday, 31st May to Friday 3rd June 2022 in the premises of the university. DSA had arranged all segments of the festival with the support of Students' Council (comprised of seven Students' Societies), faculty and staff members of the university. Entire campus was decorated with large panaflexes and more than

10 stalls were set up by the students' societies, in front of Talpur House. The indoor and outdoor programs of various nature remained continue at the three academic blocks of the university i.e. Main Building, Talpur House and the I.T. Tower, during the four days of the festival. A brief account of the festival is given as under:





JOB Fest

Today we are living in the consumer world where business and trade dominates on all fields of life. A huge competition in job market is a big challenge, specially for our youth. Keeping such reality in mind, the Directorate of Students Affairs and Counselling organised Job Fest on the first day of the festival (Tuesday, 31st May) at the first floor of the I.T. Tower. More than 30 public and private business and trade companies including banks participated in it and set up their stalls.





DAY ONE

INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF JOB FEST

The inauguration ceremony of the Job Fest was held at the Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium at 10:00 am. Mr. Muhammad Ismail Rahoo, Provincial Minister for Universities and Boards, Government of Sindh was the chief guest and Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor SMIU was the guest of honour.

Proceedings of the ceremony started with the recitation of Holy Quran. Then the National Anthem was played. Mr. Wafa Mansoor Buriro, Lecturer English Department was the moderator.

Dr. Asif Ali Wagan, Director DSA and organiser of the festival presented welcome address and thanked to Mr. Muhammad Ismail Rahoo, Provincial Minister, and Vice Chancellor SMIU Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai for their presence and support. "Without the support and encouragement extended by worthy Vice Chancellor



Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, it was impossible for them to organise this mega event," Dr. Wagan said. He also talked on the importance of the Job Fest.

Then the Vice Chancellor SMIU Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai delivered his most encouraging speech. He thanked to Mr. Muhammad Ismail Rahoo for gracing the event by his presence and appreciated the efforts taken by Dr. Asif Ali Wagan and his team for successfully organising the Job Fest.

Talking on the subject of the Fest, Dr. Sahrai said, in the days when they were students, there were limited facilities for students specially in backward areas of Sindh, but today, in the age of 21st century, students of all areas of the province are enjoying numerous facilities and opportunities for learning as well as getting jobs in public and private sector.





Dr. Sahrai said it is the first ever event on job opportunities, which is SMIU has organised in its entire history of 137 years. "This Job Fest is creating almost one hundred jobs for its graduates of various disciplines. SMIU has always focused on quality learning and training of its students through co-curricular activities also," Dr. Sahrai said and added that prior to joining SMIU he had headed some other universities in Sindh as a vice chancellor, but he never found such intelligent and active students like SMIU students.



The Provincial Minister Mr. Muhammad Ismail Rahoo in his speech said that the national and international realities regarding education and employment have been changed now. In the past, sole objective of educational institutions was to impart education to students, but today, they have enhanced their role by taking efforts to seek job opportunities for their students.

Mr. Rahoo said SMIU has always played a historic role in the field of education, and even today it has proved a torch bearer for our young generation. The minister said universities of Sindh must establish their linkages with industries and other private sector organizations to benefit students. The provincial minister congratulated the Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai and organisers of the festival, on concentrating to a challenging subject of the society by organising the Fest.

Prof. Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepota, Dean Faculty of Management Business Administration & Commerce and Faculty of Education, Language & Cultural Studies presented vote of thanks. Later on, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai presented a shield to the provincial minister Muhammad Ismail Rahoo. Also, Mr. Rahoo gave away shields to Dr. Sahrai and Dr. Asif Ali Wagan.

VISITING STALLS

After Inauguration Ceremony, the Provincial Minister Mr. Muhammad Ismail Rahoo and Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai proceeded towards the I.T. Tower of SMIU, where they along with the Director DSA Dr. Asif



Ali Wagan participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony. All the deans, chairpersons of various academic departments, faculty, registrar, directors of different non-academic departments and students of the varsity were present on the occasion.

Mr. Muhammad Ismail Rahoo and Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai visited stalls set up by various companies and interacted with their representatives, and students who had to appear in the interview for job. They appreciated participation of companies in the Fest and emphasized on the need of organising such festivals on regular basis in all public sector universities of the province.



The minister also appreciated role of SMIU in taking this sort of initiative for benefit of students and said that SMIU is providing a good opportunity to its students for their professional career by organising a Job Fest, other universities of Sindh must follow it.





DAY TWO

INAUGURATION CEREMONY OF STUDENTS' FESTIVAL



Students' activities, which were organised by DSA with the support of Students' Societies started from Wednesday, 1st June at different places of the university.

Formal inaugural ceremony of the Student's Festival was held on Wednesday, 1st June at 10: 00 am at the Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium. Mr. Muhammad Mureed Rahimoon, Secretary Universities and Boards Department, Government of Sindh; was the chief guest and Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor SMIU and Dr. Faizullah Abbasi, Vice Chancellor Dawood University of Engineering and Technology, Karachi were honorary guests.

