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#### Prof. Dr. Jan Muhammad assumed the charge as Vice Chancellor



Prof. Dr. Jan Muhammad assumed the charge and started working as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chancellor of UoT on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2021. Among the names selected on the recommendations of the UoT's Senate, the Governor Balochistan, Amanullah Khan Yasinzai, has appointed Prof. Dr. Jan Muhammad as 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Chancellor of the University of Turbat on 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2021. The newly appointed VC also called upon Governor Balochistan. His professional experience spans upon more than 24 years in a diverse range of fields. Dr. Jan Muhammad who enjoys high-profile academic background, graduated from NED University of Engineering & Technology, Karachi in the field of Computer Engineering and also earned a doctorate (PhD) from University of Glasgow, United Kingdom in the field of Computing Science. He is an

experienced educationist who served as Professor of Computer Engineering and worked as Dean Faculty of Social Sciences & Humanities in BUITEMS Quetta. He also worked as System Analyst/Network Administrator in IUCN and Network Administrator & **Customer Support Intern in** Sustainable Development Networking Program (SDNP) in UNDP. Besides, publishing a number of research papers in national and international journals, he has also attended many national and international



conferences. He also completed many research projects in the field of Computer and Information Technology in collaboration with national and international research institutes. Dr. Jan Muhammad possesses the official membership of IEEE Computer Society, Pakistan Engineering Council. He has been associated with the Melbourne e-Research Group, University of Melbourne, Australia, School of Computer Science & Informatics, University of Cardiff, United Kingdom, Center for Parallel Computing, University of Westminster, United Kingdom, United State-Pakistan Center for Advanced Studies in Water (USPCAS-W), MUET Jamshoro and School of Systems and Technology, University of Management & Technology, Lahore for international and national research collaboration.



#### **Turbat University holds 6th Senate Meeting**









Governor Balochistan/Chancellor UoT Amanullah Khan Yasinzai has said that the world is rapidly changing which requires from us to frame a comprehensive strategy for achieving new priorities and goals, and in this regard, higher education is at the top among new priorities. He expressed these views while presiding over the Sixth Meeting of the Senate of UoT on 17<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 held at Governor Secretariat, Quetta. Among the names selected on the recommendations of the Senate search committee, the Governor appointed Prof. Dr. Jan Muhammad as the new Vice Chancellor of the University of Turbat. The Meeting was attended by the UoT's outgoing VC, Prof. Dr. Abdul Razzag Sabir, VC LUAWMS, Prof.

Dr. Dost Muhammad Baloch, Secretary Higher Education Gov't of Balochistan, Hashim Khan Gilzai, Secretary Finance, Pasand Khan Buledi, Principal Secretary to Governor, Shahnawaz Ali, BUITEMS Pro VC, Dr. Faisal Kakar, Dean Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Prof. Dr. Abdul Saboor, UOT's Registrar, Ghulam Farooq, Dr. Adeel Ahmed, Ex. Director Health Turbat, Dr. Taj Baloch, Ex. Principal Makran Medical College, Dr. Niamatullah Gichki, UOT's faculty members Ruqia Mirwani and other members of the Senate. Appreciating the tireless efforts of Prof. Dr. Abdul Razzaq Sabir (outgoing VC) and his entire team, Governor Yasinzai said that with eight years of continuous efforts and full devotion of outgoing VC and his team, the UOT has been on the path towards success. "Credit certainly goes to Dr. Abdul Razzaq Sabir and his entire team for bringing UOT to an important position in such a short period of time under very difficult circumstances and limited resources". He said. Meanwhile Prof. Dr. Abdul Razzaq Sabir presented the Annual Report 2020 of the University on the occasion of his farewell meeting with Honorable Governor Balochistan Amanullah Khan Yasinzai.



#### Farewell meeting of outgoing VC UOT with Governor Balochistan



The Governor Balochistan Amanullah Khan Yasinzai has said that like other parts of the country, the youth of Turbat has realized the requirements of changing world and today they are paying full attention towards acquiring higher education which is surely a guarantee of their bright future. He expressed these views during farewell meeting with outgoing VC UoT Professor Dr. Abdul Razzaq Sabir on 26<sup>th</sup> January, 2021 in Governor House, Quetta. Governor Balochistan acknowledged the tireless efforts of Dr. Abdul Razzaq Sabir and his entire team for bringing UoT on the path of development in a very short span of time during his tenure. Dr. Abdul Razzaq Sabir thanked Governor Balochistan for providing every facilities to UoT during his tenure.

