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Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor SMIU hoisting the flag on the Independence Day of Pakistan, marked on 14th August 2024. (Report on page 06)



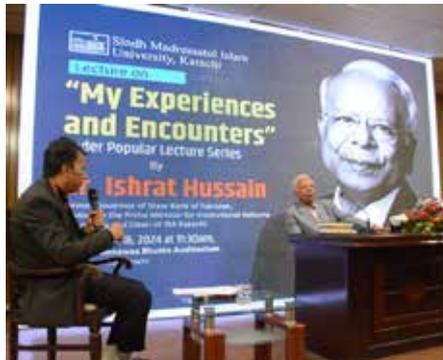
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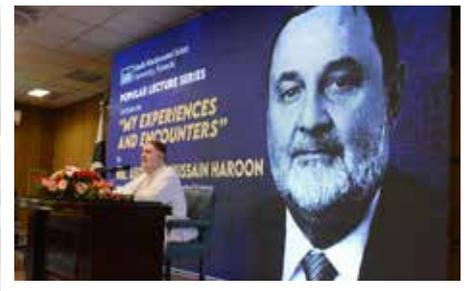
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# Vice Chancellor's Note

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We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the Honourable Chief Minister of Sindh, Syed Murad Ali Shah, for visiting one of the country's historic and prestigious institutions-Sindh Madresatul Islam University (SMIU)-and inaugurating the Prof. Hashmatullah Lodi Youth Development Center on December 5, 2025. The center has been established by SMIU with the support of the Sindh Higher Education Commission. It was a moment of great pride and joy for the entire SMIU community when the Honourable Chief Minister announced the construction of a new multi-storey building for the Alma Mater of Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah. He also announced that SMIU will be included in the Sindh Educational Endowment Fund for sustainability of historical infrastructure and strengthening of the university.

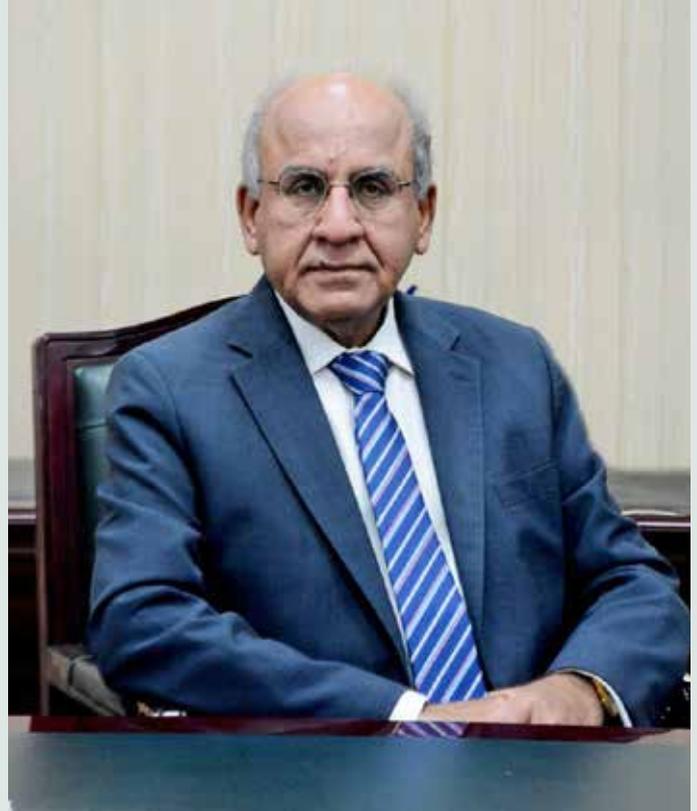
It is a well-known fact that SMIU currently faces space constraints for its academic and administrative functions. A significant number of students from across the country aspire to study at this esteemed institution; however, due to limited infrastructure, we are unable to accommodate them all. To manage this challenge, SMIU conducts classes in two shifts-morning and evening—across more than 42 academic programs.

Although a six-storey I.T. Tower was added to the university's infrastructure three years ago, the need for another multi-storey academic building remains urgent. Currently, SMIU serves more than 5,500 students, and the addition of new facilities will allow us to admit more deserving students in the future.

It is worth mentioning that alongside providing quality education, SMIU continues to enhance student facilities. Recognizing the significance of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in today's world, SMIU has established a state-of-the-art Artificial Intelligence Lab at the I.T. Tower. We are especially thankful to the Sindh Higher Education Commission and its Chairman, Dr. Tariq Rafi, for their consistent support. The AI Lab became fully operational in October 2024.

Furthermore, SMIU has developed a Coffee House near the Khan Bahadur Hassanally Effendi Library to offer a recreational and social space for students, faculty, and staff, who are already benefiting from this new facility.

Over the past four and a half years, SMIU has implemented cost-cutting measures to ensure financial sustainability. We are pleased to report that the university achieved a budget surplus for the financial year 2023-24—a historic milestone that reflects sound financial and administrative policies. By conserving existing resources and utilizing them judiciously, SMIU has successfully generated its own finan-



cial support. Despite these prudent financial measures, the university's development continued without interruption.

Since August 2020, SMIU has made remarkable progress: organizing 11 international conferences; establishing the I.T. Tower; inaugurating the Allama I.I. Kazi Library (located in the I.T. Tower), the Ibrahim Mullah Hi-Tech Lab, the Artificial Intelligence Lab, the National Incubation Center (in collaboration with the Punjab I.T. Board), the Prof. Hashmat Lodi Youth Development Center, and the Coffee House.

SMIU also prioritizes the holistic development of its students, aiming to groom them into future leaders. In this regard, the university consistently provides platforms for student engagement in major campus events. In just the past six months (July-December 2024), SMIU successfully hosted several large-scale activities, including a three-day Pakistan Independence Day celebration, the 140th Foundation Day of SMI, and a three-day Students' Gala. Students actively participated as both organizers and attendees, showcasing their talents and commitment.

As members of the SMIU community-administration, faculty, students, and staff—we pledge to continue striving for greater accomplishments and adding new chapters of success to the legacy of this historic institution.

**Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai**

# Meetings, Visits & Events

## Vice Chancellor SMIU attends Independence Day of America



The Vice Chancellor of Sindh Madressatul Islam University, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai attended the 248th U.S. Independence Day reception held on July 5, 2024, at the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad. On this occasion he met with U.S. Ambassador Mr. Donald Blome and exchanged views on matters related to higher education.

## SMIU Observes Youm-e-Istehsal-e-Kashmir

Sindh Madressatul Islam University observed Youm-e-Istehsal-e-Kashmir on August 5, 2024, with a strong national spirit. To express solidarity with the Kashmiri people, a rally was organized by the Directorate of Students Affairs and Counseling (DSA), led by Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai. The rally proceeded through the



nearby roads of SMIU and concluded at the Main Building of the university.

Following the rally, a program was held at the university auditorium, presided over by the Vice Chancellor. In his address, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai condemned the occupation of Kashmir and the detention, torture, and killings of innocent Kashmiri people by Indian forces. He called for the right of self-determination for occupied Kashmir in accordance with UN resolutions.

Deans of SMIU, Dr. Zahid Ali Chanar and Dr. Jamshed Adil, along with Director DSA Mr. Muhammad Naeem Ahmed and students, also spoke on the



occasion. They emphasized the need for global support for the legitimate struggle of the Kashmiri people and urged the international community to pressure India to cease its brutality and acknowledge Kashmir's right to self-determination. A documentary on Kashmir was also screened during the event.

## Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai Meets With Sindh Culture Minister

Vice Chancellor of Sindh Madressatul Islam University, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, attended the Centennial Birth Anniversary of the pioneer of modern Sindhi short stories, Mr. Jamal Abro. The event was organized by the Department of Culture, Tourism, Antiquities & Archives, Government of Sindh, on July 30, 2024, at the Pakistan Arts Council of Karachi. During the celebration, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai met with



Provincial Minister for Culture, Tourism, Antiquities & Archives, Syed Zulfiqar Ali Shah, Secretary Government of Sindh, Mr. Sajid Jamal Abro, President Pakistan Arts Council of Karachi, Syed

Ahmed Shah, along with noted historians and writers Mr. Badar Abro, Dr. Kaleem Lashari, Nasir Panhwar, and others. Mr. Jamal Abro (May 2, 1924 – June 30, 2004) had served in various positions, including as a Judge of the Sindh High Court and Secretary of the Provincial Assembly of Sindh. His father, Allama Ali Khan Abro, was a distinguished alumnus of Sindh Madressatul Islam.

## SMIU's Academic Council meeting held

The 14th meeting of the Academic Council of Sindh Madressatul Islam University was held on Tuesday, December 10, 2024, at the Senate Hall of the university, chaired by Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai. The council extensively discussed research initiatives, the introduction of new academic programs and subjects, resource availability, HEC guidelines, and the academic performance of the university, leading to several key decisions.

During the meeting, the minutes of the 12th and 13th Academic Council meetings, along with reports



from various Boards of Studies, Boards of Faculties, and other committees, were approved. The council also endorsed the "Research Ethics Policy and Guidelines 2024" and its "Ethical Review Board (ERB)". The policy aims to establish a comprehensive ethical framework ensuring that all research conducted under the university's auspices adheres to the highest standards of integrity, respect, beneficence, and justice. It applies to faculty, staff, students, contractual employees, and external collaborators utilizing significant university resources for research.

Additionally, the "Graduate/Postgraduate Study Policy 2023" of HEC was approved based on the recommendations of the Advanced Studies and Research Board (ASRB). The Vice Chancellor directed the Director of Postgraduate Programs, Registrar, and Controller of Examinations to inform students about the new "Research Ethics Policy and Guidelines" and organize

awareness sessions for researchers on preparing research projects.

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai commended the efforts of the faculty, deans, and chairpersons in promoting quality education, maintaining discipline, and streamlining academic and co-academic activities. He emphasized that, as per university statutes, deans and chairpersons are responsible for monitoring teaching processes, academic progress, and departmental development. He encouraged faculty members to engage in self-assessment and continuous improvement.

Highlighting the importance of regular statutory body meetings, the Vice Chancellor reiterated his commitment to ensuring that such discussions help resolve academic challenges, enhance the quality of education, improve teaching methodologies, and strengthen academic and administrative functions at the university.

# 3-Day Independence Day Celebrations



*Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai leads Azadi Walk and participates in flag hoisting, cake cutting ceremonies and tree plantation campaign:*

Sindh Madressatul Islam University, the alma mater of the founder of Pakistan, Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah, and other prominent leaders of the Pakistan Movement, celebrated the 78th Independence Day of Pakistan from August 12 to August 14 with great enthusiasm, national spirit, and patriotic zeal.

The celebrations featured a series of activities designed to



express love and reverence for the country and its people. Various events were organized over three days, fostering unity and patriotism among students, faculty, and staff. Below are the details of the key activities held during this momentous occasion:

## Day One:

### Jashn-e-Azadi Cricket Series

The 78th Independence Day celebrations at Sindh Madressatul Islam University kicked off on Monday, August 12, 2024, with an exhilarating Jashn-e-Azadi Friendly Cricket Series at Hamdard University's Main Campus.

Boys' Team of SMIU displayed outstanding skill and teamwork, securing a 2-1 victory in the series, bringing pride to the university. Meanwhile, SMIU's Girls' Team exhibited remarkable sportsmanship and determination, earning the Runner-up position in a closely contested competition.

## Day Two:

### Students Activities at SMIU's Auditorium

On Tuesday, August 13, 2024, the Directorate of Students Affairs organized engaging Independence Day activities at Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium of Sindh Madressatul Islam University. The event was graced by Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai as the Chief Guest.

The celebration commenced with a recitation from the Holy Quran, followed by the National Anthem, during which the audience stood in its honor.

In his speech, Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai congratulated the nation on Pakistan's 78th Independence Day and paid tribute to Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah, a distinguished alumnus of SMI, along with other leaders of the Pakistan Movement for their peaceful and determined struggle.

Dr. Sahrai urged the youth to value their freedom, remain optimistic, and play an



active role in fostering peace, harmony, and development in Pakistan. He emphasized that despite the challenges faced by Muslim leaders before 1947, their unwavering commitment under Quaid-e-Azam's leadership led to the creation of an independent nation. He further highlighted the importance of honoring Quaid's ideology by working for progress without discrimination.

Additionally, Dr. Sahrai pointed out that overpopulation remains a major challenge for the country, stressing the need for effective population control to manage limited resources efficiently.

Earlier, Director DSA, Mr. Muhammad



Naem Ahmed, welcomed the audience and outlined the three-day celebrations scheduled from August 12 to August 14. Dean Dr. Jamshed Adil, Dr. Subhash Babu, Chairman, Department of Social & Development Studies, Mr. Muhammad Naem Ahmed, Director DSA and students Abdul Basit, Sana Ali, Khushi Bai, and Abdul Samad delivered thought-provoking speeches, while Laiba and Habiba captivated the audience with patriotic songs.

To conclude the event, Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai and university officials distributed certificates to students who actively participated in the Independence Day celebrations.

## Day Three: 14th August-A Mega Event:

Sindh Madressatul Islam University organized various activities to celebrate Pakistan's Independence Day on Wednesday, August 14, 2024, with patriotic zeal and national spirit. The celebrations began with Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai performing the flag-hoisting ceremony and cake-cutting at 9:00 AM. He then led the Azadi Walk within the campus, accompanied by deans, faculty members, academic department heads, administrative staff, teachers of SMIU Model School, officers, employees, and students. The walk concluded at the university's main ground.

At the playground corner near Talpur House, The Vice Chancellor planted a sapling as part of a tree plantation drive organized by SMIU faculty. The initiative was led by Mr. Asif Hussain Samo, Assis-

tant Professor, Ms. Quratulain Nazeer, Assistant Professor and Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Advisor to the Vice Chancellor on Academics. The Vice Chancellor praised the faculty's dedication towards the development and beautification of the university, expressing his pride in their commitment to SMIU's progress. Mr. Asif Hussain Samo also shared his views, emphasizing that the faculty is devoted to the university's growth and actively contributes to various initiatives.

