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## UNIVERSITY OF TURBAT



### Governor Balochistan Chairs 1<sup>st</sup> Convocation of University of Turbat

The 1st Convocation of the University of Turbat was held here on Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at newly built University Campus. Governor Balochistan/Chancellor University of Turbat Muhammad Khan Achakzai presided over the 1st convocation in which 220 graduates were conferred degrees and 12 position-winning graduates were also awarded gold medals. He also awarded certificates of appreciation to the research scholars of the university who had completed their MS/Master degree from local universities or abroad.

Addressing the convocation, the Governor Balochistan Muhammad Khan Achakzai congratulated the graduating students and their parents on getting degrees and medals and said that it is now their turn to pay back to the society and contribute to the nation building and development. He said "holding first convocation for any university is a historical day and I'm proud to chair the first convocation of Turbat University".

He urged the students to join their respective professions to serve the society and humanity. He lauded the progress achieved by the Turbat University in short time and positioned itself among fast growing universities in Pakistan. He assured that government of Balochistan was committed to ensuring quality education and raising education standard in Balochistan as a top priority. The Chancellor said that the coastal Mekran is the economic hub of Pakistan and we all should work jointly for achieving our national priorities, adding

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740 years old Princess of Hope near Ormara, Balochistan

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## 1<sup>st</sup> Convocation of University of Turbat (Contd.)



that the female graduates of Mekran are second to none in terms of talent in all spheres of life including education, if they keep on learning they would touch the sky.

The guest of honor of the convocation ex-chief minister Balochistan Dr Abdul Malik Baloch has said "education is essential for development and prosperity of any nation". He was hopeful that passed out graduates of Turbat University would be provided opportunity to play their role in the on-going development activities of CPEC in the region. He urged the youth not to stop here and go for M.Phil and Ph.D and to focus on

education for the development of the province in particular and for country in general to bring a positive change in the society. He announced a grant of Rs 30m to buy laptop for pass out graduates and for other missing facilities.

Presenting a wholehearted welcome address, Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr Abdul Razzaq Sabir spoke about the academics, research, development, extension and future plans of the university. He said that with a history of just three and half years of excellence, Turbat University is now all set to positioning itself among the lane of fast developing universities of the country.

Vice Chancellor said that the institution was swiftly achieving the milestones and developing talent by using knowledge, resources and skills for growth of human resource in this far flung area of the country. Vice Chancellor was thankful to the Chairman Higher Education Commission Dr Mukhtar Ahmed for cooperation and support rendered by him in the rapid development of University of Turbat in short time.

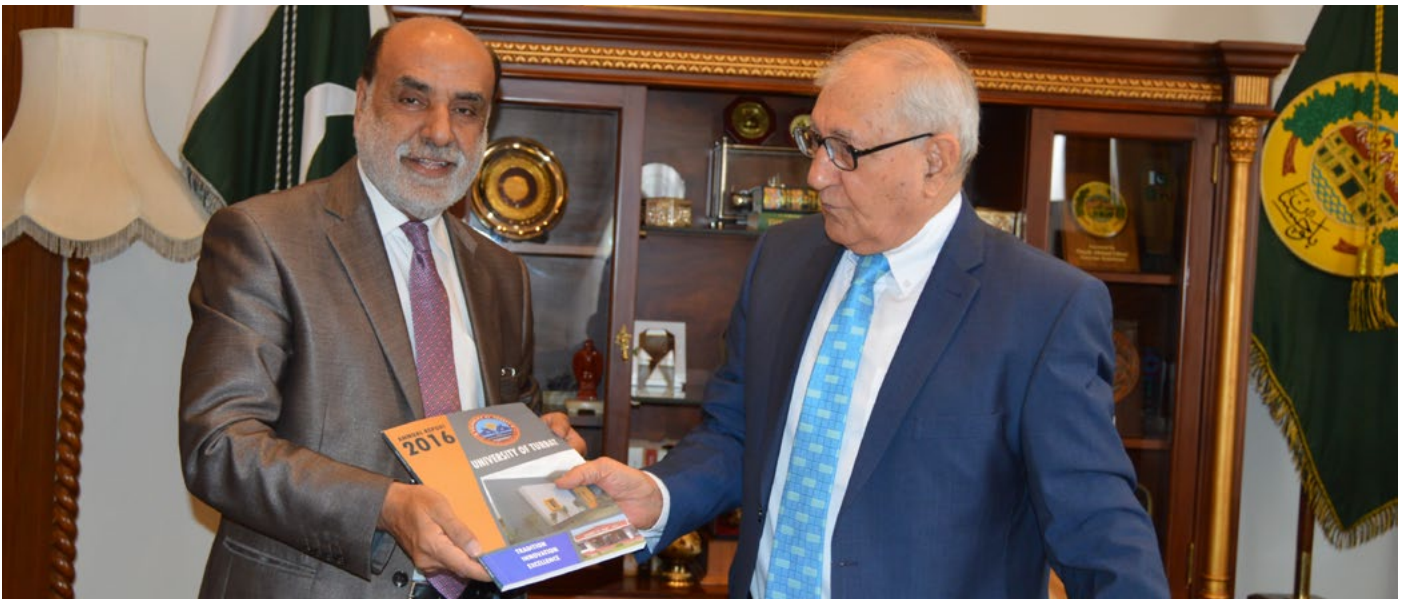
Earlier, the governor Balochistan inaugurated the laboratory of Chemistry department and video conference hall. He also handed over the keys of a van and a bus to the vice chancellor of the university.

