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**PUNJAB HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION**



## MESSAGE FROM CHAIRPERSON PHEC



"Civic Education" has become a focal point of attention and emphasis across various platforms. The recent civic education conference highlighted the widespread recognition of its crucial role in personal and societal development, a concept that was thoroughly discussed during the event. In an era characterized by societal divisions, intolerance, and the spread of misinformation, civic education shines as a source of optimism. This conference demonstrates the unwavering dedication of our educational institutions to advancing civic education.

I want to stress that the purpose of civic education goes beyond the mere dissemination of information; it strives to instigate genuine social transformation. Educational institutions, in addition to being reservoirs of knowledge, also emerge as strongholds of character, compassion, and responsible citizenship. The design of the conference was aimed at paving the way for catalyzing the progress of civic education within university settings.

There is a pressing need for a sincere commitment and dedication to implementing civic education "in its true letter and spirit" in both formal and informal university education. Mere inclusion in the curriculum is insufficient; it must be embraced with wholehearted sincerity and effectiveness. To establish peace, harmony, and a serene social environment, it is imperative to promote a culture of patience and tolerance. Leaders from political, social, religious, and intellectual backgrounds play an instrumental role in nurturing qualities of courtesy and forbearance, while educators should impart ethical values and provide guidance to students accordingly.

Embracing a profound sense of responsibility and a united commitment, let us diligently advance the invaluable insights we have acquired through the processes of enlightenment, collaboration, and purposeful collective endeavours. By channeling our unwavering dedication to the pursuit of knowledge, we have the power to catalyze substantive and significant change in our communities and society as a whole.

The commitment to knowledge becomes the driving force behind our efforts, enabling us to not only understand the challenges we face but also to develop innovative solutions and promote informed decision-making. In this way, we can translate the wealth of wisdom we've gathered into tangible improvements, positive developments, and constructive contributions to our communities, society, and the world at large. In essence, it's a call to action, inviting us to leverage our collective wisdom and commitment for the betterment of the world.

**Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir**  
Chairperson- PHEC



## EDITORIAL NOTE

The 1st "All Punjab Universities Innovation Expo 2022," organized by the Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC), marked a significant milestone in fostering innovation and encouraging the creative potential of students and researchers across Punjab. This event provided a platform for innovators to present their projects, share their ideas, and receive recognition for their hard work. The success of this event became a source of inspiration for all participants, motivating them to strive for excellence in their respective fields.

In light of the overwhelming success of the previous year's expo, the PHEC is delighted to announce the upcoming "All Punjab Universities Innovation Expo 2023," scheduled to take place on November 20, 2023, at Expo Center Lahore. This event is positioned to capitalize on the successes of the previous year and is anticipated to be an even more exceptional gathering.

The expo aims to bring together tech experts, creative thinkers, and entrepreneurial minds from all corners of Punjab. It serves as a platform for these individuals to not only showcase their innovative research and projects but also to connect with industry experts, business leaders, investors, and the broader public. This interaction is vital for the exchange of ideas, collaboration, and potential investment in groundbreaking projects.

Furthermore, the "All Punjab Universities Innovation Expo 2023" is anticipated to have a positive impact on the country as a whole. By highlighting the talent and innovation present within Punjab's universities, this event contributes to the overall development and progress of the region. It showcases the intellectual and creative potential of Punjab's youth, which, when harnessed and supported, can lead to significant advancements in various fields.

The message is clear: all universities in the Punjab region should strive to innovate and collectively make their mark. By coming together and participating in this event, universities can not only showcase their achievements but also contribute to the growth and prosperity of Punjab and the nation as a whole.

Thus the "All Punjab Universities Innovation Expo 2023" is set to be a momentous occasion, providing a platform for innovation, collaboration, and the celebration of Punjab's brightest minds. It is a witness to the commitment of the Punjab Higher Education Commission and all participating institutions to foster innovation, creativity, and excellence in education and research.

**Dr. Bushra Inayat Raja**  
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## **NETWORKING DINNER WITH GOVERNOR MUHAMMAD BALIGH UR REHMAN AND PROF. DR. SHAHID MUNIR**

On the evening of September 14th, Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir, Chairperson Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC), was among the distinguished guests at a Networking Dinner held at the Afohs Club in Lahore. The highlight of this event was the presence of a highly esteemed Chief Guest, the Governor of Punjab, Muhammad Baligh Ur Rehman, adding an air of significance and importance to the gathering.

The purpose of this exclusive dinner was to create a conducive environment for bringing together influential figures from two critical domains: industry and academia. Such gatherings work as a nexus for fostering meaningful connections and laying the groundwork for potential collaborations that can have a substantial impact on various sectors.

The presence of Governor Muhammad Baligh Ur Rehman, a prominent political figure in the province, further emphasized the importance of the occasion. His attendance indicated government support for initiatives that bridge the gap between academia and industry, which can ultimately lead to innovation, economic growth, and enhanced educational opportunities.





## PHEC Chairperson as Guest of Honor at APSUP Academic Excellence Awards 2023



Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir, Chairperson, Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC), was bestowed with the honor of being a Guest of Honor at the APSUP Academic Excellence Awards 2023. This prestigious event was organized by the Association of Private Sector Universities of Pakistan (APSUP) and was held at the esteemed Governor House Lahore on August 25, 2023.

Being designated as the Guest of Honor Underscores Dr. Shahid Munir's eminence and influence in the realm of higher education in Punjab. His presence at the event is an evidence of his leadership and the respect he commands within the academic community.

The APSUP Academic Excellence Awards represent an important occasion for recognizing and celebrating outstanding contributions to the field of higher education in Pakistan. These awards acknowledge the dedication, innovation, and excellence demonstrated by individuals and institutions within the private sector.

During the event, Dr. Shahid Munir took the opportunity to extend his heartfelt congratulations to the recipients of the Academic Excellence Awards. His recognition and appreciation of their remarkable achievements are not only a source of encouragement but also emphasize the importance of recognizing and honoring excellence in academia. Dr. Shahid Munir acknowledged and appreciated APSUP's role in recognizing and celebrating the significant contributions of the award recipients to the higher education sector in Pakistan. Such initiatives are instrumental in motivating individuals and institutions to strive for excellence.



## MINISTER MANSOOR QADIR RECEIVES WARM WELCOME AT PUNJAB HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION (PHEC)



On September 19th, Mr. Mansoor Qadir, the Minister for Higher and Schools Education, received a gracious and warm welcome during his visit to the Punjab Higher Education Commission, for the purpose to attend a syndicate meeting. The Chairman of PHEC extended a cordial reception to the Minister, acknowledging the significance of his visit. In the office of the Chairperson, Mr. Mansoor Qadir's and Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir engaged in discussions and deliberations concerning various important matters related to Higher Education and Schools Education.





# TWO-DAY CIVIC EDUCATION CONFERENCE IN COLLABORATION WITH PHEC AND CENTER FOR PEACE AND SECULAR STUDIES

In collaboration with the Punjab Higher Education Commission and the Center for Peace and Secular Studies, a two-day conference focused on Civic Education was convened at a local hotel. The conference marked its commencement with an inaugural ceremony led by the chief guest, Mr. Kunwar Muhammad Dilshad, who serves as the Adviser to the Chief Minister of Punjab on Law and Parliamentary Affairs. The Chairman of Punjab HEC, Professor Dr. Shahid Munir, extended a warm welcome to the distinguished attendees. Notably, the conference drew the participation of Vice-Chancellors from 30 universities across the Punjab Province.

During his address to the attendees, Mr. Kunwar Muhammad Dilshad, the chief guest, emphasized the fundamental role of civic education as the cornerstone of a democratic society. In an era marked by societal divisions, intolerance, and the proliferation of misinformation, civic education stands as a beacon of optimism. This conference stands as a testament to the resolute dedication of our educational institutions in advancing civic education.

Professor Dr. Shahid Munir, the Chairperson PHEC, articulated in his speech that universities are poised to become epicenters fostering a culture of dialogue, empathy, and respect. Beyond being centers of academic pursuit, these institutions hold the transformative power to shape ideas, mold minds, and nurture the next generation of leaders. Their potential lies in cultivating an atmosphere characterized by constructive conversations, mutual understanding, and reverence for diversity.

The world grapples with multifaceted global challenges such as poverty, terrorism, and forced displacement. At this juncture, our societies face critical decisions. Simultaneously, we witness an alarming surge in xenophobia, racism, and divisive political discourse, contributing to societal fragmentation. Amidst this context, the digital revolution has the capacity to bridge divides, even as issues like sectarianism and religious animosity pose substantial barriers to economic, social, and moral progress.

To establish peace, harmony, and a tranquil social milieu, it is imperative to champion a culture of patience and tolerance. Leaders across political, social, religious, and intellectual spectrums play an instrumental role in nurturing virtues of courtesy and forbearance, while educators should impart ethical values and guide students accordingly.

Our society cannot afford the repercussions of misconduct and corruption. Thus, the conference underscored the significance of deliberating on themes such as non-violence, socio-economic equity, gender parity, environmental sustainability, and disarmament.

Ms. Saeeda Deep, representing the Center for Peace and Secular Studies, elucidated that education's purpose extends beyond mere information dissemination; it seeks to drive genuine social transformation. Educational institutions, in addition to being repositories of knowledge, emerge as bastions of character, compassion, and conscientious citizenship. The conference, by design, paves the way for catalyzing the advancement of civic education within university settings.







As the conference drew to a close, participants gathered in a spirit of reflection, celebration, and appreciation for the invaluable insights shared throughout the discourse. The concluding session marked a poignant moment, encapsulating the collective wisdom gained from the thoughtful discussions held over the course of the event. With the esteemed presence of Prof. Dr. Sohail Naqvi as the chief guest, the closing ceremony stood as a testament to the power of collaboration and knowledge exchange. The ceremony commenced with a soulful recitation, a reminder of the profound connections between knowledge and spirituality. Following this, the resonant notes of the national anthem filled the air, underscoring the unity and shared purpose that brought participants together. A pivotal aspect of the closing session was the feedback shared by the Vice Chancellors in attendance. Their reflections offered a glimpse into the impact of the symposium on academic leaders and the educational landscape, reinforcing the transformative potential of the topics discussed.

The Chairperson of the Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) stepped forward to deliver an address, highlighting the significance of such gatherings in fostering intellectual growth, mutual understanding, and a vision for a brighter future. A momentous highlight of the session was the address by Prof. Dr. Sohail Naqvi, the esteemed chief guest. His words resonated as a culmination of the event, encapsulating the essence of the symposium's themes and the enduring impact of fostering dialogue and knowledge exchange.