Following the plantation drive, the Directorate of Students Affairs organized an Independence Day Celebration at SMIU's Auditorium where, in his address, Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai congratulated the nation on behalf of SMIU, the alma mater of Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah. He emphasized that a true tribute to Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah and other leaders of the independence movement would be to work for Pakistan with honesty and dedication.

Dr. Sahrai stressed the need for loyalty-not just to the country but also to one's profession, institution, and community. He highlighted that education is the foun-



ation of national prosperity and called for urgent reforms in primary education. He stated that quality primary education will produce successful generations who



will transform the destiny of Pakistan, ultimately freeing the country from economic difficulties and reliance on loans from IMF and other financial institutions.

He also reflected on SMIU's financial stability, noting that when he took charge in August 2020, the university faced a 60% financial deficit. However, through strict financial management and cost-cutting measures, SMIU is now running in surplus. He added that in the last four years, he had never traveled abroad on university funds and that the institution generated its own resources to sustain both SMIU and its Model School without financial difficulties. He suggested that other institutions in the country adopt similar policies for sustainability.

Dean Dr. Zahid Ali Channar delivered a speech focusing on Pakistan's economic challenges, recalling that in the 1960s, Pakistan was a lender to other countries, but today, it relies on foreign loans. He urged collective efforts for national progress and emphasized the role of teachers in shaping society. The event



also featured a patriotic song by Syeda Nazia Ashraf, Lecturer, SMIU, a speech on the significance of Independence Day by Taqleed (Student), and event proceedings conducted by Ms. Zonaira Jalali, Manager, DSA. The celebrations concluded with a strong message of unity, dedication, and responsibility towards Pakistan's bright future.





## Plantation Drive By Faculty Members



**The Vice Chancellor pays great tribute to the Father of the Nation Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah**



Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU, paid a heartfelt tribute to the Father of the Nation, Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah, on his 76th death anniversary, observed on September 11, 2024. He remarked that Jinnah’s passing, just a year after Pakistan’s independence, was a tremendous loss for the nation, as it was deprived of its greatest leader at a crucial time.

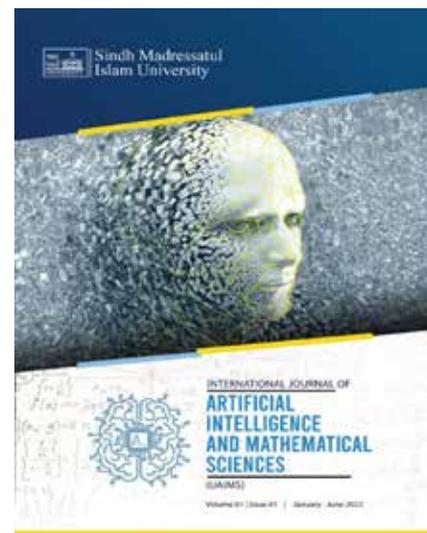
Dr. Sahrai proudly highlighted Quaid-e-Azam’s deep connection with his alma mater, Sindh Madressatul Islam. He noted that Jinnah had bequeathed one-third of his residual property to SMI through his Last Will and had personally inaugurated its college on June 21, 1943. The Vice Chancellor emphasized the importance of upholding Jinnah’s legacy—his ideology, brotherhood, honesty, and unwavering commitment to the country and its people.

**HEC recognizes SMIU’s Three Research Journals**

Three prestigious research journals of Sindh Madressatul Islam University have achieved the “Y” Category ranking, marking a significant milestone in academic excellence at the university. The announcement was made by the editorial boards of SMIU’s research journals on October 2, 2024. The recognized jour-

SMIU’s research journals, along with other research publications from the university, uphold rigorous academic standards and maintain a double-blind review process to ensure the highest level of scholarly contribution.

This achievement reflects SMIU’s dedication to advancing



nals are: 1. Journal of Business Administration and Management Sciences (JOBAMS), 2. International Journal of Artificial Intelligence & Mathematical Sciences (IJAIMS) and 3. Journal of Social Sciences and Media Studies (JOSSAMS).

research, fostering innovative thinking, and contributing valuable insights to academia. The university remains committed to inspiring its faculty and students to enhance research output and make meaningful contributions across various fields.

## Sindh HEC chairman inaugurates Artificial Intelligence Lab at SMIU



The Chairman of the Sindh Higher Education Commission (HEC), Dr. Tariq Rafi, along with the Vice Chancellor of Sindh Madressatul Islam University, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, inaugurated the Artificial Intelligence Computing Lab (AI Lab) at SMIU's I.T. Tower on Monday, October 21, 2024. The lab, established with a grant from Sindh HEC under its Laboratory Strengthening Programme, is designed to provide hands-on experience to final-year and postgraduate students at SMIU using the latest AI technologies.

In his speech, Dr. Tariq Rafi emphasized that it is the core responsibility of Sindh HEC to equip universities in Sindh with modern I.T. facilities. He acknowledged the historical significance of SMIU due to its association with Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah, stating that Sindh HEC prioritizes the university's development. He further assured continued support

for the expansion of the AI Lab and announced training programs for department heads and deans to enhance their financial and administrative expertise.

Dr. Tariq Rafi also highlighted the efforts of the Sindh government, particularly Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah, in improving higher education in the province. He noted that the Chief Minister is well aware of the challenges faced by higher education institutions and supports Sindh HEC in strengthening their performance and growth.

Acknowledging Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai's contributions, Dr. Tariq Rafi praised his commitment to the advancement of higher education and commended his leadership in developing SMIU.

Speaking at the event, Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai emphasized the growing significance of artificial intelligence, stating that establishing AI labs for academic and research purposes is essential in today's competitive world. He stressed that AI is transforming industries and that SMIU, recognizing its



importance, has taken a step forward in creating this facility for students and faculty.

Dr. Sahrai also expressed gratitude to Dr. Tariq Rafi for his continuous support in strengthening SMIU's academic, administrative, and research activities. He acknowledged the role of Sindh HEC in advancing higher education and praised Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah for increasing the budgets of major universities in Sindh, preventing their closure.

Earlier, Dean of the Faculty of Information Technology, Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, and Chairperson of the Department of Artificial Intelligence, Dr. Mansoor Ahmed Khuhro, highlighted the importance of the AI Lab and its role in academic and research advancements.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by Deans Dr. Zahid Ali Channar and Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, Advisor on Academics Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Registrar Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Shaikh, Director of Student Affairs Mr. Muhammad Naeem Ahmed, department chairpersons, faculty members, administrative heads, and officers. The session was conducted by Syeda Wajiha Naim, Lecturer at the Department of Software Engineering.



Sindh Madressatul Islam University celebrated its 140th Foundation Day with great enthusiasm and commitment. The three-day celebrations, organized by the Directorate of Students' Affairs and Counselling (DSA), commenced on September 1 and concluded on September 3, 2024.

led by Dr. Akbar Ali Chandio, presented a poem dedicated to SMI, while recorded messages from SMIU alumni, currently studying abroad or serving in various organizations within Pakistan, were screened. The event paid tribute to SMI's founder, Khan Bahadur Hassanally Effendi, and its distinguished alumnus, Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah, along with other prominent figures associated with the institution.



The grand ceremony took place on Monday, September 2, 2024, at the Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium of the university. Students from both SMIU Model School and the university performed folk songs and delivered speeches highlighting the historic role of SMI in modern education during both the pre- and post-independence periods of Pakistan. A group of students,

Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, along with students, deans, and university officers, participated in a cake-cutting ceremony. As a gesture of appreciation, Dr. Sahrai personally awarded Rs.2,000 to each student from SMIU Model School and Rs. 3,000 to each university student who performed during the event, emphasizing that these contributions came from his own pocket rather than university funds.



In his address, Dr. Sahrai spoke about the social and educational conditions of the region during British colonial rule. He highlighted the visionary leadership and tireless efforts of Khan Bahadur Hassanally Effendi in establishing Sindh Madressatul Islam as a modern educational institution for the children of Sindh. He emphasized that British rule was a particularly challenging period for Muslims, as they were deprived of fundamental rights and excluded from official positions and privileges. This social injustice compelled Hassanally Effendi and his associates to establish a progressive institution that would educate future generations in accordance with contemporary needs. De-



spite coming from a lower-middle-class background and starting his career as a clerk, Hassanally Effendi recognized that modern education was the key to restoring the dignity and progress of the community.

Dr. Sahrai outlined three significant stages in SMI's history: its founding as a school on September 1, 1885, its elevation to a college on June 21, 1943, inaugurated by Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah, and its transformation into a university on February 16, 2012. He affirmed that throughout this journey, SMI has remained steadfast in its mission to provide modern and quality education to younger generations. He also under-

scored the importance of Sindh Madressatul Islam School as an integral part of SMIU and expressed his commitment to its further development.

Reflecting on his tenure as vice chancellor, Dr. Sahrai recounted the financial challenges he encountered upon assuming office in August 2020. He was dismayed to find that SMI Model School was being funded entirely by the university's budget, an unsustainable practice. To address this issue, he secured a separate budget of Rs. 90 million from the Government of Sindh for the school. He further noted that before his leadership, SMIU was operating with a financial deficit of over 60% and had an enrollment of only 1,800 students. However, through strategic financial management, the university is now running in surplus, with enrollment exceeding 5,500 students. Looking ahead, he pledged to further develop both SMIU and its Model School over the next four years, with a focus on internationalization and improving university rankings.

Dr. Sahrai emphasized the importance of making educational institutions financially and academically sustainable, as they are the pillars of national development. He urged a shift away from conventional approaches to education, stressing the need for commitment and efficiency in the fast-paced 21st century, where every moment must be utilized effectively.

He also reflected on his role as the senior-most vice chancellor in Sindh, stating that he considers himself a professor not



just for the university, for the province but for the entire country and the world. He encouraged all individuals to remain loyal to their institutions, provinces, and nation, while also embracing global responsibility. He underscored the potential of younger generations, asserting that they are the future leaders of the country and must be nurtured and guided in the right direction by educational institutions.

Earlier in the event, Mr. Naem Ahmed, Director of DSA, delivered the welcome address, while Deans Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto and Dr. Zahid Ali Channar also spoke. The ceremony was attended by a large number of students, faculty members, officers, and staff, reflecting the collective commitment to honoring SMI's rich legacy and vision for the future.



Following the tournament, Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Advisor on Academic Affairs, and Mr. Mohammad Naem Ahmed, Director of DSA, distributed certificates to the participants in recognition of their efforts.

## Table Tennis Tournament

To commemorate SMI's Foundation Day, the Directorate of Students' Affairs (DSA) organized a Table Tennis Tournament between male and female students of the university on Monday, September 2, 2024, at the university premises. Fol-

## SMIU Coffee House

On the final day of the celebrations, Tuesday, September 3, 2024, the Vice Chancellor of SMIU, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, inaugurated the newly established Coffee House.

Addressing the participants at the inauguration ceremony, Dr. Sahrai described the Coffee House as a valuable addition to SMIU's facilities for students, faculty, and staff. He emphasized that Sindh Madressatul Islam University is a national heritage and an integral part of history and culture, and therefore, it is being preserved and beautified accordingly. He also informed attendees that various development projects at the university are underway and will be completed soon.

He stressed that all stakeholders must take responsibility for maintaining the university's historical buildings, as they are valuable assets not only for the institution but also for the country. He highlighted that SMIU's old stone buildings are a living part of history and must be preserved. He commended the Endowment Fund Trust (EFT), Sindh, for its ongoing renovation work on the 124-year-old Talpur House, built in July 1901, and expressed hope that EFT would also undertake the renovation of the university's Main Building, which dates back to 1890 and served as the early alma mater of Pakistan's founder, Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah.





The Vice Chancellor directed the Department of Works and Services and other relevant officials to ensure the proper upkeep of the university's historic buildings, constructed during the British era, emphasizing the collective responsibility to maintain and protect this heritage.

Speaking about the Hassanally Effendi Library building, he noted that it was originally constructed in 1898 as the Principal's Bungalow with financial support from the Talpur rulers of Khairpur. In 1985, it was converted into a library. He urged students and library users to treat the building with care, as it is a significant symbol of SMIU's legacy.

Dr. Sahrai further stated that the Coffee House would serve students, faculty, officers, and other employees, fulfilling a long-standing need for such a facility. He mentioned that it had been established on an abandoned space within the university, located near the Khan Bahadur Hassanally Effendi area. He also commended the Department of Works and Services, the Advisor to the Vice Chancellor, the DSA team, and other key contributors for their efforts in bringing the Coffee House project to completion.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by deans, academic department chairpersons, faculty members, officers, employees, and students.





## SMIU commemorates Defence Day of Pakistan



Sindh Madressatul Islam University commemorated Pakistan's Defense Day on September 6, 2024, with national spirit, patriotism, and commitment. A heartfelt tribute was paid to the martyrs, heroes, and veterans of the 1965 war, reaffirming the pledge to defend and contribute to the nation's development.

Speaking at the commemorative program organized by the Directorate of Students' Affairs and Counselling at the university auditorium, Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai highlighted the bravery of Pakistan's soldiers during the 1965 war. He emphasized that their courage was strengthened by the unwavering national spirit of every citizen. He noted that even today, every force and every Pakistani remains dedicated to the country. He urged the nation to stand with its soldiers, who continue to fight terrorism both internally and at the borders, ensuring the country's safety.



Dr. Sahrai stressed the need for serious and thoughtful reflection on the nation's past, present, and future. He underscored the importance of strengthening national defense, economy, education, healthcare, food technology, food security, and addressing environmental challenges.

He further remarked that from traditional warfare to modern invisible wars,



Pakistan's forces have consistently defended the nation's geographical boundaries. He acknowledged the ongoing threats from extremists and internal and external adversaries but praised the armed forces for their sacrifices in protecting the country. He recalled the emotional support provided by the people during the 1965 war, particularly through the patriotic songs of Madam Noor Jehan, and urged citizens from all fields to extend similar encouragement to the armed forces today.

The Vice Chancellor also emphasized the crucial role universities must play in highlighting and promoting national interests. He expressed concern over elements working against the country and its institutions, stating that such individuals must be exposed as they do not represent Pakistan's true spirit. He urged misguided youth to choose the right path, stressing that economic strength is vital for national progress. He called on the younger generation to adopt a positive approach and con-



tribute to the country's development.