Dr. Asif Ali Wagan, Director DSA, and organiser of the festival delivered his welcome address, in which he talked on the basic objective of organising the mega event – Job Fest and Student's Festival. He said we have provided opportunities to SMIU students to come out with their creative talent and take a leading role in organising different activities related to education, art, literature and culture, during the festival. He again thanked to Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai for his full support and encouragement extended for organising the festival. Dr. Wagan also thanked to the Secretary Universities and Boards and other guests for gracing the event through their presence.

Then Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai delivered his speech, which was based on his educational and job experiences and the struggle of a man belonging to a rural area of Sindh.



Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai said SMIU believes that students must be given some space to exhibit their creative abilities in form of art, literature, debate, sports etc. He said SMIU has always set a good tradition by supporting students to involve in such meaningful and healthy activities. Highlighting the importance of co-curricular activities, the Vice Chancellor said, this kind of activities are also part of learning process for students, hence such activities must be given equal importance to the curricular activities.





The Vice Chancellor lauded role of Director DSA, Dr. Asif Ali Wagan, his team, students' societies, faculty and heads of various sections and departments for their hectic efforts to make the festival successful. Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai announced that two selected students (male and female) of SMIU will be given awards on basis of their academic as well as performance in co-curricular activities in the category of "The Best Student of the Year." He thanked to the secretary universities and boards for giving some time to students of SMIU and said that he has always remained supportive to SMIU. He expressed gratitude to other guests who graced the event, also.

Dr. Faizullah Abbasi, Vice Chancellor of Dawood University of Engineering and Technology shared realities of his educational



life and life experiences in witty but thought provoking speech. He said when they were young, radio was only source of information for them, while Daily Dawn, Karachi was reached at their home town through train in those days, from which they were finding job opportunities. He maintained that today's generation has multiple sources of information on their fingertips, hence they could easily achieve required information through

internet and other digital sources. He said, we confess that our generation has created a large mess, now our young generation has to clear it."

Mr. Muhammad Mureed Rahimoon, Secretary Universities and Boards Department, said manpower comprised of youth is an asset of the country, and that should be groomed and trained by universities according to the needs of modern age.

Mr. Rahmoon said universities must maintain job record of their alumni, as it could be assessed that how many young people are in jobs and out of jobs. The secretary said now job market has been reached to the saturated point, but our talented youth can find jobs in national as well as international market specially in private sector.



He said, there is no doubt that universities of Sindh are facing financial problems, but they should create their own financial resources like private universities. He also said except three or four universities, majority of our universities is out from world ranking. Thus, remaining universities need improvement in their working and vision.

Mr. Muhammad Mureed Rahimoon said majority of our youth lacks in general knowledge. Even they don't know history of their own country. On the other hand, present day world is changing rapidly day by day. Hence, they must equip themselves with knowledge power to get some place in the society. He congratulated Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai and organisers of the festival for taking an inspiring initiative for students in the form of festival.

Later on, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai gave away shields to the guests and organiser of the event Dr. Asif Ali Wagan. Students also presented bouquet to the guests.

Afterwards, ribbon cutting ceremony was held at the venue of the festival, near Khan Bahadur Hassanally Effendi Library. Mr. Rahmoon participated in the ceremony along with Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Dr. Faizullah Abbasi, Director DSA Dr. Asif Ali Wagan, Director ORIC Dr. Aamir Iqbal Umrani, Registrar Ghulam Mustafa Shaikh, Deans and chairpersons Dr. Aftab Shaikh, Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepota, Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Controller Examinations Furqan Iftikhar and other officials.



GUESTS VISITED PHOTO & PAINTING EXHIBITION AND STALLS

After attending the ribbon cutting ceremony Mr. Muhammad Mureed Rahimoon along with Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Dr. Abbasi and SMIU's deans, chairpersons, faculty and officials; moved towards the venue at Talpur House, where stalls were set up by different students' societies. During the visit of stalls and exhibition of photographs & paintings, they appreciated young artists who had displayed their paintings and photos, covering the life of various parts of Karachi city.



ACTIVITIES ORGANIZED BY STUDENTS' SOCIETIES

As the inaugural ceremony and the visit by the guests of the festival to the stalls and exhibitions, completed, different students' societies held their programs at the Sir Shah Nawaz Bhutto Auditorium. A brief account of students' programs is as under.

Guest Speaker's Session



The Debating Society organised a Guest Speaker's Session at the auditorium from 11:00 am to 11:45 am. Dr. Sana Hussain (Psychologist), Assistant Professor SZABIST conducted the session.

She talked on the role of social media and its effects on mental health and suggested the students to get rid off from any sort of tension by involving themselves in healthy and creative activities.

Two People-Two Stories



The Community Service Society organised a session with the title of "Two People-Two Stories." Ms. Zeenat Anjum, founder of DigiWire conducted the session. It was held from 12:00 noon to 12:45 pm at the auditorium.



