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SPECIAL EDITORIAL

The Beacon of Light, Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui Departed

(By Sarfaraz Memon)



The ten-year-old boy used to go to the graveyard in Piryalo. It was an odd place for a kid but he went there because that is where he knew he would find Syed Walayat Shah, his Mathematics teacher, who used to sit there with his friends. The boy brought his Mathematics copy and would interrupt their kachehri to badger Walayat Shah with questions. Walayat was so moved by the boy's earnestness that he began to give him his undivided attention during these graveyard sessions. This was not the only teacher who encountered his burning ambition. English teacher Ghulam Rasool gave the boy free tuitions on the condition that he would study at his house one hour before Fajr prayers. So the kid turned up every day with a lantern in one hand and his books in the other at 4 am.

That little boy would grow up to become one of the greatest names in learning in upper Sindh. His name was Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui, best known as the enterprising Vice Chancellor of the Sukkur Institute of Business Administration, now Sukkur IBA University, a post he held from 2004 till the day he could no longer. Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui passed away on June 22, 2020 and was laid to rest inside the university near the central mosque.



Professor Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui was born in 1943 in a small village called Warrayo Goth, some ten kilometers from Sukkur city. His family was forced to move to Piryalo, a small town in Khairpur district, when their village flooded. Nisar's father Abdul Wahid Siddiqui was a Reader in the district court of Khairpur and died when Nisar was just eight years old. There were five elder sisters and a brother, who died in early childhood, and thus Nisar was the only male left in the family.

He completed his matriculation from Government High School Piryalo and then did his Intermediate from Government Naz Pilot Higher Secondary School, Khairpur. He returned to teach English, Mathematics and Economics

in the same school in Piryalo after that.

But Nisar was not satisfied with this level of education so he went off to do a Masters in Economics, M. Ed and LLB from Sindh University Jamshoro, beside attempting the CSS exams which he passed with flying colors. After serving as a Sub-Divisional Magistrate (SDM) he was promoted to Deputy Commissioner. Commissioner and Secretary were not far off either.

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During his tenure as the Commissioner for Sukkur Division from 1993 to 1996, Prof. Siddiqui laid the foundation for the Institute or Business Administration in 1994 in a two-room premises inside Public School Sukkur, so the young men and women of Sukkur could have a chance at acquiring a business degree. The Sindh government obliged his request for land and gave him a massive one where Sukkur IBA University stands today. From 1994 to 2004, Sukkur IBA was affiliated with IBA Karachi and then it was given a charter to award degrees. After his retirement from the bureaucracy in 2004, Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui was appointed the Director of Sukkur IBA and then Vice Chancellor, when the institution was declared a university

in 2017.

But he did not stop there, and indeed, this is also why he is revered in the area: he started 13 community colleges and over 40 schools which are run under Sukkur IBA University. Its original campus, Public School Sukkur, is also managed under this umbrella.

“Though he was a deputy commissioner, all of us brothers and sisters went to government schools,” said his elder son Fayyaz, who serves at the Sindh Building Control Authority as a deputy director. Prof. Siddiqui always preferred government schools and felt that the only way to raise their standard was to increase the enrollment.

One value that underpinned his entire approach to education was honesty; this applied not just to his work but his personal life as well. “Many times my teacher sent me back home because my uniform was torn in places,” said Fayyaz, referring to the time when Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui was the deputy commissioner of Mirpurkhas. “Baba used to tell the teacher that he would get a new uniform as soon as his salary came.” The children were not allowed to use the official vehicle to go to school. They went by foot or on the tonga (horse cart). “Baba was the deputy commissioner but we had only four charpoys and a sofa set in our house.”



By extension, of course, Prof. Nisar Siddiqui was against copying, plagiarism, and cheating in exams. And so, Sukkur IBA was the first in Sindh to establish cheating-free examination centers.

All Prof. Siddiqui wanted was for Sukkur IBA to flourish and be known as a center of excellence.

According to Registrar Engr. Zahid Hussain Khand, Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui made young people his priority as he knew how badly they needed a chance to get ahead. “His talent hunt program was one of the unique aspects of Sukkur IBA University,” he said. The young people came from across Pakistan, many from extremely humble backgrounds, in order to study there on fully funded scholarships.

He used to often say: “I am waiting for the day when the American President will call me and ask for his son to be admitted to Sukkur IBA University.”

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Prof. Dr. Syed Mir Muhammad Shah Appointed

Acting Vice Chancellor, Sukkur IBA University

Government of Sindh appointed Professor Dr. Syed Mir Muhammad Shah as Acting Vice Chancellor of Sukkur IBA University on July 22, 2020. Prof. Dr. Syed Mir Muhammad Shah was appointed for the position after the sudden demise of founding Vice Chancellor of Sukkur IBA University, Professor Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui (Sitara-e-Imtiaz).

