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## 2<sup>ND</sup> CONVOCATION OF AWKUM HELD

By Bashir Adil

Second convocation of Adul Wali Khan University Mardan was held on Thursday, February 28, 2013 where degrees were conferred upon 226 students along with the 26 gold medals to the position holders. President of vice chancellors' association, the vice chancellor of Engineering university, Imtiaz Hussain Gilani was also present on the occasion.

Vice Chancellor Abdul Wali Khan University congratulated the students and named them as the builders of the future. He further said that the students can help bring positive change in the country and should never disappoint the nation and parents. He said that the university has made tremendous progress in the short span of four years and now, it is one of the best universities in the



Time to cheer: A student is receiving degree from Prof. Dr. Ihsan Ali, VC AWKUM

country. It was said that all admissions in the university are given purely on merit. "At present the university has 107 PhDs and in the coming three years, it will reach to 300." he added. Dr. Ihsan Ali said that shifting to the Garden Campus will be started in the start of September. He made an offer that he is ready to give the existing building to Women University, which is really the need of Mardan. He said that the university, from its own resources, not only gave scholarships to hundreds of students but also established University College for Women and University Museum. Registrar Prof. Dr. Sheer Ali Khan, Dean of Arts Prof. Dr. Zahoor ul Haq, Dean of Sciences Prof. Dr. Saeed Anwar and Controller Examination also addressed the ceremony.

## FOUNDATION DAY CELEBRATED AT AWKUM

By Azmat Ali Shah

Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan celebrated its 5th Foundation Day with full zeal and excitement. Professor Dr. Ihsan Ali displayed happiness in the flag hoisting ceremony at the Mian campus. On the occasion, a huge gathering including staff, faculty and students were present; namely the Registrar, Deputy Registrars and Heads of the campuses. Afterward, awards distributing ceremony was held in the University Auditorium. The Vice Chancellor, Professor Dr. Ehsan Ali distributed awards among the winners including Muhammad Aslam (driver), Muhammad Akbar (security guard), Amjid Islam (gardener), Qasim Yaqoob (sweeper), Maaz Muhammad (cook), Rahim Dad Khan (naib qasid), Kashif Ahmed (KP), Yasrab Ali (Asst. Superintendent), Muzzamil shah (superintendent), Hina Haneef (3rd position in Urdu declamation), Bakht Nawab (2nd position in Urdu declamation) and Sarfaraz (1st position in Urdu declamation). In English declamation Zahid Muhammad got 3rd position), Adil Khan stood 2nd while Yasir Ahmed received 1st position. Kainat, Umer Ateeq, Yasir Ahmed, Anila Sardar, Sana Farooq, Alia Rasool, Muhammad Israr Rohaan, Sakhawat, Abid Mehmud from media section, Pir Asfandiyar (procurement officer), Safiq-Ullah Kaka Khel & Arsh-Ur-Rehman (Treasure Office), Muhammad Idrees (proctor), Rafique Nawab, Miss Shaista begum, Miss Kiran Shah Jeer, Sonia Basheer, Miss Naseem Rafique, Maj (R) Arshad Sohail, Muhammad Shah Hussain

Awan, Arbab Ejaz, Muhammad Tariq (Deputy Registrar), Professor Dr. Zahoor Ul Haq, Tasneem Ul Haq and Samreen Mehmud also received awards from the Vice Chancellor. The Vice Chancellor; Professor Dr. Ihsan Ali distributed awards and cash prizes among the faculty members, staff, class four employees and the students for their brilliant performance. In his address, the Vice Chancellor; Professor Dr. Ehsan Ali highlighted that Abdul Wali University Mardan showed marvelous progress and development in a short period of only four years. He owed his gratitude to the devoted and consistent hard work of the faculty and staff for making Abdul Wali Khan a Hallmark of education at the national and international level. He asserted that in the future, the university will ensure discipline and merit at all levels and will strictly deal with all kinds of iniquitous affairs. He declared that the university college for women will soon be upgraded to post graduate level. He donated 60 lac rupees as a scholarship for 736 students of the university from the university endowment fund. A documentary film on Abdul Wali Khan University was also shown to the audience on the occasion which they appreciated amply whereas; Farhad Safi, chairperson department of journalism, presented a copy of the AWKUM voice to the worthy Chancellor. Meanwhile; the foundation day at Sankar and Riffat Mahal campuses was also celebrated.



## Laptop distribution on purely merit basis: - says Provost

In an interview with the editor of AWKUM Voice, Provost Mr. Abrar said that a total of 950 laptops have been distributed among the students on purely merit basis. The students were scrutinized in all respect before the awarding laptops, he added. The university has provided all available facilities to the hostels of female students. Generators have been given to the hostels

to ensure twenty-four hour availability of light so that studies of students do not suffer. The AWKUM is utilizing all available resources to provide better environment to the student so that they may get education with full zeal. He further added that all the departments are provided transport facilities for their study tours.

- Voice Report

## HONOUR OF THE HONOURABLE

By Hidayat Ur Rahman JMC



Voice Report: His Excellency, Governor, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Engr. Shaukatullah Khan on Saturday 23rd March, 2013 gave away the Civil Award "Sitara-e-Imtiaz" on behalf of the President of Islamic Republic of Pakistan to Professor. Dr. Ihsan Ali, Vice-Chancellor Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan for rendering invaluable services and for his contributions in the field of Archaeology. The awards-giving ceremony was held at the Governor's House, Peshawar. Chief Secretary, Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Mr. Ghulam Dastagir Akhtar read out the citations of the Award Winners on the occasion. Prof. Dr. Ihsan Ali has done his Master in Archaeology from Department of Archaeology, University of Peshawar. He not only stood first and got gold medal but no one till date has scored marks more than he obtained in his Master Degree. He was awarded MS degree and his theses were Analytical Techniques in Archaeology. He also has the credit that he was awarded PhD scholarship and he completed his PhD from University of Cambridge UK which is one of the most prestigious Universities of the world. From 2002 to 2006, he was appointed as Director Archaeology and Museums, Govt of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and he has been able to establish nine museums during this period. He has been invited by the Leading Universities of UK, America and Italy for delivering lectures on Archaeology in Pakistan and has