In recognition of the shared journey and the contributions of the panelists, speakers, and participants, a heartfelt gesture of appreciation unfolded in the form of the distribution of souvenirs. These tokens not only symbolized the symposium's outcomes but also served as tangible reminders of the connections forged and the commitment to the causes discussed. As the concluding session came to a close, the room brimmed with a sense of accomplishment and a shared commitment to carry forward the wisdom gained. The symposium's journey had been marked by enlightenment, collaboration, and the recognition that through thoughtful discourse, collective action, and a commitment to knowledge, meaningful change can be forged.





# CIVIC CONFERENCE CAPTURED IN IMAGES





## PHEC HOSTS FAREWELL LUNCH TO HONOR VICE CHANCELLORS' CONTRIBUTIONS TO PUNJAB'S HIGHER EDUCATION







On July 21, the Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) paid tribute to the Vice Chancellors who have made a transformative impact on the higher education sector. Over the past three years, the higher education landscape in Punjab has experienced notable advancements, evident through recognition from prestigious ranking agencies like Times Higher Education (THE) and Quacquarelli Symonds (QS). This progress is attributed to the leadership and unwavering commitment of Vice Chancellors in public sector universities in Punjab.

To acknowledge their outstanding contributions and in recognition of their completion of tenure as Vice Chancellors, PHEC organized a lunch as a farewell gesture. The primary goal of this ceremony was to formally commend and honor their leadership and transformative influence these esteemed academic leaders have had on the higher education sector in Punjab.

The PHEC firmly believes that by celebrating the achievements of these Vice Chancellors, a precedent can be set to inspire others within the academic community to strive for excellence in academia, administration, and learning.

During the event, shields were presented by Chairperson PHEC to the Vice Chancellors: Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob - Islamia University Bahawalpur, Prof. Dr. Rukhsana Kausar - GC Women University, Sialkot, Prof. Dr. Robina Farooq - Government College Women University, Faisalabad, Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza - Lahore College for Women University, Lahore, Prof. Dr. Tariq Mahmood - University of Narowal, Narowal, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Tufail - The Ghazi University, Dera Ghazi Khan, Prof. Dr. Aamir Ijaz - MNS University of Engineering & Technology Multan. Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir, extended a warm welcome to all the accomplished Vice Chancellors, praising their dedication to advancing the higher education landscape in Punjab.





# Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir as Chief Guest at **INTERNATIONAL ENTREPRENEURIAL EDUCATION SUMMIT**



On August 26, Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir, Chairperson, Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC), graced the International Entrepreneurial Education Summit as the Chief Guest, which was hosted at Superior University in Lahore as part of the SEE Pakistan Expo 2023.

With a global perspective on entrepreneurial education, Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir took the spotlight and shared invaluable insights that have the potential to revolutionize the field of entrepreneurial education. The summit served as a platform for gathering brilliant minds from both national and international arenas, facilitating dynamic and insightful discussions.

At the conclusion of the summit, Chairperson PHEC presented certificates to participants from both national and international backgrounds, recognizing their active involvement in this remarkable event.









## Meeting Between CEO of Felicity Hub Publishing and Chairperson of PHEC to Present 'Obiter Dictum' Book

On July 28, Ms. Hira Ijaz, the CEO of Felicity Hub Publishing, held a meeting with Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir, the Chairperson, Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC). The purpose of this meeting was to present the book titled 'Obiter Dictum,' authored by Ambassador Najm Us Saqib.



## COMMEMORATIVE DINNER

hosted by Prof. Dr. Tallat Naseer Pasha Honors Achievements  
at **Government College University**

On July 20, Prof. Dr. Tallat Naseer Pasha, Vice Chancellor, University of Education, hosted a dinner to commemorate two significant milestones: the naming of the Dr. Ikram Ul Haq Institute of Industrial Biotechnology at the Government College University (GCU), and the appointment of Dr. Riaz Ahmad as Professor Emeritus at GCU, Lahore. The event was graced by the presence of Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir, Chairperson, Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC). During the occasion, Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir extended his congratulations to the honorees for their remarkable achievements.





# Chairperson of PHEC Honors Defense Day with Yadgar-e-Shuhada Tribute

On September 6th in commemoration of Defense Day Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir, the Chairperson, Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC), paid his respects by placing a bouquet of flowers at the Yadgar-e-Shuhada (Martyrs' Memorial). This commemorative gesture carried deep significance as it honored the sacrifices made by Pakistani soldiers.

During this solemn occasion, Dr. Munir expressed profound respect for the brave soldiers who had made the ultimate sacrifice in defense of their homeland. He acknowledged them as true heroes, emphasizing their unwavering dedication to safeguarding the nation.

Dr. Munir further underscored the unity of the entire nation in standing alongside the Pakistan Army, united in their commitment to protect their beloved country. His words reflected a strong sense of national pride and solidarity in the face of challenges.







# PHEC Seminar Highlights “Role of Higher Education in National Development” on Pakistan's Independence Day

On August 11th, a seminar titled "Role of Higher Education in National Development" was organized by the Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) at the Arfa Karim Tower, Lahore, in celebration of Pakistan's Independence Day 2023.

Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir, the Chairperson, PHEC, highlighted that the key to progress and success lies in providing the highest quality education. He referred to history, that nations that have embraced education have risen to prominence on the world stage. Quaid-e-Azam had asserted that education, trade, and military capability are the three fundamental pillars upon which nations cannot thrive without. Following in the footsteps of our founding father, Pakistan can embark on an educational revolution, aiming to provide accessible, quality education for all.

Dr. Shahid Munir suggested that taking young people towards a knowledge-based economy can rescue the country from its current economic crisis. Those countries that are progressing are those where knowledge-based economies are thriving. Pakistan has the potential to transition from its traditional, agriculture-based and industrial economy to a knowledge-based economy.

Other speakers at the seminar included Dr. Hassan Mir Shah, Mr. Raae Manzoor Nasir, and Dr. Tanveer Qasim. In the seminar, students from Lahore College for Women University, University of Home Economics, University of Lahore, and Minhaj University participated in large numbers. The renowned singer Asad Qureshi and Tabia Maqsood also expressed their artistry through melodies. Lastly, the guests were presented with commemorative shields.





## Calligraphy Exhibition at LCWU Inaugurated by PHEC Chairperson and Iranian Counselor General



On August 9th, 2023, a captivating calligraphy exhibition took place at the Persian Department of Lahore College for Women University (LCWU) in Lahore. The exhibition was thoughtfully curated by a talented and enthusiastic calligrapher from LCWU. This event showcased the results of a calligraphy competition that had been organized among the students of the Persian Department.

The distinguished Chief Guest of the program, Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir, Chairperson, Punjab Higher Education Commission, along with Mr. Mehran Muwahid Fard, the Iranian Counselor General in Lahore, inaugurated the exhibition. Their presence lent prestige to the occasion, and they were joined by Prof. Dr. Shagufta Naz, Vice Chancellor, Lahore College for Women University, and Mr. Jaffer Runas, the Director General of the Iran Culture Centre in Lahore. The exhibition drew a large audience, including numerous students, heads of various LCWU departments, and faculty members, all eager to appreciate the displayed artistry.



## The Closing Ceremony of 36th International Young Physicist Tournament



On July 24, Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir, Chairperson Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC), had the privilege of being a Guest of Honor at the closing ceremony of the 36th International Young Physicist Tournament. The event was a collaborative effort between Kohsar University Murree and the Pakistan Young Innovative Minds Society, hosted at Kohsar University Murree.

The tournament brought together more than 200 talented students from 17 different countries, each displaying their passion for physics and their commitment to scientific exploration. Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir distributed medals and certificates to the deserving winners of the tournament.

In addition to this, Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir has been engaged in discussions with Her Excellency Ambassador of Bulgaria to Pakistan, Ms. Irena Gancheva. These discussions revolve around the exploration of potential collaborations within the realm of higher education. This indicates a proactive effort to foster international partnerships that can contribute to the growth and development of the education sector.





## **Dinner Meeting and Recognition for Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir by Institute for Community with Shared Future Delegation**

On August 29th, a delegation from the Institute for Community with Shared Future at Communication University of China and the University of the Punjab came together for a dinner meeting with Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir, Chairperson, Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC).

The gathering of representatives from two esteemed institutions, the Institute for Community with Shared Future at Communication University of China and the University of the Punjab, signifies a collaborative effort between these institutions. Such collaborations often focus on shared goals and mutual cooperation.

A notable highlight of the meeting was the presentation of an Appreciation Letter to Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir. This letter worked as a formal acknowledgment of his unwavering support in the establishment and development of the Pakistan Research Center for Community with Shared Future. The Appreciation Letter highlighted Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir's consistent and dedicated support for the Pakistan Research Center for Community with Shared Future. His commitment played a pivotal role in the growth and success of this research center, emphasizing his valuable contributions to this collaborative initiative.

The establishment of a center focused on "Community with Shared Future" suggests a commitment to addressing global challenges and fostering a sense of interconnectedness and shared responsibility among nations. This meeting reflects international engagement and academic cooperation, which are essential for enriching academic perspectives and addressing complex global issues.







## Accreditation Committee Meeting at PHEC on September 8th



On September 8th, the Accreditation Committee, led by Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ali, convened a meeting at the Committee Room of the Punjab Higher Education Commission. During this meeting, various matters related to the granting of charters, approval of sub-campuses, and the addition of programs for private sector universities were discussed, and decisions were made.

The meeting was attended by Mr. Farooq Akmal, Additional Secretary (Universities) from the Higher Education Department (HED), Ms. Shahida Farrukh, Additional Secretary (Finance & Administration) from the Specialized Healthcare and Medical Education Department, Prof. Dr. Sumaira Rehman, the Rector of Superior University, Lahore, Mian Khalid Rehman, an Adjunct Faculty member at SDBS, LUMS, Lahore, Mr. Shahid Imtiaz, Additional Director from the Law & Parliamentary Affairs Department, Dr. Muhammad Mumtaz Ali Khan, the Director of Accreditation at PHEC, and Dr. Muhammad Waqas, the Assistant Director of Accreditation at PHEC.



## Emerson University Multan's 3rd Syndicate Meeting Led by Minister Mansoor Qadir

On September 19th, the 3rd syndicate meeting of Emerson University Multan was convened at the conference room of the Punjab Higher Education Commission, this meeting was presided over by Mr. Mansoor Qadir, the Minister for Higher and Schools Education. Mr. Mansoor Qadir led the proceedings, demonstrating his leadership and authority in guiding the discussions and decisions made during the meeting. This meeting entailed important discussions regarding the university's policies, operations, and strategic planning.