Prof. Dr. Syed Mir Muhammad Shah completed his Doctorate in the field of Management Sciences from University of Utara, Malaysia, in 2017.



Before his appointment as Acting Vice Chancellor, Dr. Shah had been working as a Professor at Department of Business Administration and Director, International Accreditations at Sukkur IBA University.

Dr. Shah joined Sukkur IBA in 1995 as a Faculty Member. He has been rendering his services at Sukkur IBA University for past 25 years. Looking at the untiring efforts for the expansion of Sukkur IBA University, Late Prof. Nisar

Ahmed Siddiqui awarded recognition shield to Dr. Shah at the silver jubilee ceremony of Sukkur IBA University held in January 2020. Dr. Syed Mir Muhammad Shah has served Sukkur IBA University on various administrative positions. Dr. Shah has served as Head of Department, Business Administration Department, Provost Hostels, Member of Academic Council, Member of Syndicate, Member of Strategic Management Committee, Member Master Trainer Gender-Based Governance System-UNDP Project, and Supervisor for MS and PhD thesis to name a few.

Dr. Shah has also served as Interim Vice Chancellor of Sukkur IBA University on a number of occasions.

Prof. Dr. Syed Mir Muhammad Shah received his early education from District Naushehro Feroze, Sindh. Dr. Shah started his career as an Adjunct Faculty at IBA Karachi and Karachi University. He earned his Master of Science in Management Sciences from SZABIST Karachi in 2003. Dr. Shah holds a significant profile in research with 30 Peer-Reviewed Journal Publications in various leading Research Journals along with five Research Reports and Article publications.



SPECIAL STORIES

Featured Story – Reopening of Sukkur IBA University

Sukkur IBA University resumed its academic activities today on September 15, 2020. The eve of reopening was covered live by mainstream National Media.

The University installed a Thermal Scanner powered by an AI monitoring system at its entrance gate. This system scans entrants for temperature detection and also scans masks to maintain a safe Coronavirus-Free Campus environment. Thermal Scanners are the latest technology for detecting symptoms of coronavirus and help SIBAU security staff complete the scanning of students, faculty, staff, and guests in the shortest possible time.

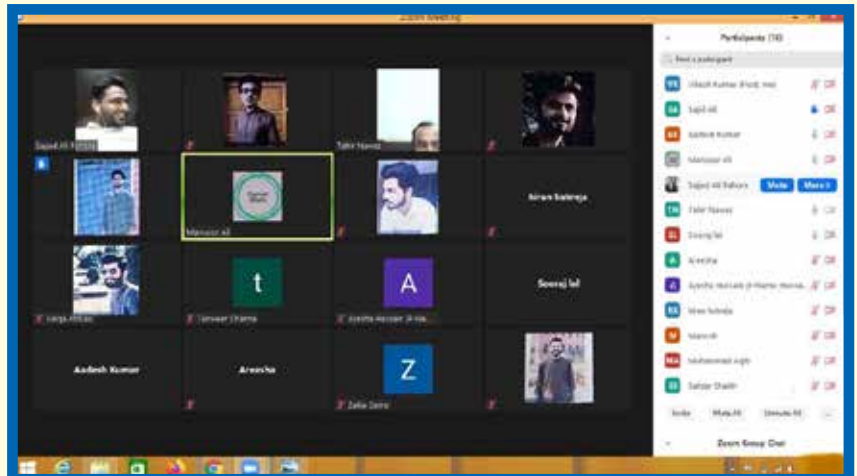


From Classroom to Zoom – Sukkur IBA University online classes in Lockdown

Sukkur IBA University took the opportunity during COVID-19 lockdown situation and started online classes to continue academic activities. As soon as the lockdown started, Sukkur IBA University shifted its face-to-face class mode to online classes.

In order to ensure no-compromise on quality, the university organized faculty capacity building sessions on online lecture delivery mode. It was ensured that each of the course which is being offered online is available on university's Learning Management System (LMS).

Before the lockdown was imposed during the first week of March, the university was in the middle of Spring 2020 semester and offered a total number of 359 courses. All the courses, after mandatory preparations were shifted online. In the first phase, starting from March 15, the university shifted Master's/PhD and 8th semester Bachelor degree classes to online mode. Later, all the remaining courses were shifted online from April 15, 2020.