won a good name for his country. He has published seventeen books and he has also published more than sixty research Papers in the National and International Journals of world repute. He remained on key positions and has held important portfolios. He was appointed Vice-Chancellor, Hazara University Mansehra in 2006 and in 2008 he was appointed as Project Director of Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan and was entrusted with the task of establishing of AWKUM as well as keeping his portfolio of Vice Chancellor, Hazara University Mansehra. In 2009 he was appointed as Vice-Chancellor, Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan. Currently once again he has been entrusted the additional responsibility of Acting Vice-Chancellor of Islamia College University Peshawar and at the moment he is administering both AWKUM and Islamia College University Peshawar. No doubt, he is a trend setter personality and within a short span of less than four years he has been able to make AWKUM a great seat of learning. His untiring efforts have not only made the university a success but expanded it throughout the province by establishing Nine Campuses where almost 6000 students are currently studying. The Higher Education Commission of Pakistan has recently ranked Abdul Wali Khan University 34th out of the 111 total Public Sector Universities in the country.



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## MILESTONES ACHIEVED

Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan has achieved many milestones in the first quarter of the current year. The university has expanded an inordinate fame and appreciation of the people of Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa province by making the measure time to time to boost the stature of education. According to a press note, issued to AWKUM voice by the Director of Administration, the Ex-Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtoonkhwa Mr. Amir Haider Khan Hoti visited the main campus of the University on 24<sup>th</sup> February for the distribution of laptops among the students. On Feb 25, the Foundation Day of the University was celebrated with full zeal and zest. Immediately after the Foundation Day, on 28<sup>th</sup> Feb,

the University's second convocation was held in which degrees were conferred upon the students in a graceful ceremony. On March 12, land was acquired for Shaheed Rashid Hussain Campus, Pabbi and the foundation stone of which was laid down by Main Iftikhar Hussain. Inspired by the work of the Director Administration the Honorable Vice Chancellor gave him the task of beautification of all campuses of the varsity. The Director Administration Mr. Ayaz Khan is working day and night to ensure smooth administration of the varsity and his efforts have been applauded on various forums. AWKUM Voice pays a tribute to him for his remarkable performance wish him all the best.

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## Request for ban on smoking at university premises

Dear Editor

I want to draw your kind attention toward a big problem i.e. smoking in the premises of the university. It not only pollutes the environment, but also disturbs the non-smokers around them and needless to say that it is injurious for health. I request the university administration to issue special instructions to ban smoking on the premises and violators be dealt with severe penalties.

Junaid Ahmad  
JMC 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester

## Poor condition of University Canteen

Dear Editor

I want to draw the attention of university authorities to problem that students are facing since long. There is a small private canteen near Riffat Mahal Campus, but the quality of the food served here is not very good. It does not have space for female students and despite of poor quality food, the charges are not affordable. I request the university administration to take steps for the solution of this problem.

Asim Ali Shah  
JMC 2<sup>nd</sup> semester

## Journalism Deptt, requires a separate library

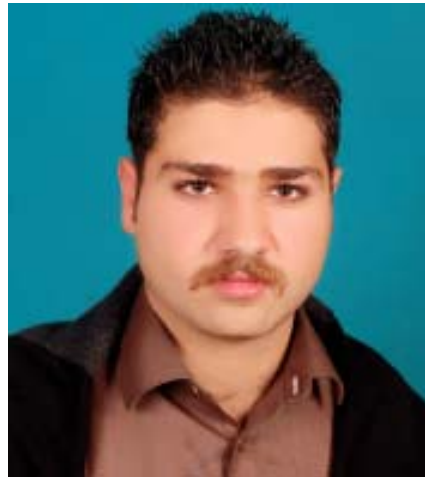
Dear Editor

I want to convey my message through AWKUM Voice to my Respected Vice Chancellor and Administrative staff that the students of journalism need a separate library where they could quench their thirst of knowledge. I had drawn your kind attention towards this in the previous issue, but the matter is still to be addressed. I hope this time, you will take the matter into your kind consideration and issue orders for a separate library for the students of Journalism & Mass Communication.

Azmat Ali Shah  
JMC 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester

## DEMOCRACY IN PAKISTAN

By Jan Alam Khan (Pol.Science)



It is more than six decades that Pakistan appeared on the map of the world, but is still endeavoring to develop the institution of politics in its society. The founding father of this country, Mr. Jinnah, achieved this country democratically and constitutionally. Unfortunately destiny did not give enough time to him to draw the socio – economic, religious and political map of newly born state. During early 21 years of its life - 1947 to 1969 - Pakistan was governed by civil – military bureaucracy under oligarchic and authoritarian traditions. This was first chapter of dictatorship. Second and third one was during 1979 to 1988 and 1999 to 2007 under military dictators.

First democratic election held in 1970 and a unanimous constitution was passed by parliament in 1973 in which, democratic parliamentary government system was introduced. This was the first democratic phase (1970 – 1979) under the inspiring leadership of Zulfikar Ali Bhutto. Second and third phases of democracy were between 1988 to 1999 and 2007 to the present date, so democratic era in Pakistan is almost 24 years. During this time, elected leaders proved themselves as

a failure and failed to deliver to the public hence forth. Why democratic traditions are not developed in Pakistan up till now? What were and are the major causes behind failure of democracy?

I think the main reason behind the failure of democracy in the country is our socio - political system. Feudalism, illiteracy, self – imposed leaders and inherited politics are a few salient features of this system. It's a feudal state where we are living and most of our political leaders are just feudal lords and they have assumed and established their identity as political leaders. Feudalism has been leading towards the traditions of inherited politics as well in this country. In this feudal culture, millions of people are landless and illiterate peasants and their social status is not more than a slave.

