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## VISION STATEMENT

- + Offering quality education and research, nurturing the human intellect and providing a vibrant learning environment through innovation and academic excellence that make a positive impact on the society.



## MISSION STATEMENT

- + Serve as a center of advanced learning in the field of natural science, information technology, social sciences, management, and humanities.
- + Provide students with an eco-friendly, research and conducive learning environment to harness their talent, skills, critical thinking ability and potential growth.
- + Ensure the professional and intellectual development of faculty and staff through capacity building programs.
- + Build strong ties with academia, industry and society to promote entrepreneurial culture and creativity to bring social and economic development.





## GOALS

- + Provide accessible and affordable opportunities for quality education, scientific learning, and skills development necessary for career advancement and nation building.
- + Foster a research-oriented environment, encouraging innovative and impactful research that contributes to the knowledge economy.
- + Provide platforms and resources for capacity building that promote professional and potential growth of the stakeholders.
- + Serve as liaison between the academia and the industry nationally and internationally for socio-economic development.
- + Promote practices which contribute to accomplishing sustainable development goals.
- + Support the community through partnerships, outreach programs, and voluntarily initiatives.



## CORE VALUES

- + **Excellence:** We strive for excellence in education, research, community engagement and services.
- + **Integrity:** We uphold the highest ethical standards to promote honesty, fairness and transparency.
- + **Dignity:** We adhere to an academic and professional environment where each individual gets due respect to render services and foster collective efforts to extend this respect to the society at large.
- + **Innovation:** We encourage creativity and innovation in teaching, research and other academic activities.
- + **Collaboration:** We are committed to join hands with the relevant stakeholders for research and development.



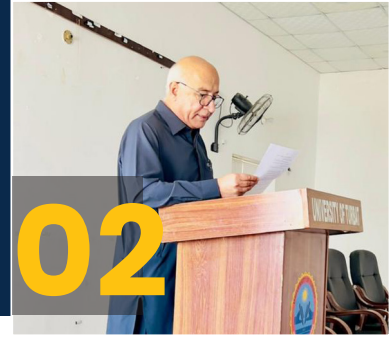
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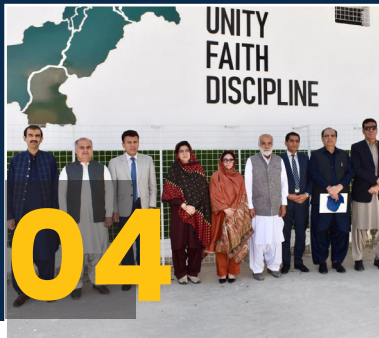
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## UoT's Vice Chancellor called on Hon'ble Governor Balochistan

The Vice Chancellor of the UoT Prof. Dr. Jan Muhammad, along with Pro-Vice Chancellor Dr. Mansoor Ahmed, met the Governor Balochistan/ Chancellor of PSUs, Shaikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail in Quetta on 12th June 2024 and discussed various matters pertaining to the university and higher education sector in the province. The Vice-Chancellor briefed the Governor about the overall achievements, academic progress, and infrastructure development of the University. Governor Balochistan emphasized taking concrete steps towards financial

self-sustainability and academic progress, particularly uplifting the HEC Annual Performance Scorecard. The Vice-Chancellor also presented the rule book of the University of Turbat, incorporating the newly approved Statutes and Rules of the university. The Governor of Balochistan appreciated the Vice-Chancellor for implementing comprehensive statutes and rules at the UoT and also accentuated the essence of adopting uniformity in all aspects including rules in the Public Sector Universities of the province. The Vice-Chancellor also invited the Honorable Gover-



## VC UoT meets Provincial Minister for Planning and Development

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Turbat, Prof. Dr. Jan Muhammad, and Pro-Vice Chancellor, Dr. Mansoor Ahmed, met with the Provincial Minister for Planning and Development, Zahoor Buledi, in Quetta on June 6, 2024, and discussed various matters pertaining to university development projects in the current and next financial years. The Vice-Chancellor said that Zahoor Buledi, as Finance Minister during the previous government, has always supported provincial universities, especially by setting up the Universities Finance Commission and increasing the grant-in-aid of provincial universities from Rs 500 million to Rs 2.5 billion. The Vice-Chancellor extended his gratitude to Zahoor Buledi for the establishment of the UoT Law College building and appreciated his efforts for the release of Rs 200 million for purchasing 10 buses for the university and issuing funds for university development schemes, including a Digital Library for Girls, a Day Care Centre, a Basketball Court, and a Sports Ground. Zahoor Ahmed Buledi said that UoT is imparting quality education to the future generations of the province and that the government will prioritize its academic requirements for the facilitation of faculty and students.

# Honorable Chief Justice and Senior Judges of BHC Visit the Law Faculty Campus



**H**on'ble Justice Muhammad Hashim Khan Kakar, Chief Justice of Balochistan High Court (BHC), along with Hon'ble Justice Abdullah Baloch and Hon'ble Justice Rozi Khan Barrech, visited the Law Faculty Campus of UoT on 14th May 2024. Prof. Dr. Jan Muhammad, Vice Chancellor of UoT, Dr. Mansoor Ahmed, Pro-Vice Chancellor of UoT, and faculty members warmly welcomed the Hon'ble Chief Justice and other Senior Judges upon their arrival at the Law Faculty Campus. During their visit, the Hon'ble Chief Justice and other Senior Judges were briefed by the UoT officials about the university's progress, achievements, challenges, and plans for further development, particularly upgrading the Law Faculty Campus into a full-fledged

Law University. The Hon'ble Chief Justice and Senior Judges of BHC also interacted with the students and answered the legal questions raised by the law students. The Hon'ble Chief Justice inspected the ongoing construction of the Law Faculty Building Phase II, funded by the Government of Balochistan.



## MNA Phullain Baloch visits the University of Turbat

**M**r. Phullain Baloch, Member of the National Assembly, visited UoT on 3rd May 2024. He was received by Dr. Mansoor Ahmed, Pro-Vice Chancellor of the University of Turbat, along with other faculty members and administrative staff. Dr. Mansoor Ahmed apprised him of the



university's academic achievements and infrastructure development. Mr. Phullain Baloch expressed appreciation for the progress and remarkable achievements made by the university and assured them of providing full support in addressing the pressing issues of public sector universities in Balochistan. They visited the recently completed university Senate Hall, as well as various under-construction academic and hostel buildings, including the boys' hostel, gymnasium, and computer labs.



## Dr. Abdul Malik Baloch's Address at the Law Department of UoT

On April 19, 2024, Dr. Abdul Malik Baloch, former Chief Minister of Balochistan and a Member of the Balochistan Assembly from Turbat, visited the Law Department at the City Campus of the University of Turbat on the invitation of Prof. Dr. Gul Hassan, Dean Faculty of Law and delivered a lecture on the Role of 18th Amendment in Constitutional Development. The said lecture program was organized by the Law Society of the University of Turbat as part of a lecture series on the 1973 Constitution. Dr. Abdul Malik Baloch was a member of the Parliamentary Committee on Constitutional Reforms, which was constituted for the 18th Constitutional Amendment back in 2009/10. Justice Retired Shakeel Baloch and Advocate Qasim Ali Gajezai Chairman of the Executive Committee Balochistan Bar Council graced the lecture session, which was attended by faculty members and students of the Law Department. Dr. Abdul Malik Baloch also interacted with the faculty members and students and assured support to the Law Faculty for the provision of academic-related facilities at all forums.

# Vice Chancellor meets with Governor Balochistan



Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Jan Muhammad met with Balochistan's Governor Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar at Quetta. During the meeting, they discussed matters related to the university's performance, maximum use of modern technology in the university affairs, renewable energy sources, digitalization of the communication system in the university, financial sustainability, transparency and self-accountability, and capacity building projects. Governor Balochistan assured his full support for the development of the universities in Balochistan.



Provincial Coordination. He also requested to initiate a student exchange program for the students of the UoT under the Inter-Provincial Coordination Ministry, which is quite instrumental for students' exposure and provincial harmony.

## Governor of Balochistan emphasized the importance of self-sustainability for universities

An important meeting was held between Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar, Governor Balochistan, and Prof. Dr. Jan Muhammad, Vice Chancellor, University of Turbat, at the Governor's House in Quetta on the 15th of April 2024. Dr. Jan Muhammad briefed the Governor on the current financial status of the University of Turbat and highlighted achievements, academic and infrastructure progress, and challenges of his University. Governor Balochistan emphasized the need for all public sector universities in Balochistan to take concrete steps towards achieving self-sustainability and academic progress.