Director DSA, Mr. Muhammad Naeem Ahmed, in his speech, honored the bravery and sacrifice of Pakistan's soldiers, who not only defended the borders but also safeguarded the nation's values, freedom, and dignity. He described the event as a tribute to national heroes and a reminder of the responsibility to carry forward their spirit of dedication and service.

Following the speeches, certificates were distributed among the participating students. The event featured national songs, tableaux, and speeches by students of SMIU Model School and SMI University. A documentary on the 1965 war was also screened, paying homage to the nation's enduring resilience and unity.

## Syndicate's 30th Meeting held



The 30th meeting of the Syndicate of Sindh Madressatul Islam University was held on Thursday, September 19, 2024, under the chairmanship of Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai. The meeting extensively discussed various academic, administrative, and financial matters, and recommended the budget for the fiscal year 2024-25 to the university's Senate.

The Syndicate commended the Vice Chancellor, deans, faculty, and officers of the university for successfully organizing the 1st and 2nd Global Research Congresses and 11 international conferences over the past two years.

The meeting also appreciated the Government of Sindh's decision to grant a second tenure to Dr. Mujeeb

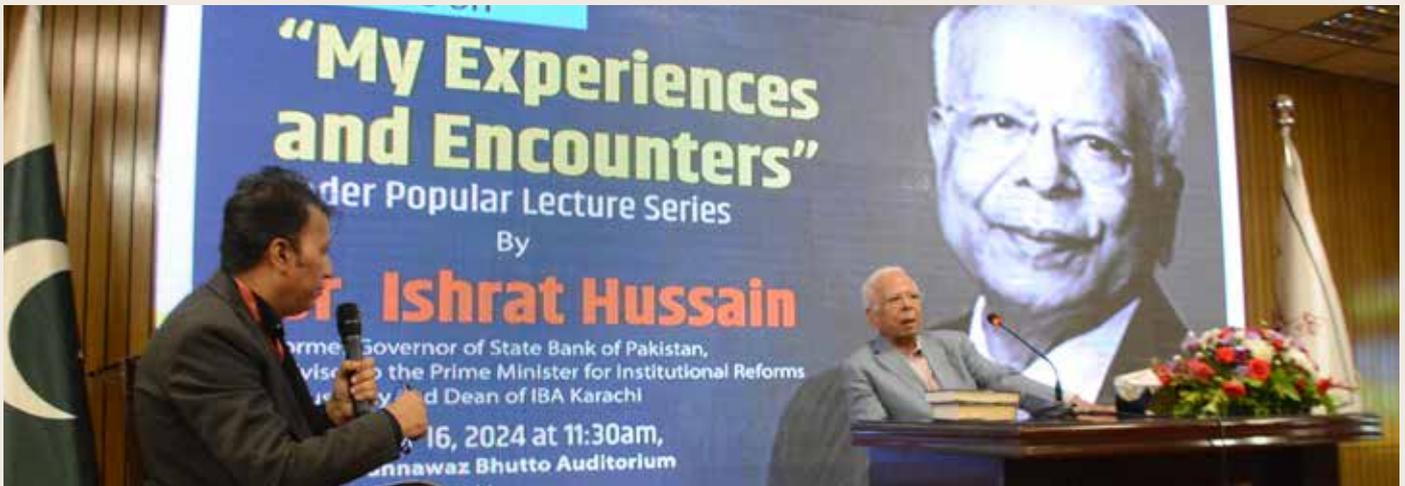
Sahrai as Vice Chancellor of SMIU. It was noted that continuity in leadership would further benefit the university. Reviewing Dr. Sahrai's performance, the Syndicate acknowledged that SMIU had overcome financial difficulties in the last four years and now operates with a surplus budget. Additionally, student enrollment has significantly increased from 1,800 to over 5,500 during this period.

The Syndicate emphasized that quality and modern education is crucial for national development and acknowledged SMIU's commitment to academic excellence through the efforts of its dedicated faculty.

In addition to the Vice Chancellor, the meeting was attended by Secretary for Universities and Boards

Mr. Abbas Baloch, Vice Chancellor of Mehran University of Engineering and Technology Prof. Dr. Tauha Hussain Ali, Vice Chancellor of Shaheed Allah Bukhsh Soomro University of Art, Design, and Heritages Jamshoro Prof. Dr. Arabella Bhutto, former minister Haji Hanif Tayyab, Ms. Nadira Punjwani, Dean of SMIU Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Registrar Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Shaikh, Advisor on Academics Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Chairperson Dr. Ambreen Fazal, Assistant Professors Mr. Asif Husain Samo, Mr. Muhammad Naem Ahmed, Ms. Quratulain Nazeer, as well as Mr. Mushtaq Gopang and Mr. Shafique Ahmed.

## Noted Economist Dr. Ishrat Hussain delivers lecture at SMIU



Former Governor of the State Bank of Pakistan, Advisor to the Prime Minister for Institutional Reforms & Austerity, and Dean of IBA Karachi, Dr. Ishrat Hussain, delivered a talk at Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU) on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, as part of the university's popular lecture series, "My Experiences and Encounters."

During his discussion with Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences at SMIU, Dr. Ishrat Hussain emphasized his belief in competition rather than favoritism (safariism). He encouraged students to focus on acquiring knowledge and working hard instead of merely chasing grades, stating that if they develop the right skills and dedication, opportunities will come to them rather than them having to seek jobs.

Reflecting on his educational journey, Dr. Ishrat Hussain credited his commitment to the selfless and dedicated teachers at the University of Sindh. He shared that his professors prioritized student success over personal gain, recalling how one of his teachers would stay after class to help him with a challenging subject. At that time, there was no culture of private tuition, and he stressed the need for educational reforms today.

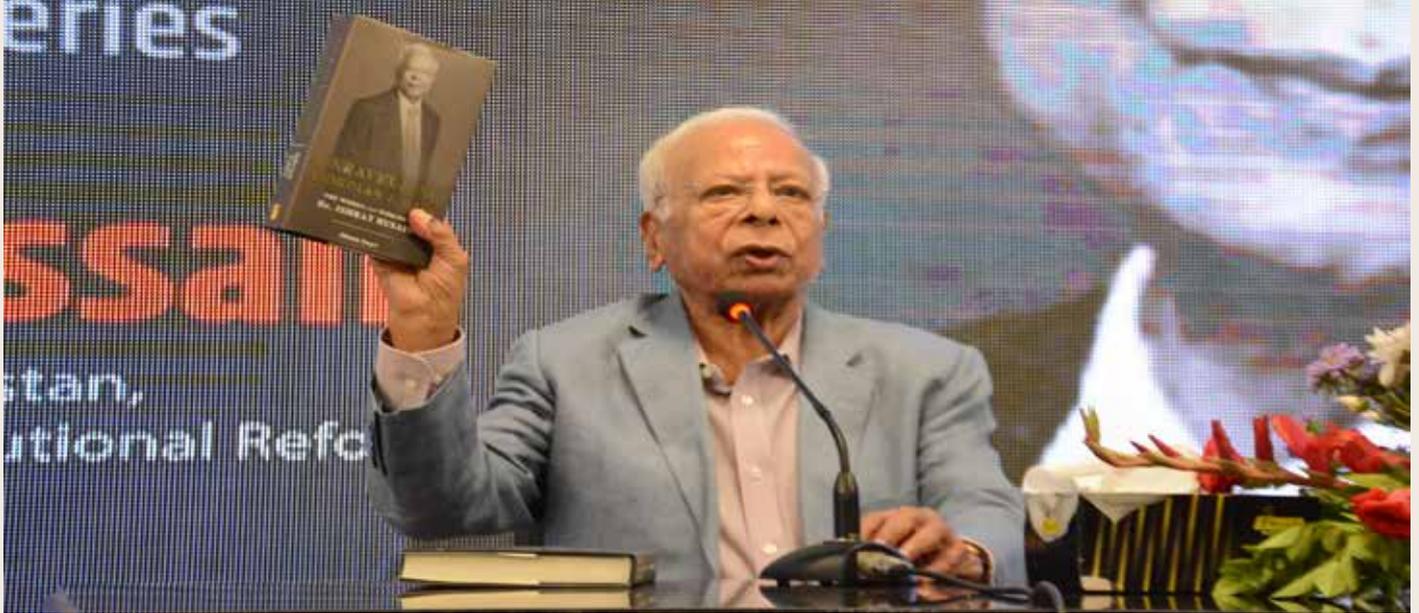


He also praised renowned academics such as Allama I.I. Kazi, Dr. Nabi Bux Khan Baloch, and Dr. Halepoto, acknowledging them as intellectual giants of Pakistan. He lamented the absence of such inspiring figures in contemporary times and emphasized the need for role models who can guide and motivate younger generations.

Dr. Ishrat Hussain further noted that during his student years, there were no ethnic divisions among students; instead, they shared strong friendships and camaraderie. He recalled contesting student union elections alongside Mazhar-ul-Siddiqui, former Vice Chancellor of the University of Sindh, and maintaining a lifelong friendship with Dr. Adeb Rizvi, who was then a student at Liaquat Medical College.

Dr. Ishrat Hussain shared that he received his schooling, college, and university education in Hyderabad, Sindh, as the University of Sindh was located there at the time. He emphasized the crucial role of school and college education in shaping a person's character and professionalism. He advised students never to lose hope and to believe in continuous hard work and perseverance.

Recalling his tenure as Deputy Commissioner of Shikarpur, Dr. Ishrat Hussain mentioned that female students from the area had to travel to Sukkur for college education. To address this issue, he took the initiative to establish a girls' college in Shikarpur. As a result, hundreds of girls pursued higher education and went on to hold prestigious positions in Pakistan and abroad.



Drawing from his own experiences, Dr. Ishrat Hussain stated that changing professions at different stages of life should not be considered a mistake. He started his career as a lecturer at the University of Sindh, later passed the competitive examination to become a civil servant, and subsequently joined various national and international organizations. He encouraged young people to choose careers based on their own interests and abilities rather than following the expectations of their parents or peers.

Regarding brain drain, Dr. Ishrat Hussain argued that it should not be viewed negatively. Instead, he encouraged individuals to study and gain professional experience abroad, acquire international exposure, and then return to Pakistan to contribute to national development.

Discussing the importance of local languages, he highlighted his fluency in Sindhi and Bengali. He shared that during his service in East Pakistan as a civil servant, he learned Bengali within six months, which helped him understand the challenges faced by the local people. He recounted how, upon his transfer back to West Pakistan, four major political parties in East Pakistan bid him farewell in recognition of his efforts to communicate in their language. He stressed that learning local languages fosters unity and strengthens interpersonal relationships, adding that those who fail to learn different languages may struggle to connect with others effectively.

Reflecting on his early life, Dr. Ishrat Hussain revealed that his family migrated from Agra, India, to Karachi via Surat during the creation of Pakistan when he was six or seven years old. He recalled suffering from severe seasickness during the journey, to the extent that his mother feared he might not survive. Upon reaching Karachi, his family was relocated to a refugee camp in Malir, which was a deserted area at the time. Later, they moved to



Hyderabad, Sindh, at the invitation of his aunt and uncle, who informed them about a vacant house left behind by its Hindu owners who had migrated to India.

Dr. Ishrat Hussain, in a lighter tone, shared an anecdote from his early years, recalling his participation in a procession alongside Shaikh Abdul Majeed Sindhi, a prominent leader of the Independence Movement. The protest was against the One Unit system, and ironically, he was later appointed as Deputy Secretary of the One Unit Dissolution Committee. He remarked that after the dissolution of One Unit in 1969, significant challenges arose in forming a new government in Sindh due to a lack of resources.

Dr. Ishrat Hussain expressed his appreciation for Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU) and its Vice Chancellor, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, for organizing the lecture. He emphasized the importance of engaging with the younger generation and sharing experiences to inspire them.

Earlier, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, in his introductory speech, provided a brief overview of Dr. Ishrat Hussain's remarkable career. He stated that Pakistan takes pride in Dr. Ishrat Hussain's contributions to national development through his vision, wisdom, and experience. Dr. Sahrai highlighted that the primary objective of such lecture programs is to introduce students to influential personalities who serve as role models in the country. He further noted that Dr. Ishrat Hussain has redefined the traditional role of an intellectual, demonstrating excellence in every field he has served.



Turkish Consul General Mr. Cemal Sangu also spoke on the occasion, acknowledging Dr. Ishrat Hussain's contributions to Pakistan's development. He mentioned that Dr. Ishrat Hussain has strong ties to Hyderabad, the city of Hassanally Effendi, and holds deep admiration for its historical significance. A question-and-answer session followed the speeches, allowing students and attendees to engage with Dr. Ishrat Hussain.

The session was moderated by Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences at SMIU, while Ms. Zonaira Jalali, Manager of the Directorate of Student Affairs (DSA), conducted the proceedings.

Towards the end of the event, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai presented souvenirs to the distinguished guest. The session was attended by deans, department chairpersons, faculty members, officers, students, and prominent personalities from the city.

## SMIU observes Kashmir Black Day



against innocent Kashmiris. The speakers urged the United Nations, the global community, and human rights organizations to raise their voices for Kashmir's right to self-determination and against the ongoing human rights violations and killings.



The Directorate of Students' Affairs and Counselling at Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU) organized Kashmir Black Day on Monday, October 28, 2024. The event featured a solidarity walk led by Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, accompanied by deans of various faculties, academic department chairpersons, officers, employees, and students. The walk was held within the university premises to express support for the Kashmiri people.

Following the walk, a solidarity program was held at the Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium, where Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Dean Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Director of Students' Affairs (DSA) Mr. Muhammad Naeem Ahmed, and students delivered speeches. They strongly condemned India's occupation of Kashmir and the use of brutal force

As part of the event, SMIU's Literary Society and Debating Society organized speech competitions and a short story writing contest focused on Kashmir. A documentary showcasing the struggles of the Kashmiri people and the atrocities committed in the region was also screened. The documentary was produced by SMIU's Media and Training Centre.

The event concluded with a Dua (prayer) led by Dr. Umair Raeesuddin, Assistant Professor at SMIU, for the Kashmiri people. The event was attended by deans, chairpersons, faculty members, officers, and students, who came together to express their support and solidarity with Kashmir.

