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Chancellor presides over the first senate meeting of UoT

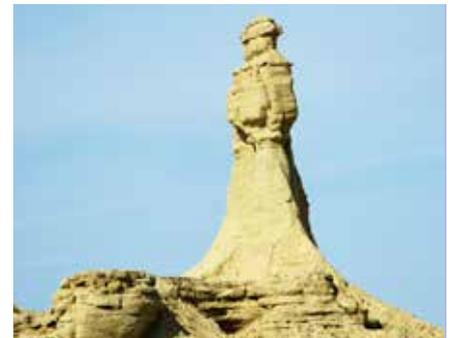
The Senate of Turbat University met here on March 30, 2016 with Governor of Balochistan and the varsity's chancellor, Mohammad Khan Achakzai, in the chair.

The meeting was attended by Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Abdul Razzaq Sabir, Pro Vice Chancellor Dr. Abdul Saboor Baloch, Former Federal Minister for Education Zubaida Jalal, Uthal University's Former Vice Chancellor Dr. Abdul Hameed Bajoi, Principle Secretary to Governor Abdul Jabbar, Finance Deputy Secretary Shay Haq Baloch, the University's acting Registrar Dr. Hanif-ur-Rehman, Director Finance Ghulam Farooq and other members of the superior body of the university.

The first meeting senate discussed the matter of affiliation with different degree-awarding institutions in the Makran division and regularisation of lecturers and assistant professors in different departments. Matters relating to academic development, finance and planning, rules and regulations for the appointment of registrar, controller of examinations and director finance were also discussed.

The meeting approved the university's annual reports for the year 2013-14 and 2015.

The house has also accorded approval of minutes of the meetings of various statutory bodies of the university held previously.



740 years old Princes of Hope near Ormara, Balochistan

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UoT Holds its 4th Syndicate Meeting



Besides the matter of affiliation of different degree awarding colleges of Makran division with University of Turbat, the varsity syndicate has also formally resolved the matter related to the creation of new positions for lecturers and assistant professors in different departments to further strengthen the academic section of the institution.

After detail deliberations and discussion on several agenda items, various decisions regarding the matter related to academic development, finance and planning, new SoPs for faculty selection as per the policy guidelines of HEC, new tenure track package for faculty and vice chancellor and regularization of faculty members were taken during the meeting.

Speaking on the occasion, the VC presented the academic, research and developmental scenario of the University saying that University is committed to run the institution and hold the meetings of its statutory bodies in accordance with university act. He said that five-year strategic plan is being prepared which includes improvement of innovation and research, industrial and technological linkage with higher educational institutions, faculty development training programs and holding national and international conferences, seminar and workshops on different contemporary themes.

UoT Holds its 5th Meeting of Finance and Planning Committee



Appreciating the efforts and performance of finance department and its office bearers for sustaining exemplary financial discipline, the VC has said that today Turbat University is being counted as one of the best university among rapidly emerging exemplary educational institutions in country for higher studies in a short time by following stable financial strategies, conducive educational environment and timely planning.

VC said that now UoT financially has become a strong and disciplined educational institution due to the especial efforts and interest shown by CM Balochistan Nawab Sanaullah Zehri led provincial government and former CM Balochistan Dr Abdul Malik Baloch toward the Promotion of education in Balochistan. Earlier, Director Finance Ghulam Farooq Baloch briefed the meeting about the different aspects of annual budget, total volume, fiscal recurring expenditures and revenue generating sources. He said that UoT has planned to conduct regular and private examinations of affiliating colleges.

UoT signs MoUs with Chinese Universities



University of Turbat has signed Memorandum of Understandings (MoUs) with four Chinese Universities of Hainan province on May 4, 2016 at Karachi.

The signing ceremony was held on the occasion of concluding session of a three days conference under Sindh Hainan Universities Forum, hosted by Sindh Masratal Islam University (SMIU) Karachi.