CONFERENCE CORNER

The 3rd International Conference on Computing, Mathematics and Engineering

Sukkur IBA University hosted 3rd International Conference on Computing, Mathematics & Engineering Technologies (iCOMET) 2020, aimed at providing a platform to the researchers and students to present their work on various disciplines by covering the conference theme “Idea to Innovation for Building the Knowledge Economy” on January 29-30, 2020. The Conference came to an end with expressions of gratification by guest speakers, researchers and students over two-day discussions and debates; and parallel brainstorming sessions to devise ways and means to overcome the problems of present era.



“Universities play a crucial role in knowledge creation, acquisition, sharing and integration of the same for institutional advancement,” said Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui, Vice Chancellor, Sukkur IBA University in his welcome address to international and national participants. The 3rd International Conference on Computing, Mathematics & Engineering Technologies, 2020 was focused on “Idea to Innovation for Building the Knowledge Economy”. The two-day conference included a number of international and national guest speakers, who addressed on different topics. In the fraternity of computing, one of the keynote speakers Prof. Paolo

Bottoni from Sapienza University, Rome delivered a comprehensive lecture on “A Model for Reasoning on Transactions and Contracts”. Dr. Izzatdin Abdul Aziz, Associate Professor, Universtie Teknologi PETRONAS (UTP), Malaysia discussed the “Application of Artificial Intelligence in Oil and Gas Industries. Dr. Yasar Ayaz, Chairman, National Center of Artificial Intelligence presented “AI for Everyone.” Prof. Dr. Nouman M. Durrani gave a lecture on “Distributed Suspicious Activity Detection using Lightweight Deep Learning Models”.

Dr. Kijiti Rodtes, Naresuan University, Thailand conducted a session on “Generalized Matrix Functions” in the area of Mathematics. Prof. Dr. Umar Hayat held a session on “Cubic Curves: Geometry and Applications”.

Prof. Dr. Dil Muhammad Akbar Hussain, Alborg University Denmark, delivered a brainstorming lecture on “Renewable Energy: Conservation by Wind” in the area of Electrical Engineering. Prof. Dr. Shankar Bawani, Chairman IEEE also discussed various developments in the field of Electrical Engineering.



Research papers were presented in the category of Solar Power System, and Energy Systems and Management. The Computer Science papers presented in the conference belonged to the categories of Software Engineering, Soft Computing, Human Computer Interaction, Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning and Data Science, and more, while the Mathematics track papers presented in the categories of Applied Mathematics Analysis, Metric Differential Geometry, Numerical Analysis and Stochastic Techniques and Processes.

A Gala musical night was organized by Sukkur IBA University to provide the guests and participants an opportunity for networking. In his concluding remarks, the Registrar Sukkur IBA University Engr. Zahid Hussain Khand thanked the participants and guests for their contribution to mark the event successful.

EVENTS CORNER

7th Academic Convocation 2020 at Sukkur IBA University

Sukkur IBA University commemorated its 7th Convocation at its Main Campus in order to confer degrees and medals to graduating students on February 22, 2020. Syed Murad Ali Shah, Chief Minister, Sindh graced the event as Chief Guest while Mr. Noman Islamuddin Shaikh, Member National Assembly, Mr. Imtiaz Ahmed Shaikh, Provincial Minister of Energy, Government of Sindh were the Guests of Honor. Officers of civil bureaucracy, graduates, parents and people from all walks of life attended the event.

A total number of 235 graduates were conferred upon degrees, out of which 60 were from Bachelor of Business Administration, 28 were from Bachelor of Electrical Engineering, 28 from Bachelor of Science (Computer Science), 6 from Bachelor of Science (Software Engineering), 11 from Bachelor of Science (Accounting & Finance), 3 from Bachelor of Business Administration (Agribusiness), 40 from Bachelor of Education, 3 from Bachelor of Education (Extension Program), 1 from Associate Diploma (Education), 3 from Bachelor of Science (Mathematics), 24 from Master of Business Administration, 7 from Master of Science (Management), 11 from Master of Science (Computer Science), 7 from Master of Engineering (Renewable Energy) and 3 from Master of Engineering (Electronics and Communication). Names of the students who received gold medals in different programs are: Anjlee, Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA), Abdul Haseeb Bachelor of Science (Computer Science), Azhar Ali and Taimoor Ali BE Electrical Engineering (Electronics), Aisha Naz and Azmatullah Abdul Basit, Bachelor of Education (B. Ed), Sheeraz Ahmed, Bachelor of Education (Extension Program), Kainat Shams, Master of Engineering (Renewable Energy), and Rakhi and Adil Khan Master of Science (Computer Science).