The governor Balochistan and ex chief minister Balochistan were gifted Balochi Traditional Shawl, shield and painting by the Vice Chancellor.

The convocation was also attended by the member election commission of Pakistan Shakeel Ahmed Baloch, Syed Ihsan Shah, Zahoor Buledi, present and ex-members of the senate, federal and provincial Assembly, vice chancellors of different universities, officials of the civil and armed forces, local notables, officials from local administration, educationist and representatives of the civil society and media.



## VC UoT Presented University's Annual Report 2016 to Governor Balochistan



Turbat University Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Abdul Razzaq Sabir on Wednesday May 10, 2017, met Governor Balochistan/Chancellor Turbat University Muhammad Khan Achakzai at Governor House Quetta. Vice Chancellor briefed the Governor Balochistan about the University's 2nd meeting of Senate held recently at UoT and University's progress and performance during the year 2016. Meanwhile Vice Chancellor also presented University's Annual Report 2016 to the Governor Baloch-

## UoT Holds Second Senate Meeting



The second meeting of the Senate of Turbat University presided over by Prof Ghulam Rasool Khalid as convener (nominated by the Governor Balochistan/Chancellor Turbat University Muhammad Khan Achakzai) was held at university public library on Saturday April 29, 2017. The meeting was attended by varsity Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Abdul Razzaque Sabir, Former Federal minister for education Ms. Zubaida Jalal, Dean faculty of Commerce, Law and Management Sciences Dr Munir Ahmed Gichki, Director QEC Dr Gul Hassan, former vice chancellor Uthal University Dr Abdul Hameed Bajwi, Registrar UoT Dr Hanif ur Rahman, Director Finance Mr. Ghulam Farooq, Prof. Muhammad Usman, and other members of the university senate. Speaking on the occasion Prof Ghulam Rasool Khalid lauded the quick progress of the university in short span of time saying that "under the patronage of Governor Balochistan Muhammad Khan Achakzai the growth of universities in province is enhanced with quality education and modern facilities".

Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Abdul Razzaq Sabir informed the senate about the success story and progress report of the university in the year 2016 saying that university has planned to introduce new programs of studies in near future and his institution was committed to take initiative for the promotion of academic and research culture in the university. Being the supreme body of university the senate has approved the annual reports of university for the year 2016. The house has also accorded approval of minutes of the meetings of various statutory bodies of the university held previously. After the meeting the members of the senate visited the newly built complex of the university where project director Engr. Manzoor Ahmed Baloch briefed the guests about development of civil work.

## Chief Justice BHC Visits Turbat University



Chief Justice Balochistan High Court Mir Muhammad Noor Miskanzai along with Judges of BHC Justice Muhammad Hashim Khan Kakar, Justice Abdullah Baloch and registrar BHC Rozi Khan Bareech met with Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Abdul Razzaq Sabir during a visit to City Campus of Turbat University on May 4, 2017. During the meeting it was decided to start graduation program in Law soon at Turbat University. Chief Justice BHC assured to provide all kinds of assistance and facilities to initiate graduation program in Law under the umbrella of Turbat University. Briefing the visitors about the development of Turbat University, Vice Chancellor said that his institution earned a respectable place in the field of higher education in the country in short span of four years. He said "our graduates are second to none they are capable of competing with the students of other universities". Registrar UoT Dr Haneef Rahman, Director Institute of Balochi Language and Culture (IBLC) Dr Abdul Saboor Baloch, Director QEC Prof Dr Gul Hassan Baloch, Controller Examinations Tanvir Ahmed and Director Planning Muhammad Hayat Baloch were also present during meeting. Meanwhile the Chief Justice also visited the newly constructed university complex at Ginna area where he inaugurated University Cafeteria. He was also briefed about the pace of development projects and civil work underway at Main Campus.