#### 9<sup>th</sup> Selection Board of UoT held







The 9<sup>th</sup> meeting of Selection Board of University of Turbat was held on 16<sup>th</sup> April, 2021. VC UoT, Prof. Dr. Jan Muhammad chaired the meeting. The candidates selected for the Overseas Scholarship through HEC were interviewed through the zoom online system and asked to sign the bond paper to serve UoT when they come back to their home country after the completion of their master and Ph.D. degree program. The members of Selection Board, Justice (R) Shakeel Ahmed Baloch, VC SBBU, Lyari Karachi, Prof. Dr. Akhtar Baloch (joined the meeting online), Ex. Executives Senior VP, NBP Imam Baksh Baloch, Dean Faculty of Law, Prof. Dr.

Gul Hassan, Dean Faculty of Science and Engineering UoT, Dr. Naeemullah, HoD Natural and Basic Science Department, Dr. Roohullah and Registrar Ghulam Farooq participated in the meeting.



#### VC UoT calls on Governor Balochistan



The Vice Chancellor of University of Turbat, Prof. Dr. Jan Muhammad met with Governor Balochistan, Amanullah Khan Yasinzai on 21<sup>st</sup> May, 2021, to discuss the issues faced by UoT and its sub campuses at Gwadar and Panjgur. Governor Balochistan assured to take every step possible in order to equip the varsity with modern needs of digital era and to provide facilities for faculty and students. He said that the Turbat University was playing very important role in promoting quality education in Balochistan. VC UoT apprised the Governor Balochistan regarding his vision to further uplift the varsity.

#### Newly appointed VC holds first meeting with faculty, admin staff



Newly appointed VC of UoT, Prof. Dr. Jan Muhammad has said that he would make every effort to take the institution to the new heights of development with the support of faculty and administrative staff. Dr. Jan Muhammad said that the standard of learning would be enhanced and the youth would be equipped with the practical knowledge. Presiding over his first meeting with faculty and administrative staff on 24<sup>th</sup> March, 2021 at university after assuming the charge as VC, he said that UoT had a great history of achievements in short span of time under the leadership of the former and founder Vice Chancellor of the university, Prof Dr. Abdul Razzaq Sabir. The meeting was attended by Dean Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Prof. Dr. Abdul Saboor, Dean Faculty of Science and Engineering, Dr. Naeemullah, Registrar, Ghulam Faroog, C.E, Tanvir Ahmed, DF, Shabek Syed, Director UoT's Gwadar Campus, Ijaz Ahmed, Dr. Waseem Barkat, Dr. Roohullah, Dr. Riaz Mazar, Dr. Adeel Ahmed, incharge various departments, faculty members and administrative staff. The faculty members and admin staff congratulated Prof. Dr. Jan Muhammad for assuming the charge as second VC of UoT and they assured him their full support for the further development of the varsity. VC emphasized that his focus would remain on good governance, excellence in teaching, high quality research, innovation, and community services as strategic priorities for the university. He said that "we pledge to further strengthen its existing linkages with other academic institutions and industry and promote collaborations and partnerships with government bodies and other universities and industries in the country and abroad". VC thanked the faculty members and admin staff for welcoming him warmly.



#### UoT holds 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of ASRB



The 11<sup>th</sup> meeting of University of Turbat's Advanced Studies and Research Board (ASRB) was held on 22<sup>nd</sup> January, 2021, under the chairmanship of VC Professor Dr. Abdul Razzaq Sabir at UoT. The VC pledged to promote a culture of innovative research in the university. He said, the university was working hard to provide quality education and promote favorable environment for research to its students and faculty. The board discussed and resolved matters related to viva voce reports of the scholars for the Master of Philosophy programs of the departments of Chemistry and Balochi. The board recommended for award of four M.Phil. degrees in Chemistry and six M.Phil. degrees in Balochi. The board also went through the research reports of scholars of MS Management Sciences department and resolved them accordingly. Earlier, Registrar, Ghulam Farooq presented the agenda for deliberation and decision of the board. Prof. Dr. Abdul Saboor, Dean Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, Prof. Dr. Gul Hassan, Dean Faculty of Law, Tanvir Ahmed, Controller of Examinations, Dr. Adeel Ahmed, Assistant professor, Dr. Wahid Bakhsh, Principal Atta Shad Degree College Turbat, Ms. Nazal and Ms. Sidra Abdul Ghafoor, Lecturers Girl's Degree College Turbat also attended the meeting.