# 1st Meeting of Steering Committee for “Paradigm Shift in Higher Education-Hackathon Planning for Future”

On September 22, 1st meeting of the Steering Committee constituted regarding “Paradigm Shift in Higher Education-Hackathon Planning for Future” was held at Punjab Higher Education Commission under the Convenorship of Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir Chairperson PHEC. The Committee has reviewed the progress of Consortiums constituted to develop policy recommendations to the Government under various themes including, Governance & Finance: Challenges & Sharing Good Practice, Climate Change, Environment & Pollution (Waste Management), Entrepreneurship, Character Building, Drugs & Narcotics, Women Empowerment, Promotion of Technologies & Technology Intensive Solutions - Research & Scholarship on Energy Sub-Theme-I: Energy, Sub-Theme-II: Food Security, Sub-Theme-III: Current Trends in Health Education and Sub-Theme-IV: STEM Education and Science Diplomacy.

The meeting was attended by Prof. Dr. Khalid Masud Gondal, Vice Chancellor of Fatima Jinnah Medical University, Lahore; Prof. Dr. Syed Habib Bokhari, Vice Chancellor of Kohsar University, Murree; Prof. Dr. Sumaira Rehman, Rector of Superior University, Lahore; Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ali, Pro-Vice Chancellor of Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan; Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Former Vice Chancellor of Islamia University, Bahawalpur; Prof. Dr. Rukhsana Kausar, Former Vice Chancellor of GC Women University, Sialkot; Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza, Former Vice Chancellor of Lahore College for Women University (LCWU), Lahore; Dr. Muhammad Naveed ul Haque, Chairman of the Department of Animal Nutrition at the University of Veterinary & Animal Science, Lahore; and Prof. Dr. Muhammad Mansha, Director of Quality Enhancement at the University of Education, Lahore.

This meeting marked the commencement of a vital initiative aimed at transforming higher education and fostering innovation across various domains, with the shared expertise and perspectives of the committee members playing a pivotal role in shaping the future of higher education in Punjab.





## Advancing Digital Transformation in Punjab's Higher Education Sector: PHEC's Collaborative Meeting with Fintech Group



On September 21, The Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) recently engaged in a virtual meeting that held substantial significance in the context of advancing digital transformation in the realm of higher education within the province. This pivotal meeting involved the participation of distinguished individuals, notably Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir, the Chairman of PHEC, and Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin, a former Chairperson of PHEC and the Chairmain Khaldunia Institute of Technology and Applied Sciences (KITAAS). The primary focus of this online meeting was to deliberate and explore various strategies for implementing digital innovation within Punjab's higher education sector. Facilitating this discourse was a delegation from the Fintech Group, a prominent entity in the field of financial technology. The Fintech team was led by Mr. Michael McKinlay, who holds the position of Director for GCC and South Asia, and Mr. Nadeem Mujtaba, the Managing Director of the group.

During this meeting, a range of topics and potential avenues for digital innovation in education were discussed. These could encompass the integration of cutting-edge technological solutions, online learning platforms, and the development of digital resources aimed at enhancing the quality and accessibility of higher education in Punjab. It also signifies a significant step toward modernizing the educational landscape by harnessing the capabilities of fintech and digital tools.

The second day of the Committee meeting, for the Award of International Research Support Fellowship-Phase V (IRSIF), convened by Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir, Chairperson, Punjab Higher Education Commission, took place on September 27th. The meeting was attended by Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin, former Chairperson of PHEC; Prof. Dr. Muhammad Afzal, Vice-Chancellor of BGNU; Prof. Dr. Hassan Amir Shah, former Vice-Chancellor of GCU, Lahore; Prof. Dr. Jamil Anwar, Director of the Institute of Chemistry at PU, Lahore; Prof. Dr. Malik Zawwar Hussain, Chairman of the Department of Mathematics at PU, Lahore; Prof. Dr. Anjum Nasim Sabri, Director of IMMG at PU, Lahore; Prof. Dr. Iqbal Chawla, former Director of the Department of History at PU, Lahore; Dr. Aqil Inam, Professor at IMME, PU, Lahore; Prof. Dr. Mansoor Ahmed Baluch, Chief Operating Officer; and Dr. Mumtaz Ali Khan, Director of HRD at PHEC.

## IRSIF PHASE V COMMITTEE MEETING September 27th, 2023





## Empowering Nursing Students: Dr. Shahid Munir, PHEC Chairperson, Distributes Scholarships and Certificates

Professor Dr. Shahid Munir, Chairperson Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC), distributed certificates of recognition and accomplishment to a group of nursing students. These students are enrolled at the University of Lahore, under the scholarship program of The Shahid Javed Burki Institute of Public Policy.

The distribution of certificates holds profound significance. It not only acknowledges the academic achievements of the nursing students but also symbolizes the empowerment and encouragement extended to them by the Shahid Javed Burki Institute of Public Policy.





# Exploring Pakistan's Educational Policies for National Integration: Insights from Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir



On September 21, the Chairperson, Punjab Higher Education Commission, Professor Dr. Shahid Munir, emphasized that without the provision of social and economic justice in the country, national unity and progress are impossible. He was addressing a seminar titled "Exploring Pakistan's Educational Policies for National Integration," organized by the Sughra Begum Centre for Education Policy & Development at the University of the Punjab. The event was attended by a large number of participants, including Vice-Chancellor of Punjab University, Professor Dr. Khalid Mahmood, Pro Rector of Superior University, Professor Dr. Muhammad Nazam-ud-Din, Chairman of the History Department, Professor Dr. Mahboob Hussain, Director of the Sughra Begum Center for Education Policy and Development, Dr. Sonia Umar, faculty members, and students.

In his speech, Dr. Munir highlighted the critical importance of social and economic justice in achieving national unity and progress. He emphasized that economic inequality and educational disparities are significant challenges facing the country.

Dr. Munir questioned why some countries, like India, Canada, and the United States, do not face the same national health issues as Pakistan, pointing out that simply adding more subjects to the curriculum is not the solution. He noted that only 13% of Pakistani youth enter universities and called for addressing economic issues to improve national well-being, including national health. He announced plans to provide training to 2,400 teachers in the coming year.

The Chairperson stressed the importance of leadership and the active participation of women in all sectors for the betterment of the nation. He also advocated for increased research in universities to tackle national, economic, and social challenges. Dr. Munir emphasized the promotion of IT across various fields to address employment issues and encouraged teachers to foster entrepreneurship and skills among students.

While acknowledging ongoing efforts to formulate educational policies, Dr. Munir raised concerns about the quality and accessibility of education in Pakistan. He expressed alarm that 13 million children are not attending school, underlining the need for action to ensure a high standard of education. He also highlighted the deteriorating conditions of government schools and universities, calling for increased funding and problem-solving rather than mere acknowledgment of issues.







## PHEC's Two-Day Professional Development Program: Empowering PR Officers and Education Journalists"

On August 31, the Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) organized a two-day Continuing Professional Development Program titled "Empowering Public Relations Officers and Education Journalists: Navigating Challenges and Shaping the Narrative." This program was designed for Public Relations Officers (PROs) and journalists from various universities, aiming to enhance their skills and knowledge in the ever-evolving field of media and communication.

The inaugural session of this training program was graced by the presence of Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir, Chairperson of PHEC, Prof. Dr. Habib Bukhari, Vice-Chancellor of Kohsar University Murree, and Prof. Dr. Nasir Mahmood, Vice-Chancellor of Allama Iqbal Open University Islamabad. They shared their valuable insights and experiences with the participants, contributing to the program's overall objectives.

The training program is poised to provide participants with valuable insights into best practices in public relations, effective communication strategies, media engagement, and the role of journalism in contemporary society. Additionally, Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir planted a tree at Kohsar University as part of the event, promoting environmental sustainability and conservation.







## Recognition Dinner for Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir's Tamgha-e-Imtiaz Award



On the 18th of September, a significant and celebratory event took place, orchestrated by Dr. Waqar Ch, the joint editor at the English Daily Minute. The purpose of this event was to formally recognize and honor the remarkable achievement of Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir, Chairperson, Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC).

This celebration was for the prestigious awarding of the Tamgha-e-Imtiaz to Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir. The Tamgha-e-Imtiaz is a highly regarded and honorable civilian award in Pakistan, granted to individuals who have made outstanding contributions to their respective fields and to society as a whole. In this case, Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir's significant accomplishments and dedication to his work merited this distinguished recognition.

To mark this momentous occasion, Dr. Waqar Ch. took the initiative to host a dinner for expressing gratitude and admiration for Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir's exceptional achievements and the impact he has had on the field of higher education in Punjab. It was a gathering filled with warmth, appreciation, and camaraderie as attendees came together to celebrate the accomplishments of a highly esteemed individual and to acknowledge the honor that had been bestowed upon him.



## Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir Addresses International Textile Clothing Conference, Emphasizes Sustainability and Innovation



On August 2nd, the International Conference on Textile Clothing (VIII) held at the University of Management & Technology, Lahore, had the honor of hosting Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir, Chairperson, Punjab Higher Education Commission, as its distinguished Chief Guest. During his address, he underscored the industry's shift towards sustainability, emphasizing the imperative of reducing environmental impact and embracing technological progress. He commended Pakistan's rich textile heritage and its competitive edge.

Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir emphasized the importance of adopting renewable energy solutions to combat greenhouse gas emissions and advocated for investments in skill development and training programs to boost productivity and innovation. He highlighted the pivotal role of universities in fostering growth, research, and innovation within the textile sector.

Additionally, Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir paid a visit to the Graduate Thesis Exhibition at the conference, where he lauded the exceptional talent and potential of young minds to contribute to a brighter future.





## **PHEC Chairperson Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir Joins PTV Program 'Weekend @home' for Independence Day Celebrations**



On August 14th, in celebration of Pakistan's 76th Independence Day, Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir, Chairperson Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC), made an appearance on the program "Weekend @home" at PTV Home. This appearance involved discussions related to the occasion and its significance.