Prof. Dr. Abdul Razzaq Sabir Vice Chancellor UoT and Heads of Hainan University Haikou Hainan China, Hainan Tropical Ocean University Sanya China, Hainan Normal University China, Sanya University Sanya Hainan China have signed on MoUs.

Under the MoUs the signatories agreed to cooperate with each other in the future research-oriented and students and faculty exchange programmes, Cooperation on Academic Programs, promotion of joint research activities, facilitate faculty and University staff for mutual visit to both universities, Student exchange of information including teaching and research collaboration and other activities deemed to be mutually beneficial.

Sharing his insight on this occasion VC UoT anticipated that such MoUs, would not only be equally beneficial for the faculty and students of either universities but it also endow an opportunity for UoT to play a vibrant role in CPEC.

Heads of Chinese Universities took keen interest for the progress and extension of UoT as it is located nearest to the western route of CPEC.

He said that the passed-out graduates and alumni of University are expected to play a vital role in the activities of Pak China Economic Corridor to bring prosperity in the region.



Zubaida Jalal desires linking UoT with other Institutions



Mrs. Zubaida Jalal, ex-federal minister for education as well as many national and international award recipients, stressed to expedite the efforts to strengthen the close linkage between University of Turbat and higher education institutions recognized nationally and internationally including LUMS and IBA for sharing knowledge and experiences and to further enhance the working efficiency of varsity's faculty members, admin staff and students. This was stated by her during a short visit to Turbat University.

HEC Delegation visits UoT



A delegation from Higher Education Commission on 24-25 Feb visited University of Turbat to review the good governance and quality assurance proceedings at UoT. The review panel headed by Dr. Khuwaja Azam Ali (ex DG (QAA) HEC), consisted of three other members including experienced academicians and experts namely Dr. Abdul Majeed Cheema from Punjab University, Dr. Muhammad Ismail DG (QAD) and Dr. Rafiq Baloch DG (QAA) of Higher Education Commission of Pakistan.

Despite the under construction University Complex at Ginna area, some 15 km away from Turbat City, the members of review panel also went around various components of present rented building of the University.

Earlier, the university's vice chancellor Prof. Dr. Abdul Razzaq Sabir briefed the visiting team about background of the university establishment, meetings of the statutory bodies, infrastructure, university's achievements, development projects, governance system, its academics programs, enrollment of students, future plan and capacity building activities of faculty members, administrative staff and the students.

During this two-day visit the team members also engaged in hours long different interactive sessions with faculty members, administrative staff and students' separately to discuss different matters relating to role of university teachers in quality assurance, good governance, university and campus management, career counseling and opportunities for acquiring various scholarships for higher studies.

One Day Seminar on CPEC in Gwadar, Co-Hosted by UoT



One day National Seminar on “Prospects of Peace and Prosperity in Balochistan with respect to Development of Gwadar Port, CPEC and Coastal Cities” was held in Gwadar on April 12, 2016. The seminar was organized by Government of Balochistan in collaboration with DEVOTE Balochistan and University of Turbat. The support of Headquarters Southern Command has remained a source of encouragement for the organizers.

General Raheel Sharif, HI (M), Chief of Army Staff graced the seminar as Chief Guest while Nawab Sana Ullah Zehri Chief, Minister Balochistan and Lt. General Amir Riaz, commander Southern Command honored the seminar as Chief Host.

Prof. Dr. Abdul Razzaq Sabir, Vice Chancellor University of Turbat along with Head of DEVOTE Balochistan were present as organizers of seminar.

Besides Dr. Abdul Malik Baloch former chief minister Balochistan, the seminar was also attended by the ambassadors of different countries, High Level Government Officials, Vice Chancellors of various universities of Balochistan, national and international media representatives, parliamentarians, economists, educationists, intellectuals, students from various educational institutions and a large number of people from Makran Division.

“As COAS, I assure you security of CPEC which is our national undertaking. We won’t leave any stone unturned and continue to closer watch it at every step. The CPEC project, a reflection of Pak-China friendship, will be truly realized whatever it takes. This year we will move cargo from China to Gwadar and beyond.” General Raheel Sharif said while addressing in seminar.