#### Mustafa Nawaz Kohkar granted 0.6 (M) for deserving students



Senator Mustafa Nawaz Khokar, a famous parliamentarian and Human Rights activist has granted Rs. 0.6 (M) for the financial assistant of those deserving and talented students of UoT who could not pay their tuition fee and other dues due to the low income of their families. VC UoT, Prof. Dr. Abdul Razzaq Sabir and Registrar, Ghulam Farooq on 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2021, distributed Scholarship Award Letter to the eleven deserving students. This is the second time that the Senator Kohkar has granted scholarship to the deserving students of UoT. Last time he had also donated Rs. 0.5 (M) which was distributed among seven deserving students of UoT. VC extended his whole-hearted thanks to the Senator for providing scholarships to the deserving students of his institution. Director Finance, Shabek Syed, Incharge Financial Aid Office, Abdul Jabbar, and students were also present on the occasion.



#### A team from Monitoring & Evaluation Division of HEC visits UoT



A team from Monitoring & Evaluation (M&E) Division of Higher Education Commission (HEC) visited University of Turbat on 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> June, 2021. The team was headed by Director General M&E Syed Naveed Hussain Shah. Director General Engineering and Works of University of Balochistan, Engineer Farooq Badini and Assistant Director M&E Division of HEC, Muhammad Idrees also accompanied him. During meeting with the officials of UoT's project section, UoT's Project Director, Engineer Manzoor Baloch briefed the team about the development works of the phase-II of Turbat University project. Director Finance, Shahbeek Syed, Director EA Consulting, Monis Suri and Architect, Muhammad Riaz were also present on the occasion. The HEC's team also called upon Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Jan Muhammad at his chamber. UoT's PD, Manzoor Baloch and PSO to VC, Chakar Hyder were also present on the occasion.

#### **ORIC - UOTRF to support Research Projects**



Government of Balochistan (GOB) has awarded research grant to Higher Education Intuitions (HEIs) in Balochistan including University of Turbat (UoT) to support these institutions to undertake research focused on prevailing scientific and socioeconomic issues. Utilizing the research grant awarded by GOB, the UoT has established a research fund, namely University of Turbat Research Fund (UOTRF) which aimed at supporting research projects that make contributions to economic prosperity, provincial and local wellbeing and to facilitate the academic and industrial linkages. The faculty members of UoT and its sub campuses submitted 33 research projects that were evaluated by the external experts including Dr. Muhammad Aslam Buzdar (Associate Professor, Director ORIC, LUAWMS), Dr. Liaquat Channa (Associate Professor, Department of English, BUITEMS), Dr. Shahjehan Shabbir (Associate Professor, Department of Biotechnology, BUITEMS), Dr. Zahid Rauf (Associate Professor, Department of Management Sciences, University of Balochistan) on 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021 at UoT. The Worthy Vice Chancellor of UoT, Prof. Dr. Jan Muhammad chaired the session, whereas Dr. Ghulam Jan (Director ORIC, UOT) moderated the overall session.



#### UoT to expedite efforts for youth development, VC UoT



The VC UoT Professor Dr. Jan Muhammad said that his institution was committed to promote collaborative programs and projects with other institutions in the field of education, research, technical expertise and youth development. He expressed these views during scholarship cheque distribution ceremony of Youth Communication for Development (YCD) project under Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Funds (PPAF) which was held on 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 at UoT. Prof. Dr. Jan Muhammad distributed cheques, bags and diaries among the students under the YCD project on this occasion. UoT's Registrar, Ghulam Farooq, Dean Faculty of Science and Engineering, Dr. Naeemullah, Director Finance, Shahbeek Syed, PSO to VC Chaker Hyder, Assistant Registrar Ghous Bakhsh and students attended the event.



