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“There is a need to create employment opportunities for the youth, acknowledging their potential as a valuable resource. It is a matter of concern that there is a limited contribution of educated girls to the society due to various societal constraints. The girls must be provided education even in the remote areas of the country.”

*Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeebuddin Sahrai*



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Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor SMIU inaugurating newly established Command and Control Room at SMIU.



Vice Chancellor SMIU Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Minister for Universities and Boards, Government of Sindh Mr. Muhammad Ismail Rahoo and former Vice Chancellor of Sindh Agriculture University, Tandojam Dr. A.Q. Mughal administering oath to the newly elected office bearers of SMIU's student societies. (Report on page 22)



Chairman Sindh HEC Dr. Tariq Rafi and Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai presenting a shield to Dr. Sarosh Hashmat Lodi, Vice Chancellor of NED University, Karachi during the 1<sup>st</sup> SMIU Global Research Congress, held on March 8-9, 2023. Vice chancellors of other universities are also seen in the picture. (Report on page 48)



Vice Chancellor SMIU Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai addressing the inaugural ceremony of the All Pakistan HEC Intervarsity Games, organised by the Sindh HEC. (Report on page 40)



SMIU Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai and Vice Chancellor of University of Turbat Prof. Dr. Jan Muhammad signed a MoU on 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2023 at SMIU. (Report on page 15)

# Vice Chancellor's Note

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Research is a fundamental aspect of any university. It is through research that a university can make the most significant contributions to society. I am pleased to announce that Sindh Madressatul Islam University successfully organized 1<sup>st</sup> Global Research Congress and five international conferences concurrently on March 8-9, 2023. Despite the multitude of events, both the Global Research Congress and the accompanying conferences shared a common focus on the themes of innovation and sustainability. It was indeed an honor for me to oversee this extensive research gathering, which held importance not only for our nation but for the global community as a whole. The topics explored during these conferences were diverse and dynamic in nature.

I extend my heartfelt congratulations to the Central Executive Committee of the Congress, particularly to all the faculty members who executed their roles admirably in arranging both the Global Research Congress and the five international conferences so successfully. I also express my gratitude to the esteemed guests who travelled from different countries and various regions of Pakistan to participate in these events. Their participation in various panel discussions and technical

sessions enriched the sessions with their valuable knowledge, cutting-edge research findings, personal experiences, and insights. Notably, a live session on higher education featured vice chancellors from several Pakistani universities who shared their perspectives on the significance of higher education and its pressing challenges.

Undoubtedly, this occasion attracted a diverse array of attendees, including government officials, scholars, social scientists, artists, human rights advocates, women's rights activists, journalists, and individuals from various other sectors.

It is also a fact that the SMIU has made significant progress in the field of research over the past three years. Seven research journals were being published, and three of them had received Y-category recognition from the Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan. Due to our positive support and creation of robust research policies, the faculty of SMI University was able to win projects of around PKR 29 million during the last three years. In comparison to current research projects, previously they worked on only two projects worth PKR 3.46 million in years 2017-2018. Currently, the faculty is in process of winning more projects as they have submitted more than 40 research projects worth millions of rupees to different government/funding agencies. In light of this, it has been decided that more efforts would be made to seek financial assistance for research work from both the national and international organizations. This would further support and enhance the research activities at SMIU. Also, the SMIU would encourage young researchers to conduct studies on subjects that had a positive impact on society and contributed to its betterment.



**Prof. Dr. Mujeebuddin Sahrai Memon**

# MEETINGS

## *Visits & Events*



## Turkish Consul General Visits SMIU



Excellency Cemal Sangu, Consul General of Turkiye, visited SMIU on January 5, 2023. He held a meeting with Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai. Deans of SMIU, Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Dr. Jamshed Halepoto, and Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Advisor to the Vice Chancellor Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Director of ORIC Dr. Aamir Iqbal Umrani, Registrar Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Shaikh, Ms. Uzma Batool, Additional Director of Planning & Development, and Anwar Ali Abro, Director of the PR Department, were also present on the occasion.

During the meeting, Excellency Cemal Sangu expressed that the relations between Pakistan and Turkiye were very friendly, and the Turkish government was making efforts to further strengthen these brotherly relationships.

He mentioned that the people of Pakistan, especially the people of Sindh, were adorned with mystical thoughts. He also highlighted that Sindh was home to a large number of prominent mystic poets, including Shah Abdul Latif Bhittai. Similarly, he noted that the people of Turkiye were believers of Sufism, and they had their own saint-poet, Maulana Jala-luddin Rumi. Consequently, efforts were being made to foster closer ties between the people of Sindh, other provinces of Pakistan, and the Turkish people in order to spread love and harmony throughout the world.



Tracing the relationship between Sindh and Turkiye, he mentioned that the founder of Sindh Madressatul Islam, Hasanally Effendi, had strong ties with the Ottoman Sultans of Turkiye. As a result, he was honored with the titles of “Bey” and “Effendi” by the Sultan of Turkiye in the 19th century. The Consul General expressed that the Turkish government took pride in the services rendered by Khan Bahadur Hasanally Bye Effendi, who played a crucial role in promoting modern education in Sindh through the establishment of the esteemed institution, Sindh Madressatul Islam. Furthermore, he added that the Turkish government, in collaboration with the Department of Culture and Antiquities of the Government of Sindh, actively worked to restore the house and tomb of



He announced that SMIU would establish a Rumi Chair and a Turkish Corner within the university premises. These initiatives would provide SMIU's students and researchers with access to information on Turkiye's history, literature, culture, and education. Dr. Sahrai also added that SMIU would extend its support to a scholar who would conduct research on the relations between Hassanally Effendi and the Ottoman Empire.

Mr. Khalil Ibrahim Başaran, TIKa Karachi Program Coordinator, discussed the projects undertaken by TIKa in Sindh. He mentioned that TIKa was dedicated to providing support to the people of Sindh, who embodied the spirit of Sufism deep within their hearts. As part of this effort, Turkish language classes were being organized in the region. Furthermore, documentaries showcasing the work of SMIU and TIKa were screened during the event.

Hassanally Effendi, which were located in Hyderabad City. "There was a lack of proper care and cleanliness at the house of Khan Bahadur Hassanally Effendi. Additionally, the narrow street leading to the house made it inaccessible to vehicles. As a result, our team members had to walk there," he stated. He further emphasized that they had requested the commissioner of Hyderabad to clear the street leading to the Effendi House and Effendi Garden.

Excellency Cemal Sangu made an announcement regarding a PhD scholarship opportunity for a student from SMIU at either the University of Ankara or the University of Istanbul in Turkiye. He stated that this inaugural scholarship would be awarded to a female student from SMIU based on a combination of poverty and merit criteria. The SMIU would nominate



a deserving candidate for this scholarship. He further mentioned that this scholarship would be granted to an SMIU student every year, as it was a reflection of Turkiye's association with Khan Bahadur Hassanally Effendi.

He further mentioned that the Turkish government had awarded 128 scholarships to Pakistani students for undergraduate, graduate, and postgraduate programs in the previous year (2022). Therefore, he emphasized the importance of encouraging students from Pakistan to take advantage of these opportunities.

Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai expressed his appreciation for the generous scholarship offer by the Turkish Consul General, which aimed to support a PhD student from SMIU.

Later on, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai presented shields and Ajrak as gifts to the guests. In return, the guests presented a souvenir to the Vice Chancellor. Subsequently, the Consul General, accompanied by the Vice Chancellor of SMIU and other officials, visited the Jinnah Museum. During the visit, the Consul General showed keen interest in the relics of Pakistan's founder, Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah, as well as those of Hassanally Effendi and other alumni of SMIU. Additionally, he offered to translate the certificates given to Hassanally Effendi by the Turkish government, which were currently written in Turkish. The Turkish Consul General also visited the Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium, the I.T. Tower, and the Incubation Center. ■

## BOARD MEETING OF FACULTY OF EDUCATION

A meeting of the Board of Faculty of Education Department took place on January 21, 2023. During the meeting, it was decided to introduce two new programs, namely the Diploma in Early Childhood & Care Education and M.Phil. in Educational Leadership and Management. The members of the board also conducted a review of the department's existing programs and encouraged the faculty to develop market-oriented initiatives to enhance "Teacher Education" at SMIU in accordance with the new roadmap provided by the Higher Education Commission (HEC). ■

### Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai Visits Researcher Gul Hassan Kalmati in Hospital

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU, visited Dow University Hospital in Karachi on Monday, January 23, 2023, to enquire about the health of the renowned researcher and historian, Mr. Gul Hassan Kalmati. Mr. Kalmati had been admitted to the hospital for the treatment of liver and lung infections. During the visit, Mr. Kalmati informed the Vice Chancellor that he was currently recovering from his illness, and he expressed gratitude that the Government of Sindh had covered all the expenses related to his medical treatment.

Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai acknowledged Mr. Gul Hassan Kalmati as a distinguished research scholar who had extensively written about SMIU in his books. Dr. Sahrai expressed admiration for Mr. Kalmati's remarkable research work on the history and heritage of Karachi city and the islands of Sindh. He mentioned that there had been plans to organize a lecture by Mr. Kalmati for SMIU students, specifically on the history of Karachi city. However, Dr. Sahrai expressed hope that after Mr. Kalmati's full recovery, his



first lecture could be hosted at SMIU. The Vice Chancellor assured Mr. Kalmati of every possible support. ■

## OBSERVING EXAMINATIONS



inquiring about their examination papers, and also engaged in discussions with the faculty members and invigilators. He expressed his satisfaction with the smooth process of the examinations and emphasized the importance of ensuring fairness in the examination process. Accompanying him were Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Academic Advisor, Mr. Furqan Iftikhar, Controller of Examinations, and Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Shaikh, Registrar. ■

Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai visited the examination centers of the university on Monday, January 23, 2023. The examination centers were established in various academic blocks, including the Main Building, Talpur House, and I.T. Tower. During the visit, Dr. Sahrai interacted with the students,





## VICE CHANCELLOR ATTENDS CONFERENCE AT MAKLI

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, the Vice Chancellor of Sindh Madressatul Islam University, participated in the inauguration ceremony of the newly constructed tomb of Mir Ali Sher Qaune, a historian from the Kalhora Dynasty era in Sindh. The ceremony took place on February 2, 2023, at the Makli Necropolis, located near Thatta city. The construction of the tomb had been overseen by the Endowment Fund Trust, led by Mr. Abdul Hameed Akhund, a former Secretary of the Department of Culture, Government of Sindh.



Syed Sardar Ali Shah, the Minister for Education & Literacy and the Department of Culture, Government of Sindh, graced the event as the chief guest. Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai and Mr. Abdul Hameed Akhund also delivered speeches during the occasion. The proceedings of the event were conducted by Mr. Ishtiaq Ansari, a renowned researcher.

Syed Sardar Ali Shah, in his speech, emphasized the importance of conducting more research on the history, culture, and literature of Sindh. He highlighted the role of universities in producing competent research scholars and called upon literary and cultural institutions in Sindh to actively contribute to these efforts. The minister also announced the creation of job opportunities in the field of archaeology, aiming to provide employment prospects for young archaeologists. He acknowledged that research scholars like Badar Abro, Ishtiaq Ansari, and others of their generation could not solely bear the expenses of their work and thus encouraged young archaeologists to continue their work on archaeological sites in Sindh. Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, in his speech, emphasized the importance of individuals taking ownership of their cultural heritage and actively working towards its preservation and promotion. He expressed the view that while the government played a role, it was essential for each and every citizen to contribute. Dr. Sahrai commended the efforts of Mr. Hameed Akhund and his team for their valuable contribution to the preservation of Sindh's cultural heritage.

On this occasion, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai also had meetings with Syed Sardar Ali Shah, Mr. Abdul Hameed Akhund, Mr. Badar Abro, Mr. Ishtiaq Ansari, Mr. Manzoor Ahmed Kanasiro, Mr. Madad Ali Sindhi, and other prominent historians, writers, intellectuals, and academicians. ■

## KASHMIR DAY OBSERVED



Sindh Madressatul Islam University, the alma mater of the Founder of Pakistan Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah, observed Kashmir Day on February 5, 2023, in solidarity with the Kashmiri people's right to self-determination. A rally was organized, starting from the university's main building and led by deans of various faculties, chairpersons, and heads of different academic and administrative departments. Prominent individuals such as Prof. Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Prof. Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, Prof. Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Director of Students Affairs Dr. Asif Ali Wagan, Director of ORIC Dr. Aamir Iqbal Umrani, Dr. Mansoor Ahmed Khuhro, Controller of Examinations Mr. Furqan Iftikhar, and others took part in the rally. The event witnessed significant participation from SMIU's officials, faculty members, and other employees.

The rally proceeded along Aiwan-e-Tijarat Road and Hasrat Mohani Road. The participants passionately chanted slogans in support of the Kashmiri people's struggle. Upon reaching SMIU's premises, the rally entered through Gate number 3 and concluded at the Khan Bahadur Hassanally Effendi Library.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, highlighted the brutality faced by the Kashmiri people in occupied Kashmir at the hands of Indian forces, emphasizing their rightful demand for self-determination. He expressed concern over the prolonged conflict and called upon the United Nations, the Muslim world, and other developed countries to step forward and work towards resolving the Kashmir dispute. Dr. Channar emphasized the importance of granting the people of Kashmir their right to self-determination in accordance with UN resolutions.



Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Dr. Jamshed Halepoto, Dr. Aamir Iqbal Umrani, and Mr. Furqan Iftikhar also expressed their views, denouncing the atrocities committed by Indian forces in occupied Kashmir. They firmly demanded an end to these violations and stressed the importance of granting the Kashmiri people the right to determine their own destiny. ■



## SMI University and Ilma University Sign MoU

Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai of Sindh Madressatul Islam University and Vice Chancellor Dr. Mansoor Uz Zafar Dawood of Ilma University signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) at a simple ceremony held on February 7, 2023, in SMIU's Conference Room. The MoU signified their mutual agreement to collaborate in various areas of education and training. This collaboration included organizing joint national and international conferences, facilitating faculty and student exchange programs, and initiating joint short courses for students. They also mentioned that participants of these courses would receive a certificate bearing the signatures of both universities.

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, speaking at the MoU signing ceremony, emphasized the importance of bridging the gap between private and public sector academic institutions. He highlighted the need for collaboration and cooperation to achieve meaningful outcomes. Dr. Sahrai emphasized the importance of utilizing both public and private resources jointly for the benefit of the younger generation. He also suggested that in



agreement between SMIU and Ilma University marked the beginning of a new era that would ultimately benefit both institutions. Dr. Dawood further suggested the preparation of a yearly calendar outlining the areas of cooperation, facilitating effective planning and implementation of joint initiatives.

Dr. Aamir Iqbal Umrani, Director ORIC of SMIU, and Mr. Fawwad Mehmood Butt, Director of Quality Assurance and Liaison at Ilma University, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) for mutual cooperation between the two institutions. The MoU aimed to establish a framework for collaboration in various areas, including research, quality assurance, and academic liaison.



addition to signing the MoU, a Memorandum of Implementation (MoI) should be considered to ensure the actual implementation of the agreed-upon points. Dr. Sahrai further proposed starting the joint working relationship at a grassroots level and focusing on smaller initiatives before moving on to larger projects.

Dr. Mansoor ul Zafar Dawood expressed his belief in cooperation rather than competition, emphasizing the importance of collaboration for the benefit of students and faculty from both universities. He appreciated Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai's efforts in promoting higher education and stated that the



The ceremony was attended by esteemed individuals from both SMIU and Ilma University, including Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Dr. Jamshed Halepoto, Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Ms. Uzma Batool, Anwar Ali Abro, and Ms. Sajida Qureshi, Deputy Director of Quality Assurance and Liaison at Ilma University. Souvenirs were exchanged as a gesture of goodwill during the event. ■



## Dr. MUJEEB SAHRAI VISITS TURKISH CONSULATE GENERAL



ty, and Turkiye. He mentioned that in the 19th century, the Turkish government had honored the founder of SMIU, Khan Bahadur Hassanally, with the titles of “Effendi” and “Bey” in recognition of his friendly relations with Turkiye and his contributions to the



Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, the Vice Chancellor of Sindh Madressatul Islam University, paid a visit to the Turkish Consulate General in Karachi on February 7, 2023. During his visit, he had a meeting with Excellency Cemal Sangu, the Turkish Consul General. During the meeting with Excellency Cemal Sangu, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai expressed his heartfelt condolences for the loss of human lives in the recent earthquake in Turkiye. He emphasized that Turkiye was a brotherly Muslim country, and the people of Sindh Madressatul Islam University considered the loss of lives in Turkiye as their own.

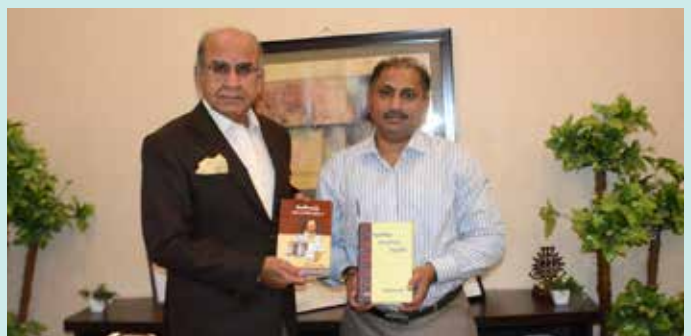
Dr. Sahrai highlighted the historical relations between Pakistan, particularly Sindh Madressatul Islam Universi-

field of education. Therefore, the recent natural catastrophe in Turkiye had deeply affected the people of Pakistan as well. Dr. Sahrai expressed his sentiments by writing his views in the condolence book at the Consulate General, extending his sympathies and solidarity with the Turkish people. It should be noted that on February 6, 2023, a devastating earthquake had struck southern Turkiye and Syria, resulting in the loss of more than forty thousand lives and causing a significant number of injuries. The earthquake had a severe impact on the affected regions, and the loss of human lives and injuries had caused immense grief and sorrow. ■

### Noted Scholar Visits SMIU

Mr. Mukhtiar Ahmed Mallah, a renowned researcher and author known for his valuable contributions in the field of Sindh’s history, education, culture, literature, and language, visited Sindh Madressatul Islam University on Wednesday, February 8, 2023. During his visit, he had a brief meeting with Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai and generously gifted his books to be added to SMIU’s Khan Bahadur Hassanally Effendi Library. Dr. Sahrai expressed his appreciation for Mr. Mallah’s extensive research work and emphasized the importance of further research in various domains. In return, Dr. Sahrai presented Mr. Mallah with a copy of the latest issue of the SMIU Chronicle.

