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“SMI carries a legacy of 137 years with credit of producing visionary personalities on top of everyone,

The Founder of Nation, M. Ali Jinnah

It is a great pleasure to see my students clad in gowns & fully prepared for their bright future.”

Prof. Dr. Mujeebuddin Sahrai Memon



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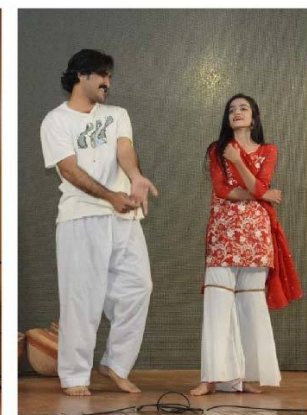
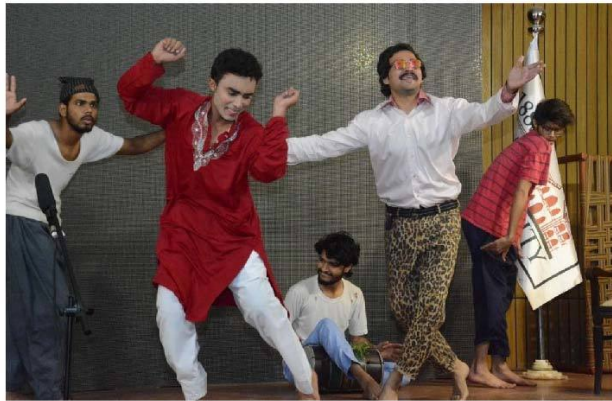
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Editor's Note



Dear Readers!

This year was brilliant! Well, when the past few years brought some wretched moments for human beings, 2021 was a year of hope. We felt a bit safe and realized that eventually we did survive! Many good things happened this year, like the development of Covid-19 vaccine and process of vaccination all around the globe. At the same time, this year was a reminder that our world is more connected than ever. When we look back, we can see how things have shifted rapidly from physical to digital and back to real. Then again, the things started getting normal and we started coming together and celebrated long-awaited ceremonies.

This year was a kind one for humanity. I am heartened by and grateful for all the good things that happened this year. I hope the new beginning will be much better than what has passed, and the coming year will bring more opportunities and happiness to us all. I am certain that things will work the way we want them to be.

Dearest readers! You will achieve whatever you desire to with patience, constant struggle and with positive behavior. Brace yourself to take 365 chances this year and welcome every opportunity coming to you. In these topsy-turvy times of chaos holding the hand of hope is much needed. Let's look with an optimistic lens for a prophecy of better days that this prolonged period of uncertainty; disruption and disorder surely will come to its end.

A new dawn of hope will be there, and a new sun with golden rays of light will rise. Let's stand united in this epidemic portal. I am very much delighted to share the work and activities of my students with you. God bless you, and may this year be the most beautiful year for you.

The teamwork and determination of my team is in your hands right now. Relish the read!

Hadia Khalil

SMIU News

137th Foundation Day of Sindh Madressatul Islam

By Arslan Abdullah

On 1st September 2021, Sindh Madressatul Islam celebrated its 137th Foundation Day at its main campus. The historic institution which is called as the nursery of leaders was founded on 1st September 1885 by a group of enlightened Muslims of Sindh, led by Khan Bahadur Hassanally Effendi. Barrister Murtaza Wahab Siddiqui (Advisor to Sindh Chief Minister on Law and Administrator Karachi Metropolitan Corporation) graced the ceremony as chief guest.

Mr. Wahab lauded the contribution of Sindh Madressatul Islam in creation of Pakistan. While addressing the audience, he highlighted the importance of SMIU, its location and magnificent architecture of building. He further added “This institution has played a vital role in independence movement of Pakistan and still producing leaders for last 137 years.” He also lauded the efforts of Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Memon & his team for their untiring efforts in providing quality education.

VC, SMI University, Prof. Dr. Memon shared his views about the role of this institution played for the betterment

of Muslims and for the society. He said that “Hassanally Effendi, the founder of SMI, transformed the youth with his vision of serving education. When Hassanally Effendi met Sir Syed in 1882 to apprise him of his plan of setting this school, Sir Syed advised him “Don't think of a school only. Aim for a college and then expand it into a university.” Today that dream has come true, and Sindh Madressatul Islam is serving as a university. This institute has created so many leaders in almost every walk of life. We have success stories of our alumnus from every field. Some of the prominent alumnus belongs to politics, law, sports, writers, poets and many more.” He requested the govt. officials to look into the financial constraints that university is facing which is slowing down the progress of institution.

Dr. Mansoor Abbas Rizvi (Secretary Universities & Boards) also spoke on the occasion and highlighted the historical value of the SMI. University's students presented tableaux, songs and documentary in relevance to the foundation day. At the end of ceremony, VC, SMI University Prof. Dr. Memon presented souvenirs to the guests. The colorful ceremony was organized by Directorate of Student Affairs & Counseling, SMIU.



Visit to Cancer Foundation Hospital

By Yumna Khatri

On 13th October 2021, in relevance to breast cancer awareness month, team members of SMIU Literary Society paid a visit to the cancer patients at Cancer Foundation Hospital. The activity was planned in order to show their love and support to those who are battling everyday with this disease. It was a heart whelming experience for students to have this interaction with the patients. Students not only communicated with the survivors but also distributed gifts among them. The gesture was very well received and appreciated by the patients and administration of the hospital.



Pink Ribbon Day

By Muhammad Fahad & Muteeba Irshad

On 14th October 2021 in relevance to breast cancer awareness month, Directorate of Student Affairs & Counselling celebrated Pink Ribbon Day in Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium.

The program formally began with the recitation of Holy Quran. On behalf of DSA, Ms. Zonaira Jalali welcomed the guests and audience. She further said, “This year we have the courtesy of Salam Takaful in conducting this awareness session with Dr. Sehrish Fatima from Shaukat Khanum Memorial Hospital and Dr. Sheeba. SMI



University is positively making efforts to educate its stakeholders especially females about breast cancer.” As it is rightly said, “Prevention is better than cure”. During the program, a breast cancer awareness webinar was organized for the students, staff and faculty members of the university. The students and participants asked questions related to breast cancer. Which were answered by the doctors in detail about the symptoms, treatment and they also clarified the myths and misconceptions related to the disease.

After the webinar, different segments were presented by the SMIU Student Council, which includes documentaries highlighting the stories of breast cancer patients and survivals. Recitation of poetry by students and a theatre show “Aagahi Zarori Hai” was also performed by the students. At the end of the program, a best pink dress competition was also held among female students of university. The guests appreciated the efforts of university for arranging awareness session on such sensitive and important topic.



Miladun Nabi Celebrations

By Yumna Khatri

On 15th October 2021, SMIU celebrated Eid Miladun Nabi with religious zeal. Directorate of Student Affairs & Counseling with Allied Department organized a Milad at Sir Shah Nawaz Bhutto Auditorium.