The recipients of silver medals are, Muhammad Usama, Bachelor of Science (Computer Science), Kamran Ahmed, BE Electrical Engineering (Electronics), Sahar Kanwal, Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA), Aqsa Naz, Bachelor of Education (B. Ed) and Shafaq Siraj, Master of Science (Computer Science). The Registrar Sukkur IBA University Engr. Zahid Hussain Khand requested the chief guest to declare the convocation, close.



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Alumni Reunion 2020 - Business Administration Department

Career Development Center along with Alumni Society and Student Council of Sukkur IBA University, organized Alumni Reunion of Business Administration Department on January 11, 2020. The event was organized at Ramada Hotel Karachi, where SIBAU Alumni from all across Pakistan attended the eve of Reunion.



During the formal Session, Vice Chancellor Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui, Registrar Sukkur IBA Eng. Zahid Hussain Khand, HoD Business Department Prof. Dr. Niaz Ahmed Bhutto, Director CDC, Mr. Qazi Abdul Wahid, CEO Thar foundation Syed Abdul Fazal Rizvi, Alumni Representatives Mr. Rizwan Siddiqui and Dr. Wajid Ali Rizvi and Chief Guest of the evening Dr. Mirza Ikhtiar Baig interacted with the



attendees of the event.

An MoU was signed between Sukkur IBA and Engro -Thar Foundation for financial assistance of students from humble backgrounds belonging to Tharparkur. CEO Engro-Thar Foundation, Syed Abul Fazal Rizvi and Vice Chancellor Sukkur IBA University Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui signed the MoU.

Students enjoyed during informal session and a musical concert was also organized where singing sensation Mr. Rafay Asrar entertained the guests.

73rd Independence Day Celebrations at Sukkur IBA University

Sukkur IBA University celebrated 73rd Independence Day of Pakistan with full zeal and zest.

Acting Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Syed Mir Muhammad Shah hoisted the National Flag and started the celebrations on August 14, 2020.

In his speech, Dr. Shah presented tribute to Late Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui and committed to continue his legacy. "We are committed to pursue our vision to become a world-class university," said Prof. Dr. Syed Mir Muhammad while addressing the participants. "The expansion of Sukkur IBA University will facilitate underprivileged class to receive quality education," he added.

Registrar Sukkur IBA University Engr. Zahid Hussain Khand addressed the event and highlighted the importance of education for the country to prosper and progress.

The event was attended by Sukkur IBA University Management, Staff and Students.



VISITORS CORNER

Chairman HEC, Dr. Tariq Banuri visited Sukkur IBA University and Interacted with Students



Chairman HEC Dr. Tariq Banuri visited Sukkur IBA University on January 20, 2020. Dr. Tariq Banuri visited the campus facilities and was briefed about Sukkur IBA Initiatives. Dr. Banuri also had a detailed discussion on the initiatives taken by Sukkur IBA University for poverty elevation, inclusive growth and remedial education. He also praised the customized concept of community college implemented by Sukkur IBA University and expressed his wish to replicate this concept to HEI's all across Pakistan. Dr. Tariq Banuri also had an interactive session with the students, where he appreciated the efforts of Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui for transforming the lives of thousands of aspirants. He urged the young students to put more

efforts in applied research to solve the problems faced by the nation.

At the end of the session, Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui presented Ajrak, Sindhi Topi and Souvenir to the distinguished guest.

Visit of Karachi Consulate Italy

Ms. Anna Ruffino, Consul from Karachi Consulate of Italy, paid a visit to Sukkur IBA University Main Campus. Ms. Ruffino had an excellent interaction with Sukkur IBA University students who attended different Italian universities under multiple exchange programs. She admired different initiatives that university has taken for serving community. She especially appreciated the Talent Hunt Program and emphasized that such remedial education programs are key to success for youth.

Ms. Ruffino was afforded a campus visit which included Trade Center, Knowledge Center and Fab Lab. Mr. Wajid H. Junejo, a long-term friend of Sukkur

IBA University, presently serving as Plant Manager at Engro Fertilizers, also accompanied Ms. Anna Ruffino. Both the esteemed guests were adorned with Ajrak on their shoulders at the end of the visit.



US Consulate Delegation visits Sukkur IBA University



Delegation from U.S. Consulate General, Karachi visited Sukkur IBA University on February 26, 2020. Mr. Cameron Thomas Shah – Cultural Attaché and Ms. Syney Smith – Spokesperson, had a brief meeting with the vice chancellor Sukkur IBA University and also interacted with the participating students of RED International: Women Lead Tech Training. During the campus tour, Mr. Thomas and Ms. Smith also participated in Sukkur IBA University's' Light a Candle campaign – A fund-raising campaign to sponsor the educational expenses of 100 students from the deprived areas.