Later on, Mr. Mallah visited Jinnah Museum and Khan Bahadur Hassanally Effendi Library, where he appreci-



ated the significant role played by Sindh Madressatul Islam University in promoting modern education. His visit allowed him to witness firsthand the preservation of history and the educational resources available at the university. ■

## Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai Attends International Conference



rated by Chief Minister Sindh, Syed Murad Ali Shah. In addition to Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, the pictures had also included Mr. Mazhar ul Haq Siddiqui and Mr. Jahangir Siddiqui. ■

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, the Vice Chancellor of Sindh Madressatul Islam University, attended the opening ceremony of the International Conference on “Alexander in The Indus Valley.” The conference had been organized by the Endowment Fund Trust and took place on Wednesday, February 22, 2023, at IBA Karachi. The ceremony had been inaugu-



### Vice Chancellor Forms CEC For 1<sup>st</sup> Global Research Congress



On February 22, 2023, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, the Vice Chancellor, constituted a Central Executive Committee (CEC) responsible for organizing the 1<sup>st</sup> Global Research Congress at SMIU. Prof. Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, was appointed as the convener of the committee. The other members of the CEC included Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Dean of the Faculty of Information Technology, Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, Dean of the Faculty of Management of Business Administration and Commerce, Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Advisor to Academic Affairs, Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Shaikh, Registrar, Dr. Ambreen Fazal, Chairperson of the Department of Media and Communication Studies, Dr. Aamir Iqbal Umrani, Director of ORIC (member/secretary), Mr. Asif Hussain Samo, Lecturer, Anwar Ali Abro, Director of the PR Department, Mr. Nisar Ahmed Memon, Additional Director of Finance, Mr. Abdul Wahed Jatoi, Additional Director of I.T., Ms. Qurat-ul-Ain Nazeer, Lecturer, Mr. Irfan Ali Kandhro, Lecturer, and Mr. Asif Ghafar, SMIU TV Producer. ■



### SMIU Lauds Role of Sindh Education Department

The School Education and Literacy Department, Government of Sindh, officially has renamed various public sector schools in Sindh including the Government High School 1, Mehar as Shamsuddin Bulbul High School, Government High School 2, Mehar as Jamal Abro High School, Government Boys Primary Main School, Mahar as Ghulam Mohammad Giramji Boys Primary Main School and Government Boys High School Gharibabad, Dadu as Taj Sahrai Government High School. It must be noted here that Mr. Taj Sahrai was an alumnus of SMI and Mr. Shamsuddin Bulbul had also remained associated with the SMI. This decision was approved by Syed Sardar Ali Shah, the Minister for Education and Literacy Department and the notification was issued by the Secretary of Education, Mr. Ghulam Akbar Laghari.

On the other hand, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU, expressed his gratitude towards Syed Sardar Ali Shah, Minister for Education, and Mr. Ghulam Akbar Laghari, Secretary of Education and Literacy Department, for paying a great tribute to Mr. Taj Sahrai by naming a high school in Dadu after him. Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai acknowledged that Mr. Taj Sahrai was a distinguished educationist, research scholar, and archaeologist of Sindh, who made significant contributions to the fields of education, history, archaeology, and literature. He praised the praiseworthy decision of the Education Minister to honor the services of Mr. Taj Sahrai and other distinguished personalities by naming schools in Sindh. ■



## SMIU Holds Senate Meeting

The 6th meeting of the Senate of Sindh Madressatul Islam University took place at SMIU's Senate Hall on Tuesday, February 28, 2023. The meeting was chaired by Mr. Muhammad Ismail Rahoo, the Provincial Minister for Universities and Boards. Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, the Vice Chancellor of SMIU, and other members of the Senate, including Dr. A.Q. Mughal, Mr. Shahzad Mahmood, Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepota, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Malook Rind, Mr. Asif Hussain Samo, Ms. Quratulain Nazeer Ahmed, Mr. Muhammad Naeem Ahmed, Mr. Mushtaq Muhammad Gopang, Registrar Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Shaikh, deans, chairpersons, heads of various sections, and faculty members of SMIU were present at the meeting.

During the Senate meeting, the minutes and actions taken on the decisions of the 5th Senate meeting were confirmed. A resolution was passed regarding the annual budget estimates for the fiscal year 2022-23 and the revised budget for the fiscal year 2021-22. The Senate members discussed and approved the budget-related matters.



During the Senate meeting, Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai informed the members that the government of Sindh had allocated a Grant-in-aid of Rs. 292 million for the fiscal year 2022-23. He expressed his appreciation for the support received from Chief Minister Sindh Syed Murad Ali Shah, Minister for Universities and Boards Mr. Mohammad Ismail Rahoo, Secretary Universities and Boards Mr. Muhammad Mureed Rahimoon, and other officials of the Sindh Government. Dr. Sahrai highlighted the need for

additional funds as SMIU was an expanding university with plans to launch various development projects.

Additionally, Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai informed the Senate that SMIU was currently bearing an annual expenditure of approximately 90 million rupees for SMIU's Model School. He mentioned that efforts were underway to obtain a separate budget for the SMIU Model School from the provincial department of education and literacy. Dr. Sahrai expressed his optimism that in the upcoming fiscal year of 2023-24, the SMIU would be granted a separate budget for its school.

Mr. Muhammad Ismail Rahoo, Provincial Minister for Universities and Boards, assured the Senate that he would make sincere efforts to address the issue, as he recognized its significance. He pledged to work towards resolving the matter and ensuring the allocation of a separate budget for the SMIU Model School.

The Senate was presented with a report on the construction of two buildings, namely the I.T. Tower and the



SMIU Model School building, at the city campus. It was highlighted that these buildings had been successfully constructed using SMIU's internal funds. Additionally, the Senate was informed about the progress of the construction work at the Malir Campus, located in the Education City of Karachi.

It was reported during the Senate meeting that SMIU had made significant progress in the field of research over the past two years. Seven research journals were being



published, and two of them had received Y-category recognition from the Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan. In light of this, it was decided that efforts would be made to seek financial assistance for research work from both national and international organizations. This would further support and enhance the research activities at SMIU.

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai informed the Senate that SMIU had made preparations to organize a significant research event called the “1<sup>st</sup> Global Research Congress.” The congress was scheduled to take place on 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> March 2023. This event aimed to foster a strong research culture in the country and provide a platform for researchers to share their work, collaborate, and contribute to the advancement of knowledge. The Senate acknowledged the importance of such initiatives in promoting research and appreciated SMIU’s efforts in organizing this event. In the Senate meeting, it was decided to introduce study visits for students both within the country and abroad. The objective of these visits was to provide students with exposure to the world and enhance their learning experience. Additionally, concerns were raised regarding the leadership program initiated by the former management of the university. To address



these concerns, the Senate decided to form a committee that would thoroughly examine the matter and provide recommendations for further action. The committee would assess the effectiveness and relevance of the leadership program and propose any necessary modifications or improvements.

The Senate members expressed their appreciation for the significant contributions made by Vice Chancellor Dr.

Mujeeb Sahrai towards the progress and development of Sindh Madressatul Islam University. They acknowledged his efforts and leadership in guiding the university towards achieving its goals and objectives. The members recognized Dr. Sahrai’s dedication and commitment to promoting excellence in education and research at SMIU, and they commended his visionary approach in implementing various initiatives for the benefit of students and faculty.

Minister Mohammad Ismail Rahoo expressed his observations during the meeting and conveyed his appreciation for the services rendered by Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai. He acknowledged the historical significance of Sindh Madressatul Islam University as an esteemed educational institution and emphasized that it held a position of priority for the Government of Sindh. Minister Rahoo further mentioned his personal interest and active involvement in the development and progress of SMIU. His remarks highlighted the government’s commitment to supporting and promoting the growth of the university. ■

## Condolence Meeting Held for Earthquake Victims of Turkiye



SMIU organized a condolence ceremony on March 1, 2023, to express solidarity with the people of Turkiye in light of the devastating loss of lives caused by the recent earthquake. The ceremony took place at SMIU's auditorium and was attended by Excellency Cemal Sangu, the Turkish Consul General in Karachi. Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, along with deans, chairpersons, faculty members, staff, and students, also participated in the event. As a symbol of solidarity, participants placed flowers on tables to honor the earthquake victims and demonstrate their support.

mitment to overcome these difficulties and reconstruct their homeland.

Speaking about the special bond between Turkiye and Sindh Madressatul Islam University, Excellency Cemal Sangu highlighted the close relationship stemming from the founder of the university, Khan Bahadur Hassanally Effendi, and his ties with Turkiye. He mentioned that during his recent visit to SMIU, he had a productive meeting with Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, during which they had discussed collaborative initiatives in the field of education. Little did he anticipate that he would soon return to SMIU



Later on, Excellency Cemal Sangu, in a heartfelt speech, expressed his deep sorrow and pain over the loss of 45,968 lives, hundreds of thousands of injuries, and the extensive destruction of cities and villages in Turkiye due to the earthquake. Despite the immense challenges faced by the nation, Excellency Cemal Sangu conveyed his determination and resilience to rebuild the country. He emphasized that while it was an incredibly challenging time, the Turkish nation remained steadfast in their com-

to attend a condolence meeting organized for his fellow countrymen in the wake of the devastating earthquake.

Excellency Cemal Sangu expressed his gratitude for the overwhelming support and solidarity shown by the people of Pakistan, particularly Sindh Madressatul Islam University, in the aftermath of the earthquake in Turkiye. He acknowledged that numerous individuals from Pakistan had visited the Turkish Consulate in Karachi to express their condolences and grief for the human loss in Turkiye. Excellency Cemal Sangu emphasized that the nation of Turkiye, along with its government, deeply appreciated the support extended by the people of Pakistan. He further stated that the emotional support received from the people of Pakistan served as a source of strength for Turkiye during that difficult time.

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, the Vice Chancellor of Sindh Madressatul Islam University, expressed his condolences for the devastating earthquake that occurred in Turkiye on February 6, 2023. He described that day as catastrophic and emphasized that it would be remembered as a tragic

day in world history due to the significant loss of human lives suffered by the Turkish people. Dr. Sahrai highlighted the deep and strong connections between SMIU and Turkiye, which were rooted in the institution's founder, Khan Bahadur Hassanally Effendi. He mentioned that Khan Bahadur Hassanally Effendi was bestowed with the titles of "Effendi" and "Bey" by the Sultan of Turkiye, further underscoring the historical ties between the two entities.

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai highlighted the rapid changes occurring in the world due to climate change. He drew attention to the devastating earthquake that had struck northern areas of Pakistan in 2005, resulting in significant human losses. Additionally, he mentioned the destructive impact of the heavy rains and floods that had occurred last year in various parts of the country, particularly the province of Sindh. Dr. Sahrai emphasized that these events were indicative of the potential risks and challenges posed by climate change, and it was crucial for Pakistan to take proactive measures to mitigate these threats. By reducing the vulnerabilities associated with climate change, the country could better prepare and protect itself from potential future natural disasters.



Earlier, Mr. Wafa Mansoor Buriro, a faculty member of SMIU, conveyed heartfelt condolences on behalf of the university's faculty to the Turkish Consul General and the people of Turkiye. He expressed the shared pain and sorrow felt by SMIU and reiterated the solidarity with Turkiye during that difficult time. Additionally, Mr. Shairan Najeeb, the In-charge Director of Works and Services, and students of the university expressed their support and solidarity with the people of Turkiye through their speeches, emphasizing the strong bond and empathy between the two nations.

A large number of faculty members, deans, chairpersons, administrative staff, and students attended the condolence ceremony. Ms Zonaira Jalali conducted the program. ■

## Sindh Education Minister Pledges to Resolve SMIU Model School's Problems



Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of Sindh Madressatul Islam University, met with Syed Sardar Ali Shah, Minister for Education and Literacy Department, Government of Sindh, on March 2, 2023, at the minister's office. During the meeting, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai discussed some significant issues related to SMIU Model School, particularly its separate budget, and requested the minister's assistance in resolving these matters promptly. He highlighted that SMI University has been funding all expenses of SMIU Model School from its own budget for the past ten years, which has hindered the development of both the university and the school. Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai emphasized the historical significance of SMI School and emphasized the need to prioritize the resolution of its issues. He urged the minister to support SMIU in obtaining a separate budget for SMIU Model School.

The minister assured the Vice Chancellor of Sindh Madressatul Islam University that the issues faced by Sindh Madressatul Islam School would be given priority and resolved promptly. He specifically mentioned that the school would be provided a separate budget to ensure its smooth functioning.

Syed Sardar Ali Shah emphasized the significance of Sindh Madressatul Islam as the Alma Mater of the Founder of Pakistan, Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah. He stated that the development and progress of the institution is a responsibility of the government, given its historical importance. ■



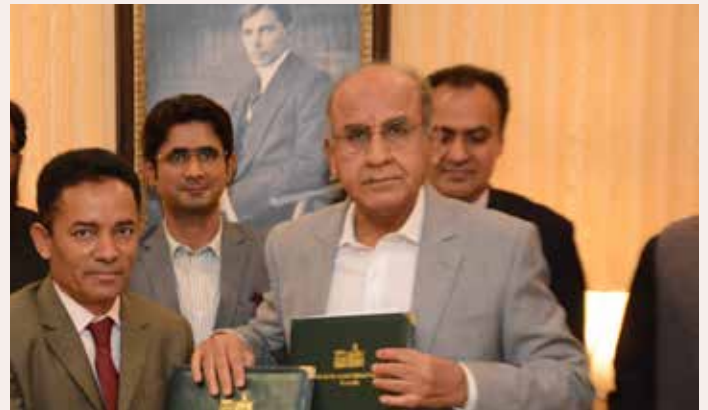
## SMI University And Turbat University Sign MoU

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of Sindh Madressatul Islam University, and Dr. Jan Muhammad, Vice Chancellor of the University of Turbat, Balochistan, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on March 3, 2023. The signing ceremony took place at SMIU in a simple yet significant event.

Both Vice Chancellors agreed that their universities would collaborate in various areas, including faculty and staff training, student exchange programs, joint research projects, and the organization of conferences, seminars, and workshops. They also discussed the formation of a consortium between Sindh Madressatul Islam University and the universities in the Makran region, including Turbat University, its Panjgoor Campus, Gwadar University, and Makran University. Additionally, the Education Department of SMIU would conduct capacity-building training programs for female teachers from ten affiliated colleges of Turbat University.

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai proposed the formation of a 4-member joint committee consisting of directors of ORIC (Office of Research, Innovation, and Commercialization) and senior faculty members from both universities. The committee would be responsible for identifying areas of collaboration in fields of mutual interest. Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Dean of the Faculty of Information Technology, and Dr. Aamir Iqbal Umrani, Director of ORIC, were nominated by Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai as representatives from SMIU for the committee. Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai emphasized the importance of working together in modern fields that were relevant to the current needs.

Dr. Jan Muhammad expressed the significance of Sindh Madressatul Islam University as the Alma Mater of the founder of Pakistan, Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah, and emphasized the importance of collaboration with this historic institution in the areas of research and training. He mentioned that Makran was a significant region in Balochistan province and highlighted an interesting aspect that there was no traditional tribal system in the region. As a result, a large number of female students were enrolled at Turbat University. Dr. Jan Muhammad further noted that the Department of Sociology and Education at Turbat University had the highest number of female students. Dr. Jan Muhammad shared that out of the 4,000 students at Turbat University, approximately 1,800



were female students. He mentioned that some of the female students resided in hostels, while others commuted daily from their remote villages using buses. This highlighted the dedication and commitment of these students towards their education despite the challenges they faced.

The MoU signing ceremony was graced by the presence of esteemed individuals including Deans of SMIU Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Advisor on Academics Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Director ORIC Dr. Aamir Iqbal Umrani, Registrar Ghulam



Mustafa Shaikh, Additional Director of Planning & Development Ms. Uzma Batool, and Director PR Anwar Ali Abro. Their presence added significance to the event and highlighted the collective commitment towards fostering collaboration between the two universities. ■

## 28<sup>th</sup> Syndicate Meeting Held



The 28<sup>th</sup> meeting of the SMIU Syndicate took place on Thursday, May 25, 2023, at the Conference Room of the university. The meeting was chaired by Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai. During the meeting, the Syndicate approved the minutes of previous meetings that pertained to academic and administrative matters and had been passed by various statutory bodies.

The SMIU Syndicate paid a heartfelt tribute to the late historian and researcher Gul Hassan Kalmati, who passed away on May 17, 2023, by unanimously passing a resolution in his honor. The resolution acknowledged Mr. Kalmati's significant contributions to the field of history, particularly his research work on Karachi city, its prominent historical figures, its old buildings, and its neighboring areas such as Kohistan and Las Bella. The resolution highlighted Mr. Kalmati's close association with Sindh



Madressatul Islam since his days as a student at SM Arts College. It also mentioned his valuable contribution to the book "Karachi: Sindh Jee Marvi," which was later translated into English as "Karachi: Glory of the East" by Dr. Amjad Siraj Memon. The Syndicate resolved that in the event Mr. Kalmati's heirs provided his books, a dedicated



corner would be established in Sindh Madressatul Islam University in his honor. This corner would serve as a tribute to Mr. Kalmati's literary contributions and would showcase his works for the benefit of students, researchers, and visitors to the university.

Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai provided an overview of Sindh Madressatul Islam University and highlighted its recent achievements. He mentioned the successful organization of the Global Research Congress and expressed the university's commitment to hosting more international events in the future. Dr. Sahrai emphasized SMIU's focus on providing quality education and promoting research activities. He further stated that the university would encourage young researchers to conduct studies on subjects that had a positive impact on society and contributed to its betterment.

In addition to Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, the following Syndicate members attended the meeting: Dr. A.Q. Mughal, Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, Dr. Mohammad Malook Rind, Dr. Ambreen Fazal, Mr. Asif Hussain Samo, Dr. Aamir Iqbal Umrani, Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Shaikh, Ms. Quratulain Nazeer Ahmed, Mr. Mushtaq Ahmed Gopang, and Mr. Muhammad Naem Ahmed. ■



# DEPARTMENTAL *Activities*



## *Popular Lecture Series*

# Former Senator Nisar Ahmed Memon Delivers Lecture on Coastal Climate Change Challenges



therefore it was crucial to restore these natural waterways.

Mr. Memon highlighted the significance of the Indus delta, which was rich in mangrove forests and other valuable resources. He stressed the importance of maintaining a freshwater supply to preserve the ecosystem of the delta.