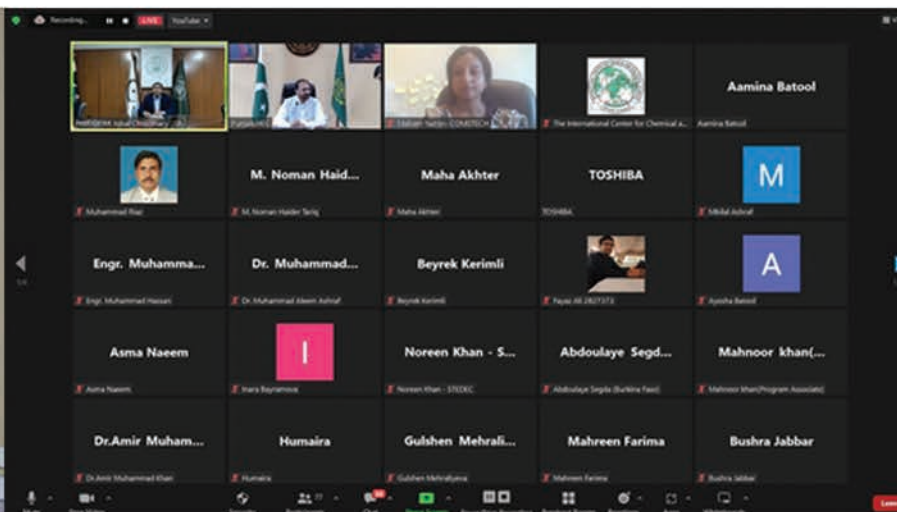




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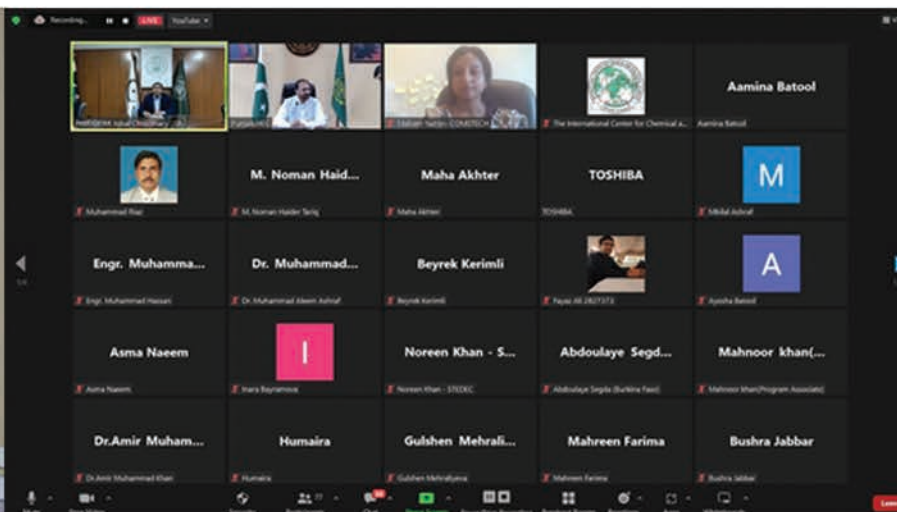




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## ***Meeting Between PHEC Chairperson and Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Human Rights***



On August 30th, a meeting held between Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir, the Chairperson, Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC), and Ms. Mushaal Hussein Mullick, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Human Rights. This significant meeting took place at the Prime Minister's Office and revolved around various topics concerning the improvement of human rights education and awareness within universities in the Punjab region.

The focus of the meeting on enhancing human rights education reflects a commitment to fostering awareness and understanding of human rights principles among students and educators. This is crucial for promoting a just and equitable society. Efforts to enhance human rights awareness can encompass various initiatives, including curriculum development, workshops, and awareness campaigns. These initiatives are essential for equipping students with the knowledge and values necessary to become advocates for human rights.

The presentation of publications from PHEC and a souvenir to Mushaal Hussein Mullick serves as a symbolic gesture of appreciation and respect. Such gestures help strengthen relationships and convey the importance of the meeting's outcomes.

## **PHEC Chairperson's Attendance at the 16th Syndicate Meeting of the University of Punjab Tianjin University of Technology Lahore**

Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir, Chairperson of PHEC, attended the 16th meeting of the Syndicate of the University of Punjab Tianjin University of Technology Lahore. This meeting was held on August 26, 2023.



## **Recognition and Shield Presentation to Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen by PHEC Chairperson**



On August 29, Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir, Chairperson of the Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC), presented a shield to Prof. Dr. Kanwal Ameen, Former Vice Chancellor of the University of Home Economics in Lahore. This recognition was in honor of her outstanding contributions to the higher education sector and to commemorate the successful completion of her tenure as Vice-Chancellor.





On July 21, Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir, Chairperson Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC), graced the platform known as "101 Incredible Women CEOs of Pakistan" with his presence. His participation served as a valuable endorsement for this initiative, which is committed to acknowledging the remarkable women in Pakistan.

## 29th Expert Review Committee Meeting: Assessing Conference and Seminar Funding Proposals on September 28th



On September 28th, the 29th Expert Review Committee Meeting for Funding of Conferences and Seminars convened at the PHEC conference room, with Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir, Chairperson (T.I) PHEC, as the convener. Prof. Dr. Nasim Ahmad, Vice Chancellor UVAS, Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, Vice Chancellor, University of Sargodha, Prof. Dr. Ijaz Hussain, Pro Vice Chancellor, KEMU, Prof. Dr. Habib Ali Bokhari, Vice Chancellor, Kohsar University, Prof. Dr. Shagufta Naz, Vice Chancellor, LCWU, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Kamran, Vice Chancellor, MNS UET Dr. Muhammad Mumtaz Ali Khan, Director, HRD PHEC, and Qazi Muhammad Ali, Assistant Director HRD attended the meeting. This meeting was held for evaluating and deliberating on conference and seminar funding proposals.



## PHEC Hosts Distinguished Historian Dr. Harjinder Singh Dilgeer, Fostering Academic Exchange

On August 4th, the Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) had the privilege of hosting Dr. Harjinder Singh Dilgeer, a renowned historian specializing in South Asia and a distinguished international researcher from the UK. During his visit, Dr. Dilgeer presented his latest book as a token of appreciation to the Chairperson of PHEC. In a reciprocal gesture, Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir generously shared the remarkable publications produced by PHEC with Dr. Dilgeer and other esteemed participants.

The meeting was also attended by Prof. Dr. Nabila Rehman, Vice Chancellor, University of Jhang, Dr. Kalyan Singh Kalyan from GC University, Lahore, Dr. Shabnam Ishaq from GC University, Lahore, Dr. Zaheer Wattoo, also from GC University, Lahore, and Satwant Kaur from Kinnaird College for Women. Such meetings serve as platforms for collaboration and the exchange of ideas, enriching the landscape of higher education and contributing to a deeper understanding of South Asian history.





## CHAIRPERSON OF PHEC INAUGURATES MASTER OF ART EDUCATION ANNUAL EXHIBITION 2023 AT BNU

On July 23, Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir, Chairperson Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC), inaugurated the Master of Art Education Annual Exhibition 2023 at Beaconhouse National University (BNU) in Lahore. The exhibition was organized by the Mariam School of Visual Arts and Design at BNU. Professor Dr. M. Nizamudin founding Chairperson of the Punjab Higher Education and the Chairman Khaldunia Institute of Technology and Applied Sciences (KITAAS) was also present at the occasion.



## Renowned Poet Farhat Abbas Shah Discusses the Impact of Literature and Poetry with PHEC Chairperson

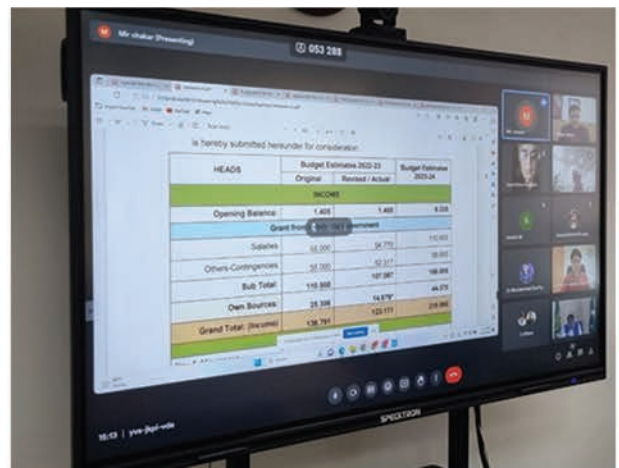


On August 7th, Mr. Farhat Abbas Shah, a renowned poet and public speaker, visited the Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) and held a meeting with Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir, Chairperson, PHEC. During their discussion, they explored the significant influence of literature and poetry in cultivating a sense of cultural identity and catalyzing constructive societal change.



## Chairperson of PHEC Participates in the 8th Syndicate Meeting of Mir Chakar Khan Rind University of Technology

On July 31, Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir, Chairperson Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC), was actively engaged in the 8th Syndicate meeting of Mir Chakar Khan Rind University of Technology, situated in DG Khan.





## Meeting Between Vice Chancellor of University of Home Economics and PHEC Chairperson



On August 10th, Prof. Dr. Syeda Faleeha Zahra Kazmi, Vice Chancellor of the University of Home Economics Lahore, held a meeting with Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir, the Chairperson of the Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC), to address various matters pertaining to the university and higher education within the province.



## PHEC Chairperson Leads 3<sup>rd</sup> Online Meeting on Energy Solutions Consortium

On August 8th, The Chairperson of the Punjab Higher Education Commission, presided over the 3<sup>rd</sup> Online Meeting of the Committee/Consortium focused on "Theme IV: Promotion of Technologies & Technology-Intensive Solution-Research and Scholarship on Energy, Sub-Theme-I: Energy." The meeting was attended by Prof. Dr. Muhammad Bilal Khan, Vice Chancellor University of Chakwal, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Suleman Tahir, Vice Chancellor of Khawaja Fareed University of Engineering and Technology, Rahim Yar Khan, Prof. Dr. Waqar Mahmood, Director of KICS at UET Lahore, Prof. Dr. Muzaffar Ali, Chairman, Department of Mechanical Engineering at UET Taxila, and Dr. Hadeed Ahmed Sher from the GIK Institute of Engineering Science & Technology in KPK.

## Exploring Collaboration Between Philippines and Pakistan in Higher Education: MEETING BETWEEN HONORARY CONSUL AND PHEC CHAIRPERSON

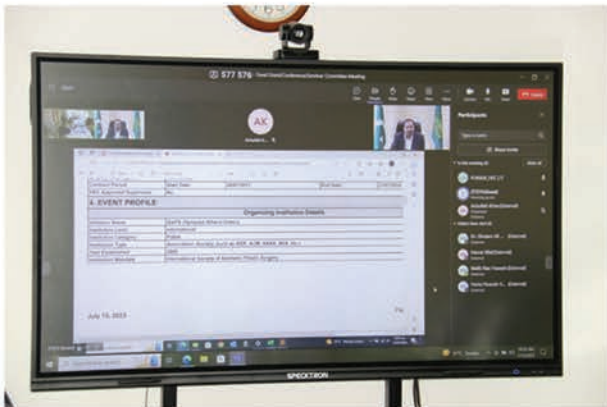


On August 21, a noteworthy meeting took place between Mr. Fahdel Sheikh, the Consul at the Honorary Consulate of the Republic of the Philippines Lahore, and Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir, the Chairperson at the Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC). During this meeting, substantive discussions centered around the exploration of collaborative opportunities between academic institutions in the Philippines and Pakistan. The primary goals of this gathering were to enhance cultural ties and promote educational progress between the two countries. Additionally, there was deliberation regarding the potential initiation of a student exchange program.