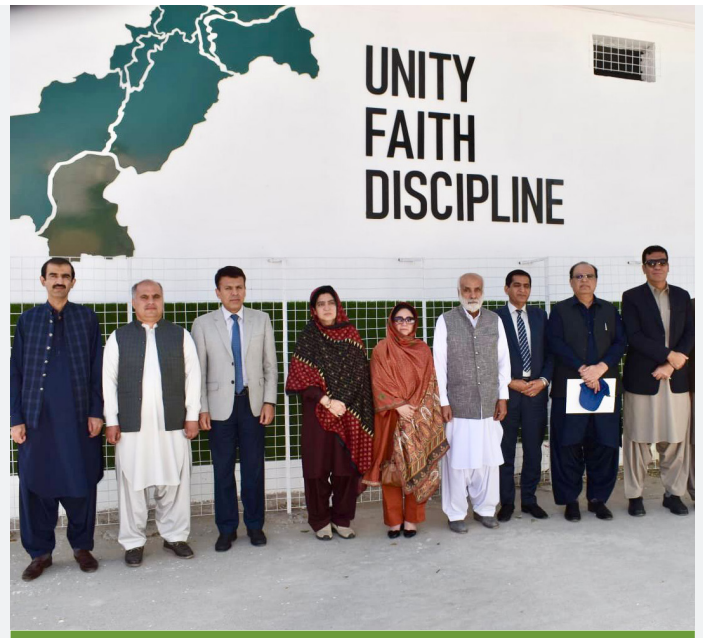


## Parliamentary Secretary for Inter-Provincial Coordination Visits UoT

**M**s. Meena Baloch, Member Provincial Assembly (MPA) of Balochistan and Parliamentary Secretary for the Ministry of Inter-Provincial Coordination visited the University of Turbat (UoT) on 20th May 2024. She was welcomed by Dr. Mansoor Ahmed, Pro-Vice-Chancellor UoT along with university officials. The Pro-VC expressed gratitude to Ms. Meena Baloch for taking a keen interest in the educational matters of the province. The Pro-VC asked the visiting parliamentarian to make efforts to award scholarships to faculty members and students of the public sector universities of Balochistan under the Cultural Exchange Scholarship Program offered by the Ministry of Inter-

## Provincial Minister for Education chaired a meeting of VCs of PSUs of Balochistan

The Provincial Minister for Colleges, Higher & Technical Education Department (CH&TED) Ms. Raheela Hameed Durrani chaired an introductory meeting of the Vice Chancellors of the Public Sector Universities (PSUs) of Balochistan in Quetta on 6th May 2024. Dr. Mansoor Ahmed, Pro-Vice Chancellor of the University of Turbat (UoT) represented the UoT in the said meeting on behalf of the Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Jan Muhammad. All the VCs/PVCs appreciated the Education Minister for holding the interactive meeting to address the issues and challenges faced by the universities of the province. Ms. Raheela Hameed Durrani listened to the issues and problems of each university in detail and vowed to resolve the key issues of all the PSUs on a priority basis. She assured to take up all the pressing problems of the provincial universities with Chief Minister Balochistan, Chairman HEC, and the Federal Government.



## Arts, Crafts, and Calligraphy Exhibition: A Captivating Event at Turbat University



The Department of Education at UoT organized an Arts Crafts, Calligraphy, and Environmental Education Exhibition in the Multipurpose Hall of the UoT on 2nd May 2024. Dr. Mansoor Ahmed, Pro-Vice Chancellor, UoT inaugurated the exhibition. The students of the Education Department put on display their projects depicting paintings, various calligraphic styles, needlework, paper quilling, and culturally enriching models, reflecting education, artistry, environmental science, and traditional and modern agriculture techniques. A large number of university students, academia, staff, and visitors from other educational institutions turned up, showing deep interest in the learning projects, and they admired the presenters.

## University of Turbat hosts wildflowers exhibition: an exclusive event of its nature:

Report by Dr. Aftekhar Ahmed Baloch, Associate Prof. Natural and Basic Sciences Department, UoT



The Natural and Basic Sciences Department at UoT hosted the wildflower exhibition on 8th March 2024. Enthusiastic students showcased numerous creative works in the exhibition, including wildflowers, decorative pieces, wildflower-themed paintings, stunning landscapes, captivating photography, and informative posters representing the diverse flora of Balochistan. Prof. Dr. Abdul Saboor Baloch, Dean of the Faculty of Literature and Languages along with Associate Prof. Dr. Iftekhar Baloch, the chief organizer of the event inaugurated the exhibition and Digital Wild Garden. At the end of the event, shields and certificates were distributed among the organizers, participants, and speakers.







## IBLC remembers Syed Hashmi, a renowned poet of the Balochi Language

The Institute of Balochi Language and Culture (IBLC) UoT Saboor Baloch, Dean, Faculty of Literature, and Languages organized a literary event to honor and remember the late Syed Zahoor Shah Raheem Mehr, Hashmi, a renowned Baloch poet, scholar, author, and lexicographer. The event consisted of two segments, a panel discussion, and a musical program, both dedicated to commemorating Hashmi's profound contributions to Balochi language and literature. The event was attended by a diverse audience, including seasoned parliamentarians, members of civil society, educationists, business community, faculty members, administrative staff, and people from all walks of life attended the event. During the panel discussion, the speakers including Dr. Abdul

Saboor Baloch, Dean, Faculty of Literature, and Languages and Direct IBLC, Dr. Raheem Mehr, Controller of Examinations, University of Gwadar, and Dr. Ghafoor Shad, Assistant Prof. at IBLC shed light on various aspects of Syed Hashmi's poetry and literary achievements. The event concluded with a captivating musical program, featuring Syed Hashmi's poetry set to melodious tunes, performed by prominent singers

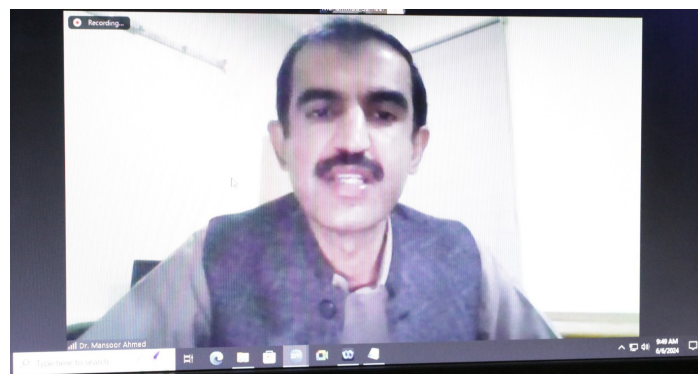




## First Board of Faculty Meeting of Social Sciences discusses various academic matters

The first Board of Faculty meeting of the Faculty of Social Sciences was held on June 6th, 2024 at UoT. Dr. Mansoor Ahmed, Acting Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Pro Vice-Chancellor at UoT, chaired the meeting via

video link. During the meeting, the minutes of the Departmental Boards of Studies of the Political Science, Sociology, and Education Departments were discussed, reviewed, and approved. Various matters related to the academic development of each teaching department were also discussed and resolved. The members emphasized the importance of implementing decisions made by statutory bodies, such as the Departmental Board of Studies, the Board of Faculty, and the Academic Council, to pursue academic excellence at the university. Each Department's Chairman provided a detailed overview of their respective departmental activities, challenges, and preparedness for the upcoming semester



## VC vows for Research Advancement and Academic Excellence at UoT

The 20th meeting of the Advanced Studies & Research Board (ASRB) was held on 22nd May 2024 at UoT. VC Prof. Dr. Jan Muhammad presided over the meeting. Dr. Adeel Ahmed, Dean of Graduate Studies, presented the meeting's agendas for deliberation and decision, including the confirmation of minutes of the 19th ASRB meeting, thesis submissions, evaluation reports, and Viva Voce reports of various scholars.



Report by Dr. Adeel Ahmed, Dean (A) of Graduate Studies, UoT



## NAB Organizes Seminar Regarding Corruption Elimination In UoT

The University of Turbat (UoT), in collaboration with the National Accountability Bureau (NAB) Balochistan, organized a seminar titled "The Role of Students in the Eradication of Corruption" at the Conference Room of UoT on the 10th of May 2024.

The seminar aimed to empower youth to become positive change agents in society by playing their due role in eradicating corruption. Students, faculty members, and administrative staff from various departments attended the seminar.

The speakers, including Dr. Muhammad Rashad In-charge NAB (Balochistan) Sub Office Gwadar, Mr. Ganguzar Baloch Registrar UoT, and Mr. Amjed Habib faculty member of UoT shared their insights on the menace of corruption.

The seminar also featured a question and answer session, during which participants also shared their suggestions and perspectives on eradicating this societal ill.

An oath-taking ceremony for the members of the newly established "Character Building Society (CBS)" was also conducted at the end of the seminar.



## 19th meeting of UoT's ASRB

The 19th meeting of the Advanced Studies and Research Board (ASRB) of the University of Turbat (UoT) was held on 29th February 2024 at the video conference room of UoT. The worthy Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Jan Muhammad chaired the meeting.