Regarding Pakistan Vision 2025, Mr. Memon proposed key goals to address climate change challenges. He emphasized the need to develop water, food, and energy security policies and plans that specifically considered climate change risks. He also emphasized the implementation of mitigation and adaptation strategies to promote long-term sustainability and the conservation and protection of natural resources.

Mr. Memon advised the students of SMIU to establish a forum through which they could raise awareness about environmental changes and their impact. He expressed gratitude to Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai for inviting him to deliver the lecture.

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai expressed that SMIU had initiated the Popular Lecture Series, featuring talks by scholars on significant global issues, and the lecture by Mr. Nisar Ahmed Memon marked the beginning of this series. He emphasized the immense potential of the youth and the need to harness their capabilities for the betterment of the environment. Dr. Sahrai highlighted the grave threat posed by global warming and environmental changes, stressing that world leaders must prioritize addressing these challenges to safeguard the planet.

SMIU organized a lecture as part of its “Popular Lecture Series” on January 3, 2023, featuring Mr. Nisar Ahmed Memon, former federal minister and chairman of Water Environment Forum Pakistan. The lecture focused on the topic of “Coastal Climate Change Challenges” and was held at the university’s auditorium.



During the lecture, Mr. Memon highlighted that Pakistan’s contribution to greenhouse gas emissions was less than one percent, yet the country faced significant impacts from climate change, largely due to the actions of major global powers. He referenced the devastating floods of 2010 and the rains and floods of 2022, which were categorized by the United Nations as the “greatest humanitarian crisis in recent history” and resulted in unimaginable damage.

Mr. Memon also pointed out that Pakistan ranked 76th out of 107 countries on the Global Food Security Index, and the current water availability in Pakistan was less than 1100 cubic meters per person. He emphasized the importance of Pakistan’s coastline, which spanned 1,000 km, with 250 km in Sindh and 750 km in Balochistan. However, he expressed concern over the pollution of the sea, particularly off the coast of Karachi, which had significant implications for the country’s economic development.

“The Indus irrigation system is one of the largest in the world, and it requires the attention of the relevant authorities,” stated Mr. Nisar Ahmed Memon. He emphasized that in Sindh, natural waterways were currently occupied, which led to severe property damage and loss of lives during floods and heavy rains,



During the event, Director ORIC Dr. Aamir Iqbal Umrani delivered a welcome address and expressed gratitude to Mr. Nisar Ahmed Memon for delivering the lecture. Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai presented a shield to Mr. Memon as a token of appreciation. The program was attended by deans, chairpersons, faculty members, the registrar, the director of finance, staff, and students of SMIU and was conducted by Ms. Sundas Nisar. ■

## Remembering Father of the Nation Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah



SMIU's Directorate of Students Affairs and Counseling, in collaboration with the Directorate of Electronic Media & Publications (DEMP) in Karachi, organized a digital photographic exhibition and an Intra-University Quiz Competition to commemorate the 146<sup>th</sup> birth anniversary of the founder of Pakistan, Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah. The event took place on January 6, 2023, at the Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium of SMIU.

ership qualities and statesmanship of Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah. Mrs. Irum Tanveer commended SMIU for its role in organizing the program, emphasizing that SMIU was the perfect venue for observing Quaid's Day.

The program was attended by Deans Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh and Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Director of DSA Dr. Asif Ali Wagan, Director of ORIC Dr. Aamir Iqbal Umrani, chairpersons of various departments, including Dr. Subhash Babu



The exhibition, inaugurated by Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU, and Mrs. Irum Tanveer, Director General of the Press Information Department (PID) in Karachi, showcased rare digital photographs of Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah, Allama Muhammad Iqbal, and other leaders of the Pakistan Movement. The exhibition was held in the inner courtyard of the main building of the university.

Simultaneously, a three-stage quiz competition was held in the university's auditorium among four teams. The students were tested on their knowledge of the life and struggle of Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah in his quest for a separate homeland for the Muslims of the subcontinent.

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor, praised the lead-



and Dr. Ambreen Fazal, as well as faculty members, staff, officials from PID in Karachi, and students of SMIU. ■

## Panel Discussion: Role of Inclusive Society in Sustainable Development of Pakistan



Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, raised concerns about the low investment in education, leading to a lack of human capital. He highlighted that only 60% of the population is educated, with a significantly lower percentage of women reaching university level.



The Department of Social and Development Studies at SMIU organized a panel discussion on the “Role of Inclusive Society in Sustainable Development of Pakistan” on January 10, 2023, at the Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium. The panelists highlighted that the sustainable development of Pakistan requires the active participation and inclusion of women, minorities, and marginalized sections of society in the development process.

Prof. Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU, emphasized the need to create employment opportunities for the youth, acknowledging their potential as a valuable resource. He expressed concern over the limited contribution of educated girls to society due to various societal constraints.

Dr. Shireen Narejo, Secretary of the Social Welfare Department, Government of Sindh, addressed the issue of poverty as a macro-economic challenge that could be addressed through grassroots economic programs. She emphasized the importance of respecting diversity and motivating the younger generation to actively contribute to societal development.

Renowned environmentalist Mr. Nasir Panhwar highlighted that recent destructive weather events, including heavy rains and floods, were not natural disasters but the result of human negligence. He emphasized the conversion of agricultural lands and natural water pathways into housing schemes, which exacerbated climate-related disasters.

Senior journalist and Director of CEJ-IBA Karachi, Ms. Amber Rahim Shamsi, discussed the changing priorities of the media and its reflection of society. She urged the audience to recognize that media content is a reflection of societal interests and demanded greater accountability from all stakeholders.



The session was moderated by Dr. Subhash Babu, Chairperson of the Department of Social and Development Studies. The event was attended by students, principal officers, and faculty members of the university. At the conclusion of the event, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai presented shields to honor the guests. ■

## A Session on “Digital Content Creation”

The Department of Software Engineering organized a session on “Digital Content Creation” on January 11, 2023, at the Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium. The session featured Mr. Waqar Siddiqui, a Content Creation expert on YouTube, Facebook, and Instagram, as the chief guest. Mr. Zubair Uddin Shaikh, the department’s coordinator, hosted the session.



During the session, the speakers emphasized that content creation was an essential practice in inbound marketing. They highlighted that when creating content, individuals



provided valuable and free information to the audience, attracting potential customers to websites, and fostering engagement with existing customers through high-quality content.

At the conclusion of the session, souvenirs and certificates were distributed among the guests and the facilitator team members, including M. Humaid Khan, M. Umair Fayyaz, Umesh Seejwani, Sibtain Ali, Hasham Faheem, and Nayab Kaleem. ■

## Capacity Building Workshop for Editors of Research Journals



The Research and Innovation Division of the Higher Education Commission (HEC) Pakistan, in collaboration with Sindh Madressatul Islam University, Karachi, organized a two-day capacity building workshop for officials of the Office of Research, Innovation, and Commercialization (ORIC) and editors of research journals from universities in Sindh. The workshop took place on January 31<sup>st</sup> and February 1<sup>st</sup> at the Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium of SMIU.

During the workshop, trainers discussed various topics including HEC’s recognition policy for research journals, funding opportunities, journal upgradation, the review process, and quality enhancement.

The concluding session of the workshop was presided over by Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai of SMIU. In his speech, he emphasized that capacity building workshops like this promoted the quality of research work and strengthened the research culture in universities. Dr. Sahrai highlighted that besides quality teaching, research work served as the backbone of universities and should be given priority. He also emphasized the importance of research journals in publishing academic research.

Mr. Javed Memon, the Regional Director of Sindh, HEC, also spoke at the event, emphasizing the significance of quality research journals. Mr. Habibullah Nasir, Director HEC Islamabad, Dr. Azizur Rehman, Deputy Director HEC, and others shared their views on the role of journal editors and stressed the importance of language proficiency and editing skills. Faculty members from SMIU and other universities attended the workshop. At the end of the event, souvenirs were presented to the guests as a gesture of appreciation. ■

## Students Orientation Session for Spring 2023



The orientation sessions for newly admitted undergraduate and postgraduate students were conducted at SMIU on February 16th and 17th, 2023. During these sessions, the students were familiarized with the university's rules and regulations, as well as the facilities available on campus.

Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, Dean of the Faculty of Business Administration and Commerce, and Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, welcomed the new students and congratulated them on becoming part of this historical and esteemed institution. They expressed hope that the students of SMIU would utilize their education and skills to serve the nation and become valuable and proud citizens of the country.

Dr. Jamshed Adil highlighted SMIU's commitment to providing quality education by offering modern technologies and facilities to the students. The availability of multimedia classrooms, advanced computer labs, modern libraries, and other resources enabled students to acquire knowledge of the contemporary world.

Dr. Halepoto emphasized that the environment at SMIU was distinct and superior compared to other public sector universities. He also stressed the importance of maintaining discipline at the institution, stating that the students bore the responsibility of upholding it. Dr. Zahid Ali Channar emphasized that SMIU provided an environment that fostered excellent academic skills and professionalism. He considered the students fortunate to have gained admission to this historic institution.



Dr. Saima Tabassum, Chairperson of the Department of Management, Business Administration and Commerce, Dr. Ambreen Fazal, Chairperson of the Department of Media and Communication Studies, and Dr. Riaz Ahmed Mangrio, Chairperson of Allied Department, also addressed the students during the orientation sessions.

Ms. Zonaira Jalali, Manager of the Directorate of Students Affairs and Counseling, briefed the students on the rules and regulations of SMIU and provided guidelines that they had to follow during their time at the university. She also discussed important academic and administrative rules, scholarships, and introduced various facilities available on campus.

After the orientation sessions, the newly admitted students were given the opportunity to visit various sections of the university, including the library, radio and TV studios, labs, and classrooms, where the heads of the respective sections provided further information and guidance. ■

## Empowering Women and Promoting their Entrepreneurship



SMIU and NEP-NIC Karachi X Circle Women jointly organized the graduation ceremony for the 1st and 2nd Cohort of the Digital Acceleration Program for Women on February 16, 2023, at the Senate Hall of SMIU. The event aimed to empower women and promote their entrepreneurship.

Dr. Aamir Iqbal Umrani, Director of ORIC at SMIU, Ms. Sadaffe Abid, CEO of Circle Women, Ms. Kamyla Marvi, Direc-

tor of British Asian Trust Pakistan, Mr. Umair Ahmed Khan, Incubation Manager at NEP-NIC Karachi, and other speakers shared their views on women empowerment. Dr. Aamir Iqbal Umrani expressed the university's support for the students and encouraged them to design and launch new business ideas and projects.

During the ceremony, certificates were distributed among the participants by Ms. Sadaffe Abid and Mr. Umair Ahmed Khan. Over 150 women graduated from the program, and they were encouraged to work independently and utilize their abilities for social change in society.

In addition, some female participants set up stalls in the inner courtyard of the Main Building of SMIU, where they showcased their startups, providing them with an opportunity to display their work and gain exposure.

The graduation ceremony and the participation of these women entrepreneurs highlighted the importance of women's empowerment and their potential to contribute to economic growth and social development. ■



## Students' Council

# Oath Taking Ceremony

SMIU's Directorate of Students Affairs and Counselling organized an oath-taking ceremony for the newly elected office bearers of SMIU's nine student societies on Tuesday, February 28, 2023, at the Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium. Mr. Muhammad Ismail Rahoo, the Minister for Universities and Boards, Government of Sindh, along with Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai and Senate Member Dr. A.Q. Mughal, administered the oath to the office bearers. The former office bearers of the student societies and their patrons were also presented with certificates during the ceremony.

In his address, Mr. Muhammad Ismail Rahoo emphasized the importance of student societies for the growth and leadership development of students. He encouraged the office bearers to provide opportunities for their fellow students to showcase their creative talents, while also emphasizing the primary goal of acquiring education at the university.



Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU, congratulated the office bearers of the Student Council and emphasized that their activities should be focused on the development and progress of the university. He praised their role in organizing meaningful events for the learning and training of students.

Dr. Asif Ali Wagan, Director of Students' Affairs, delivered the wel-



come address and expressed gratitude to the minister and vice chancellor for their support. The program was conducted by Ms. Zonaira Jalali, Manager of Students' Affairs. Deans, chairpersons, officials, and students attended the ceremony, highlighting the importance of students involvement and engagement in university affairs. ■



## Massive Open Online Courses

A significant event that took place at SMIU was a session held on Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) in collaboration with the Online Professional English Network (OPEN) Pakistan Program. The English Department of SMIU, along with faculty members and students, attended the session with the OPEN Team on March 16, 2023. The OPEN Program was funded by the Regional English Language Office (RELO) of the Public Diplomacy Section of the United States Embassy in Pakistan, aiming to provide professional development and English language learning opportunities to English language teachers and learners across Pakistan.



During the session, Mr. Wafa Mansoor, Lecturer and Coordinator of the English Department, highlighted the efforts made to introduce OPEN-sponsored MOOCs developed by US universities for students. The English Department actively participated in RELO-sponsored courses, including OPEN MOOCs and the Global Online Course (GOCs), recognizing the importance of web-based distance learning and online resources for skill development in English language teaching.

A detailed introduction to OPEN MOOCs was given by an OPEN Alumnus from the Global Online Course 2020, Mr. Muhammad Hassan Abbasi, who served as an English Language Lecturer at Dawood University of Engineering and Technology, Karachi.

The event concluded with closing remarks from the OPEN Team, expressing gratitude to SMIU's administration, particularly the English Department Coordinator, Mr. Wafa Mansoor, and the audience for their warm welcome and commitment to English language teaching and learning. The collaboration between SMIU and OPEN reflected the university's dedication to providing quality education and professional development opportunities to its students and faculty. ■

## Webinar on “Digital Literacy and Creativity Across the Curriculum”

The Department of Education at SMIU organized a webinar on “Digital Literacy and Creativity Across the Curriculum.” The online event, held on March 20, 2023, was led by Dr. Melody Buckner, the Associate Vice Provost of Digital Learning and Online Initiatives at the University of Arizona. The main objective of the webinar was to enhance the digital literacy skills of students, particularly in the subject of Total Quality Management in Education.



Dr. Buckner, with her extensive background in educational technology, digital and creative literacies, and multicultural education, shared her expertise and experiences with the audience. During her presentation, she discussed various digital tools that can be beneficial for both learners and teachers. She emphasized the significance of digital literacy in today's world and highlighted how it can be integrated into different academic disciplines.

The webinar provided valuable insights and information to the attendees, and it concluded with a question-and-answer session, allowing participants to engage directly with Dr. Buckner. Overall, the webinar proved to be highly informative and beneficial for the students, helping them develop their digital literacy skills and promoting creativity across the curriculum. ■



## SMIU Model School: Award Distribution Ceremony



SMIU Model School organized an award distribution ceremony on March 22, 2022, which was presided over by Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU. The ceremony aimed to recognize and appreciate the students of the school who had participated in the Kangaroo competition this year. A total of 108 students had participated in the competition, showcasing their knowledge and skills.

During the ceremony, the participating students were presented with appreciation certificates for their efforts and achievements. Among them, Ahmed Adnan, a student from Class IV, secured a Gold Medal, while five other students received Bronze Medals in different categories of the competition.



The Principal of SMIU Model School, Ms. Nabila Kanwal, along with the registrar SMIU, deans, chairpersons, and heads of other departments, attended the ceremony to support and encourage the students. The event aimed to foster a spirit of academic excellence and recognize the accomplishments of the young learners.

By organizing such ceremonies, SMIU Model School highlights its commitment to providing a nurturing educational environment that promotes academic achievements and celebrates the talents of its students. ■

## Workshop on “Localizing the Sustainable Goals of Pakistan: Collaborative role of Youth and Institutions”

SMIU, in collaboration with Transparency International and Thinkers Tribe, organized a workshop on the topic of “Localizing the Sustainable Goals of Pakistan: Collaborative Role of Youth and Institutions.” The workshop took place on March 22, 2023, at the Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium of SMIU.

During the workshop, experts facilitated the session and engaged the students through various activities. They also provided a comprehensive briefing on the objectives of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Prominent speakers at the workshop included Dr. Jamshed

Adil, Dean of the Faculty of Management, Business Administration and Commerce, Dr. Kamran Ahmed Soomro, Co-founder and Director of Thinkers Tribe, Dr. Muhammad Hashim Zuberi from SMIU, and other distinguished individuals.

The workshop aimed to create awareness among the participants about the importance of localizing the SDGs in Pakistan and emphasized the collaborative role of youth and institutions in achieving these goals. The speakers shared their insights and experiences, encouraging the students to actively contribute towards sustainable development in their communities and the country as a whole. ■

## Dr. Adnan Khursheed Participates in Entrepreneurship Gala

On March 22, 2023, Dr. Adnan Khursheed, a faculty member of Business Administration at SMIU, along with other scholars, served as judge to evaluate business ideas at the Entrepreneurship Gala 2023. The event was organized by Ms. Hanefan Fatima and Miss Alishba, who are lecturers in Business Administration at Ilma University.

During the Entrepreneurship Gala, the judges carefully assessed the business ideas presented by young entrepreneurs and students. They appreciated the efforts put forth by the participants and acknowledged their innovative and creative ideas.

In recognition of their role as judges, Dr. Adnan Khursheed and the other guests were presented with shields by the organizers as a token of appreciation for their valuable contribution



to the event. The Entrepreneurship Gala provided a platform for aspiring entrepreneurs to showcase their ideas and receive feedback from experienced professionals in the field. ■

## Faculty Members Receive Awards



Dr. Sarmad Ahmed Shaikh, who had completed his Ph.D. in Information Technology with distinction from Alpen-Adria University in Klagenfurt, Austria, in 2018, received recognition for his outstanding research contributions in the field of wireless communication and antenna design. He garnered over 7 years of academic and professional research experience, including a stint at Cambridge University in the United Kingdom. Dr. Shaikh's research findings

were published in numerous esteemed national and international journals, conferences, and workshops.

Similarly, Mr. Irfan Ali Kandhro, a Lecturer in the Department of Computer Science, was honored for his remarkable achievements in the software industry, teaching, and research. With more than 8 years of experience, Mr. Kandhro specialized in Natural Language Processing, Machine Learning, and Deep Learning. He collaborated with international researchers on various research projects and had more than 22 research papers and conference papers published in prestigious international, national, and ISI-indexed journals.