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CEO - OGDCL visited Sukkur IBA University

A delegation of Oil and Gas Company Limited-OGDCL, led by Mr. Shahid Salim Khan MD/CEO-OGDCL along with ED Production, ED Human Resource, GM Legal Services visited Sukkur IBA University on March 03, 2020.

Mr. Shahid Saleem had a detailed interaction with the management and discussed about future endeavors with Sukkur IBA University.

Currently OGDCL, in collaboration with Sukkur IBA University is sponsoring the university's signature National Talent Hunt Program where students from all across Pakistan study on fully funded scholarships. To date more than 3000 students have been benefited from this program.



Governor State Bank visits Sukkur IBA University

Governor State Bank of Pakistan, Mr. Reza Baqir visited Sukkur IBA University on July 27, 2020. Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Mir Muhammad Shah along with senior management of Sukkur IBA University welcomed the guests.

Mr. Reza had a good discussion on different avenues of collaboration with the top management, he ensured his full support for collaboration in future endeavors of the university.

In the end Sukkur IBA shield along with sindhi topi and ajrak was presented to distinguished guest by Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Mir Muhammad Shah.



Vice Chancellor QUEST Nawabshah Visits Sukkur IBA University



A delegation led by Vice Chancellor Quaid-e-Awam University of Engineering, Science & Technology (QUEST) Nawabshah, Prof. Dr. Saleem Raza Samo visited Sukkur IBA University on July 29, 2020. The delegation was received and welcomed by Acting Vice Chancellor Sukkur IBA University, Prof. Dr. Syed Mir Muhammad Shah and Registrar Sukkur IBA University, Mr. Zahid Hussain Khand.

The guests exchanged views with the university management on different subject matters and areas of collaborations between the two universities. The delegation also visited Knowledge Center, Fabrication Lab and other learning facilities of the university,

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Advisor to Chief Minister Sindh for Universities & Boards Visited SIBAU

Advisor to Chief Minister Sindh for Universities & Boards and Works & Services, Mr. Nisar Ahmed Khuhro visited Sukkur IBA University on August 04, 2020.

Acting Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Syed Mir Muhammad Shah and Registrar Eng. Zahid Hussain Khand received the guest.

Mr. Khuhro was given a brief presentation about the new initiatives taken by the university in the fields of Artificial Intelligence, Robotics, block chain and other leading technologies, he also visited the technologically advanced learning facilities of the university.

While interacting with the top management, Mr. Nisar Khuhro paid homage and tribute to Late Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui. He had a detailed discussion on the current projects being executed by Sukkur IBA University and ensured the government full support in the university's future endeavors.

The guest was decorated with Sindhi topi and Ajrak along with Souvenir Shield by Prof. Dr. Syed Mir Muhammad Shah.



Delegation from Shell Pakistan Visited Sukkur IBA University



National Network Development Manager, Shell Pakistan, Mr. Asif Iqbal along with Regional Manager South, Mr. Usman Butt and Territory Manager, Mr. Abdul Sami visited Sukkur IBA University on August 18, 2020.

The guests were received by the Director Career Development Center (CDC) and his Team. Delegation was given a detailed presentation on Sukkur IBA University by Mr. Abdul Wahid Qazi, Director Career Development Center.

Mr. Asif Iqbal and team also had interaction with Acting Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Syed Mir Muhammad Shah, where they discussed on possible collaborations to enhance the linkages, placements and research projects.

At the end, Sindhi Topi and Ajrak was presented to the

distinguished guest by Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Syed Mir Muhammad Shah.

District & Session Courts Judge, Dadu Visited Sukkur IBA University

District & Sessions Court Judge, Dadu, Mr. Manoo Mal visited Sukkur IBA University to discuss the recruitment progress of Various Positions announced for District & Session Court Dadu.

Registrar Sukkur IBA University Eng. Zahid Hussain Khand received the guest and briefed about Sukkur IBA Testing services, its recruitment process and facilities. Acting Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Syed Mir Muhammad Shah joined the meeting via video link. The guest also visited the campus and appreciated the learning facilities of the university. Sukkur IBA University shield along with Sindhi Topi and Ajrak was presented to the distinguished guest at the end of the meeting.