UoT's Dean of Graduate Studies, Dr. Adeel Ahmed has presented the agendas of the meeting for deliberation and decision that included confirmation of the minutes of the 18th meeting of ASRB, these submission, these evaluation reports and Viva Voce reports, meeting minutes of Graduate Admission Committee (GAC), approval of the result of Doctoral Qualifying Examinations (DQE), FGRC meeting minutes of the Institute of Balochi Language and Culture (IBLC) and Faculty of Science, Engineering, and IT. The meeting was attended by the Deans, Director IBLC, Director QEC, Director ORIC, Controller of Examinations, and other members of the ASRB.

Report by Dr. ASRB Ahmed, Dean (A) of Graduate Studies, UoT

## 4th Board of Studies Meeting of the Natural and Basic Sciences Department

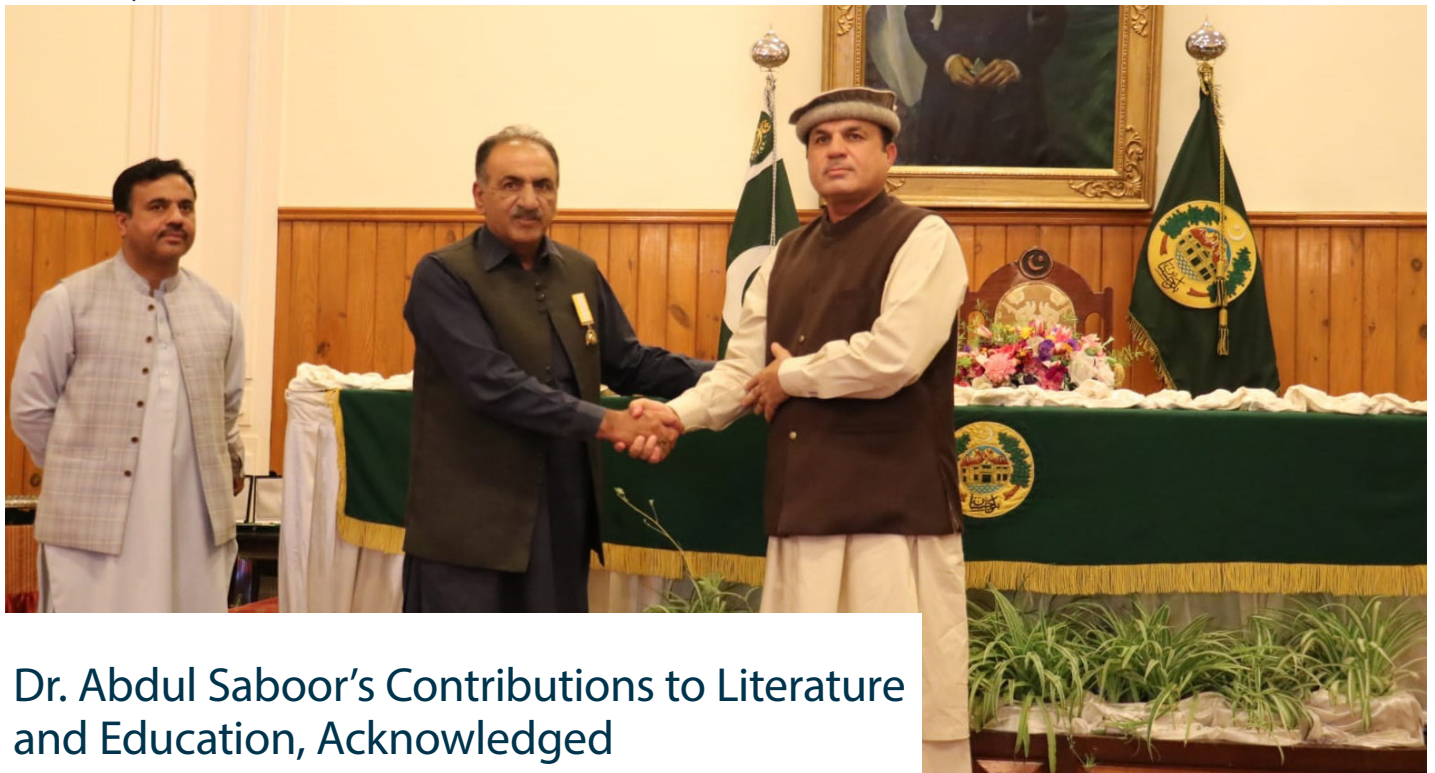
The 4th meeting of the Board of Studies for the Department of Natural and Basic Sciences at the University of Turbat (UoT) was convened on February 28, 2024, under the chairmanship of Dr. Jahangir Khan, Chairperson of the Department.

The Board addressed various agenda items including aligning the BS programs in Biochemistry, Biotechnology, and Botany with the revised HEC Undergraduate Education Policy (UEP) 2023.



*Report by Dr. Jahangir Khan, Chairperson (A), Natural and Basic Sciences Department, UoT*





## Dr. Abdul Saboor's Contributions to Literature and Education, Acknowledged

Professor Dr. Abdul Saboor Baloch, Dean, Faculty of Literature and Languages and Director of Institute of Balochi Language and Culture (IBLC) at UoT, was honored with the presidential award "Tamgha-e-Imtiaz" for his outstanding contributions to liter-

ature and writing. The award was presented by the caretaker Governor of Balochistan, Captain (R) Abdul Khaliq Achakzai, during a ceremony at Governor House Quetta on Pakistan Day. Dr. Abdul Saboor is a distinguished writer, critic, historian, and education-

ist who has significantly enriched the understanding of culture and history. UoT's VC, Prof. Dr. Jan Muhammad, along with faculty members, administrative staff, and students, congratulated Dr. Abdul Saboor Baloch on this remarkable achievement and lauded

his invaluable contributions to literature and the development of UoT. The VC underscored Dr. Abdul Saboor's profound impact on the university's standing at national and international levels through his academic and administrative endeavors.



## UoT Student Volunteer Society Conducts Fundraising Campaign for Gwadar Flood Victims

The Student Volunteer Society of the University of Turbat (UoT) organized a fundraising campaign from 29th February to 4th March 2024 aimed at extending support to the flood-hit areas in Gwadar. The campaign was led by Ms. Samina Faqir, faculty member and focal person of the Student Volunteer Society, UoT. VC Prof. Dr. Jan Muhammad commended the Student Volunteer Society for its efforts in launching a fundraising campaign in support of the flood-affected people of Gwadar. The focal person of the Society entrusted the collected funds to Hafiz Abdul Baqi, Senior Vice President of the Friends Welfare Foundation for the flood-hit people of Gwadar.



*Report by Ms. Samina Faqir, faculty member and focal person of the Student Volunteer Society, UoT*

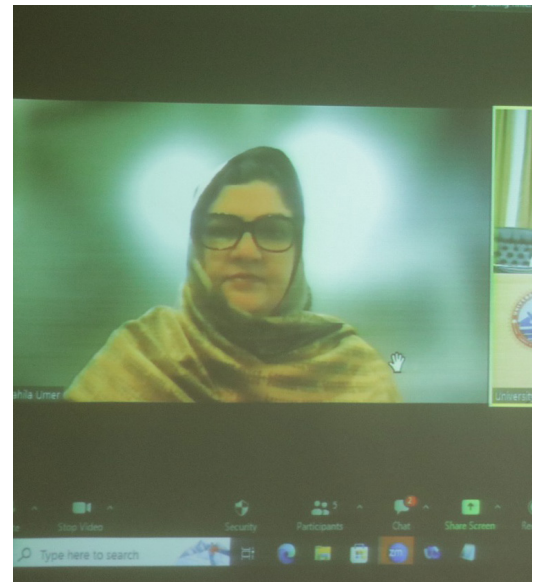


## Workshop on “Secretarial Skills and Professional Development”

A dynamic two-day training workshop on “Secretarial Skills and Professional Development” was held from 15th to 16th January at the University of Turbat. The officers and staff from various administrative units of the University participated in the workshop. The event covered various modules but not limited to file management, conducting official meetings, drafting minutes of meetings, human resource management, time

management, effective record management, professional development, governance, and leadership at universities. Prof. Dr. Jan Muhammad Vice Chancellor acknowledged the efforts of Dr. Riaz Ahmed, Director QEC, and workshop coordinator, as well as Mr. Manzoor Hussain, the workshop’s resource person and Director HRM at BUITEMS, and other participants for their collective role in organizing an impactful training workshop at UoT.





## Board of Studies Meeting of Computer Science Department

Report by Dr. Rashid Ali, Chairperson (A), Computer Science Department, UoT

**O**n January 8, 2024, the 4th meeting of the Board of Studies of the Computer Science Department of the University of Turbat chaired by Dr. Rashid Ali, the Department’s Chairperson, was convened at UoT. The major purpose

of the meeting was to align the courses with the revised HEC undergraduate policy 2023. The recommendations of expert members regarding enhancing the academic landscape were endorsed by the participants of the meeting.

