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Mr. Madad Ali Sindhi, Caretaker Federal Minister for Education and Professional Training, Government of Pakistan, Vice Chancellor of SMIU Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Consul General Turkiye Excellency Cemal Sangu, noted intellectual Mr. Javed Jabbar, Madam Mehtab Akber Rashidi and other guests proceeding toward SMIU's auditorium to attend the 139th Foundation Day Ceremony of SMI on September 1, 2023.



Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU giving away a bouquet to Syed Muhammad Ahmed Shah, Caretaker Provincial Minister on the occasion of birthday anniversary of Quaid-e-Azam Mohammed Ali Jinnah at SMIU. (Report on page 21)



Chairman Sindh HEC Dr. Tariq Rafi, Vice Chancellor SMIU Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai and Consul General of Turkey in Karachi Mr. Cemal Sangu during the 139th Foundation Day Ceremony of SMI held on 1st September 2023. (Report on page 06)



The Sindh HEC Chairman Dr. Tariq Rafi, Vice Chancellor of SMIU Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Regional Director of federal HEC Mr. Javed Ali Memon are giving away a laptop to SMIU's student during laptop distribution ceremony held under the Prime Minister Youth Program Laptop Scheme on December 19, 2023 at SMIU. SMIU's deans Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Advisor to the Vice Chancellor Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Registrar Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Shaikh and Director Student Affairs and Counselling (DSA) Mr. Muhammad Naeem Ahmed are also seen in the picture. (Report on page 20)



Vice Chancellor of SMIU Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of NED University Prof. Dr. Sarosh Hashmat Lodhi, Vice Chancellor of Mehran University of Engineering and Technology, Jamshoro Prof. Dr. Tauha Hussain and Director of DSA Mr. Muhammad Naeem Ahmed visiting stalls during the 2nd SMIU Job Fest, organised by DSA on December 12, 2023. (Report on page 42)



Participants of the workshop held on the topic of "Career Paths and Challenges in Journalism" on December 18, 2023 at the Senate Hall of SMIU photographed with Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU at the inner courtyard of SMIU's Main Building.

Vice Chancellor's Note

The historic character, numerous achievements, and conducive atmosphere of Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU) undoubtedly add success to its profile. It grew day by day in terms of quality education, enrollment, research work, and development. Additionally, when we examine its performance in the year 2024, we find progress in its academic related activities, research, and physical development.

Its sustainability in financial matters made smooth working possible. During the year 2024, SMIU succeeded in receiving a separate budget of PKR 90 million from the government of Sindh for its SMIU Model School. Earlier, since its establishment in 2012, SMI University bore all expenditures of its school. Therefore, it was a significant achievement of SMIU that was accomplished with the help of the then provincial government of Sindh.

During the same year, SMIU organized a mega international event titled the 1st Global Research Congress on March 8-9, 2023, attracting a large number of research scholars from all parts of the country and some from abroad. It was a significant step to promote a research culture in the country. In continuation, SMIU is organising the 2nd Global Research Congress on February 28-29, 2024, which shall prove to be another successful event. The university published seven research journals recognized by the HEC Pakistan.

Similarly, SMIU emphasized industry-faculty cooperation and strove to seek job opportunities for its alumni as well as final year students. In this respect, SMIU organized two job festivals in May 2022 and December 2023, respectively. Around twenty are hired in public and private sector companies participated in these job fests. The representatives of the companies conducted interviews with potential candidates from SMIU and offered them jobs. SMIU always acts upon its motto: "Enter to Learn and Go forth to Serve." Therefore, these festivals were a reflection of it.

The university also tried to strengthen its statutory bodies by holding regular meetings to streamline academic and administrative matters. SMIU also developed academic linkages with different universities at national and international. SMIU restored historic relations with the Consul General of Turkiye in Karachi, His Excellency Cemal Sangu. The main reference for restoring these relations was the founder of SMI, Khan Bahadur Hassanally Effendi, who had received the titles of "Effendi" and



"Bey" from the Sultan of the Ottoman Empire in the 19th century. The development work of the Malir Campus is also in progress, while a new academic block is being planned for construction in the City Campus.

Hopefully, in the year 2024, SMIU will set new examples of its success.

Prof. Dr. Mujeebuddin Sahrai Memon

Meetings , Vists & Events



SMIU Celebrates Independence Day



SMIU, the Alma Mater of the Founder of Pakistan, Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah, celebrated Pakistan's Independence Day on the 14th of August, 2023, at the campus with great national spirit and enthusiasm.

Vice Chancellor of SMIU, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, hoisted the national flag and participated in the cake-cutting ceremony.

While addressing the faculty, staff, and students, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai stated that Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah led a peaceful struggle with his wisdom, intellect, national spirit, maturity, and tolerance, ultimately succeeding in the establishment of a sovereign Pakistan. He emphasized the importance of delving into the life of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, especially from 1935 to 1947, when he effectively led the nation, engaged in negotia-

tions with British rulers and other political parties, and got the Pakistan Resolution passed.

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai further noted that while our generation didn't personally witness the conditions before independence, we must recognize the sacrifices of our ancestors in the establishment of Pakistan. He stressed that it is our paramount responsibility to make the country prosperous, progressive, peaceful, and developed.

Speaking about the role of SMIU in the independence movement, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai pointed out that the alumni of SMI had been at the forefront of the struggle for independence, including Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah. He also paid tribute to the founder of Sindh Madressatul Islam, Khan Bahadur Hassanally Effendi, for establishing SMI, which produced free-

dom fighters of the Pakistan movement. He emphasized that there were likely hundreds of thousands of unsung heroes from SMI who participated in the independence movement and contributed to the nation's development, and they should be remembered on this day.

He stated that he transitioned from a larger university, Agriculture University Tandojam, to the smaller SMIU but found SMIU to be a great university among all institutions in the country due to its historic role in the independence of Pakistan through its notable alumni.

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai extended his congratulations to the deans, faculty, staff members, heads of various departments, and the Directorate of Student Affairs for organizing this significant event.

Before the ceremony, students of SMI



Model School and SMI University presented national songs and delivered speeches on various aspects of the Pakistan Movement.

SMI's alumnus, Mr. Ibrahim Mulla, and his spouse, Deans Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, and Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Advisor on Academics, Registrar Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Shaikh, chairpersons of different academic departments, heads of various administrative sections, Principal of SMI Model School Ms. Nabeela Kanwal, faculty and students of SMI University and SMIU Model School, and staff members participated in the ceremony. ■





SMIU Celebrates 139th Foundation Day of SMI with a Great Enthusiasm

Caretaker Federal Education Minister Mr. Madad Ali Sindhi and other intellectuals and academicians attended the Celebration.

the 20th century. They also noted that SMIU was not stagnant but progressing and evolving with the passage of time.

Mr. Madad Ali Sindhi, the Federal Education Minister, in his presidential address, said that those individuals who were torchbearers of the nation were still alive. He praised the mar-



The speakers at the 139th foundation day celebration of Sindh Madressatul Islam (SMI), held at Sindh Madressah University on Friday, September 1, 2023, paid great tribute to the founder of SMI, Khan Bahadur Hassanally Effendi, and highlighted the services of SMI in bringing about fundamental changes in Sindh at the end of the 19th century and throughout



velous role of Hassanally Effendi in founding a great institution, Sindh Madressatul Islam, which produced great leaders of the country, including Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah.

The minister questioned why the British government, while establishing Bombay University, Kolkata University, and Punjab University, did not set up a university in Sindh. He added that



Shikarpur, were established by different communities in Sindh.

Mr. Madad Ali Sindhi, sharing a personal connection, stated that his father had received his education from SMI in 1913. He felt proud to be at this historic institution and emphasized the importance of remembering Khan Bahadur Hassanally Effendi and similar personalities. The minister, a member of the Heritage Committee of Sindh, mentioned that they had included the resting place of Effendi in the heritage and requested the Sindh Culture Department to work on its preservation.

Regarding the standard of education in the country, the federal minister expressed concern that the country had lost the quality of education at all levels and suggested a need for reflection. He informed that he had called an inter-provincial meeting of vice-chancellors of the country the following week to discuss education-related matters.

The federal minister announced the donation of 500 copies of books from the Pakistan Book Foundation for the Khan Bahadur Hassanally Effendi Library of SMIU. He commended the services of Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai for organizing the foundation

day celebration of SMIU and inviting him.

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU, in his address, emphasized that Hassanally Effendi had not been given due importance in history, despite his significant role. He pointed out that Effendi founded the most modern educational institution, which produced the founder of Pakistan, Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah, and other national leaders. Dr. Sahrai highlighted the performance of SMIU, including the growth in the number of students from 1850 to 6000 in three years and an increased budget from Rs. 300 million to Rs. 700 million, with 46





percent of the budget earned from its resources. He expressed gratitude to the guests for attending the event.

Turkish Consul General in Karachi, Mr. Cemal Sangu, mentioned that Hassanally Effendi was the first Consul General of the Ottoman Empire in Sindh at Karachi. He noted the significance of the “Effendi” and “Bey” awards, the two highest civilian awards in Türkiye, which were bestowed upon Hassanally Effendi by the Sultan of the Ottoman Empire. He further highlighted the historic relations between Türkiye and Pakistan, with shared values represented by figures like Shah Abdul Latif Bhittai, Moulana Rumi, and Allama Muhammad Iqbal.

Dr. Tariq Rafi, Chairman of Sindh HEC, congratulated Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai on organizing the 139th foundation day of SMIU and emphasized the role of Khan Bahadur Hassanally Effendi in modern education in the region. He commended Sindh Madressah University for upholding the legacy of quality education.



Muslims in British India, which led Sir Syed Ahmed Khan and Hassanally Effendi to launch education movements in their respective regions.

Madam Mahtab Akbar Rashdi emphasized that Khan Bahadur Hassanally Effendi was a great visionary who loved his land and its people without prejudice toward any language. She acknowledged his role in establishing an English medium school, Sindh Madressatul Islam, for the people of Sindh.

Dr. Subhash Babu, Chairman of the Department of Social and Development Studies at SMIU, and noted historian Prof. Aijaz Qureshi discussed the social impact of SMI on Sindh’s society.



Former Senator Javed Jabbar noted that although Hassanally Effendi became an orphan in his childhood, he acquired education in Arabic, Persian, and English due to his visionary approach and experience of British rule. He mentioned that the second half of the 19th century was a challenging period for

The celebration included a cake-cutting ceremony, theater performances, songs, and tableaus presented by different groups of SMIU’s students. A documentary on the life and struggle of Hassanally Effendi was screened. Mr. Madad Ali Sindhi and Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai presented shields to the keynote speakers and guests of honor. The event was attended by dignitaries, writers, academicians, journalists, SMIU’s deans, chairperson, faculty, officers, and students in large numbers. Ms. Sundas Nisar, Assistant Director HRM of SMIU conducted the event. ■

SMIU's Academic Council Meets



by one, and after in-depth discussions, several significant decisions were made.

The Academic Council approved two new comprehensive policies, namely the Examination Policy and Graduate and Postgraduate Studies Policy. Additionally, it was decided that the Admission Policy and the Research Policy would be formulated in the near future. The meeting approved changes in courses across different disciplines, which were recommended by the Board of Studies and the Board of Faculty of various departments. Notably, the syllabus for Information Technology was updated to align with the

The 12th meeting of the Academic Council of Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU) was held on Tuesday, September 12, 2023, at the Senate Hall of the university under the chairmanship of Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU.

After the recitation from the Holy Quran and the National Anthem, the formal proceedings commenced. In his opening remarks, the Vice Chancellor, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, commended the outgoing members of the Academic Council - Dr. Aamir Iqbal Umrani, Dr. Asif Ali Wagan, and Mr. Kamlesh Kumar - for their contributions during their tenure. He also extended a warm welcome to the newly elected members of the Academic Council - Mr. Asif Hussain Samo, Mr. Muhammad Ameen Chhajro, Mr. Inayatullah Magsi, and Mr. Abdul Majeed Pirzada. Subsequently, the meeting addressed the agenda items one



demands of the digital age. It was highlighted that while the Higher Education Commission (HEC) has not revised its

courses for many years, SMIU is committed to enhancing its curriculum according to current requirements, within



the framework set by the HEC. To avoid potential issues for students in the future, the Academic Council resolved to obtain a "No Objection Certificate" from the HEC.