Mr. Fahdel Sheikh's presence, representing the Honorary Consulate of the Republic of the Philippines, signifies a significant aspect of diplomatic interaction between Pakistan and the Philippines. Such diplomatic engagements play a pivotal role in nurturing bilateral relationships and facilitating cooperation across various sectors. The meeting's primary emphasis on exploring collaboration within the realm of higher education also underscores the profound value of academic partnerships and international exchanges. Collaborative efforts among universities from different nations have the potential to facilitate the sharing of knowledge, ideas, and expertise, thereby fostering academic enrichment and mutual growth.



## PROFESSOR DR. SHAHID MUNIR JOINS 9TH COMMITTEE SESSION FOR TEACHING AND RESEARCH GRANTS



On July 12, Professor Dr. Shahid Munir, Chairperson Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC), participated in the 9th session of the committee established by the Higher Education Commission (HEC). The purpose of the meeting was to assess the applications related to Teaching Grants (TG) and Research Grants (SC) as part of the evaluation process.

## Intellectual Property Organization of Pakistan and Punjab Higher Education Commission Collaborate for Intellectual Property Rights



On July 12th, a delegation led by Mr. Farrukh Amil, Chairman of the Intellectual Property Organization of Pakistan, held an important meeting with the Chairperson, Punjab Higher Education Commission, indicating a strategic collaboration between two influential bodies: The Intellectual Property Organization (IPO) and the Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC). The meeting's primary objective was to foster cooperation and synergy between these two organizations, with the ultimate aim of strengthening the landscape of intellectual property rights in Pakistan. This collaboration reflects a commitment to fostering innovation, creativity, and economic development through the protection and promotion of intellectual property, which will likely benefit both the people of Pakistan and the nation's global standing in the field of intellectual property rights. As the Intellectual property protection safeguards the efforts and investments made by individuals, businesses, and educational institutions in generating valuable intellectual assets. This protection can inspire confidence among innovators and content creators, encouraging them to continue their contributions to society.



## Professor Dr. Shahid Munir Discusses **Nurturing Pakistan's Young Talent** on PTV's 'Morning @ Home



On the 4th of July, Professor Dr. Shahid Munir, Chairperson Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC), had the honor of being a distinguished guest on the PTV program "Morning @ Home," which was hosted by Juggan Kazim. Throughout the program, they engaged in an illuminating discussion dedicated to the imperative task of nurturing the talents and skills of Pakistan's exceptionally gifted young population.

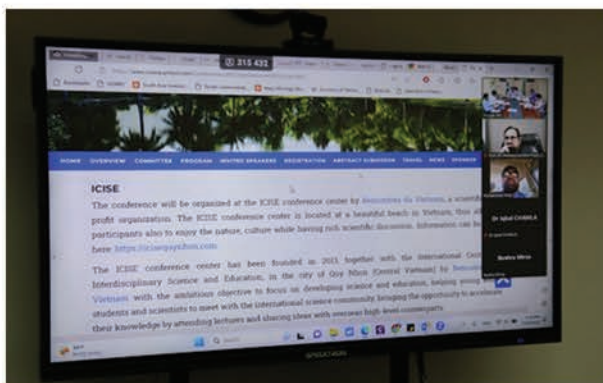
## Chairman of Grand Asian University Sialkot Meets with Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir for Higher Education Collaboration



On July 17th, Mr. Muhammad Islam, Chairman, Grand Asian University Sialkot, visited the office of Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir, Chairperson Punjab Higher Education Commission. During their meeting, they engaged in meaningful and insightful discussions centered around improving academic quality and establishing research partnerships within the higher education sector. Mr. Muddassar Iqbal Amir, the Registrar of the university, was also present during the meeting.

## 44<sup>th</sup> Expert Review Committee meeting for International Travel Grants Evaluation at Punjab Higher Education Commission

On July 20, the 44th meeting of the Expert Review Committee for the award of International Travel Grants held at the Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC), under the convenorship of Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir, Chairperson PHEC. The purpose of this meeting was to evaluate applications for International Travel Grants. The meeting was attended by Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Vice Chancellor, IUB, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Afzal, Vice Chancellor, Bab Guru Nanak University, Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza, former Vice Chancellor LCWU, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Bilal Khan, Vice Chancellor, University of Chakwal, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal Chawla, former Dean, University of Punjab, Prof. Dr. Lubna Zaheer, Chairperson, the Department of Film and Broadcasting at the School of Communication Studies, Dr. Muhammad Mumtaz Khan, Director, HRD at PHEC. The meeting's agenda focused on deliberating the International Travel Grant applications and selecting deserving candidates.







## PHEC and APSUP Forge Partnership for **SEE PAKISTAN 2023 SUMMIT** TO PROMOTE INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

On July 26, a significant partnership was announced between the Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) and the Association of Private Sector Universities Pakistan (APSUP). This collaboration paves the way for the introduction of the SEE Pakistan 2023 Summit, a transformative initiative with the potential to make a profound impact.

The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between PHEC and APSUP signifies the beginning of a powerful collaborative effort. This alliance is poised to promote innovation, entrepreneurship, and the pursuit of educational excellence within the Punjab region.

The SEE Pakistan 2023 Summit aims to provide a platform for stakeholders from academia, businesses, and government sectors to convene and synergize their efforts. The primary goal is to nurture and advance entrepreneurial education, while also sharing and implementing best practices that will contribute to the growth and development of the region's educational landscape.



## THE CMMS SELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING

On August 15th, Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir, Chairperson, Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC), actively participated in the 14th meeting of the Selection Committee, for the Chief Minister Merit Scholarship (CMMS), a program administered by the Punjab Educational Endowment Fund. The Chief Minister Merit Scholarship (CMMS) is a prestigious scholarship program aimed at recognizing and supporting academically talented students in Punjab. This program provides financial assistance to deserving students, enabling them to pursue higher education. The meeting involved discussions and decisions related to the selection of scholarship recipients. This process typically includes evaluating applicants based on their academic achievements, merit, and financial need. It is crucial for ensuring that scholarships are awarded to the most deserving and qualified candidates.





## PROF. DR. SHAHID MUNIR HIGHLIGHTS IMPORTANCE OF INNOVATION AND RESEARCH AT UCP'S OPEN HOUSE AWARD CEREMONY

On July 25, As the Chief Guest, Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir, Chairperson, PHEC, delivered an important address at the University of Central Punjab's (UCP) Open House Award Ceremony organized by the Faculty of Engineering. During his speech, Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir emphasized the crucial role of a robust manufacturing-based sector in driving the country's economy forward. He highlighted the significance of universities in nurturing a pool of high intellectual capital that can lead to innovation and technological advancements.

Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir said "Universities hold a central role in shaping the trajectory of a nation. Prioritizing research and development is essential, and creating an environment that encourages innovation and creativity among students and faculty members is of utmost importance." He also underlined the value of establishing Business Incubator Centers within universities. These centers aspire entrepreneurs to receive mentorship, resources, and guidance, enabling them to transform their innovative ideas into successful ventures.

Additionally, Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir unveiled the "Indigenous Ph.D. Scheme of PHEC," a pioneering initiative aimed at promoting research focused on local challenges. This scheme encourages doctoral research that addresses issues specific to the region, contributing to sustainable development and socioeconomic progress. As the event concluded, cash awards and certificates were presented to the winners of various projects across different categories, celebrating their achievements and contributions to the field.





# PHEC Meeting on Advancing Nursing Education in Punjab: Distinguished Attendees on September 14th

On September 14, 2023, the Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) convened an important meeting in the PHEC Conference Room with the aim of formulating a comprehensive roadmap for the advancement of nursing education in Punjab. The meeting attended by Mr. Fahdel Sheikh - Honorary Consul, Consulate of the Philippines, Lahore. Prof. Dr. Asif Ali - Vice Chancellor, MNS-Agriculture University, Multan. Prof. Amir Gillani - Rector of IIUI, Ibadat International University, Islamabad. Dr. Shahzad Sarfraz - Director of FAST-NU. Dr. Shandana Sheikh - Gulfreen Nursing College. Mr. Saleem Rehman - Vice Chancellor of NUR International University. Mr. Tariq Rehman - Managing Director at EMCO. Mr. Sarfraz. Dr. Mansoor Baluch - Chief Operating Officer of Punjab Representing Higher Education Commission. This meeting signifies a collective commitment to enhancing nursing education standards in Punjab, and the roadmap they develop will undoubtedly contribute to the growth and advancement of this vital field.



**On September 18th, Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir, Chairperson, Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC), was present at the 9th meeting of the Syndicate of the University of Narowal.**





## **PHEC and ECO Science Foundation Initiate Partnership for Advancing Science and Technology**



On August 15th, a meeting took place at the Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC), bringing together Prof. Seyed Komail Tayebi, the President of the ECO Science Foundation, and Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir, the Chairperson of PHEC. The primary objective of this meeting was to initiate a strong partnership focused on advancing the nation's progress in the fields of science and technology. Dr. Mansoor Ahmad Baluch, Chief Operating Officer of PHEC, and Mr. Ghulam Abbas, Manager of Administration at the ECO Science Foundation, were also in attendance during the meeting. This partnership involves collaboration, resource sharing, and joint efforts to promote scientific and technological development in the region.

## **Committee Members of IRSIF Program with Honorable Minister for Higher and School Education, Mr. Mansoor Qadir, on September 26th**

On September 26th, Mr. Mansoor Qadir, the Honorable Minister for Higher and School Education, paid a significant visit to the PHEC premises and engaged in a substantial discussion with committee members who were involved in the interviews for the International Research Support Fellowship (IRSIF) program.

The IRSIF meeting was chaired by Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir, the Chairperson PHEC, and attended by: Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin: Former Chairperson of PHEC, Prof. Dr. Hassan Amir Shah: A former Vice Chancellor of GCU, Lahore, Prof. Dr. Jamil Anwar: Prof. Dr. Malik Zawwar Hussain: Chairman of the Department of Mathematics at PU, Lahore, Prof. Dr. Iqbal Chawla: Former Director of the Department of History at PU, Lahore, known for his expertise in history education. Prof. Dr. Aqil Inam: Engr Dr. Mansoor Ahmad Baluch the Chief Operating Officer at PHEC, Dr. Muhammad Mumtaz A Khan: A key participant in the meeting, contributing to the dialogue. Qazi Muhammad Ali: Assistant Director HRD at PHEC.