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, the Vice Chancellor of SMIU, extended his heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Sarmad Ahmed Shaikh and Mr. Irfan Ali Kandhro on their well-deserved awards. He emphasized the university's commitment to fostering a robust research culture by providing necessary facilities and an enabling environment for all researchers at SMIU. ■

Dr. Sarmad Ahmed Shaikh and Mr. Irfan Ali Kandhro, esteemed faculty members of Sindh Madressatul Islam University, were honored with awards for their exceptional contributions to the education sector in the field of Information Technology (I.T.) services and research. These awards were presented by the Universities and Boards Department, Government of Sindh.

The award distribution ceremony took place on April 3, 2023, at the office of the Secretary of Universities and Boards, and was attended by Mr. Muhammad Ismail Rahoo, the Provincial Minister for Universities and Boards Department, Mr. Muhammad Mureed Rahmoon, the Secretary of the department, and Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, the Vice Chancellor of SMIU, along with other vice chancellors from various universities in Sindh. A total of 59 teachers and staff members from different universities, along with 11 employees from the Department of Universities and Boards, were recognized and honored during the ceremony.

## Education and Philanthropy



A group of students from Sindh Madressatul Islam University, in collaboration with MilKar, organized a Dastarkhwan Drive on April 19, 2023, at the Sunrise Senior Citizens' Home in Karachi. The Sunrise Senior Citizens' Home provided shelter and care for elderly citizens.

During the event, the SMIU student ambassadors served food to the senior citizens and conducted an awareness session on SDG-2, which focused on ending hunger. The primary

objective of the event was to promote sustainable and healthy food practices, create awareness about SDG-2 (Zero Hunger), and encourage community engagement in this regard. The SMIU volunteers emphasized the importance of minimizing food waste and promoting the concept of "zero waste."

Safdar Shah, a student from the Department of Education at SMIU, who was also an award-winning ambassador from MilKar, along with his team members including Kainat Khaskheli, Tooba Hanif, Badee-u-Zaman, Zohra Qadir, and Habiba Imran, worked tirelessly to organize the event and ensure its success. Their efforts contributed to creating a meaningful and impactful experience for both the volunteers and the senior citizens at the Sunrise Senior Citizens' Home. ■



## REHMAT-E-RAMADAN



SMIU organized a “REHMAT-E-RAMADAN” program on April 14, 2023, at the Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium. The event featured guest speaker Dr. Umair Raeesuddin from SMIU, and participants included faculty members and students. Syeda Nazia Ashraf, the patron of the Music Society at SMIU, along with students, presented Qiraat, Hamd-e-Bari Tala, and NA’AT Sharif. Islamic stories were also shared during the program. The session concluded with a DUA recited by Dr. Sumbul Ansar. The event was organized by the Music Society of the university.

## Tree Plantation

A group of students from Sindh Madressatul Islam University, along with ambassadors from “Milkar Pakistan,” launched a Tree Plantation Drive 2023 on April 13, 2023, on the university campus. The initiative was organized under the supervision of the Directorate of Student Affairs and Counselling at SMIU.

Syed Safdar Shah, a student from the Department of Education at SMIU and the Milkar Pakistan Ambassador for SMIU, played a significant role in leading this drive. He was joined by a team of dedicated individuals including Sarang Mirani, Murtaza Chandio, Mansalwa Jatoi, Sayeda Anika, Abdul Manan, Mahnoor Khan, Manish Kumar, Zohaib, Dharpan, and Abdul Rehan. Together, they purchased fruit trees from a nursery and planted them in the Henry Vines Lawn of SMIU with the assistance of the university gardener.

The students expressed their commitment to initiating more campaigns and initiatives aimed at creating a vibrant and sustainable environment. The Tree Plantation Drive served as an important step towards fostering environmental consciousness and contributing to the overall well-being of the campus and its surroundings. ■



## World Amateur Radio Day



Sindh Madressatul Islam University’s Character-Building Society (CBS) observed World Amateur Radio Day by organizing an awareness session at the Senate Hall on April 18, 2023. Prominent members of the Pakistan Amateur Radio Society’s (PARS) Karachi Chapter, including Mr. Muhammad Salman, Mr. Kashif Mukhtar, Mr. Rehan Ali, Mr. Jawaid Mughal, and Mr. Taimur Mughal, attended the event. Faculty members and students of SMIU were also present.



Mr. Basit Hassan, the Patron of the Character-Building Society and a faculty member of SMIU, highlighted the importance of good character in nation-building. He explained that World Amateur Radio Day was observed globally on April 18 each year, with that year’s theme being “Human Safety for All.” He emphasized that amateur radio operators could play a vital role in emergency situations by facilitating communication.

Mr. Muhammad Salman, the Regional Coordinator for PARS, shared that PARS was dedicated to promoting amateur radio as a hobby and preparing operators for emergencies and disasters. He mentioned the active participation of PARS members in rescue efforts during the 2005 earthquake and the 2010 floods. Mr. Muhammad Salman encouraged SMIU students to pursue amateur radio as a hobby and participate in national and international competitions and events.

During the session, a practical demonstration of various equipments commonly used by amateur radio operators, such as UHF and VHF radios, was conducted. Students had the opportunity to use the devices and gain hands-on experience with the technology. The event witnessed active participation from students across different departments of SMIU.

Certificates and shields were presented to the members of PARS Karachi Chapter, and the audience received commemorative bookmarks specially designed for the occasion. ■

## SMI University Reorganizes Alumni Association

The first meeting of the newly formed Sindh Madressatul Islam (SMI) Alumni Committee took place at the university's conference room on May 4, 2023. The meeting was chaired by Prof. Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, the convener of the committee. During the meeting, it was decided to reorganize the SMI Alumni, gather details of the alumni through various communication channels, and encourage former students to participate in activities organized by their alma mater.

Additionally, two sub-committees were formed to

establish contact with the alumni and the families of deceased former students. The committee appealed to SMI alumni to re-establish and strengthen their active relationship with SMI.

In attendance at the meeting, alongside the convener, were Mr. Asif Hussain Samo, Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Shaikh, Dr. Subhash Guriro (also an alumnus of SMI), Dr. Akbar Ali Chandio (associated with SMIU Model School and serving as the secretary of the SMI Alumni Committee), Ms. Quratulain Nazeer, and Anwer Abro. ■

## Faculty Members and Students Visit State Bank of Pakistan Museum

A group of faculty members and students from SMIU visited the State Bank of Pakistan Museum on May 9, 2023. The visit was organized by SMIU's Character-Building Society to provide students with an opportunity to explore Pakistan's rich cultural heritage and gain insight into the workings of the country's central bank. It also aimed to educate them about the history and evolution of the Pakistani banking industry.

During the visit, the students received a guided tour of the museum, which showcased various exhibitions related to the banking sector. They were also provided with information about the State Bank of Pakistan's role in regulating and supervising the banking industry, as well as its contributions to the country's economic development. The State Bank of Pakistan Museum offered a unique perspective on the nation's financial system and its role in supporting economic growth.



The students expressed their gratitude to the university for organizing such a valuable visit, and the faculty members praised it as an excellent learning experience. Additionally, the SMIU students showed keen interest in a stamp that was released by the State Bank of Pakistan in 1985 to commemorate the Centenary Celebrations of Sindh Madressatul Islam. ■

## Alumni Committee Decides to Digitize SMI's Students Record from 1885 till today

The second meeting of the SMI Alumni Committee of SMIU took place on Thursday, May 10, 2023, in the Conference Room of the university. The committee's convener, Prof. Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, presided over the meeting.

During the meeting, progress reports from two sub-committees were presented by Mr. Asif Hussain Samo and Dr. Akbar Ali Chandio, respectively. After a thorough discussion on the reports and related matters, several decisions were made. It was decided to digitize the entire record of Sindh Madressatul Islam's students from September 1, 1885, until the present day. The registration process for former students of SMI was to be completed within two months through Google Form and other communication channels. Additionally, SMI Alumni cards were to be issued to the former students.

The primary objective of SMI Alumni was to reconnect former students of Sindh Madressah with their alma mater. The committee emphasized that former students who possessed expertise and resources could easily support the institution. Many former students of SMI held positions in various fields within Pakistan and other countries, including science, technology, business, commerce, and education. They could play a vital role in rebuilding SMI, remarked the committee members.

In addition to convener Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, other members present at the meeting were Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Shaikh, Registrar, Mr. Asif Hussain Samo, Lecturer, Ms. Quratulain Nazeer, Lecturer, Ms. Nabeela Kanwal, Principal of SMIU Model School, Dr. Akbar Ali Chandio, Lecturer, and Mr. Anwer Abro. ■

## Science Society Organises Awareness Session

The Science Society of SMIU, in collaboration with Agile Pakistan, organized an awareness session on "Grow Your Career with DevOps" on May 12, 2023. The session featured Dr. Umair Khalid, Head of QA & Automation at TPS and founding president of Agile Pakistan, as the guest speaker. Dr. Khalid presented on the advantages of DevOps and its ability to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of software development teams.



During the event, Dr. Umair Khalid received a shield, and Mr. Ahmed Qaiser, Senior Advisory Consultant-Salesforce CRM at System Limited and President of Agile Pakistan, received a certificate as a token of appreciation. Mr. Syed Muhammad Hassan Zaidi, the patron of Science Society-SMIU, presented the awards. Syed Muhammad Hassan expressed gratitude to Dr. Umair, Mr. Ahmed Qaiser, and other guests on behalf of the Science Society.

The event's organization involved the dedicated efforts of



the Science Society's office bearers, including Jai Deep, Laraib Waheed, Anmol Rahujo, and Adnan Yousuf. The session was attended by students and faculty members of SMIU. ■

## BNB Chain Innovation University Tour

The Department of Software Engineering organized a session on "BNB Chain Innovation University Tour" at its auditorium.

## Participation in 2<sup>nd</sup> Sindh Research & Technology Showcase 2023



SMIU actively participated in the “2<sup>nd</sup> Sindh Research & Technology Showcase 2023” held at the Expo Center Karachi from 18<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023. Dr. Aamir Iqbal Umrani, Director ORIC, represented and led the group of SMIU’s students and faculty at the event. They set up a stall to showcase their research work in the field of information technology.



During the event, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU, visited the stall and commended the faculty and students for their research contributions. The event was organized by Sindh HEC. ■

## Recruitment Hub



The Directorate of Student Affairs and Counselling at SMIU organized an event called “Recruitment Hub” on May 22, 2023, specifically for final year students. Two organizations, namely iBex Global and Humantek HR, participated in the event by setting up booths at the IT Tower Building.

The main objective of this activity was to prepare graduating students of SMIU for their professional lives. It provided them with a platform to interact with interviewers and assess their skills based on the questions asked. Students from all disciplines and departments took part in the activity and were interviewed by representatives from the participating companies for various job openings. The recruiters provided valuable feedback to the students and shortlisted several of them for the next step in the recruitment process. ■



## Director General ANF Addresses Students of SMIU



The Sindh Madressatul Islam University and the Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) jointly organized an awareness session on the “Campaign Against Drug Use in Educational Institutions of Karachi” for the students of the university. The session took place on May 24, 2023, at the auditorium of SMIU. Major General Muhammad Aneeq Ur Rehman Malik HI (M), Director General of the Anti-Narcotics Force, attended the session as the chief guest. He was accompanied by Brigadier Vaqar Haider Rizvi, Force Commander ANF, and Col. Anwar Hussain, Director Officers Training School ANF.

During his address to the students of SMIU, Major General Muhammad Aneeq Ur Rehman Malik emphasized the importance of staying away from drugs, as addiction could destroy one’s personal and professional life. He stressed the need to include drug awareness in the curriculum at all levels of education. Major General Malik also advised students to choose their friends and social circles wisely, as young people were often tempted by drugs. He discussed the different types of drugs, their effects on the mind and body, and preventive measures to combat this menace.

Expressing his honor to be at the alma mater of the Father of the Nation, Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah, Major General Muhammad Aneeq Ur Rehman Malik expressed high expectations from SMIU. He believed that the university



would continue its tradition of producing leaders, just as it had produced the Founder of Pakistan, Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah.

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU, highlighted the importance of the ANF’s views on drug usage by students in Karachi’s universities. He emphasized the need for vigilance among students and called upon parents and teachers to closely monitor their children to prevent drug usage. Dr. Sahrai recognized the significant energy of the youth in Pakistan, constituting 65% of the country’s total population, and urged their utilization for the development of the nation.

During the session, Major General Muhammad Aneeq Ur Rehman Malik and Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai exchanged souvenirs and pinned badges to the students of SMIU who were selected as ANF Ambassadors. The Director of the Directorate of Students Affairs and Counselling, Dr. Asif Ali Wagan, delivered the welcome address. Prior to the session, the esteemed guest visited the Jinnah Museum of SMIU, showing keen interest in the relics of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah and other SMIU alumni.

The session was attended by deans, chairpersons, faculty and staff members, the registrar, principal officers, and students of SMIU. ■



## World Environment Day Observed



SMIU observed World Environment Day on June 5, 2023, within its campus. The Department of Environmental Sciences and the Environmental Science Society, in collaboration with the ORIC of the university, organized various activities to highlight the importance of the day and raise awareness among students about the hazards of pollution, the use of plastic materials in daily life, and the pollution of water streams, rivers, and seas.

The observance began with an awareness walk, which started from the Main Building of SMIU and circled the university. The walk was led by Prof. Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Dean Faculty of IT, Prof. Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Dean Faculty of Social Sciences, Prof. Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Academic Advisor to the Vice Chancellor, Dr. Amir Iqbal Umrani, Director ORIC, Dr. Imran Ali, Chairperson, and Mr. Abdul Majeed Pirzada, Coordinator of the Department of Environmental Sciences. A large number of faculty, staff, and students participated in the walk.



Following the walk, a plantation ceremony took place in the SMIU lawn. Subsequently, an awareness session was held at the Senate Hall of SMIU. Dr. Habib-ur-Rehman Solangi, Deputy Director Law at the Sindh Environmental Protection Agency, briefed students and faculty on national and international legislation related to the environment and plastic pollution. Participants expressed their concerns about the threats faced by planet Earth and all its species due to pollution, emphasizing the importance of taking action to save our planet from this menace. ■

## A Session on Data Literacy Held



The Literary Society of SMIU organized a session on “Data Literacy” on June 7, 2023. The guest speaker for the session was Mr. Syed Azeem Inam, Assistant Professor at the Department of Artificial Intelligence and Mathematical Sciences. Mr. Inam emphasized the importance of data literacy and its relevance in daily life. He provided insights into various aspects of data sciences and highlighted the benefits of this field in an engaging and informative manner.



Dr. Umair Rais Uddin, Patron of the Literary Society, expressed his satisfaction with the success of the program, stating that it had played a crucial role in fostering a more conducive learning environment on campus. He further mentioned that the session had piqued the interest of both students and faculty members. Dr. Umair Rais Uddin also presented a shield to Mr. Syed Azeem Inam as a token of appreciation for his valuable contribution.

The office bearers of the Literary Society, Mr. Kashif Ali, Noman Rasool, Humna Hashmi, and Aqsa Shahid, worked diligently to organize the event. Driven by their efforts, the Literary Society aims to arrange more such events in the future to further enhance the development of both students and faculty members at SMIU. ■

## Entrepreneurship Expo: From Concept to Success



The final year students of the Department of Business Administration, successfully organized an event titled, “Entrepreneurship Expo: From Concept to Success” on Monday June 12, 2023 at the inner courtyard of the Main Building of SMI University.

Prof. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor, SMI University, along with Mr. Shahid Obaid, Dr. Aamir Iqbal Umrani, Dr. Asif Ali Wagan and Mr. Muhammad Naeem Ahmed, visited the expo, where the Dr. Sahrai highly appreciated the efforts of students and their course instructor Mr. Shahid Obaid for organising the event, which focused on the present day dynamics of the business. He also provided some useful suggestions to the students related to the business ventures.

About 18 startup ideas were showcased by students’ groups named: Custom-T, Herb Hair, Shadi Bazar, Pehchaan, Kabari Online, Kitab Bee, Daily Dabba, She Wheels, Dream Planners, Pixel Art Factory, Tryon.ai, Gymify, Clickmoto, Shipster, Dastkaar, Puncture Wala, Load Karwao, and Talk2Buddy.

The expo served as a platform for the bright young minds to present their innovative startup ideas and prototypes in front of the audience. The campus buzzed with anticipation as students showcased their creative concepts and entrepreneurial visions at the event.

With an emphasis on turning ideas into real-world success stories, the expo featured an array of entrepreneurial ventures across various industries, from technology and sustainability to healthcare and social impact. The students proudly demonstrated their prototypes and business models, offering a glimpse into the future of innovation.

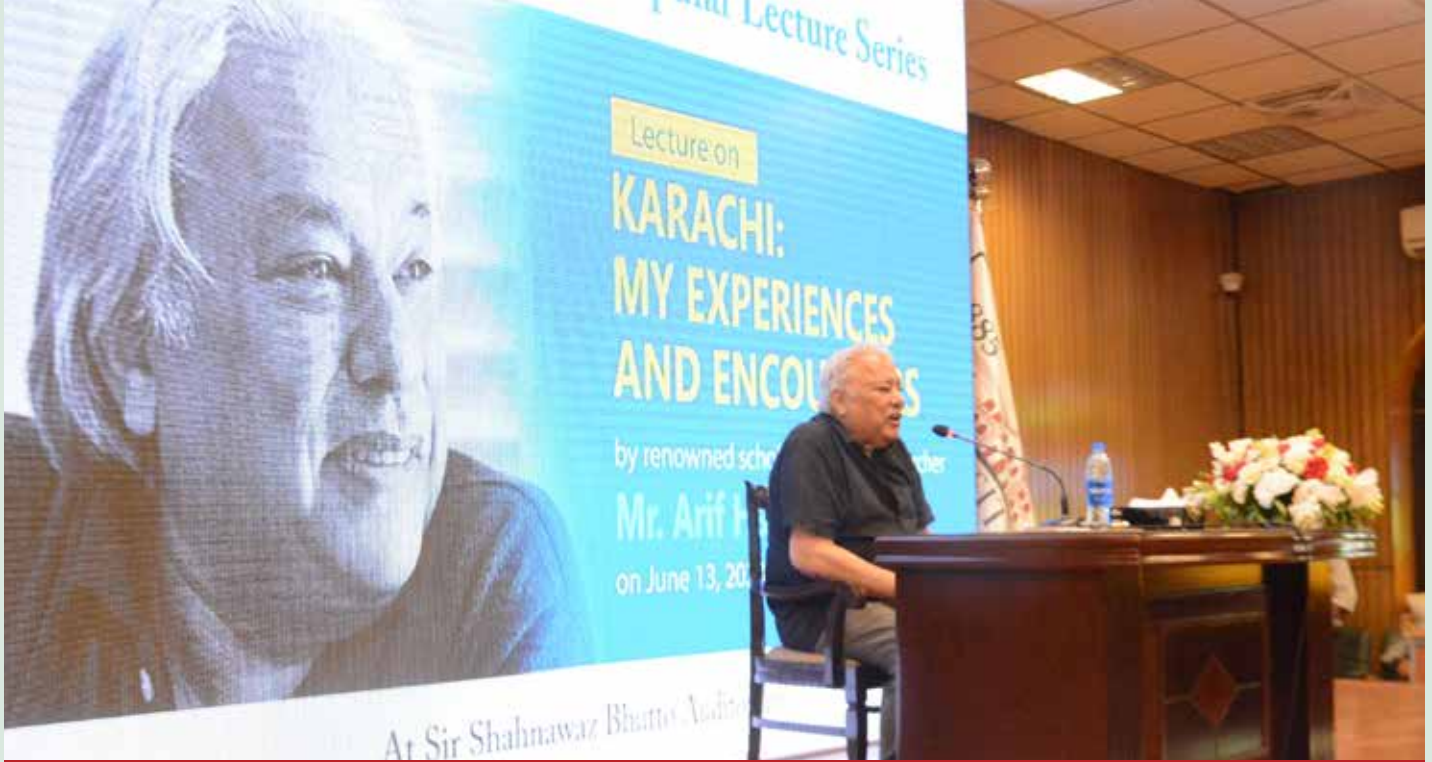
The success of the Entrepreneurship Expo highlights the university’s mission to produce leaders, commitment to fostering an entrepreneurial ecosystem, encouraging students to think beyond traditional career paths and embrace innovation. By providing a platform for students to



transform their ideas into tangible ventures, the university aims to empower the next generation of business leaders and visionaries.