The meeting reaffirmed its commitment to maintaining and improving the quality of education. A four-member review committee was established to examine matters related to the proposed changes in the syllabus. The committee members included Prof. Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Prof. Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Prof. Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, and Mr. Furqan Iftikhar. The Academic Council made the decision to operationalize the Environmental Science Laboratory of

SMIU as it had received certification from the Sindh Environmental Protection Agency. Furthermore, two professors of SMIU, Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh and Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, were nominated as members of the Affiliation Committee. Additionally, two more professors, Dr. Zahid Ali Channar and Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, were nominated as members of the Discipline Committee.

Addressing the meeting, Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai acknowledged that even though SMIU was only a decade old, it was fulfilling its responsibilities with dedication and had many achievements to its credit, especially in the areas of qual-

ity education and research. He highlighted that, apart from the existing BS programs, SMIU currently offers six MS programs and six PhD programs in various disciplines, with plans to expand these programs in the near future. Dr. Sahrai also noted that SMIU publishes seven research journals, three of which have received a Y category rating from the HEC.

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai commended the faculty for their dedication to teaching and their contributions to the university. The Vice Chancellor expressed his appreciation for the deans, chairpersons, advisor on academic and other faculty members who have collectively contributed to making SMIU one of the most modern universities in the country. During the meeting, Deans Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, and Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto delivered presentations on the academic development of the university. The meeting was attended by deans, department chairpersons, and heads of various administrative departments. ■



Sindh Madressatul Islam University's Students Council under the umbrella of the Directorate of Student Affairs and Counselling organised a Mehfil-e-Milad-un-Nabi (PBUH) on Thursday, September 28, 2023 at its auditorium.

Chancellor of Sindh Madressatul Islam University, Dr Abdul Hafeez Khan, Advisor on Academics, Mohammad Naeem Ahmed, Director of Students Affairs, deans, chairperson, heads of different departments, faculty and staff members and students attended it. Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai



SMI University and SMIU Model school students presented Hamad and Naat Sharif. Nazia Ashraf, Lecturer Department of Computer Science, and Dr. Sumbal Ansar, Assistant Professor at the Department of Allied Faculty conducted the program. Dr Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice

while speaking on the occasion said we all Muslims of the world must follow the lessons and teachings of our Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH). On this occasion, all the participants prayed for the prosperity and development of the country and its people. ■

The Vice Chancellor attends PhD Proposal Defense



The Vice Chancellor of Sindh Madressatul Islam University Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai attended the PhD Proposal Defense of seven students of SMIU on October 4, 2023, in the Senate Hall of the university. The students presented various research studies in Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence. Dr. Sahrai and all the Advance Study Research Board (ASRB) members of Sindh Madressatul Islam University, along with two external professors, namely Professor Dr. Zahid Tunio from Dawood Engineering University Karachi and Professor Dr. Zulfiqar Memon from FAST University Karachi, were present on the occasion.

After each presentation, a question-answer session was held concerning the research topics, aims and objectives, scope, and expected timeline of completion. Among the students were Mr. Waheed Ahmed Abro, Mr. Faheem Mustafa Mahar, Mr. Arshad Mughal, Mr. Anwer Ali Sahito, Mr. Imran Ali, Ms. Ambreen and Mr. Abdul Jabbar.

Dr. Sahrai gave his feedback on the presentation of the students in detail and said that the students who were going to complete their doctorate degree must concentrate on quality research work, which would benefit the university as well as the country. ■

Vice Chancellor congratulates teachers on World Teachers Day



The World Teachers' Day was celebrated on October 5, 2023, globally, including in Pakistan.

On this occasion the Vice Chancellor of SMIU Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai in his message said that undoubtedly, the role of a teacher is fundamental and critically important in shaping minds, influencing society, and contributing to the development of a nation and its future. This significance is evident when we consider that many great leaders who played pivotal roles in the Pakistan Movement, ultimately leading to the formation of our independent nation, received their education at Sindh Madressatul Islam. One of these eminent individuals was the founder of Pakistan, Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah. SMIU, from its inception on September 1, 1885, right up to the present day, it has been the dedicated teachers who have elevated this institution to the pinnacle of prestige, significance, and educational excellence. The esteemed teachers of SMIU, who have nurtured countless students at SMI School and SMI University, now serve both their homeland and various nations worldwide.

On this occasion, the Vice-Chancellor of SMIU, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, expressed his sincere congratulations and heartfelt appreciation to all the respected teachers of SMI University, SMIU Model School, and educators in educational institutions across the country. ■

Vice Chancellor SMIU's talk on “The Evolution and Future of Higher Education in Pakistan”



Dr. Mujeebuddin Sahrai Memon, a distinguished scholar, educator, and Vice Chancellor of Sindh Madressatul Islam University, was invited as the chief guest and speaker by the Rotary Club of Karachi at the Pearl Continental Hotel, Karachi on Tuesday, October 10, 2023. The event was attended by some of the city's most enlightened and well-known personalities.

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai spoke on “Higher Education in Pakistan,” delving into its historical context and evolution in the country. During his engaging presentation, Dr. Memon shed light on the historical roots of higher education. He compared the educational practices of the ancient Greeks and Romans, who lacked formal universities, with the organized higher education systems that emerged during the 12th and 13th centuries.

Dr. Memon enlightened the audience about the foundations of education during the early Middle Ages, centered around the seven liberal arts. These included grammar, rhetoric, and logic (known as the trivium), as well as arithmetic, geometry, astronomy, and music (referred to as the quadrivium). These disciplines served as the building blocks of education during that era, emphasizing the development of critical thinking, language proficiency, and mathematical understanding. Understanding this historical context allows us to appreciate the evo-



lutionary trajectory of education and grasp the roots of the contemporary educational system.

The Vice Chancellor emphasized the significant growth in Pakistan's higher education landscape, highlighting the transformation from just four universities in 1947 to an impressive count of 247 in 2023, along with the establishment of the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan in 2002.

Furthermore, Dr. Memon meticulously examined the various education policies that have shaped Pakistan's educational framework over the years, spanning from the Report of the Commission in National Education (1959) to the recent Provincial Higher Education Commissions. He also addressed critical issues such as current enrollment, faculty composition, dropout ratios, and GDP spending on education, underscoring the need for strategic improvements.

In conclusion, Dr. Memon presented a forward-thinking roadmap, encapsulating key recommendations for enhancing the higher education sector in Pakistan. These recommendations included strengthening the application of university forums such as the Board of Studies, Board of Faculties, Academic Council, Finance and Planning Committee, Syndicate, and Senate in accordance with the acts and statutes of the universities. He also emphasized the reinforcement of key offices, including the Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC), Office of Research Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC), Youth Development Center (YDC), and University Development Office (UDO). Dr. Memon advocated for enhancing funding resources, including advocating for a minimum 4% of GDP spending on education, rationalizing fee structures to subsidize education for economically disadvantaged students, and optimizing the use of academic and infrastructural resources. Lastly, he stressed the importance of ensuring University Autonomy for long-term sustainability.

Dr. Memon's insights and recommendations were met with an enthusiastic response and engagement from the audience, demonstrating their collective dedication towards elevating higher education in Pakistan. ■



Role of SMIU's Young Leaders Lauded

During the Award Distribution Ceremony held on October 20, 2023 at the Senate Hall of SMIU, Vice-Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai expressed that Sindh Madressatul Islam University has consistently endorsed and supported healthy, positive, and creative activities on the campus, aiming to produce dynamic young leaders. He affirmed the university's commitment to supporting students in their future endeavors. Dr. Sahrai lauded the organizers of the recently held "TEDx SMIU" and emphasized the importance of linking students and faculty with organizations that promote education and explore the creative abilities of youth. He highlighted TEDx SMIU as a platform that provided an opportunity for young leaders and faculty to project core values and principles on the international level.

The Vice-Chancellor underscored the positive impact of events like TEDx SMIU on young populations and society, expressing his desire for such events to become a regular feature at the university. He praised the successful organization of TEDx SMIU by SMIU's faculty and students, particularly acknowledging the contributions of Assistant Professor Wafa Mansoor Buriro, Dr. Aamir Iqbal Umrani (Director ORIC), and student Mr. Murtaza Lashari and his team.

During his speech, Mr. Wafa Mansoor Buriro, one of the organizers, shared the background of the event and highlighted the positive projection of SMIU both nationally and internationally through TEDx. He credited the success of TEDx SMIU to Dr. Aamir Iqbal Umrani



and appreciated the efforts of students Murtaza Lashari and Abdul Bari Buriro for making the program memorable.

Subsequently, Prof. Dr. Abdul

Hafeez Khan, Advisor on Academics, presented a shield to Vice-Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, and the Vice-Chancellor awarded shields to the event organizers, including Dr. Aamir Iqbal Umrani, Mr. Wafa Mansoor Buriro, Zeeshan Bajwa, and students Murtaza Lashari, Asad Solangi, Osama Ali, Wajid Hussain, Shayan Ali, Shehryar Wazeer, Sana Irfan, and others.

On this occasion, Prof. Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Prof. Dr. Zahid Ali Channar (Dean Faculty of Social Sciences), Prof. Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh (Dean Faculty of Information Technology), Mr. Wafa



Mansoor Buriro, and Anwer Abro also distributed shields and certificates among students who actively participated in the TEDx SMIU event. ■

SMIU holds Special Meeting of its Academic Council



A special meeting of Sindh Madressatul Islam's Academic Council was convened on October 24, 2023, at the Senate Hall of the university, with Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice-Chancellor, presiding.

During the meeting, the revised undergraduate policy by HEC was thoroughly discussed, and important decisions were made. The Academic Council decided to implement the policy at SMIU, as it aligns with the contemporary needs and will benefit students at large. Simultaneously, it was decided that, after assessing the ground realities at SMIU, new courses aligned with HEC's policy would be added to the university's syllabus. These new general courses include Arts and Humanities, Natural Sciences, Functional English, Expository Writing, Quantitative Reasoning, Islamic Studies (or) Religious Education/Ethics for non-Muslim students (in lieu of Islamic Studies only), Ideology and Constitution of Pakistan, Applications of Information and Communication Technologies, Entrepreneurship, and Civics and Community Engagement. The Council noted that the majority of these courses are already being taught at SMIU.



The Academic Council resolved that the mode of implementing the modified curriculum for different departments would be finalized in the Board of Studies and Board of Faculties. The recommendations of these bodies would be presented at the next Academic Council meeting for final approval. A five-member committee was formed by the Academic Council to explore new courses that may align with HEC's policy. The committee comprised Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, and Dr. Stephen John.

The Academic Council also resolved that, at present, SMIU would continue its four-year degree program. However, in

the future, when the required resources are available, a two-year associate degree program and a five-year degree program would be added. Vice-Chancellor SMIU commended the new undergraduate policy of the HEC, considering it crucial for the grooming and learning of students. He praised the inclusion of the mandatory six to eight weeks of Field Experience/Internship as a degree awarding requirement, expressing that it was much needed for students' learning. Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai directed the deans and chairpersons of SMIU to include field experience/internship in their respective departmental syllabi and explore opportunities for students' fieldwork. He assured full support from SMIU for students'



fieldwork, providing necessary facilities. He emphasized the importance of strengthening linkages with private and public sector organizations and industries.