## Turkish Ambassador Visits SMIU



Turkish Ambassador to Pakistan, Dr. Irfan Neziroglu, along with Turkish Consul General in Karachi, Mr. Cemal Sangu, visited Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU) on Thursday, November 21, 2024. During their visit, they held a meeting with SMIU Vice Chancellor, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, in the university's conference room.

The meeting focused on research, higher education, mysticism, and potential academic collaborations between SMIU and Turkish universities. The Turkish Ambassador agreed to establish partnerships with various academic departments of SMIU, particularly the Department of Business Administration, Department of Artificial Intelligence, Department of Media and Communication Studies, and Department of Social and Development Studies.

Dr. Irfan Neziroglu expressed full support for the establishment of the Jalal al-Din Muhammad Rumi Chair at SMIU's City Campus and assured efforts to affiliate it with Selçuk University and other universities in Konya.

During the discussion, Dr. Irfan

Neziroglu praised Khan Bahadur Hassanally Effendi, the founder of SMIU, for his contributions to modern education in the region and his strong ties with Türkiye during the Ottoman Empire.

In response, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai thanked the Turkish Ambassador and Consul General for their visit and their willingness to support SMIU in research and higher education. He highlighted the historic relations between SMIU and Türkiye, recalling that Khan Bahadur Hassanally Effendi had served as the Consul General of Türkiye in Karachi in the late 19th century. Additionally, he mentioned that Hassanally Effendi played a vital role in supporting the Ottoman Empire during its war with Russia by collecting and sending essential supplies from Sindh.

Dr. Sahrai further announced that SMIU plans to construct a new building in the near future, where an entire floor will be dedicated to the Maulana Rumi Chair and the Hassanally Effendi Museum. In response, Dr. Neziroglu assured that the Government of Türkiye will support this project.

As a token of appreciation, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai presented a souvenir to the distinguished guests.

Following the meeting, the Turkish Ambassador and Consul General, ac-



companied by the Vice Chancellor, visited the Jinnah Museum at SMIU, where they keenly observed relics of Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah and Khan Bahadur Hassanally Effendi.

## Turkish Consulate General organises conference on “Love for Türkiye in Pakistan in the Context of Hassan Ali Effendi”



The Turkish Consulate General in Karachi organized a conference on “Love for Türkiye in Pakistan in the Context of Hassan Ali Effendi” on November 8, 2024. The event honored the social and academic contributions of the great Muslim reformer and founder of Sindh Madressatul Islam (SMI), Khan Bahadur Hassanally Effendi

Vice Chancellor of Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU), Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, was also invited to speak at the event. He discussed the challenging circumstances under which Khan Bahadur Hassanally Effendi worked to uplift Muslims through education. He highlighted the establishment of Sindh Madressatul

than others written on the subject,” Dr. Sahrai stated, while expressing gratitude to Mr. Cemal Sangu for his affection and strong connection with Pakistan and Hassanally Effendi.

He further praised Mr. Cemal Sangu for consistently promoting the shared values and interests of Pakistan and Türkiye, stating that the conference



(1830-1895), while also highlighting his connection with Türkiye during the Ottoman Empire.

In his welcome address, Mr. Cemal Sangu, Consul General of Türkiye in Karachi, traced the historic relationship between Pakistan and Türkiye, emphasizing their deep-rooted ties. He reaffirmed that the brotherly Muslim nations would continue to strengthen their collaboration in education, culture, trade, and other fields.

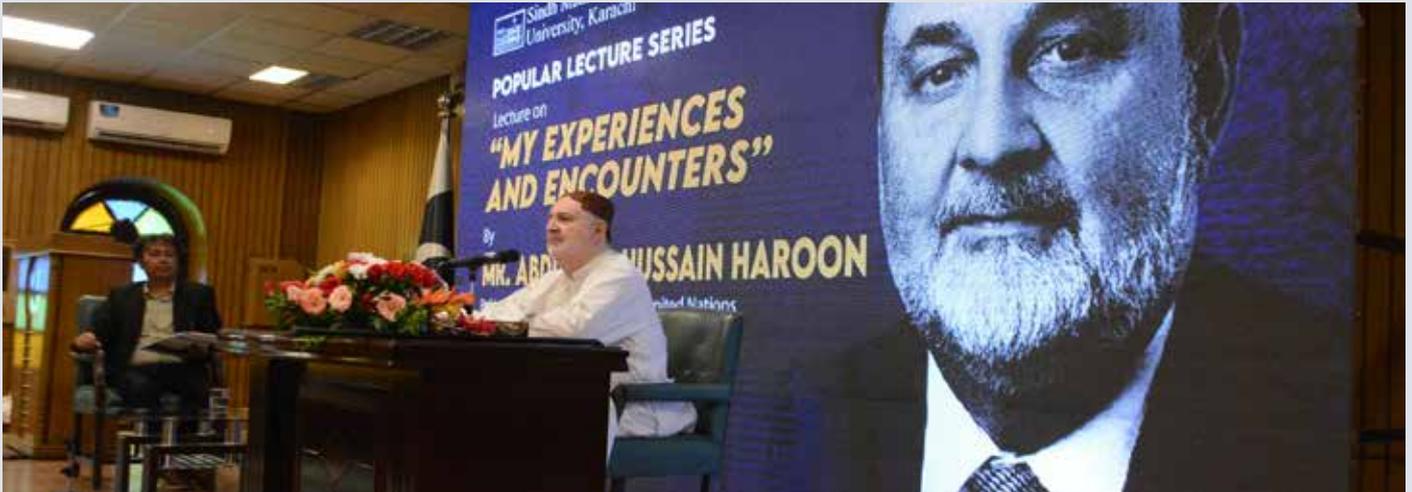


Islam in Karachi, which later became the alma mater of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah.

Dr. Sahrai announced that SMIU is set to publish an English translation of the biography of Khan Bahadur Hassanally Effendi, originally written by renowned author Mirza Qaleech Baig. “I believe this biography is more authentic

itself was a reflection of his deep love for Pakistan.

The event also featured speeches by Dr. Shaista Effendi, a descendant of Khan Bahadur Hassanally Effendi, along with prominent figures from various fields, who shared their perspectives on his legacy and the enduring Pakistan-Türkiye relationship.



## Abdullah Hussain Haroon delivers lecture at SMIU



islative reforms. He mentioned that during the tenure of Yusuf Haroon as Chief Minister of Sindh in 1950, the Sindh Assembly passed the Tenancy Act, granting farmers equal rights to agricultural produce.

Reflecting on Karachi's history and environmental challenges, he noted that while the city boasts historic colonial-era

Sindh Madressatul Islam University organized a lecture by Mr. Abdullah Hussain Haroon, Pakistan's former representative to the United Nations and former Speaker of the Sindh Assembly, on Monday, November 11, 2024. The lecture was part of SMIU's "Popular Lecture Series – My Experiences and Encounters" and took place at the Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium.

During his discussion with Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, Mr. Abdullah Hussain Haroon spoke about his early education in Karachi, his family's contributions to education, social work, politics, diplomacy, and philanthropy, as well as his professional career at both national and international levels. He also discussed education-related issues, environmental concerns, and the transformation of Karachi over time.

He highlighted the historic signifi-

cance of Sindh Madressatul Islam, where his grandfather, Sir Abdullah Haroon, and other distinguished personalities received their early education. He acknowledged the contributions of Sir Abdullah Haroon and Quaid-e-Azam Mu-



hammad Ali Jinnah in the creation of Pakistan and noted that his grandfather, alongside Aga Khan, had provided financial support to Aligarh University during its financial crisis.

Paying tribute to SMI's founder, Khan Bahadur Hassanally Effendi, and its teachers, he emphasized the crucial role of education in national development.

Discussing his family's role in parliamentary politics, he stated that his family had actively participated in shaping leg-

buildings, including those of Sindh Madressatul Islam, it now faces serious environmental concerns due to rapid population growth.

He warned that many residents of Karachi suffer from diseases caused by environmental pollution, with wind, water, and food contamination being major issues. He also pointed out that the city's waste has been polluting the sea for over a century. He stressed the need for youth awareness regarding environmental prob-



lems and urged relevant authorities to take effective measures.

Mr. Abdullah Hussain Haroon also expressed the view that many great writers, despite not holding formal degrees, contributed remarkable works due to their deep thinking. He suggested that universities establish debating halls where students can engage in discussions on original ideas and concepts.

He fondly remembered his late friend, Nisar Ali Effendi, the grandson of Hassanally Effendi, describing him as a highly honorable person. Speaking about the role of the United Nations, the former representative of Pakistan to the UN emphasized its significance as a global institution. He noted that the UN serves as a crucial platform where representatives from any country can seek conflict resolution or assistance. While acknowledging that the UN has not always met the high expectations placed upon it, he asserted that there is no alternative institution that could replace its role as an international forum.

Earlier, in his introductory speech,



Vice Chancellor of SMIU, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, welcomed the guest and highlighted Sir Abdullah Haroon's deep connection with his alma mater, Sindh Madrasah Islam. He stated that Sir Abdullah Haroon actively supported the institution and its students. He further acknowledged the contributions of the Haroon family to Pakistan's political and social landscape, adding that Mr. Abdullah Hussain Haroon has played a significant role in various charitable and social causes. Through the Haroon Charitable Foundation and other initiatives, he has supported education, healthcare, and community development

projects across Pakistan.

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai expressed his gratitude to Mr. Abdullah Hussain Haroon for taking the time to share his experiences and insights with the students of SMIU.

The session was moderated by Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, while Ms. Zonaira Jalali conducted the proceedings. In conclusion, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai presented a shield to the guest as a token of appreciation. The event was attended by deans, chairpersons, faculty members, heads of administrative departments, and a large number of students.

## Turkish Delegation holds meeting with the Vice Chancellor



Prof. Dr. Halil Toker, Director of Yunus Emre Institute Turkish Cultural Center in Islamabad, and Elam Ali Teepu, Turkish Lecturer at the University of Karachi, met with Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of Sindh Madressatul Islam University, at his office on Monday, December 9, 2024. During the meeting, it was decided to establish SMIU Pak Turkish Research Center at SMIU with the support of the Turkish government. The center aims to promote the language, culture, literature, and research of both Pakistan and Türkiye.

As part of this initiative, Turkish language courses will be introduced at SMIU, with an initial enrollment of 30 students, which will later be expanded.

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai highlighted the strong historical and cultural ties between Pakistan and Türkiye as brotherly Muslim nations. He emphasized that such practical steps would bring the people of both countries even closer. He further noted that SMIU shares a more than 140-year-old connection with Türkiye, as Khan Bahadur Hassanally Effendi, the founder of SMI, had served as the Consul General of Türkiye in Karachi during the Ottoman Empire. He also announced that SMIU is planning to establish a Rumi Chair at the university.



Prof. Dr. Halil Toker shared that the Turkish government, through its Embassy in Pakistan, plans to organize international conferences on Khan Bahadur Hassanally Effendi in both Islamabad and Türkiye. Additionally, he revealed that the biography of Hassanally Effendi, written by renowned Sindhi writer Mirza Qaleech Baig, will be translated into Turkish.

To facilitate coordination for the establishment of SMIU Pak Turkish Research Center at SMIU, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai nominated Dr. Subhash Babu, Chairperson of the Department of Social and

Development Studies, as the focal person for communication with Turkish officials in Pakistan. On this occasion, the Vice Chancellor and the Turkish delegation exchanged souvenirs as a gesture of mutual cooperation.

The meeting was attended by SMIU Deans Dr. Zahid Ali Channar and Dr. Jamsheed Adil Halepoto, Chairperson Dr. Subhash Babu, and Anwar Ali Abro, Director of the PR Department. Following the discussions, the Turkish delegation visited the Jinnah Museum and other departments of SMIU.



## Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah Inaugurates Prof. Hashmat Lodi Development Center at SMIU

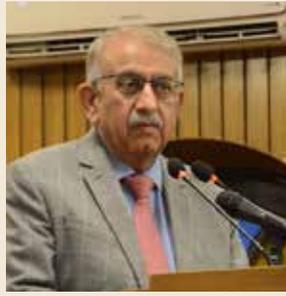


Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah inaugurated the “Prof. Hashmat Lodi Development Center” at Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU) on Thursday, December 5, 2024. The event was attended by Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU, Dr. Sarosh Lodi, Vice Chancellor of NED University, members of Prof. Hashmat Lodi’s family, and Chairman of Sindh Higher Education Commission (HEC), Dr. Tariq Rafi. The Chief Minister toured the various sections of the center and observed performances by SMIU students. A documentary on the development center was also screened in his presence.



The center has been established by SMIU with the support of Sindh HEC to honor the legacy of Prof. Hashmatullah Lodi, a distinguished educationist of the country. It is located in a separate building near the I.T. Tower and SMIU Model School.

Following the inauguration, the Chief Minister, accompanied by Dr. Tariq Rafi, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Dr. Sarosh Lodi, and other guests, walked to the Main Building of SMIU to attend a ceremony at the Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium. Along the way, he observed the university’s historic buildings, including Talpur House, the Khan Bahadur Hassanally Effendi



educational institution in the region, founded by Khan Bahadur Hassanally Effendi.

He highlighted the university's role in providing quality and modern education to hundreds of thousands of students. He noted that SMIU was the alma mater of several prominent figures, including the founder of Pakistan, Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah, Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto, and Sir Abdullah Haroon.

Commending the efforts of Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, the Chief Minister praised his initiative in dedicating

Library, Sunni and Shia Mosques, the Main Building, and the university's playground. Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai provided a brief history of these structures, most of which were built in the late 19th century.

Later, the Chief Minister and other dignitaries visited the Vice Chancellor's office before attending the formal program at the auditorium in connection with the establishment of the development center.

In his speech, Syed Murad Ali Shah paid tribute to Prof. Hashmatullah Lodi for his invaluable contributions, particularly in the field of education. He described Prof. Lodi as a multi-talented personality who served the country and Sindh province in various capacities, excelling in education, sports, and broadcasting.

The Chief Minister reaffirmed the Sindh Government's commitment to supporting SMIU's growth and announced the construction of a new multi-story building to address the university's space constraints. He also directed Sindh HEC to initiate a proposal for including SMIU in the Endowment Fund list to ensure the preservation of its historic buildings.