In our democratic set up, the elected leaders rarely visit their constituencies, for they are not concerned with the welfare of the people. Most of them don't want to know about community problems at grass root level and are therefore unable to find out solutions of them. Another reason for failure of democracy in Pakistan is illiteracy. Literacy is the very first and the most important prerequisite for democracy. Illiteracy also leads to poverty. An illiterate and economically impoverished community is concern with bread and butter and cannot comprehend the true spirit of democracy. Democracy has become just a slogan of exploitation in Pakistan and nothing else. A democratic government is required to provide justice, social welfare and security to the public. But ground realities are different here. Corruption and embezzlement are in full swing. There is an alarming increase in suicide due to poverty and the rate unemployment has grown. Pakistan's maximum population comprises

youth. But the unemployment rate is high. When Pakistani public is fed up with the governance of corrupt democratic government, then sometimes people propagate that there was enough prosperity during previous military regimes and there is no doubt, military coups of the past were the consequence of failed democratic governments.

But issue is that our democratic rulers are not divine and we as a nation elect them. How we can challenge their authenticity? Yes we cannot and they are our representatives. When general public will be socially impoverished, deprived and illiterate, it will produce incompetent, opportunist and corrupt leaders. Such leaders just exploit people and they secure their vote bank in the name of democracy. Our leaders assert that they are for the people but actually, they entertain their vested interest only.

In order to ensure real democracy in the country, sweatshops of feudalism should be closed and traditions of inherited politics must be abolished. Education and social liberty should be given to the whole nation in general and to the rural community in particular. There should be social equality, justice and rule of law across the country. Irrespective of their social status and level of wealth, all the citizens should be considered equally accountable of their deeds. Youth must be promoted and young, energetic and educated people should be encouraged in every sphere of life. When our nation will be literate and social freedom will be there, then genuine and competent leadership will emerge from bottom of our society and it will focus on the social welfare and security of general public and sovereignty of our land. A successful execution of all these pragmatic measures can lead towards a strong democratic Pakistan in true sense.

## Time for Educational Reforms

Education is the most constructive factor for any society as it opens new horizons for the people to perceive things in different dimensions. A nation cannot properly understand national aims and goals, if the majority of people remain uneducated. They cannot understand the value of unity and discipline in life and remain unaware of the latest advancements. Education improves human, Physical and other resources which further improve the factors of production. So, it is important to set a proper system for education.

Pakistan's education system remains failed in educating the common people. Lack of

management, poor polices and bad planning plays its role in destroying the education system. In my point of view, the most awful thing in our education system is the division of Education in different levels. There is a major difference between private and public education. Even after 66 years of independence, we do not have a syllabus for all. There are English, Urdu and Religious divisions which create confusion and chaos in the society. There were no educational facilities for students after the independence the education standard of this city is very low. The literacy rate of the district among the population aged 10 years and above is 36.45

percent. It has increased by 20.5% since 1981 when it was only 15.95 percent. The male literacy ratio is much higher at 53.50% compared to 18.38% for women. There are separate educational institutes for girls and boys. Nowadays there are many primary schools, high schools, colleges, private institutions.

In order to bring harmony and prosperity in the country, the policy makers of the country should consider education as the top priority and do the necessary reforms. Only then we can hope of standing in the row of developed nations.

- By Junaid Ahmad

# INTERVIEW: DR. ZAHOOR UL HAQ

By Farhad Safi & Zia Ullah Hamdard

Dr. Zahoor Ul Haq is Dean Faculty of Arts at Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan, and was recently awarded 'Best Researcher Award' in the Faculty of Arts. His academic excellence and management skills have been acknowledged in various magazines and newspapers of national and international repute. AWKUM team is thankful to him for providing a few moments from his tough schedule for interview.

**AWKUM VOICE:** First of all congratulations for winning 'Best Researcher Award' and how do you feel to be a part of AWKUM?

**Dr. Zahoor:** Thank you very much. It is wonderful to be part of AWKUM. It is wonderful because AWKUM provides both opportunities and challenges. By opportunities, I mean that one can make his dreams come true in his professional life. For example, I have the opportunity to offer courses that I considered important for the university in particular and the country in general. Now the other great opportunity for me is that I became a part of team of Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Ihsan Ali, working under his leadership give enthusiasm and encouragement. As a junior faculty, we always complained about the leadership. But now, that I am part of the leadership, I don't want to repeat those things, which made us complained in the past. That is why; I tried to make the chairperson of various departments in my faculty more independent. I do not interfere in their academic activities as I am not expert in their fields but I provide them academic and administrative leadership and implement the university rules and regulations. And by challenges, I mean that it is the time that we have to deliver and to deliver up to the best of our abilities. I think a professor should not only be an academician, but also a visionary leader and to put the younger faculty on the right track so that they could accomplish the sacred mission of making university a great seat of learning.

**AWKUM VOICE:** Sir, where do you come from and briefly tell us where did you get your education from?

**Dr. Zahoor:** I was born in *Tangi*, which is a Tehsil of *Charsadda* district in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. My father is a doctor. He is a physician by profession. My grandfather was a school teacher. He had three sons. Being a school teacher he was aware of the importance of education. My elder uncle studied in NCA, Lahore and became an architect. My second uncle was a graduate of UET Peshawar and ultimately became retired as Chairman, WAPDA. My father was the youngest amongst the three. He studied in Khyber Medical College (KMC) and became a physician. He served health department of the government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and one of the disadvantages of being a government servant was to keep on moving from one place to another. My primary education was in *Shabqadar*, because my father was deputed there in the Frontier Constabulary. Then he was transferred to *Pir Pai*, Nowshehra, so I got my middle education from *PirPai*. Then he was transferred to Peshawar and I got the rest of my education from various institution located in Peshawar. I got my secondary education from Government High School No.1 Peshawar, followed by higher secondary from Edward's College and BSc and MSc (Hons) from Agricultural University Peshawar.

I went to Canada in April 2004 and started my PhD studies on self-finance basis. Although I had Fulbright pre-doctoral scholarship, but I wanted to do PhD instead of pre-doctoral studies. Therefore, I started PhD in

the Department of Agricultural Economics and Business from University of Guelph, Ontario Canada. It is and remained the number one comprehensive university in Canada for many years. It is the oldest department in Canada as it celebrated its 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2007. Therefore, it was and is a very prestigious institution of Canada. I earned the Ontario Graduate Scholarship (OGS), the number one scholarship in Ontario Canada. It was after three years in the department of Agricultural Economics and Business that somebody had won OGS. So it was really honor for me and Pakistan.