The expo, a culmination of months’ hard work and dedication, drew a diverse range of attendees, including faculty members, and fellow students eager to witness the ingenuity on display.

Indeed, the “Entrepreneurship Expo: From Concept to Success” was an embodiment of the university’s motto - ‘Enter to learn- Go forth to Serve.’ ■



## Noted Social Scientist Arif Hassan delivers lecture on “Karachi: My Experiences and Encounters”



Mr. Arif Hassan, a distinguished social scientist and research scholar from Pakistan, delivered a lecture on “Karachi: My Experiences and Encounters” at Sindh Madressatul Islam University on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, at the Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto auditorium. This lecture marked the second chapter of the “Popular Lecture Series,” initiated by SMIU.

During his welcome address, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU, acknowledged Mr. Arif Hassan’s contribution for the country’s architectural development and having served the nation in various capacities. He emphasized the importance of organizing Mr. Hassan’s talk under the “Popular Lecture Series” for the young minds at this historic institution. Dr. Sahrai mentioned that Mr. Arif Hassan’s contributions reminded him of the poem “The Neem Tree” by Mrs. Elsa Qazi, a piece taught to him by his father, Mr. Taj Sahrai, during ninth grade. He drew a parallel between Mr. Arif Hassan and the shade and shelter the neem tree provides to the underprivileged in Pakistan.

In his lecture, Mr. Arif Hassan expressed his enduring affection for Karachi and how it profoundly influenced him. However, he shared that even his age, which was almost 80 years, and his health issues over the last five years, his close bond with Karachi and its people had not waned. Nonetheless, he expressed gratitude to Vice Chancellor Prof. Sahrai

for inviting him to Sindh Madressatul Islam University, providing an opportunity to engage with its teachers and students.

Mr. Arif Hassan conveyed that an architect’s responsibility extends beyond designing beautiful buildings; it encompasses serving the masses. He illustrated this through various examples from his life, highlighting projects like housing for sanitary workers in Baldia, collaborations with notable figures such as Mr. Ghulam Kibrya and Mr. Akhtar Hameed Khan, and his efforts to protect historic buildings from damage during infrastructure development.

In Mr. Hassan’s view, key issues Karachi faced encompass social relations, infrastructure, and land use. He emphasized the historical significance of Sindh Madressatul Islam, mentioning a ‘Seria’ in the area that played a vital role in Karachi’s economy. He also revealed his ongoing work on a book about Karachi, which includes a section on Sindh Madressatul Islam’s ‘Seria’. Regarding his teaching career, Mr. Arif Hassan mentioned his twelve-year tenure teaching at Dawood College and the immense learning he gained from the experience.

Reflecting on his childhood migration to Karachi in 1947, Mr. Arif Hassan recounted his family’s journey, highlighting their settlement in refugee camps near Cantonment Railway Station.

Further sharing his educational journey, Mr. Arif Hassan mentioned pursuing architecture studies at the Gov-



ernment College of Architecture, Karachi, and further studies in Europe, particularly in England and France. Revisiting his experiences upon returning to Pakistan, Mr. Arif Hassan described extensive travels within Sindh and Balochistan, encountering the challenges faced by many impoverished individuals. These experiences significantly altered his perspective and thinking.

During the concluding remarks, Dr. Tariq Rafi, Chairman Sindh Higher Education Commission, acknowledged Mr. Arif Hassan's multidimensional personality and the valuable insights gained from his lecture. He commended Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai for organizing the lecture and suggested regular organization of similar lectures under the "popular lecture series," given their informative nature.

Discussing the present-day situation of Karachi, Dr. Tariq Rafi expressed nostalgia for the Karachi of the past, emphasizing the significant changes and disorder that have characterized the city over the last thirty-five to forty years.

In conclusion, Vice Chancellor Prof. Mujeeb Sahrai, accompanied by Dr. Tariq Rafi, presented a shield to Mr. Arif Hassan, and students presented a bouquet as a gesture of appreciation. The event also featured a question-and-answer session. Dr. Aamir Iqbal Umrani, Director ORIC SMIU, extended a vote of thanks, and Ms. Sundas Nisar conducted the program. Noted intellectuals, academicians, SMIU's deans, chairpersons, faculty members, heads of different administrative sections, staff, and students attended the program. ■

## QEC organises workshop on "Practices of Post Graduate Program Review in HEIs"



The Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC) of Sindh Madrasah Islam University organized a workshop on Practices of Post Graduate Program Reviews in HEIs on June 16, 2023. Dr. Jawaid Akram, Director of QEC at the University of Karachi was the keynote speaker. The workshop aimed at to share the essential knowledge and insights with the faculty members to conduct effective program reviews for post-graduate programs in higher education institutions (HEIs). Vice Chancellor of SMIU Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai also participated in it.

Dr. Saima Baig Director QEC, SMIU while welcoming the vice chancellor, guest speaker and participants, emphasized on the importance of assessment activities which have been set by the QAA-HEC as key performance indicators for universities.

Dr. Jawaid Akram with his extensive experience and expertise in the quality assurance, delivered a compelling presenta-

tion that emphasized the significance of post-graduate program reviews in ensuring academic excellence and continuous improvement. He also discussed the best practices for conducting comprehensive program reviews. He highlighted the importance of aligning program objectives with national and international standards, engaging stakeholders, and utilizing feedback from students and other relevant parties.

The Prof. Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai expressed his appreciation for the workshop during his concluding remarks. He commended the efforts of the Quality Enhancement Cell in organizing such a valuable session. The vice-chancellor acknowledged the significance of post-graduate program reviews and recognized. The session was attended by deans, chairpersons and faculty members of SMIU. Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai gave away certificates to the participants also. ■



# PICTORIAL Reports



Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor SMIU participated in a Pakistan Television's program recorded on education. It was produced by senior producer of PTV and writer Dr. Ghulam Mustafa Solangi.



SMIU organised a Fulbright Scholarship Session for its students on 14th January 2023 at its auditorium. Mr. Saleem Abdul Razzaque talked on different scholarships being offered to Pakistan's students by USA. He also briefed the students about Fulbright Scholarship and the procedure to avail it. He encouraged the students to benefit from such opportunities. Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, Dean Faculty of Management, Business Administration and Commerce and Dr. Asif Ali Wagan, Director DSA also talked on the importance of the scholarship. Ms. Zonaira Jalali, Manager DSA, conducted the program. A question-answer session was too held. Prior to it the guests called on the Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai at his office, where they shared their views on mutual cooperation in the field of higher education.



On January 21, 2023 students of the Department of Media and Communication Studies and the Department of Social and Development Studies exhibited their projects of their course titled "Human Rights" under the supervision of their course coordinator Mr. Muhammad Kamil, where they highlighted human rights laws.



SMIU's ORIC in collaboration with the Meezan Bank organised an awareness session on Islamic Banking on February 23, 2023 at its auditorium. Mr. Muhammad Ehtsham, AVP/Area Coordinator of Meezan Bank, Dr. Jamshed Adil, Dean SMIU and Dr. Aamir Iqbal Umrani, Director ORIC delivered speeches on the subject.



Professor Mushtaq Ahmed Mahar, former Principal of the Adamjee Government Science College, Karachi called on Vice Chancellor SMIU Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai at his office on March 16, 2023. They shared their views on education, role of teacher, literature, and other related matters. Prof. Mushtaq Ahmed Mahar is also a noted poet of Sindhi and Urdu languages, so he presented framed poems to the vice chancellor, which he has penned down on Sindh Madressatul Islam University and alumnus of SMI Mr. Taj Muhammad Sarai.



A workshop on culture, literature and travelling was held on June 6, 2023 at SMIU.



SMIU participated in “The News Education Expo 2023” organised by the Jang Group on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at Expo Centre Karachi. SMIU had set up a stall at Expo under the supervision of Dr. Aamir Iqbal Umrani, Director ORIC, SMIU and other faculty and staff members. SMIU students actively participated in the event. Mr. Iqbal Hussain, Senior Marketing Manager of the Jang Group presented a shield to Dr. Aamir Iqbal Umrani as an appreciation for SMIU’s participation in the Expo.



The Department of Education, SMIU organized a symposium on entrepreneurship, where the PhD scholars presented their innovative ideas about entrepreneurship in education. Dr Shahida Sajjad, Vice Chancellor of Metropolitan University, Karachi participated in it as an examiner. In her remarks she encouraged the scholars by praising their innovative business ideas.



Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor chairing a meeting on June 20, 2023 at the Conference Room of SMIU. Director Finance Ghulam Ali Surhio, Registrar Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Shaikh, Dean Dr. Jamshed Adil and Director HRM Mr. Shakeel Ahmed Abro attended it. In the meeting academic and administrative matters were discussed.

SMIU’s Computer Department observed a Wellness Day on June 8, 2023. Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Chairperson of Department of Software Engineering and Advisor to Vice Cancellor on Academic, inaugurated the event. Dr. Mansoor Ahmed Khuhro, Chairperson of Department of Artificial Intelligence & Mathematical Sciences was also present on the occasion.

# SPORTS *Activities*

## Volleyball (Men) Championship



Sindh Madressatul Islam University's Sports Section, under the Directorate of Students Affairs, organized the HEC Intersarsity Zone-L Volleyball (Men) Championship 2022-23 in collaboration with the Higher Education Commission (HEC), Islamabad. The tournament took place at the KPT Sports Complex, and a team of players from SMIU represented the university in the championship.

Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Shaikh, Registrar of SMIU, graced the awards distribution ceremony with his presence and acknowledged the achievements and efforts of the participating teams and players.



## Closing Ceremony of Tape Ball Cricket Tournament



The Directorate of Students Affairs and Counselling (DSA) organized a closing ceremony for the Tape Ball Cricket Tournament on February 23, 2023, in the auditorium. The ceremony was attended by Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of the university, Dr. Asif Ali Wagan, Director of DSA, and Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences. They distributed trophies and other prizes to the winners of the tournament.



The cricket tournament took place from February 14 to February 18, 2023, and featured teams from SMIU's faculty, officers, other employees, and students. In his address at the closing ceremony, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai commended the organizers of the event and praised the participants for their involvement. He emphasized the importance of such healthy activities in fostering team spirit and tolerance among individuals.

## All Pakistan HEC Intervarsity Games



Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor SMIU along with other guests attended the ceremony of the All Pakistan HEC Intervarsity Games-2022-23, organised by the Sindh HEC. Besides Dr. Sahrai, Mr. Muhammad Ismail Rahu and Mr. Saeed Ghani, provincial ministers of Government of Sindh, Dr. Amjad Siraj Memon, Vice Chancellor of Sindh Jinnah Medical University, Dr. Khalid M. Iraqi, Vice Chancellor of University of Karachi, Prof. Mohammed Saeed Quraishy, Vice Chancellor of Dow University of Health Sciences, Karachi, Mr. Javed Ali Memon, Regional Director, Sindh HEC and other dignitaries attended the ceremony. SMIU students team also participated in the games.





# 1<sup>ST</sup> SMIU GLOBAL RESEARCH CONGRESS 2023



## Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai Addresses Press Conference



Sindh Madressatul Islam University organized the “1<sup>st</sup> SMIU Global Research Congress (GRC) 2023” spanning two days, from Wednesday to Thursday - March 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023. This event took place across all three of its academic blocks: Main Building, Talpur House, and I.T. Tower. The dedicated faculty of SMIU played a pivotal role, contributing their dynamic expertise and energy to ensure the success of the global congress and international conferences.

The overarching theme of the GRC was “Reshaping Society Through Innovation and Sustainability.” As part of this comprehensive event, the following disciplines hosted their respective international conferences:

- The Faculty of Management, Business Administration & Commerce organized the “2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Management, Business, and Leadership.”



- The Faculty of Information Technology hosted the “2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Computing and Related Technologies.”
- The Faculty of Social Sciences orchestrated the “1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Media and Social Development.”
- The Faculty of Sciences spearheaded the “1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Green and Sustainable Environment.”
- The Faculty of Education and the Faculty of Language & Culture jointly presented the “1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Reimagining Applied Linguistics, Education, and Pedagogy.”

During the two days of the GRC and international conferences, the entire campus of SMIU was adorned with banners, panaflexes, standees, media walls, and artistic designs. Various teams of volunteer students facilitated the organizers in coordinating events and guiding the guests, creating an atmosphere akin to a festival. Everything proceeded seamlessly.

Before the commencement of the GRC and international conferences, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU, accompanied by Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Convener of the Central Executive Committee of GRC and Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Dean of the Faculty of Information Technology, Prof. Dr. Jamshed Adil, Dean of the Faculty of Management, Business Administration, and Commerce, Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Advisor to the Vice Chancellor, and Dr. Aamir Iqbal Umrani, Secretary of CEC, addressed the press conference on March 2, 2023, at the Senate Hall of SMIU.

Providing details of the congress, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai expressed that Sindh Madressatul Islam University, Karachi, stands as a crucible of leaders and is the oldest educational institution in the country. Established as a secondary school, it was elevated to university status by the Government of Sindh in 2012. Since then, the faculty and staff have been dedicatedly striving to meet the international standards required, particularly in the realm of research.

He informed the media that faculty members have authored numerous research papers published in globally reputable journals, initiated five journals to offer a platform for national and international researchers to publish their work, and organized several research conferences facilitating researchers in sharing their findings with SMI University’s research community. In 2022, SMIU’s administration and faculty jointly decided to host the 1st SMIU Global Research Congress in 2023, marking a pioneering move by any university in Pakistan.



Delving into the potential outcomes of the congress and conferences, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai outlined that the Global Research Congress aimed to congregate the world’s most accomplished academic scientists, researchers, and educators to deliberate and exchange insights, ideas, experiences, and research outcomes across diverse fields like Business, Media, Computing, Linguistics, and Environment. The event will provide scholars an interdisciplinary platform to propose practicable, evidence-based solutions for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and deliberate on the most recent advancements, trends, issues, and solutions in technology sectors.

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai further discussed the anticipated benefits of the congress and conferences, stating that by the conclusion of GRC 2023, participants would be equipped with an understanding of digital literacy, digital skills, social mobility, economic equality, and economic growth by bridging the digital divide. He added that attendees would gain insights into the latest developments in the computing sector, encompassing cutting-edge technologies, tools, and techniques.

The deans also briefed the media about the international conference organized by their respective faculties. Following is the report of Global Research Congress and International Conferences. ■



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2023**



## **INAUGURATION CEREMONY**



The inauguration ceremony of this significant event took place in the Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium, with Mr. Saeed Ghani, Provincial Minister of the Government of Sindh, gracing the occasion as the chief guest. Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU, extended a warm welcome to the distinguished guests. Subsequently, the esteemed guests, including Minister Mr. Saeed Ghani, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Dr. Amjad Siraj, Vice Chancellor of Jinnah Sindh Medical University, Karachi, Turkish Consul General in Karachi, Mr. Cemal Sangu, Sindh HEC Chairman Dr. Tariq Rafi, Dr. Mehmet Emin Aydin, Senior Lecturer at the University of the West of England, UK, Dr. Moosa Salim Moosa Alkharosi of Oman University, and Mr. Javed Memon, Regional Director of Sindh HEC, inaugurated the event by illuminating the globe.

Following this, Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai delivered a welcome address, extending his heartfelt greetings to the esteemed guests, deans, chairpersons, faculty members, administrative staff, and students. While providing context for

the congress and international conferences organized by SMIU, the Vice Chancellor elucidated that after recuperating from the challenges posed by Covid-19, the university earnestly focused on enhancing research contributions from both faculty and students. The congress and international conferences stand as vital components of this endeavor. Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai further highlighted that SMIU currently publishes seven research journals and its faculty engages in qualitative research endeavors.





Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai also shared with the audience that the university's student population has tripled, from 1800 to 6000, over the past three years. This substantial growth reflects the trust the public places in the institution's educational system. Additionally, the university has secured projects such as a Youth Development Center from HEC and National Incubation Centers through the Punjab I.T. Board. These projects hold immense significance as they contribute to producing skilled and refined young individuals to meet the country's expanding human resource demands.

In his address, Sindh Provincial Minister Mr. Saeed Ghani extended his felicitations to Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai and the faculty of SMIU for orchestrating the Global Research Congress and the accompanying international conferences. He highlighted the uniqueness of this event, being the first of its kind where SMIU has organized five international conferences alongside the Global Research Congress. Mr. Ghani emphasized that the congress encompasses a diverse array of modern societal challenges, including green energy, environment/climate change, sustainable development, artificial intelligence, media, management, business leadership, education, and linguistics. The minister acknowledged universities as crucibles of new knowledge and expressed his pleasure in participating in events organized by these institutions. He extended his congratulations and appreciation to the congress organizing committee and to Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai for their diligent efforts in bringing about this remarkable event.