Meanwhile, COAS announced a Cadet College for Gwadar.



In his welcome speech Prof. Dr. Abdul Razzaq Sabir Vice Chancellor UoT said that the institute is the only university of wide spread area of Makran Division and at CPEC route. The students of UoT and youths of Coastal Makran are second to none, they are much more talented and progressive by nature; and only recourse required is the adequate directions, guidance and opportunities for them. He anticipated that the days are not far when the students of UoT and the youth of Coastal Makran will stand shoulder to shoulder with other parts of country and would yield maximum benefits out of peace and economic dividends of progress and development of Gwadar Port, CPEC and Coastal Cities.

Lecture on Economic Backwardness in Balochistan by Prof. Dr. Buzdar



Today in Balochistan hundreds of so called ghost schools exist, hundreds of appointed teachers lack basic literacy and numeracy skills, hundreds of schools either have no teachers or no pupils attending even for short few days in a year, hundreds of thousands children, particularly in the rural areas of Balochistan are growing up without an opportunity to attend school and without any hope for a better future. This was expressed by Prof. Dr. Nek Muhammad Buzdar, California State University USA, while delivering a lecture on “Root cause of poverty and economic backwardness in Balochistan” in connection with UoT International Lecture Series organized by Department of Economics at UoT city campus.

He added that the objectives of economic growth and improved living conditions for the people of Balochistan cannot be achieved without completely overhauling the existing education system and introducing major reform programs.

He was of the opinion that the issue is not that Balochistan has been knocked down economically, the issue is whether Balochistan can get back up. “Pick yourself up, dust yourself off and start your journey again.”

He recommended to introduce free and compulsory elementary education, compensate poor parents for each child, free lunch at school, increase teacher salaries and benefits, decentralize education system, replace dishonest and incompetent teachers, create self confidence among children for the development and prosperity of Balochistan.

A Two Day Art Exhibition at UoT

A two day art exhibition of young talented artist Hafeez Gohar Ji was held in Turbat University Public library. The event was organized by a non-governmental organization in collaboration with Department of Balochi, University of Turbat.

While inaugurating the exhibition the UoT vice chancellor Prof. Dr. Abdul Razzaq Sabir admired the artistic work and paintings of Gohar Ji. “This exhibition revealed, the people of Makran region are second to none in the arena of art and craft, following the needs of people the region efforts will be initiated to set up fine arts department in UoT”, VC announced.

Visitors from all walks of life including students from different educational institutions came to see the two day art exhibition and showed keen interest



in different kinds of sophisticated and supremely inspiring paintings made by Gohar Ji.

The aim of the exhibition was to demonstrate the society, culture and heritage of Balochistan.

UOT stands distinctive in PEC 2016 Islamabad.



University of Turbat clinched second position in Business Plan Competition and first position during Business Quiz Competition in Preston Entrepreneurial Challenge 2016 organized by Preston University Islamabad.

Thirty two teams representing thirty eminent universities across the country took part in this mega event inter university competition PEC 2016. University of Turbat team 'Kech Initiator' showcased their business plan "Dream School" in the competition and after a hard-hitting and nail-biting competition; team 'Kech Initiator' grabbed the second position and they were awarded a trophy and cash prize of Rs.75000/.

Miss Nasima Qadir, a team member of University of Turbat also got the best presenter award out of hundred presenters throughout Pakistan.

The innovative team of University of Turbat was comprised of Jamil Ahmed, Nasima Qadir, Shamila Aman and Nazia Kareem and led by Fida Ahmed Lecturer Management Sciences UOT.

Certificate distribution Ceremony of Declamation Contest



The Certificate and prize distribution ceremony of First Round of 18th All Pakistan Inter University

Declamation Contest for Award of "Allama Iqbal Shield" was held in Turbat University on Thursday.

Declamation Contest was organized by UoT in both language English and Urdu, in collaboration with Higher Education Commission of Pakistan. Students from different departments participated in the competition. The chief guest of the ceremony Prof. Dr. Abdul Razzaq Sabir distributed certificates and prizes among the position winners.