**AWKUM VOICE:** What is the number of your research publications?

**Dr. Zahoor:** I have published about forty research papers. Nevertheless, I do not believe in the quantity; rather it is the quality of the research work that is important to me, especially in our field. Since my Ph.D., I have pub-



lished my research articles in impact factor journals. Thanks to Almighty that I was able to publish those articles in almost all the leading journals of Agricultural Economics and Business.

**AWKUM VOICE:** What was the motivation for a successful person like you to choose newly established university?

**Dr. Zahoor:** While I was in Canada Vice Chancellor Abdul Wali Khan University Prof. Dr. Ihsan Ali visited Canada. I met him, he encourage me to come Pakistan and join his team so that to serve the people of Pakistan. I came to Pakistan in January 2009. It was really a hard decision because I was working as an Economist for the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food, and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA). It was a very good and prestigious job. I was very comfortable and enjoyed respect amongst my own community as well as Canadian community. Everything was wonderful. The decision of coming to Pakistan was actually more challenging than the decision of coming to AWKUM, because insecurity was high in 2009. I opted for Pakistan because I wanted to serve my country. I was dreaming of offering those courses, which I learnt in Canada, and although I came back but I was not getting that opportunity in Agriculture University Peshawar. So then, I decided that the purpose for which I left Canada could only be served if I join AWKUM. And by the grace of Almighty Allah, we have offered those courses at AWKUM. From next semester, we will be offering PhD in Management Sciences and PhD in Economics which Insha Allah will be the best in the country because I know what is happening in other universities.

**AWKUM VOICE:** What was the happiest moment of your life?

**Dr. Zahoor:** The day I defended my dissertation in Canada and when I was waiting anxiously out of the defense room for the verdict of the examination committee; and when one of the professors came out and gave me the news that they have recommended me for the award of degree; so that was probably one of the happiest moment of my life. Because doing PhD from Canada and especially from a prestigious institution is not an easy, Alhamdulillah when I heard that news, my joy knew no boundaries.

**AWKUM VOICE:** Sir, briefly tell about your plans for the improvement of faculty of arts and what have you done so far?

**Dr. Zahoor:** Well. When I joined the faculty of Arts in October 2011, there was not a single impact factor article published by this faculty, since the establishment of AWKUM as far as I know. I took it as a challenge to improve the research output of this faculty and this milestone would have never been

achieved if we had not offered MPhil and PhD programs. At that time, we were only offering MPhil and PhD programs in Islamic Studies. Now we are offering MPhil in Political Science, Management Sciences, Economics and Education. Department of Education also offers PhD program and management sciences and political science departments will start PhD programs very soon. All these programs will enhance the research output of the university.

Let me inform you that for the first time, the Faculty of Arts, produced, 4 or 5 impact factor articles in 2012. In 2013, we have already published 5 impact factor articles and still there is much time left in this year to increase this number. Insha Allah with each and every year now onward, the faculty of Arts, will be producing at least twenty plus impact factor articles every year. And remember! Producing an impact factor article in the field of social sciences is very challenging. It's not easy.

Department of Management Sciences and Department of Law will soon be offering split PhD programs with the University of Southampton, UK. This program will only be offered to the faculty members of these two departments.

We are still looking for PhD faculty in the faculty. Finding PhD faculty in Management Sciences, Economics, Political Science, English and Law is not easy and that is the reason we have offered many indigenous and foreign scholarships in these subjects.

All these program became possible due to the untired efforts of Prof. Dr. Ihsan Ali who visited different Universities in all over the world & requested them to offer scholarship programs for faculty development at AWKUM. Also it is the entire efforts of Vice Chancellor

Prof. Dr. Ihsan Ali that human resource development program of the University have become one of the biggest and unique development faculties.

**AWKUM VOICE:** Don't you think that AWKUM needs Department of Pashto?

**Dr. Zahoor:** How do we judge need? Need is judged by the fact that do we have enough students to offer a particular program? Secondly do we have the faculty who can offer that particular program. There was time when the positions were advertised, but we couldn't get the required faculty. And offering programs without good faculty is a futile effort and waste of resources.

**AWKUM VOICE:** How do you see the establishment of Department of Journalism and Mass Communication at AWKUM?

**Dr. Zahoor:** The establishment of the department of Journalism & Mass Communication is good news in terms of journalistic languages, to be frank. But, I will be very happy if senior faculties join your department so that the department can offer advanced degrees because I feel that there are many students from this part of the country who go to other provinces for MPhil in Journalism. So let's hope that we get senior faculty, which is needed for the smooth running of the department. Although the department is doing fine: You have already arranged many academic events in short possible time and it shows that you guys are taking your job seriously. And off course you would like to hear from senior journalists, you would like to hear from the experts in the field, you are already working on establishing radio, and started AWKUM Voice to give students a platform where they could learn and perform their journalistic skills of writing in a newspaper or managing a newspaper. So I am really happy. It is really wonderful that you guys are actually giving our voice to the country and anybody who can get AWKUM Voice, actually knows what is happening in Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan.

**AWKUM VOICE:** Any message for the students of AWKUM?

**Dr. Zahoor:** I would split my message in two parts. One is for the undergraduates and the other for the graduate students. The graduate students should consider their studies as a full time office work and if they work from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, they will be able to take benefits from our faculty members.

The undergraduate students should know that we have a very high dropout ratio, although people don't know about it. They need to concentrate on their studies, they need to perform, improve their CGPA's since AWKUM will not be compromising on merit. They have to come up to the level where they can qualify our standard of graduation and where we can proudly present them to the rest of the world. My message is basically concentrate on studies! Study is the only solution which can actually lead you perform in the world, in your professional career and there is no other recipe or shortcut for success.

**AWKUM VOICE:** Thank You sir for your time.

**Dr. Zahoor:** Thank you guys. Please continue taking viewpoints of the senior faculty members of the university so that they may openly share their mind. It is one of the ways that they share their experiences with the students and fellow faculty. Today you are interviewing me it is because of the Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Ihsan Ali who established Journalism and Mass Communication department and encourage your practical work in shape of AWKUM VOICE. Thank you very much for providing me this opportunity. Thank You.