Dean Faculty of the Social Sciences Prof. Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Advisor to the Vice-Chancellor on Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Dean Faculty of I.T. Prof. Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Assistant Professor Asif Hussain Samo, and Assistant Professor Muhammad Naeem Ahmed also expressed their views on the HEC Policy in light of the present courses being taught at SMIU. Dr. Zaheeruddin Khan and Dr. Khalida Ghous, members of SMIU's Academic Council, shared their opinions about the policy as well. ■



Vice Chancellor inspects different sections of SMIU

Vice Chancellor SMIU Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai visited different departments of the university on October 24, 2023, including Talpur House, the Admission and Examinations Department, and IT Tower. He was accompanied by Advisor on

During his visit, the vice chancellor observed the working of the sections and directed the concerned officials to make their



Academic Affairs Prof. Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Registrar Ghulam Mustafa Shaikh, Controller of Admission and Examinations Mr. Furqan Iftikhar, Director Student Affairs and Counselling Mr. Muhammad Naeem Ahmed, Incharge-Director Works and Services Mr. Shairan Najeeb, and other university officials.



respective sections more effective. At the Admission and Examinations Department, he also observed the preparations for SMIU's 5th Convocation, scheduled in early 2024. ■



Sindh Governor Calls Meeting of Vice Chancellors



Mr. Muhammad Kamran Khan Tessori, Governor of Sindh convened a meeting with vice-chancellors of public sector universities at the Governor House on October 25, 2023.

During the meeting, the overall situation of the universities was discussed. The governor assured the vice-chancellors of his commitment to solving the problems faced by their respective universities. Additionally, he addressed the curriculum of higher educational institutions, urging them to introduce course modules aligned with the demands of the job market to facilitate easy employment for fresh graduates.

Among other vice-chancellors present were Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice-Chancellor of Sindh Madressatul Islam, Dr. Muhammad Siddique Kalhoro, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Sindh, Jamshoro, Dr. Sarosh Hashmat Lodhi, Vice-Chancellor of NED University, Dr. Fateh Muhammad Marri, Vice-Chancellor of Sindh Agriculture University, Tandojam, Dr. Tauha Hussain Ali, Vice-Chancellor of Mehran University of Engineering and

Technology, Jamshoro. Also in attendance were Chairman of Sindh Higher Education Commission Dr. Tariq Rafi, Secretary of Universities and Boards Mr. Noor Ahmed Samo, and Principal Secretary to Governor Sindh Mr. Bilal Ahmed Memon. ■



Governor Sindh Mr. Kamran Khan Tessori and Vice Chancellor of SMIU Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai at the convocation of the Indus University, Karachi held on October 26, 2026 at the Governor House. Chairman of the Sindh HEC Dr. Tariq Rafi, vice chancellors of different universities and other dignitaries had attended it.

SMIU Observes Kashmir Black Day



SMIU observed Kashmir Black Day on October 27 at its campus, organized by the Directorate of Students Affairs and Counselling of the university. The Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, was the chief guest of the event.



Addressing the gathering, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai expressed solidarity with the Kashmiri people who have been subjugated since October 27, 1947, when India occupied their beautiful valley.

He highlighted the brutal atrocities committed by Indian forces in occupied Kashmir and Israeli forces in Gaza, urging the UN and world leaders to raise their voices against these occupations and find peaceful resolutions for these regions.

Dr. Sahrai emphasized the fundamental role of the UN in stopping the brutal acts of Indian forces in occupied Kashmir and supporting the right of self-determination for the Kashmiri people. He appealed to the UN, world leaders, and other stakeholders on behalf of SMIU, its faculty, and students to come forward and save the people of Kashmir from the brutalities of Indian forces.

During the event, SMIU students condemned the atrocities of Indian forces in Kashmir and called for the right of determination for the Kashmiri people. Some students exhibited posters depicting the victimization of Kashmiri people by Indian forces.

Deans of SMIU, Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, and Dr. Jamshed Adil, Advisor to the Vice Chancellor Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Director ORIC Dr. Aamir Iqbal Umrani, Director Students Affairs Mr. Muhammad Naeem Ahmed, chairpersons, faculty, and students attended the program. ■

29th SMIU Syndicate Meeting



Sindh Madressatul Islam University's 29th meeting of the Syndicate was held on Tuesday, November 21, 2023, at the Conference Room of the university, chaired by Vice-Chancellor SMIU Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai.



The Syndicate approved minutes related to academic and administrative matters, passed earlier in different statutory bodies. Decisions regarding administrative and academic matters were also made.

The members of the syndicate ex-

pressed satisfaction over SMIU's performance in many areas, including academic activities and development. They also appreciated the services of Vice-Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai for successfully heading the university towards progress and making it a quality institution of higher education. They said Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai has promoted the SMIU as a reputable seat of learning and has achieved many milestones in different fields, including encouraging research work in the university and increasing the strength of students from 1,800 to 6,000 in the last

three years. Dr. Sahrai, speaking in the meeting, said SMIU has fully concentrated on its quality education, research work, and purely academic activities. The Vice-Chancellor informed the syndicate that SMIU's student population is growing during every admis-



sion time, but it has been restricted due to limited space available at the present campus. "Despite that difficulty, the space issue will be resolved soon," the Vice-Chancellor said.

The meeting was attended by Noor Ahmed Samo, Secretary Universities and Boards Department, Dr. A.Q. Mughal, Nominee of HEC and Research Professor at Greenwich University, Prof Dr. Sarosh Lodhi, Vice-Chancellor NED University, Prof Dr. Tauha Hussain Ali, Vice-Chancellor Mehran University of Engineering and Technology,

Jamshoro, Haji M Hanif Tayyab, former federal minister, Ms. Nasreen Askari, Director and Co-founder Mohatta Palace Museum, Prof Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Professor of SMIU (Representative of Professors), Prof Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Dean Faculty of IT Dr. Ambreen Fazal, Associate Professor (Representative of Associate Professors), Mr. Asif Hussain Samo, Assistant Professor (Representative of Assistant Professors), Ms. Quratulain Nazir Ahmed, Assistant Professor (Senate member elected on Syndicate), Mr. Muhammad Naeem Ahmed, Assistant Professor (Senate member elected on Syndicate), Mr. Shafique Ahmed, Lecturer (Representative of Lecturers), Mr. Mushtaq Muhammad Gopang, Radio Producer (Representative of Administrative Officers), and Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Shaikh, Registrar. ■

SMIU ranked top 10 in Sindh by UI GreenMetric World



Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU), Karachi, has been ranked as one of the top 10 universities in Sindh by the UI GreenMetric World University Rankings for the year 2023. In this ranking, 68 universities from Pakistan and more than 1050 universities from almost 85 countries participated. Providing details, Director ORIC Dr. Aamir Iqbal Umrani, on December 9, 2023, said that the UI GreenMetric World University Rankings is a ranking on green campuses and environmental sustainability launched by Universitas Indonesia in 2010. It has carefully determined rankings based on university environmental commitment

and initiatives. Additionally, in the current performance assessment tool, there were 39 indicators, divided into 6 criteria such as Framework and Infrastructure (SI), Energy and Climate Change (EC), Waste (WS), Water (WR), Transport (TR), and Education (ED). SMIU met the criteria set by the UI GreenMetric World University Rankings.

The Director ORIC Dr. Aamir Iqbal Umrani stated that when SMIU participated in the ranking process, it was certain that it would be ranked as one of the best universities because it focuses on environmental issues and imparts modern education to its students.

The Vice-Chancellor of Sindh Madressatul Islam University, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, congratulated the faculty and administrative staff of SMIU on this great achievement. "It is a beginning; SMIU will shine in the world in many areas in the future," Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai said, adding that SMIU is imparting quality education combined with fieldwork and research, which is why it has emerged as one of the great universities in the country. The Vice-Chancellor further said that the success and performance of SMIU can be gauged from its enrollment, which was 1800 in 2020, and now it is more than 6000. ■

Documentary on Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah

The Associated Press of Pakistan (APP) prepared a documentary on the Founder of Pakistan and distinguished alumnus of SMI, Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah, and SMIU at the university. They recorded relics and historic buildings of the varsity in connection with his 147th birth anniversary of the Quaid. Mr. Faheem Ahmed, a reporter of APP and an alumnus of SMIU, also recorded an interview of Vice Chancellor SMIU Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai on December 23, 2023, for documentary. It was released on December 25, 2023. ■



Sindh Madressatul Islam University's buildings were illuminated on the night of 25th December to mark the birthday anniversary of Founder of Pakistan Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah, who was also a distinguished alumnus of SMI.

Laptops distributed among SMIU students



for academic purposes, acknowledging the role of the federal HEC in providing laptops to students nationwide.

Dr. Sahrai appreciated the continuous support of the federal HEC and Sindh HEC for the development of Sindh Madressatul Islam University and the benefit of its students.

Mr. Javed Ali Memon, the Regional Director of the Federal HEC, announced that one lakh laptops are being distributed among students in the country this time. He expressed the desire to provide laptops to all



The Chairman of Sindh HEC, Dr. Tariq Rafi, the Vice Chancellor of Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU), Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Regional Director of the Federal HEC, Mr. Javed Ali Memon, and deans, chairpersons, and sectional heads of SMIU distributed 300 laptops among the students of different departments of Sindh Madressatul Islam University under the Prime Minister Youth Program Laptop Scheme on Tuesday, December 19, 2023, at a ceremony held at SMIU's auditorium.

The chairman of Sindh HEC, Vice Chancellor SMIU, and Regional Director of the Federal HEC distributed laptops among the top 50 position holders, while the rest of the laptops were distributed by deans, chairpersons, and sectional heads. The ceremony was organized by ORIC of SMIU.

Addressing the ceremony, Dr. Tariq Rafi appreciated the Federal HEC for providing laptops to the talented and deserving students of the country, which may support their academic progress. He emphasized the importance of staying connected in a digitalized world and urged students, fac-

ulty, and researchers to be connected with the world through gadgets.

Dr. Rafi highlighted the challenges faced by today's generation and stressed the need to concentrate on quality education for national development. He praised the federal HEC's decision taken years ago to provide laptops to deserving students, considering it a necessary tool for academic and research work. He urged the laptop recipients from the Alma-Mater of Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah to play their due role in changing the destiny of the country through dedication, commitment, and hard work.

Praising the role of former Chief Minister Sindh, Syed Murad Ali Shah, Dr. Tariq Rafi mentioned that due to his support, the public universities of the province received an appropriate budget, emphasizing the importance of higher education.

In his speech, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of Sindh Madressatul Islam University, highlighted the significant change driven by technology in the 21st century. He urged students to benefit from the latest technologies, including laptops,



students at the time of their admission to enhance their innovative and creative abilities.

Dr. Aamir Iqbal Umrani, Director ORIC of SMIU, in his welcome address, mentioned that laptop recipients were selected following the HEC policy and expressed hope that students would use laptops for their educational purposes.

The ceremony was attended by Deans of SMIU Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Advisor on Academics Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Registrar Ghulam Mustafa Shaikh, Director of Finance Ghulam Ali Surhio, Director Students Affairs and Counselling Muhammad Naeem Ahmed, chairpersons, faculty members, heads of departments, and students. ■

SMIU organises seminar on Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah “Jinnah: A Timeless Legacy”



Sindh Madressatul Islam University's Directorate of Student Affairs organized a seminar titled “Jinnah: A Timeless Legacy” to commemorate the 147th birth anniversary of the Founder of Pakistan and distinguished alumnus of SMIU, Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah, on December 29, 2023, at SMIU's auditorium.

Provincial Minister for Information, Minorities Affairs, and Social Protection Syed Muhammad Ahmed Shah presided over it, while Vice-Chancellor of SMIU Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai and prominent scholar Syed Jaffar Ahmed were guests of honor.

Addressing the seminar, the minister said the legacy of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah was to serve the nation with honesty and sincerity, as he had emerged as the great leader of Muslims in the entire subcontinent with honesty, determination, dedication, passion, and commitment.

Syed Mhammad Ahmed Shah further said our younger generation must follow the thoughts of Quaid-e-Azam, in which he addressed poverty, hunger, education, health, and social issues. He maintained that whatever role our youth play in society must be correlated with the thoughts of Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah because he guided us in every sphere of



life. “Every citizen of the country is equal; hence they must keep an open window of their mind to get fresh breeze and light, and that comes from the ideology of Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah,” the minister said.

He thanked the Vice Chancellor of SMIU Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai for organizing a seminar on the Father of the Nation and inviting him to address it.