## University of Turbat hosts a conference on the “Cultural Identity of Pakistan”

The Department of Political Science at the University of Turbat (UoT) organized the National Youth Conference on the “Cultural Identity of Pakistan” on the 8th of March 2024. Dr. Adnan Riaz, Assistant Professor, Department of English, graced the occasion as the chief guest. Keynote

speakers Mr. Chakar Haider and Mr. Bahadin Baloch, both lecturers in the Department of Political Science, and, Mr. Muzaffir Hussain, Director of Student Affairs shed light in detail on the cultural identity of Pakistan from historical and contemporary perspectives.



Report by Mr. Muzaffir Hussain, Director (A) of Student Affairs, UoT



## Conference on “The Role of Legal Fraternity in Conflict Management”

Report by Mr. Nadeem Ahmed, Chairperson (A), Law Department, UoT

The University of Turbat’s Law Department, in collaboration with the UoT Law Society, hosted a national youth conference on “The Role of Legal Fraternity in Conflict Management” on March 7, 2024. Mr. Mehmood Amir, Assistant Professor at the Law Department and focal person of the Law Society, expressed gratitude to the speakers, faculty members, guests, and students for their active participation in the conference.



## National Youth Conference on Skills Development and Entrepreneurship



The “National Youth Conference on Skills Development and Entrepreneurship” was organized by the Faculty of Business and Economics at UoT on 26th February 2024. Students from departments of Management Sciences, Commerce, and Economics participated in the conference. Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. Jan Muhammad reiterated the university’s commitment to support and guide their students to become job providers instead of job seekers. The resource persons highlighted the importance of entrepreneurial and information technology skills, emphasizing the need for talent and practical knowledge in today’s competitive and evolving market. A panel discussion on entrepreneurship was also part of the event in which the panelists explored emerging trends in skill development, entrepreneurship, and youth empower-

ment, underscoring the potential to shape a brighter future for new generations. Mr. Muhammad Iqbal Baloch, representing SMEDA, in the event through the video link, underlined the objectives, roles, services, and achievements of the SMEDA.



## University Of Turbat Engages In Productive Meeting With NAVTTC



Ms. Gulmina Ahmad, Chairperson of the National Vocational and Technical Training Commission (NAVTTC), conducted an important meeting with the Vice Chancellors of the public sector universities of Balochistan on 13th June 2024 at BUIITEMS, Quetta.

Prof. Dr. Jan Muhammad, the Vice Chancellor of the University of Turbat, was also present on the occasion. The participants of the meeting discussed the matters related to the participation of PSUs in NAVTTC programs, supporting the regional TTCs with the provision of qualified trainers/Labs, enhancing the quality of vocational training, increasing the employability of trainees, producing the skilled workforce, securing international certifications, and planning future training programs. Ms. Gulmina Ahmad emphasized the importance of collaborative efforts in improving the quality of vocational and technical education in the region.

## One-Day Sessions on Entrepreneurial at Turbat University

*Report by Dr. Ghulam Jan, Assistant Prof. Management Science Department, UoT*



The Department of Management Sciences at UoT hosted two online seminars focused on "Entrepreneurial Skills" on 6th March 2024. Mr. Nisar Moosa, CEO of Tameen Enterprises, COO of Retailer Pakistan, and Co-Founder of Celebration Gifting Company, and Mr. Muhammad Ahmed, Founder & CEO of Chaman Dry Fruits and Founder & CEO of Baghbaan.com served as session resource persons. Assistant Professor Dr. Ghulam Jan representing the Department of Management Sciences moderated the sessions. Both experts informed the participants regarding their personal experience with running various enterprises and the perks of doing business for the development of personal life and economic growth in the country.



# UoT commemorates International Women's Day

*Report by Mr. Nadeem Ahmed, Chairperson (A), Law Department, UoT*

The Law Department of the University of Turbat (UoT), in collaboration with the Renouma Foundation, commemorated International Women's Day on March 8, 2024. Commissioner Mekran Division, Saeed Ahmed Umrani, graced the occasion as the chief guest. Participants from diverse backgrounds, including students from universities, colleges, and schools, joined the event to celebrate the day.



*Report by Dr. Muhammad Yaseen, Chairperson (A) of the Department of Sociology, UoT*

## Sociology's BoS meeting to align courses with HEC Undergraduate Policy 2023

The 2nd meeting of the Board of Studies for the Department of Sociology, Faculty of Social Sciences, was held on 28th March 2024 under the chairmanship of Dr. Muhammad Yaseen, Chairperson of the Department of Sociology. Dr. Naila Usman Siddiqi, Chairperson of the Department of Sociology, University of Karachi, and Dr. Asma Islam, Assistant Professor of

Sociology Department, Riphah International University Faisalabad joined the meeting as subject experts via video link. The Board discussed and resolved various agenda items including aligning the BS Sociology courses with the revised HEC Undergraduate Policy 2023, the syllabus and course contents for the BS program, and the AD/ADS program in Sociology.



## Orientation Session for Graduate Scholars

The Directorate of Graduate Studies, University of Turbat (UoT), conducted an orientation session for the scholars of MS/MPhil and PhD programs on 22nd February 2024 at the video conference room of UoT. During this session, the Directorate of Graduate Studies provided a comprehensive overview of UoT's graduate

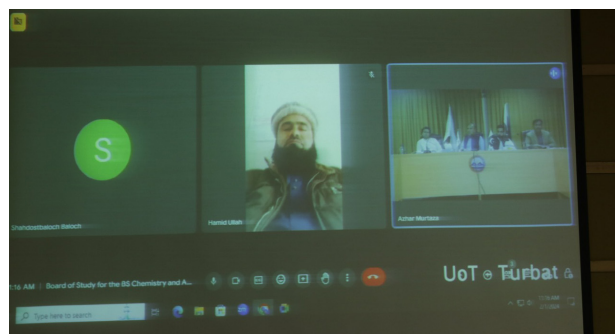


rules and regulations, research proposal, thesis submission guidelines, and other processes.

## 4th meeting of the Board of Studies of the Chemistry Department

*Report by Dr. Muhammad Haroon, Chairperson (A) Chemistry Department, UoT*

The 4th meeting of the Board of Studies of the Chemistry Department at the University of Turbat (UoT) was convened on 1st February 2024 under the chairmanship of Dr. Muhammad Haroon, the Department's Chairperson. Dr. Hameedullah, Associate Professor at the Department of Chemistry BUITEMS participated in the meeting via video link as subject expert. The major purpose of the meeting was to align the courses of BS and AD programs of Chemistry with the revised HEC Undergraduate Policy 2023.



## Institute of Balochi Language and Culture Holds 4th Board of Studies Meeting

**T**urbat (June 3, 2024) The Institute of Balochi Language and Culture (IBLC) at UoT conducted its 4th Board of Studies meeting on 3rd June 2024. The meeting was presided over by Prof. Dr. Abdul Saboor Baloch, Director of IBLC and Dean, Faculty of Literature and Languages. Besides, other board members, Dr. Zia Ur Rahman Baloch, Assistant Professor from the Pakistani Languages and Literature Department at AIOU, Islamabad, participated in the meeting as an external expert via video link. The meeting focused on aligning the BS (Balochi) program syllabus with HEC undergraduate education policy. During the meeting, the syllabus, titles, and outlines of various courses for the BS, M.Phil., and PhD degree programs were thoroughly reviewed in line with HEC guidelines.



## The UoT's Department of English Holds its 7th Board of Studies Meeting

*Report by Dr. Shah Mir Baloch, Chairperson (A) English Department, UoT*

The English Department University of Turbat (UoT) held the 7th meeting of its departmental Board of Studies at the Video Conference Room of UoT. The Board discussed and deliberated over the proposed syllabus for the BS English program in line with the revised guidelines of the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Shah Mir Baloch, Chairman English Department University of Turbat. Prof. Dr. Mehvish Malgani from Mir Chaker Khan Rind University, Sibbi, and Dr. Liaquat Channa from BUIITEMS Quetta served as subject experts in the field.

# UoT's Science-Tech Exhibition 2024: Transformative Experiences

Report by: Gul Jan, membership coordinator Science and Innovation Club, UoT

The Science and Innovation Club at the University of Turbat (UoT), in collaboration with the Faculty of Science, Engineering, and IT, organized a Science-Tech Exhibition on February 1st, 2024 at UoT. Various student teams representing different academic disciplines showcased 20 innovative projects and ideas during the exhibition, fostering a collaborative atmosphere for knowledge exchange. People from different walks of life including faculty members, administrative staff, students from the University of Turbat, teachers and students from different colleges and



schools, and individuals from the business community, and civil society visited the exhibition. The team "P-Biotech" from the Natural and Basic Science Department secured the first position, while the team "Rangzaar" from the Computer Science Department and "Connect Turbat" from

the Management Science Department secured the second and third positions, respectively. Dr. Mansoor Ahmed, UoT's Pro Vice-Chancellor, along with other university officials, distributed prizes and certificates to the position holders, volunteers, and organizers of the exhibition.