ALUMNI CORNER

Syed Noman Shah, Graduate of 2016

Our proud Alumnus, Syed Noman Shah, founded a software house, Idea to Product (i2P) in early 2020 at Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership and Incubation (CEL&Inc.), Sukkur IBA University which was inaugurated as a Company on September 04, 2020. The software house offers Biometric Verification Solutions integrated with NADRA, Hospital Management Systems, Financial Solutions and custom solutions in Mobile and Web Technologies. Mr. Noman completed his BS (Computer Science) degree in 2016 and was employed by various organizations including Total, United Arab Emirates where he served in the capacity of Software Engineer. Vice Chancellor, Sukkur IBA University, Prof. Dr. Syed Mir Muhammad Shah inaugurated the startup along with other team members from Sukkur IBA University. The Vice Chancellor appreciated Mr. Noman Shah for diversifying his career as an Entrepreneur. "Students must consider entrepreneurship as a serious career objective since it creates more jobs in the economy," said Dr. Shah, while addressing the inauguration ceremony.



Mirza Umair Iqbal Graduate of 2000

After heading the Jazz Sales team, Karachi, Our Alumnus Mirza Umair Iqbal got the opportunity to serve in Virgin Mobiles Saudi Arabia as a Director, Indirect Sales, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia. Mr. Mirza Umair Iqbal completed his MBA in 2000 at Sukkur IBA University.



Engr. Arshad Ahmed Memon Graduate of 2015

Our Alumnus Engr. Arshad Ahmed Memon has been promoted to Manager, BPS-18 at Pakistan Telecommunication Company Limited (PTCL). He was working as Assistant Manager, BPS-17 since January 2017. His sheer struggle, sincere efforts and continued learning helped him get promoted to BPS-18 within a short span of time. Engr. Arshad Ahmed Memon started his career with COMSATS Internet Services as Network Supervisor in January 2016 immediately after completing his Bachelor of Engineering (Telecommunication) at Sukkur IBA University.

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Engr. Azhar Ali
Graduate of 2019

Our distinguished Alumnus, Engr. Azhar Ali has been appointed as Sub Divisional Officer, (BPS 17) at Gujranwala Electric Power Company (GEPCO) on July 13, 2020. He was awarded a Gold-Medal in Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical Engineering) on account of securing first position in 2019. Engr. Azhar Ali has endeavored hard in his life to achieve his career goals despite being challenged by financial constraints.

Engr. Abdul Qayoom
Graduate of 2019

After completing his Master of Engineering (Renewable Energy), our Alumnus Engr. Abdul Qayoom has been selected in MEXT Scholarship Program for PhD at Saitama University, Japan. This university offers eight international scholarship slots for thousands of candidates to compete for this program from all over the world, however, Engr. Abdul Qayoom from Sukkur IBA University, Pakistan has managed to secure admission in the intake of September 2020.



Mr. Muhammad Waqas
Graduate of 2017

Our Alumni Mr. Muhammad Waqas joined Allied Bank Limited in October 2017 in a Management Trainee Officer (MTO) program. He was posted at Shah Rukn e Alam Branch Multan as BSO. Mr. Waqas performed general banking operations for two years. In January 2020, he was promoted to Regional Co-coordinator for BSG Multan Region. This is one of the fastest growth of any MTO in the complete region. Mr. Waqas completed his MBA (Case Study) at Sukkur IBA University in 2017.

TRAINING, WORKSHOP & SEMINARS

Introduction to Hands on Mathematical Kits

One day workshop on “Introduction to Hands on Mathematical Kits” was organized by the Directorate of IBA Community Colleges and Schools on January 14, 2020 at Sukkur IBA University. Dr. Javed Hussain Brohi, HoD Mathematics Department Sukkur IBA University facilitated an interactive workshop having twenty five (25) teaching faculty specialized in Mathematics subjects from all IBA Community Colleges and Schools. The workshop was full of learning, enthusiasm and imperative approaches based on 21st century mathematical concepts according to reflections of workshop participants.



Seminar on 4th Industrial Revolution (4IR)



FURD Foundation in support with SHAH-WAR Consultants and Youth Affairs Department, Government of Sindh, conducted a one-day seminar on “4th Industrial Revolution to empowering and building the capacity of youth of Sindh on emerging technologies” on January 16, 2020 at Sukkur IBA University, Main Campus. The sessions were conducted by highly qualified and internationally recognized experts Professor Zia ullah Khan, technology expert, Faysal Aziz Khan, motivational speaker and senior journalist and Dur e Shahwar, safety trainer and project director FURD.