The Chief Minister of Sindh, Syed Murad Ali Shah, expressed his honor in visiting Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU), recognizing it as the first Muslim





the Youth Development Center to Prof. Hashmatullah Lodi. He remarked that the center would inspire and nurture future generations to follow in the footsteps of Prof. Lodi, contributing to the development of Sindh and Pakistan.

He further acknowledged that, at the time of SMIU's establishment, schools for other communities, such as Hindus and Parsis, existed, but SMIU pioneered modern education in English for Muslim students across Sindh. He emphasized that graduates of SMIU later played a significant role in leading the Muslims of the region and the Pakistan Movement.

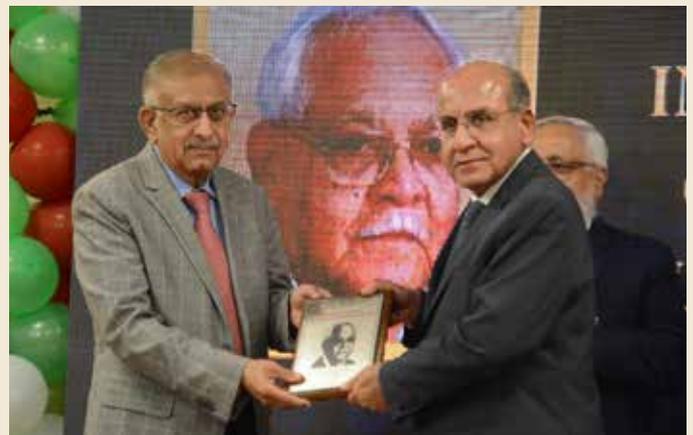
Reflecting on his visit, he mentioned that Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai showed him the historic Talpur House, built in 1901 as a hostel for children of the Talpur family. He described it as a testament to the Sindhi Muslim community's commitment to modern education.

Recalling the legislative journey of SMIU, Syed Murad Ali Shah noted that he was present during the Sindh Assembly session in December 2011 when the institution was granted university status, and he had proudly voted in its favor.

Earlier, in his welcome address, Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai thanked the Chief Minister, Dr. Sarosh Lodi, his family, and other distinguished guests for their presence. He reaffirmed SMIU's dedication to providing quality education and modern facilities, ensuring that students are well-equipped for research and development. He also announced plans to further expand the Prof. Hashmat Lodi Development Center by incorporating additional facilities.

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai acknowledged the Chief Minister's support for SMIU, particularly in securing a separate budget for the SMIU Model School, which was not allocated when he joined the university in 2020. He credited Syed Murad Ali Shah's personal interest in addressing key challenges faced by the university. He noted that when he took charge, SMIU had only 1,800 students, but over the past four years, enrollment has grown to 5,500, reflecting the institution's rapid progress.

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai requested the Chief Minister of Sindh to support the construction of a new building at SMIU's city



campus, citing space constraints. He also urged the Chief Minister to include SMIU in the endowment fund list, similar to other institutions, emphasizing the need for preservation and maintenance of the university's 135-year-old historic buildings.

Chairman HEC Sindh, Dr. Tariq Rafi, commended the Vice Chancellor for establishing a center in honor of the esteemed educationist Prof. Hashmatullah Lodi. He emphasized the importance of paying tribute to national legends. Acknowledging the Sindh Government's contributions to higher education, he noted that Sindh has



allocated a larger budget for the sector compared to other provinces, crediting the Chief Minister's commitment to education.

Dr. Sarosh Lodi, Vice Chancellor of NED University, expressed his gratitude to Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai for recognizing his father's contributions by naming SMIU's Youth Development Center after him. He also thanked the Chief Minister for taking the time to inaugurate the center.

Reflecting on his father's legacy, Dr. Sarosh Lodi highlighted that Prof. Hashmatullah Lodi had served SMIU in various capacities for 37 years since the 1950s. He shared his personal connection with his father, stating that he had learned valuable leadership qualities from him. He also acknowledged the support his father received from former Federal Education Minister Syed Ghulam Mustafa Shah. Dr. Sarosh Lodi added that he and his brothers were also educated at SMIU, making the institution feel like home to them.

At the conclusion of the event, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai presented shields to the Chief Minister, Dr. Sarosh Lodi and his family members, and Chairman Sindh HEC, Dr. Tariq Rafi.

Ms. Zonaira Jalali, Manager of the Directorate of Student Affairs, conducted the proceedings. The ceremony was attended by Secretary Universities and Boards, Mr. Muhammad Abbas Baloch, Secretary Sindh HEC, Mr. Moinuddin Siddiqui, SMIU Senate Member Haji Muhammad

Hanif Tayyab, deans, chairpersons, faculty members, officers, students, officials of the Government of Sindh, and other dignitaries from the city.

## Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai Participates in a session at Aalmi Urdu Conference

An important session on the topic of “Taleem ki Soorat-e-Haal” was held during the Aalmi Urdu Conference on Sunday, December 8, 2024, at the Pakistan Arts Council, Karachi. Among the distinguished academicians participating in the panel was Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of Sindh Madressatul Islam University. He shared his insights, particularly on the state of higher education, highlighting its challenges and potential solutions.



## SMI University Achieves Remarkable Position in UI GreenMetric 2024 Ranking

Sindh Madressatul Islam University has secured an impressive 4th position among provincial public sector universities in Sindh in the UI GreenMetric World University Rankings-2024. Nationally, it ranks 43rd, while globally, out of 863 universities/institutions, SMIU holds the 480th position among Asian countries. This achievement has been made possible under the leadership of Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, whose guidance has played a crucial role in steering the university towards global recognition.

According to details provided by the Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC) of SMIU on December 19, 2024, the ranking process was meticulously supervised by Prof. Dr. Aslam Uqaili, former Vice Chancellor of Mehran University of Engineering and Technology, Jamshoro, ensuring that all SMIU data was thoroughly reviewed before submission. A dedicated team of professionals at SMIU contributed significantly to this achievement. Dr. Mansoor Ahmed Khuhro, Director of the Office of Research, Innovation, and Commercialization (ORIC), and Dr. Saima Baig, Director of the QEC, played a key role in gathering the necessary data from various university departments. Additionally, Dr. Hina Shanaz, Assistant Professor at the Department of Environmental Sciences, provided her expertise in ensuring the seamless collection and validation of required information.

This milestone underscores SMIU’s commitment to sustainability and environmental responsibility, marking a significant step in its journey toward becoming a leader in green practices and research, both regionally and globally.



Sindh Chief Minister Syed Murad Ali Shah presided over a joint meeting of Universities & Boards Department and Vice Chancellors of Sindh, held on October 17, 2024 at the Chief Minister's House. Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor SMIU was among the other vice chancellors who attended the meeting.



Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai receiving a souvenir from Governor Sindh Mr. Muhammad Kamran Khan Tessori.



Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor SMIU meets with Federal Ombudsman Insurance Syed Mumtaz Ali Shah at his office in Islamabad.

### SALU VC Dr. Yousuf Khushk meets SMIU VC

Newly appointed Vice Chancellor of Shah Abdul Latif University Khairpur (SALU) Dr. Yousuf Khushk held a meeting with the Vice Chancellor of Sindh Madressatul Islam University Dr Mujeeb Sahrai, in his office on September 10, 2024. Both academicians shared views about the improvement of higher education and other related matters. They also agreed on the point that the universities must generate their resources, as they could not function without facing crises.

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai congratulated Dr. Yousuf Khushk on his appointment as the Vice Chancellor of the SALU. Dr Sahrai said, "The Shah Abdul Latif University has passed through deep crises in recent years, therefore he hoped that Dr. Khushk shall make it stable and successful in all areas from quality education to research work with his good administrative abilities, experience, honesty, and commitment."

Dr. Yousuf Khushk said, he felt proud to be at Sindh



Madressatul Islam University, which was an Alma -Mater of the founder of Pakistan Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah. He was of the view that the Shah Abdul Latif University was one of the biggest universities in the province. "It is a great responsibility on his shoulders to run it successfully," He said the SALU would soon come out its problems and work smoothly. On the occasion, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai gave away some souvenirs to the guest.



Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai presided over a meeting on October 15, 2024 in the Conference Room, to organize different co-curricular activities in the university. It was attended by Director of Students Affairs and Counselling (DSA) Mr. Muhammad Naeem Ahmed, Dean Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, Registrar Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Shaikh, Senior Manager DSA Ms. Quratulain Memon, Manager DSA Ms. Zonaira Jalali and Director PR Department Anwar Ali Abro.

# Departmental Activities



## OATH TAKING CEREMONY FOR NEW ELECTED OFFICE BEARERS OF STUDENTS' COUNCIL



The Directorate of Students Affairs and Counselling (DSA) at Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU) organized the oath-taking ceremony for the newly elected office bearers of the Students' Council for the academic year 2024-25. The event took place on Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at the Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium.

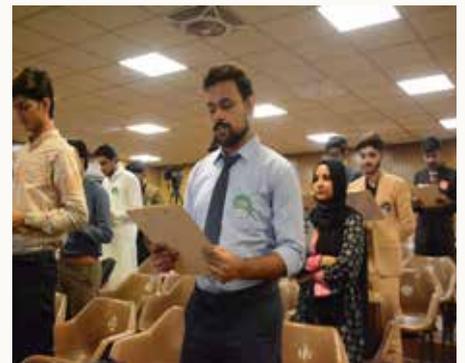
SMIU Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb

Sahrai administered the oath to the office bearers. The Students' Council comprises eight societies: the Debating Society, Literary Society, Character Building Society, Art Society, Science Society, Community Service Society, Music Society, and Sports Society. Elections for these positions were held in May 2024.

In his address, Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai congratulated the newly elected representatives and commended the outgoing office bearers of the 2022-23 Students' Council for their dedication and selfless service.

Dr. Sahrai highlighted that Sindh Madressatul Islam University is one of the few educational institutions in the country where students are democratically elected as office bearers, allowing them to develop leadership skills and support their peers.

He emphasized the vital role of the Students' Council in fostering character development, confidence, leadership qualities, patience, and tolerance among students. He encouraged the newly elected office bearers to expand their horizons beyond the university by engaging with students from other educational institutions across Sindh, and throughout the country, including individuals with special needs, to build networks of cooperation and learning.





Dr. Sahrai assured that the university administration would fully support the Students' Council in its initiatives, recognizing its importance. He also announced the upcoming launch of SMIU's national and international leadership program, which will provide students with opportunities to visit prestigious institutions both within the country and abroad.

The Vice Chancellor appreciated the efforts of Director of Students' Affairs and Counselling, Mr. Muhammad Naeem Ahmed, and his team for conducting transparent elections and successfully organizing the oath-taking ceremony and



Council also shared their experiences, achievements, and contributions during their 2022-23 tenure.

Later, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, along with Deans Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, and Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, Advisor on Academics Dr.



Abdul Hafeez Khan, Director DSA Mr. Muhammad Naeem Ahmed, Registrar Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Shaikh, Controller of Examinations Mr. Furqan Iftikhar, and other officials, distributed shields, certificates, and souvenirs among patrons of the student societies, outstanding members of the former Students' Council, and all office bearers. Additionally, students and the Director of Students' Affairs presented a souvenir to the Vice Chancellor.



A video report showcasing the activities of the former Students' Council was also presented during the event. Ms. Zonaira Jalali, Manager of Students' Affairs, conducted the proceedings.



other student activities.

Earlier, Director of Students' Affairs, Mr. Muhammad Naeem Ahmed, delivered the welcome address and congratulated the newly elected office bearers. Representatives of the previous Students'



# Career Accelerator Program



The first session of SMIU’s Career Accelerator program was held on Wednesday, July 10, 2024, at the Youth Development Center. Designed to prepare final-year students for the upcoming recruitment drive, the session focused on CV writing and interview skills. It was expertly conducted by the dynamic team from DD Global (Pvt.) Ltd.

The Career Accelerator, an initiative of the Directorate of Students’ Affairs (DSA), is committed to equipping students with the essential skills and confidence needed to succeed in the job market.



## Recruitment Drives

As part of the Career Accelerator program, a recruitment drive was held at SMIU on July 11, 2024. The event began with insightful company presentations from leading organizations, providing students with valuable exposure to career opportunities. Talented students participated in on-the-spot interviews, with several receiving immediate job offers. The networking sessions facilitated meaningful discussions between students and employers, fostering connections that will shape future careers.



pressed keen interest in future collaborations with SMIU.

On Thursday, July 12, 2024, the second day of the drive, SMIU welcomed recruiters from several renowned organizations who conducted



mock interviews with students. This session provided real-world interview experience, helping students build confidence and refine their skills.



On Friday, July 12, 2024, the third day of the drive, SMIU hosted another major recruitment event, featuring five prestigious organizations.



These companies offered exciting job and internship opportunities across various fields, further strengthening career prospects for SMIU students.

## Empowering Students as Brand Ambassadors of Justice



Provincial Ombudsman Dr. Muhammad Sohail Rajput recently appointed 10 students from SMIU as brand ambassadors for his office. In a session held at the Ombudsman's Office on July 11, 2024, Dr. Rajput emphasized the vital role these ambassadors will play in raising public



awareness and ensuring access to justice, particularly for underprivileged communities.

The appointed students will contribute to educating the public about the Ombudsman's services, helping to ease the financial burden on those seeking justice.

During the session, Dr. Rajput provided insights into the operational framework of the Ombudsman's Office and underscored the students' potential to serve as effective representatives, particularly in remote areas of Sindh. The initiative received enthusiastic support from Registrar Masood Ishrat, Advisor Ms. Rehana Memon, and Mr. Akmal Naseem, who also shared their perspectives on enhancing public access to justice.

# Entry Test for Fall 2024

SMIU conducted the entry test for Fall 2024 admissions from August 5 to August 7, 2024. The test process was supervised by SMIU Deans Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, and Dr. Jamshed Adil, along with Controller of Admissions and Examinations Mr. Furqan Iftikhar and faculty members.



# ORIENTATION SESSION FOR FALL 2024



The Directorate of Admissions and Examinations at SMIU organized an orientation session for newly admitted students for the Fall 2024 session on September 12, 2024, at the university auditorium.