The program was followed by Qira'at and Naat competition in which students of different departments participated enthusiastically. The competition had three winners for each category. The 1st position for Na'at competition was awarded to Mr. Waheed Ahmed (Dept. of Business Administration) 2nd position was obtained by Mr. Tasaduq Hussain (Dept. of Computer Science) and 3rd position secured by Mr. Abdullah Farooq (Dept. of Artificial Intelligence). For the Qira'at competition, Mr. Shah Abdul Latif secured 1st position (Dept. of Software Engineering) 2nd position was awarded to Mr. Abdullah (Dept. of Computer Science) and 3rd position won by Mr. Hafiz Abdur Rafay (Dept. of Business Administration).

On the occasion, VC SMI University, Prof. Dr. Memon addressed the audience. While talking about the life of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) he said, "The world brought up various doctrines whether cultural or moral, but the greatest of all is the teaching of our beloved Prophet Mohammad's (PBUH). He gave us a complete code of conduct of life. It teaches us not only about good and bad but also how an individual should spend his life. His (PBUH) code of conduct is considered as one of the oldest and best code of conduct in the world. Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) gave us education about everything. He talked about many issues including gender equity, justice, liberty, human rights and environment." He further advised students to follow the Islamic principles and read more about the life of the Prophet (PBUH) to develop a better society, as the teachings of Holy Prophet (PBUH) provide a "Mashal-e-Raah" to all the generations.

Dr. Umair Raeesuddin, (lecturer, Allied Department) highlighted the life of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) by shedding light on the concept of calling him Rehmatul-Lil-Aalimeen. He shared some great examples from the life of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) stating that how an individual in today's world may lead an ideal life by following the Seerat-un-Nabi (PBUH).

At the end, Prof. Dr. Memon awarded certificates and prizes to the winners of the competitions.



Turkish Presidency Research Award

By Raja Kamran Younus

On June 1st 2021, Dr. Munir Moosa Sadruddin (Assistant Professor, Department of Education SMIU) was awarded the Turkish Presidency Research Award. He contributed his research expertise and drafted a policy on inclusive needs-based education for Turkey and Pakistan, 2021-2025. Prof. Dr. Nuket Afat from Istanbul Sabahattin Zaim University co-authored this short research with him. This document remains pertinent to the policymakers in deciding on the educational rights of persons with inclusive needs.

Mr. Tolga Uçak, Consul General, Turkish Consulate General in Karachi recently launched the drafted policy. On this occasion, VC SMIU, Prof. Dr. Memon congratulated him and appreciated the mentor Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto (Dean, Department of Education)



Tech Seminar

By Raja Kamran Younus

On 28th October 2021, SMIU Science Society organized a Tech Seminar at Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium. Mr. Muhammad Ahsan Khan, founder of WEBICAMP was the guest speaker of the seminar. He shared his knowledge and experience with the students of different departments and discussed the latest trends in the field of information technology. During his speech, he discussed about recent opportunities and challenges faced by young innovators and the importance of technology in future. At the end of the seminar, Mr. Ahsan answered the questions of students regarding how technology is changing our lives gradually. He also appreciated the efforts and interest of SMIU management in Tech education.



Interdepartmental Table Tennis Tournament

By Muhammad Talal

On 3rd November 2021, SMIU Sports Society organized an Interdepartmental Table Tennis Tournament Boys & Girls at SMIU Indoor Sports Hall. The event took place from 3rd November till 5th November 2021. In this tournament 32 teams of boys' doubles and 10 girls participated in the singles category.

The final match of Boys' doubles was played between Star Breaks and Predators. Star Breaks played brilliantly and won the title. In Girls singles category Ms. Habiba-un- Nisa Imran won the title. Students actively participated in the tournament. They expressed joy and excitement throughout the tournament.



Visit To Pakistan Television

By Muteeba Irshad

On 8th November 2021, Department of Media & Communication Studies organized a study visit of students of third semester to Pakistan Television. The educational visit was a part of the subject Electronic Media. The purpose of the visit was to introduce the students practically with the electronic media equipment and make them understand how television transmission works.

During the visit, students were briefed about the working of different studios, TV show sets, master control rooms (MCR), editing room, satellite room. Students queried about their confusions and doubts. This visit not only cleared students' confusion but left them with delight that they got a chance to visit national TV channel which is the pioneer TV station of the country.



Iqbal Day Quiz Competition

By Muhammad Waseem Bozdar & Yumna Khatri

On 9th November, 2021 SMIU Literary Society paid tribute to the Poet of East, Allama Iqbal. On Iqbal Day, a quiz competition was organized at Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium. A pre-qualification round was held before the actual event date in which three teams qualified for the final round. The teams qualified for final round were Team Shaheen, Team Khudi and Team Janbaz. The program started with the recitation of Holy Quran followed by the National Anthem. After that Mr. Rizwan Ahmed recited a poem of Allama Muhammad Iqbal. The final round of the Quiz comprised of three rounds. Whereby, the first round was buzzer round followed by guess the picture and timer rounds. Team Janbaz (Mr. Muhammad Talal & Mr. Raja Kamran) won this competition with a score of 100 points and the runner-up team was Team Khudi with a total of 70 points. At the end, the moderator, Mr. Waseem Bozdar asked different questions from the audience as well. Later on, Dr. Ambreen Fazal (Chairperson Dept. of Media & Communication Studies) and Ms. Hadia Khalil (Patron of Literary Society) distributed prizes and certificates among winners and participants. The event was well attended by faculty, staff members and students of SMIU.



Journalistic Writing Workshop

By Muteeba Irshad

On 9th November 2021, Department of Media & Communication Studies organized a workshop on “Journalistic writing for Electronic Media” for the students. The workshop was conducted by Mr. Syed Sibte Hassan Rizvi. He has strong roots from the field of journalism. He is working as TV journalist for more than six years. The workshop focused on TV News writing style and how it was different from other medium’s writing styles. Mr. Rizvi also guided the students about the future opportunities in various fields of journalism such as reporting, content writing and news desk jobs.

He also encouraged students to start their own YouTube channels to polish their skills. He said, “Students shall not feel disappointed by the recent situation of Pakistani media. This is a golden era and full of opportunities for emerging journalists. You have social media platform to polish your skills and even earn money.” He further highlighted the problems faced by students after their graduation in the field. To make the workshop more interactive the facilitator engaged the participants with a reporting activity in which students participated with great zeal. In concluding remarks, Ms. Hadia Khalil (Organizer) appreciated and acknowledged the presence of guest. Prof. Dr. Zahid Ali Channar and Dr. Ambreen Fazal presented souvenir to the guest.



Workshop on Academic Writing

By Filza John

On 12th November 2021, Department of English organized a workshop on “Demystifying the myth of academic writing for young English learners” at Quaid e Azam Conference Hall. The resource person for the workshop was Mr. Muhammad Hassan. He introduced students with the formal academic writing style, especially used by university students. He said, “There are several myths attached to academic writing. The basic method to improve the writing skills is brainstorming and free writing. Which gives students quick ideas rather than thinking and wasting time and energy on how to write? Or what to write?” He also talked about various methods to write up more creatively.

The key features of the session were do’s and don’t’s of writing, genre approach to writing, write to be read and demystifying the writer’s block. Students from English department were encouraged to participate actively in the session. The resource person interacted with students and asked their opinions in order to clear students’ confusion and misconceptions about writing styles. The instructors were also present to motivate students. In concluding remarks, the trainer encouraged the students not to stop writing their creative ideas.