## 2nd meeting of the Board of Studies for BS Zoology and Associate Degree Programs

*Dr. Jahangir Khan, Chairperson (A), Department of Natural and Basic Sciences, UoT*

The 2nd meeting of the Board of Studies for BS Zoology and Associate Degree programs of the colleges affiliated with the University of Turbat (UoT) was held on the 14th of February 2024. Dr. Jahangir Khan, Chairperson of the Department of Natural and Basic Sciences, presided over the meeting. Dr. Shahabuddin Kakar, and Dr. Saeed Ahmed Essote, both Assistant Professors at the University of Balochistan participated in the meeting as subject expert members via video link. The meeting resolved to align the BS and ADS courses with the revised HEC undergraduate policy 2023.



## 5TH BOARD OF STUDIES MEETING OF ECONOMICS DEPARTMENT FOCUSES ON SYLLABUS UPGRADE

*Report by Mr. Shakir Ali, Lecturer, Economics Department, UoT*

The 5th meeting of the Board of Studies of the Economics Department at UoT was held on 13th June 2024, under the chairmanship of Bebagr Gichki, Acting Chairperson of the Department. External members and subject experts, Dr. Khalid Khan and Dr. Munawar Shah, both Associate Professors at BUISTEMS, and representatives from affiliated

colleges, participated in the meeting via video link. The matters related to re-designing the syllabus and courses for the BS Economics program to align with the latest HEC undergraduate policy, the program's mission and vision, and the Associate Degree program in Economics were thoroughly discussed and resolved.





## Changiz Ahmed, Presents a paper at an international conference

*Report by Mr. Changiz Ahmed, Chairperson (A), Political Science Department, UoT*

Mr. Changiz Ahmed, Assistant Professor, and Chairperson, Political Science Department at UoT on 16th of May 2024 presented a paper titled "Challenges to Women Political Empowerment in Makran Division of Balochistan" through video link in a Two-day Hybrid International

Conference on Democracy, Governance and Sustainability held at University of Punjab Lahore from 15 to 16 May 2024. The paper highlights the crucial challenges that women face while making a choice to participate in political affairs.



## Sociology Department arranged a lecture session on Mental Health

The Department of Sociology at UoT arranged a lecture session on Mental Health on the 16th of May 2024 at UoT. Dr. Muhammad Ayub, Psychiatrist, at the Teaching Hospital Turbat, was the guest speaker. He narrated that human beings are indulged in various psychosocial problems such as anxiety, stress, distress, and neurological stress. These problems are not born but rather constructed by social or natural environment. He explained the best way of dealing with such a problem is to talk and share your thoughts with close family members or friends.



## Students of the Natural and Basic Sciences Department observed World Biodiversity Day

*Report by Dr. Iftekhar Baloch, Associate Professor, NABS, UoT*

Students of the Natural and Basic Sciences (NABS) Department at UoT observed World Biodiversity Day on 22nd May at UoT. Faculty members of NABS, including Dr. Iftekhar Baloch, Mr. Irshad Mayar, Dr. Sumaira, and Miss Mahpara supervised the event. The students, faculty members, and Registrar Mr.

Ganguzar Baloch participated in a guided walk from the department towards Digital Wild Garden, where they talked about the importance of biodiversity. The students carried various posters and placards to raise awareness about biodiversity conservation.

# The University of Turbat observes International Zero Waste Day

*Report by Mr. Jeand Baloch, Focal Person, GYM at UoT*

The Green Youth Movement (GYM) Club, University of Turbat (UoT) organized an awareness session on zero waste policy and practices on 29th March 2024 to observe the International Day of Zero Waste. The session included informative talks by students and



faculty members. Recorded videos of the faculty members were also played during the session to raise awareness and foster collective action to contribute to the broader goal of creating a more sustainable and environmentally friendly future.



# Series of orientation sessions for UoT's fresh students

*Report by Mr. Muzaffir Hussain, Director (A) Student Affairs,*

The University of Turbat's Directorate of Student Affairs has organized a series of orientation sessions from 29th January to 16th February 2024 for the newly enrolled students of BS programs in each faculty at the University of Turbat (UoT). The session series was inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Jan Muhammad. The Vice-Chancellor congratulated all fresh students for getting admission to different undergraduate programs on merit and highlighted UoT's accomplishments in providing high-quality education. The speakers underscored semester and examination rules, hostel rules, campus life, scholarship opportunities, and the undergraduate education policy of UoT.



## Awareness Session On "Science & Technology Exhibition" At BUETK's Campus

*Report by Mr. Bilal Ur Rehman, Lecturer, Computer Science Department, UoT*

A group of students from the Science & Innovation Club, University of Turbat (UoT) in collaboration with the Faculty of Science, Engineering, and IT visited the BUETK's campus in Turbat on January 23rd, 2024. The delegation led by Dr. Hanif Ur Rehman, Dean of the Faculty of Science, Engineering, and IT, conducted an informative session regarding UoT's Science & Technology Exhibition. Faculty and students at BUETK's campus were highly impressed by the quality of the projects and the initiatives demonstrated by



## The research project, co-authored by Changiz, is approved by HEC

The Higher Education Commission of Pakistan (HEC) has approved the research project titled "Socio-Economic Impact of CPEC on Non-Traditional Maritime Security and Sustainable Development of Balochistan's Blue Economy: A Case Study of Fisheries and Seafood Industry" under the Project of HEC's CPEC Collaborative Research Grant-2022. The project, co-authored by Mr. Changiz Ahmed, Chairperson (A) of the Political Science Department, UoT, has a budget of



*Report by Dr. Amir Zeb,  
Director ORIC, UoT*

## Cheque Distribution Ceremony Under BEEF Held at the University of Turbat



The University of Turbat (UoT) organized a cheque distribution ceremony under the Balochistan Education Endowment Fund (BEEF) scholarship program on 6th May 2024. An amount of Rs. 36.12 million was distributed among 430

deserving students, carefully selected on merit and criteria as laid down by the BEEF authorities. It aimed to provide scholarships and financial assistance to talented students, enabling them to cover their academic expenses and pursue higher

## A one-day workshop on "NVIVO 14: Software for Qualitative Research"

The Department of Sociology at the University of Turbat (UoT) organized a one-day workshop titled "NVIVO 14: Software for Qualitative Research" on the 15th of May, 2024. Dr. Fida Baloch, Lecturer in the Department of Management Sciences, served as the resource person for the workshop. He elaborated on the usage and coding patterns of NVIVO, conducting a practical demonstration by developing codes, themes,

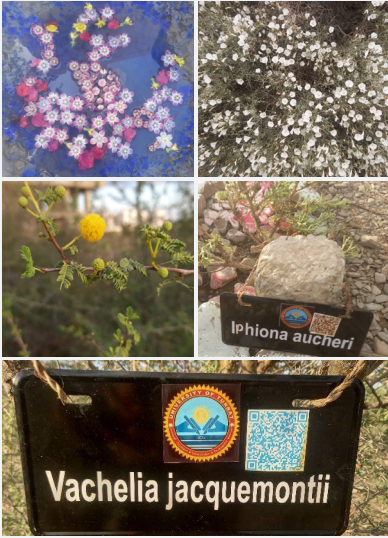






## Digital Wild Garden: UoT's Groundbreaking Initiatives

*Report by Dr. Iftexhar Ahmed, Associate Prof. Natural and Basic Sciences Department, UoT*



Under the guidance of VC UoT Prof. Dr. Jan Muhammad, a digital wild garden has been established at UoT. Prof. Dr. Abdul Saboor Baloch, Dean, Faculty of Literature and Languages inaugurated the garden by scanning the QR code of a plant. Each plant within the garden is systematically organized and labeled with QR codes, enabling easy access to information regarding their distribution in Balochistan, ecological significance, local names, uses, and conservation status. This brilliant use of technology will enhance the educational experience of students and faculty.

Dr. Iftexhar Baloch explained that the garden, initially housing over 40 species of herbs, shrubs, and trees, occupies a strategically selected area within the university campus. The selected area offers a hospitable habitat to the local wildlife and is a natural passage of rainwater.

A page (<https://uot.edu.pk/offices/botanical-garden/digital-wild-garden>) has been created on the university's website and a dedicated subdomain on the website is under construction to disseminate information about the digital wild garden. This effort underscored the university's commitment to innovation, providing hands-on learning opportunities for students, and promoting environmental stewardship.