Singing Competition

The Music Society organised "The Battle of Singers" at the auditorium. It was held from 1:30 pm to 2:15 pm. Ms. Nazia Ashraf and Mr. Khalid Hassan were judges of the event. Participating students received tremendous response from the audience on their wonderful performance.



Urdu Mushaira

Urdu Mushaira was held from 2:30 pm to 3:30 pm. It was organised by the Literary Society. Dr. Sana and Haider Mangi were moderators.

No doubt, it was a unique segment of the Students' Festival. Prominent Urdu poets Mr. Anwar Shaoor, Mr. Ramzi Asim, Mr. Hidayat Sayer, Mr. Imran Shamshad, Mr. Yasmeen Yaas, Ali Ahmed Jan, Dr. Salman Sarwat and Mr. Khurram Tahir recited their poetry and received a great applause from the audience.



Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Director DSA, Dr. Asif Ali Wagan, deans and chairpersons of various faculties and academic departments including Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Dr. Aftab Shaikh, Dr. Subhash, Dr. Ambreen Fazal, faculty and staff members and students attended it in a large number. Dr. Sana Shahid, Assistance Professor, Department of Media and Communication Studies conducted the program.





DAY THREE

DOCUMENTARY COMPETITION: 'SAVE WATER-SAVE LIFE' won first prize

The first program of the third day of the festival (Thursday), was Documentary Competition, which was organised by the Community Service Society from 10:am to 10:45 am at the Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium.



It was also an interesting session, where, out of ten documentaries made by SMIU students, five were shortlisted and among the five, three documentaries won first, second and third prizes. The winning documentary was "Save Water Save Life." It was made by Fakiha Hassan, student of Department of Environmental Sciences. In the documentary, she had highlighted importance of water in the world and said if water was not saved human beings and other creatures could not survive in future.



Its message was loud and clear, that if we people waste water in our homes and could not care about that, then we all be losers. Documentary on the subject of Thalassaemia was made by Urzam Butt, student of Department of Media and Communication Studies and it won second prize. Third prize went to the documentary titled "Meri Kahani Meray Sheher ki Meray Ghar ki," made by Safdar Shah, student of Department of Education. All the documentaries proved that SMIU students have a vision and technical knowhow at large.



Two People-Two Stories



The session "Two People-Two Stories" held from 11:00 am to 11:45am at the auditorium. SMIU's alumni Mr. Sameer Ali Khan, who is also founder of Pakistan's first digital startup Collective Pakistan, conducted the session, where he narrated his success



story. Mr. Sameer also shared his valuable experiences with the students. The session was interactive, where students asked questions to the guest speaker. The event concluded with giving



away an appreciation shield to the guest by the Director DSA Dr. Asif Ali Wagan. The session was organised by the Community Service Society at amid to highlight the contribution of youth in the society.

Intra-University Declamation Contest

The Debating Society organised Intra-University Declamation Contest in English and Urdu languages, from 1:30 pm to 3:00 pm, at the Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium. Faculty members Mr. Hatesh Kumar and Mr. Wafa Mansoor Buriro were judges for Urdu and English language competition contest, respectively. In Urdu competition Muhammad Talha, won first prize, Kumail



Raza and Marzia Zehra received second prize and Gulshair Aftab won third prize. In English language declamation contest, Ghulam Abbas won first prize, Saima Soomro received second and third prize was shared by two students Raheela Soomro and Abdul Manan. Dr. Asif Ali Wagan, Director DSA, faculty members and students attended the event.



The Battle of Singers

The Battle of Singers was held at the same venue of auditorium from 3:15 pm to 4:00. It was organised by the Music Society. The singing competition was most interesting and refreshing, where young singers of SMIU sung national and folk songs.



Guest Speaker's session on Post Modernism

Renowned educationist Prof. Dr. Asad Larik, who is currently serving as Dean Faculty of Social Sciences at Hamdard University, Karachi, delivered a lecture on the Post Modernism, in the guest speaker's session, which was organised by the Debating Society. Dr. Larik talked on 20th and 21st Century English literature and narrated the literary movements that influenced the literature worldwide. He enlightened the students about various literary ideologies of the last two centuries and explained that how they have affected the literature.



Comedy Mime Performance

The Arts Society presented a silent act in which students performed with the help of facial expressions and background music at the auditorium. In the play students highlighted class disparity prevailing in the society through a comedy mime performance. The Act received standing ovation and a huge round of applause from the audience. It was directed by Umme Rabbab and Fatima Waheed. Kamal Ahmed Khaskheli was the co-presenter. Mirza Hurairah Baig moderated it.