SMIU Senate holds its 5th Meeting

By Sadaf Khalid

On 18th November 2021, SMIU held its 5th meeting of Senate at the Senate Hall of university. VC SMI University, Registrar, Deans, Academic Advisor, Senate members and other officials attended the meeting. In this meeting various administrative and academic matters were discussed and approved.



Gaming Competition

By Raja Kamran Younus

On 24th November 2021, SMIU Science Society organized an E-gaming competition at Sir Shah Nawaz Bhutto Auditorium of the university. The competition included three E-games: Chess, Ludo and 8 Ball Pool. The members of Science Society said, “Keeping in view the importance of E-games, the Science Society organized this event to encourage the opportunities of E-games as the trend of E-gaming is increasing highly with the passage of time and also its importance. Playing E-games can make students smarter and more employable across a wider spectrum of careers. By showcasing their talent in E-gaming youngsters can also represent their country globally.” The winners of this interesting competition were Mr. Abdullah Shahzad, Mr. Qazi Mubeen and Mr. Sheeraz Ali from Department of Computer Science. Students from different departments vigorously participated in the event.



The Art of Oratory Workshop

By **Filza John**

On 26th November 2021, SMIU Debating Society in collaboration with SMIU Character Building Society presented a series of workshops on “The Art of Oratory.” The first workshop of this series was held at Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium. The purpose of organizing such workshops is to teach the youth about how to overcome public speaking fear when they have to stand and speak in front of hundreds of people.

The workshop started with the recitation of Holy Quran followed by National Anthem. Mr. Suleman Asif was invited as the speaker of the workshop. He is a well-known stand-up comedian, Sustainability Champion of UpG Switzerland and has a vast experience of public speaking and declamation. He talked about the format of public speaking and in the context of declamation especially humorous declamation. He explained the market strategies to sell a product and shared some tips and tricks on the type of content to be used. While concluding the session, he told students about the tips to improve their speech by adding an element of surprise, creativity, relativity and confidence.

Afterward Mr. Muhammad Ammar conducted a session with the participants. He is a Radio Moderator and content creator at Radio Pakistan along with the experience of debating and public speaking. He

discussed the formats of serious speech with the audience. He gave students important suggestions about topic, content, relevancy of topic with a society, addition of some poetic verses and hope into a speech. Besides sharing the importance of declamation, he taught students the real value of declamation that how a speech adds up sparkle to the personality. He sprinkled his words by saying “To be a good speaker, one must have to be a good listener.” In concluding remarks, he encouraged students to communicate better. He added, “Perform and forget because, in the end, we are all human.” The workshop ended with a question & answer session.

Crypto Currency: The Future of Economy

By **Muhammad Fahad Khan**

On 29th November 2021, Community Service Society organized a session on the topic “Crypto currency: The Future of Economy” at Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium. Mr. Muhammad Omer Khan (Director Software Services at DANAT) was invited as a guest speaker. He has vast experience in developing crypto exchange, bots and crypto trading. He explained to the students the concept of crypto currency including how to enter its trade market. He shared useful web resources with detailed information about the topic. This interactive session was well-attended by the students of all departments of university.

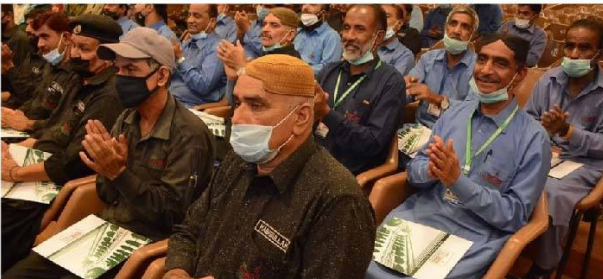


Upgradation of Employees

By Muhammad Waseem

On 1st December 2021, a ceremony was held to distribute the orders under the Time Scale Promotion of the employees from BPS-1 to BPS-14 at Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium of university. During the ceremony, the management promoted 45 staff members.

VC, SMI University, Prof. Dr. Memon congratulated the staff and said “I am always in favor of providing due rights to all the employees of the university. I will make sure that the employees have their due rights in coming years as well. You will always find my support in the progress of staff and university.” On this occasion, he further announced the financial assistance to the deserving employees of university.



Research Workshop

By Muhammad Talal

From 5th till 12th December 2021, Faculty of Management Science, Business Administration & Commerce conducted a research workshop on Level 02 of SPSS Software for the students of MS and PhD program at Qaid e Azam Conference Hall, Talpur House of university. The workshop was conducted by renowned SPSS trainer and researcher, Dr. Waqar Akbar. He is an Assistant Professor at SZABIST and a certified trainer. This workshop is a part of series of workshops. In

continuation to this, earlier, a workshop on Level 01 of SPSS was conducted at the same venue by Mr. Muzaffar Ali Shah on quantitative research tools. In addition to that, the workshop was conducted on teaching techniques of research on Smart-PLS by Mr. Shahid Obaid. The advanced level of Smart-PLS workshop was supervised by Dr. Syed Muhammad Faheem, who is certified trainer and assistant professor in IoBM.

Students of MS and PhD programs of the faculty participated in these workshops. They were trained with basic and advanced levels of SPSS and Smart-PLS software. The Trainers facilitated participants with an understanding of quantitative concepts and hands on training during the workshops.



Seminar on Human Rights held at SMIU

By Sadaf Khalid

On 9th December 2021, in accordance with Human Rights Week, Department of Social Development jointly organized a seminar on human rights, titled “Equality-Reducing Inequalities, Advancing Human Rights” with Department of Human Rights Government of Sindh at Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium.





The guests during the seminar shared their words of wisdom with the students. Mr. Javed Sibghatullah Mahar (Secretary Human rights govt. of Sindh) speaking to the audience said, “Since the day a human being is born, his basic rights have started. We could not get our own fundamental rights until we do respect the universal rights of others. The social intolerance in our society is increasing with the passage of time. There is a dire need to aware people about their fundamental rights on mass level because most people don’t know even their basic rights.

VC SMIU, Prof. Dr. Memon on this occasion said, “We must understand human rights in local connectivity, we need to create awareness as people may know what their due rights are and where they are bound to respect others’ rights. By including the subject of Human Rights in our course, we have taken a step to aware our youth about the rights and responsibilities of human beings. We cannot protect the rights until we do not educate our people.”

Mr. Zulfiqar Shah from Sindh Human Rights Commission highlighted the role of youth in implementing Human Rights. He said, “Currently Pakistan has the largest population of young people in its history. To

spread awareness and struggle to implement those rights is their responsibility. It is the duty of government to protect fundamental rights of the people.”

Ms. Zeenia Shoukat (Human rights activist) while speaking to the audience said, “Violation of human rights occurred, when there is no equality in society. The climate movement is emerging because of people’s activism. People would protect their fundamental rights by following right to information, freedom of expression and unity. These rights are for everyone regardless of gender, cast, religion or color.”

Dr. Subhash and Dr. Zahid Ali Channar (Chairperson & Dean, Department of Social Development) talked about the different rights of people and informed students about their right to education, security and safety.