Furthermore, Mr. Saeed Ghani pledged his support to the congress's mission by urging the organizing committee to forward their recommendations on key issues such as climate change, education, green energy, sustainable development, media, and artificial intelligence to the Government of Sindh. He assured that the government would endorse and facilitate the implementation of these recommendations.

H.E Cemal Sangu, the Turkish Consul General in Karachi, extended his congratulations to the Vice Chancellor of SMIU and

the organizers of the congress in his speech. He also mentioned that Turkiye has extended scholarships to both students and faculty members of SMIU. He further highlighted the historical ties between SMIU and Turkiye, noting that the university's founder, Khan Bahadur Hassanally Effendi, had supported Turkiye during the Ottoman Empire and Russian war. As a token of appreciation, Turkiye had bestowed the titles of "Effendi" and "Bey" upon Hassanally Effendi. Mr. Sangu stressed the vital role of research in the progress and development of nations.

Dr. Amjad Siraj, Vice Chancellor of Jinnah Sindh Medical



University, expressed his appreciation for the faculty's efforts in organizing this significant event. He underlined the transformative impact of machines replacing human roles in various fields, emphasizing that this shift has introduced numerous challenges for research scholars.

The ceremony was attended by academicians from across the country, foreign delegates, SMIU faculty, deans, chairpersons, heads of various administrative departments, and a substantial number of SMIU students. The program was skillfully conducted by Ms. Zonaira Jalali.

Subsequent to the opening ceremony, panel discussions and technical sessions took place in different venues across the Main Building, Talpur House, and IT Tower of SMIU. The following report provides insights into selected panel and technical sessions. ■

**PANEL DISCUSSIONS**

**Reshaping The Society Through Emerging Perspective of Engineering, Technology And Computing**



A panel discussion titled “Reshaping Society Through the Emerging Perspectives of Engineering, Technology, and Computing” was held at the Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium. The panelists included Dr. Mehmet Emin Aydin, Senior Lecturer at the University of the West of England, UK; Dr. Moosa Salim Moosa Alkharosi from Oman University; and Dr. Mazhar Ali Dootio, an IT Professional from Benazir Bhutto Shaheed University Lyari.

The research scholars emphasized that while various types of research are conducted worldwide, applied research is the



key to addressing real-world issues. They stressed the need for our education system to establish multi-disciplinary research programs and allocate more investment to these programs than capitalists do.

Dr. Moosa Salem Moosa from Oman University highlighted that the impact of technology largely depends on how individuals choose to use it. Some harness it for improvement, while others use it purely for entertainment. One scholar pointed out that technology has inadvertently fostered isolation among people, as a significant portion of their time is consumed by mobile phones and computers.

Furthermore, it was argued that the notion of technology decreasing job opportunities is a misconception.

The session was attended by Dean of the Faculty of Information Technology at SMIU, Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, along with Dr. Muhammad Malook Rind, Dr. Mansoor Ahmed Khuhro, Mr. Mohammad Ameen Chhajro, Mr. Irfan Ali Kandhro, Dr. Mohammad Afzal Chhajro, Mr. Haqnawaz Lashari, other faculty members, researchers, and students. The moderation of the session was undertaken by Mr. Zubairuddin Shaikh, a Lecturer in the Department of Software Engineering at SMIU. The panelists were presented with shields by Vice Chancellor Dr. Sohrab Khan Bizanjo.

## Role Of Media In Crisis & Disaster Management: Climate Change And Recent Floods In Pakistan



A Panel Discussion titled “The Role of Media in Crisis & Disaster Management: Climate Change and Recent Floods in Pakistan” took place at the Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium. The session was collaboratively organized by the Department of Media and Communication Studies and the Department of Social and Development Studies. Dr. Bushra H. Rehman, a Professor at the School of Communication School, University of Punjab, Ms. Zeenia Shoukat, a Development Professional, Mr. Aajiz Jamali, a senior journalist, and Mr. Riaz Sohail, a correspondent for BBC in Karachi, discussed the media’s role in times of disasters and natural calamities in Sindh. They criticized the mainstream media for neglecting genuine issues faced by the common people and instead focusing on matters that do not align with the masses’ interests. Mr. Aajiz Jamali and Mr. Riaz Sohail voiced the opinion that the people of Sindh, who endured substantial damage from heavy torrential rains and floods in 2022, were not adequately rehabilitated, and the media was overlooking their suffering.

Mr. Aajiz Jamali proposed the construction of the “Nai Gaaj Dam” in the Khirthar Hill Rang area of Dadu district. He pointed out that last year, nearly the entire Kachho area of Dadu district was devastated by torrential rains and



floods, but mainstream media paid little attention to the plight of the affected population. The panelists noted that the media tends to prioritize sensational news over substantive issues.

Ms. Zeenia Shoukat, a respected development professional, highlighted that women are disproportionately affected by natural disasters and catastrophes. Consequently, they are often left in vulnerable conditions. She observed a significant disparity between policy-making and the interests of ordinary citizens. Ms. Shoukat stated that policies were often devised without consulting those directly impacted, resulting in inadequate preparation for natural disasters. Dr. Subhash Babu, Chairperson Department of Social and Development Studies was moderator of the session. ■





## Environmental Scenario In Pakistan

The Department of Environmental Sciences at SMIU organized a panel discussion titled “Environmental Scenario in Pakistan.” The discussion featured insights from Dr. Mehnaj Ahmed, Mr. Mohammad Ali, Mr. Shahid Ahmed, and Dr. Zeeshan Khatri. These experts delved into Pakistan’s current environmental situation and proposed solutions, including advocating for increased tree plantation within the country’s borders and urging developed nations to take a proactive stance in preserving the Earth’s ecosystem. Ms. Ambreen Aziz, Lecturer, Department of Environmental Sciences, SMIU conducted the session.



## Examining The Impact of Intrinsic And Extrinsic Motivation on The Public Sector Organization Employees’ Job Performance

A technical session was conducted on the topic of “Examining the Impact of Intrinsic and Extrinsic Motivation on Public Sector Employees’ Job Performance.” During the session, Ms. Uzaima Nasir from SZABIST presented her research work, shedding light on the significance of both intrinsic and extrinsic motivation within the workplace. Her primary focus was to explore the interplay between intrinsic and extrinsic motivation, employee job performance, and the mediating role of employee engagement in the context of public sector organizations, specifically considering the controlled factor of the “working environment.”

Ms. Nasir’s discourse further delved into her findings on whether these relationships could be enhanced through the active involvement of employees and the work environment itself. Her research methodology employed a deductive approach, constructed on individual initiative. In her conclusion, she discussed the distinct effects of intrinsic and extrinsic motivation on employee engagement, each considered separately.

## AN APPROACH FOR PREDICTING ROAD ACCIDENT SEVERITY USING ANN DEEP LEARNING

A technical session was organized on the topic of “An Approach for Predicting Road Accident Severity using ANN Deep Learning.” Mr. Shahzeb Abdul Khaliq presented his research paper on this subject. During his presentation, he addressed the significant surge in road accidents on a global scale, underlining it as a persistent problem. Furthermore, he presented statistics concerning road accidents in Pakistan. Notably, the recent data for the country indicates that approximately 770 road accidents occurred in the year 2021.

Mr. Khaliq’s research findings indicated that Artificial Neural Networks (ANN) represented a promising avenue for mitigating road accidents, primarily due to its rapid algorithmic processing. His research revealed that ANN achieved an impressive accuracy rate of 97.7% in predicting accident severity.

Dr. Aamir Iqbal Umrani chaired the proceedings of the session, which saw the active participation of vice-chancellors from various public and private sector universities, along with academicians, research scholars, and a significant number of students.



**DAY-2  
THURSDAY,  
MARCH 9, 2023**

## Vice Chancellors of Pakistan Discuss on Issues of Higher Education in Pakistan

The second and final day of the 1<sup>st</sup> SMIU Global Research Congress and the five international conferences were also brimming with activities. Research scholars actively engaged in panel discussions and presented their research papers during the panel discussions and technical sessions.

This session held during the congress emerged as a significantly important event, drawing the participation of esteemed vice chancellors from various universities across the nation as panelists. The distinguished panel included Dr. Sarosh Hashmat Lodi, Vice Chancellor of NED University, Begum Shahnaz Wazir Ali, President of SZABIST, Dr. Athar Mahmood, Vice Chancellor of the Islamia University Bahawalpur, Dr. Tauha Hussain Ali, Vice Chancellor of Mehran University of Engineering and Technology Jamshoro, and Dr. Sohrab Khan Bizanjo, Vice Chancellor of Balochistan University of Engineering and Technology Khuzdar. Additionally, Dr. Iqrar Ahmed, Vice Chancellor of Agriculture University Faisalabad, joined the discussion online. The central theme of the discussion revolved around “Issues in Pakistan Higher Education and Their Impact on Sustainable Development.” The vice chancellors collectively advocated for allocating 4%







of the GDP for higher education and emphasized the need to tailor the curriculum to the demands, needs, and challenges of the modern era, characterized by rapid information technology advancements. Towards the session's conclusion, Vice Chancellor of SMIU, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, presented souvenirs to the panelists as tokens of appreciation. The event saw the presence of Dr. Tariq Rafi, Chairman of Sindh Higher Education, foreign delegates, academicians, deans, chairpersons, faculty, administrative staff, and students of SMIU.



## Need of Policy Reforms to Promote Sustainable and Innovative Business Practices



A panel discussion on the topic "Need for Policy Reforms to Promote Sustainable and Innovative Business Practices" took place at the university's auditorium.

pany, shared insights from the pandemic era. He explained how some food companies reliant on foreign materials suffered significant losses, while those utilizing local resources flourished. He



Mr. Ahmed Ali Siddiqui, Group Head of Compliance at Meezan Bank, highlighted the necessity to foster local industries and manufacturing for the country's progress. He emphasized that business leaders must embrace new technologies as most challenges arise from their reluctance to adapt. He noted that our business community tends to alter its approach and methods of operation in response to bans or restrictions.

Dr. Shujaat Mubarak, Dean of CBM at IOBM, pointed out that manufacturing isn't adequately promoted in Pakistan, leading to a lack of sustainable manufacturing practices. He expressed concerns about the future challenges facing the textile industry and raised the issue of importing used electronic materials that are often disposed of unsafely, leading to health problems like cancer, particularly in Karachi.

Mr. Sarfraz Ahmed Khan, Country Head of a private food com-



emphasized the growth of the food sector in Pakistan but stressed the importance of ensuring quality in food products.

Dr. Jamshed Adil, Dean of SMIU, noted that local businessmen's hesitance to adopt new technologies has hindered industry progress. He urged the industry to embrace global challenges.

The session also included a question-answer segment. Concluding the event, Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Convener of the Central Executive Committee of GRC, presented shields to the guests. Mr. Naeem Ahmed, a Lecturer at SMIU, moderated the session.

**PANEL DISCUSSION**  
**Reimagining Our Futures Together:**  
**A New Social Contract For Sustainable Education**



The Department of Education at SMIU organized a panel discussion titled “Reimagining our Futures Together: A New Social Contract for Sustainable Education” in the auditorium. Esteemed academicians, including Dr. Shahida Sajjad, Vice Chancellor of Metropolitan University Karachi, Dr. Bushra Khurram, Assistant Professor at the University of Karachi, Dr. Najamunisa of SZABIST Karachi, and Dr. Anjum Bano of Iqra University Karachi, spoke on various aspects of the subject. They collectively emphasized that our curriculum should address issues arising from technological advancements, students should comprehend social responsibility and the evaluation process, and the quality of education should be enhanced.

The panelists highlighted that new technologies have introduced numerous challenges for teachers, students, policymakers, and communities. Therefore, the curriculum should align with contemporary standards, and teachers should stay updated on changes in science, education, and the social sphere. Dr. Shahida Sajjad expressed the view that the curriculum should address issues stemming from technological developments, with students understanding social responsibility, improved evaluation processes, and enhanced educational quality. She advocated for cooperation among students rather than unhealthy competition, promoting respect for diversity and social justice.

Dr. Bushra Khurram stressed that vision, planning, and care are essential to confront these challenges. She emphasized that students should be well-informed about the country’s knowledge, attitude, and conditions. Dr. Najamunisa noted the challenges of climate change and economic crises, highlighting the importance of sustainable education in nurturing global citizenship, given the global economy. She emphasized the transition to a glob-



al learner and urged improvements in teaching methodologies. Dr. Najamunisa identified curriculum reform as the main challenge and emphasized the need for a shift in the teaching community’s mindset away from outdated practices.

Dr. Anjum Bano underscored that teachers and students often lack awareness about the sustainable goals of education, thus advocating for introducing these concepts to students, teachers, and communities. At the end



of the session, Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences at SMIU, presented souvenirs to the guests. Mr. Ajab Ali Lashari, Lecturer at the Department of Education, SMIU, moderated the session. ■

## PANEL DISCUSSION Role Of Human Rights In Social Inclusion And Women Empowerment



The Faculty of Social Sciences at SMIU orchestrated a panel discussion entitled “Role of Human Rights in Social Inclusion and Women Empowerment” on the second day of the 1st SMIU Research Congress. This event was organized in collaboration with the Department of Human Rights, Government of Sindh. Distinguished participants included Mr. Ayub Khoso, a member of the Sindh Human Rights Commission and a renowned television actor, Mr. Iqbal Ahmed Detho, a Human Rights Expert, Ms. Kami Sid, a Transgender Rights



Activist, and Ms. Marvi Awan, a Member of the Provincial Human Rights Vigilance Committee at the Human Rights Department, Government of Sindh.



During the discussion, the panelists delved into topics concerning human rights, legal intricacies, relevant laws, and their implementation. They highlighted existing laws addressing child labor, child marriages, and women’s rights, but expressed concerns about the lack of effective enforcement. Sharing personal anecdotes, they emphasized that women should be recognized as individuals first and foremost, transcending their gender identity. Additionally, they stressed the imperative of ensuring equal

rights for transgender individuals across all aspects of life.

Before the discussion commenced, Dr. Subhash Babu, Chairperson of the Department of Social and Development Studies at SMIU, provided an introductory note. Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, the convener of the Congress, presented awards to the esteemed guests. Moderating the session was Mr. Jameel Hussain Junejo. Dr. Zahid Ali Channar presenting shieds to the gusest. ■

## FIVE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

### Organized By SMIU'S Faculties

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Computing & Related Technologies (ICCRT)

*Organised by Faculty of Information Technology*

Session No.	Room No.	Keynote Speaker	Chair	Co-chair	Moderator
Technical Session 1	IT-504	Prof. Dr. Aqeel-ur-Rehman	Prof. Dr. Aqeel-ur-Rehman	Dr. Sarmad Ahmed Shaikh	Syeda Nazia Ashraf
Technical Session 2	IT-503	Prof. Dr. Mansoor Dawood Zafar	Prof. Dr. Mansoor Dawood Zafar	Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan	Mr. Zubairuddin Shaikh
Technical Session 3	IT-504	Dr. Mehmet Aydin	Dr. Mehmet Aydin	Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh	Ms. Sahar Zafar Jumani
Technical Session 3	IT-504	Dr. Moosa Salim Moosa Al Kharusi	Dr. Moosa Salim Moosa Al Kharusi	Prof. Dr. Muhammad Malook Rind	Ms. Sahar Zafar Jumani
Technical Session 4	IT-504	Prof. Dr. Muhammad Abbas	Prof. Dr. Muhammad Abbas	Dr. Kamlesh Kumar	Syeda Wajiha Naim
Technical Session 5	IT-503	Prof. Dr. Engr. Sayed Hyder Abbas Moosvi	Prof. Dr. Engr. Sayed Hyder Abbas Moosvi	Dr Asif Ali Wagan	Syed Hassan Zaidi
Technical Session 6	IT-504	Dr. Asim Imdad Wagan	Dr. Asim Imdad Wagan	Dr. Mansoor Ahmed Khuhro	Ms. Saima Sipy

#### 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Reimagining Applied Linguistics, Education, and Pedagogy (ICRALEP)

*Organised by Faculty of Education and the Faculty of Language & Culture*

Session No.	Room No.	Keynote Speaker	Chair	Co-chair	Moderator
Technical Session 1	Room-404	Dr. Najamunisa	Dr. Najamunisa	Dr. Rabia Aslam	Dr. Sumbul Lashari
Technical Session 2	Room-404	Dr. Akhtar Kang	Dr. Akhtar Kang	Dr. Sumbul Lashari	Ms. Samreen Javed
Technical Session 3	Room-404	Prof. Dr. Ahmed Saeed	Prof. Dr. Ahmed Saeed	Ms. Samreen Javed	Dr. Sumbul Lashari
Technical Session 4	Room-404	Dr. Kamal Haider	Dr. Kamal Haider	Dr. Sumbul Lashari	Ms. Kiran Shahrizi
Technical Session 5	Room-404	Dr. Bushra Khurram	Dr. Bushra Khurram	Dr. Umair Raees	Dr. Sumbul Lashari
Technical Session 6	Room-403	Dr. Safia Arooj	Dr. Safia Urooj	Mr. Abdul Karim Suhag	Mr. Abdul Karim Suhag
Technical Session 7	Room-403	Prof. Dr. Amjad Ali Arain	Prof. Dr. Amjad Ali Arain	Mr. Abdul Karim Suhag	Mr. Abdul Karim Suhag
Technical Session 8	Room-403	Dr. Shabroz	Dr. Shabroz	Mr. Abdul Karim Suhag	Mr. Abdul Karim Suhag
Technical Session 9	Room-405	Dr. Syeda Rakhshanda Kaukab	Dr. Syeda Rakhshanda Kaukab	Mr. Tanveer Shah	Mr. Abdul Karim Suhag
Technical Session 10	Room-403	Dr. Kiran Hashmi	Dr. Kiran Hashmi	Mr. Tanveer Shah	Mr. Abdul Karim Suhag
Technical Session 11	Room-402	Dr. Sarwat Numan	Dr. Sarwat Numan	Ms. Victoria Joseph	Mr. Hatesh Kumar
Technical Session 12	Room-402	Prof. Dr. Farida Lodhi	Prof. Dr. Farida Lodhi	Mr. Ajab Ali Lashari	Mr. Hatesh Kumar
Technical Session 13	Room-402	Dr. Khadim Hussain Dahri	Dr. Khadim Hussain Dahri	Mr. Ajab Ali Lashari	Mr. Ajab Ali Lashari
Technical Session 14	Room-403	Dr. Ann	Dr. Ann	Dr. Umair Raees	Ms. Kiran Shirazi
Technical Session 15	Room-402	Dr. Hassan Syed	Dr. Hassan Syed	Mr. Ajab Ali Lashari	Mr. Ajab Ali Lashari
Technical Session 16	Room-401	Dr. Rana Naeem	Dr. Rana Naeem	Dr. Munir Moosa	Dr. Munir Moosa
Technical Session 17	Online	Prof. Dr. Popal	Dr. Shaista Naz	Dr. Munir Moosa	Dr. Munir Moosa
Technical Session 18	Online-401	Esther Sonita	Dr. Anjum Bano Kazmi	Dr. Munir Moosa	Dr. Munir Moosa
Technical Session 19		Dr. Tariq Umrani	Dr. Tariq Umrani	Dr. Illahi Bux Gopang	Mr. Ajab Ali Lashari
Technical Session 20	Online	Dr. Waseem Malik	Dr. Waseem Malik	Dr. Mubarak Ali	Dr. Umair Raees
Technical Session 21		Dr. Ghulam Ali Buriro	Dr. Ghulam Ali Buriro	Dr. Umair Raees	Dr. Umair Raees
Technical Session 22		Dr. Sajida Parveen	Dr. Sajida Parveen	Dr. Rozina Sewani	Mr. Hatesh Kumar
Technical Session 23	Online-401	Dr. Ann	Dr. Ann	Dr. Rabia	Mr. Samreen Javed