Artificial Intelligence Training for IBA Community Colleges Faculty

The Electrical Engineering Department of Sukkur IBA University in collaboration with the Directorate of IBA Community Colleges and Schools organized a three-day training from January 30, 2020 to February 01, 2020 on Artificial Intelligence (A. I.) for the Faculty of IBA Community Colleges and Schools. CEO of USA Ready Artificial Intelligence A. I. Mr. Roozbeh Aliabadi interacted and appreciated the active inclination of teachers towards Artificial Intelligence. Trainer Mr. Gulsher Ali, Assistan professor at SIBAU, facilitated teachers for understanding and implementing the concepts of A. I. into the classrooms. Teachers reflected that it is learning and fun together while interacting the A. I. orientations with COZMO Robots. Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui, Vice Chancellor Sukkur IBA University, along with Mr. Noor Hussain, Director IBA Community Colleges and Schools and Mr. Faheem Akhtar, HoD Electrical Engineering Department, Sukkur IBA University distributed the certificates and emphasized teachers to implement AI practices into their schools /colleges with heart and soul as to develop Pakistan in terms of its growth and sustainability through modern technology.



TRAINING, WORKSHOP & SEMINARS

Five Day IBSE Workshop at Sukkur IBA University

The Directorate of IBA Community Colleges and Schools, Sukkur IBA University organized a 5- day workshop on Capacity Building of Inquiry-Based Science Education (IBSE) in Pakistan under the framework of the Belt and Road International Science Education Coordinating Committee (BRISECC) in collaboration with ECOSF from January 20-24, 2020. Trainers from Sukkur IBA University, ECOSF and delegation from China (Prof. Ye Zheoning and Ms. Yang Feng) built the capacity of teachers from all Pakistan specifically teachers from Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission (PAEC) , Cantt/Garrison Schools, Thar Education Alliance, Dawood Public School, IBA Community Colleges and Schools.

The workshop was High Education Pakistan Dr. Tariq Banuri. In Banuri appreciated SIBAU



commenced by Chairman Commission (HEC) of his opening remarks, Dr. Tariq and ECOSF for capacity



building and promotion of STEM activities in the ECO region including Pakistan. A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was also signed between Sukkur IBA University (SIBAU) and ECO Science Foundation (ECOSF).

Director IBA Community Colleges and Schools, Mr. Noor Hussain Shar appreciated the active participation of teachers, trainers and organizers for arranging such a national-level program successful. Engr. Zahid Hussain Khand, Registrar Sukkur IBA University highlighted qualities of 21st century teachers in Pakistani context. Vice-Chancellor SIBAU Prof. Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui concluded the workshop with these remarks: "Don't complain of darkness, light a candle" which elucidates that an individual should play their part to make this land more beautiful and worth living.

Career Development Session by HR Club, Sukkur IBA University



HR Club at Sukkur IBA University organized a session on "Career Development" addressed by reputable and well-experienced officials and professionals from industry to equip students with required set of skills and the ways to obtain and sustain good career growth in the market. The session was conducted by Mr. Mansoor Ahmed (Assistant Professor of Practice HRM - Faculty Business Administration Department) and Mr. Taimoor Ahmed (Student of BBA - HRM)

TRAINING, WORKSHOP & SEMINARS

Student of SIBAU participated in the International Day of Science

Sukkur IBA University student Mr. Qamar Abbas represented the university at the International Day of Science 2020 organized at the Alliance Francaise de, Karachi on February 15, 2020. The theme for the event this year was “The Steam Engine for Digital Pakistan”. The event was organized by Pakistan Space Science Education Center (PSSEC) in collaboration with United Nations Association of Pakistan and Buraq.

The event marking the “International Day of Science 2020” entailed activity-based Scientific Sessions by Pakistan Space Science Education Center, followed by an interactive dialogue between inspiring role models of Pakistani women playing their role in the improvement of education. The dialogue was moderated by Chairperson & Founder of Pakistan Space Science Education Center Miss Waseem Zartaj.

The Guest Panel included: Ms. Anna Ruffino (Consulate General of Italy in Karachi), Ms. Sabina Khatri (Founder & CEO of Kiran Foundation), Ms. Salma Alam (CEO Durbeen Foundation), Ms. Sabeen Shah (Manager Education Program of Thar Foundation), Mr. Abdul Rauf (Founder of Pakistan Science Club) and Ms. Mishal Khan (Deputy Head of UNAP Youth Chapters)



Workshop on Industrial Automation Hardware and Software

A Three-day workshop on Industrial Automation Hardware and Software on PLC and HMI, was conducted at Electrical Engineering Department Sukkur IBA University from February 01, 2020 to March 02, 2020. The instructor was Dr. Ahmed Ali Shah. The objective of this workshop was to give its participants an opportunity



to study Industrial Automation via PLC & HMI, and its applications in detail. The workshop comprised a series of lectures and labs related to topics like Wiring and Interfacing Of I/O Devices, Logic System Design, Ladder Logic Programming, Analog/Digital I/O Handling, Human-Machine Interface Programming, Industrial Sensor Interfacing, Fail-Safe Design, Interlock Circuits, Timers, and Counters, etc. Furthermore, the participants learned to write, compile, simulate, and implement the program using Siemens's advanced PLC system. As part of the workshop program, participants also enjoyed a recreational tour of Sukkur city nearby attractions. The closing ceremony of three-day training was held on 3rd March, 2020 in the control and embedded system Lab. Chief Guest of the ceremony was respected Registrar SIBAU, Engineer