Through this seminar, students got to learn about the human rights dynamics of the world. Later, VC SMI University, Prof. Dr. Memon distributed souvenirs among the guests. He also appreciated the Department of Social Development for organizing seminar on human rights.

Discussion on Urban Forest

By Muteeba Irshad

On 10th December 2021, Department of Environmental Sciences organized a panel discussion on “The effects of Urban Forest on Air Quality” at Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium.

The panelists include Dr. Shahid Amjad, Mr. Shehzad Qureshi, Dr. Hina Shehnaz, Mr. Jibran Khalid and Mr. Abdul Majeed Pirzada. The guests shared their expertise and discussed the importance of urban forest specially in Karachi and its effects on air quality of the city. The student and faculty members attended the discussion with great enthusiasm.



Speed Programming Competition 2021

By Muhammad Fahad Khan

On 10th December 2021, Department of Computer Science organized a one-day Speed Programming Competition 2021. The competition consisted of two rounds. Students were given tasks in the form of questions and a time limit to determine their speed of codes. Each round consisted of one hour, the fastest one to get the task fulfilled was to be selected. The final round had three winners who did excellent codes, tested their logic, and produced productive outputs. Ms. Kanwal Fatima and Ms. Urooj Malik from CS department secured 1st position. Mr. Akhlaq Ahmed and Mr. Salman Ahmed from Software Engineering department got 2nd position. Mr. Amjad Aziz and Mr. Qayraise Ali from Artificial Intelligence stood 3rd. Students from Faculty of Information Technology passionately participated and practiced their skills in attempting all the tasks given to them by the faculty.



SMIU holds 11th Meeting of Academic Council

By Arsalan Khalid

On 14th December 2021, SMIU held its 11th meeting of the Academic Council at Senate Hall of university. The meeting was chaired by VC SMI University Prof. Dr. Memon. The academic council agreed on incorporation of innovative and up to date curriculum into Business Administration, Social Sciences and Computer Science. The council approved new courses including BS in Data Science, Cyber Security, IT, Economics, Commerce, Public Administration and Sociology.

The meeting was attended by Prof. Dr. Syed Asif Ali Dr. Jamshed Adil, Dr. Zahid Ali Channar (Deans of: Faculty of IT, Faculty of Management, Business Administration & commerce, and Faculty of Social Sciences respectively), Mr. Muhammad Zaheer Khan (Regional Director of IUCN), Mr. Athar Jamal Abro (Former Executive Director of Ministry of Commerce), Ms. Ameena Saiyid (Former MD of Oxford University Press) and other officials of university.



While discussing the matters with the council, VC, SMI University, Prof. Dr. Memon said, “By the emergence of pandemic, we observed that information technology is a necessity of the time. Keeping in view the importance of subject, we have introduced some new programs related to IT. The world has stepped into the digital era, and we need to produce well trained I.T and Business professionals along with skilled social scientists.” He further added, we have achieved a high position in a short period of time which includes the hard work of the members of the academic council. Despite many challenges, we are offering education in 10 disciplines, and we are ambitious to expand our programs more in near future.

The minutes of the last meeting of Academic Council were also approved in this meeting.



Study Visit of Radio Pakistan

By Sadaf Khalid

On 14th December 2021, Department of Media & Communication Studies arranged an educational visit to Radio Pakistan for the students. The visit was organized as a part of their course Electronic Media. The students visited the radio station, where they were introduced to different studios. One of which was dedicated to FM 101. They interacted with RJ, who was live for a Punjabi show. The RJ shared his experience of working for the radio and answered



student’s questions concerning the respective field.

The students were shown the technical aspects of the Radio. They visited the Broadcasting room and were explained about news broadcasting from Islamabad to Karachi through a satellite system. They also got to know about the broadcasting channels and the technicalities of radio transmission. During the visit, students were given a chance to learn about working environment of national radio channel. Students were also offered internships by the authorities as well.



Screenplay & Script Writing Workshop

By Muteeba Irshad

On 15th December 2021, SMIU Literary Society arranged a workshop on “Screenplay & Script Writing.” The workshop was conducted by Mr. Umer Qazi. He has a vast experience of script and screenplay writing, a film maker and a film instructor at SMIU. The workshop was all about writing tips and techniques. He advised participants to make writing a habit of their lives and suggested them to start portraying their feelings and ideas in the form of writing. During the workshop the facilitator also emphasized on the importance of reading and recommended the attendees to start reading, as the experience says, “Reading is the finest teacher of how to write.”

This interesting and interactive workshop was attended by students of different departments of university along with some of the faculty and staff members who have their interest in writing. This two-hour workshop was

followed by hands on training and writing activities for the participants. Mr. Qazi also elaborated the difference between script writing and screenplay. He said, “Not all scripts are screenplays, but all screenplays are scripts.” The students participated enthusiastically in this workshop. At the end of the session, a token of appreciation was presented to the trainer by patron of Literary Society and certificates were distributed among participants.



Film Screening of Emerging Film Makers of Pakistan

By Nida Akram

On 15th December 2021, Department of Media & Communication Studies organized a film screening of four award winning short films followed by a panel discussion at Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium. The film screening included four award winning national amateur short films by Mr. Fariq Riaz, Mr. Vishal Kodwani, Mr. Haris Latif and Mr. Irfan Noor K.

The young filmmakers shared their experiences with students. During the discussion Mr. Latif asked about different techniques of film and documentary making to the guests. The filmmakers shared ground realities and difficulties of making a film. They shared tips and techniques with aspiring filmmakers as well. Prof. Dr. Memon, VC SMI University appreciated the efforts of young filmmakers including Mr. Haris Latif, students of Dept. of Media & Communication Studies who won the prize in ISPR short film competition. Dr. Zahid Ali Chnнар (Dean, faculty of Social Sciences), Dr. Ambreen Fazal (Chairperson) and faculty members of department also attended the discussion.



Student Visit at Lucky Textile Mill

By Filza John

On 15th December 2021, Department of Environmental Sciences arranged a study visit to Lucky Textile Mill for its students. During the visit, students got to know about various sections of industry along with its wastewater treatment plant. They also got an opportunity to learn about the industrial processes and issues related to the environment.



Tribute to APS Martyrs

By Muteeba Irshad

On 16th December 2021, SMIU Community Service Society arranged a monologue theater performance at Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium. The performance was arranged to pay tribute to the memories of young martyrs of Army Public School. The date, 16th December 2014 marks the black day in the history of humanity, when 144 innocent human lives were taken during an attack at APS Peshawar. The memory of the black day hunts every human till date. Students of SMIU also shared their feelings and condolence to the families of martyrs in a brief documentary.

Prof. Dr. Memon, VC SMI University, faculty members and students attended the program. Every eye was in tear recalling the horrific event. The brilliant performance and the program ended with prayers for the martyrs and their families.



100 Words Story Competition

By Nida Akram

On 17th December 2021, SMIU Literary Society organized a 100-words story competition for students at Thomas Henry Vines Lawn. Students from different departments participated in this competition. This contest was in both English and Urdu languages. Theme for the competition was “Once upon a time”. More than 30 students participated in this activity. The winners for English 100 words story competition are Mr. Syed Daniyal Ali Shah (1st prize) and Ms. Komal Soomro (2nd prize). For the Urdu category Ms. Iqra Tabassum won 1st prize and Mr. Farhan Afzal scored 2nd prize. The patron of literary society told chronicle team that, the purpose of organizing such activities is to improve writing habits and polish the writing skills of young generation.