Vice-Chancellor Sindh Madressatul Islam University Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai talked about various aspects of the life and struggle of Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah with reference to the development of science and technology. He said the Quaid was a great visionary and independent in making decisions about his life, education, and other matters. He said Quaid-e-Azam had left SMI at different times due to



his own will, and joining the Lincoln's Inn was his own choice. Dr. Sahrai said his decisions show that he was seeing things with his own eyes and mind. Likewise, he led the Muslims of undivided India by observing the conditions of Muslims who were deprived of all rights in British India.

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai further said the Quaid has left his footprints in every sphere of life; therefore, our young gen-



eration must act upon his ideology on how we have to live and survive in this 21st Century. The Vice-Chancellor thanked Syed Muhammad Ahmed Shah and Syed Jaffar Ahmed for their participation in the seminar and praised Muhammad Naeem Ahmed, Director of Student Affairs, and his team for organizing a successful seminar.

Distinguished scholar Dr. Syed Jaffar Ahmed, in his speech, traced the political history of the subcontinent from the British era to the creation of Pakistan. He also talked about the life, political struggle, and thoughts of Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah. Going into the depth of the then social fabric of the subcontinent, Dr. Syed Jaffar Ahmed said that there were two elite classes in the subcontinent at that time, among them one was of Nawabs, Nizams, and feudal lords, and the other one was the religious elite class. But Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah belonged to a middle class with enlightened thoughts.

He further said there was only a 24 percent Muslim population in undivided India, but Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah tried to get provincial status for Muslim-majority provinces like Sindh, NWFP (present KP), and Balochistan aimed to bring the Muslim strength equal to the non-Muslim population. Earlier, Mr. Muhammad Naeem Ahmed,



Director of Student Affairs and Counseling, presented a welcoming address and thanked the guests who attended the event. On this occasion, SMIU's students of different societies delivered speeches on the life, struggle, and achievements of Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah. They also participated in a quiz competition on the Quaid and other segments.

In the end, the provincial minister Syed Muhammad Ahmed Shah, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Dr. Syed Jaffar Ahmed, advisor to the vice chancellor Dr. Abdul



Hafeez Khan, Dean Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, Registrar Ghulam Mustafa Shaikh, Director of Student Affairs Mr. Muhammad Naeem Ahmed, and officials of SMIU participated in a cake-cutting ceremony. The minister and the vice-chancellor distributed certificates among the winners of the quiz completion. Also, souvenirs were presented to the guests. Deans, faculty members, and officers of SMIU attended the seminar in large numbers. Ms. Zonaira Jalali conducted the proceedings. ■

Sindh Madressatul Islam University to organise 2nd Global Research Congress on Feb 28th-29th, 2024

Sindh Madressatul Islam University has decided to organise "2nd SMIU Global Research Congress 2024" (GRC-24) on 28th 29th February 2024 at its premises. Prominent research scholars from abroad and all provinces of the country are being invited to present their latest research works in the Congress.

To execute arrangements of the GRC, Vice Chancellor of SMIU Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai has constituted a 13-member Central Executive Committee (CEC) with Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Dean Faculty of Social Sciences as its convener and Dr. Aamir Iqbal Umrani, as a secretary. Among its other members are Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Dean Faculty of Information Technology, Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, Dean of Faculty of Management, business Administration and Commerce, Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Advisor to Vice Chancellor on Academic Affairs, Ghulam Mustafa Shaikh, Registrar, Mr. Asif Hussain Samo, Assistant Professor, Ms. Quratulain Nazeer, Assistant Professor, Syed Azeem Imam, Assistant Professor, Mr. Nisar Ahmed Memon, Additional Director Finance, Mr. Abdul Waheed Jatoti, Additional Director I.T., Anwar Ali Abro, Director PR Department and Asif Ghafar, Director Broadcasting and Media Training. ■



Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU chairing a meeting of the Finance and Planning Committee held on August 16, 2023 at the Conference Room of the varsity. The meeting was attended by Deans Dr. Jamshed Adil and Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Director Finance Mr. Ghulam Ali Surhio, Ms. Quratulain Nazeer, Assistant Professor and Mr. Tallal Hassan, Assistant Director Finance.



Vice Chancellor of SMIU Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai presiding the meeting of SMIU's Promotion Board on August 24, 2023. The meeting was attended by its members Dr. A.Q. Mughal, Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, Mr. Shakeel Ahmed Abro, Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Shaikh and Mr. Ghulam Ali Surhio.



Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai talking to the reporter of Pakistan Television, Karachi Station Mr. Ashfaq Mangi during the 139th Foundation Day Celebration of SMI, held on September 1, 2023 at SMIU's Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium.



Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai presiding over a meeting of a committee formed to review the administrative matters of the university on 27th of October 2023. The meeting was attended by Deans of SMIU Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, Director HRM Shakeel Ahmed Abro and Registrar of Mehran University of Engineering and Technology, Jamshoro.



Sindh Madressatul Islam University's faculty members and students attending the session on Easy Data, held on October 25, 2023 at SMIU's Senate Hall.



Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai giving away shields to noted journalists Mr. Amar Guriro and Ms. Najia Ashar during a workshop held on the topic of "Career Paths and Challenges in Journalism" on December 18, 2023 at the Senate Hall of SMIU.

Departmental Activities

SMIU forms “Admission Help Desk”

Madressatul Islam University opened online admissions for all its disciplines, including BS, MS, and PhD, starting in June 2023. The admission process also continued throughout the months of July and August. In response to the directives of Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, the Admission and Examination Department of SMIU established an “Admission Help Desk” on July 12, 2023, at Allama I.I. Kazi Library at I.T. Tower. This desk was set up to assist candidates with their online registration forms, address queries related to admissions and programs, and provide any information related to the admission process. Staff members from SMIU, Ms. Madiha Afzal and Mr. Abdul Basit, were assigned to the Help Desk. ■

Tech Talks

On August 10, 2023, the Science Society of SMIU launched the much anticipated “Tech Talks” series with an engaging first episode that left attendees motivated to learn.

The first episode delved into the world of Angular, featuring guest speaker M. Ahsan Ayaz. With a decade of web development experience, Ahsan served as the Head Instructor of JavaScript at the School of Applied Technologies, Sweden, and held the title of Google Developer Expert in Angular.

The session began with foundational concepts and concluded with a practical demonstration of building a basic Angular application. Ahsan’s clear presentation style made understanding this advanced technology accessible and enjoyable. The event was concluded with a live question-and-answer session. ■

Recruitment Drive

The Department of Education at SMIU initiated a recruitment drive on July 27, 2023, at the campus. Subsequently, it was announced that an impressive 15 graduate and postgraduate students from the department, out of 20, were selected for the initial selection process at NJV Government High School Karachi.



In response to this accomplishment, the faculty members of the department expressed that this incredible opportunity allowed the students to contribute to the nation’s development. ■

Story Writing Competition



The Science Society of Sindh Madressatul Islam University, in collaboration with the online magazine Joynfuntogether, organized an online story-writing competition. Students from various departments of SMIU participated in the competition.

The prize distribution ceremony took place on August 17, 2023, at the Senate Hall of SMIU. Dr. Syed Owais Alam Zaidi, Chairman of the collaborative organization, was the chief guest. The four winners received swags and certificates from the Science Society. Dr. Syed Owais Alam Zaidi appreciated the excellent response from SMIU’s students and emphasized the importance of communication and writing skills. Mr. Moinuddin Ahmed served as a judge for the story-writing competition.

Dr. Asif Ali Wagan, Director of the Directorate of Students’ Affairs (DSA), presented a shield to the guest. Syed Muhammad Hassan Zaidi, Patron of the Science Society, presented certificates to Dr. Syed Owais Alam Zaidi and Moinuddin Ahmed. Mr. Basit Hassan, a lecturer at SMIU, also participated in the event and engaged in discussions with the students. The Science Society’s organizing team was consisted of Jai Deep, Laraib Waheed, Anmol Rahujo, and Muhammad Usman. ■

Students exhibited Final Year Projects

The Department of Computer Science organised an exhibition of Final Year Project on July 20, 2023 at the I.T Tower to present culmination of student's efforts and hard work throughout his/her academic journey at SMIU. The department provided such opportunity to its final year students to present their projects as faculty members, fellow students and industry

of students and gave them their constructive criticism and guidance. Additionally, presence of notable guests from renowned organizations provided the students with an excellent networking opportunity and allowed for meaningful discussion and feedback about their projects.

Projects were group based on respective fields and disciplines of students. On



professionals could assess their learning at SMIU. The event space was adorned with creative displays, banners, and posters related to the final year projects, creating an exciting ambience.

The event attracted a diverse range of guests and participants, including faculty members, students from various departments, and industry professionals. Among them were Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Advisor to Vice Chancellor on Academic of SMIU, Dr. Mansoor Ahmed Khuhro, Incharge Chairperson of Department of Artificial Intelligence and Mathematical Sciences, Mr. Irfan Ali Kandhro, Assistance Professor, Syed Mohammad Hassan, Lecturer, Syeda Nazia Ashraf, Lecture and other faculty members and guests. They observed the work and ideas

on the occasion the students explained their objectives of their projects, methodologies, and outcomes through presentations. Additionally, interactive demonstrations were set up alongside the presentations, allowing guests to experience the projects firsthand. Following each presentation question-answer session was also held.

To recognize outstanding projects, awards were presented in various categories, including "Best Innovative Project," "Most Impactful Project," and "Best Presentation." The winners were determined by a panel of judges consisting of faculty members and industry experts. The award ceremony generated enthusiasm and motivated students to strive for excellence in their work, Souvenir and certificates were also presented to the external guests. ■

Experts Meet to Review Performance of SMIU



Former Vice Chancellor of Mehran University of Engineering and Technology, Jamshoro Prof. Dr. Aslam Uqaili, Dean Faculty of Social Sciences Prof. Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Director of ORIC of SMIU Dr. Aamir Iqbal Umrani and Director QEC Dr. Saima Baig met on October 4, 2023 at Conference Room of SMIU, where they discussed on assessment and evolution procedures of uni-



versities in Pakistan and other countries. Also they reviewed requirements and criteria of world ranking of universities. ■

Three Research Journals Get "Y" Category

It was a great achievement of SMIU and its learned faculty that three Research Journals of the university were categorized as 'Y Category Journals' by the HEC Pakistan and these were: Sindh Journal of Linguistics (SJL), Journal of Sustainable Environment (JSE) and Journal of Social sciences AND media studies (JOSSAMS). It was announced by the editors of the research journals on August 27, 2023. ■

SMIU Conducts Entry Test for Fall 2023

Sindh Madressatul Islam University conducted entry tests for Fall 2023 admissions to BS programs in various disciplines on August 16-17, 2023 at different academic blocks of its campus. Vice Chancellor SMIU, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, visited the test centers and expressed satisfaction with the test process and the discipline observed. He happily noted that SMIU has emerged as one of the country's quality universities, attracting a large number of students seeking admission. Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai further acknowledged the full commitment of SMIU's faculty members to their jobs and their dedicated fulfillment of their responsibilities.



The Vice Chancellor was accompanied by Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Convener of the Admission Supervisory Committee, and Mr. Furqan Iftikhar, Controller of Examinations and Admissions. Deans

of SMIU, Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, and Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, along with members of the Admission Supervisory Committee, also supervised the test process. ■



Student of SMIU receives Generation Google Scholarship

Ms. Khaulah Ejaz Ahmed, a 6th-semester student in the Department of Computer Science at SMIU, received the Generation Google Scholarship (Generation Google Scholarship: for women in computer science - APAC) for the year 2023, on October 6, 2023, She was the sole recipient of the scholarship from the Sindh province, alongside two other women from different provinces of our country, Pakistan.

The Vice-Chancellor of SMIU, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, the Dean of the IT Faculty at SMIU, Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, the Advisor to the Vice-Chancellor on Academics, Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, and other faculty members have congratulated her on her remarkable achievement. ■



Inter-University International Youth Competition Held

The National Accountability Bureau (NAB) Sindh organized the “Inter-University International Youth Competition of Social Anti-Corruption Advertising Entitled ‘Together Against Corruption’” at Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU) on September 5, 2023. Students from SMIU, Mehran University of Engineering and Technology, Jamshoro, University of Sindh Jamshoro, University of Karachi, Iqra University Karachi, Liaquat University of Medical and Health Sciences, Jamshoro, and Indus University Karachi participated in the competition.