On August 28th, the faculty members of the Social Work Department at the University of the Punjab paid a visit to Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir, Chairperson, Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC). This visit held a special and heartfelt purpose—to extend warm congratulations to Dr. Shahid Munir for his well-deserved recognition, the "Tamgha-e-Imtiaz," which had been bestowed upon him by the Government of Pakistan.

## Faculty Visit to Congratulate PHEC Chairperson on Tamgha-e-Imtiaz Award



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## FACULTY DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP BY PUNJAB HIGHER EDUCATION COMMISSION



On August 24, the Chairperson of Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) presented certificates to participants who had completed a 3-day training workshop as part of PHEC's faculty development program. The workshop, titled "Advancing Teaching Excellence: Strategies for Effective Higher Education Instruction and Professional Development," was organized by PHEC from August 22 to August 24, 2023, at the Institute of Energy & Environmental Engineering, University of the Punjab, Lahore. Approximately sixty lecturers and assistant professors from seven public sector universities participated in the training, including Emerson University Multan, Government College University Lahore, Islamia University Bahawalpur, MNS University of Agriculture Multan, Nur International University Lahore, University of Okara, University of the Punjab Lahore, University of Wah, Namal University Mianwali, University of Management & Technology Lahore, and University of Sialkot.

## 31st Meeting of Punjab Higher Education Commission

On August 23, 2023, the 31st meeting of the Punjab Higher Education Commission took place at the PHEC Conference Room. Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir, the Chairperson of PHEC chaired the meeting. In attendance were distinguished members, including Mian Imran Masood (VC University of South Asia, Lahore, participating online), Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ali (Chairman of the Accreditation Committee), Prof. Dr. Khalid Masud Gondal, VC Fatima Jinnah Medical University Lahore, Prof. Dr. Sumaira Rehman (Rector, Superior University, Lahore), Mr. Muhammad Haider Amin (CEO of RUH Group, joining online), Prof. Naazish Ata-Ullah (Former Principal of NCA, participating online), Dr. Anwar-ul-Hassan Gillani (HEC Nominee), Prof. Dr. Naima Khurshid (Principal, Govt. APWA Graduate College for Women, Lahore), a representative from the Secretary of Health, Government of Punjab, a representative from the Secretary of Finance, Government of Punjab, a representative from the Secretary of Higher Education Department, Government of Punjab, a representative from the Secretary of Agriculture Department, Government of Punjab, and Dr. Mansoor Ahmad Baluch, the Chief Operating Officer and Secretary of the Commission.







## The Certificate Distribution Ceremony for **QEC CPD Program on Quality Enhancement in Higher Education**



On August 4th, Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir, Chairperson of the Punjab Higher Education Commission, graced the Certificate Distribution Ceremony for the One-day Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Program titled "HEC's Ranking Metrics and Research Data Extraction and Management." This program was specifically designed for Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC) staff members serving in public-sector universities across Punjab, and it attracted 49 participants from 29 such universities. During his address, Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir emphasized the crucial role of integrating IT-embedded services into the daily operations of QEC offices. He also shared the Commission's proposal to enhance the international ranking of the University of the Punjab. To achieve this objective, he urged QEC departments to align themselves with international QEC standards and implement them within their respective institutions.

The primary goal of the CPD program was to augment the professional skills and knowledge of the participants in the domains of quality assurance and institutional improvement, ultimately fostering a culture of excellence in higher education. The training provided attendees with essential tools, best practices, and skills necessary for assessing and enhancing the quality of education and administrative processes within their institutions. Through collaboration and evidence-based decision-making, the program aimed to drive continuous improvement in the education sector.





## Chairperson of PHEC Visits SEE Pakistan 2023 Exhibition Stalls - August 26, 2023

On August 26th, Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir, the Chairperson of the Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC), made a visit to the exhibition stalls of SEE Pakistan 2023, which were displayed at the Expo Centre in Lahore. The SEE Pakistan 2023 exhibition represented a notable gathering that showcased a diverse array of industries, innovations, and entrepreneurial ventures. Entrepreneurs were invited to present their products, services, and creative ideas to a diverse and engaged audience.

Dr. Shahid Munir's expressed admiration for the entrepreneurial initiatives featured at the event underscores the vital role of entrepreneurship in propelling economic growth and fostering innovation. By recognizing and commending the dedication and innovation of these entrepreneurs, he provides them with valuable encouragement and motivation to persist in their pursuits. This recognition helps in resounding endorsement of the importance of innovation and entrepreneurship.



## PHEC Chairperson's Panel Discussion at SEE Pakistan Expo 2023



On August 26th, Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir, Chairperson Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC), actively engaged in a panel discussion with a specific focus on "Accelerating Entrepreneurship through Innovation and Commercialization." This panel discussion took place within the context of the SEE Pakistan Expo 2023, a prominent event hosted at the Expo Center in Lahore.

Dr. Shahid Munir's role as a panelist at this event indicates his prominence and expertise in the field of higher education and entrepreneurship. As the Chairperson of PHEC, he brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to discussions related to innovation and commercialization.

The central theme of the panel discussion, "Accelerating Entrepreneurship through Innovation and Commercialization," highlights the critical importance of entrepreneurship in today's economic landscape. This theme acknowledges the pivotal role of innovation in driving entrepreneurial ventures and economic growth.

The emphasis on entrepreneurship and innovation has direct economic implications. Encouraging entrepreneurial ventures can lead to job creation, economic diversification, and increased competitiveness on both local and global scales.



## PHEC's Faculty Development Program Enhances Teaching Excellence: Certificate Distribution Ceremony Held

On July 26, the Chairperson of the Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) presided over the certificate distribution ceremony for participants of a 3-day training workshop. This workshop was conducted as part of PHEC's faculty development program. The training, titled "Advancing Teaching Excellence: Strategies for Effective Higher Education Instructions and Professional Development," was held from July 24 to 26, 2023, at the Information Technology University in Arfa Software Technology Park, Lahore.

Approximately sixty lecturers and assistant professors from seven public sector universities took part in this training initiative. The universities represented included Emerson University Multan, Government College University Lahore, Islamia University Bahawalpur, MNS University of Agriculture Multan, University of Chakwal, University of Okara, and University of the Punjab, Lahore.

During the concluding address, the Chairperson of PHEC emphasized the significance of ongoing professional development for educators. He underscored that the quality of education is directly linked to the quality of teachers. PHEC consistently arranges training programs to help university and college instructors incorporate the latest teaching methodologies.







## Strengthening Educational Collaborations: PHEC and UVAS Sign MoU for Enhanced Capacity Building



On September 11th, the Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Lahore (UVAS). This MoU was established to foster cooperation and enhance mutual understanding between both entities with the aim of facilitating the smooth organization of training workshops, conferences, seminars, and other capacity-building activities. These initiatives are intended for the leadership, senior management, staff, faculty members, and students of Higher Education Institutions (HEIs) in Punjab, as well as the PHEC itself.

The MoU was signed and exchanged by Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir, the Chairperson of PHEC, and Prof. Dr. Nasim Ahmad, the Vice-Chancellor of UVAS. This collaboration signifies a commitment to advancing educational and developmental opportunities within the higher education sector in Punjab, benefiting both institutions and their stakeholders.





## Celebrating Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir's Distinguished Award at PHEC

On August 24th, a ceremony was held at the Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) office to celebrate the joyous occasion of Professor Dr. Shahid Munir being honored with a distinguished award by the Government of Pakistan. The event was attended by PHEC staff and was organized to commemorate this prestigious recognition. During the ceremony, Chief Operating Officer of PHEC, Dr. Mansoor Baloch, addressed the gathering and expressed that this award is undoubtedly a significant honor for the Commission. He acknowledged Dr. Shahid Munir's valuable contributions to the field of education at the government level. He highlighted that Dr. Munir's services continue to be instrumental in the progress of the Commission and the promotion of higher education. Dr. Baloch expressed hope that Dr. Munir would further extend his services in the realm of education and research, contributing to the nation's development.

Dr. Shahid Munir, in response, humbly stated that he considers it a common responsibility to be recognized by the Government of Pakistan. He pledged his commitment to continuing his efforts in the field of education and research. He emphasized that the promotion of education is crucial for the progress and development of the country. As the ceremony came to an end, it was a heartfelt and touching moment as the entire Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) staff came together to express their deep appreciation and gratitude towards Professor Dr. Shahid Munir. They chose to convey their sentiments through a symbolic gesture – presenting a bouquet of flowers to Dr. Munir.

In addition to the flowers, the staff also took the opportunity to extend their best wishes to Dr. Shahid Munir. These wishes were not merely formalities; they were heartfelt expressions of hope and encouragement for his continued success in the future. The staff recognized and acknowledged his significant contributions not only to education but also to the betterment of the nation as a whole.

Dr. Shahid Munir's commitment and tireless efforts in the realm of education and research had clearly left a lasting impression on the entire PHEC team. They recognized him as a leader and visionary in their field, and their well-wishes were a testament to their support for his ongoing work in advancing education and contributing to the nation's progress. The conclusion of the ceremony was marked by this display of unity, appreciation, and a shared vision for a brighter educational future.



# PHEC's Two-Day CPD Training Workshop on Intellectual Property and Patent Filing



On September 13th, the Punjab Higher Education Commission initiated a two-day Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Training Workshop focused on Intellectual Property and Patent Filing. This workshop is designed for faculty members and prospective patent applicants from public sector universities in Punjab. The event took place at the Veterinary Academy, University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences in Lahore.

The primary goal of this training is to equip participants with the necessary knowledge and skills to effectively navigate the patent application process, protect their intellectual property, and enforce their intellectual property rights. A total of 60 individuals are currently participating in the workshop, and the opening ceremony was graced by the presence of Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Nasim Ahmad from UVAS and Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Muhammad Sajjad Khan from CUVAS.





# Seminar on Interfaith Harmony and Tolerance in Pakistan: **Insights from the Seerat of the Holy Prophet PBUH**

On September 25th, Government College Women University Faisalabad conducted a seminar titled "Interfaith Harmony and Tolerance in Pakistan in the Light of Seerat of the Holy Prophet PBUH." The event was presided over by Prof. Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli, the Vice Chancellor, GCWUF. Dr. Tanvir Qasim, the guest speaker, discussed the Punjab Higher Education Commission's (PHEC) objective to foster an environment of moderation and tolerance within universities to prevent incidents like the one in Jaranwala and to promote religious harmony.