Celebration of Quaid -e- Azam Day

By Arsalan Khalid Karim

ON 24th December 2021, SMI University celebrated birth anniversary of its alumnus and father of the nation, Muhammad Ali Jinnah at Inner courtyard of main building of university.

The event started with the recitation of Holy Quran followed by national anthem. In relevance to the occasion students of university, Mr. Huraira Baig, Ms. Nimra Shakeel, Syeda Harmeem and Mr. Adeel Ikhtiyar Kiyani presented speech, poetry and songs to pay tribute to the founder of nation. The students magnificently explained the biography of Quaid and his tireless struggle for the safeguard of the rights of Muslims. The importance of his

famous fourteen (14) points which stunned everyone and became history.

While speaking at the ceremony, VC SMI university, Prof. Dr. Memon congratulated everyone for being a part of the same institution from where the founder of nation M. Ali Jinnah received his early education. He said “As one of our alumnus Mr. Syed Ghulam Mustafa Shah used to call Sindh Madressatul Islam as “Child of Sindh and Mother of Pakistan” so in my opinion Pakistan was founded because of SMI. Mr. Jinnah studied here for the longest period of his education. This institute has strong effects on his grooming and skills. His motto ‘unity, faith, discipline’ has a philosophy which he explained by giving personal examples. He was a very disciplined person in his personal, professional and leadership life. While standing alone, Mr. Jinnah united the whole nation for a single cause of a separate homeland”. He further advised students to read in detail about Jinnah’s life and urged them to follow the footsteps of founder of the nation.

The cake cutting ceremony was also held on that occasion. Vice Chancellor along with Registrar, Deans, Academic advisor, Principal officers and Directors cut the cake. Ms. Kiran Shirazi, patron of Debating Society presented a vote of thanks to audience and appreciated the efforts of Directorate of Student Affairs and other societies for organizing this colorful event.



MOJO Workshop

By Muhammad Fahad Khan

On 30th December 2021, a workshop on “Mobile Journalism” conducted by broadcast reporter Mr. Rana Javed organized by Directorate of Broadcasting and Media Trainings (MTC) at Senate Hall of university. Mr. Javed is presently associated with Jang Group. Workshop was started with an interactive session in which the moderator, Mr. Asif Ghaffar (Producer TV Studio, SMIU) asked about present condition, circumstances and practices of the field.

Followed by the interactive session, trainer provided students a hands-on training. He assisted with the Audio-Visuals from his own broadcasted reports as well as other Journalist’s MOJO reports. While conducting the session he emphasized on the importance of mobile training in the field, He added “Presently, mainstream channels like Geo and Express have adopted MOJO, they have trained their reporters as this technique not only saves time but also it is cost effective. The news is reaching to the masses within seconds due to mobile and gadgets.”

Mr. Rana Javed also provided a brief information how to record the mobile shots, audio and other important techniques while recording with the mobile. He also shared his experiences which reporters face on daily basis. He added “Students must get prepared before going to field, they must have done some work to show to the employers when they go for job interviews.” The trainer opted two-way process of learning while giving the brief answers to the questions raised by different students about the field. At last, he motivated students that this is a myth that media has no jobs, he further said “Even after mobile journalism, media graduates are self-sufficient and they can run their own Youtube channel and earn and am sure that they would be performing better than those who don’t know even the ethics of media.”

The Director MTC, Mr. Mushtaq Muhammad appreciated and thanked the guest for providing his precious time to the students and presented souvenir to the trainer.



Workshop on Web Desining

By Yumna Khatri

On 30th December 2021, One day workshop on "Web Designing and Development for the students of Information Technology" was organized by the Department of Software Engineering in collaboration with ORIC at Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium. The renowned trainer and software engineer from Habib Bank Limited, Mr. Waris Sarwar spotted the light on technology-based skills and marketing strategies. The workshop was attended by the students and members of department.



Theater Performance

By Zia Uddin

On 30th December 2021, Department of Media & Communication Studies presented a theatre performance “Pappu ka Natak”. The performance introduced a comparatively new literary technique "frame narrative" (story within story) including Manto's famous short story on Indo-Pak partition "Toba Tek Singh". The theater was written & directed by Media students Mr. Kamal Ahmed & Mr. Haris Latif.



Humorous Declamation Contest

By Salman Farooqui

On 30th December 2021, SMIU Literary Society organized a humorous declamation contest in Sir Shanawaz Bhutto Auditorium. The theme of the contest was “Bari nazuka surata-e-haal hai.” The first position was secured by Ms. Iqra Tabassum and 2nd position by Mr. M.Talha. The adjudicators of the contest were Ms. Khushboo, Mr. Asif Ghaffar and Mr. Mushtaq Muhammad. In the end prizes were distributed among the winners and certificates were given to all the participants. At last, a token of appreciation was presented to Ms. Hadia Khalil for her services as Patron of SMIU Literary



Session on Indus Delta: Environmental and Socioeconomic Problems & Solutions

By Muhammad Talal

On 31st December 2021, Department of Environmental Sciences in collaboration with ORIC organized a guest speaker session titled “Indus Delta: Environmental and socioeconomic issues & solutions” at Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium.

Environment and climate expert Mr. Nasir Ali Panhwar was invited to shed light on the importance of the Indus Delta. While speaking to the audience, he said “Water scarcity in the Indus Delta is causing severe problems and because of that fish and crab production is declining. Some of the major threats to Indus Delta include decreased flow of freshwater, construction of dams and canals, cleaning mangroves for agriculture, encroachments, habitat destruction and pollution. He further explained the different socioeconomic climate and environmental issues of the Indus Delta and presented some useful solutions as well.

While addressing the audience, VC SMIU, Prof. Dr. Memon said, “If we look back over ten years, Thatta and Badin were considered the export hubs. Due to the shortage of water, the land near Indus Delta got unproductive. Addressing to the policymakers, he advised that providing water to the delta as per 1991 policy would be beneficial.”

The session was well attended by faculty, staff and students from different departments of university.



SMIU Reports

SMIU Celebrated Teacher's Day

By Muhammad Talal

On 5th October 2021, in accordance with the World Teacher's Day, SMI University celebrated the Day by appreciating the efforts of those teachers who contributed to society for making it a better place, on this occasion a seminar on "Teachers at the Heart of Education Recovery" was organized at Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium. Panel includes eminent educationist and scholars including Mr. Mazhar-ul-Haq Siddiqui (Educationist & former VC, University of Sindh, Jamshoro), Prof. K.S. Nagpal (Educationist), Prof. Dr. Zahid Ali Channar (Dean Faculty of Social Sciences, SMIU), Prof. Dr. Jamshed Adil (Dean Faculty of Business Management, SMIU), Dr. Stephen John (Chairman, Department of Education) and Dr. Aamir Umrani (Director ORIC).