## The 6<sup>th</sup> Meeting of Academic Council Held



University of Turbat would set up CPEC Study Center in its main campus Turbat and Gwadar Campus. It was decided in the sixth meeting of academic council of Turbat University held on March 25, 2017 in city campus while VC UoT Prof Dr Abdul Razzaq Sabir was in the chair. The meeting attended by dean faculty of Commerce Law and Management sciences Dr Munir Ahmed Baloch, Registrar Dr Hanif Rahman, Controller Examinations Tanvir Ahmed, Director Finance Ghulam Farooq Baloch, Director Gwadar Campus Ijaz Ahmed, heads of teaching departments and Principals

of affiliated Colleges. Dr Sabir said that UoT was working on a comprehensive plan for the promotion of higher education and research culture in the region. He said "under the CPEC study center variety of international and national conferences, seminars and programs on development activities would be organized in the university. He congratulated faculty members and administrative staff on organizing 1st convocation of UoT successfully. VC emphasized to take earnest efforts for the promotion of a vibrant research culture and provide a favorable environment to both its faculty members and students for exploration and innovative market oriented higher learning.

Controller Examinations informed the meeting that his institution is going to conduct BA. B.Sc Examinations of affiliated colleges first time this year and all arrangements are completed to ensure a cheating free Examinations system. The members of the meeting came up with valuable suggestions to further improve the quality of education in this far flung area of the country.

## IBLC Holds Seminar on Mullah Fazul



A One Day National Seminar on “the life and literary work of Mulla Fazul” was held at Turbat University under the banner of Mullah Fazul Chair Institute of Balochi Language and Culture (IBLC) University of Turbat on May 8, 2017. Former Chief Minister Balochistan Dr Abdul Malik Baloch graced the occasion as chief guest. Speaking on the occasion Dr Abdul Malik Baloch lauded the establishment of IBLC in Turbat University for the development of research activities for promotion of Balochi language and culture around the world. He asked for taking all possible steps to bring IBLC at par with international research centers. He announced Rs 10 million to further develop and strengthen the Institute of Balochi Language and Culture in order to bring the youth toward research activities.

In his welcome address Director IBLC Prof Abdul Saboor Baloch extended his gratitude to Dr Abdul Malik Baloch for taking keen attention for the development of education and culture during his tenure of government. He said VC UoT Prof Dr Abdul Razzaq Sabir presented the idea of transforming Balochi department into an Institute of Balochi Language and Culture. He said “establish reference library, Cultural Exhibition Centre, museum, archives centre, increase linkages with other research institutes, translation centre and organizing various national and international seminar and conference are among main objectives of IBLC”.

Director QEC Prof Dr Gul Hassan, Research scholar Yusaf Gichki, Ghulam Farooq Baloch, Chairman Balochi Academy Mumtaz Yusaf, Prof AR Dad, Dr Ramzan Bamiri, Prof Sangat Rafeeq and Dr Ghafoor Shad were among the speakers. The seminar was attended by Chairman Balochi Academy Mumtaz Yusaf, Ex Director Culture department Balochistan Abdullah Baloch, educationists, academicians, students, members of literary academies, political leaders, and representatives from civil society, media person and people from all walks of life in large number.

## UoT Holds 5<sup>th</sup> Syndicate Meeting



The 5th meeting of the syndicate of Turbat University was held on May 18, 2017 at city campus. The Vice Chancellor UoT Prof Dr Abdul Razzaq Sabir presided over the meeting. The meeting was attended by the registrar Dr Hanif Rahman, dean faculty of Management Sciences Law and Commerce Dr Munir Ahmed Gichki, director IBLC Prof Dr Abdul Saboor Baloch, director QEC Prof Dr Gul Hasan Baloch, Director Finance Ghulam Farooq Baloch, controller examinations Tanvir Ahmed, Dr Manzoor Ahmed of Uthal University and Advocate Mehrab Baloch.