Dr. Tanvir Qasim emphasized that Islam imparts valuable lessons on safeguarding the rights of minorities. Universities play a crucial role in cultivating harmony by encouraging tolerance and promoting peace, which are inherent teachings of our religion. He highlighted the international tarnishing of Pakistan's image due to the tragic incident in Jaranwala, emphasizing the need for peaceful coexistence in educational institutions, places of worship, and the broader society. Adherence to the law and self-improvement were underscored as essential steps to prevent such incidents. He called for equitable application of the law to deter its misuse and urged the improvement of the justice system.

Dr. Tanveer Qasim further emphasized that the religious scriptures of various faiths advocate for humanity, and efforts should be directed towards dispelling hatred, animosity, and promoting love and respect for human life, dignity, and property. Severe penalties should be imposed for any violation that infringes upon human dignity. Islam, in particular, encourages respect for the founders of other religions, their sacred texts, places of worship, and beliefs. He suggested that Muslim scholars and religious leaders should collaborate to address common issues among religions and promote shared moral and human values.





# Closing Ceremony of PHEC's Faculty Development Program at UVAS: Enhancing Teaching Excellence in Higher Education

On September 21st, Professor Dr. Shahid Munir, the Chairperson of the Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC), presided over the closing ceremony alongside Dr. Mansoor Ahmad Baluch, the Chief Operating Officer, and Professor Dr. Habib ur Rehman, the Dean of Biological Sciences at UVAS. During this event, certificates were distributed to the participants who had completed the 3-day training workshops for Batch 3 and 4, as part of the faculty development program initiated by the Punjab Higher Education Commission.





## Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir Celebrates Pakistan's 76th Independence Day on 'Salam Pakistan' TV Program

August 19 - On the occasion of Pakistan's 76th Independence Day, Professor Dr. Shahid Munir, Chairperson of the Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC), participated as a special guest in Pakistan Television's special program "Salam Pakistan."



## 45th Meeting of Expert Review Committee for International Travel Grants held at PHEC

On August 15, The 45th Meeting of the Expert Review Committee for the Award of International Travel Grants was held in the conference room of Punjab Higher Education Commission, under the convenorship of Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir, Chairperson PHEC. The meeting was attended by Prof. Dr. Muhammad Afzal, Vice Chancellor, Bab Guru Nanak University; Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza, Former VC, LCWU; Dr. Mansoor Ahmad Baluch, COO, PHEC; Dr. Muhammad Shahid Soroya, D.G, Pakistan Institute of Education; Prof. Dr. Lubna Zaheer, Chairperson, Department of Film and Broadcasting, School of Communication Studies, PU; Dr. Muhammad Mumtaz Khan, Director HRD, PHEC.





## **PHEC Announces International Postdoctoral Scholarships for Faculty Members of Punjab's Public Sector Colleges and Universities**

On July 13th, the Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) issued a statement regarding the acceptance of applications from faculty members of public sector colleges and universities that are chartered by the Government of Punjab. These applications will be reviewed for eligibility for International Postdoctoral Scholarships, which will last for a duration of 8 to 10 months.

Special attention will be given to applications coming from areas of study and expertise that are emerging in the fields of science, technology, and innovation. The commission is particularly keen on disciplines with practical applications, relevance to industry, and the potential to have a significant societal impact.

## **Punjab Higher Education Commission Invites Applications for International Research Support Fellowship**

On July 12th, the Punjab Higher Education Commission issued an invitation for applications from qualified full-time PhD scholars enrolled in provincially chartered universities in Punjab. These applications are for the International Research Support Fellowship, which encompasses fields such as Science and Technology, Social Science, Arts, Humanities, and Management Sciences. The fellowship offers an opportunity to conduct research for a duration of six months in universities ranked among the top 200 in the QS world universities general ranking for the year 2024.

## **Chairperson of PHEC Attends 9th Syndicate Meeting at Mir Chaker Khan Rind University of Technology**

On August 25, Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir, the Chairperson, Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC), participated in the 9th syndicate meeting of Mir Chaker Khan Rind University of Technology in DG Khan.





## PHEC Conducts Training Workshop for Private University QEC Officers on Excellence and Empowerment



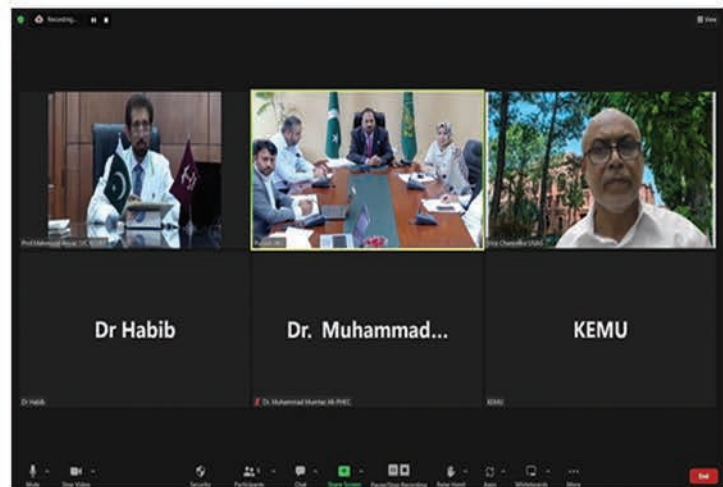
On August 10th, the Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) conducted a two-day training workshop from August 9th to August 10th, 2023, focused on "Cultivating Excellence through Empowering Universities Quality Enhancement Cells."

Forty-five Directors, Deputy Directors, and Assistant Directors serving in 18 private sector universities attend the sessions. During the concluding ceremony, the Chairperson PHEC, addressed the participants and presented certificates to them. In his address, Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir emphasized the utmost importance of continuous professional development. He highlighted that the quality of education is intricately tied to the quality of educators and commended PHEC for regularly organizing training programs aimed at helping university and college teachers stay updated with the latest trends in teaching. He also underscored the vital and pivotal role played by QECs in universities.

The certificate distribution ceremony was also attended by Prof. Dr. Asghar Zaidi, Vice Chancellor, Government College University Lahore, and Prof. Dr. Adnan Noor Mian, Pro Vice Chancellor, Information Technology University Lahore.



## 28th Expert Review Committee Meeting for Funding of Conferences and Seminars



The 28th Expert Review Committee Meeting for Funding of Conferences and Seminars convened on August 22, 2023, with Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir, Chairperson (T.I) PHEC. The participants of the meeting were: Prof. Dr. Nasim Ahmad - Vice Chancellor, UVAS, Prof. Dr. Mahmmod Ayaz - Vice Chancellor, KEMU, Prof. Dr. Habib Ali Bokhari - Vice Chancellor, Kohsar University, Murree, Prof. Dr. Shagufta Naz - Vice Chancellor, LCWU, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Kamran - Vice Chancellor, MNS UET, Multan, Dr. Muhammad Mumtaz Ali Khan - Director HRD, PHEC, and Qazi Muhammad Ali - Assistant Director HRD, The primary focus of this meeting was to evaluate proposals for the funding of conferences and seminars, ensuring that these events align with PHEC's objectives and priorities.



# Dr. Shahid Munir's Address on World Literacy Day at PHEC



Sep 8 - In commemoration of World Literacy Day, an event was organized at the Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC). Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir, the Chairperson, presided over the ceremony and delivered a speech. Dr. Shahid Munir highlighted the significance of World Literacy Day and its role in promoting education. He stressed the need for initiatives at both individual and community levels to make education accessible to all citizens. He also advocated for the inclusion of children from nomadic and minority communities in educational programs. Dr. Shahid Munir mentioned the success of mosque-school initiatives and reiterated that education is a fundamental right for every citizen.

He emphasized that prioritizing education can lead to the improvement of future generations. Dr. Shahid Munir expressed concern over the fact that more than two hundred million children in the country are out of school, calling it a moment of reflection for all.

He underscored the importance of awareness campaigns to promote education and the need to establish literacy centers for over 80 million illiterate individuals in the country.







## Launch Ceremony of 'Entrepreneurial Higher Education' Book Revolutionizing Academia

On August 22, a launch ceremony of the book "Entrepreneurial Higher Education" marked a significant initiative aimed at revolutionizing the world of academia by combining wealth creation with education and research. The launch ceremony was hosted by the Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC), and it was attended by Vice Chancellors (VCs), Directors of Office of Research, Innovation, and Commercialization (ORICs), and renowned academics from universities across Pakistan.

At the event Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir, emphasized the crucial role of higher education in driving economic growth and prosperity in Pakistan. He praised the authors of the book for their forward-thinking approach and dedication to reshaping the higher education landscape.

The Vice Chancellors and Directors of ORICs from various universities also participated in the event, highlighting their commitment to fostering a culture of innovation and entrepreneurship within their institutions. Their presence underscored the importance of collaboration and knowledge sharing in realizing the book's vision. Mr. Hakeem Usman (Chairman, Marhaba Industries), Prof. Dr. Abid Shirwani (DG, UMT), Dr. Rashid Aftab (Director, Riphah Policy Institute), and Rahmat Ullah (author of the book), also shared their insights and perspectives during the event.





## PHEC Chairperson's Participation in HITECH University's 10th Board of Governors Meeting

On August 29, Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir, Chairperson of the Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC), participated in the 10th Board of Governors meeting of HITECH University in Taxila.



## Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir Attends the 10th Meeting of Qarshi University's Board of Governors on September 14th



On September 4th Professor Dr. Shahid Munir, Chairperson Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC), participated in the fourth meeting of the syndicate for the Punjab University of Technology Rasul, located in Mandi Bahauddin. This meeting took place at the TEVTA Secretariat in Lahore.



On September 14th Professor Dr. Shahid Munir, Chairperson Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC), participated in the 10th Meeting of the Board of Governors of Qarshi University.



# 10th syndicate meeting of the University of Sahiwal



The 10th syndicate meeting of the University of Sahiwal was a significant gathering of key syndicate members. Mr. Mansoor Qadir, the Minister for Higher and Schools Education, presided over this meeting. The syndicate meetings are pivotal events where important decisions, policies, and strategies related to the university's functioning and development are discussed and decided upon.

This particular meeting was conducted in the conference room of the Punjab Higher Education Commission, that facilitated discussions among the members.



## Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir Inaugurates HEC-Approved PhD Education Program at Lahore Leads University on September 20th

On September 20th, Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir, Chairperson, Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC), inaugurated a newly approved PhD education program at Lahore Leads University.

The program had received approval from the Higher Education Commission (HEC), marking its recognition and endorsement at the national level. This endorsement signifies that the program meets rigorous academic standards and is aligned with the country's educational goals.