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DAY FOUR

MONOLOGUE THEATRE: "MERI MAA"

Students' activities under the guidance of DSA remained continue on Friday, fourth and last day of the Students' Festival. A monologue theatre titled "Meri Maa" (My Mother) was presented by the Community Service Society at the auditorium, from 10:00 am to 11: 00 am. It was a tribute to a mother, which is the purest relation on this planet of Erath. It was written and directed by Adnan Zafar and Haider Mangi, while Wahaj Akhter, acted on it. In the end, a song was sung by Zaigham Abbas, which was dedicated to all mothers. The session was moderated by Mirza Huraira Baig.

Theater performance on Samuel Beckett's play "Waiting for Godot"



The theater was presented by the Debating Society on Samuel Beckett's play "Waiting for Godot" at the Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium from 12:15 pm to 1:00 pm. It was translated and directed by Shehreen Ibrahim. The characters were Raheela Soomro, Saima Soomro, Sandesh Kumar, Yashal Yasir, and Mehnaz Batool. The theater portrayed futility of life in current era. It received accolades and applause from the audience.

Battle of Singers

Among other programs of the day were Battle of Singers and Bait Baazi. The judges of the session of Bait Baazi were Mr. Ajab Ali Lashari and Ms. Quratulain Sandeelo, faculty members.



Bait Baazi





SPORTS

During all the four days of the festival Sports Society organised indoor and outdoor games including cricket matches and table tennis tournament in the premises of the campus. On the second day of the festival table tennis tournament was held, in which Habibunisa Imra, Aeman Akmal, Huzefa Surti and Khwaja Faraz participated. Among these players Habibunisa Imra and Huzefa Surti won the tournament. Similarly, different cricket teams of SMIU played in SMIU's ground. Mr. Mohammad Kashif, sports officer had organised the sports events.



Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai and Chairman Sindh Higher Education Commission Dr. Tariq Rafi gave away trophies to the winner teams and players in the concluding session of the festival held on Friday, June 3, 2022 at the Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium.





CONCLUDING CEREMONY

The concluding ceremony of Sindh Madressatul Islam University's Job Fest and Students' Festival was held at the Sir Shah Nawaz Auditorium of the University on Friday, June 3, 2022 at 4:00 pm. Prof. Dr. Tariq Rafi, Chairman Sindh Higher Education Commission (HEC) presided over the ceremony. Dr Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU was the guest of honour.

The ceremony was started with the recitation from Holy Quran. It followed the National Anthem. Ms. Zonaira Jalali was moderator of the program. Dr. Asif Ali Wagan presented welcome address, in which he thanked to Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, faculty, staff members and students for their cooperation extended during the festival. He pledged that such activities will also be organised in the coming days.

Thereafter, patrons of various students' societies such as Art Society, Debating Society, Community Service Society, Literary Society, Music Society and Sports Society presented reports of the activities which they organised during the festival. Ms. Khushboo Rafiq, Patron Art Society said they organised variety of programs including photo exhibition with the title of 'Life at Karachi,' 'My Dream,' 'Live Sketch' and 'SMIU to Eyes.' She said for making the country stable and peaceful we have to encourage art.

Ms. Kiran Shirazi, Patron of the Debating Society in her report said they organised two guest speaker's sessions, theatre, bait bazi and set up stalls. The patron of the Music Society Ms. Sundas Nisar in the report said they organised three singing competition programs during the last three days, where eight students participated in the competition.

Ms. Wajiha Naim, patron of the Community Service Society informed that they organised "Two People-Two Stories,"

monologue theatre "Meri Maan", and documentaries. Similarly, the Sports Society organised eight indoor and outdoor sport events. They all appreciated the cooperation extended to them by Dr. Asif Ali Wagan, Director DSA.





Afterwards, the Vice Chancellor of SMIU Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai delivered his speech, in which he congratulated Dr. Asif Ali Wagan, Director Directorate of Students Affairs and his team on organising the mega event successfully. He said that the festival provided a great opportunity to the students to show their hidden talent in the form of creative activities with the support of faculty and staff members.

The Vice Chancellor said about four hundred graduating students of SMIU were registered at the different companies during the Job

He said SMIU has a great legacy that Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah and other leaders of the Pakistan movement had received their early education from here. SMIU students are carrying such great legacy with honour; but they should follow footsteps of Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah. Praising the Job Fest, he said providing jobs opportunities to youth was a great service being rendered by SMIU. Now SMIU and Sindh HEC should jointly work in such direction and organize a job expo at expo center.



Fest and almost one hundred students surely will succeed in getting jobs. He said this kind of festivals shall be organised at SMIU with high frequency. He thanked to the Chairman Sindh HEC for attending the event. "Today Dr. Tariq Rafi had to leave for Sukkur by air but he preferred to attend our program and tomorrow he will proceed there by road," Dr. Sahrai said and added that professors always prefer to the academic activities.

Addressing the concluding ceremony, Prof. Dr. Tariq Rafi appreciated the efforts of SMIU, DSA and organisers of different events. He said, it was a matter of pride for him that he is attending the concluding ceremony at the great institute that holds title of Alma-Mater of Father of the Nation-Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah and other great leaders. He said this sort of activities are exhibiting abilities of students. He was of the view that education always comes first but there is also a room for other activities. The chairman HEC praised the role of students' societies of SMIU and said students will get positive results of their association with the societies, in their future life.