Addressing on the occasion Prof Dr Abdul Razzaq Sabir said that his institution would left no stone unturned for the promotion of higher education by observing quality, merit and academic and administrative discipline strictly. Besides approving the minutes of the meeting of the statutory bodies held previously, the syndicate also discussed the creation of posts for different sections. The syndicate also approved the case of enhancement in the remuneration of the daily wages employees of the university and settled down the matters related to establishment of department of procurement and other miscellaneous matters of the academic, finance and administrative section.

## Turbat University Launched Plantation Drive



University of Turbat launched Plantation Drive in its various campuses including City Campus Turbat, Main Campus and Gwadar Campus simultaneously.

Under the Prime Minister's Green Pakistan Program, the University of Turbat has set a target to plant thousands of trees and plants in its different campuses. On the occasion of National Green Day, the Vice Chancellor University of Turbat Prof Dr Abdul Razzaq Sabir inaugurated plantation campaign at the newly constructed University Campus at Ginna here on January 9, 2017. The inauguration ceremony was attended by heads of department, faculty members and students.

Speaking on the occasion the Vice Chancellor said "the purpose of the plantation campaign is to keep the surroundings clean, green and pollution free, in addition to contribute in the efforts to resist global warming and adverse effects of climate change". Dr Sabir added that besides students and Teachers every individuals of the society should play their due role in the program for the preservation and protection of the climate and important resources of forestry and wildlife in the interest of their coming generation.

He said Turbat University has initiated a comprehensive campaign and activities including organizing seminar and lecture programs in order to create awareness among masses about make concerted efforts to protect and revive trees, plants and other green resources.

## UoT Established Entrepreneurship Centre



Turbat University's Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Abdul Razzaq Sabir said "University of Turbat has now been enlisted among few institutions of Higher Learning in the country where Entrepreneurship Centre is established". He was speaking at the occasion of inauguration ceremony of Entrepreneurship Centre here on February 20, 2017 at University Public Library Hall.

Certification Courses in Entrepreneurship are started under the banner of Office of research, innovation and commercialization (ORIC) in collaboration with the faculty of law, commerce and management sciences.

People from Banking, NGOs and education sectors were present in the inaugural ceremony.

Highlighting the objectives and significance of entrepreneurship in Baluchistan, Mr. Ghulam Jan the program director was on opinion for creating value to the customers in the shape of coming up with innovative and creative ideas to launch own business. He was confident that after the completion of the course, the participants will be the future entrepreneurs.

Director ORIC Mr. Abdul Majid Nasir said that ORIC was planning to set up their incubation centre in near future and participants with best ideas will also be given seed money to start up their ventures, consequently, people would be job provider rather than job seeker.

## MoU Signed Between ORIC UoT And SMEDA



A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Office of Research Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC) University of Turbat (UoT) and Small and Medium Enterprise Development Authority (SMEDA) Balochistan. According to memorandum both institutions would work together for the promotion of entrepreneurialship and SME development in youth and students of Balochistan region, through establishment of Entrepreneurialship Development Center (EDC) at University of Turbat by developing their entrepreneurial skills and providing them a platform for growth.

The memorandum calls for organizing different Capacity Building Training Programs for the students of Turbat University and to develop the interaction and primary linkage between the institutions and commercial world.

Mr. Abdul Majid Nasir director ORIC UoT and Mr Shakoor Ahmed Provincial Chief SMEDA Balochistan signed on MoU at Quetta on May 26, 2017. Vice Chancellor University of Turbat Prof Dr Abdul Razzaq Sabir also graced this occasion. He said his institution was determined to produce job providers instead of job seekers and this memorandum would help the students to start up their own business.

## MoU Signed Between UoT And IMS Peshawar



A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between University of Turbat (UoT) and Institute of Management Sciences, Peshawar (IMS) to establish formal relationship between either institution of higher learning to promote the higher education in Pakistan in the fields of common interest and sharing of IMS Information Technology resources including Learning Management System and IMS Examination System as well as Academic Resources developed by them. Vice Chancellor University of Turbat Prof Dr Abdul Razzaq Sabir expressed his pleasure over the MoU saying that new vistas of opportunities would open for the faculty members and students of both universities.

According to MoU both university will work together for the development of faculty development, Curriculum development, Doctoral programs including Split PhDs, Capacity building and Training Programs, promote Joint research programs, Exchange of Audio / Video study materials and Online lectures and other activities of mutual interest .