During the discussion, Mr. Mazhar-ul- Haq Siddiqui said, "Teachers should be sincere with their profession and must provide services without any greed. A teacher is born with the natural qualities, they dedicate their efforts to make better future of society. The best teacher would be friend of students." Prof. K.S. Nagpal while expressing his views said, "A teacher must consider his profession as worship. It is a teacher who invented and transformed all the professions. The role of the teacher in the Indus civilization was that of a spiritual leader, teachers in South Asia were also supposed to develop moral, ethical and psychological sides of learners who brings students from darkness to light." The other speakers also shared their experiences and agreed to the point on encouraged effective communication between teachers and students.

The panelist answered the questions of students and they encouraged them to ask questions and study hard to follow the legacy of the former student of this institute. This panel discussion was moderated by Mr. Ajab Lashari (Lecture, Education Dept.).

Addressing the seminar, VC SMI University, Prof. Dr. Memon paid homage and gave all the credit of his achievements to his teachers. He said, "Whatever I am today and serving in this capacity is because of my teachers. We are still in the phase of learning. This day, I want to salute my primary school teacher, Mr. Nazar Muhammad Memon. I feel immensely proud that I am the son of a teacher, who is also an alumnus of this great institution. I am so honored to say that I am leading an institution where my father also studied." He further added that he had many other options to choose as a profession, but he joined teaching. He emphasized that the only thing a teacher deserve and ask for is 'respect'. VC SMI University appreciated the efforts of Department of Education and Directorate of student Affairs & Counselling for organizing the event. Students also performed a theatre to pay tribute to the teachers. In concluding ceremony, souvenirs were also presented to the guests.



World Television Day

By **Mahnoor Abdul Hameed,**
Nida Akram & Mehreen Aslam

On 23rd November 2021, Seminar titled as “Evolution of Television” organized by Directorate of Broadcasting & Media Trainings on World Television Day. The seminar was attended by well-known journalists, actors and media persons. The purpose to arrange this seminar was to acknowledge the efforts of Television for the betterment of a society. Director MTC, Mr. Mushtaq Muhammad welcomed all prominent personalities in his welcome note.

The program formally began with the Keynote speech of Mr. Tanveer Jamal. He is a famous TV director and pioneer of private production in Pakistan. During his speech, he discussed about the role and importance of TV in our society. He shared his memories of evolution of PTV. Addressing the audience, he said that “In past, the content of TV drama was used to strengthen the relationships between families and society. But today, our dramas are more focused towards breaking the relationships. The standard of content is declining day by day. Our dramas were appreciated and copied by others in past. They had content. They had actors. Our focus was on the subject, its content and dialect but it has been changed now.” He concluded his speech on a

positive note and motivated the young students to read literature and change the standards of TV content for the betterment of society.

Followed by Mr. Tanveer Jamal a senior journalist, Mr. Mazher Abbas delivered keynote speech on this occasion. He said, “The dramas that are being written are designed according to the market. The market has not changed, only the trend is being followed. Following the trend kills the creativity. When we do copy paste, we drop our quality and standards of dramas”.



VC SMI University, Prof. Dr. Memon also spoke at the occasion. He appreciated the guests for their efforts and struggles in media industry. Speaking to the audience he said, “There is a serious lack of quality material on our TV. We have entered the 21st century but we have forgotten the norms, values and culture of a society. To meet the world’s standards, we have moved from century to century, medium to medium and technology to technology. But we have to value our culture too. The dissemination of culture in a positive way is the responsibility of media. By using this platform, we can pass on our values and norms to our young generation.”

After keynote speeches by the speakers, there were panel discussions on Drama and News where relevant content creators and performers participated in thought-provoking discussion.

The first panel discussion, “TV as a Household: Journey of its Diversity” included renowned senior actors and was moderated by Ms. Hadia Khalil. During the discussion, the famous Pakistani actor Mr. Kaiser Khan Nizamani said “Unfortunately we do not have good writers now, we are



advancing in technology too fast. The future of TV is web television. Today, we are lacking in producing good content writers, scripts and actors. Due to this the TV drama has lost its audiences. In coming years, everything will be shifted to mobile and digital media.” He advised youngsters to pursue show business as a passion but not as a profession. A veteran Pakistani actor Mr. Akbar Subhani expressed his opinion and said that “As we have fewer content writers and most of the writers are being pressurized to write commercially. The dramas are now more for the commercial purpose instead of betterment of our society.” In the same discussion, while answering a question about negative characterization of women in the drama, the famous Pakistani TV and theater actress Ms. Kaif Ghaznavi said “If I am playing a negative role, it doesn’t mean that I am advocating that negative character, instead it is a school of thought that I am presenting as an actress. New content does not let us think of free will. But youth have the energy to change these dynamics.” The panel discussion was concluded with a positive note. All the guests agreed on the role and importance of TV dramas in our society.

The last panel discussion was held on “Evolution of Television News in Pakistan.” The Panelists includes senior journalists and was moderated by Mr. Sadaquat Hussain.

Mr. Mazhar Abbas praised the contribution of SMI in freedom of press he says “This is the place where federal Union of Journalist laid their foundation, in 1950 the first convention of Sindh Union of Journalist was held at Sindh Madressatul Islam. Later on, it

transformed as Pakistan Union of Journalist.” On another question of present condition of freedom of speech, he replied “When Journalist have to choose one between the two choices it’s difficult for him to make a balance news, facing pressure is a normal routine, Since the independence this state has no culture of freedom of expression.”

Mr. Masood Raza also shared his valuable views on diversity of content on Television said that, “There are people who could generate better content, but the question is if the people really want to see that.” When he was inquired about the lack of educational and research content he replied, “Whenever I did program on education, the rating of my program fell down, my organization has commercial objectives which we cannot ignore.”

Ms. Najia Ashar who also runs a Media Training Academy points out the vulnerability of social media, said “Social media has destroyed the credibility of News, they require no authenticity resulting the decline in people trust on news” she further added “Now a days, News is just a Tweet or audio and video leak.” She also agrees to the opinion of Mr. Masood Raza about educational news “No channel broadcast program on any book, channels have their commercial interest for which they do not afford timeslot for education.” In conclusion of this panel all the panelist agrees on the point that, despite all issues, the TV News channels are still the voice of many voice-less people. Journalists have been fighting for freedom of press and they have sacrificed a lot.

VC SMI University, Prof. Dr. Memon, distributed the souvenirs among the guests and appreciated the efforts of team of MTC for organizing a successful seminar on importance of television in our society.



Sindh Culture Day

By **Muhammad Waseem Buzdar, Muhammad Talal & Sadaf Khalid**

On 8th December 2021, Sindh culture day was celebrated in the premises of SMI University. The much-anticipated day was celebrated with great energy and zeal. The entire campus was decorated with color scheme of Ajrak. VC SMI University, Prof. Dr. Memom along with VC University of Balochistan, Dr. Shafiq Ur Rehman inaugurated the event. They visited the stalls of traditional handicrafts, cultural food and other artistic work arranged by the student societies in front of Talpur House. A photo booth was also set up by the students which was the depiction of traditional “Kachehri” of Sindh culture. It was stunningly decorated with beautiful hangings of Sindhi “Ralli”. The air was filled with beautiful cultural songs, on which students rejoiced and danced too. It was a day everyone celebrated wholeheartedly.