In his address, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor of SMIU, stressed the importance of the youth’s role in reducing corruption, bribery, and extortion in society. While, Mr. Jawaaid Ahmed Khan, Director of Prevention and Awareness at NAB Karachi, thanked SMIU for hosting the event. He emphasized that NAB not only works to reduce corruption but also creates awareness among the public. He noted that they are educating the younger generation about the negative aspects of society, as they are the future leaders of the country. He expressed immense pleasure in witnessing the youth taking an inter-



est in combating corruption and malpractices in society.

Mr. Jawaaid Ahmed Khan further announced that the winners of the poster and video competition would compete at the national level in an inter-university event. The winners of this event would then go on to compete at the global level in Russia. SMIU’s students secured the top position in the poster competition, with Iqra University in second place and Indus University in third. In the video competition, Iqra University secured first place, Indus University came in second, and LUMHS took the third position.

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai and Mr. Jawaaid Ahmed Khan distributed souvenirs to the winners and runners-up. SMIU’s Vice Chancellor also presented shields to the jury and the chief guest. The program was conducted by Ms. Zonaira Jalali, Manager of Student Affairs at the Directorate of Student Affairs & Counseling at SMIU. ■



Orientation Day for Fall 2023

SMIU organized orientation sessions for newly enrolled students. Due to the large number of students, the sessions were scheduled for two days, on September 14 and 15, 2023.

First Day:

On the first day of the orientation, two sessions were held at the university's auditorium. These sessions were attended by students from various BS programs in the Department of Computer Science (Morning & Evening), Cyber Security (Morning), Information Technology (Morning), Software Engineering (Morning & Evening), Data Science (Morning), and Artificial Engineering (Morning).



Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Dean of the IT Faculty, and Dr. Mansoor Ahmed Khuhro, Chairman of the Department of Computer Science, addressed the sessions and introduced the students to SMIU University and the related departments.

Ms. Zonaira Jalali, Manager of Student Affairs at the Directorate of Student Affairs & Counselling, gave a presentation on academic programs, administrative departments, available student facilities, policies, and discipline. A Question-Answer Session was held during which members of SMIU's Student Council and volunteers addressed the concerns and queries of the new students. A campus tour was also arranged for the students, during which they were informed about the facilities, including modern computer laboratories, libraries, TV and Radio Studios, air-conditioned classrooms, and the I.T Tower.

Second Day:

September 14th, 2023, students from various departments attended the sessions. Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai participated as the chief guest in the last session.

During his address, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai announced that some departments from SMIU's city campus would be relocated to its Malir Campus next year (2024) as certain structures were nearing completion. Furthermore, he mentioned that hostels for students were under construction at the Malir Campus.

The Vice Chancellor noted the rapid growth in SMIU's student population and said in 2020, there were only 1,800 students enrolled, but within three years, this number had surged to 6,000. To accommodate this increase, it had been decided that some undergraduate classes would also be scheduled for Saturdays and Sundays due to the inadequacy of existing academic facilities.

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai warmly welcomed the new students to SMIU, emphasizing their good fortune in gaining admission to this prestigious institution known for imparting quality education supported by modern facilities. He also encouraged students to consider the less fortunate children in remote areas



of Sindh and other provinces who lack access to modern education and facilities available in Karachi. Referring to former Senator Javed Jabbar's statistics indicating that around 20 million children were out of school in the country, Dr. Sahrai expressed concern over the potential increase in this figure if secondary, college, and tertiary level dropouts were taken into account. He urged students to make the most usage of the modern facilities, laboratories, and libraries at SMIU.



Dr. Sahrai shared a personal connection with the institution, revealing that his father, Mr. Taj Sahrai, a renowned educationist and archaeologist, had received his education at Sindh Madressatul Islam School. Now, Dr. Sahrai serves as the vice chancellor of that institution, carrying on a legacy that strengthens his commitment to SMIU's development and the quality learning of its students.

During the session, Deans Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto and Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, as well as chairpersons Dr. Ambreen Fazal, Dr. Subhash Babu, and Dr. Riaz Ahmed, also addressed the students. Ms. Zonaira Jalali, Manager of Student Affairs at the Directorate of Student Affairs and Counselling, delivered a comprehensive presentation on academic and administrative departments. ■

3-Day Workshops on “Educate Tomorrow: Global Citizenship Initiatives”



The Department of Education of SMIU in collaboration with the UNESCO APCEIU (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization Asia-Pacific Centre of Education for International Understanding) organised workshops on “Educate Tomorrow: Global Citizenship Initiatives” (GCED) on three consecutive days i.e. September 13, 14 & 15, 2023 at its Senate Hall.

These awareness sessions were conducted by esteemed educators and scholars of SMIU, including Prof. Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Dr. Stephen John, Ajab Ali Lashari, Dr. Abdul Karim Suhag, and Dr. Munir Moosa.

Dr. Munir Moosa conducted introductory session on “Global Citizenship Education (GCED). He briefed the SMIU’s students of senior batches of all disciplines on foundational principles of Global



Citizenship Education, setting the stage for an enlightening learning experience.

Dr. Zahid Ali Channar conducted a session on “Drafting Course Outline,” where he explored the intricacies of crafting a curriculum that aligns with the dynamic nature of GCED, ensuring relevance and resonance in teacher education.

Dr. Stephen John shared his views on “Lesson Planning in GCED”, where he uncovered the art of designing impactful lessons that integrate global citizenship concepts, fostering a holistic educational approach.

Another session was conducted by Dr. Munir Moosa on “Micro Teaching in GCED”, where he delved into the microcosm of teaching methodologies tailored for GCED, emphasizing hands-on and prac-

tical approaches for effective learning.

Mr. Ajab Ali Lashari conducted a session on “Social Justice and GCED.” He navigated the intersection of social justice and global citizenship education, understanding the pivotal role education plays in promoting equitable societies.

Dr. Abdul Karim Suhag’s session was on the subject of “Human Rights and GCED”. He highlighted the fundamental connection between human rights and global citizenship, empowering future teachers to instill a sense of responsibility and advocacy in their students. ■



Prominent personalities share life experiences with SMIU students

Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU) hosted the Inaugural TEDx SMIU Conference, with the theme “Break the Shackles,” on the 20th of September, 2023, at its Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto Auditorium.

The event brought together a diverse group of distinguished speakers who delivered thought-provoking TED Talks, captivating the audience. Among these speakers were renowned poet Mr. Ali Zaryoun, visionary filmmaker Yousuf Bashir Qureshi, Deputy Superintendent of Police Ms. Manisha Ropeta, Mr. Sameer Ali Khan, and Mr. Sikander Bizanjo. Each of them shared their unique perspectives and experiences.

Dr. Aamir Iqbal Umrani, Director of the Office of Research, Innovation, and Commercialization (ORIC) at SMIU, expressed his elation at the success of TEDx SMIU. He hailed it as a historic milestone for the university and affirmed that this conference would become an enduring tradition, promising even more enlightening and empowering events in the years to come.

Dr. Aamir Iqbal Umrani further stated that it was a great pleasure and a valuable experience to lead one of the most significant seminars and TEDx SMIU. He congratulated the entire organizing council, particularly the SMIU students, who represent the youthful energy of SMIU. He emphasized that this is just the beginning, with much more to come.

Renowned poet Mr. Ali Zaryoun, reflecting on his life experiences, mentioned



that he had navigated difficult paths to reach his current position. He emphasized that success in life comes from love and passion for one's chosen profession. He expressed his pride in being present at the historic Sindh Madressatul Islam University.

Mr. Wafa Mansoor Buriro, an Assistant Professor and a member of the Advisory Council of TEDx SMIU, extended gratitude to all the esteemed sponsors, guests, speakers, and the team who contributed to the success of the event. He highlighted that TEDx SMIU exemplifies Sindh Madressatul Islam University's unwavering commitment to fostering an environment of intellectual exchange and inspiration. The event not only showcased remarkable individuals breaking barriers but also acted as a catalyst for change and progress in society.

Mr. Murtaza Lashari, the lead organizer of the TEDx SMIU Licensee and a student of SMIU, commended the tireless efforts of his team and expressed gratitude towards SMIU for providing the opportunity to host its inaugural TEDx Conference at SMIU. ■



Cyclists of Poland at SMIU



SMIU had a privilege of hosting two remarkable guests from Poland on October 10, 2023 at the Senate Hall of the university. Ms. Aleksandra and Mr. Marcin Jacob, who affectionately are known as the “Cycling Couple,” hail from Wrzeszcz, Poland. This couple has made waves on in the world media with their extraordi-

nary adventures. These intrepid travelers have already pedaled their way through an impressive 12 countries before reaching to Pakistan and they have set their sights on an awe-inspiring goal of covering 60 countries on their trusty bicycles.

During the session the couple shared their experiences, their passion

for cycling, and the adventures that have brought them to Pakistan, to SMIU’s faculty, administrative staff, students and representatives of Sports Society.

In the end of the session Mr. Muhammad Naeem Ahmed, Director Student Affairs and Counselling (DSA) presented Ajraks as souvenirs to the guests. ■





FAREWELL

to the Batch of Fall 2019

On the evening of October 12, 2023, students from different batches of Sindh Madressatul Islam University, in collaboration with the Directorate of Students Affairs and Counselling, organized a farewell party for the passing out students of the Fall 2019 batch in the inner courtyard of the Main Building.

The Vice-Chancellor of SMIU, Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, was invited as the chief guest. Deans Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, Advisor to the Vice-Chancellor on Academics Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Dr. Subhash Babu, Chairperson of the Department of Social and Development Studies, Dr. Ambreen Fazal, Chairperson of the Department of Media and Communication Studies, Prof. Dr. Mohammad Malook Rind, Mr. Asif Hussain Samo, Assistant Professor Mr. Shahid Obaid, Assistant Professor, Ms. Quratulain Nazeer Ahmed, Assistant Professor, Mr. Mohammad Naeem Ahmed, Director of the Directorate of Student Affairs and Counselling, Mr. Inayatullah Magsi, Assistant Professor, Ms. Khushboo Rafiq, Lecturer and oth-





ers attended the event. A large number of graduating students were also present.

In his speech, Vice-Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai stated that the passing out students were fortunate to graduate from this prestigious and historic educational institution, which happens to be the Alma Mater of the founder of Pakistan, Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah. Dr. Sahrai further mentioned that SMIU had equipped them with modern and quality education, along with a national spirit, making their learning at SMIU a valuable asset in their practical lives.



Dr. Sahrai expressed the perspective that SMIU had welcomed these students as customers during the admission process, and now they are leaving as products of SMIU. Therefore, he urged the graduate students to honor their Alma Mater and adhere to its motto of "Enter to Learn and Go Forth to Serve."

Mr. Wafa Mansoor Buriro, Assistant Professor at SMIU, delivered a speech on behalf of the faculty, congratulating the graduate students on their successful completion of BS education at Sindh Madressatul Islam University.

During the event, graduate students participated in colorful activities, including songs, stand-up comedy, speeches, and a documentary. They also presented titles to their teachers as an appreciation for their four-year education. Awards of different categories were given to the students, along with souvenirs and titles to all graduates of the batch. The event concluded with a Qawali performance by the Ali brothers. ■



SMIU's Young Environmentalists visit Zephyr Wind Power Station at Gharro

The Department of Environmental Sciences at Sindh Madressatul Islam University, Karachi, organized a study visit on October 12, 2023 for its students to the Zephyr Wind Power Station, located near Gharro city, at the center point between Thatta and Karachi cities. The Alternate Energy Department, Government of Sindh, had extended its cooperation to SMIU in this regard.

The main objective of the visit was to provide basic knowhow to the students about the operations of alternative energy, its workings for sustainable and renewable



energy resources, and its environmental effects. The students observed the processes involved in generating wind energy

and learned how the environment has been kept intact at the site.