Zahid Hussain Khand. At the closing ceremony, respected Registrar and HoD electrical engineering Dr. Faheem Akhter Chachar appreciated the workshop participants and provided brief insights into the importance of such workshops and training in modern times and encouraged the participants to actively participate in future trainings, seminars, and workshops. Certificates were also distributed among the organizers and the participants at the end of the closing ceremony

Writing Skills Workshop at Sukkur IBA University

English language Faculty of Sukkur IBA University participated in a workshop on Writing Skills on August 20, 2020. The workshop was facilitated by Mr. Rashid Hussain Abbasi, wherein the modern ways of integrating essay-skills into the English language classrooms were discussed at length. The participants also had a chance of having a hands-on, minds-on activity to demonstrate how to do it inside the classroom. Veteran Professor Ghulam Hussain Maghanhar distributed certificates among the participants of the workshop.



STUDENTS ACTIVITIES & ACHIEVEMENTS

SIBAU Student Wins at National Project Competition 2020

Students of Sukkur IBA University participated in National Project Competition, 2020 (NPC_2020) organized by Dawood University of Engineering and Technology. More than 35 universities from all across Pakistan participated in the competition. Sukkur IBA University Team, "Rescue Squad" won Runners-Up Trophy in Project competition in the Business Start Up category while team "The MASS-G Energy" grabbed Runners Up Trophy in Poster Competition in Business Start Up Category.



Sukkur IBA University Wins WWF-Green Office Awards



A commemorative ceremony was held recently in Lahore by World Wildlife Foundation-WWF, to celebrate 10 years of its green office initiative. Sukkur IBA University won 3 awards for its continuous efforts for expansion of renewable energy, reduction in waster generation and fuel consumption. Registrar Sukkur IBA University Engr Zahid Hussain Khand received the awards on behalf of Sukkur IBA University.

Awards won by Sukkur IBA University were in the following categories

1. Extraordinary effort towards expansion of Renewable Energy
2. Highest Reduction of Waste Generation (2012-2019)
3. Highest Reduction of Fuel Consumption (2014-2019)

Admission Test for Foundation Semester 2020



Sukkur IBA University conducted aptitude test for Foundation Semester 2020, at its Main Campus on February 02, 2020. Candidates from all across Pakistan appeared in test. Sukkur IBA University offers admission in Foundation semester annually. This program is designed to enhance the skills of the students coming from diverse academic backgrounds. The selected candidates will be taught the subjects including English, Mathematics, Information & Communication Technology-ICT.

The Foundation Semester spans around six months.

Recruitment Test PPP NODE, SELD, Government of Sindh

Recruitment test for the advertised Post of Office Assistant, (BPS-14/16) at Public Private partnership (PPP NODE), Sindh Education & Literacy Department, Government of Sindh, was conducted by SIBAU Testing Services on March 01, 2020 at Public School Hyderabad (Managed by SIBAU), IBA-Public School, Sukkur & Sukkur IBA University (Main Campus). About 10,368 candidates appeared from all over Sindh. Furthermore, it was announced that the list of qualified candidates will be announced soon at Sukkur IBA University website. However, candidates can view answer key of aforementioned position at the given link of the official website.



Admission Test 2020 for Undergraduate Programs

Sukkur IBA University conducted the Admission Test of Regular Undergraduate Degree Programs for its Main and Sub Campuses on August 09, 2020.

The Admission Test for Business Administration, Computer Science and Electrical Engineering departments were conducted today while Admissions Test of Mathematics, Media & Communication, Physical Education & Sports Sciences and Education departments was conducted on August 16, 2020.



Recruitment Test for Jr. Subject Specialist, Sindh Textbook Board

Recruitment Test for Jr. Subject Specialist (BPS-16), Sindh Textbook Board, Jamshoro

Sukkur IBA University conducted the Recruitment Test for the position of Jr. Subject Specialist (BPS-16) at Sindh Textbook Board Jamshoro on August 23, 2020. The test was conducted in various specializations including Computer, Mathematics, Chemistry, Biology, Islamiyat, and Urdu. A large number of candidates from across Sindh appeared in the test.





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