## Digital Media Club holds a Condolence Reference for Kamanchar Baloch

The Digital Media Club of UoT remembered Kamanchar Baloch, a famous photographer in a condolence reference held on 3rd May 2024. Dr. Mansoor Ahmed, the Pro-Vice-Chancellor of UoT, Mr. Bijjar Baloch, founding member of the Balochi

Music Promoters' Society, and other speakers shed light on Kamanchar Baloch's stunning photographic works, unveiling the natural beauty and scenic landscapes of the province and country. It was recalled that Kamanchar Baloch had actively participated and made



significant contributions to the photography events, including "Paigham-e-Pakistan" hosted by the University of Turbat. The speakers also acknowledged the humanitarian and charitable works of Mr. Kamanchar for the needy people of society.

## Lecture session on "Sociological Approach to Health and Disease"

*Report by Dr. Muhammad Yaseen, Chairman (A) of the Sociology Department, UoT*

The Department of Sociology, University of Turbat (UoT) hosted a lecture session on "Sociological Approach to Health and Disease" on February 26, 2024.

Dr. Attaullah, Head of the Community Medicine Department at the Makuran Medical College, Turbat served as the guest speaker. The purpose of the session was to provide different exposure and experiences of field experts to the students of the Sociology of Health. Dr. Muhammad Yaseen, Head of the Sociology



Department expressed gratitude to Dr. Attaullah and the university administration for their support in conducting this session.



## UoT's Literary Society hosted a captivating event

*Report by Mr. Muzaffir Hussain, Director Student Affairs (A), UoT*

On 22nd February 2024, the Literary Society of the University of Turbat (UoT) hosted a captivating event at the English Department corridor, showcasing the extraordinary talents of Noor Khan Baloch and Shah Mir Baloch. Their enchanting voices resonated through the corridors, drawing a large and enthusiastic audience from various departments.

The event was a resounding success, highlighting the society's commitment to promoting literature and the arts. As the Literary Society looks forward to organizing more such events, it encourages interested students to register and be a part of this vibrant cultural community.



## MPhil/MS Scholars' Thesis Defense Accomplishment

The Directorate of Graduate Studies at the University of Turbat has conducted the defense/viva voce of the MPhil/MS dissertation of the following scholars from January to June 2024.

S.No	Scholar	Department/Institute	Session	Viva Voce Date
01	Ms. Nazee Rasheed	Management Sciences	2021-2022	05/03/2024
02	Ms. Sahira Adam	Chemistry	2021-2022	07/03/2024
03	Ms. Rehana Noor	IBLC	2019-2021	24/04/2024

*Report by Dr. Adeel Ahmed, Dean (A), Graduate Studies, UoT*



## The UoT debating team secured the third position in PUDC 2023-2024

The University of Turbat's team secured the third position in the Regional Round of the Pakistan Universities Debating Championship (PUDC) 2023-2024, competing in the English debate category, which was organized by HEC on 27th February 2024 at BUIITEMS, Quetta. Governor Balochistan Malik Abdul Wali Khan Kakar distributed prizes, shields, and certificates among the organizers and participants. The UoT's team comprising of Mr. Mairaj and Ms. Iqra from the Political Science Department, and Ms. Javaria from the English Department showcased remarkable debating skills in the event. The winning team was awarded with certificates and a prize of Rs. 60,000, as well as a shield for the University.



## Debate Competitions at the University of Turbat

The Debating Society of the University of Turbat (UoT), in collaboration with the Directorate of Student Affairs, organized debate competitions on 19th February 2024 at UoT. The students from various departments participated in both English and Urdu language debates. In the English debate category, Mr. Mairaj, Ms. Iqra Akbar from the Political Science Department, and Ms. Jawairia from the English Department were declared successful.

While in the Urdu debate category, Mr. Bijjar from the English Department, Ms. Mehreen from the Sociology Department, and Ms. Sahiba from the Political Science Department emerged as winners.

This competition was the qualifying round for the Regional Round of the Pakistan Universities Debating Championship (PUDC-2024), which will be hosted by the Higher Education Commission Regional Center Quetta.



## UoT's Green Youth Movement Club Leads Campus Cleanliness Drive

*Report by Mr. Jean Baloch, Lecturer at UoT and Focal Person GYM Club of UoT*

**P**Green Youth Movement (GYM) Club University of Turbat (UoT) in collaboration with the Department of Natural & Basic Sciences organized a cleanliness drive on Friday 19th April 2024 at the main campus of UoT. The cleanliness drive was aimed to raise awareness among students regarding the importance of keeping our surroundings clean and hygienic. The drive encouraged students to take an active part in cleaning the campus and promoting a cleaner and healthier environment. The objective of the event was also to create a sense of responsibility

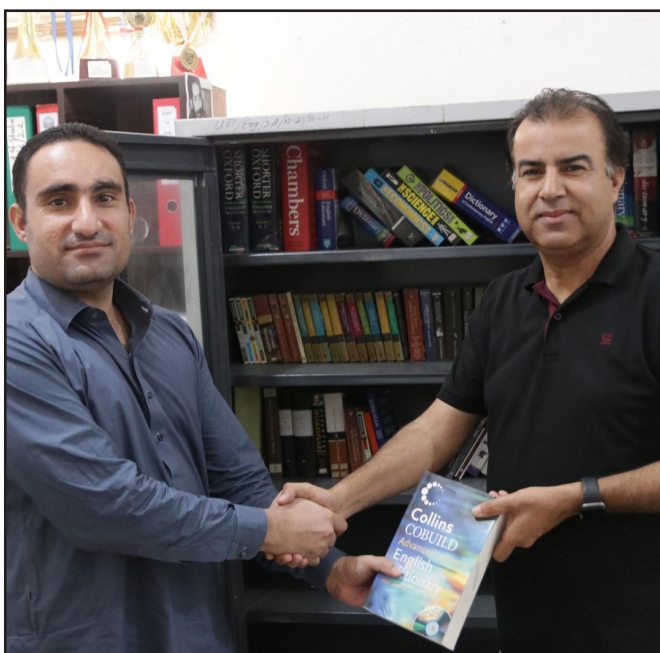


and ownership among students towards their environment and to promote a culture of cleanliness. GYM Club UoT will continue organizing such initiatives in the future to promote a cleaner, healthier, and more positive environment on our campus.

## Ms. Zarjan Naseer donates 100 books to the English Department

*Report by Dr. Shah Mir Baloch, Chairman (A) of the English Department, UoT*

**D**epartment of English, University of Turbat is indebted to Ms. Zarjan Naseer for her gracious donation of 100 books to the departmental library. The books were handed over to Dr. Shah Mir Baloch, Chairman of the English Department, by Mir Bahad Baloch, Principal Staff Officer to the Vice Chancellor on 28 February 2024.



## Turbat University observes World Water Day

*Report by Mr. Jeand Baloch, Lecturer & Focal Person, GYM at the University of Turbat*

**G**reen Youth Movement Club (GYM), University of Turbat organized an awareness walk on campus to mark World Water Day on 22nd March 2024. The event centered around the theme "Water for peace". Faculty members and students from various departments participated in the walk and were holding placards to showcase and raise awareness about the responsible use of water and better sanitation practices. The event was also aimed to underscore the University of Turbat's commitment to contributing to Sustainable Development Goal 6: ensuring access to clean water and sanitation for all by 2030.



# Sadiq Saba's PhD Thesis Defense Accomplishment

Mr. Sadiq Saba, serving as an Assistant Professor at the Institute of Balochi Language and Culture (IBLC) at UoT, has completed his PhD thesis defense from the Balochistan Study Center, University of Balochistan, Quetta. His thesis titled "Aspects of Classic in Old Balochi Poetry/ بلوچی کلاسیک دروغم شازیء ء کلاسیک دروغم" was successfully defended during his viva voce examination. Prof. Dr. Jan Muhammad, UoT's Vice Chancellor along with Prof. Dr. Abdul Saboor Baloch, Dean, Faculty of Literature and Languages/Director



of IBLC and UoT community extended their heartfelt congratulations to Sadiq Saba on this tremendous achievement in completing his doctoral studies.

# Academic Achievement: Muhammad Yaqoob's Thesis Defense Success

Mr. Muhammad Yaqoob, serving as a Lecturer at the Economics Department at UoT, has recently completed his PhD thesis defense from the University of Putra Malaysia, Malaysia. His thesis, titled "Impacts of Demographic Transition on Economic Growth, Environmental Quality, and Labour Productivity in Developing



Countries," was successfully defended during his viva voce examination.



# Balochi Music Illuminated English Department Welcome Program

Popular Balochi singer Khair Jan Bakiri was welcomed at the university by throngs of excited fans during the welcome program of the English Department at UoT on the 6th of March 2024. Dr. Shah Mir Baloch welcomed the new batch of BS English students on behalf of the faculty and administration. The English



department has always been at the forefront of platforming the eminent artists of the Balochi language and providing students and other budding musical talents a venue to experience the artistry of maestros up close.