PM Cheque Distribution Ceremony at UoT



Vice Chancellor University of Turbat, Prof. Dr. Abdul Razzaq Sabir has said UoT in collaboration with government and Higher Education Commission Pakistan, is determined to provide a conducive environment for higher learning and extra-curricular activities to the students of far flung areas of Balochistan, during the cheque distribution ceremony in connection with Prime Minister's Fee Reimbursement Scheme for less developed areas and British Council need based scholarships for female students, held in University of Turbat on Saturday June 4, 2016.

VC UoT accorded a special thanks to federal, provincial government, British Council and Professor Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed Chairperson Higher Education Commission Pakistan for accelerating the efforts for the progress of higher education at University of Turbat.

Expressing his satisfaction over the Prime Minister's Fee Reimbursement Scheme and British Council need based scholarship for female, Vice Chancellor added, "it is a big opportunity for students from less developed areas and underprivileged female students to pursue higher education without any financial burden on their parents and bring themselves at par with the students of country's developed areas".

UoT Session on CPEC at UoB



University of Turbat conducted an insightful session on Impact of China Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) on Innovation and creation of Allied Industries, at Conference Hall, Pharmacy Department Balochistan University, as a part of two days mega event; 1st Invention to Innovation Summit 2016: an Innovation Expo to Buy and Sell Technology, organized by University of Balochistan Quetta, in collaboration with South Asia Triple Helix Association, Institute of Research Promotion, SCR and other organizations, held in Balochistan University on 4-5 May/ 2016.

Besides University of Turbat, different universities and institutions participated in this historical invention to innovation summit which was termed as good beginning of a big journey in the domain of innovative technology, higher learning and research. The students of Turbat University showcased their innovative business plan "Oospan Recruiters Ltd" which was appreciated by audience and organizers. Various sessions on different innovative themes were in progress simultaneously.

In CPEC Session organized by Turbat University, the speakers put insight on economic vitality of CPEC in different sectors including energy, transport, infrastructure, telecommunications, need of industries and skilled labors for CPEC, power shift, geography, and geopolitical importance of the project.