Mr Ghulam Jan Baloch Chairman department of Management Sciences UoT and Dr. Usman Ghani Join Director IMS Peshawar signed on MoU on April 18, 2017. Faculty member Mr Balach Malik and Mr Siraj Ahmed were also present.

## HEC Issued NOC To UoT For Launching M.Phil Program in Chemistry

Higher Education Commission (HEC) has issued NoC to University of Turbat for launching M.Phil program in the department of Chemistry. This NOC was issued on June 20, 2017 to the Turbat University after meeting the all pre-requisites and criteria set by HEC for launching M.Phil Program in the institutions of higher learning. After the Institute of Balochi Language and Culture now Turbat University would also offer M.Phil program in the department of Chemistry and would provide the facilities for acquiring higher studies and research in the field of Science and Engineering to the people of the area at their door steps.



## UoT Organizes Professional Development Program



The Vice Chancellor UoT Dr Abdul Razzaq Sabir said that his institution was committed to organizing a series of capacity building program for equipping the faculty with technologically advanced tools that can facilitate their academic careers and give a direction to their natural talents. He was speaking on Tuesday in a closing ceremony of a 5-Day Indigenous Professional Faculty Development Program held under the banner of Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC) University of Turbat in Collaboration with Learning Innovation Division (LID) HEC Pakistan continued from January 30 to February 3, 2017 at UoT main campus. Dr. Sabir said the second phase of the program would be held at UoT Gwadar Campus from Tomorrow. Director QEC Dr Gul Hassan and Program Coordinator Shah Mir Baloch HEC Master Trainer/Chairman Department of English also spoke on the occasion. Mr Shah Mir Baloch highlighted the learning outcomes of the program saying that it was aimed at honing the pedagogical skills of newly recruited University Faculty through comprehensive sessions on different academic subjects including learner psychology, teaching as an art, communication skills and session on micro-teaching. Vice Chancellor distributed the certificates among participants.

## Chemistry Department Organized One Day Seminar On Health



Department of Chemistry has organized a one day awareness seminar in eve of World Health Day on April 11, 2017 at Seminar Hall of Chemistry department. The Seminar was attended by Faculty members, students and representatives of print and electronic media. Acting Registrar UoT and Dean Faculty of Science and Engineering Dr. Haneef Ur Rehman was the chief guest of the seminar. Students presented their papers regarding infections and diseases

that are endemic in our area include viral infections AIDS, bacterial infection tuberculosis (T.B), diabetes, and very common nervous disorder Schizophrenia. It was a great source of knowledge sharing where faculty and students gathered to contribute their knowledge regarding health care. Dr Hanif Ur Rehman said that his department would continue to conduct such a type of awareness program to highlight the different issues regarding health care in our society.



## UoT To Start Chinese Language Classes In Its Gwadar Campus



Turbat University Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Abdul Razzaq Sabir said that a comprehensive plan is on the go for launching Chinese language classes at Gwadar Campus and developing CPEC Study Center in the university. He was speaking during a meeting held in his chamber on Monday. Besides administrative and financial matters, arrangements of shifting the university in its newly built campus, Gwadar Campus advancement roadmap and the matters related to arrangements for the upcoming BA/B.Sc examinations were also discussed in the meeting. The meeting was attended by registrar Dr Hanif Rahman, director finance Ghulam Farooq Baloch, controller examinations Tanvir Ahmed, project director Manzoor Ahmed, director Gwadar Campus Ijaz Ahmed, director procurement Siraj Ahmed and PSO to vice chancellor Chakar Haider. Vice chancellor said that in pursuance of operational strategic plan for the promotion of higher education, four years BS programs have been started in the all teaching department including law graduation program which will be started in fall semester in August this year. The heads of concerned department briefed the meeting regarding progress and future needs of their department.

## Need Based Scholarship Cheque Distribution Ceremony Held In UoT

Cheque Distribution Ceremony on account of HEC Need Based Scholarships was held in Turbat University on June 20, 2017. The Vice Chancellor UoT Prof Dr Abdul Razzaq Sabir graced the occasion as chief guest. Registrar UoT Dr Hanif Rahman and Director Finance Ghulam Farooq Baloch also distributed the cheques among the needy students. Focal person for the HEC Need Based Scholarship at UoT Mr Abdul Majid Nasir was also present on the occasion. Speaking on



the occasion VC UoT Prof Dr Abdul Razzaq Sabir urged upon students to concentrate more on education for their brighter future and the development of their province and country. He said "UoT is committed to provide opportunities to talented but financially disadvantaged students and empower them to acquire higher education". Dr Sabir lauded the initiative taken by HEC to provide opportunities for qualified students especially from remote and rural areas of Pakistan including Balochistan.