## First Issue of the PJLS launched

By Abdul Basit

With the grace of Almighty Allah Pakhtunkhwa Journal of Life Science (PJLS), the first official journal of AWKUM has published its first issue. The magazine is published under the patronage of Professor Dr. Ihsan Ali, Dr. M. Hamayun as Editor in Chief while the Managing Editor of the research magazine is Dr. Nasrullah Shah.

To submit research articles for next issue of PJLS please contact the editor in chief/managing editor: Dr. Muhammad Hamayun/Dr. Nasrullah Shah through hamayun@awkum.edu.pk or nasrullah@awkum.edu.pk respectively.

## AWKUM Stands 3<sup>rd</sup> in All Pakistan Second Inter-University Judo Women Championship

By Zulfiqar Hussain



Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan received 3<sup>rd</sup> Position in "All Pakistan second Inter-University Judo Women Championship". Gulpari, Reenagul, Rukhsana, Rohina, Roomi Gul, Sonia Gul, Sumera and Sameen represented AWKUM in the championship and through their magnificent performance and brought laurels for the varsity. The All Pakistan second Inter-University Judo Women Championship was held at the Quaid-e-Azam University in Islamabad with the collaboration of the Pakistan Judo Federation (PJF) and Higher Education Commission (HEC). A total of twelve teams participated in the event. The athletes contested in 40kg, 44kg, 48kg, 52kg, 57kg, 63kg and 70kg categories in the open weight event.

## Three day training on Social Media held at JMC

By Najeeb Ullah BS 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester

A three days training on 'Social Media' was arranged in Department of Journalism & Mass Communication, Abdul Wali Khan University Riffat Mahal Campus in collaboration with Inter Media Pakistan. The training was attended by 30 Student of Journalism from Master and BS programs. The purpose of the training was to create and develop new media platforms for a wider audience. Abdul Salam Afridi facilitated the training while faculty members Syed Fakhar Imam and Zia Ullah Hamdard assisted the Intermedia team in their strategy. At the end of the training, the students were able to make their own blogs and interact with the world through social media. The closing session of the training was marked by the distribution of certificates among the participants by Chairman Farhad Safi. Farhad Safi, Chairman JMC in his address thanked Intermedia for being the first partner to knock at the door of JMC and share the cause of imparting quality education at the newly established institution.

## Abdus Samad Marwat receives letter of appreciation

Voice Report

Mr. Abdus Samad Khan Marwat, Lecturer Department of Law, Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan is awarded a Letter of Appreciation by Federal Public Service Commission of Pakistan in recognition of his outstanding efforts and valuable contribution in developing and revising syllabus for examination of the country's premier services.

## One-day Study Trip to Taxila Organized by the Department of Tourism and Hospitality, AWKUM

Abid-ur-Rehman & Maria Shaheen

The department of Tourism and Hospitality, AWKUM organized a one-day study trip to Taxila for its student batch MA-II and BS-II on Saturday March 09, 2013 aimed to educate them and show them the cultural heritage of Pakistan. To begin with, a total of 52 students were given chance to see the Buddhist heritage in form of sculptures, paneling, utensils, household objects, armaments, ornaments etc preserved and displayed in

outcomes of the site excavation. After that the students were taken to the site of Julian where a brief lecture on the Stupa, monastery, landscaping and on management of heritage site were given. This led us to our final destination which was Mughal Garden at Wah, where a brief lecture on the historical landscape arrangement, tangible heritage and on history was given. Overall this one-day study trip allowed our students to



the Taxila Museum. A detail lecture on the Taxila museum and its antiquities was given by the Curator Mr. Nasir Khan, which enabled the students to learn and know the historical value of Buddhist Civilization. Followed by a visit to the site of Badal Pur, where an ongoing archaeological excavations under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Ashraf Khan (A representative of Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad) was in process. Dr. Ashraf briefed all students on importance, methodology and

practically experience and engages themselves in culture tourism, natural tourism, adventure tourism and eco-tourism activities. The students and the faculty members highly appreciated the support of Vice Chancellor, Administration, Transport office of AWKUM and hoped that such support will be given time and again in future to educate our students and promote the cultural heritage, archaeology, tourism and hospitality in Pakistan.

## Distinction: Dr. Muhammad Hamayun, nominated as member of Leading Scientists of the World 2013

By: Zia Ullah Hamdard



Dr. Muhammad Hamayun, Chairman Department of Botany AWKUM, is nominated as member of the IBC Leading Scientists of the World 2013 by IBC, UK. Earlier, Dr. Hamayun biography was included in Top 100 Scientists of 2010. International Biographical Centre (IBC) is a UK based organization that publishes biographies of leading professionals from around the world.

Dr. Hamayun joined AWKUM in June, 2010 and since then he serves as Chairman, Department of Botany, Department of Biotechnology and Department of Agriculture. He is also the Principal of Science College, Shankar.

Dr. Hamayun's biography has been published in the 27<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> editions of 'Who is Who

on the World'. The renowned scientist got his primary education from Islamia Collegiate School Peshawar, did his F.Sc and B.Sc from Edward College Peshawar and received his master degree from Department of Botany University of Peshawar. He acquired his M.Phil and Ph.D degrees from Quaid e Azam University, Islamabad. In 2005, Korean Research Foundation offered him another Ph.D scholarship and in a short span of five semesters Dr. Hamayun was able to obtain another Ph.D in Agriculture from the one of the most reputed university of Korea namely Kyangpook National University with a distinction of ninety nine percent marks. He got his post doctorate degree from the said university in two years and served the university as Professor in Botany.

Dr. Hamayun is the author of six books and has published 102 research articles and more than a hundred impact factors. He has presented his research work in more than thirty international conferences. Besides Dr. Hamayun is the editor in Chief of Pakhtoonkwa Journal of Life Sciences and editor of eleven international journals.

Dr. Hamayun has dedicated his achievements to AWKUM and thanked the Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Ihsan Ali for providing a conducive environment for research and academic excellence.