## 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Media and Social Development (ICMSD)

*Organised by Faculty of Social Sciences*

Session No.	Room No.	Keynote Speaker	Chair	Co-chair	Moderator
Technical Session 1	A-03	Prof. Dr. Bushra H. Rahman	Prof. Dr. Riaz Ahmed Shaikh	Dr. Mehwish Zara	Mr. Muhammad Kamil Lakho
Technical Session 2-A	A-02	Prof. Dr. Riaz Ahmed Shaikh	Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ismail Kumbhar	Dr. Rozina Jumani	Dr. Sana Shahid
Technical Session 2-B	A-03	Prof. Dr. Arab Naz	Dr. Kaneez Fatima	Mr. Sajjan Khokhar	Mr. Muhammad Kamil Lakho
Technical Session 3	Senate Hall		Prof. Dr. Nooreen Mujahid	Dr. Sara Wahid	Ms. Samreen Razi
Technical Session 4-A	A-03	Prof. Dr. Bushra H. Rahman		Dr. Sahib Oad	Dr. Noureen Aleem
Technical Session 4-B	A-02	Prof. Dr. Habibullah Magsi	Prof. Dr. Fouzia Naz	Dr. Mah-e- Darkshan	Dr. Sana Shahid
Technical Session 4-C	Senate Hall	Prof. Derrick M. Nault	Prof. Dr. Donna Halper	Prof. Dr. Fouzia Naz	Ms. Khushboo Rafiq
Technical Session 5-A	A-03	Prof. Dr. Arab Naz	Dr. Zahid Hussain Channa	Dr. Mehwish Zara	Dr. Sana Shahid
Technical Session 5-B	Senate Hall	Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ismail Kumbhar	Dr. Asmat Ara	Dr. Mumtaz Khaskheli	Dr. Noureen Aleem

## 1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Green and Sustainable Environment (ICGSE)

*Organised by Faculty of Sciences*

Session No.	Room No.	Keynote Speaker	Chair	Co-chair	Moderator
Technical Session 1-A	IT Tower-302	Prof. Dr. Imran Hashmi	Dr. Iftikhar Sahito	Dr. Saeeda Nadir Ali	Dr. Hina Shehnaz
Technical Session 1-A	IT Tower-303	Dr. Ghulam Hassan Abbasi	Professor Dr. Awais Khatri	Dr. Nabi Bux Mallah	Ms. Ambreen Aziz
Technical Session 2-A	IT Tower-302	Prof. Dr. Zeeshan Khatri	Prof. Dr. Shahid Amjad	Dr. Hina Shehnaz	Dr. Muhammad Hashim Zuberi
Technical Session 2-B	IT Tower-303	Dr. Awais Khatri	Prof. Dr. Muhammad Aslam Uqaili	Dr. Kashif Mangi	Mr. Khalid Hassan
Technical Session 3-A	IT Tower-302	Prof. Dr. Syed Tufail Hussain Shah	Prof. Dr. Muhammad Usman	Dr. Abdullah Ghafar	Mr. Khalid Hassan
Technical Session 3-B	IT Tower-303	Prof. Dr. Muhammad Aslam Uqaili	Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akhyar	Dr. M. Hashim Zuberi	Mr. Naeem Akhter Samo
Technical Session 4-A	IT Tower-302	Prof. Dr. Muhammad Usman	Prof. Dr. Imran Hashmi	Dr. Abdul Fattah Soomro	Mr. Naeem Akhter Samo
Technical Session 4-B	IT Tower-303	Prof. Dr. Shahid Amjad	Dr. Ghulam Hassan Abbasi	Dr. Safdar Ali Larik	Ms. Ambreen Aziz
Technical Session 5-A	IT Tower-302	Prof. Dr. Rasool Bux Mahar	Dr. Inamullah Maitlo	Dr. Hina Shehnaz	Ms. Ambreen Aziz
Technical Session 5-B		Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akhyar	Prof. Dr. Piotr Grzybowski	Dr. Khalid Ahmed	Mr. Khalid Hassan

## 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Management, Business, and Leadership (ICMBL)

*Organised by Faculty of Management, Business Administration & Commerce*

Session No.	Room No.	Chair	Co-chair	Moderator
Technical Session 1	Q.A. Hall, Talpur House (Second Floor)	Dr. Syed Aun R. Rizvi	Dr. Adnan Khursheed	Mr. Naeem Ahmed
Technical Session 1	Computer Lab 2 (First Floor)	Dr. Mumtaz Memon	Dr. Saima Tabassum	Ms. Sahar Channa
Technical Session 2	Q.A. Hall, Talpur House (Second Floor)	Dr. Syed Aun R. Rizvi	Dr. Imran Muhammad	Mr. Shafique Ahmed
Technical Session 2	Computer Lab 2 (First Floor)	Dr. Asif Khan	Dr. Abdur Rehman Aleemi	Mr. Poorab Sarhan
Technical Session 2	Computer Lab 1 (First Floor)	Dr. Aamir Feroz Shamsi	Dr. Rana Imroze Palwasha	Ms. Sahar Channa
Technical Session 3	Q.A. Hall, Talpur House (Second Floor)	Dr. Danish Ahmed Siddiqui	Dr. Sarah Wali Qazi	Mr. Faris Mahar
Technical Session 3	Computer Lab 2 (First Floor)	Dr. Muhammad Kashif	Dr. Muhammad Azeem Qureshi	Mr. Shafique Ahmed
Technical Session 3	Computer Lab 1 (First Floor)	Dr. Irum Saba	Dr. Noman Soomro	Mr. Danish Mujtaba
Technical Session 5	Q.A. Hall, Talpur House (Second Floor)	Dr. Shujaat Mubarak	Dr. Salman Ahmed Shaikh	Mr. Danish Mujtaba
Technical Session 5	Computer Lab 2 (First Floor)	Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto	Dr. Jamil Ahmed	Mr. Muzaffar Ali Shah

# TECHNICAL SESSIONS *in Pictures*

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## SMIU's Volunteers



## Research Papers Presented By Scholars

### Day 1:

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

#### Technical Session 1:

**Theme:**  
“Emerging Trends and Challenges in Media and Social Development”

#### Chair:

**Prof. Dr. Naila Usman Siddiqui**  
Chairperson,  
Department of Sociology, University of Karachi

#### Co-chair:

**Dr. Mehwish Zara**, Assistant  
Professor  
Media Studies, SZABIST, Karachi

#### Keynote Speech:

**Prof. Dr. Bushra H. Rahman**  
Professor,  
School of Communication Studies,  
University of Punjab, Pakistan

#### Moderator:

**Muhammad Kamil Lakho**  
RESEARCH PAPERS:  
Sindh Madressatul Islam University, Karachi

#### Research Paper 1:

**Topic:**  
**Cyber Harassment and Digital Dilemma in Higher Education Institutions of Pakistan: Policy and Procedure of Higher Education Commission Pakistan**  
By Ali Murtaza Shah, Dr. Noor Muhammad, Imran Khan, Tahira Fatima and Shahzad Haider

#### Research Paper 2:

**Topic:**  
**Prevalence and Impact of Social Media Networking Sites Usage for Study**  
By Munazza Madani, Syeda Saba Hashmi and Maryam Jan

#### Technical Session 2-A

**Theme:**  
**Mass Media, Community Development and Social Change**

#### Chair:

**Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ismail Kumbhar**  
Chairman, Department of Agricultural Education Extension & Short Courses, Sindh Agriculture University, Tandojam

#### Co-chair:

**Dr. Rozina Jumani**, Assistant  
Professor Liberal Arts and Humanities, Ziauddin University, Karachi

#### Moderator:

**Dr. Sana Shahid**

#### Research paper 3:

**Topic:**  
**Institutionalizing Bilingual Academic Policies in Pakistan- A Need for Normalizing Code-switching**  
By Affifa Fatima and Kaneez Fatima

#### Research paper 4:

**Topic:**  
**The Impact of Social Media on Psychological Well-Being among university students of Karachi**  
By Sanjay Kumar Sangtiani, Ahsan-ul-Haque Maher and Jaishri Mehraj

#### Research paper 5:

**Topic:**  
**Response and Reporting of Cybercrimes in Pakistan—Mass Media as a Mean of Awareness, Prevention and Protection**  
By Syeda Afsheen Sohail and Dr. Fouzia Naz

#### Research Paper 6:

**Topic:**  
**Sleeping Disorder among Children Under 15 Years of Age Due to Usage of Mobile Phones in Karachi**  
By Imam Bux Mahar, Qamaruddin, Jaishri Mehraj, Geeta Khatri, Mehnaz Akhtar and Sabira Parveen Soomro

#### Technical Session 2-B:

**Theme:**  
**Sustainable Development Goals**

#### Chair:

**Dr. Kaneez Fatima**,  
Department of  
Sociology, University of Karachi

#### Co-chair:

**Sajjan Khokhar**, Assistant  
Professor, Benazir Bhutto Shaheed University  
Lyari, Karachi

#### Moderator:

**Muhammad Kamil Lakho**  
**Keynote Speech:**  
**Prof. Dr. Arab Naz**,  
Chairperson, Department of Sociology, Malkand University

#### Research paper 7:

**Topic:**  
**Effects of Climate Change on Socioeconomic Conditions and Education in Coastal Communities of Sindh Province in Pakistan**  
By Dr. Subhash Guriro, Muhammad Kamil Lakho, Shoaib Jagirani, Noor Bano and Sumaira Suleman Mahar

#### Research Paper 8:

**Topic:**  
**Climate Havoc in Karachi: Need of Communication**  
By Mr. Azhar Ahmed and Dr. Fouzia Naz

#### Research Paper 9:

**Topic:**  
**Impact of Meditation on the Level of PTSD in Flood Victims (IDPs)**  
By Hani Baloch

#### Research Paper 10:

**Topic:**  
**Environmental Alteration: Effects on Pakistan Suggested Solutions**  
By Maryam Naz and Prof. Dr. Rana Saba Sultan

#### Technical Session 3:

**Theme:**  
**Media, Public Health and Gender Issues in Society**

#### Chair:

**Prof. Dr. Habibullah Magsi**, Associate Professor  
Economics, Sindh Agriculture University,  
Tandojam

#### Co-chair:

**Dr. Sara Wahid**, Assistant  
Professor, Media Studies, SZABIST, Karachi

#### Moderator:

**Ms. Samreen**

#### Research paper 11:

**Topic:**  
**Gender Inequality in Education among Pashtun Community in District Qilla Saifullah, Baluchistan**  
By Rubina Kakar, Zakia Jamil and Dr. Rana Saba Sultan

#### Research Paper 12:

**Topic:**  
**Causes of Polio Refusal Cases in K.P.K: A Case Study of Dera Ismail Khan**  
By Aamir Abbas, Muhammad Imran and Dr. Subhash Guriro

### Day 2:

Thursday, March 9, 2023

#### Technical Session 4-A:

**Theme:**  
**New Media and Digital Technologies for Sustainable Development**

#### Co-chair:

**Dr. Sahib Oad**, Assistant Professor,  
Department of Media and Communication Studies,  
Shah Abdul Latif University, Khairpur Mirs, Sindh

#### Moderator:

**Dr. Noureen Aleem**

#### Keynote Speech:

**Prof. Dr. Bushra H. Rahman**, Professor  
School of Communication Studies, University of  
Punjab, Pakistan

#### Research paper 13:

**Topic:**  
**Religious Extremism and Social Media Platform: A Study of Impact on Youth**  
By Salman Hyder, A Sociological Study About the Role of Media in Learning New Criminal Ways  
By Saba Ghazali

## Research Papers Presented By Scholars

### Research paper 14:

#### Topic:

**Online Gaming Addiction in University Students;**

**PUBG Effects of University Students**

By Muhammad Fahad Khan

### Research paper 15:

#### Topic:

**Effectiveness of Religious Animated Videos in Socio-Religious Learning and Development: An Experiment on Kindergarten Students**

By Rahima Faisal and Dr. Fouzia Naz

### Research paper 16:

#### Topic:

**Role of Media in the 5GW with Perspective to Pakistan**

By Arsalan Abdullah and

Dr. Ambreen Fazal

### Technical Session 4-B:

#### Theme:

**Media and Society**

#### Session Chair:

**Prof. Dr. Fouzia Naz, Associate**

Professor, Department of Mass Communication, University of Karachi

#### Co-chair:

**Dr. Mah-e-Darkhshan, Assistant**

Professor, Bahria University, Karachi

Moderator: Dr. Sana Shahid

**Keynote Speech:** Prof. Dr. Habibullah Magsi, Associate, Professor Economics, Sindh Agriculture University, Tando Jam

### Research paper 17:

#### Topic:

**A Sociological Study About the Role of Media in Learning New Criminal Ways**

By Saba Ghazali

### Research Paper 18:

#### Topic:

**Social Media Communication and Political**

**Activism of the Youth in Karachi**

By Ms. Sundas Rana and Dr. Fouzia Naz

### Research paper 19:

#### Topic:

**Role of Newspapers in Pollution Awareness**

By Qudsia Malik

### Research paper 20:

#### Topic:

**Impacts of Job Stress on Nurses' Social Life: A Study of Work Performance**

By Mr. Aamir Abbas, Ms. Hafiza, Jaweria Bibi and Dr. Ambreen Fazal

### Technical Session 5-A:

#### Theme:

**Social Issues, Social Protection, Governance and Media**

#### Chair:

**Dr. Zahid Hussain Channa,**

Benazir Bhutto Shaheed University, Nawabshah

#### Co-chair:

**Dr. Mehwish Zara, Assistant**

Professor, Media Studies, SZABIST, Karachi

#### Moderator:

**Kamil Lakho**

#### Keynote Speech:

**Prof. Dr. Arab Naz,**

Chairperson, Department of Sociology, Malkand University

### Research Paper 21:

#### Topic:

**Effectiveness of Child Sexual Abuse Public Service Announcements:**

**Roles of Emotional Response and Perceived Effectiveness**

By Syeda Mona Batool Taqvi and Dr. Fouzia Naz

### Research Paper 22:

#### Topic:

**Healing the Scars: An Overview of Acid Violence on Women in Karachi, Pakistan**

By Sadia Ismail

### Research Paper 23:

#### Topic:

**Crisis of Baluchistan Effect Mental Health Status**

**and Stir Life Satisfaction Among Sectarian Victims**

By Dr. Mahreen Siddiqui

### Research paper 24:

#### Topic:

**Cause of Unemployment in Pakistan**

### Technical Session 5-B:

#### Theme:

**Social Issues, Social Protection, Governance and Media**

#### Chair:

**Dr. Asmat Ara**

Chairperson, Department of Mass Communication, University of Karachi

#### Co-chair:

**Dr. Mumtaz Khaskheli**

Assistant Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Sindh, Jamshoro

#### Moderator:

**Samreen Razi**

#### Keynote Speech:

**Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ismail**

**Kumbhar,**

Chairman, Department of Agricultural Education Extension & Short Courses, Sindh Agriculture University, Tandojam

### Research Paper 25:

#### Topic:

**Awareness on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs): Status of Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) in the Public Schools of Sindh Province of Pakistan**

By Aisha Jiskani, Dr. Subhash Guriro, Ajab Ali Lashari Sara Fayyaz and Mansoor Ali

### Research Paper 26:

#### Topic:

**Do Displacements After Disasters Lead to an Increase in the Crime Rate: A Case Study of Karachi**

By Abdullah Siddiqui

### Research Paper 27:

#### Topic:

**Relationship Between Anxiety and Emotional Intelligence from Examination Perspective**

By Ms. Areeba Fazal

### Technical Session 5-C (Online):

#### Theme:

**Media as a Catalyst for Social Change and Sustainable Development**

#### Chair:

**Prof. Dr. Fouzia Naz, Associate Professor**

Department of Mass Communication, University of Karachi

#### Co-chair:

**Dr. Mah-e-Darkhshan**

Assistant Professor, Bahria University, Karachi

Moderator: Ms. Khushboo Rafiq

#### Keynote Speech:

**Prof. Dr. Bushra H. Rahman, Professor, School of Communication Studies, University of Punjab, Pakistan**

### Research Paper 28:

#### Topic:

**Social Media and Indigenous Identity: The Case of Canada's Métis People**

By Derrick M. Nault

### Research Paper 29:

#### Topic:

**Floods in Pakistan: A Document Analysis of Coverage Patterns of Media**

By Hadia Khalil, Majid Raza, Mohammad Fawaz Eneizat

### Research Paper 30:

#### Topic:

**Analysis of Media Agenda as Public Opinion in Context of Unemployment as Social Issue in Pakistan**

By Dr. Muhammad Farooq

# Concluding Ceremony



The concluding ceremony of the 1<sup>st</sup> SMIU Global Congress took place on Thursday, March 9, 2023. The event featured addresses from Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Dr. Mehmet Emin Aydin, Senior Lecturer at the University of the West of England, UK, Dr. Mumtaz Ali Memon of NUST, Islamabad, and Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, the convener of the congress.



Presenting the report on the two-day proceedings of the GRC and International Conferences, Dr. Zahid Ali Channar stated that approximately 1000 research scholars participated in the congress. Throughout the congress, 70 sessions were conducted at the university, while 10 sessions took place online.