The students of SMIU and faculty

members also planted mangroves at the site to make a positive contribution towards a greener and cleaner environment. ■

4th Meeting of Board of Studies of AI & MS

The Department of Artificial Intelligence and Mathematical Sciences hosted the 4th Board of Studies meeting on October 13, 2023. Dr. Mansoor Ahmed Khuhro, Chairman of the department, chaired it. During the meeting, the minutes of the 3rd Board of Studies were approved. Additionally, decisions regarding the insertion of new elective courses

in BS programs were recommended. The meeting included a review of the department's performance, progress, and achievements, leading to the making of important decisions. The Board of Studies resolved to organize more such meetings in the future to establish new goals and directions for the growth and development of the department. ■



SMIU Observes World Food Day

The Department of Environmental Sciences at SMIU, in collaboration with the ORIC of the university, observed “World Food Day” on the campus on October 16, 2023. In this connection, a seminar took place at the Senate Hall, where Dr. Nuzhat Khan, former Director-General of the National Institute of Oceanography, Karachi, was the chief guest.

In her talk on “Water is life, water is food,” Dr. Nuzhat Khan highlighted that climate change is a significant factor contributing to the increase in incidences of extreme and unusual weather conditions, thereby affecting food security at the global, regional, and local levels. She shared her views on the global challenges of food security and its underlying causes. Dr. Khan pointed out that global food production and population are interrelated, and with an increasing world population, issues of food and water shortages are escalating, consequently contributing to global poverty.

She advised the students to calculate their daily meal water consumption, find solutions to minimize food waste, and focus on organic farming.



Prof. Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Dean of the Faculty of IT and Science, and Dr. Imran Ali, Chairperson of the Department of Environmental Sciences, presented souvenirs to Dr. Nuzhat Khan. Faculty and students attended the seminar. ■

Career Drive at SMIU

The Directorate of Student Affairs and Counselling at SMIU, in collaboration with UBL Funds, organized a Career Drive for its last semester students and recent graduates of the Faculty of Management, Business Administration, and Commerce. During the event, UBL Funds management provided an overview of their “Young Advisors Program” (YAP) and conducted interviews with students as part of the initial screening phase on October 26, 2023.

On this occasion, Mr. Muhammad Naeem Ahmed, Director of the Directorate of Student Affairs and Counselling at SMIU, expressed gratitude to UBL Funds for giving preference to SMIU graduates for job opportunities. He also presented souvenirs to the guests. ■





SMIU Organises

Pink Ribbon Youth Awareness Seminar

SMIU's Directorate of Students Affairs and Counselling organized a "Pink Ribbon Youth Awareness Seminar" at its auditorium on October 26, 2023, with collaboration from the Pakistan Olympic Association (POA), Women and Sports Commission, Colgate Palmolive Pakistan, and Syed Foundation.

During the seminar, health experts highlighted the lack of awareness about breast cancer in society, despite millions of reported cases each year. They emphasized the importance of regular checkups for women to prevent breast cancer. Dr.



Usra Pervaiz, a general and breast surgeon, and assistant professor of general surgery at SIUT, emphasized the need for early diagnosis to prevent breast cancer, urging regular checkups. She also stressed the crucial role of male family members in supporting and encouraging female members to undergo regular checkups. Dr. Pervaiz highlighted various examination methods for breast cancer detection and discussed current treatment methods. Acknowledging SMIU's role, she com-



mended the institution for its contributions to quality education and general awareness in society.

Dr. Shahnaz Memon, former senior chief women medical officer at the Department of Health, Government of Sindh, encouraged young students to play a positive role in bringing about change in society.

In his speech, Assistant Professor Muhammad Naeem Ahmed, Director of Students Affairs and Counselling at



SMIU, expressed gratitude to all the event collaborators and urged students to share the awareness message with their parents, siblings, other family members, and friends.

Ms. Fatima Lakhani, Chairperson of POA Women Sports Commission, emphasized the significance of such aware-

ness programs, particularly for the women population regarding their health issues.

The event was attended by representatives of POA, Syed Hashmi (President of Syed Foundation), female faculty, staff members, and students of SMIU. Ms. Zonaira Jalali conducted the proceedings of the program. ■

HEC's "Green Youth Movement Club"



SMIU's Department of Environmental Sciences, in collaboration with the Directorate of Student Affairs and Counselling, conducted elections for representatives of the HEC's "Green Youth Movement Club" (GYM)'s Executive Council on Friday, October 27, 2023.

Members of the GYM Club, including the focal person, oversight committee members, and executive members, cast their votes. The following representatives were elected for the tenure of one year (2023-24): Mr. Shoaib ur Rehman (Captain), Mr. Shehryar Ahmed (Vice-Captain), Ms. Ayesha Liaquat (Communication Lead), Ms. Maria Fatima (Thematic Lead I), and Ms. Areesha Sohail (Thematic Lead II).



It is pertinent to mention that the HEC has established the Green Youth Movement Club to foster eco-consciousness and sustainability practices among students and the community. The GYM project has been launched with the aim of promoting environmental betterment in the country. Public sector universities across the country are electing their own representatives to contribute to this initiative. ■

Orientation for Visiting Faculty

On October 30, 2023, the Faculty of Management Science, Business Administration, and Commerce organized an orientation session for visiting faculty for the Fall 2023 semester.



During the session, the coordinators and representatives of the Academic and Examination Committee of the faculty including Ms. Quratulain Nazeer and others provided briefings to the visiting faculty. The information covered various aspects, including details about the university, class policies, examination procedures, and other relevant matters. ■

Achievement of SMIU Students



The SMIU delegation, comprising six students, made an impactful debut at the PAF KIET Model United Nations Conference held from November 3rd to 5th, 2023. Awais Hussain Shah (Department of Business Administration) and Mohammad Shoaib Taha (Department of Social and Development Studies) received honorary mentions in the Pakistan National Assembly Committee, showcasing SMIU's exceptional presence and prowess on the MUN stage. Other students from SMIU included Junaid Humayun Butt, Hamza Ali, and Syed Ali Abdullah (Department of Business Administration), and Soban Khatri (Department of Accounting Banking and Finance). ■

Workshop on “EM Lens Assisted Antenna Array Design” held

One-day workshop titled “EM Lens Assisted Antenna Array Design” was held at the IT-Lab in the IT Tower of SMIU on November 6, 2023. The workshop was organized under the HEC-NRPU project “RF Front-End Development Using Groundbreaking EM Lens Assisted Massive MIMO Technology for Location-Based Services in Cellular Communication Systems,” with Dr. Sarmad Ahmed Shaikh conducting the workshop as the principal investigator (PI) of the project.

The resource persons for the workshop were Engr. Syed Masaab Ahmed and Engr. Muhammad Minhaj Arshad, both of whom are research assistants in the project’s team. Other team members, including Dr. Shahzad Arshad (CoPI and industrial partner of the project from NASTP, Rawalpindi), Mr. Muneer Ahmed Shaikh (PhD student), Ms. Rukhsar (MS student), Mr. Sheeraz Ali (BS student), and Sajjad Ahmed (support staff), contributed to the successful organization of the workshop.

The workshop guests included Director ORIC Dr. Aamir Iqbal Umrani and Associate Professor Dr. Kamlesh Kumar, who concluded the workshop with a note of thanks and distributed certificates and shields among the participants and organizers.



The workshop was organized to disseminate the results obtained so far from the project, providing an opportunity for both SMIU and non-SMIU faculty members and students in BS/MS/PhD programs in IT and related fields to learn and practice the latest trends in RF Front End design, particularly focusing on modern lens antennas used/researched in 5G/6G cellular communication systems.

More than 30 participants took part in the workshop, where they learned and designed EM lens-assisted antenna arrays at a 4.2 GHz frequency using a 3D EM simulator. ■

Midterm Fall Exams

Midterm Fall 2023 examinations continued from Monday, November 13, 2023, at Sindh Madressatul Islam University and concluded on Monday, November 20, 2023. On Friday, November 17, 2023, Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, Dean, Faculty of Management, Business Administration and Commerce, Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Dean Faculty of Social Sciences, and Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Dean Faculty of Information Technology, along with Controller of Examinations and Admission Mr. Furqan Iftikhar and Assistant Professor Inayatullah Magsi visited different examination centers and expressed satisfaction over the examination process. ■



SMIU's students of Food Science and Technology visit Biscuit Manufacturers

The Department of Environmental Sciences at Sindh Madressatul Islam University organized a visit for its students of Food Science and Technology, led by faculty members of the department, to English Biscuit Manufacturers (EBM), Karachi, on December 2, 2023. The main objective of the visit was to provide students with an opportunity to practically observe the food manufacturing process. The students observed different processes involved in the biscuit manufacturing process, such as pre-mixing, mixing, baking, cooling, packing, and quality control. They also learned about the science of biscuit manufacturing, including the use of preservatives and the proper use of raw materials for food manufacturing. ■



A session on Interviewing skills held

On December 9th, 2023, the Directorate of Students Affairs & Counselling hosted an insightful Interviewing Skills Session for SMIU students, conducted by Mr. Asif Hussain Samo, Assistant Professor, Department of Business Administration of SMIU. During the session, he delved deep into the art of interviews, covering everything from nailing those tough questions to mastering the nuances of body language and effective communication. It was a power-packed session aimed at sharpening the students' skills and boosting their confidence as they prepare to take on the professional world. ■



American scholar Professor Walter N. Hakala delivers lecture at SMIU

The Department of English at Sindh Madressatul Islam University organized a lecture by American Scholar Professor Walter N. Hakala for its students and faculty on Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at its Sir Shahnawaz Bhutto. Vice Chancellor of SMIU Prof. Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Deans Prof. Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Prof. Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Prof. Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, Advisor to Vice-Chancellor on Academic Prof. Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, chairpersons of different academic departments, heads of administrative departments, and students attended it. Mr. Wafa Mansoor Buriro, Assistant Professor, and coordinator at the English Department moderated the session.

Professor Walter N. Hakala, an Associate Professor, Director of Undergraduate Studies at the Department of English, College of Arts and Sciences,



University at Buffalo, The State University of New York, delivered his lecture on the subject of “The Brass Boatman: Early Instances of Artificial Intelligence in South Asian Literature.” He traced the early technologies in Asian literature by citing examples mainly from classical Urdu writings of the lexicographer Sayyid Aḥmad Dihlavī (1846-1918) and folk tales. He mentioned that Sayyid Aḥmad Dihlavī, in his 1895 textbook on the ori-



gins of language, compares the articulate human tongue to the operations of a mechanical doll, modeled on the ubiquitous wind-up toys imported from Augsburg.



Professor Walter N. Hakala expressed the view that scholars now pursuing “sound studies” are considering the ways in which South Asians made sense of the disembodied voices that emanated from gramophones, radios, and other sound technologies. He added that the growing din from machines in both urban and agricultural settings had dramatic and seemingly irreversible effects on South Asian soundscapes.

Additionally, he highlighted that Urdu translations of “The Third Dervish’s Tale” from The Arabian Nights feature a brass boatman, sometimes depicted with

talismans inscribed on its chest, who conveys a hapless hero across the sea.

Discussing the translations of Asian literature composed in Pali, Prakrit, and other Asian languages into Persian, Arabic, and even Western languages, he suggested that if anyone wants to translate anything, then he/she must translate it from the original language rather than translating from the translation. He emphasized the importance of choosing the best translation from multiple versions.

Regarding artificial intelligence (AI), he stated that AI is not a reliable source of language to get the correct meaning from it, and users have to verify its version by human wisdom. He pointed out that sometimes AI lies, and while we may trust it, we must verify the things made through AI using human judgment.

He mentioned that the present-day generation has to use AI but they must verify its results. During his lecture, he demonstrated writing a biography of a person which was wrongly written by AI.



SMIU's Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, in his concluding speech, appreciated Prof. Walter for his lecture, terming it wonderful and an eye-opener, especially about AI.

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai said today's generation is living in the 21st century and en-



counters the realities and rationale of the new world dominated by AI. He remarked that humans are Ashraful Makhlooqat and possess wisdom, ideology, feelings, a dynamic approach, and thinking toward life and the world, which matters a lot.