# Academic Milestones: Mr. Fida Ahmed Completes PhD Defense at UWS

Mr. Fida Ahmed, Lecturer at the Department of Management Sciences, UoT, has recently completed his PhD thesis defense at the University of the West of Scotland (UWS) in Glasgow, Scotland. His thesis, titled "Entrepreneurial Leadership in Teams: Evidence From University-Based Business Incubators of Pakistan," was successfully defended during his viva voce examination.



# Mr. Muzaffir Hussain defended his PhD thesis

Mr. Muzaffir Hussain, Assistant Professor at the Department of Political Science, UoT, has recently defended his PhD thesis at the University of Hull, England, United Kingdom (UK). His thesis, titled "China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC): The Rising Geopolitical Competition in Balochistan and its Impacts on Local Population," was successfully defended during his viva voce.

*Report by Mr. Muzaffir Hussain, Assistant Prof. at the Department of Political Science, UoT*



## Commerce Department welcomes fresh students

*Report by Dr. Mushtaq Muhammad Badini, Chairperson (A) of the Commerce Department, UoT*

A welcome ceremony in honour of fresh students of the Department of Commerce was organized by the senior students of the department on 7th March 2024. Students made this event memorable with their enthralling performances and infotainment activities such as funny stories, dramas, songs, poetry, Balochi folk dance and Business and Commerce related Quiz competitions. Dr. Mushtaq Muhammad Badini, Chairperson, Commerce Department delivered a motivational speech highlighting the importance of commerce education and its vast opportunities in the profession-



## UoT's Sociology Department Hosts A Welcome Program

*Report by Dr. Muhammad Yaseen, Chairperson (A) of the Sociology Department, UoT*

A welcome program was organized by the senior students of the Department of Sociology at the UoT to greet the newcomers. Dr. Muhammad Yaseen, Chairperson of the Sociology Department, faculty members, and stu-

dents attended the event. the event was decorated with different segments such as poetry, speeches, dochapi, drama, and musical performances. Local singers also captivated the attention of the audience with their enthralling





## University Public Library: A Hub of Knowledge and Innovation in Turbat City

*Report by Mr. Abdul Wahab, Library Assistant, University Public Library, UoT*

The University Public Library stands as one of the most cherished resources of the University of Turbat. Operational since the university's formal establishment in 2013, it is a vibrant hub where ideas flourish and creativity thrives. In 2023, the library building underwent significant renovations and enhancements through a collaborative effort with the Kech district administration. Located near the Commissioner's Office in Turbat, the University Public Library provides extensive access of its resources to the people of the region for intellectual exploration and academic excellence. The library is equipped with a vast collection of books on diverse topics, research journals, scholarly articles, newspapers, and magazines. Operating five days a week from 9 am to 6 pm, the library

serves students, faculty, and community members from all walks of life. The library has two digital labs, each equipped with twenty computers and high-speed internet access, ensuring round-the-clock internet connectivity for users. Separate sections for males and females create a conducive environment for studying through utilizing the library's extensive resources. With state-of-the-art facilities, efficient management, comfortable reading areas, and friendly staff, the University Public Library, with a seating capacity of two hundred, is not just a place to study but a place where students and the youth of the region come together to collaborate, discuss, learn, and grow. The library environment respects privacy, ensures accessibility, and empowers its users particularly the youth to prepare for research, competitive examinations, entry tests for professional studies, and scholarships, helping them build successful future careers. Last, but not least, it is a venue where the youth can shape their futures and strive for excellence.



## Dr. Niamatullah represents UoT at an international conference

(It is with great regret to inform you that Dr. Niamatullah passed away in the tragic Basima bus accident on 29th May 2024)

In collaboration with the Zoological Society of Pakistan, the 42nd Congress of Zoology (Int), was held at the University of Azad Jammu & Kashmir, Muzaffarabad on April 23-25, 2024. The conference was aimed to facilitate the exchange of scientific knowledge and foster collaborations in the field of life sciences. Prominent scientists, researchers, and academicians from China, Turkey, and Pakistan participated in the conference. Dr. Niamatullah Kakar, Assistant Professor, Department of Natural and Basic Sciences at UoT, representing his institution at the conference, presented a talk on the "Transmission of Streptococcus pneumoniae: Nasopharyngeal carriage in children in urban and Peri-urban regions of Quetta, Pakistan" showing his research findings and contributing to the academic speech in the Genetics of Microorganisms.



# UoT Community Grieves: Fatal Bus Crash Claims Lives of Dr. Niamatullah Kakar and Dr. Amir Zeb

The entire University of Turbat community was shocked and mourned over the loss of their two distinguished and beloved faculty mem-

bers, Dr. Niamatullah Kakar and Dr. Amir Zeb among 32 others in a tragic traffic incident when the bus plunged into a seasonal stream after hitting a

roadside mountain. The disastrous incident happened in Basima town of Balochistan province while the bus was traveling from Turbat city to



## UoT Honors Dr. Kakar and Dr. Amir Zeb in Tear-Filled Condolence Reference

A condolence reference was held at UoT on 30th May 2024 to pay tribute to esteemed faculty members Dr. Niamatullah Kakar and Dr. Amir Zeb. The event was attended

by a large number of faculty members, administrative staff, and students. During a fateha session led by Mufti Zuhair Ahmed, Pesh Imam of the university mosque,

prayers were offered for the departed souls, begging Almighty Allah to grant them higher places in Jannat and to provide strength to their families and the UoT commu-

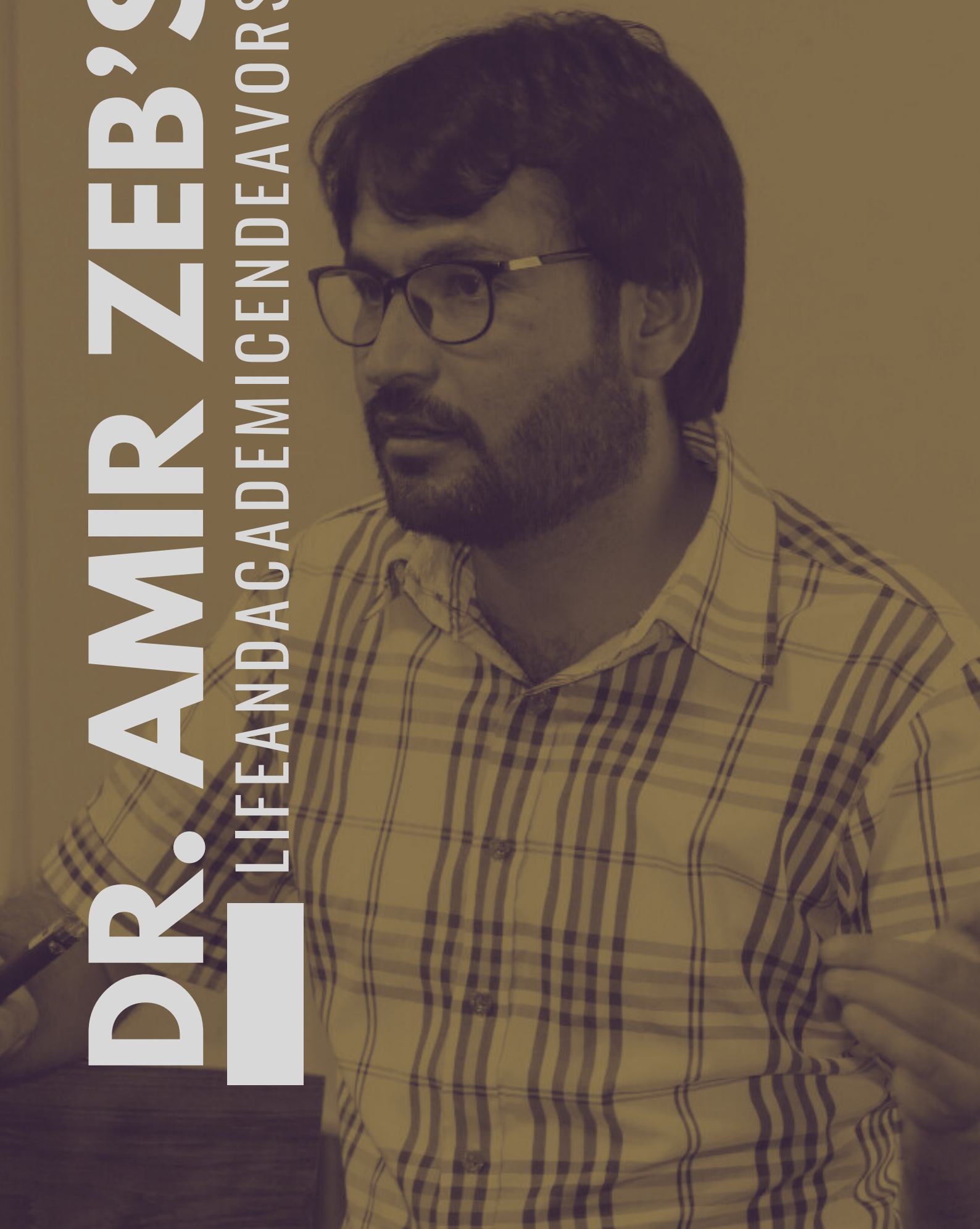




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# DR. AMIR ZEB'S

LIFE AND ACADEMIC ENDEAVORS



# Dr. Amir Zeb's Life and Academic Endeavors

Dr. Amir Zeb son of Muhammad Zeb was born in 1985 in the village Ado Tehsil Khal Lower Dir district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. He joined UoT in 2022 as an Assistant Professor in the Natural and Basic Sciences Department.