The main program was held at Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium. The program formally began with the recitation of Holy Quran followed by the National Anthem. Dr. Asif Ali Wagan (Director, DSA) read some beautiful lines of Shah Abdul Latif Bhittai and

appreciated the efforts of his team and entire students’ council in his welcome address. The students of various societies presented poetry, sung songs, arranged cultural walks and dances at the occasion. The event was organized by Directorate of Student Affairs & Counselling with Arts Society in collaboration with other Societies of SMIU. The program comprised of different student’s activities including poetry recitation, cultural songs, theater performances and cultural walk.

To cover the different aspects of culture, brief talks were also arranged. In connection to that, Mr. Ajab





geography of Sindh and described in detail that how they built their homes and farms. He explained the way of living of people of Sindh. Using the poetic verses, he expressed his love and affection for the land of Sindh.

While addressing the audience on that occasion VC, SMI University, Prof. Dr. Memon said that “We love entire cultures of Pakistan as much we love and respect our own culture. We shall not forget our social values. I am hopeful that our students will adopt these values with their education at SMIU. We have the best student societies among all the universities. These students are making this university different and prominent from others.” He appreciated the efforts of DSA and student’s societies who organized this event. He further added, this is a great sign that students are being involved in curricular activities along with their education.



Ali Lashari (Lecturer, Department of Education) shed light on historical importance of Sindh. He said, “Sindh has a very ancient history, we have a brilliant history of Mohenjjo Daro.” Mr. Wafa Mansoor Burio (Lecturer, Department of English) shared his views and said, “Culture is not only the name of artifacts and dressing, but culture is very diverse. Culture is the part of our values and nature, we should love and respect all cultures of Pakistan.” Dr. Subhash (Chairman, Department of Social Development) shared his love for the Sindh culture and described it in a beautiful way of poetry. He talked about

In concluding remarks Ms. Khushboo Rafiq (Patron, Art Society) acknowledged the efforts of all the students and societies for organizing a successful event. Later, Dr. Asif Ali Wagan (Director, DSA) and patron Art Society presented souvenirs to the Vice Chancellor and speakers.



SMIU's 4th Convocation

By Muteeba Irshad & Muhammad Fahad Khan

On 22nd December 2021, SMI University conferred degrees to over 500 students in its 4th Convocation. After 2018, it's the first convocation held in person for last 04 batches together. In a combined ceremony of 2016 till 2019 batches, 459 Undergraduate and 69 Graduate students from different faculties were awarded degrees. The female students outshined male students by achieving eight gold medals out of nine.

The Gold Medalist includes Ms. Sania Iftikhar (Media & Communication Studies), Ms. Moomal Baig, Mr. Usama, Ms. Iqra Abbas, Ms. Hadiqa Malik (Business Administration), Ms. Fatima Rais (Computer Science), Ms. Maira (Environmental Sciences) and Ms. Hira Naz (Education).

The Silver Medalist are Ms. Indila Mazhar, Mr. Abdul Bari, Mr. Zohaib Muhabat Ali, Mr. Sumair Abdullah (Media & Communication Studies) Ms. Wardah Abdul Khaliq, Ms. Wajiha Islam, Ms. Aiman Khalil, Mr. Bilal Anwar (Business Administration) Ms. Ayesha Kalhor, Mr. Zain-ul-Abdeen, Mr. Mohammad Annas, Ms. Rafia Qadir (Computer Science) Ms. Atiqa Iqbal (Environmental Sciences) and Ms. Nimra Naz (Education).

This is the first large gathering organized by university after Covid -19. At this grand celebratory academic occasion, the Chancellor of university, Mr. Imran Ismail (Governor Sindh), Mr. Muhammad Ismail Rahoo (Minister for Universities & Boards) along with VC SMI University, Prof. Dr. Memon conferred the degrees to the students.

Mr. Imran Ismail, while congratulating the students said "You are now alumni of a historic institution, the alma mater of the founder of Pakistan. It is your duty to use your skills for the betterment of society." Furthermore, he appreciated the efforts and





education and from now on you have to use your skills and excellence in professional life.”

While speaking to the audience, VC SMI University Prof. Dr. Memon highlighted the developmental and academic progress of university. He said, “Nine years ago, we started with five departments and 129 students. But in a journey of few years, SMIU has successfully started sixteen departments with a large number of students. He further added, “SMIU carries a legacy of producing visionary leaders, educationalists, politicians, writers, poets and sports persons. Now, your name will be in the list of those alumnus who brought honor and pride to this country.”

He congratulated the graduating students and urged them to join their professional career with dedication to serve this country. The ceremony ended with a great zeal of happiness among students and their parents. The faculty and staff members also congratulated the passing out students.

dedication of female students and insisted on utilizing their talent and struggle for good. He said “These talented girls are an asset to us. But, unfortunately, most of them will not be allowed by their families to pursue a professional life. I request all the parents to let their daughters play a beneficial role in the development of our country.”

Mr. Muhammad Ismail Rahoo, while addressing the audience said, “This is not only a proud moment for students but also for their parents. As you have achieved one milestone by completing your higher



Queen's Baton Visits SMIU

By Nida Akram

On 28th December 2021, Sindh Madressatul Islam University hosted the Queen's Baton Relay. The QBR represented the United Kingdom with total of 72 territories and nation, embodied with the message that it connects people around the world with peace, prosperity and love. This happened for the first time in the history of Commonwealth games that the metropolitan hosted Queen Baton Relay.

The ceremony in SMI University was attended by Deputy High Commissioner of United Kingdom Mr. Martin Dawson, Lt Gen. Syed Arif Hasan (President Pakistan Olympics Association) Mr. Muhammad Khalid Mehmood (Secretary General POA) VC SMIU along with faculty, staff members and students of university. The occasion was graced by Commonwealth and Asian Games medalists, athletes, former cricketer Mr. Shoaib Muhammad and other sports personalities.

Speaking on the occasion Mr. Martin Dawson said, "I am very pleased that QBR started its journey from one of the historical institutes of Pakistan. This Baton connects communities around the world, since the arrival in Pakistan, this is my pleasure to be here at SMIU among people of this city".



Addressing the audience, Mr. Muhammad Khalid Mehmood said, "Pakistan always takes part in Commonwealth games. This QBR is the symbol of Peace and Prosperity. We are honored to host this event at alma mater of founder of Pakistan." He also thanked Vice chancellor SMIU, Registrar and Director DSA for organizing the event.

Lt Gen. Syed Arif Hassan shared his thoughts with the audience "The reason to choose SMIU to start this relay was that we wanted to highlight the history of the founder of Pakistan. This institute has produced great leaders like Mr. Jinnah and for this association we are so proud of being here today. Mr. Jinnah has great affection towards this institute as he upgraded it to a college. He mentioned Jinnah's keen interest in sports and quoted Jinnah's words "Every inch of these splendid grounds where I took part in various games, I know."





carried it and exchanged from hand to hand to complete the relay at campus.

In concluding ceremony, VC SMIU Prof. Dr. Memon distributed souvenirs among the guests and athletes. Whereas Lt Gen. Syed Arif Hasan on behalf of Pakistan Olympic Association presented souvenirs to VC SMIU Prof. Dr. Memon, Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Shaikh (Registrar), Dr. Asif Ali Wagan (Director, DSA) and to Ms. Zonaira Jalali (Manager, DSA).