## Academic accomplishments of the Faculty Members of AWKUM

By Asma Umar

Dr. Hafiz Salihuddin Haqqani, Assistant Professor Department of Islamic Studies published two papers under the titles of 'A Critical Investigation into Prayers Directions of Polytheists, Jews, Christians and Muslims' and 'Determining the Direction of Qiblah : Achievements of Some Muslim Scientists'. Mr. Mohammad Tufail, Lecturer Department of Management Sciences Buner Campus has published a paper on " Job Commitment and Quality of Personal Life: A Study of Doctors in Public and Private Sector" in International Review of Management and Business Research".

Dr. Nazif Ullah, Asst. Prof. Dept. of Biotechnology has published a paper titled "Phytotoxicity evaluation and phytochemical analysis of three medicinally important plants from Pakistan" has been published in the Journal "Toxicology and Industrial Health".

Dr. Sulaiman Shams, Assistant Professor Department of Biochemistry (UCS) has published a paper on " Mesenchymal stem cells and Interleukin-6 attenuate liver fibrosis in mice " in Journal of Translational Medicine". Dr. Maqsood Hayat Assistant Professor, Dept of Computer Science, UCS, Shakar, Abdul Wali Khan University, Mardan has Published a paper entitled of " WRF-TMH Predicting Transmembrane Helix by using Compositional Index and Physicochemical properties of Amino Acid, in Journal of Amino Acid DOI 10.1007/s00726-013-1466-4 (Impact factor=3.24).

Mr. MUHAMMAD AJAZ, Lecturer in Physics of UCS Shankar has published a paper in JOURNAL OF PHYSICS G: NUCLEAR AND PARTICLE PHYSICS (IOP PUBLISHING) *J. Phys. G: Nucl. Part. Phys.* 40 (2013) 055101 (8pp) titled "The nuclear transparency effect of  $\delta^-$ -mesons in  $p+^{12}C$ - and  $d+^{12}C$ -interactions at 4.2A GeV/c". The Impact Factor of the journal is 4.178.

## Amanat Ali Khan visits JMC

By Fahmida, JMC

Amanat Ali Khan CSP officer and Ex Chairman of Journalism and Mass Communication Kohat University visited Department of Journalism & Mass Communication, Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2013.

In his visit to the department, he shared his teaching experiences with Chairman Farhad Safi, faculty members Fakhar Imam, Zia Ullah Hamdard and Madam Sana.

He also discussed the role of radio, newspaper and television with the faculty members and gave suggestions for the improvement of the newly established department.

It is also worth mentioning that during his visit, he delivered a special lecture to the students of M.A 2<sup>nd</sup> semester about the development of Journalism in the Indo Pak Sub Continent.

He also paid a tribute to the V.C and Administration of Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan for inaugurating JMC. He lauded the efforts made by the administration of university and said that it was a positive step to boost the journalism in Mardan.

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# The Kalash Valley: A living example of indigenous culture

By Prof. Dr. Ihsan Ali and Abid-ur-Rehman

Kalash, the indigenous people of Khybar-Pakhtunkhwa are currently surviving in three isolated valleys within district Chitral. These valleys are known to us as Bumburet, Rumbur and Birir. The Kalashas origin is still a subject to be investigated but there are few theories, some scholars believe that they are descendents of Alexander armies; other says that they came from Nuristan province of Afghanistan (historically known as Red Kafiristan). Another view revealed from the study of Kalashas epics, myths and traditional songs, which suggests that Kalash migrated to Nuristan from different part of South Asia and known as Tsiyam, they were practicing the same Polytheistic religion as the Kalashas presently do. It was during 19<sup>th</sup> C.AD, when majority of Nuristani (Red Kafirs) people clinched Islam, while moderately migrated to the fellow tribe Kalash area of Chitral. These valleys were ruled by kings Razawai, Cheo, Bala Sing and Nagar Chao from 12<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> C.AD. The prosperous Kalash culture began to fall more or less by the end of 14<sup>th</sup> C. AD, when Shah Nadir Raees appeared as a Muslim ruler and started propagation of Islamic law and philosophy. By that time, the Kalashas of Drosh, Sweer, Kalkatak, Beori, Ashurate, Shishi, Jinjirate and adjacent area of southern Chitral converted to Islam, today these people are known to us as Sheikhanandeh or Sheikh Community. In the beginning of 18<sup>th</sup> C. AD, the present day district Chitral became a hub of multi-culture, ethnicity and multi-oriented religious activities, where the Kalashas, Sunnis and Ismailis were living together. Their spoken language is Dardic, which connects them with a group of Indo-Iranian and largely with a part of Indo-European community.

The geostrategic position of Kalash valleys substantiates as mountainous range but these are immensely fertile. All these valleys are open towards the river Kunar, which makeup this part of the world as a lush green paradise. Taking advantages of the natural resources like fertile land, water channels, and springs, the inhabitants mostly made themselves dependant upon agriculture. Wheat, maize, grapes, apples, apricots and walnuts are their popular foodstuffs grown in these vales. Presently Kalashas population are approximately 3500 only but they represent a unique and traditional lifestyle, custom, cultural activities. With the opening of a proposed road to Tajikistan, the Central Asian countries will have access to this piece

of land which is so rich in terms of archaeology, history, tourism, ecology and natural resources – thus this area will have enormous development in tourism and economic growth.

The Kalashas are best known for its culture and traditional practices. They are completely different from other ethnic groups of Pakistan. Sacrifices are offered in light of religious tradition and festivals take place for offering gratitude to spiritual and natural resources. Despite the mass conversion of



Kalashas to other religions, the Kalash through their rich customs and traditions still maintain their ancient culture. Although modern dresses are now a days available in Kalash valleys, the Kalash women prefer to dressed up with their traditional dresses which include black robes, immensely embroidered long cap, decorated with cowrie shells, ornaments, colourful beads and semi precious stones while men have adopted the Pushtoons shalwar kameez, waistcoat and Chitrali cap tradition. The Kalash women are not bound to do "Purdah" within their vales boundaries but they do care when go out-skirts. Also within boundary, the Kalash males and females are allowed to do contact with each others openly but during menstruating period girls and women are not allowed to touch anyone even a family member. Also in menstruating and child delivery situation, the girls and women must leave their home and stay at "Bashaleni" until they regain their purity. The pregnant women after childbirth must purify her by offering a ritual practice before returning to her husband. The Kalash (both male and female) has the right to do love marriage but in consultation with their family or friends.