Earlier, Dr. Riaz Mangrio, chairman of the Department of English at SMIU, welcomed the guest, and Dean Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto of SMIU presented a vote of thanks. In the end, students of SMIU asked some pertinent questions to the guest about Artificial Intelligence. On this occasion, Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai gave away souvenirs to the guest. ■

SMIU Students Excel in Documentary Competition

Students from SMIU's Department of Media and Communication Studies, Mr. Huzaifa Arshad, Mr. Kamil Irfan, and Mr. Mateen Ahmed, secured the third position in the Inter-University Documentary Competition organized by the Directorate of Electronic Media and Publications (DEMP), Karachi, Ministry of Information, Broadcasting, Government of Pakistan on December 21, 2023, in connection with the birth anniversary of Quaid-e-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah.



The theme of the winning documentary was the "Role of Mixed Martial Arts in Promoting Sports in Pakistan." All three documentaries by SMIU's students were shortlisted for final screening. The award distribution ceremony was held at the main auditorium of Quaid's Mausoleum. The chief guest, Dr. Syed Junaid Ali Shah, Provincial Minister for Culture, Sports, and Youth Affairs, distributed awards among the winners. ■

Winter Clothes Collection Drive carried out at SMIU

Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU) students, along with Ambassadors of “Milkar Pakistan,” launched a Winter Clothing Drive on December 21st and 22nd, 2023, at the campus under the supervision of the Directorate of Student Affairs and Counselling, SMIU.

The objective of this activity was to educate youth about philanthropy and empower them to take voluntary citizen action for the common good of all community members. During the drive, warm clothes, jackets, quilts, and blankets were



voluntarily donated by students, staff, and faculty members of the university.

SMIU’s “Milkar Pakistan Ambassador” Syed Safdar Shah, a student



of the Department of Education, SMIU, along with his team, played a remarkable role from collection to packing of the received donations. ■

Admission Tests for Spring 2024

Admission tests for the session of Spring 2024 were conducted on December 23-24, 2023, at SMIU. A large number of candidates appeared in the tests and were supervised by Dean Faculty of Social Sciences Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Dean I.T., Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Advisor to Vice Chancellor on Academic Affairs Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Registrar Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Shaikh, Director Admissions and Examinations Mr. Furqan Iftikhar, and Additional Controller of Examinations Mr. Mumtaz Soomro. ■





SMIU ORGANIZES JOB FEST 2023

The Directorate of Student Affairs and Counselling (DSA) organized the “SMIU Job Fest 2023” on Tuesday, December 12, 2023, in the space located between SMIU’s Main Building and the Hassanally Effendi Library. The Job Fest was inaugurated by Prof. Dr. Sarosh Hashmat Lodhi, Vice-Chancellor of NED University of Engineering & Technology,



Karachi, along with Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice-Chancellor of SMIU, by cutting a ribbon.

Prof. Dr. Fateh Muhammad Marri, Vice-Chancellor of Sindh Agriculture

University, Tandojam, Prof. Dr. Tauha Hussain, Vice-Chancellor of Mehran University of Engineering and Technology, Jamshoro, Prof. Dr. Sadia Akram, Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Jinnah Sindh Medical





University, Karachi, Dr. Afshan Rubab, Additional Secretary of Universities and Boards, Government of Sindh, Deans of SMIU Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, faculty, administrative staff, and students were present on the occasion.

The Vice-Chancellor of SMIU, Dr. Sahrai, in his speech, said SMIU is a unique institution in the country that set its manifesto 139 years ago by saying “Enter to Learn-Go forth to Serve,” and SMIU still believes in it, taking efforts to prepare students who could serve the nation and country like their predecessors. The vice-chancellor added that in the present age, “we are receiving students as customers and sending them as a product.”

Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai further said SMI University is merely 12 years old, but it has set remarkable examples in grooming its students according to the needs of the present day and providing jobs to them. Last year, about 100 students were recruited by about 30 companies during the SMIU Job Fest, and this time, about 300 alumni and final year students are appearing before 32 companies. Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai said SMIU also has an incubation center at its I.T. Tower that trains its students and outside persons willing to start their own job. The vice-chancellor expressed gratitude to the respectable guests and companies who honored their invitation and attended the ceremony. Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai also appreciated Muhammad Naeem Ahmed, Director Student Affairs and Counselling of SMIU, for organizing a successful SMIU Job Fest.



In his speech as the chief guest, Dr. Sarosh Hashmat Lodhi said that although economic conditions and business circumstances are challenging for all sectors in the country, talented graduates could easily avail job opportunities in public as well as the private sector. He emphasized that universities must provide job-oriented and quality education to students so that they can easily avail job opportunities in public and private sector organizations on merit.

Appreciating the SMIU Job Fest, he said the administration of SMIU has provided a great opportunity to its graduates and final year students, and these initiatives may prove beneficial for the industry as well, as they could recruit the most talented and learned graduates from here. Dr. Sarosh Hashmat Lodhi remarked that it is a good omen that a wide variety of companies related to IT, banking sector, human resources, social development, textile, and higher education related organizations were invited. He added that he appreciated the services of Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, who encourages and creates these career opportunities for SMIU's graduates.

Earlier, Muhammad Naeem Ahmed, Director Student Affairs and Counselling, in his welcome address, said the main objective of organizing this job fest was to facilitate SMIU's graduates in finding job opportunities. He thanked Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai for encouraging and supporting them in organizing the job fest.

On this occasion, the Vice-Chancellor of SMIU gave away shields to the guests of the program, including Prof. Dr. Sarosh Hashmat Lodi, Vice-Chancellor of NED University, Dr. Prof. Dr. Fateh Muhammad Mari, Vice-Chancellor of Sindh Agriculture University, Tandojam, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ismail Kumbhar, Prof. Dr. Tauha Hussain, Vice-Chancellor of Mehran University of Engineering and Technology, Jamshoro, Prof. Dr. Sadia Akram, Pro-Vice-Chancellor of Jinnah Sindh Medical University, Karachi, and Dr. Afshan Rubab, Additional Secretary of Universities and Boards, Government of Sindh. Prof. Dr. Sarosh Hashmat Lodi also gave away a shield to Vice-Chancellor SMIU Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai. At the same time, students of SMIU presented bouquets to the guests.

Later on, the guests visited stalls of different companies and talked with em-



players about the scope and job positions they were offering to SMIU graduates. The ceremony was attended by deans, chairpersons, faculty, and administrative officials and students of SMIU in a large number.

In the evening, the concluding ceremony was held, where Deans of SMIU Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Dr. Aftab Ahmed Shaikh, Dr. Jamshed Adil Halepoto, Advisor to Vice-Chancellor on Academic Affairs Dr. Abdul Hafeez Khan, Director of DSA Mr. Muhammad Naeem Ahmed, Registrar Mr. Ghulam Mustafa Shaikh, and Controller of Examinations and Admission Mr. Furqan Iftikhar gave away shields to the representatives of the participating 32 companies. ■



SMIU Model School

Robotic Activity



SMIU Model School invited Ms. Huda Garib, CEO and Founder of e-Magine, an institution aligned with the initiative of Pakistan's Federal Ministry of Education, on August 23, 2023. During her visit she conducted a learning session with class VI students. In the session Ms. Huda and her team organized an activity in groups, in which they distributed robotic materials among students. Thereafter, the students designed robotic structures with the assistance of facilitators. The Artificial Intelligence (AI) session involved students' mathematical and logical thinking. The honourable Vice Chancellor, Dr. Mujeebuddin Sahrai Memon also joined the session and appreciated the creativity of students and the e-Magine team.



This was an informative and engaging session on artificial intelligence in which school students actively participated and learned a great deal. ■

SPORTS

SMIU' Cricket Team Wins Trophy

SMIU's cricket team participated in the 4th PMA Sports Gala 2023 on August 23, 2023, and won a trophy. It was a great achievement for SMIU's students team. On their success, the Vice Chancellor Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai congratulated to all the team members and sports officer Muhammad Kashif. ■

Women's Shooting Team

SMI University's women's shooting team participated in the All Pakistan HEC Interuniversity Shooting (Women) Championship 2023-24 on December 8-9, 2023, at the Pakistan Navy Shooting Range, Karsaz, Karachi. The event was hosted by NEDUET Karachi. SMIU team's commendable players, namely Ms. Habibunisa Imran (Education Department), Ms. Faryal Khan, Ms. Sitara, and Ms. Hadeesa (all from the Software Engineering Department), participated in the 10M Pistol Shooting and 10M Rifle Shooting competitions. ■



SMIU Tape Ball Cricket Teams (Boys & Girls)

SMIU Tape Ball Cricket Teams (Boys & Girls) faced off against Hamdard University in a thrilling friendly series on Thursday, 14th December 2023. The boys team clinched victory with a 2-0 lead, while our girls teams showcased incredible sports spirit, securing the runner-up spot. A big shout out to our players for their dedication. Special thanks to Mr. Mohsin, Director of Sports, HU, Mr. Hamza, Manager of Sports, HU, and Mr. Ismail, Sports Officer, HU for gracing the prize distribution ceremony. ■



Prize and Certificate Distribution Ceremony

SMIU has always prioritized not only the intellectual but also the mental and physical development of its students. In line with this, the Directorate of Student Affairs and Counselling organized a prize and certificate distribution ceremony for the Cricket and Badminton tournaments (both for boys and girls) on November 1, 2023, at the auditorium. Prof. Dr. Zahid Ali Channar, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, was the chief guest, and Mr. Muhammad Naeem Ahmed, Director of Student Affairs and Counselling, was the honorary guest. Those students who performed exceptionally well in various sports events were given prizes and certificates, including winners, runners-up, and volunteers. ■



Faculty Members Studying Abroad

By Maheen Iqbal Awan



“Nothing Adventured, Nothing Attained.” - Peter McWilliams

As this inspirational quote points out, the choice to study abroad can be challenging and a difficult one - but it is worth it! There is a lot to think about and organize before you commit to studying in another nation. However, you'll never know the wonderful benefits of studying abroad that will last a lifetime unless you give it a shot.

I started my PhD at Universiti Teknologi PETRONAS, Malaysia in January 2020. The COVID-19 pandemic was just beginning to be recognized worldwide. Thus, my PhD journey was unusual! A PhD requires dedication, determination, and perseverance but the COVID-19 pandemic caused unprecedented challenges that affected every aspect of life, including academics. Everything seemed quite normal at first, and I was excited to start my coursework and research. However, as the virus spread worldwide, educational institutions closed and academic programs moved online.

PhD students also had to adjust to the growing online learning and research environment. Students rarely saw their supervisors or peers. Social isolation made it hard to keep motivated and concentrated

on studies. Virtual meetings and dialogues cannot replace the academic and personal growth of attending a conference, seminar, or workshop. Another issue was data and resource access. The pandemic closed many libraries and archives, making literature reviews and primary data collection impossible. Travel constraints prevented us from conducting field research and data collection, which hampered research



quality and timeliness. Pandemic-induced psychological and emotional stress also harmed our mental health. Lockdowns, financial worries, and fear of the unknown increased tension and anxiety.

Despite these challenges, it is important to acknowledge that many students, including myself, have shown remarkable resilience, flexibility, and ingenuity in overcoming the obstacles posed by the pandemic. I believe that the difficulties I've faced as a result of the pandemic have made me stronger and more determined. I've learned to thrive in unfamiliar environments, handle tasks independently with a reasonable degree of success, and value the opportunities that I've been given. Studying abroad gives a unique opportunity for cultural immersion, personal growth, and the cultivation of connections

with individuals from other cultures, and despite its difficulties, it may have a profound impact on students' life. However, it is not free from certain drawbacks. Consider the following highs and lows of studying abroad before making your ultimate decision:

Highs:

- Studying abroad immerses one in another country's culture. This can give you a more global perspective, a better awareness of other cultures, and new insights into how different people live and think.
- Studying abroad sometimes requires students to acquire or enhance a language. In today's globally interconnected economy, the ability to communicate effectively with people of different cultural and ethnic origins is a must.