Later on, prize distribution ceremony was held at the same venue, where Chairman Sindh HEC Dr. Tariq Rafi, VC SMIU Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai and Director DSA Dr. Asif Ali Wagan distributed prizes among the winner students of different programs. Also, Dr. Sahrai gave away a shield to Dr. Tariq Rafi and Dr. Asif Ali Wagan.



Amazingly, the Students' Festival imprinted everlasting signs specially on the young minds and hearts of students of SMIU, who were in leading role during the all four days of the festival.



PARTICIPANTS AND WINNERS OF PROGRAMS

Art Society

Patron: Ms. Khushboo Rafiq, Lecturer Department of Media and Communication Studies

Following office bearers of the Art society shown their marvelous performance during the Students' Week: Mehran Hai (Vice President), Tayyaba Mustafa (Female Secretary) and Shahrukh Memon (Treasurer).

Events:

Photography Competition:

Position holders: 1st Position: Umer Farooq, 2nd Position: Basit Shafiq and 3rd. Position: Ramal Mehreen. (All winners were belonging to the Department of Media and Communication Studies.)

Appreciation certificates were given to Talal Ahmed, Ushna Aqeel, Arsalan Khalid, Sadaf khalid, Hamza Ali, Tayab Ali, Fasih-ur-Rehman, Fazeel, Saira khan, Sohaibur Rehman, Falak Naz, Itban Ahmed, M. Khadim Hussain, Ghazam Khan, Areeba, Mishal Khan and Maham Khan.

Graphic Design Competition:

Winner was Rayyan Zain (Department of Computer Science). Appreciation Certificates were given to Abdul Bari, Sana Irfan, Sana Anwer, Ahmed Safdar, Falak Naz and Ghazam Khan.

Live Sketching Competition:

The students who secured positions were Laiba Musharraf, Department of Media and Communication Studies (1st position), Zia Khan, Department of Business Administration (2nd position) and Ameer Hamza, Department of Cyber Security (3rd position). Appreciation Certificates were given to Maham Musawer Khan, Sana Safdar and Maaz Nadeem.

Handmade Poster Competition:

Winner was Misbah Mushtaq (Department of Computer Science). Appreciation Certificates were given to Bakhtawar, Maham Musawer Khan, Misbah, Saira Khan, Falak Naz, Sana Safdar, Areeba Shah, Nabila Tahir and Fatima Qadir.

Mini Sculptor with Chalk:

Winner was Maaz Nadeem Khan (Department of Business Administration).

Mime Performance:

The co-presenter of the act was Kamal Ahmed, directors were Umme Rabbab and Fatima Waheed, moderator was Mirza Huraira Baig and performers were Adnan Zafar, Asma, Farhan, Murtaza Brohi, Nandani Bhoowlwani, Rao Mouzzam, Uzair Khan, Waqar Ali, Osama Mustafa and Sajal Shaikh.

Volunteers were Habiba Tahir & Yousuf Noonari (Department of



Accounting, Banking and Finance), Sanjana Kirshan (Department of Computer Science) and Ghazam Khan, Ana Tahir, Areeba Shah, Asma Gulfaraz, Areeba Abbasi, Bakhtawar, Iqra Awan, Jagdish Kumar, Mariam Khan, Nandani Bhoowlwani, Ramal, Tooba Khan, Wahaaj Ali, Waqar Ali, Waqar Ali Soomro, M. Hasham Faheem, Osama Iqbal, Umair Khattak, Erum, and Nayab (Department of Media and Communication Studies).

Community Service Society

Patron: Syeda Wajiha Naim, Lecturer Department of Software Engineering

Office bearers of the Community Service Society who shown marvelous performance during the Students' Week were Ghulam Haider Mangi, Tehreem, Asad Solangi and Sufyan.

Events:

Documentary Competition:

Fakiha Hassan, student of Department of Environmental Sciences won 1st prize on her documentary titled "Save Water Save Life", 2nd prize was won by Urzam Butt (Department of Media and Communication Studies) on her documentary "Thalassemia" and 3rd prize was won by Safdar Shah (Department of Education) on the "Meri Kahani Merey Sheher ki Meray Ghar ki".

Theatre "Meri Maa"

Wahaj Akhtar acted in the theater "Meri Maa", which was written and directed by Adnan Zafar & Ghulam Haider Mangi. Its song was written by Zaigham Abbas and the poster was designed by Mir Mohsin Mangi of Department of Media and Communication Studies.

Moderators of the theatre were Nida, Ayesha and Huraira Baig (Department of Media and Communication Studies).

Debating Society

Patron: Syeda Kiran Shirazi, Lecture Department of English
Office bearers of the Debating Society who performed very well

during the festival were Saleh Ayub (Male Secretary), Iqra Tabassum (Female Secretary) and Adarsh (Treasurer).