He completed his early education in his hometown and earned a BS degree in Biotechnology from the University of Peshawar from 2005 to 2009. He then pursued an MPhil degree in Biotechnology from Quaid-i-Azam University Islamabad, from 2010 to 2012.

Dr. Zeb completed his doctorate at Gyeongsang National University, Jinju, South Korea from 2015 to 2019, and also completed two postdoctoral fellowships, one at Ewha Womans University, Seoul, South Korea, in 2021, and the other at Yonsei University in same country in 2022.

He supervised numerous PhD and MPhil scholars and published many research articles in national and international journals. Dr. Zeb also represented UoT at various national and international conferences, receiving significant recognition for his research work. He served as the Director of the Office of Research, Innovation, and Commercialization (ORIC) at UoT. Dr. Zeb was actively involved in various statutory bodies, boards, and committees at the university.

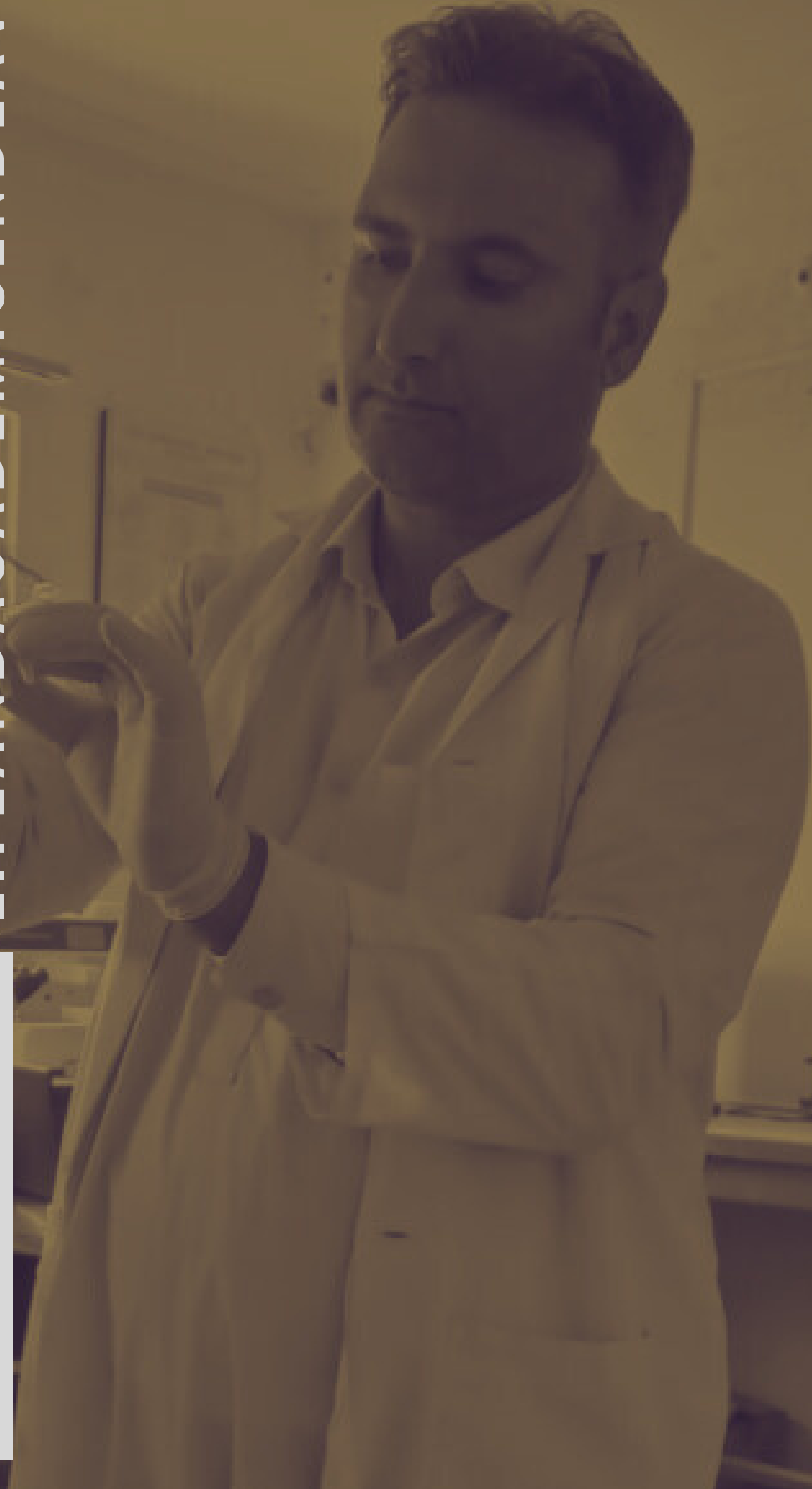


Dr. Amir Zeb



# DR. NIAMATULLAH

LIFE AND ACADEMIC ENDEAVORS



# Dr. Niamatullah Kakar's Life and Academic Endeavors

Dr. Niamatullah Kakar son of Abdul Zahir was born in 1983 in Quetta and hails from the Toba Kakari, Pishin district of Balochistan. He joined UoT as an Associate Professor in the Natural and Basic Sciences Department in 2022.

**D**r. Kakar completed his early education in Quetta and pursued his bachelor's and MPhil degrees at the University of Balochistan from 2005 to 2011. He completed his PhD from the University of Greifswald, Germany in 2019.

He has served in several prominent roles, including working at Prof. M. Masoom Khan's laboratory in Quetta, the University of Balochistan, the Provincial Reference Lab, Fatima Jinnah General and Chest Hospital in Quetta, and the Institute of Genetics and Functional Genomics at the University of Greifswald, Germany.

Throughout his career, Dr. Kakar supervised numerous PhD and MPhil scholars and represented UoT at various national and international conferences, receiving significant recognition for his research work. He has over 35 publications in prestigious international and national journals to his credit. Besides an HEC-approved supervisor, Dr. Kakar also gained three research projects funded by HEC and the Government of Balochistan..

He actively contributed to several statutory bodies, boards, and committees at the university. He was also nominated as the best teacher in the Department of Natural and Basic Sciences. Additionally, Dr. Kakar was a member of several prestigious national and international organizations, including the UK Professional Standards Framework for Teaching and Learning Support in Higher Education, the American Society for Microbiology, and the German Society of Hygiene and Microbiology.





## VC Prof. Dr. Jan Muhammad's tribute to Dr. Niamatullah Kakar and Dr. Amir Zeb

Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Jan Muhammad described them as eminent educationists, noted researchers, emerging scientists, and great human beings. He acknowledged their dedication to imparting quality education and advancing the university, highlighting their respected and influential roles among students and colleagues. Dr. Jan Muhammad also mentioned his desire to correspond with the Government of Balochistan to declare them martyrs and to name academic blocks of knowledge and development of the University in honor. The Vice-Chancellor extended heartfelt condolences to the grieving families on behalf of the UoT community. He also expressed gratitude to Vice-Chancellors of various universities, ministers, faculty, and people from all walks of life who conveyed their condolences and sympathy to the UoT community. He called for the implementation of safety protocols in passenger buses to prevent such tragic incidents in the future. Their dedication and commitment to the advancement of knowledge and development of the University

## Dr. Jahangir Khan Achakzai and Mr. Mazhar Gichki remember Dr. Kakar and Dr. Amir Zeb

On behalf of faculty members, Dr. Jahangir Khan Achakzai Acting Chairperson of the Department of Natural and Basic Sciences and Mr. Mazar Gichki faculty remembered Dr. Kakar and Dr. Amir Zeb as cooperative and sincere educators who played instrumental roles in the department's growth. They highlighted their dedication to their work and their passion for studies and exploration, noting that their contributions have left a lasting impact not only on the department but also on the university. They might not be with us physically but they would always be among us through their remarkable contributions to the progress of the university. "Our thoughts and prayers are always with Martyr's families and relatives during this difficult time," they

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