- Studying abroad could boost your career in international business, diplomacy, or development. International experience shows adaptability, cross-cultural competency, and a global perspective, which employers value.

- Studying abroad can build independence, self-sufficiency, and resilience. It may also provide opportunities to try something new, travel, or challenge oneself.

Lows:

- Studying abroad might be lonely. Early in your academic program, homesickness may be especially difficult to overcome.
- Adjusting to a new culture and lifestyle is difficult. As one adjusts to different habits, cuisine, and social conventions, one may feel uneasy.



- Before studying abroad in a high-cost country with a strong currency, examine the financial ramifications. Transportation, visa fees, and medical insurance premiums are some of the additional costs.
- Learning a new language, academic structure, and teaching style might make studying abroad difficult. This may make it hard to keep up with your coursework, which may affect your grades.

Traveling abroad for educational or personal development purposes can be an emotionally fulfilling and intellectually interesting experience. It presents its own set of challenges, but these can be overcome with forethought, preparation, a can-do spirit, and a willingness to try something new. Following are some pieces of advice that may be beneficial to you as you begin the academic path that may lead to your pursuit of a PhD degree:

- Most doctoral courses will want you to conduct original research in your chosen topic. This is why it's crucial to pick a research area and topic that both interest you and align with your long-term professional aspirations. Begin with some groundwork research to identify knowledge gaps and areas in need of further exploration.
- To find the PhD degree that best fits your research interests and career aspirations, you should investigate and compare the many options accessible to you. You should look for programs that have a good reputation in your field of study. Seek opportunities for collaborating with other researchers and expanding your professional network, and search for financial aid in the form of scholarships, grants, and research assistantships.
- In order to earn a doctorate, you'll need a solid academic foundation in areas like research methodologies, statistical analysis, and business theories. A strong



academic background and relevant work experience are prerequisites for pursuing a doctorate degree. Consider taking some courses or participating in some workshops that will help you expand your knowledge and skillset in the realm of learning.

- Finding supervisors and mentors who can guide and encourage you while you apply for your PhD program is crucial. They should share your research interests. Discuss your professional goals and research interests with professors who teach in the PhD program you're thinking about enrolling in.

After settling on a topic of study and potential supervisors, create a research proposal including your objectives, research approach, and anticipated results. When you've finished these steps, you'll be ready to start digging into your topic. The strength of your proposal will determine whether or not you are accepted into the PhD program and will also guide your research once you are a student there.

- Self-control, efficient time management, and careful planning are essential in the PhD program. Make a study plan that

includes reading, writing, and researching at regular intervals, and stick to it. Keep on top of your commitments and due dates by using calendars, to-do lists, and other organizational tools.

- Attending relevant conferences and workshops can help you meet other experts in your industry, stay abreast of developments in your field, and showcase your work to a wider audience. Find out whether there is any way to get financial support to help with the costs of attending these gatherings.

The road to a Ph.D. may have its ups and downs, but it's almost always worth it. If you carefully select your research area, actively seek out suitable supervisors and mentors, and develop strong intellectual and organizational talents, you will be well-equipped to successfully navigate this path and make significant contributions to the field of research. I wish you the best of luck as you pursue your degree in a foreign nation using these suggestions as a roadmap!

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Tech Trends to Raise your Business Game Up



Science-fiction movies in 1960s and 70s predicted that the time we currently live in would be all about flying cars and robotics. No one would have guessed that the start of a new decade of 2020s would be all about social distancing, working from home and online businesses. So even though we might have still not figured out how to live on Mars or we might've not started traveling to work using jet packs, we know that the upcoming decade has some serious technological developments up its sleeve.

With currently almost all of the communication and economic propositions being transferred from human to human transactions to online platforms the world is witnessing transformational changes in how technology impacts our lives. More than ever, people have started taking notes on the beneficial prospects of technology and are coming up with new trends for the new decade. Let's discuss some of these technological trends being set up:

Artificial Intelligence (AI)

Despite a few limitations, ChatGPT features strong AI capabilities that might completely change the way that digital marketing works. In this industry, it is used for content development and optimisation, automated customer service, translation, report generating, customer feedback management, marketing personalisation, and market research. Here are some of the greatest methods for using ChatGPT to enhance marketing outcomes if you're wanting to adopt this technology;

- * Use ChatGPT to create interesting content for your marketing platforms.
- * ChatGPT can optimize content and align it with your strategy.
- * To evaluate consumer sentiment, use ChatGPT to run reviews or comments.
- * Increase PPC (Pay-Per-Click) advertising by utilising ChatGPT's features.
- * For improved personalisation, integrate ChatGPT with your CRM and customer information.
- * ChatGPT can also be used for the linguistic preferences and patterns of your sector and target audience.
- * Use ChatGPT to analyse data and market research.

Voice Interfaces

Voice applications have been an important discussion during the last few years of the past decade and the importance has been increasing ever since as the people are now getting quite comfortable with the idea of communicating with machines by simply speaking rather than having to do the task by themselves or even type.

Internet of Things

IOT applications have been the trend topic for quite some time now and the talk of it only increases with time especially for the industrial sector.

Blockchain

With a new decade, major institutes have made a major introduction of Blockchain to avoid information leakage

and online frauds. Blockchain is proved to be super secure method of storing, authenticating and protecting data which is set to revolutionize many aspects of business, particularly facilitating trusted transaction.

Cyber-security

The security of one's website is key part for any business as they face unprecedented new threats. This new decade will focus on the criticality of mastering strong cyber-security.

Digital Platform

Facebook, Instagram and PayPal, these are all very known digital platforms amongst many more but few years back, not many people were aware that these digital platforms could be extremely essential business platforms as well. With Facebook Shops and platforms like Instagram establish a marketing and business boosting platform through which many traditional businesses transitioned to online businesses.

All these trends that we discussed and many more other than these, have been predicted by the digital industry. Hence incorporating the above mentioned trends into your business and marketing initiatives to experience a rapid boost in your business outcomes and optimise your digital presence and how it functions. For the usage of technology in a company or website's marketing endeavours, one must be aware of both its strengths and weaknesses. When used effectively, it may provide an edge over others in this digital era. ■



SMIU Alumni

By **Khusboo**, Lecture at Department of Media & Communication Studies, SMIU



Suman Dilip Kumar, alumnus from Department of Business Administration

Suman earned her Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from SMIU on a full scholarship. She was part of the first group from SMIU to represent the university in Turkey and maintained excellent grades while actively participating in social work, which led to her election as Vice President of the Community Services Society. Additionally, she had won several debating competitions at both the university and city level.

After completing her final year, Suman was selected for an internship in China through SMIU. Presently, she has been working in the IT sector for the past five years, serving as a Senior Customer Success Consultant at FAIR, an Australian Digital Transformation Agency. Despite her busy professional life, Suman still dedicates time to work with multiple non-profit organizations to give back to the community. While talking to SMIU Chronicle team, she conveyed her message to SMIU students that, "Let me tell you that your university years are some of the best times of your life. So, make sure you create unforgettable memories that will stay with you for years to come." ■



Alumnus from Department of Media and Communication Studies

While talking to SMIU Chronicle, Mr. Abdul Rehman expressed "SMIU: where dreams take flight, and aspirations find their voice, paving the way for a brighter tomorrow. At Sindh Madressatul Islam University, my journey as a student of Media and Communication Studies Department was filled with vibrant experiences and endless possibilities. Engaging in multiple volunteer projects and university activities, I discovered the power of presentation and storytelling."

He is now pursuing his Master's degree in Documentary Filmmaking in Tallinn, Estonia. He has the honor to represent Pakistan as he is the first Pakistani enrolled in this prestigious program. Equipped with SMIU's accolades, including being honored as the 'Best Vlogger,' he is poised to create impactful documentaries that transcend boundaries and captivate audiences. His documentary named "Sheores" got first position in the competition of Getz Pharma at Karachi literature festival. Recently, he got an award of Civic leadership for his previous volunteer work for his community in Tallinn, Estonia.

He gives the message of hope to SMIU students by stating that, "Dear future of SMIU, prepare to embark on an extraordinary journey of growth, knowledge, and self-discovery. Here, amidst the hallowed halls of SMIU, you will find a nurturing environment that encourages you to dream big, think critically, and create change. Unleash your potential, embrace diversity, and seize every opportunity that comes your way, for SMIU will equip you with the skills, resilience, and determination needed to excel in your chosen path. As an alumnus, I assure you that SMIU will be your guiding light, shaping you into a compassionate, innovative, and globally aware individual, ready to make your mark on the world." ■



The Vice Chancellor of SMIU Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai chairing a meeting held in connection with the 139th Foundation Day Celebrations of SMI on July 14, 2023 at the conference room. The meeting decided to celebrate the 139th foundation day of SMI on September 1, 2023 the a befitting manner.



Dr. Mujeeb Sahrai, Vice Chancellor presiding a meeting of QEC, SMIU on July 14, 2023, in which the academic performance of the university was reviewed.



The Quality Assurance Division Islamabad organised an online session for clarification of the new graduate policy 2023. At SMIU, the Deans, Director of Post Graduate Programs, Registrar, heads of departments and faculty members participated in it on the invitation of the QEC, SMIU.



Newly enrolled students attending Orientation Day for Fall 2023, held on September 14, 2024 at the auditorium.



Candidates thronged at SMIU for Admission Test for session Spring 2024, on December 24, 2023.

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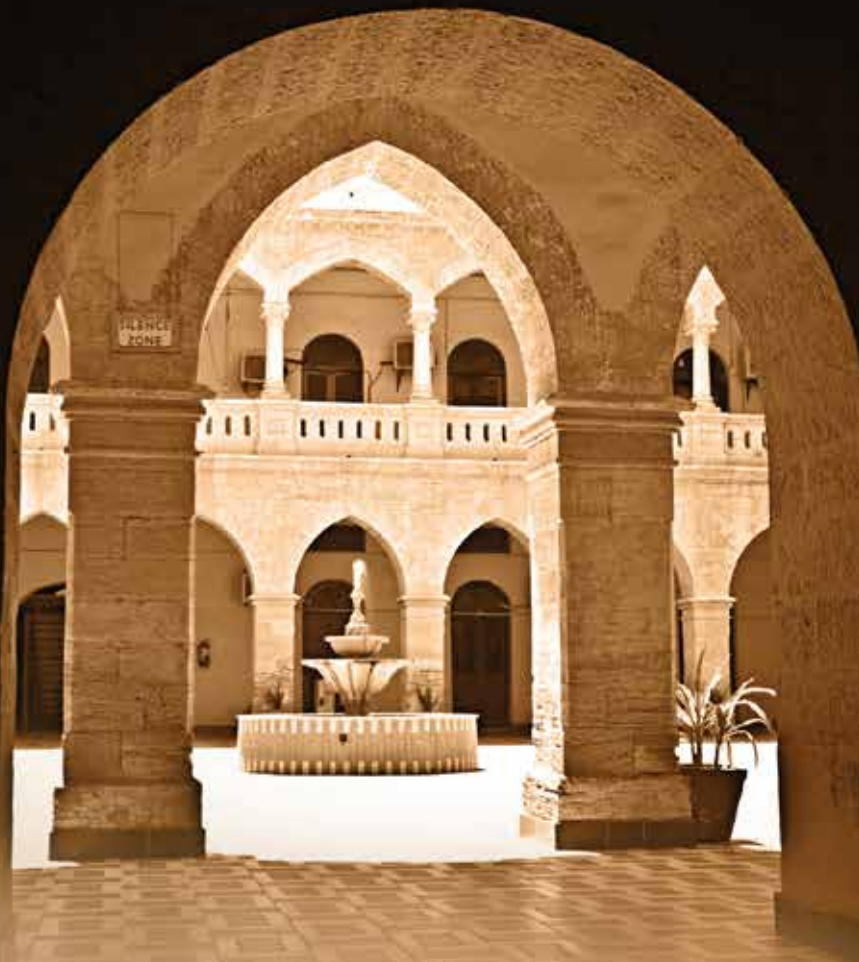
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