SMIU Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, the chief guest of the event, welcomed the new students and emphasized the importance of adhering to the university's discipline and policies. He assured them that SMIU is committed to providing quality, modern education through its highly qualified faculty and state-of-the-art facilities. He also highlighted the university's dedication to creating an ideal learning environment



equipped with necessary resources and advanced technology.

On this occasion, SMIU Deans Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto and Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, along with Manager of the Directorate of Students' Affairs (DSA) Ms. Zonaira Jalali, briefed the students on various academic programs, facilities, scholarships, disciplinary guidelines, and other essential matters.

The session was attended by Director of Admissions and Examinations Mr. Furqan Iftikhar, Registrar Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Shaikh, department chairpersons, faculty members, and administrative staff.





# SINDH MADRESSATUL ISLAM UNIVERSITY CELEBRATES EID MILAD-UN-NABI (PBUH)

Sindh Madressatul Islam University celebrated Eid Milad-un-Nabi (PBUH) with religious devotion and enthusiasm on Friday, September 13, 2024, at its auditorium. Students from both the university and SMIU Model School participated in the event, reciting Qiraat and Naat and delivering speeches. They highlighted that the arrival of the Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH) was a blessing not only for Muslims but for all humanity.



Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, the chief guest of the event, emphasized in his speech that while Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH) is the last Prophet for we Muslims, HE is also Rahmatul-lil-Alameen a mercy for all mankind. Dr. Sahrai urged the nation to follow the teachings and exemplary life our last Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH), stating that this is the only way to truly serve both the Muslim community and humanity at large.

He further stated that even if we incorporate a small fraction of the Holy teachings and our Holy Prophet (PBUH) into our lives, we can become not only better Muslims but also better human be-



ings. He stressed the urgent need for the Muslim Ummah to embrace the principles of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) in today's world.

Dr. Sahrai commended the students of SMIU and SMIU Model School for their participation in the Eid Milad-un-Nabi (PBUH) event and encouraged them to take part in similar programs at the national level. He also appreciated Director of the Directorate of Students' Affairs



and Counseling, Mr. Muhammad Naeem Ahmed, and his team for organizing the event with grandeur. The ceremony was attended by SMIU's Deans, department heads, faculty members, and students.



In the evening, SMIU further marked the occasion by adorning its buildings with colorful lights, celebrating Eid Milad-un-Nabi (PBUH) with great religious spirit.

# Sindh Madressatul Islam University produces its 1<sup>st</sup> PhD



Sindh Madressatul Islam University has achieved a significant milestone by producing its first PhD graduate, Mr. Abdullah Ayub Khan, in the field of Computer Science. The Thesis Final Defense of the PhD scholar was held on Tuesday, September 24, 2024, at the university's Seminar Hall and was chaired by Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai.

Mr. Abdullah Ayub Khan completed his PhD on the topic "Digital Forensics Integrates with Blockchain Hyperledger and Challenges" under the supervision of Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Dean of the Faculty of Information Technology at SMIU. His co-supervisor was Dr. Asif Ali Laghari, Assistant Professor in the Department of Computer Science.

Speaking at the seminar, Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai stated that Mr. Abdullah Ayub Khan's achievement marks a historic moment for SMIU, bringing great honor to the university, its faculty, and all stakeholders. He congratulated Mr. Abdullah Ayub Khan, his supervisor Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, co-



supervisor Dr. Asif Ali Laghari, Director of Postgraduate Studies Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Advisor on Academics Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, and the entire faculty. He further emphasized that this first PhD degree is a significant addition to SMIU's legacy, and the university aims to produce more PhDs in fields that will contribute



meaningfully to national development. Dr. Sahrai also noted that since SMIU attained university status in 2012, it has successfully moved beyond its formative phase and is now producing graduates across various disciplines.

Expressing his pride, Mr. Abdullah Ayub Khan stated that being the first PhD graduate of this historic institution is an honor. In his presentation, he explained that his research proposes a secure blockchain-enabled digital forensics investigation process within the Internet of Things (IoT) environment. His study introduces a Hyperledger Sawtooth-based forensics investigation model that ensures robust security mechanisms and enhanced pres-



ervation of digital evidence for incident response and real-time analysis.

He further elaborated that digital forensics in the IoT environment is an emerging research area that facilitates a chain-of-custody for stakeholders without requiring physical proof of existence while ensuring privacy preservation for critical evidence. He highlighted that the distributed nature of blockchain technology ensures the integrity and provenance of digital evidence, making it a valuable tool for forensic investigations across federal enforcement agencies, state investigation bureaus, and courts of law.

The seminar was attended by Prof. Dr. Zahid Ali Tunio, Dean of Dawood University of Engineering and Technology, and Prof. Dr. Zulfiqar Memon, Director of Campus NI-FAST, who participated as external experts. Earlier, Dr. Zahid Ali Channar introduced the PhD scholar and provided an overview of his research.

The event was also attended by Deans Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, Advisor on Academics Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Chairpersons of various departments, including Artificial Intelligence and Mathematical Sciences (Dr. Mansoor Ahmed Khuhro), Education (Dr. Stephen John), Environmental Sciences (Dr. Hina Shehnaz), Media and Communication Studies (Dr. Ambreen Fazal), and English (Dr. Riaz Ahmed Mangrio), along with faculty members and administrative heads.

## SMIU and WWF Launch Plastic Recovery Bank



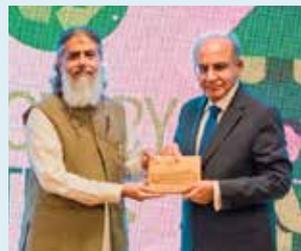
They further explained that the primary objective of the PRB is to promote the circular economy, with a particular focus on plastic circularity. The initiative aims to collect and recycle PET plastics, multi-layer plastics, and used beverage cartons, fostering collaboration among key stakeholders in the waste management sector. The speakers highlighted that WWF, through initiatives like PRB, strives to address the triple planetary crises—climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution—while creating a positive



Sindh Madressatul Islam University in collaboration with the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) and Pakistan Beverages Limited (PBL), launched the Plastic Recovery Bank (PRB) on September 24, 2024. This innovative initiative aims to encourage active participation in plastic collection and recycling by offering financial incentives to individuals, communities, and organizations. The Vice Chancellor of SMIU, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, inaugurated the PRB at the university campus.

Speaking at the launching ceremony held at the Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium, Dr. Sahrai emphasized the urgent need to address environmental challenges such as plastic waste. He highlighted the importance of recycling in reducing the demand for new plastic production and stressed that initiatives like the PRB are essential in tackling global environmental issues. He described the PRB as a pioneering step towards sustainability, setting a precedent for future environmental projects. Dr. Sahrai also noted that environmental degradation poses a major global threat and called for collective efforts to ensure a sustainable and eco-friendly world.

Dr. Hina Shehnaz, Chairperson of the Department of Environmental Sciences at SMIU, stated that the PRB goes beyond financial incentives by fostering



a strong culture of environmental responsibility. She expressed confidence that by collaborating with WWF, a global leader in conservation, this initiative would have a significant local and international impact.

Ms. Nazifa Butt, Director of Climate Action and Sustainability at WWF, along with Usama Hussain, Regional Senior Sustainability and Circularity Officer, and Sahib Alam Khan, Senior Officer for Circularity and Sustainability, elaborated on how the PRB aligns with WWF's broader climate action strategies and sustainability goals. They emphasized that the PRB has the potential to transform Pakistan's waste management practices and accelerate the transition to a circular economy.

impact on both the environment and the economy.

Representatives from Pakistan Beverages Limited (PBL), including Co-CEO Nusair Siraj Teli and General Manager Agha Muhammad Khan, also shared their insights on the importance of corporate involvement in sustainability efforts.

The event was organized by the Directorate of Student Affairs (DSA) of SMIU in collaboration with the Department of Environmental Sciences. The seminar concluded with a vote of thanks from Mr. Muhammad Naeem Ahmed, Director of DSA, who expressed gratitude to all participants, speakers, and partners for their contributions in making the initiative a success.

## Panel discussion on “Role of Industries in Academic Sector”



The Office of Research, Innovation, and Commercialization (ORIC) and the Business Incubation Center (BIC) of Sindh Madressatul Islam University in collaboration with Entrepreneurs Den, organized a panel discussion on “The Role of Industries in the Academic Sector” as part of Conference for Youth 7.0 on Thursday, September 26, 2024.



During the discussion, academicians and industry leaders emphasized the need for strong collaboration between academia and industry to drive Pakistan’s development. They proposed that universities integrate industry semesters into final-year curriculums, allowing students to gain six-month internships within industries to bridge the gap between theoretical learning and practical application.

Speaking on the occasion, Vice Chancellor of SMIU, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, highlighted that public sector

universities in Pakistan are making significant contributions to national development through research and innovation. He stressed that the industrial sector must leverage these academic research outputs for economic progress.

Dr. Sahrai noted that SMIU is not only producing competent graduates but also responsible youth whose participation in industries would benefit both businesses and the country. He acknowledged the challenges faced by public sector universities, as they accommodate 80% of students from government schools and colleges, yet continue to deliver remarkable academic results despite limited resources. He reaffirmed SMIU’s commitment to collaborating with industries across Pakistan, including those in Karachi, Dadu, Sukkur, Khairpur, Hyderabad, Larkana, Mianwali, and Khuzdar. Expressing gratitude to the panelists,





Dr. Sahrai commended the efforts of SMIU's ORIC team, including Director ORIC, Dr. Mansoor Ahmed Khuhro, and Assistant Professors Ms. Quratulain Nazir and Mr. Shahid Obaid, for organizing a successful and insightful event.

Mr. Hamza Y. Tabbani, Chairman of Tabbani Group of Industries, high-

lighted that Pakistan is 50 years behind developed nations, and Artificial Intelligence is transforming industries globally. He urged students to focus on skill development rather than wasting time on social media, emphasizing that every individual must contribute to their

families and the nation, especially amid economic challenges. Mr. Bilal Talib, CEO of California Real Estate and Builders, encouraged youth to embrace challenges and pursue long-term success through persistence and experience. He emphasized that success is built on hard work, not



lucky, advising students to set clear life goals and work consistently towards them. Senator Abdul Haseeb Khan, Chairman of Brooks Pharmaceutical, underscored the importance of entrepreneurship over public sector jobs. Reflecting on his personal journey, he shared that he started his business at the age of 12, which has now grown to employ over 2,000 workers. He urged students to start their entrepreneurial journeys early, ensuring long-term success through determination and innovation. Mr. M. Aman Pir, a member of the Advisory Board of the America-Pakistan Business Development Forum, stressed that education and industry must work together to prepare students for real-world challenges.



Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, Dean of the Faculty of Management, Business Administration, and Commerce at

SMIU, noted that Pakistan has yet to develop a strong business culture, which is why many young people prefer government jobs over entrepreneurship. He emphasized that self-employment and business ventures offer greater financial rewards and can drive positive societal change.

In his welcome address, Director ORIC, Dr. Mansoor Ahmed Khuhro, highlighted the importance of university-industry collaboration in fostering innovation, entrepreneurship, and job market readiness. He reaffirmed SMIU's commitment to bridging the gap between academia and industry to ensure that research and education directly contribute to economic and social progress. Other speakers, includ-

ing Mr. Babar Saleem, Mr. Rehan, and Ms. Saima Siddique, also shared their insights on industry-academia collaboration.

At the conclusion of the event, Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai presented souvenirs to the distinguished guests, while Mr. Bilal Talib awarded shields to key SMIU members, including SMIU's Dean Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, Mr. Shahid Obaid, Assistant Professor, Mr. Muhammad Naeem Ahmed, Assistant Professor, Mr. Poorab Sarhan, Lecturer, Mr. Muhammad Danish Mujtaba, Lecture, Muzafar Ali Shah, Lecture, Mr. Shafiq Ahmed, Lecturer, Syed Bilal Ahmed and Anwar Ali Abro, Director PR Department. The event successfully fostered meaningful discussions on bridging academia and industry, paving the way for greater cooperation in Pakistan's educational and business sectors.



# BEACH CLEANING

The Department of Environmental Sciences at SMIU, in collaboration with the World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) and Pakistan Beverages Limited, organized a beach cleaning event on September 26, 2024, to raise awareness about cleanliness, particularly in coastal areas. This initiative aligns with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 14, “Life Below Water,” and SDG 15, “Life on Land.”



Agha Mohammad Khan, General Manager of Pakistan Beverages Limited, shared valuable insights into sustainability, the significance of Sindh’s coastal areas, and the Wetland Center’s initiatives supporting the Sustainable Development Goals.



A group of students participated in the event under the guidance of faculty members Mr. Khalid Hassan, Ms. Ambreen Aziz, and Mr. Naeem Akhtar Samo. During the session, notable speakers, including Ms. Nazifa Butt, Director of Climate Action, Nusair Siraj Teli, Co-CEO, and



Following the presentations, students engaged in a one-hour beach cleaning activity, where they were provided with detailed guidelines on effective waste collection. This hands-on experience not only reinforced a sense of responsibility but also encouraged active community participation, promoting environmental stewardship among all attendees.



## Workshop on ‘Responsible Digital Engagement’

The Department of Media & Communication Studies and the Directorate of Broadcasting & Media Trainings at SMI University, in collaboration with the Center for Excellence in Journalism (CEJ-IBA) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), conducted a workshop on “Responsible Digital Engagement” for students on Monday, September 30, 2024. Renowned trainer Mr. Abdul Sattar led the session, covering key topics such as bias and the framing power of words, neg-



ative speech and its impact, and information disorder, emphasizing how words can be used as weapons.

Participants gained valuable insights into responsible digital practices, fostering a culture of respect,



critical thinking, and ethical online engagement. The session concluded with an interactive question-and-answer segment, where students engaged in thought-provoking discussions on contemporary cases of hate speech and misinformation in media.



## A session on ‘Digital Technologies in Food Health & Agriculture’

A delegation from SMIU, led by esteemed faculty member Mr. Naeem Akhtar Samo, participated in Teknofest Pakistan on October 12, 2024. Students from SMIU’s Food Science and Technology department had the opportunity to attend an insightful session on “Digital Technologies in Food Health & Agriculture,” where they engaged with renowned industry experts.