During his presidential address, Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai emphasized that this extensive and comprehensive congress drew a significant number of research scholars from both Pakistan and other countries. These scholars presented their latest research on various subjects including environment, climate change, artificial intelligence, education, business, media, and social development. The consensus among them was clear: research is the foundation for a nation's progress. Dr. Sahrai extended his congratulations to the organizers of the congress, particularly SMIU's faculty, who demonstrated extraordinary dedication under the leadership of Mr. Asif Hussain Samo.

Dr. Mehmet Emin Aydin, in his speech, hailed the event as remarkable, gathering scholars of different generations from various countries, including Pakistan. He praised its discipline and systematic structure. He also noted the high quality of papers presented in the congress and international conferences.

Dr. Mumtaz Ali Memon also lauded the congress, Vice Chancellor Sahrai, and the hospitality extended during the event. He emphasized the need for continued organization of such research congresses to bolster research activities within the country.

The concluding ceremony attracted a multitude of attendees including vice-chancellors from different universities, such as Dr. Athar Mahmood, Vice Chancellor of the Islamia University Bahawalpur, Dr. Sohrab Khan Bizanjo, Vice Chancellor of the Balochistan University of Engineering and Technology, Dr. Moosa Salim Moosa Alkharosi of Oman University, Dr. Mumtaz Ali Memon, Associate Professor at NUST Business School in Islamabad, along with other research scholars. Additionally, Turkish Consul General in Karachi, Mr. Cemal Sangu, was also present at the ceremony.

This historic event ended up with the vote of thanks by Dr. Aamir Iqbal Umrani, Director ORIC. Mr. Wafa Mansoor Buriro, Lecturer at the Department of English, SMIU had conducted the proceedings of the concluding ceremony. ■



## Recommendations of The 1<sup>st</sup> Global Congress And Five International Conferences



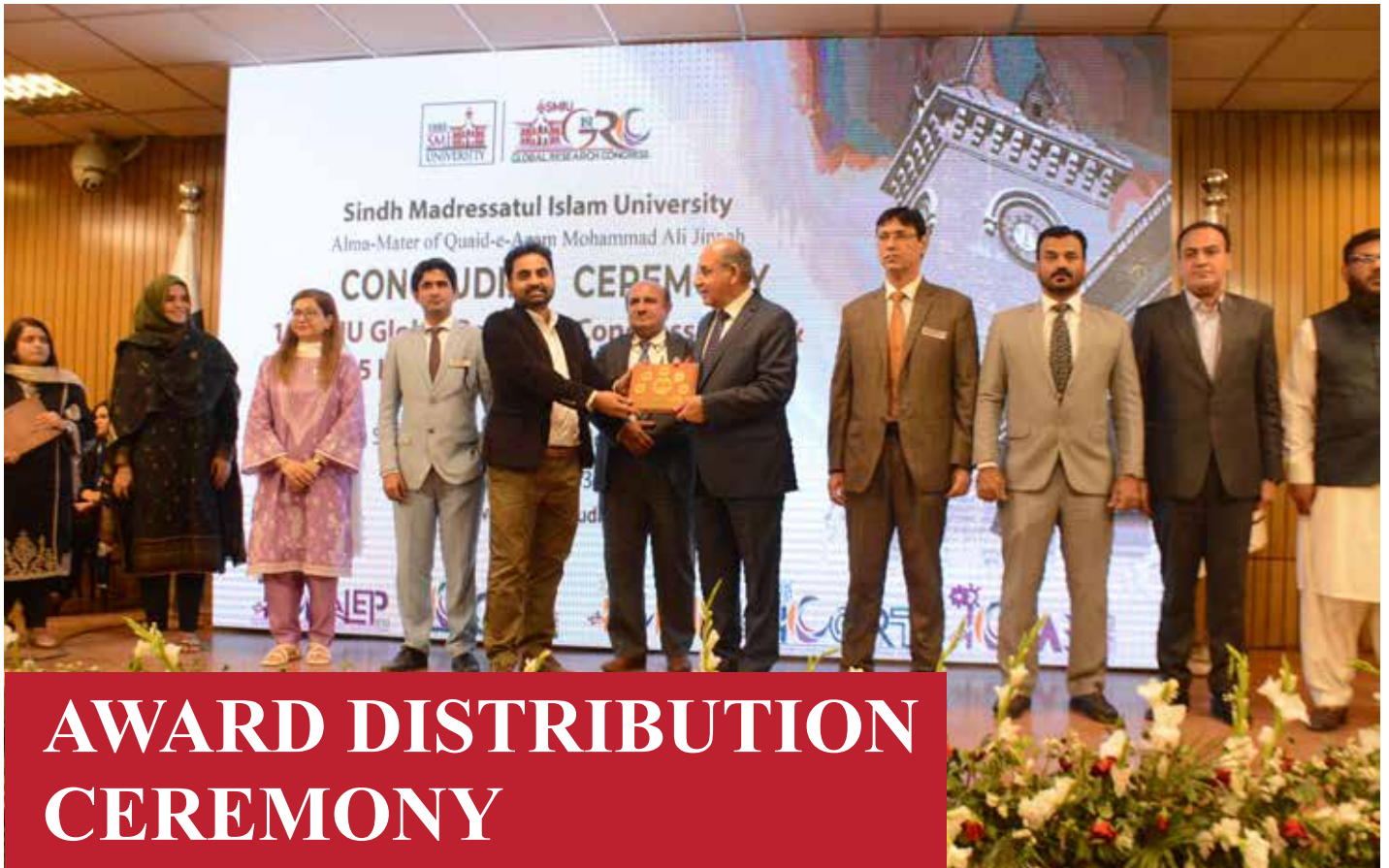
During the concluding ceremony of the 1<sup>st</sup> SMIU Global Research Congress (GRC-23) and five international conferences, held on March 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, several recommendations were presented by the Convener of the Congress, Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, on behalf of the researchers who participated in the congress. These recommendations were endorsed by the participants.

1. The Congress emphasized the importance of integrating ethical leadership into educational and business practices. There is a pressing need to adopt inclusive, integrative, and innovative approaches.
2. A recommendation was made that higher education institutions should focus on research practices and

their integration across all disciplines. Additionally, the mental well-being of both learners and teachers should be prioritized. This can be achieved by allocating funds for training teachers and learners and by devising a roadmap for promoting positive well-being.

3. The significance of prioritizing employee performance within organizations to foster a conducive environment was highlighted. Promoting an entrepreneurship culture among higher education learners is crucial. Furthermore, embracing green practices is essential for ensuring a sustainable environment. To achieve this, the adoption of renewable energy sources, water conservation, recycling, sustainable agriculture and transportation, and alternative energy consumption should be promoted.
4. Given the increasing popularity of technologies such as artificial intelligence, blockchain, and augmented reality in business, computer science, media, and education, it was strongly recommended to invest in artificial intelligence research. This investment would encourage collaboration and embrace innovation.
5. Regarding media, the use of diverse resources for fact-checking was recommended. Responsible use of social media was also emphasized. To support this, digital media literacy should be made a compulsory component.

These recommendations collectively address a wide range of issues and opportunities across education, business, technology, and media sectors. They reflect the forward-thinking discussions and research presented during the congress and international conferences. ■



## AWARD DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY



Following the formal conclusion of the concluding ceremony, an award ceremony took place at the same venue. The auditorium was filled to capacity with guests, faculty, administrative staff, and students. It's worth noting that an enthusiastic and dedicated team from SMIU emerged from the 1<sup>st</sup> SMIU Global Research Congress and international conferences.

Undoubtedly, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU, provided wholehearted support and guidance to the organizers, enabling them to create a new chapter in SMIU's history by hosting the 1st Global Research Congress in the country. It is a point of pride to acknowledge the remarkable leadership of Mr. Asif Hussain Samo, Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Ms. Qurat-ulain Nazeer Ahmed, deans of different faculties, chairpersons of different departments and other faculty and staff

members throughout the process of organizing the global congress. Their exceptional work resulted in remarkable achievements, including the submission of research papers and the participation of esteemed research scholars from various countries and different parts of Pakistan.

During the ceremony, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU, bestowed a special award upon Mr. Asif Hussain Samo, recognizing his pivotal role in orchestrating the mega event. The audience's sustained applause endorsed the vice chancellor's decision. Furthermore, the vice chancellor presented special awards to Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Convener of the Congress, Dr. Aamir Iqbal Umrani, Congress Secretary, and Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, a member of the Central Executive Committee of the GRC and advisor to the vice chancellor. ■

# Awards For CEC Members



Vice Chancellor of SMIU, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, presented awards to the members of the Central Executive Committee of the Congress. The awardees included Prof. Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Prof. Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Shaikh, Dr. Ambreen Fazal, Ms. Quratul-ul-Ain Nazeer, Anwar Ali Abro, Mr. Nisar Ahmed Memon, Mr. Abdul Waheed Jatoy, Mr. Irfan Ali Kandhro, and Mr. Asif Ghafar.



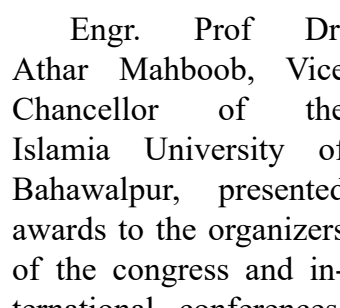
# Awards For Secretaries of Five International Conferences



Dr. Sohrab Khan Bizanjo, Vice Chancellor of Balochistan University of Engineering & Technology, Khuzdar, presented awards to the secretaries of the five international conferences. Mr. Shahid Obaid, Mr. Mohammad Naem Ahmed, and Mr. Mohammad Adnan Khurshid received awards as secretaries of the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Management, Business, and Leadership. Dr. Riaz Ahmed Mangrio, Mr. Wafa Mansoor Buriro, Dr. Stephen John, and Mr. Ajab Ali Lashari received awards as secretaries of the 1st International Conference on Reimagining Applied Linguistics, Education, and Pedagogy. Dr. Subhash Guriro, Dr. Ambreen Fazal, and Mr.

Muhammad Kamil Lakho received awards as secretaries of the 1st International Conference on Media and Social Development. Dr. Imran Ali Chhajro, Mr. Abdul Majeed Pirzada, and Dr. Muhammad Hashim Zuberi received awards as secretaries of the 1st International Conference on Green and Sustainable Environment. Lastly, Dr. Mansoor Ahmed Khuhro, Dr. Sarmad Ahmed Shaikh, and Dr. Kamlesh Kumar received awards as secretaries of the 2nd International Conference on Computing and Related Technologies. ■

# Awards For Organizers



Engr. Prof Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor of the Islamia University of Bahawalpur, presented awards to the organizers of the congress and international conferences.

Among the recipients were Dr. Asif Ali Wagan, Syeda Wajiha Naim, Mr. Inayatullah Magsi, Mr. Muhammad Ameen Chhajro, Syed Azeem Imam, Mr. Poorab Sarhan, Mr. Shah Mohammad Butt, Mr. Mohammad Ameen Khawaja, Mr. Muhammad Danish Mujtaba, Mr. Muzaffar Ali Shah, Mr. Shafique Ahmed, Syeda Kiran Shirazi, Ms. Quratulain Memon, Mr. Shairan Najeeb, Mr. Qasim Khawaja, Mr. Ghulam Ali Ramejo, Dr. Mohammad Afzal Chhajro, Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Jatoi, Mr. Shoaib Ahmed Abro, Mr. Muhammad Kashif, Mr. Fayaz Ali Tunio, Mr. Sunil Kumar, Mr. Sudheer Ahmed, Mr. Nizamuddin Ansari, Mr. Ali Mohammad, and Mr. Khurshid Ahmed.,

## Awards For Organisers/Co-Chairs/Moderators of Technical Sessions



Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU gave away shields to the faculty members of SMIU who actively participated in arrangements of the international conferences, held during the 1<sup>st</sup> SMIU Global Research Congress (GRC), as organisers/co-chairs/moderators. Convener of the GRC Dr. Zahid Ali Chanar was accompanied the vice chancellor.

The ceremony was attended by CEC Members included Mr. Asif Hussain Samo, Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Dr. Subhash Babu, Dr. Aamir Iqbal Umrani, Dr. Ambreen Fazal, Ms. Quratulain Nazeer, Anwer Abro, Abdul Waheed Jatoi, Mr. Asif Ghafar, chairpersons and heads of different academic and administrative departments, faculty members, officers, staff members and students. Assistant Professor Wafa Mansoor Buriro conducted the program. Following faculty members received the shields:

**2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Computing and Related Technologies, organised by Faculty of Information Technology:**

Syed Mohammad Hassan Zaidi, Lecturer, Syeda Wajiha Naim, Lecturer, Syeda Nazia Ashraf, Lecturer, Ms. Saima Sipy Nangraj, Lecturer, and Ms. Sahar Zafar Jumani, Lecturer.

**2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Management, Business, and Leadership organised by Faculty of Management, Business**

**Administration & Commerce:**

Mr. Muzafar Ali Shah, Lecturer, Mr. Shafeeq Ahmed, Lecturer, Mr. Muhammad Danish Mujtaba, Lecturer, Ms. Sahar Channa, Lecturer and Mr. Faris Mahar, Lecturer.

**1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Green and Sustainable Environment organised by Faculty of Sciences:**

Dr. Mohammad Hashim Zubairi, Assistant Professor, Dr. Hina Shehnaz, Assistant Professor, Mr. Naem Akhtar Samoon, Lecturer, Mr. Khalid Hassan, Lecturer and Ms. Ambreen Aziz, Lecturer.

**1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Media and Social Development organised by Faculty of Social Sciences:**

Mr. Muhammad Kamal Lakho, Assistant Professor and Dr. Sana Shahid, Assistant Professor.

**1<sup>st</sup> International Conference on Reimagining Applied Linguistics, Education, and Pedagogy, organised by Faculty of Education and the Faculty of Language & Culture:**

Dr. Sumbul Ansar Khan, Assistant Professor, Mr. Abdul Karim Suhag, Lecturer, Mr. Ajab Ali Lashari, Lecturer, Dr. Munir Moosa Sadruddin, Assistant Professor, Lecturer, Mr. Hatesh Kumar, Lecturer, Syeda Kiran Shirazi, Lecturer, Dr. Umair Rais Uddin, Assistant Professor, Mr. Inayatullah Magsi, Assistant Professor and Ms. Samreen Javed, Lecturer.

## Appreciation Certificates for Staff Members



Vice Chancellor SMIU Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai along with Convener of the GRC Dr. Zahid Ali Channar gave away certificates of appreciation to the staff members, who devotedly worked during the GRC. Amongst the recipients were:

Mr. Zulfiqar Ali Mallah, Mr. Sajid Ali Lashari, Mr. Farhan, Ms. Sumaira, Mr. Zeeshan Bajwa, Ms. Tahira Shaheen, Mr. Mohammad Azeem, Mr. Nasir Rafi, Mr. Naimatullah, Mr. Ghulam Samadani, Mr. Mir Hassan, Mr. Rafique Korai, Mr. Bakhshan, Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Mallah, Mr. Ali Gohar, Mr. Ibrahim Khan, Mr. Mushtaq, Mr. Siraj, Mr. Junaid Sarwar, Mr. Abdul Razzaq Bhutto, Mr. Sajjad Memon, Mr. Amjad Soomro, Mr. Ahmed and Mr. Amjad Khan

## Appreciation Certificates for Students



SMIU's those talented students who performed their duties as young leaders and volunteers during the GRC, received appreciation certificates from the vice chancellor of SMIU Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai. Convener of the CEC Dr. Zahid Ali Channar was accompanied the vice chancellor. Amongst the recipients were:

Ramsha Javed, Falak Naz, Kashif Ali, Adeeba Mohammad Ali, Iqra Soomro, Manu yadav, Mohammad Zubair Hussain, Maham, Ahmad Hassan, Abdul Rahim, Mohammad Asloob Tahir, Ashia Jabbar, Pawan Kumar, Narindar Kumar, Shehroz Shahbaz, Areeba Sharif, Gulsher Aftab, Iqra Aziz, Tooba Shah, Mohammad Ahsan Khan, Aamna, Alishba Memon, Sartaj Ahmed, Devyani Bhatagra, Sanaullah Mahessar, Areesha Mohammad Arif, Dua Hamza, Zahid Ali Shah, Mohammad Haseeb, Mohammad Mairaj Khan, Nidra Akram, Mohammad Osama, Mohammad Ahmaduddin, Abdullah Magsi, Mahesh Chandar, Ume Rabab, Mohammad Shafique and Shahryar.



## Musical Event

On the evening of the second and final day of the 1<sup>st</sup> Global Research Congress and five International Conferences, the event's organizers arranged a musical program at the inner courtyard of the university's Main Building. The country's popular singer, Mr. Arshad Mahmood, along with other vocalists, performed mystic songs. The audience was captivated by their voices as they resonated through the area, singing the mystic song "Sindhri Da, Sehwan Da Shahbaz Qalander..."

Vice Chancellor of SMIU, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, along with vice chancellors from other universities, esteemed guests, and the congress organizers including Mr. Asif Hus-sain Samo, Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Dr. Aamir Iqbal Umrani, and Dr. Asif Hussain Wagan, joined other organizers, deans, chairpersons, faculty members, administrative staff, and students to attend the mesmerizing musical event. ■



## Artistic Displays and Media Wall

These were a few unique artistic installations at SMIU, including media walls, that were created by the organizers of the 1<sup>st</sup> Global Research Congress. This artistic work presented a beautiful appearance and attracted a large number of students, visitors, and employees of SMIU during the days of the congress. (Photo credit: SMIU students - Darpan, M. Sajid, Haseeb, and Waqar.)



### Book Stalls

Prominent publishing houses from Karachi and Hyderabad, namely Peacock Publisher, Karachi, and Kaveeta Publisher, Hyderabad, set up book stalls during the GRC. These stalls were placed near the Khan Bahadur Hassanally Effendi Library of SMIU. Visitors, faculty, administrative staff, and students visited the book stalls in great numbers and purchased books based on their interests.

### Media Team

A media team comprised of SMIU's students had also been formed to cover different technical sessions running parallel on different venues during the GRC, but due to lack of space we have not appended their reports in this issue of the Chronicle. The team members were: Ahmed Khan, Arsalan Khalid, Devyani Bhatagra, Adeeba M. Ali, Dua Aveesh Hamza, Hamna Lakhani, Mahesh Chander, Manuela Maria, Sadaf Khalid and Urooj Fatima Kamal.

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