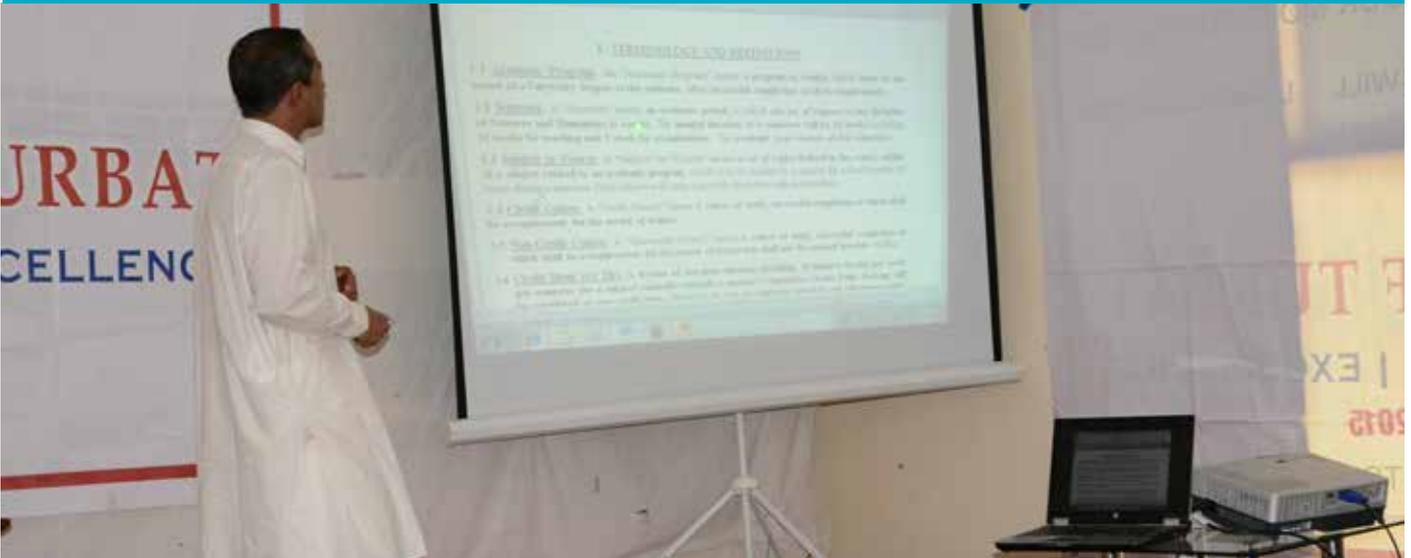
UoT Welcomes Batch of 2016



"Despite facing many odds and daunting challenges we are committed to extend every possible facility including arranging lectures through video link by nationally and internationally well reputed professors and researchers, to the students for higher learning in UoT," the Vice Chancellor UoT expressed, on the occasion of senior students welcoming the fresh students to University of Turbat. He stated the firm belief of every faculty member and administrative staff to serve this institution with passion and dedication.

Students presented varieties of amusing and reformative performances and shows against cheating in exams, corruption and narcotics during welcome program which were highly appreciated by the audience.

Orientation Workshop on Semester Rules in UoT.



A two days orientation workshop regarding Semester rules and regulations for the newly admitted students was organized by Examinations Branch, University of Turbat in UoT public library seminar hall. The students of Masters and Bachelors programs from different departments were among the participants.

Nadeem Baloch, from Examinations Branch, presented a clear and thorough picture of semester rules and regulations including academic program, credit course, non-credit course, credit hour, GPA, CGPA, grade system, comprehensive examination, and other procedural guidelines of semester system.

During address welcoming the new comer students, VC has said that UoT will not leave any stone unturned to disseminate quality higher education in the region with the support of civil society, HEC, federal and provincial government.

2 Day Workshop on Stata and Eview by ORIC UoT



A two day workshop on E-Views and Stata was conducted by Office of the Research, Innovation, and Commercialization (ORIC) was conducted on 15th and 16th of February, 2016 at UoT city campus.

During the workshop, Balach Rasheed, a Ph.D. Research Scholar in Malaysia, and Abdul Majid Nasir, Director ORIC shared knowledge on these statistical and econometric tools and various techniques of data analysis in the field of Economics, Accounting, and Finance.

At the closing the ceremony of the two day workshop, the Vice Chancellor University of Turbat, Prof. Dr. Abdul Razzaq Sabir addressed the participants and thanked Balach Rasheed and Abdul Majid Nasir for conducting such a fruitful program.

“Teachers and professors have a great responsibility to their students, so it is very important for them to keep updating their own knowledge as to how to conduct research and impart education in modern and innovative way because the quality component of a university depends on faculty quality”, the VC further added.

Annual Sports Week 2016 came to finish



Turbat University's extra-curricular annual festival Sports Week 2016 ended with a cheerful closing ceremony held at UoT City Campus on Thursday. Prof. Dr. Abdul Razzaq Sabir, The Vice Chancellor University of Turbat was the chief guest of the ceremony.

Addressing on this occasion Prof. Dr. Abdul Razzaq Sabir said that being only brilliant in academics does not help students to become a creative and productive individuals for the society rather they need to be physically fit with a constructive thinking, competitive nature, and sportsman spirit. UoT since its origin, has regularly been organizing its annual sports week in which students and faculty members participate with great passion and enthusiasm. Exemplifying the recent achievements and success story of UoT the VC was confident that the university will be ranked among country's prominent universities by HEC in near future due to the constant efforts of diligent students and committed faculty members.

This annual Sports events proved a great success like the previous ones as about dozens of different indoor and outdoor extracurricular activities and sports events including Musical Chair, lemon Spoon, Cricket, Tug of War, Table Tennis, Dart, Pitto Graam, Rope Skipping, Word Scrabble, Carom Board, Sack Race, Chess, Pick and Run, long Jump, Lawn Tennis, Shoot Foot, Slow Motor Cycle Race, Endurance Race, Football, Badminton and other Cultural Games were organized positively.