Events:

Intra-University Declamation Contest:

English Language Declamation Contest:

1st position Ghulam Abbas, 2nd position Saima Soomro and 3rd position Raheela Soomro & Abdul Manan (Department of English).

Urdu Language Declamation Contest:

1st position M. Talha (Department of Computer Science), 2nd position Kumail Raza and Syeda Marzia Zahra and 3rd position Gulshair Aftab (Department of Business Administration).

Students who participated in the contest were Ghulam Abbas, Saima Soomro, Raheela Soomro, Abdul Manan, Muhammad Talha, Kumail Raza, Syeda Marzia, Gulshair Aftab, Mansalwa, Nimra Shakeel, Zainab Hyder, Shafaat Ali Shah, Fatima Zulfiqar, Zeeshan Khan, Jermiah Parker and Haq Nawaz.

Theatre “Waiting for Godot”:

Students who acted in the theater were Saima Soomro, Raheela Soomro, Shehreen Ibrahim, Sandesh Kumar, Yashal Yasir and Mehnaz.

Baitbazi:

Students who participated in the event were Ghulam Abbas, Abdul Manan, Makiya, Muhammad Maaz, Asna, Muhammad Talha and Fareeha.



Patron: Ms. Sundas Nisar, Assistant Director HRM

Office bearers of the Music Society who shown their best performance during the festival were Muhammad Afaq and Qazi Mubeen.

Events:

Battle of Singers:

Following students won the prizes: Anmol Rahujo (1st prize), Parker (2nd Prize), Prakash Kumar (3rd Prize) and the special prize was given to Osama Bin Hassan.

Science Society

Patron: Ms. Ambreen Aziz, Department of Environmental Sciences

Office bearers of the Science Society who shown their good performance during the Student’s Week were Hassan Saleem Abdullah Magsi, Muhammad Bilal Ahmed, Faazla and Muhammad Nauman Rasool.

Events:

Project Exhibition:

Prototype Project: Winner M. Usman Khan (Department of Computer Science)

Web Based Project: M. Uzair Shaikh (Department of Computer Science).

Digital Poster Competition:

Hira Alvi secured first position and Muhammad Ali & Farhan Afzal (Department of Computer Science) shared second positions.

E-Gaming PUBG: There was no winner in this event.

Sports Society

Patron: Muhammad Kashif, Sports Officer

Sports Society organised different games during the days of festival, from 30th May to 3rd June 2022. The list of winners is given below:

Event	Team	Captain	Department	Position
Cricket (Boys)	Lost Boys	M. Munir	Computer Science	Runner-up
	Cs Gladiators	Akhtar Zaib	Computer Science	Winner
Cricket (Girls)	Scorpions	Habiba Imran	Education	Runner-up
	The United	Tuba Nisar	Business Administration	Winner
Futsal (Boys)	Bba Madrid	Muhammad Raza	Business Administration	Runner-up
	All United	Subhan Jaffer	Computer Science	Winner
Throw-ball (Girls)	Hitters	Zohra Qadir	Education	Runner-up
	Snake Eyes	Habiba Imran	Education	Winner
Table Tennis (Boys)	Individual Event	Manohar Lal	Computer Science	Runner-up
		Maviya Ali Shah	Computer Science	Winner
Table Tennis (Girls)		Zohra Qadir	Education	Runner-up
		Habiba Imran	Education	Winner
Badminton (Boys)		Khwaja Faraz	Banking, Accounting & Finance	Runner-up
		Huzefa Surti	Computer Science	Winner
Badminton (Girls)		Aeman Akmal	Artificial Intelligence and Mathematical Sciences	Runner-up
		Habib un Nisa Imran	Education	Winner

Best players of SMIU Sports Gala 2022:

1. Muhammad Ismail Hussain (Department of Computer Science)
2. Habib-un-Nisa Imran (Department of Education)



STUDENTS' Corner

FREELANCING, THE FUTURE IS HERE! | By Sadaf Khalid



Freelancing is a concept of the modern-day, and a solution to the outcry of no jobs, this is the modern world where universities are producing huge number of graduates every year who face scarcity of jobs, leading youth towards business to freelancing. Today, we can't say anything is not possible and that everyone is out of reach. They are not. The online world is a world of possibilities connecting a student in Pakistan to an employer nationally and internationally.

Everything is just an idea away; you just have to be willing enough to learn and approach something new. All you need is a laptop and the internet, and the world is yours to take.

Pakistan is ranked as the fourth country for outsourcing in the Online Labor Index distributed in 2017 by Oxford Internet Institute (OII) and is reliably designated among the top expositions for Internet Dispatches and Technology (ICT) re-appropriating considering the remarkable development of the IT area. Pakistan has the fourth position around the world in the class of Software Development and Technology.