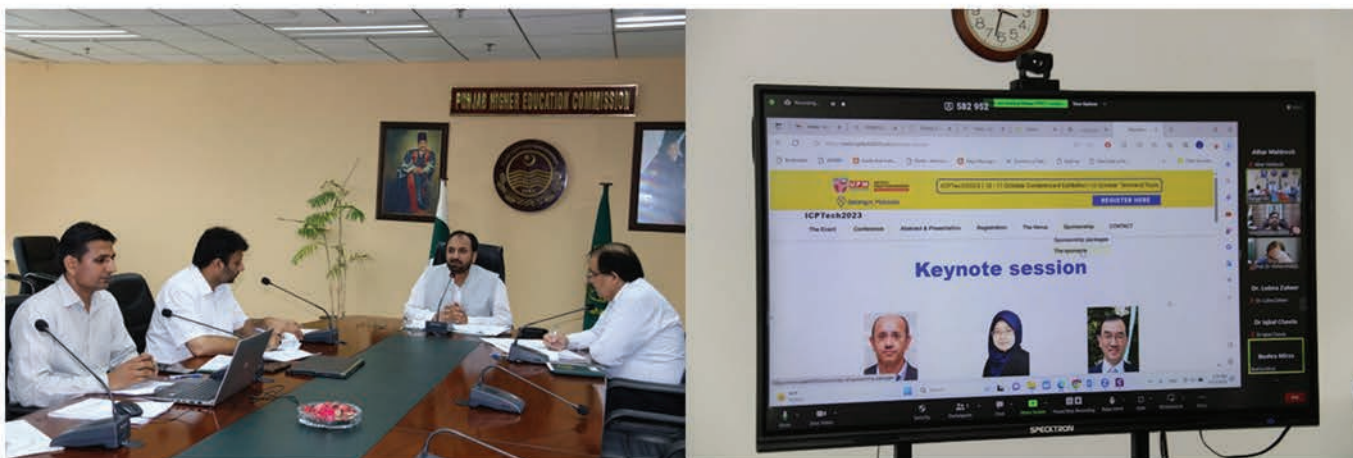
The inauguration event was a momentous occasion, as it marked the formal commencement of this PhD program in education. Such programs are important in fostering advanced research and scholarship in the field of education, which, in turn, contributes to the improvement of the overall education system.



## **Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir Attends 10th Syndicate Meeting of Mir Chakar Khan Rind University of Technology on September 18th**



## **46th Meeting of the Expert Review Committee for the Award of International Travel Grants**



Sep 13 - The 46th Meeting of the Expert Review Committee for the Award of International Travel Grants was held in the conference room of the Punjab Higher Education Commission under the convenorship of Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir, Chairperson, PHEC. The meeting was attended by Prof. Dr. Muhammad Afzal, Vice Chancellor, Bab Guru Nanak University; Prof. Dr. Muhammad Bilal Khan, VC, University of Chakwal, Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza, Former VC, LCWU; Dr. Mansoor Ahmad Baluch, COO, PHEC; Prof. Dr. Athar Mahboob, Former Vice Chancellor, IUB; Dr. Muhammad Shahid Soroya, D.G, Pakistan Institute of Education; Prof. Dr. Lubna Zaheer, Chairperson, Department of Film and Broadcasting, School of Communication Studies, PU; Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal Chawla, Former Dean, University of Punjab; Dr. Muhammad Mumtaz Khan, Director HRD, PHEC.



# SEMINAR HIGHLIGHTS SIGNIFICANCE OF UNDERSTANDING THE HOLY QURAN

A seminar was organized by the Department of Islamic Studies at Lahore College for Women University on the subject of the objectives, message, and demands of the Holy Quran. Dr. Tanveer Qasim, Director Coordination, Punjab Higher Education Commission and a religious scholar, participated as the guest speaker. Speaking at the seminar, Dr. Tanveer Qasim emphasized the importance of understanding the Quran as it is a book of thought and action. He stated that the responsibility of preserving the Quran lies with Allah Himself, and no worldly power can alter it. Reflecting upon the verses of the Quran is a duty for every Muslim. Introducing Quranic understanding classes and incorporating it into the curriculum in universities is a commendable initiative. He also stressed the need to connect individuals educated in Arabic with the Quran to reform their beliefs and actions. During the seminar, Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Shagufta Naz addressed the audience and mentioned that they have taken special measures in their university to promote Quranic understanding through dedicated classes and lessons. She highlighted that obtaining advice and lessons from the Quran is quite straightforward; all it requires is sincere effort and dedication. However, she lamented that some people have made it appear difficult, distancing a significant portion of society from the Quran. She emphasized that if individuals approach the Quran with sincerity and a quest for guidance, they will certainly find it. Dr. Fariha Kazmi, Professor at the Faculty of Islamic and Oriental Learning, also spoke during the seminar, describing the Holy Quran as one of Allah's great blessings upon humanity, enabling humans to gain knowledge of their Creator's reality. She likened the Quran to a chemical formula through which humans can attain knowledge of their Creator. Towards the end of the seminar, an honorary shield was presented to the special guest, Dr. Tanveer Qasim.

## PHEC Launches Faculty Development Program for Advancing Teaching Excellence



August 22 - The Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) has launched a three-day Faculty Development Program (FDP) titled "Advancing Teaching Excellence: Strategies for Effective Higher Education Instruction and Professional Development." This program is designed for faculty members from public sector universities in Punjab and is being held at the Institute of Energy and Environment Engineering, University of the Punjab, Lahore. The inaugural day of the program saw the participation of 55 attendees, and it featured engaging sessions delivered by Dr. Tayyaba Tamim and Dr. Asif Saeed.





# CIVIC CONFERENCE CAPTURED IN IMAGES













# PUNJAB UNIVERSITY HAILEY COLLEGE OF COMMERCE 9TH ANNUAL CONVOCATION

The 9th annual convocation of Punjab University Hailey College of Commerce was held on July 9th at Pearl Continental Hotel, with Professor Dr. Shahid Munir, Chairman Punjab Higher Education Commission, as the chief guest. During his address, Dr. Munir emphasized the significance of education and skills for practical success in life and stressed the government's responsibility to provide a secure environment for higher education. He also advocated for equal opportunities and a harassment-free atmosphere for women in educational institutions. Dr. Munir congratulated the graduates and highlighted the crucial role of youth education and training in a nation's progress. He commended Hailey College Punjab University for its history of providing exceptional business and commerce education. Degrees and medals were distributed to accomplished students in various programs during the convocation. The event included the presence of notable guests, including Prof. Dr. Khalid Mehmood, acting Vice-Chancellor Punjab University, Prof. Dr. Ramzan Vice-Chancellor Emerson University Multan, Mr. Kashif Anwar president Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Prof. Dr. Hafiz Zafar Ahmed Principal, Hailey College of Commerce, faculty members, and graduating students. The convocation concluded by honoring Dr. Shahid Munir with an honorary shield.







پنجاب ہائیر ایجوکیشن کے زیر اہتمام سوک ایجوکیشن کے موضوع پر منعقدہ وائس چانسلرز کانفرنس میں بین المذاہب ہم آہنگی سیمینار سے چیئرمین ڈاکٹر شاہد منیر خطاب کر رہے ہیں، سٹیج پر آرچ بشپ سیسٹین فرانسس شام، گیانی رنجیت سنگھ، پنڈت دلشاد گلشن، ڈاکٹر کلیان سنگھ علامہ جواد نقوی، ڈاکٹر راغب نعیمی، قاری صہیب احمد میر محمدی، ڈاکٹر عمار خان ناصر اور ڈاکٹر تنویر قاسم اسٹیج پر بیٹھے ہیں۔

## VCs discuss civic education, interfaith harmony

By Our Staff Reporter

LAHORE: The Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) and the Centre for Peace and Secular Studies on Thursday conducted a session of vice-chancellors conference on the theme of civic education and interfaith harmony.

The event provided a platform for discussions on fostering mutual respect and understanding among diverse religious communities.

The attendees, including VCs from 30 universities across Punjab, convened to address the pressing issue of interfaith harmony and the importance of promoting tolerance and coexistence. The conference also offered a space to discuss recent incidents that threatened this harmony.

Prominent speakers underscored the significance of religious toler-

ance and respect for sacred texts. They vehemently condemned instances of Quran and Bible burnings, emphasizing that such actions are contrary to the principles upheld by all religions and places of worship.

The gathering saw leaders from various faiths express their viewpoints. Muslim, Sikh, and Hindu leaders collectively voiced their concerns over recent events, particularly the incident in Jaranwala. They called for thorough investigations into the matter to ensure justice.

PHEC Chairperson Dr. Shahid Munir highlighted the potential of affiliating religious institutions (Wafaq Almadris) with Punjab universities.

He said that intolerance and unrest have the potential to erode the fabric of society, underscoring that all religions fundamentally teach the protection of human values.

Saeeda Deep said the mutual

responsibility of religions to contribute to one another's betterment. She underscored the need for collaborative efforts to create a harmonious and inclusive society.

Leaders from various faiths, including Archbishop Sebastian Francis Shaw, Giani Ranjit Singh, Pandit Dilshad Gulshan, Dr Kalyan Singh, Allama Jawad Naqvi, Dr Raghieb Naimi, Qari Sahib Ahmad Mir Mohammadi, Dr Amar Khan Nasir, and Dr Tanveer Qasim, came together to express solidarity and shared concern over the tragic incident in Jaranwala.

The conference served as a reminder that promoting interfaith harmony and understanding is essential for building a cohesive society. The collective effort demonstrated the commitment of educational and religious leaders to work collaboratively towards a more peaceful and tolerant future.



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# Chairperson of PHEC **Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir** Receives **Tamgha-e-Imtiaz** on Pakistan's Independence Day

On the Independence Day, the 14th of August 2023, the President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan bestowed a distinguished honor upon Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir. Dr. Munir, the Chairperson, Punjab Higher Education Commission, was awarded the prestigious "Pakistan Civil Award," commonly referred to as the "Tamgha-e-Imtiaz." This remarkable recognition was granted to him, in acknowledgment of his exceptional and unwavering commitment to the field of education within the nation. It proves his consistent excellence and unyielding determination to advance the cause of Higher education in Pakistan.

Dr. Munir's tireless efforts and significant contributions have not only enriched the educational landscape of Pakistan but have also demonstrated his remarkable courage in the face of challenges. His dedication to nurturing the minds of the nation's youth and fostering academic growth has undoubtedly made a profound impact on the educational sector. The "Tamgha-e-Imtiaz" award is a fitting tribute to his outstanding achievements and his vital role in shaping the future of education in Pakistan.



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