## UoT Students Secured Special Award In Business Plan Competition



The students of the University of Turbat has secured special award during Business Plan Competition in the 2nd Invention to Innovation Summit held at University of Balochistan Quetta held from 25-26 April 2017. The team UoT led by director ORIC also organized a session with title of "the role of entrepreneurship and SMEs growth in the current economic scenario of Balochistan" in the Summit on April 26. The annual two day "2nd Invention to Innovation Summit 2017" jointly organized by University of Balochistan, Pakistan Science Foundation (PSF), PASTIC and Institute of Research Promotion (IRP). Balochistan Governor Muhammad Khan Achakzai chaired the inaugural session of the Summit in UoB on April 25. The Summit highlighted the importance of local technologies for knowledge economy of Pakistan and provided an opportunity for linkage and technology transfer between academia, industry and government. The objectives of the Summit were to promote, disseminate, expand and advance the viable research technologies.

## Students Of Turbat University Participated In Entrepreneurship Workshop



The students from University of Turbat Gwadar Campus and city campus Turbat led by Fida Ahmed Deputy Coordinator at Gwadar Campus have attended a one day workshop on building Entrepreneurship and Leadership skills in youths, held at Gwadar on 20.01.2017. The workshop was organized by SMEDA in collaboration with British Council to motivate and guide the

youth of Balochistan to be engaged in entrepreneurship and get ahead as a leader in business world. The resource person Usama and Provincial Chief SMEDA Abdul Shakoor urged on participants to shape their talent in way to become job provider by startup own business rather than a job seeker. The students of Management Sciences and Commerce from UoT Gwadar Campus, City Campus Turbat, BUIITEMS, BUET Khuzdar, LUAWMS, GDA College and Degree College Gwadar have also participated in workshop. At the end of the workshop the certificates were distributed among participants. Earlier, a delegation of JOLTA Technology met with Mr. Ijaz Ahmed Coordinator Gwadar Campus in his office. They discussed the matters for the promotion of higher education at Gwadar and to encourage the concept of entrepreneurship among fresh graduates of Gwadar Campus. The JOLTA Technology offered to set up an incubation Center at Gwadar Campus for capacity building of students and startup companies to develop by providing services such as management training to the students of Gwadar Campus.

## Welcome Program At Turbat University



The Vice Chancellor University of Turbat Dr. Abdul Razzaq Sabir said that his institution was committed to providing an ideal learning environment to its students, particularly to the new comers and facilitate them in whatever way possible. He was speaking in a ceremony organized in UoT on February 11, 2017 by the senior students in the honor of new comers to accord them a whole hearted welcome. He said "University of Turbat is taking full advantage of government initiatives in the field of education with Prime Minister's Fee Reimbursement Scheme, provision of laptop, need based scholarships, study and exposure tour and other incentives for the students." He assured the students that his administration would not leave any stone unturned to resolve their problems on priority basis and they will be provided proper platform to prove their talent in diverse field of creativity and innovation.

Registrar Dr Hanif Rahman, Dean Law, Commerce and Business Dr Munir Ahmed Ghichki, Director Institute of Balochi Language and Culture (IBLC) Dr Abdul Saboor Baloch, Director Gwadar Campus, heads of the department, senior faculty and a large number of students were present on the occasion. Students presented varieties of reformative and infotainment performances and skits during the program widely cheered by the audience.

## Turbat University's VC Inaugurates Annual Sports Week 2017



Turbat University's Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Abdul Razzaq Sabir said besides academic activities his institution incorporating its social and extracurricular activities in order to promote learning and tolerant environment in the students of the university. He was speaking after inaugurating the annual sports week event at University sports complex.

He said" this event reinforced UoT's mission of producing not only professionally skilled graduates but graduates who are better individual of the society as this event offers an opportunity to students to utilize this platform as an event of their energies and also learn the importance of teamwork, and never-say-die spirit.

"More sporting opportunities would be provided when university would be shifted to its permanent complex at Ginna area" VC added.

The sports week proved a huge success as students are participating vigorously in variety of games including football, Cricket, Volley Ball, Tennis, Badminton, Chess and other traditional and cultural games.



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