The session proved to be highly beneficial as students gained valuable knowledge about the integration of Information Technology (IT) and Artificial Intelligence (AI) in the food industry, processing, and farming. They explored how advanced digital technologies can be effectively combined with traditional food production methods, paving the way for innovative solutions and sustainable growth.



### Key takeaways from the session included:

- Understanding the role of IT and AI in enhancing food safety, quality, and traceability.
- Exploring cutting-edge technologies for precision farming and optimized crop yields.
- Discovering innovative approaches to food processing and preservation.
- Learning about data-driven decision-making in agriculture and food production.
- Networking with industry experts and thought leaders in the field.

The SMIU delegation’s participation in Teknofest Pakistan 2024 demonstrates the university’s commitment to fostering innovation, entrepreneurship, and collaboration between academia and industry.

## ARTISTIC DIRECTOR OF KOSOVO CONDUCTS THEATRE WORKSHOP



SMIU's Directorate of Students' Affairs organized a virtual theatre workshop in collaboration with the Pakistan Arts Council Karachi at its Youth Development Centre on Wednesday, October 2, 2024. Mr. Kushtrim Mehmeti, Artistic Director of the National Theatre of Kosovo, conducted the workshop. Renowned for his expertise in performing arts, he engaged students in creative exercises that emphasized teamwork, improvisation, and interaction through virtual simulations.

The workshop provided a dynamic experience that encouraged students to express themselves in a collaborative and creative environment. The combination of virtual simulations and imaginative activities made it an enjoyable learning experience, boosting participants' confidence and communication skills.

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU, thanked Mr. Kushtrim Mehmeti and emphasized that performing arts are a reflection of life, recognized for their significance worldwide. He highlighted SMIU's commitment to the holistic development of students, balancing academic and co-curricular activities. He mentioned the role of student societies, including the Art Society, in organizing various learning and training sessions.

Dr. Sahrai stressed the importance of promoting a healthy culture in higher education institutions through literature,

art, music, and similar activities. He also praised the efforts of SMIU's Director of Students' Affairs, Mr. Muhammad Naeem Ahmed, student Ghulam Rasool Soomro, and other team members.

The workshop began with an ice-breaker activity where participants virtually formed a circle and mimicked various physical actions as directed by the trainer, encouraging creative movement and easing them into the session. Participants were then divided into groups based on their academic departments to collaborate on theatre-related tasks, fostering a sense of community and teamwork.

In pairs, students participated in an exercise focusing on conveying emotions using only facial expressions, enhancing their non-verbal communication skills and emotional awareness. Another activi-

ty required participants to embody different animals using their voices and body language, helping them step out of their comfort zones and embrace creativity.

A coordination and teamwork exercise involved passing an invisible ball between participants, testing their ability to maintain focus and simulate actions without physical objects. The session concluded with a challenge where participants performed a continuous action scene without pausing, helping them develop improvisational skills and quick thinking.

At the end of the event, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai presented a souvenir to the guest, while the Director of Students' Affairs Mr. Muhammad Naeem Ahmed distributed certificates among the participating students.



# Women's Wellness Week 2024

The DSA of SMIU organized “Women’s Wellness Week: A Celebration of Health, Empowerment, and Well-being” from October 15, 2024, at the university’s premises. This year, on the occasion of Women’s Day, SMIU focused on both physical and mental wellness, featuring sessions that promoted self-care, healthy living, and personal growth. A special highlight of the week was Breast Cancer Awareness, where essential knowledge was shared to help save lives.



Over the course of three days, a series of insightful workshops were conducted, addressing key aspects of women’s health and well-being. On Day 1, Mental Health and Wellness was led by Ms. Fatima Omer, Founder of Befitwithfa. On Day 2, Self-care and Stress Management was facilitated by Ms. Faryal Asif, Well-being Counsellor and Educational Psychologist. On Day 3, Breast Cancer Awareness was conducted by Dr. Subas Ali, Senior Registrar and General Surgeon at SIUT, in observance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month.



Dr. Shehnaz Memon, Former Chief Medical Officer at the Government of Sindh, was the chief guest on the final day. Certificates were presented to participants and volunteers, while souvenirs were awarded to the chief guest and resource persons in recognition of their contributions.

## World Food Day Celebrated



SMIU's Department of Environmental Sciences organized a seminar in connection with World Food Day on October 22, 2024, which is officially observed on October 16. The theme of the seminar was "Right to Food for a Better Life and a Better Future." Experts from various food industries addressed pressing issues related to food security, the environmental impact on food and agriculture, and innovations in food production.

Mr. Naeem Akhtar Samo moderated the event. Dr. Hina Shehnaz, Chairperson of the Department of Environmental Sciences, delivered the welcome address and thanked the guests for gracing the occasion.

Mr. Sarfaraz Ahmed Khan, Country Head of Salman Corporation (Pvt.), discussed the vast opportunities available for youth in the field of food science in Pakistan.

Mr. Ghazi Siddiqui, National Sales Manager of Dalda Foods, emphasized the critical role of edible oils and the alarming rates of wastage associated with them.

Mr. Muhammad Talha Siddiqui, a Halal certification expert,

highlighted the significance of reducing food wastage from an Islamic perspective and advocated for responsible resource use and the sharing of excess food.

Mr. Saquib Ejaz Hussain, CEO of EHS Services, linked environmental health to food safety and stressed the importance of sustainable agricultural practices to protect public health. Mr. Ashraf Ali, Project Coordinator at the FAO, discussed agriculture's vital role in food security and sustainability. Mr. Sameer Rah from F.A. International Importers & Exporters explored how international trade boosts economic development by facilitating access to resources.

Throughout the discussions, participants recognized the interconnectedness of food industries, safety, and wastage. The consensus highlighted the need for a multi-faceted approach to address these challenges, advocating for policies that promote sustainability, safety, and efficiency within food systems. The seminar concluded with a call to action for all stakeholders to collaborate in fostering a healthier, more sustainable future for food security.

## Session on "Prompt Engineering 101"



The Department of Artificial Intelligence and Mathematical Sciences at SMIU, in collaboration with the Google Developer Group (GDG) On-Campus at SMIU, organized a session on "Prompt Engineering 101" on October 23, 2024, at the Senate Hall of the university. The session was well-attended by students and faculty eager to explore the evolving field of Artificial Intelligence (AI).

The session was led by Mr. Zubair Ahmed, GDG On-Campus Organizer, who shared an inspiring account of his journey and discussed the transition from the Google Developer Student Club (GDSC) to GDG On-Campus. He emphasized the value of active involvement, encouraging students to stay connected and seize upcoming opportunities to enhance their skills and contributions as tech enthusiasts.

Following this, Syed Azeem Inam, a prominent expert in AI from SMIU's Department of Artificial Intelligence and Mathematical Sciences, delivered an informative lecture on the significance of "Prompt Engineering," explaining its role in effective communication with AI models. He highlighted the necessity of crafting clear and detailed instructions to obtain accurate and relevant responses from AI systems. This enlightening discussion provided students with a foundational understanding of how prompt engineering shapes AI outputs and optimizes interactions with AI models.

The session concluded with an interactive Q&A segment, where enthusiastic students actively engaged with the speakers, demonstrating their interest in the topic and seeking further insights on AI and prompt engineering.

# PRISM '24: Illuminating New Horizons in Technology and Innovation



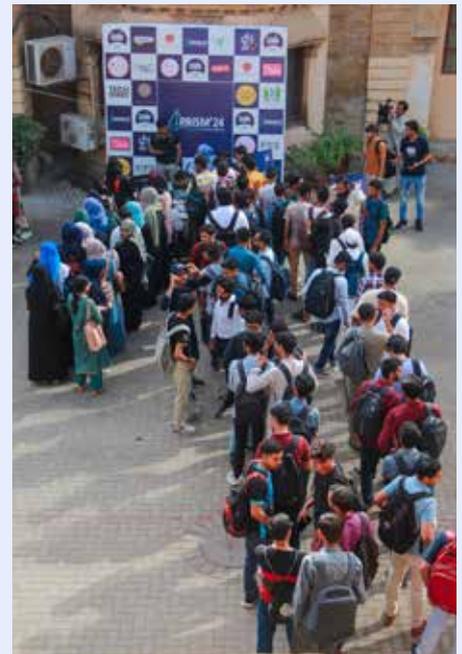
SMIU's Science Society hosted PRISM '24, the biggest tech event of the year, on October 30, 2024. Industry leaders shared valuable insights, with Mr. Syed Haris Izhar discussing how to break into game development, Mr. Adil Ahmed highlighting AI's transformative role in marketing, Mr. Omar Abedin speaking on startup re-

silience, and Mr. Mirza Burhan Baig presenting his views on cybersecurity, gaming, and digital marketing.

The event featured dynamic sessions, including Ms. Hareem Farukh's talk on entering the AI market as a fresh graduate. An engaging panel discussion led by Mr. Raza Abbas, Dr. Faisal Aamir, and Dr. Muhammad Saadi Mansuri explored the convergence of technology and strategy, encouraging students to navigate their careers with purpose amid fast-evolving tech trends.

The Science Society of SMIU organized the event under the supervision of its Patron, Syed Azeem Inam, Assistant Professor at the De-

partment of Artificial Intelligence & Mathematical Sciences. In his speech, Syed Azeem Inam congratulated the office bearers of the Science Society, including Ms. Haya Ameer Hussain (Secretary), Mr. Saim Qureshi (Vice



President), Syed Salman Ali (Treasurer), Mr. Muhammad Shaheer (Secretary) and Mr. Muhammad Owais (President), on successfully organizing the event.



## Training workshop on 'Digital Sahafat'

SMI University hosted a hybrid certified training session titled "Digital Sahafat" on November 22, 2024, bringing together over 100 students from the Media and Communication Studies Department to explore the evolving



tools and techniques critical for today's journalists. The session addressed essential topics such as combating misinformation, verifying sources, and leveraging digital platforms for impactful reporting. The interactive format ena-



landscapes of digital journalism. Sixty students and faculty members were present at the Senate Hall, while 50 joined remotely, reflecting the university's dedication to providing inclusive and accessible learning opportunities. This event aligned with the department's mission to prepare students for the challenges of modern media.

The training was conducted in collaboration with the Digital Sahafat platform, an initiative by the Google News Initiative in partnership with Tech Valley. Through this collaboration, students were introduced to advanced digital



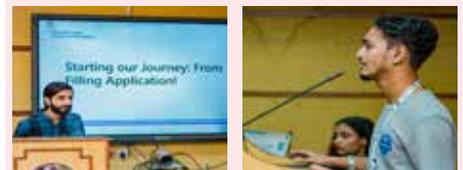
bled students to engage directly with experts, gaining hands-on experience with tools like Google Trends and Fact Check Explorer.

The department recognizes the importance of equipping students with skills that go beyond the classroom. This training aligned perfectly with the vision of fostering innovative learning experiences that prepare future media professionals to uphold credibility and adapt to industry changes. The hybrid model also highlighted the university's commitment to embracing technology to reach a broader student base, ensuring equal opportunities for all.

## Session on 'The Chatbot Era'



The Microsoft Learn Student Club (MLSC), SMIU, in collaboration with the Department of Artificial Intelligence and Mathematical Sciences, hosted an engaging session on "The Chatbot Era" on November 5, 2024, at the Senate Hall of SMIU. The event brought together students and faculty to explore the dynamic world of chatbots and their industry applications.



Two distinguished speakers addressed the audience. Assistant Professor Syed Azeem Inam from the Department of AI and Mathematics, SMIU, discussed chatbot evolution and trends, while Sar-am Hai, Machine Learning Engineer at The Botss, provided a hands-on demonstration of chatbot development.

The session included interactive activities, with winners receiving swag bags and all attendees getting stickers. Shields were presented to the esteemed speakers as a token of appreciation. This collaborative effort demonstrated the MLSC SMIU's commitment to fostering innovation and knowledge sharing in the AI community.



## Faiz Mela



The Literary Society of SMIU paid tribute to one of Pakistan's greatest poets, Faiz Ahmed Faiz, by organizing "Faiz Mela" on Thursday, November 28, 2023, at the Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium of the university.



Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, in his speech, expressed his deep love for literature and encouraged students to embrace Faiz's ideals of enlightenment and romance, which he believes will remain timeless. He shared a personal anecdote, revealing that his father, Taj Sahrai, was honored with the title "Sahrai" by Faiz Ahmed Faiz himself. This connection added a heartfelt touch to the event, emphasizing Faiz's enduring influence. Dr. Sahrai also commended the Literary Society of SMIU and acknowledged Mr. Wafa Mansoor Buriro, Assistant Professor and Patron of the Literary Society, for supporting students in organizing the successful program.

Noted educationist and intellectual Professor K.S. Nagpal delivered

a profound reflection on Faiz's life, poetry, and philosophy, highlighting how Faiz's words continue to inspire and resonate deeply. Renowned poets Mr. Abdul Rehman Momin and Mr. Anwar Shaoor graced the stage, presenting some of their finest works. The highlight of the event was a dynamic shair-o-shayari exchange between the two poets, captivating the audience with their wit and eloquence.

The mushaira was a celebration of emerging poetic voices, featuring seven poets, moderated by a talented young student of SMIU. Students also presented theatrical performances, a



documentary, and musical renditions of Faiz Ahmed Faiz's poetry, making the event a memorable tribute to the legendary poet.



## Session on “Use of Artificial Intelligence in Language Instruction: Determining a Healthy Balance”



SMIU, in collaboration with the Regional English Language Office at the U.S. Mission in Pakistan, hosted an insightful session on “Use of Artificial Intelligence in Language Instruction: Determining a Healthy Balance” on December 26, 2024, at the Senate Hall of SMIU. The session was led by Dr. Patricia Pashby,



an English Language Specialist, and attended by 15 faculty members and 35 students from the Master’s and BS programs of the Departments of English and Artificial Intelligence & Mathematical Sciences at SMIU.