With tough university hours, assignments, exams, and the pressure to keep up with the financial needs of students, freelancing is the best solution. Not only students work from the comfort of their homes, their time, and their choice but they are their own bosses. With freelancing as an option, joblessness is out

of the question as students offer their skills and in return are even paid well.

There are many freelance jobs students can work at without disturbing their study schedules. The best places to freelance are Fiverr, Up work, etc. where you showcase your work and get immediate projects. Digi skills have played a major part in equipping students with enough skills to earn as freelancers.

Hard work is appreciated and honestly if we talk about it many of

our friends would ask how they can join this race of time? Well, it couldn't be simpler. You can learn online through Digi skills or YouTube. And earn on your terms and conditions. There are various skill sets one can use as a freelancer some of them being a content writer. If you love to write and have adequate skills you can easily become a content writer for online blogs, magazines, or websites.

Graphic designing is the biggest market in freelancing with employers around the globe asking for unique different graphic design content, logo designs, covers, or even advert designs for online posts or marketing. The possibilities are nonstop with social media marketing, as people can easily manage social handles, design posts, and promotions.

Hence, we can see how big this market is honestly the very future of employment. Now borders do not matter. As a freelancer, you can work anywhere in the world within the comfort of your home.

Javeria, a freelancer working on Fiverr said "I have been working as a content writer for 2 months now and I am glad to have found something that gives me experience and helps me earn helping me with my tuition fee."

Amir said, "I work as a freelance photographer. While I regularly take my classes during the day, I spend my weekends working on photography assignments or editing for foreigners. Fiverr and Up work have helped me grow my freelance profile."

Many students are now choosing to freelance as it is the work of their choice and their comfort. The best custom plan that helps you earn and gives you confidence and experience in your respective field.

Freelancing is truly the future of Pakistan and the solution to our lack of jobs or working while studying.



Education is very important for anyone's life as it is the origin of mold that makes a human "a person", no matter where they are from or whatever language they speak because today's education will make tomorrow's future much better. Education provides the kind of stability in one's life since it is something that no one can take away from you, being well educated and holding a degree increases your chances for better future opportunities and open new doors of success in your life.

It also provides financial stability, when people are well educated,



TODAY'S EDUCATION, TOMORROW'S BETTER FUTURE | By Arsalan Khalid Karim

they try to become independent, become more responsible and people around you began to admire you. Speaking of being independent, people have more chances to make their dreams come true for the better future. Therefore, education is must for everyone. It does not matter from where you are receiving your education but what matters is that you receive a quality education. Education provides confidence to face the problems and think for better solutions.

Educated people are important for economic growth since we need more people with more skills on a global level serving their society and stand by the truth because it is the education that tells what is right and what is wrong and that you stand by the truth which makes you a better person for your better tomorrow. With the proper education, one starts to think about themselves and began to question about their selves since they are analyzing themselves for a good future. Likewise, education is very important in turning today's days into better tomorrow.

However, so many deserving students do not receive that quality education and due to that they are far left behind. There are many areas in societies where there are no proper schools to provide the basic education to the children, that is the reason why we see more deserving innocent children on the streets rather than in schools or collages from which only a small percentage of students can reach the universities. The major problem here is the poverty in our society. Due to that, they are forced to leave the education and peruse on occupation to earn bread for their families.

On this big issue, there are many organizations along with the provincial as well as federal governments providing scholarships to many students, however the problem is that it is not available everywhere and people are still not aware of it much, due to that there is still a vast amount of the majority that is still left behind who need the proper counseling. There are students who must choose between their education and full-time employment. For that purpose, it is very important to spread awareness about distant learning projects which are working successfully in our country.

Pakistan is one of the countries which have larger number of young population, so the solution to reduce poverty and provide education to them is to motivate them about distant learning



programs, providing them with the proper information about scholarships and most importantly, the youth must understand the importance of education.

This is also the responsibility of our educational institutes to introduce counselling sessions for the students that how can they take scholarships and grab more opportunities by doing free lancing and using digital media platforms. Today's world is fastest technological growing world, to compete in this condition, we must educate our new generation for their better future and for the bright future of our country as well.

Introducing Alumni

Hunain Ameen

Mr. Hunain Ameen graduated in 2019 from Department of Media & Communication Studies. Despite late start to his trajectory, he's set on now, SMIU alumnus Hunain Ameen burnt his boats to get to what he then thought was the milestone for him:



becoming a journalist to voice stories lost somewhere in the void. He started internships at SMIU Radio and SMIU Chronicle since the first year of his graduation.

Not leaving a stone unturned, he persisted in the time when journalism and media platforms faced the hardest of times. He's now found his niche and inspires younger lot to believe and persist. He is currently working as "Multimedia Executive and a video journalist" for a private television channel-ARY News.

He can be seen to make explainer videos wherein research is balanced out with simplified explanation, so masses are more educated and learned after watching them. He is thankful to all the teachers and SMIU Radio for encouraging him to pursue his dreams.