**Festivals:** Festivals and celebrations are es-

sential part of Kalashas life. They celebrate four major festivals every year to offer gratitude to nature, environment, gods and goddesses through dancing, singing, distributing meals and sacrifices of altars.

**Joshi or Chilimjush Festival:** This festival is celebrated during May from 13-16, aiming to offer blessings through dances and singings to gods and goddesses to protect their herds and crops, and to proffer thanks to gods and goddesses for allowing them to enjoy spring season.



**Uchau Festival:** In August from 19-22 the Kalashas gather to welcome summer season, and to offer thanks through traditional dances to gods for making them able to harvest wheat and barley, and for abundance of dairy products. Night dancing is optional in this festival.

**Phoo festival:** This festival is closely linked with autumn season and with the growing status of crops and fruits, celebrated during mid of October and held only in Birir Valley for three or four days. Day dance is only allowed on last day while in remaining days only night dancing is allowed. The process of wine making starts during this festival.

**Chaumos or Chitirmas festival:** During this festival from December 8-21, the people welcome the winter season. In this festival every Kalash must wear a new traditional cloth and offer sacrifices to god "Mahandeo".

**Funeral Ritual:** The Kalashas having a unique culture can clearly be distinguished through their funeral practices. Like their other traditional and religious rituals and festivals, they do celebrate their funerals. They have a graveyard only in Rumbur Valley, so the Birir and Bumburata Kalashas must bring their dead bodies to this graveyard. The dead body is retained at home for three days, so

that the relatives, friends and family of the deceased can come and see the dead body before taken to graveyard. They have classified their funeral celebrations as per sex and age. When a man dies they practice traditional dance but don't sing while for a women they do sing but don't offer dances. Similarly, when a child up to thirteen years or below dies, neither dances nor song is offered. Moreover, when a wife of a person dies during maternity then there will be no formal festival for her and she must be buried right away but in separate graveyard, which is called Sachuti Wahun (Impure place). Also those who take part in her funeral must purify themselves by offering sacrifices of goats. In the same manner, if a husband dies mourning over his wife's death, then his dead body must be considered impure as well and will be buried in Sachuti Wahun (Impure place). Furthermore they place jewellery, utensils, fruits, instruments, animal skin and personal belongings with the dead body.

As a custom, one of Kalashas elders must narrate the following sermon during funeral festival:

*"Human cannot do anything against god's decision, it's like if a leaf falls from a trunk than no one can do anything. So if a man dies than at one side he leaves his family and friends but the best side is he is going into gods hands in paradise. The dead person is going to a better place than this where someone his or her dearest is ready to welcome. That is why we need to happily say good-bye to the dead person and it is considered a sin if you are not happy on god's this decision"* (Gul 2009:13-19; my inserts).

And also this Poem is loudly sung time and again during festival.

*When I will die  
What sort of environment will be there?  
People come to my funeral festival  
Some comes for sorrow and grace  
Some comes for meeting their beloved  
Some comes to see my dead body  
Some comes to have fun there  
When I will die  
What sort of feelings will adhere?  
What will the people say?  
Some will appreciate my deeds  
And some will say many things against me  
Which they didn't able to say when I was there  
Some will disappoint as the separation of my physic  
Some will keep smiling as I had gone  
When I will die (Gul 2009:20)*

## Seminar on Gawadar seaport held at Rifat Mahal Campus

Junaid Khan MA 2<sup>nd</sup>

Department of Political Science, held a one day seminar under the title of 'Social and economic status of Gawadar seaport on March 19, 2013. Madam Kosar Takreem (Assistant Professor Home Economics college, University of Peshawar) was the chief guest on the occasion. In her lecture she elaborated the fact that Gwadar seaport plays an important role in development of Pakistan. She said that not only Pakistan but other countries like China, Iran, India, America and Central Asian countries will take benefit from this seaport. The Muslim majority Chinese province is near to the World Trade center and the distance



Between Gwadar and the said province is about 25000 km. Madam Kosar told the participants that Gwadar seaport was more important than Karachi and Bin Qasim seaports.

A large number of students from department of Political Science and Journalism along with the faculty members participated in the seminar. Dr. Jehanzeb (Chairman of Political science department of Awkum) thanked the guest speaker and said that geo-economics are reshaping the route of geopolitics and Pakistan has become more important due to its geo-strategic location.

## Department of Chemistry holds its 3<sup>rd</sup> Board of Studies Meeting

The third meeting of the board of studies of the department of Chemistry was held on 21<sup>st</sup> February, 2013. The meeting was chaired by Prof. Dr. Khanzadi Fatima Khattak, Chairperson, department of Chemistry. The members of the board thoroughly reviewed and approved the synopses of six M.Phil. scholars from various disciplines of chemistry. The board approved new courses for B.S. and M.Phil. programs and also suggested to

award six credit hours for M.Phil. research work/thesis. The board approved the revised list of M.Phil./Ph.D. examiners. The credit hours for BS (4 years) courses were increased from 132 to 136+1, whereas 1 credit hour will be fixed for presentations. The board in consultation with Prof. Dr. Said Khan Khalil, Director, Quality Enhancement Cell of AWKUM, also amended the course codes for M.Sc. program. (Voice Report)





## Laptop Distribution Ceremony held at Riffat Mahal Campus

By Shams Yousafzai



A glimpse of equipping new generation with the latest technology at Riffat Mahal Campus