In the closing ceremony, besides the Vice Chancellor and Pro Vice Chancellor, faculty members along with admin officers distributed prizes, shields and certificates among the winners and runners up teams and individuals.



Two day Entrepreneurial Challenge Comes to an End



Two days business competition (21 to 22 April), Kech Entrepreneurial Challenge 2016 concluded here on Friday in University of Turbat which was highly appreciated by civil society. Qazi Ghulam Rasool, Mayor Turbat City attended as the chief guest. This mega event was organized by University of Turbat in collaboration with United Bank Limited, National Bank of Pakistan, Habib Bank Limited and National Rural Support Program.

This competition was aimed to provide an opportunity to the young graduates of Balochistan not only to present their unique and innovative business plan for starting their own venture but also to interact with the sparkling youth from all over province of Balochistan.

The people of Makran division have experienced a business competition of same kind first time in history which marked to cater creativity, innovation, physical and intellectual potential of the participants with the outlook to bring change in the society and to promote entrepreneurial spirit in youth of Balochistan for economic growth and social development.

Different activities like Launch Pad, Promotion Plug, Scrap Plot Activity, Surprise Activity and Business Plan on Education- Health- Sports- Entertainment- Information Technology- Commerce- Environment- Energy- Chemical- Mechanical Engineering- Media and Communication- New ways of Marketing- Agriculture- Dairy and Livestock- Textile and Disaster Relief were the part of this two-day mega event.

University of Turbat's Smart initiator team clinched the first prize worth Rs 40000, while Fresco team



of Turbat University and Lauwmsian team of Uthal University Lasbela got 2nd and 3rd prizes worth Rs 30000 and Rs. 20000 respectively.

Governor Balochistan Inaugurates New Academic Block of UoT



Governor Balochistan cum Chancellor University of Turbat His Excellency Muhammad Khan Achakzai, along with former Chief Minister Balochistan Dr. Abdul Malik Baloch has inaugurated new academic block 1 during a visit to under construction University permanent complex at Ginna area some 15 km off Turbat city at north here on March 30, 2016.

Most of the components of the first phase are near completion and will be inaugurated soon, said Manzoor Ahmed Baloch PD University of Turbat in a briefing to university chancellor about the progress of developmental work under way at University of Turbat site.

Expressing his satisfaction over the quality and speed of construction work and academic progress of University of Turbat, the Governor also praised the efforts taken by Dr. Abdul Malik Baloch Former Chief Minister Balochistan in this regard.

Vice Chancellor UoT Prof Dr Abdul Razzaq Sabir, Deputy Commissioner Kech Mumtaz Ahmed Baloch and other officers of district administration and University of Turbat were also present on this occasion.

Former chief minister Balochistan Dr. Abdul Malik Baloch has said that by inaugurating the University of Turbat, he felt relieved.

Governor Balochistan along with former chief minister, Balochistan also visited University of Turbat city campus. They went to different classrooms, computer labs and campus library and shared views with faculty members and students.

On the arrival of city campus, University pro VC Dr Abdul Saboor Baloch along with Director Planning Muhammad Hayat, DPR Ijaz Ahmed, dy Registrar Gangzar Baloch and faculty members accorded them a warm welcome.

Chancellor University of Turbat Muhammad Khan Achakzai also inaugurated university public library before chairing the first meeting of UoT senate. He also went to different sections of library.

Meanwhile VC UoT has introduced faculty members to the chancellor University of Turbat.

While talking to journalists the Governor Balochistan Muhammad Khan Achakzai praised the untiring efforts of Prof Dr. Sabir and his committed team for the academic uplifting of the university in quick time.

In the conclusion of the first senate meeting of UoT, His Excellency Muhammad Khan Achakzai has presented souvenir to the Honorable members of the senate.