Later on, the guests visited Jinnah Museum of SMIU where they showed keen interest in relics and academic credentials of Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah and other old students. The guests also planted tree at Thomas Henry Vines Lawn SMIU.

VC SMIU Prof. Dr. Memon while sharing his views said that “We are very glad to host QBR and it is an honor for us that this relay is starting from SMIU. It is also a great news for the people of Karachi that this Baton would move within the city for three days. This Baton is a symbol of connectivity which connects people around 72 commonwealth countries. This is a great opportunity for SMIU to share the Baton for Commonwealth 2022 games.”

Lt Gen. Syed Arif Hasan handed over the Baton to VC SMIU to start the relay. Later the SMIU students



STUDENT'S Corner

Steps Towards Green Pakistan

By M. Waseem Buzdar

Is our environment unsafe? Why our ecosystem is still vulnerable? Are impacts of Industrial development irreversible to environment? Is the balance between wild and domestic possible? These are the questions of last two decades, some of the acceptable answers by the experts are alternative sources of energy, emission-controlled environment, eco-friendly measures in industries, air pollution control and the most significant and important is to “go green.” Both social and ecological factors are important in understanding the importance of human behaviors towards their organic surroundings. Plantation is one of the solutions. According to learned ones it is the natural process which have potential to minimize the adverse impacts of human violations in natural territory, especially the greenhouse effect.

According to environmentalists, Pakistan is prone to climate change such as unusable rain patterns, melting avalanches, sea intrusion, drought and rising temperatures. Pakistan has done encouraging work in mitigating the effects of climate change over the past few years. The climate change is the utmost ecological concern, although Government is taking some measures that must be appreciated but it should be understood a crucial matter by citizens too.

Pakistan has launched a campaign to plant 10 billion trees and this campaign started in 2014 from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province of Pakistan and so far, more than one billion trees have been planted under this campaign, this effort has also been praised by international organizations such as International Union for

Conservation of Nature (IUCN), UNESCO and World Economic Form.

A few months ago, children from different schools headed by Deputy Commissioner Gujranwala set a world record by planting more than 52,000 saplings per minute.

At the same time, urban forests are being developed rapidly in major cities of Pakistan. In Lahore alone, more than 53 Miyawaki Urban Forests have been developed. Many urban forests have also been developed in Karachi. Two of which are noteworthy. One of them is known as Clifton Urban Forest located in Clifton area of Karachi. This was started by the efforts of Mr. Masood Lohar. Earlier, this place on the beach was a dumping point which Mr. Lohar cleared and started planting trees. So far thousands of plants of 62 different species have been planted. while the other is located in Bahadurabad area of Karachi which is called Kidney Hill Park. Kidney Hill Park covers 62 acres. It is located at an altitude of 219 feet above the ground and has more than 1 lac trees of 53 different species including fruit trees.

Aforementioned efforts from individual to institutional level are commendable but still there is a need of massive social understanding for ‘Importance of Green.’ Love for plantation is to be inherited in generations so that they may understand the whole dilemma of natural cycle. Moreover, understanding of which tree to be planted according to the natural habitat is also important.



Meet our Alumnus



Arshman Naseer

Mr. Arshman Naseer is a graduate of Batch 2016 from Department of Media & Communication Studies. He is presently working as a Freelance Director and AD in Film and Advertising industry. He has been working in the film and ad industry since 2017 as an Assistant Director. During this time, he has directed several fashion films, advertisements, music videos and food films for some of the famous national and international brands. Besides, he has also directed and scripted different documentaries for Pakistan Navy including Zarb-e-Aab, Surkhru and covered AMAN-19 International event as Director.

Mr. Naseer in his young age has got a chance to work on a feature length film, Jugnu as Associate Director which is produced by renowned filmmaker Mr. Jami & Azad Films.

While remembering his time in SMI University, he said “I feel honored to be an alumnus of the institute which has association with the founder of our country. This institute has not only given me knowledge but also gave me the courage and provided me with different opportunities. I got a chance to visit different important places nationally and internationally through the leadership programs organized by university. I am thankful to all the appreciation & confidence of my teachers which gave me courage to follow my dreams.”



Hasnain Ali Banani

Mr. Hasnain Ali Banani graduated from Department of Media & Communication Studies. He is a silver medalist of his Batch 2016. He is currently working as a Senior Assignment Editor in BOL News. He has more than five years of experience in TV News channels. He has worked as Reporter and Sub Editor in Daily Trade and Daily Finance Newspaper as well. He has his own startup named “Banani Solutions” for Digital Marketing Services.

Mr. Banani produced various short films and documentaries which were recognized at National and International Platforms. His work was acknowledged in different film festivals including Selection in Phoenix Melbourne Film Festival 2015 and in International Open Film Festival Dhaka 2016.

While talking to SMIU Chronicle team, he said “SMIU completely changed my perspective of life. My journey from an average student to a silver medalist student was due to my teachers who at every step my life at university helped nurture my skills. I explored and experienced many things during my tenure as a President of Arts Society, visited China and participated in different co-curricular activities. Those activities boost my confidence and give my life a better direction. There are no words that can express my gratitude for this prestigious university. I want to pay my gratitude to all my teachers and university for making me what I am today.”

SMIU's Collaborations



Oct 2021: Prof. Dr. Memon (VC, SMIU) and Prof. Dr. Syed Irfan Hyder (VC, Zia Uddin University) signed a MoU Where both universities agreed on academic cooperation and collaborative activities in academic areas of mutual interest such as exchange of faculty, researchers and students along with the sharing of academic information and materials.



Nov 2021: Prof. Dr. Memon (VC, SMIU) and Prof. Dr. Rukhsana David (Principal, Kinnaird College for Women) signed a MoU Where both institutes agreed on academic cooperation and sharing of resources through education, training, seminars and workshops etc.



Dec 2021: Prof. Dr. Memon (VC, SMIU) and Prof. Dr. Shafiq-ur-Rehman (VC, University of Balochistan) signed a MoU document. SMIU's officials, including Registrar Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Shaikh, Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh Chairperson Department of Computer of Science, Director ORIC Dr. Aamir Iqbal Umrani also attended the MoU signing ceremony.



Dec 2021: Prof. Dr. Memon (VC, SMIU) and Dr. Parveen Munshi (VC, University of Sufism & Modern Sciences, Bhitshah) signed a MoU. Whereas both the universities agreed on mutual collaboration in terms of research and academics matters.



Dec 2021: Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Shaikh (Registrar, SMIU) and Mr. Kashif Jafri (Chief Growth Officer, Extreme Commerce) inked a MoU. With this collaboration, students will have opportunity of wide range of free-lancing and learning skills for professional e-commerce system.



Dec 2021: Dr. Asif Ali Wagan (Director, DSA) and Mr. Murtaza Ali Bughio (CEO, Mashq Consultancy) signed a MoU. In which both the organizations agreed on collaborative social activities including internship program for SMIU students. This collaboration will open new doors of learning specially for the SMIU students who are interested in the art of expression, debate and declamation.

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