Sameer Ahmed

Mr. Sameer Ahmed is a graduate of Batch 2020 from Department of Media & Communication Studies. He has successfully represented youth of Pakistan at several national and international platforms. His interest towards peace, interfaith harmony, cultural diversity and co-existence helped him found his professional goals.



He is the founder of Pakistan's first digital peace startup "Collective Pakistan." He also leads multiple CVE projects and peace campaigns to train youth from different areas in Pakistan. Due to his innovative approach, he won competitions and awards like Pakistan Entrepreneurial Journalism Grant. The Minhaj ul Quran organization also awarded him a gold medal peace award. He has been working with Malala Fund, US Embassy Pakistan, European Union and Youth Can.

He is committed to highlight the voices of marginalized communities through innovative concepts with a technical approach to work towards an inclusive and peaceful society.

While talking to SMIU Chronicle team, he said "I am very thankful to all my teachers and this prestigious institute for all the encouragement and support throughout my academic years."



Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai attended a seminar held in connection with the World Environmental Day.



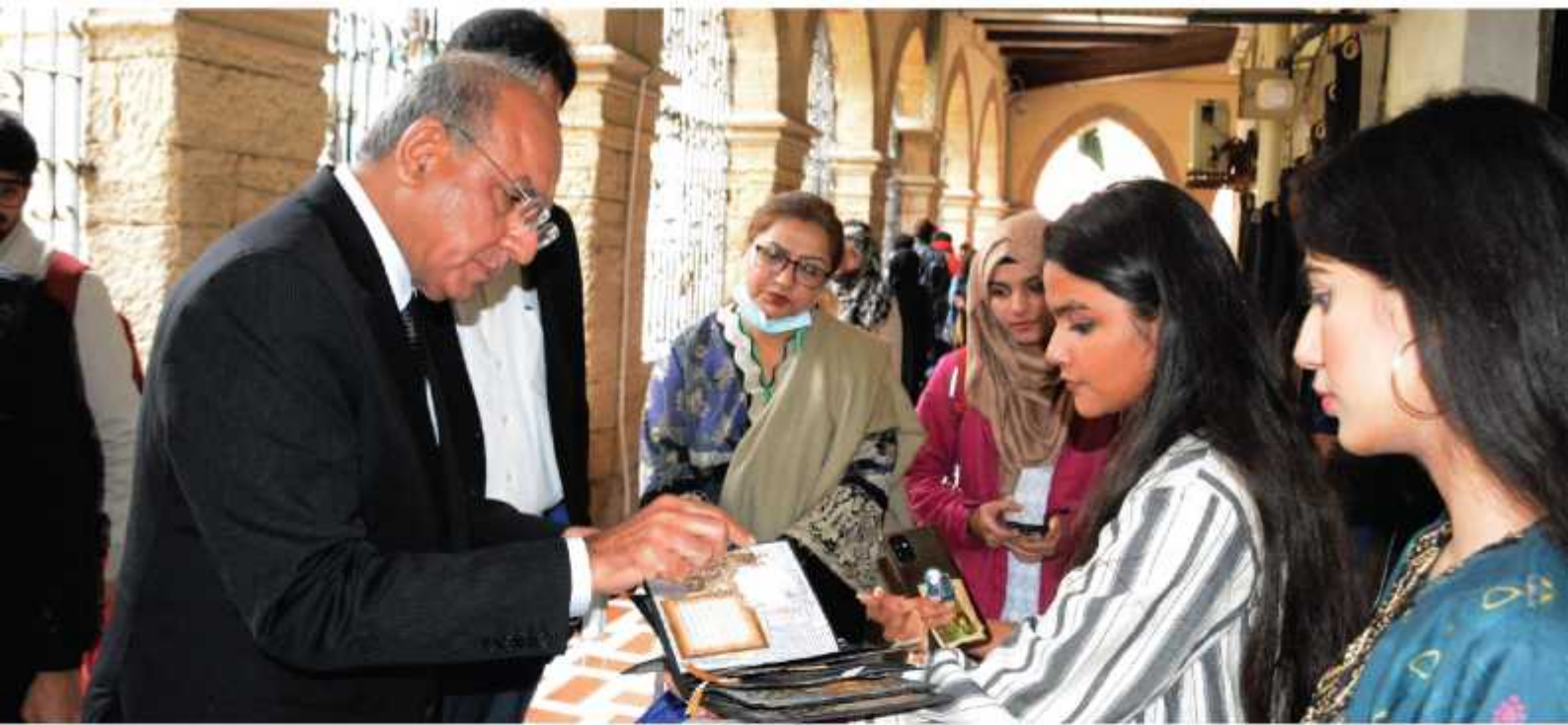
Mr. Muhammad Ameen Chhajro, a faculty member, talking to a private television channel during the Students' Festival 2022.



Mr. Sajid Ali Lashar, Deputy Registrar (Staff) briefing guests during their visit to the Jinnah Museum.



A group of the students displayed cultural dresses during the Students' Festival 2022.



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