A total of 50 laptops were distributed amongst the brilliant students of Riffat Mahal, Buner and Rashid Shaheed Campuses in a colorful ceremony held at Riffat Mahal Campus, AWKUM. Speaking on occasion the Vice Chancellor Dr Ehsan Ali appreciated the "Nave Sahar" laptops scheme introduced by former Chief Minister Amir Haider Khan Hoti and said that pakhtuns were faced with lots of problems and the main issue confronting

this nation was that they were wrongly associated with terrorism and extremism. "No doubt Pakhtuns are brave people but they had always fought against the foreign aggressors and those attacked their homeland" he said and reiterated that education, education and education was the only solution which could steer them out of the present grave situation. He asked the student who succeeded to get the expensive laptops to

use this for connecting to the world and finding new avenues for their bright future. Earlier Dr Ehsan Ali distributed laptops amongst the students. Dr Ehsan Ali further said that distribution of laptops amongst the brilliant students of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa under "Nave Sahar" laptops scheme by the provincial government was in fact a revolution adding that "We need to equip our new generation with modern technology so that we could face the challenges of modern age". This he said while speaking as chief guest at laptops distribution ceremony held at Riffat Mahal Campus of AWKUM here the other day. Chairman Department of Journalism and Mass Communication Farhad Safi was stage secretary while present on the occasion amongst others were Dean of Sciences Dr Saeed Anwar, Director Quality Enhancement Dr Said Khan Khalil, Director Human Resource Development (HRD) Mr Abdul Haq, Provost Ibrar Umerzai, Chairman Department of Political Science Dr Jehanzeb, Director of AWKUM Buner Campus and Mian Rashid Shaeed Campus Pabbi Nowshera, faculty members of Political Science and Journalism and Mass Communication departments and students.

## Mr. Amir Zada earns name for AWKUM

Voice Report

Mr. Amir Zada, lecturer, Department of Chemistry AWKUM got second position in subject GRE by securing 97.51% marks. Prof. Dr. Ihsan Ali, Vice Chancellor and Prof. Dr. Khanzadi Fatima Khattak, Chairperson, department of Chemistry congratulated him for his success and appreciated his active participation in the Departmental matters in addition to teaching and research activities.

## Peshawar Varsity wins volleyball championship

By Luqman Ibrar



University of Peshawar came off with flying colors after defeating Agriculture University's team in the final match of 'All Pakistan Inter varsity Volleyball Championship'. The event was organized by AWKUM in collaboration with Higher Education Commission. Five universities namely, AWKUM, University of Peshawar, Islamia College University Peshawar, University of Engineering Technology Peshawar and Agriculture University Peshawar took part in the championship. It is worth mentioning that AWKUM had qualified for the semifinal but lost the match to Agriculture University Peshawar.

## AI-Chemists win Debate Competition

Voice Report

Miss Aneela Sardar and Miss Sana, Department of Chemistry, got first positions in Pashto and Urdu debates, respectively in the inter campus debate competition of AWKUM. The students were awarded certificates by the worthy Vice Chancellor on the university foundation day. Prof. Dr. Khanzadi Fatima Khattak, Chairperson appreciated the students for their outstanding presentations. In her message, Dr. Khattak communicated that the co-curricular activities are helpful for developing confidence, adaptation, patience and sense of responsibility and thus lead to excellent educational accomplishments and personality development.

## Harmonization of Courses for BS Chemistry Programs in the affiliated colleges of AWKUM

By Fakhar Imam

In addition to the department of Chemistry, AWKUM, four other colleges in Mardan division are currently offering BS (4 years) program in chemistry. The department has started a comprehensive program for improving the quality of its educational programs. In this context, the department has held a series of meeting with the affiliated colleges. The main purpose of these meetings was to discuss the issues related to the course contents of BS (4-year) chemistry program presently being offered in the department of Chemistry, AWKUM and its affiliated colleges. The meetings were attended by the faculty members of the department of Chemistry, BS program coordinators and other teaching

faculties of the affiliated colleges. The last meeting was held on February 26, 2013. Addressing the meeting, Prof. Dr. Khanzadi Fatima Khattak, chairperson, department of Chemistry stressed on the uniform implementation of educational programs and courses in the affiliated colleges. She said that harmonization of courses to suitable standards will lead to fair and smooth execution. The participants were of the view that reorganization and harmonization of course content is required to improve the quality. Dr. Khattak assured that despite of limited resources and facilities, we intend to enhance the quality of educational programs through updated courses and by sharing research facilities.

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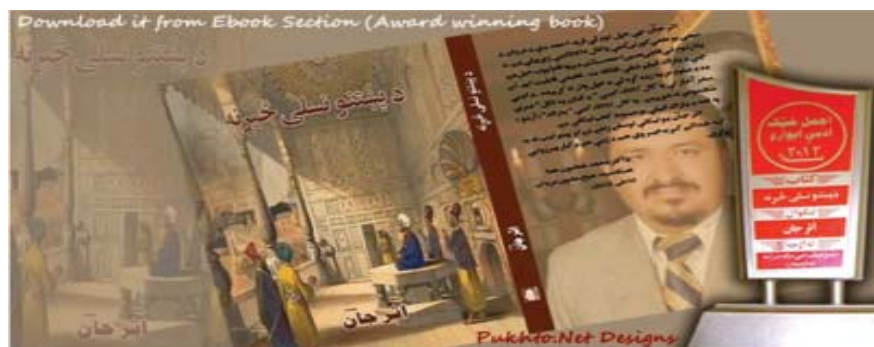
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## Asar Jan brings laurels for AWKUM

By Wajid Ali JMC

Asar Jan's book on Pashtoon's ethnic background and origin was one of the sixteen books that won awards for being a big asset to the treasury of knowledge. His book titled 'Da Pukhtano Nasli Serana' or 'A research on Pashtoon's Ethnic Background' was given award by the Ajmal Khattak Adabi Jirga, Khair Abad for the year 2012.

In the category set for awarding books, a total of sixteen books were selected for award in which ten were selected from



Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, four books from Afghanistan and one book was selected from Sidh and Punjab each.

The writer is an Office Assistant at Pakhtoonkwa Study Center, Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan, and has a strong appetite for research on Pashtoons ethnic background. His book discusses the ethnic and linguistic aspects of Pashtun ethnicity, Indo-European languages and a criticism on Pashtoon Pedigrees.

## Glimpses !!!!!!!!!!!