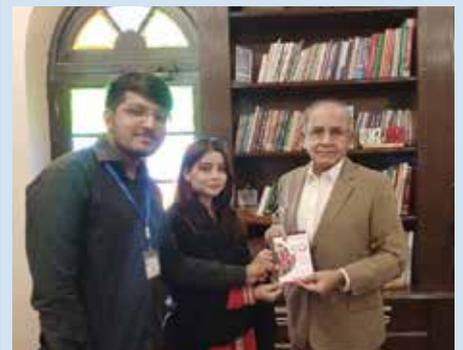
The session explored how AI tools can transform language teaching by enhancing student engagement

and learning outcomes while maintaining a thoughtful balance between technology and pedagogy.

Mr. Wafa Mansoor Buriro, Assistant Professor at the Department of English, praised the participants’ enthusiasm for engaging with this innovative approach to education. He also extended gratitude to the Regional English Language Office at the U.S. Mission in Pakistan for its continued efforts in supporting education in Pakistan.



A delegation of SMIU Students’ Literary Society called on the Vice Chancellor on October 7, 2024 in his office.



Students representing Pakistan Arts Council of Karachi presenting a souvenir to the Vice Chancellor of SMIU Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai.



Meezan Bank conducted interviews for students of SMIU during the recruitment drive organized by the Directorate of Students’ Affairs and Counselling of SMIU on 3rd December 2024 at SMIU.



## 2-Day Students' Gala

### Day First:

The 2-Day SMIU Students' Gala-2024, titled "Together We Shine," commenced at Sindh Madressatul Islam University on Monday, December 22, 2024. Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai inaugurated the event by cutting a ribbon and later visited stalls set up by students, showcasing the rich cultural heritage of Pakistan's six regions: Sindh, Punjab, Balochistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Gilgit-Baltistan, and Kashmir. Additionally, he explored stalls featuring various products and food items, where students exhibited innovative entrepreneurship ideas.

This grand event, akin to an annual festival at the university, was organized



by the Directorate of Students' Affairs and Counselling with the active participation of student societies.

Addressing the inauguration ceremony, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai highlighted the crucial role of public sector univer-

sities in educating and grooming the majority of students in Pakistan, in contrast to private universities, which cater to a smaller segment. He emphasized that SMIU, as a public sector institution, surpasses many private universities in terms of quality education and facilities.

He urged faculty, officers, and employees to work collectively in shaping students' futures, asserting that such





He also expressed appreciation for Mr. Muhammad Naeem Ahmed, Director of DSA, his team, deans, MTC, and other university departments for their efforts in organizing and supporting this significant event.



activities contribute to producing exceptional graduates and ambassadors for the university and the country. Being associated with the alma-mater of Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah, he noted that SMIU's students and stakeholders have a profound responsibility to serve the nation with dedication and honesty.

Dr. Sahrai further stressed the importance of providing students with opportunities to showcase their creativity, innovation, and talents. He commended the student community of SMIU for their discipline, maturity, and artistic abilities, particularly in representing Pakistan's cultural diversity. He emphasized that unity through cultural diversity is essential, as the unique traditions of different provinces hold the potential to bring the nation together.



The inauguration ceremony was attended by Deans Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, and Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, Advisor to the Vice Chancellor on Academics Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, along with faculty members, officers, and students.

Earlier, in his welcome address, Mr. Naeem Ahmed, Director of DSA, described the event as a celebration of talent, innovation, and the vibrant spirit of SMIU students. He highlighted the planned activities over the two-day festival, including performances, art exhibitions, competitions, entrepreneurship showcases, and fun-filled games.

*Following activities by SMIU Students' Societies were carried out:*

### **From Campus to Careers: Daastan-e-Ilm**

The Science Society organized an insightful panel discussion, "Daastan-e-Ilm," featuring distinguished alumni who shared their journeys from SMIU to successful careers. The panel included Mr. Sameer Ali Khan, Founder at Collective Pakistan and Safar Buddies; Mr. Arsalan Abdullah, Assistant Manager at the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Pakistan (ICAP); Mr. Abdul Rafay, Game Developer at Meta Frolic Labs; and Mr. Mehran Hai, SAQ Analyst at Contour. These accomplished individuals provided students with valuable advice, motivation, and industry insights. The session was skill-



Students dressed in traditional attire performed on folk songs representing their respective provinces, receiving enthusiastic applause from the audience.





## Day Two:

### Quaid-e-Azam's Birth Anniversary Celebrations



fully moderated by Muhammad Saim Qureshi, a member of the SMIU Student Council.

### Documentary Screening: The Startup Kids

As part of the event, the Science Society also screened the documentary "The Startup Kids," which showcased the inspiring journeys of young entrepreneurs who turned their visions into successful ventures. The screening left attendees motivated to explore their own entrepreneurial potential, setting an enthusiastic and creative tone for the gala.



### National Song Competition

The First Day of SMIU Students' Gala 2024 concluded with a National Song Competition, organized by the SMIU Music and Community Service Society. The competition highlighted the patriotic spirit and musical talents of SMIU students, captivating the audience with heartfelt and melodious performances. Muhammad Ayaz Hussain from the Department of Artificial Intelligence secured first place, while Omesh Kumar from the Department of Computer Science was declared the runner-up.



Sindh Madressatul Islam University hosted grand celebrations to honor the legacy of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah in connection with his birth anniversary on December 23, 2024, during the 2-Day "SMIU Students Gala-2024."

A cake-cutting ceremony was held at the Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium, performed by Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai along with Deans Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, and Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, Advisor to the Vice Chancellor Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Director of Students Affairs Mr. Muhammad Naeem Ahmed, chairpersons, and heads of various academic and administrative sections.





Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai emphasized the importance of learning from the life, struggles, and achievements of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah. He highlighted the strong connection between Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah and Sindh Madressatul Islam, stating that Quaid's decision to bequeath one-third of his residual property to the institution reflects its significance in his life. Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai urged students to embrace Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah's vision and ideology by working towards a prosperous and developed Pakistan.

A declamation competition was held, where talented orators including Sara Syed from the Department of Software Engineering, Samad Chandio from the Department of Information Technology, and M. Sufyan from the Department of Computer Science delivered compelling speeches on Quaid's vision and values.

The national songs competition became one of the highlights of the event, with students from various departments delivering passionate performances of patriotic songs. Their soulful renditions evoked a strong sense of pride and unity, earning enthusiastic applause from the audience.

These celebrations served as a powerful reminder of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah's vision for a united and progressive Pakistan, leaving a lasting impact on all attendees.

On the second and final day of the SMIU Students Gala-2024, student societies including the Art Society, Music Society, Community Service

Society, Literary Society, and Sports Society organized various engaging sessions. Events such as Monologue: Hazards of Drug Use, Talk: Navigating the Challenges of Social Media in the Digital Age, Dastangoi and Maza-hiya Mushaira, Open Mic, and Beat & Buzz Musical Concert attracted large student participation, making the event a resounding success.



## Events in Brief:

On the second day of the Gala, following activities were organised by different students' societies.

### Session on Social Media in the Digital Age:

The Community Service Society organized a session on "Navigating the Challenges of Social Media in the Digital Age," featuring Azmeen Gadi, Social Media Manager at Coca-Cola Social Listening and Engagement Team. She provided valuable insights into managing the complexities of social media in today's digital world, addressing key concerns such as privacy issues and the impact of social media on mental health. The session offered a comprehensive understanding of responsible digital engagement, encouraging students to navigate the digital age with awareness and balance.

### Monologue on Drug Abuse

A powerful monologue was presented by Shehryar Khan from the SMIU Music Society, highlighting the critical issue of drug abuse and its devastating effects on individuals and society. His thought-provoking performance resonated deeply with the audience, serving as a strong reminder of the need for awareness and prevention. The monologue reinforced the collective responsibility to spread awareness and foster a healthier, drug-free community.



### Melodies of Diversity and Unity

The Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium came alive with the theme Melodies of Diversity and Unity, an initiative by the SMIU Art Society celebrating Pakistan's rich cultural heritage through captivating performances. This immersive experience allowed attendees to appreciate the diversity of Pakistan, creating moments of joy, harmony, and cultural pride.

### Art Exhibition

The Art Society hosted a remarkable exhibition, showcasing the exceptional creativity and talent of SMIU students. Attendees were captivated by a diverse range of artwork spanning various mediums and themes, reflecting the boundless artistic expression within the community. The exhibition celebrated the dedication and passion of all participating artists, fostering an environment of appreciation for the arts. The Best Artwork Awards were presented to Syed Muskan Zehra (Department of Education) and Aqsa Ali (Program of Data Science) for their outstanding pieces, recognized for their originality and technical excellence.

### Human Book Activity

The Literary Society hosted the Human Book Activity during the Students' Gala, offering a unique and engaging experience where distinguished Human Books shared inspiring personal stories and life lessons. Ms. Aisha Raz captivated the audience with her journey and personal challenges, leaving everyone motivated. Mr. Hammad Shaikh shared his experiences and the valuable lessons

he has learned along the way. Mr. Nuzair provided deep insights and analysis of the book Animal Farm, while Ms. Urooj Fatima offered her unique perspectives and personal connection to Looking for Alaska.

The Human Book Activity was a testament to the power of storytelling and personal connection, creating an unforgettable experience for all participants.

### Mazahiya Mushaira

The SMIU Literary Society hosted a captivating Mazahiya Mushaira, where talented student poets showcased their witty and humorous poetry with remarkable stage presence. Beyond reciting their verses, they embraced various acting roles, bringing their poetry to life through engaging performances. This theatrical touch added an extra layer of entertainment, making the event even more dynamic and enjoyable for the audience. The Mazahiya Mushaira was well-attended and thoroughly enjoyed by SMIU students, contributing to the vibrant spirit of the Gala.

### Prize Distribution Ceremony

The prize distribution ceremony was held on December 24, 2024, with Dean of the Faculty of Management, Business Administration, and Commerce, Prof. Dr. Zahid Ali Chan-

nar, as the chief guest. The guests of honor included Dean of the Faculty of Information Technology, Prof. Dr. Aftab Ahmed Sheikh, and Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, Prof. Dr. Jamshed Adil. Director Student Affairs, Mr. Muhammad Naeem Ahmed, and Sports Officer, Mr. Muhammad Kashif, warmly welcomed the distinguished guests. The event highlighted the spirit of unity and healthy competition, celebrating the dedication and achievements of students. The SMIU Sports Society expressed gratitude to the Directorate of Students' Affairs and Counselling for its unwavering support and collaboration. The SMIU Students' Gala concluded with the inspiring message that "Together We Can Shine."



# SMIU Model School

## Tree Plantation

SMIU Model School, in collaboration with the Darakht Welfare Foundation (DWF), organized a tree plantation initiative to raise awareness among students about the importance of trees. The initiative aimed not only to educate students on the environmental benefits of trees but also to encourage them and their families to actively contribute to environmental sustainability by planting trees in their surroundings.

Trees provide numerous benefits, from purifying the air to offering shade and enhancing the beauty



of the environment. By instilling the value of tree plantation within the school, the initiative sought to foster a culture of environmental responsibility, ensuring that students grow up in a greener, healthier, and more sustainable world.

### First Phase

The DWF team brought a diverse collection of saplings to SMIU Model School on November 6, 2024. Each class, accompanied by DWF representatives and their teachers, planted one sapling, which was then watered under the team's guidance. Students learned about the importance of regular watering and proper plant care. Following each plantation, a collective prayer was offered for the prosperity of the institution and the newly planted trees.



The event was graced by the school management and a special representative, Mr. Muhammad Naem Ahmed, Director of Students' Affairs and Counseling at SMI, who actively participated in the activity. This initiative played a crucial role in educating students about the significance of trees and their role in environmental conservation. By engaging in such meaningful activities, students not only developed a sense of environmental responsibility but also contributed to a greener and healthier future for their community.

The school management expressed gratitude to Primary Coordinator Ms. Syeda Shaista for serving as the Liaison between DWF and SMIU Model School, ensuring the success of this impactful initiative.





The Meeting of the Planning and Finance Committee of Sindh Madressatul Islam University was held on August 6, 2024 in the Conference Room of the university which was chaired by Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor.



The Vice Chancellor of SMIU distributed upgradation certificates among the teachers of SMIU Model School and other employees on September 13, 2024.

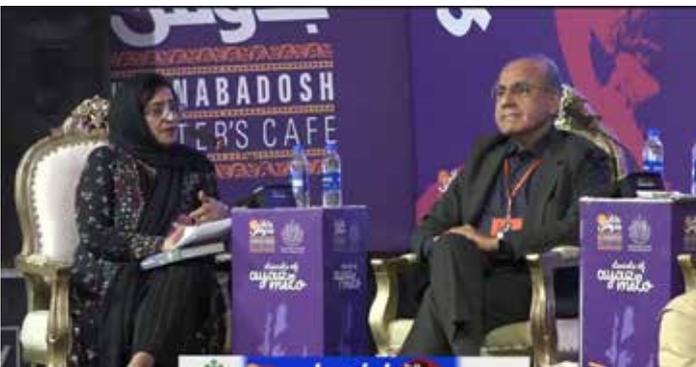


Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU chaired a meeting regarding academic development of the university on August 12, 2024. The Deans, Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh and Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, Advisor on Academics, Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Director Students Affairs, Mr. Naeem Ahmed and Anwar Ali Abro attended it.



The Vice Chancellor presided over a meeting of the Finance Department of SMIU on August 8, 2024 in the Conference Room of the university. The matters related to finances and development of the varsity were discussed..

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU visited the Endowment Fund Trust (EFT) office on October 31, 2024, where he held a meeting with prominent research scholar Mr. Badar Abro. They shared views on education, literature and research work being done by different institutes including EFT.



Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor, SMIU, participated in a panel discussion held on the newly published book on collective works of a notable scholar, writer and archaeologist Mr. Taj Sahrai during the Ayaz Melo on December 21, 2024 at Hyderabad. The book titled "Sindhu Wahando Rahando" (The Indus will Continue Flowing) (was a compilation of different scholarly articles written by Mr. Taj Sahrai, an alumnus of SMI, in his life and was compiled by noted research scholar Mr. Badar Abro. The book was published by the Department of Culture and Tourism, Government of Sindh. Prominent writer Mr. Ishtiaq Ansari was among the panelists and a noted scholar Dr. Saher Gul moderated the session.

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