A memorandum of understanding (MoU) between University of Turbat UoT and PPHI regarding clinical and medical collaboration was signed here at UoT on 4<sup>th</sup> May, 2021. According to the document the two institutions would cooperate in improving and managing the healthcare facilities in the medical centre established in UoT. The PPHI would provide all health facilities of BHUs including ambulance services, laboratories, medical staff, medical equipment and medicines for the healthcare unit of UoT. The UoT's Registrar, Ghulam Farooq and District Support Manager (DSM) of PPHI District Kech Haji Khan signed the documents. Director Finance Shahbek Syed, UoT's Gwadar Campus Director, Ijaz Ahmed, Deputy Registrar, Ganguzar Baloch and M & E Officer of PPHI Mazar Raheem were also present on the occasion.



Turbat Varsity to open new vistas of opportunities for students: VC



The VC UoT Prof. Dr. Jan Muhammad, has said that a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed with other universities and organizations would leave far-reaching impact on youth development in the field of Information Technology and starting up of their own businesses for their economic prosperity and stability. Expressing his views on the expected outcome of the MoU, he said that besides increasing the knowledge and skills of students, the MoU would also open new vistas of opportunities for empowering the youth across the region. The MoU was signed at LUAWMS, Uthal, on 22<sup>nd</sup> April, 2021, between UoT, National Freelance Training Program (NFTP), Punjab Information Technology Board (PITB), LUAWMS and UoB. UoT's VC, Prof. Dr. Jan Muhammad, LUAWMS VC, Prof. Dr. Dost Muhammad Baloch, UoB Pro VC, Dr. Saud Taj, Science & Technology Secretary GoB, Roshan Ali Sheikh, NFTP Program Officer, Muhammad Mamnoon, PITB Joint Director, Hammad bin Abdul Khaliq, LUAWMS Dean Faculty of Social Sciences and Management, Dr. Manzoor Ahmed, UoT's Director ORIC, Dr. Ghulam Jan, UoB's Director ORIC, Dr. Waheed Noor and other officers were present on the occasion. The Vice Chancellors of partner universities and heads of institutions signed the MoU. This initiative, Dr. Jan Muhammad added, would help for opening new avenues of economic stability through digital transformation for the students to reduce unemployment in this part of the country. After the MoU signing ceremony, the VCs along with other dignitaries and officers visited different departments of LUAWMS.

#### **Books donated to UoT by Rotaract Club**



As many as 500 books were donated by Rotaract Club of Turbat to Central Library of University of Turbat (UoT) and Seminar Library of English Department during a ceremony held in UoT on 15<sup>th</sup> February, 2021. The UoT's VC, Prof Dr. Abdul Razzaq Sabir, Dean Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Prof. Dr. Abdul Saboor and Chairperson English Department, Durdana Rafique received the books from President of Turbat Rotaract Club, Mehrab Khan. VC thanked representatives of the Rotaract Club for donating books to the university. Director UoT's Gwadar Campus, Ijaz Ahmed, Deputy Registrar, Ganguzar Baloch, PSO to VC, Chaker Hyder, Lecturer Amjid Habib, Security Officer, Shahid Essa, Protocol Officer, Meer Bahad, representatives of Rotaract Club Salal Rind and Abdi Khan were also present on the occasion.



#### **Education Department organizes Arts, Crafts and Calligraphy Exhibition**



The Education Department of University of Turbat (UoT) organized an Exhibition of teaching of art, calligraphy and science in multipurpose hall of UoT on 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2021. The students of B.Ed. (Honors) 3<sup>rd</sup> semester of Education Department showcased their science model and artworks in the exhibition. The UoT's Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Jan Muhammad inaugurated the exhibition in the presence of Dean Faculty of Art, Humanities & Social Sciences, Prof. Dr. Abdul Saboor, Chairman Education Department, Manzoor Ahmed, faculty members and students. Appreciating the artworks of the students, VC Prof. Dr. Jan Muhammad said that such activities would help in digging out the hidden talent and creativity of the student. Prof. Dr. Abdul Saboor said that it would be much productive to promote teaching and learning through assignment and practical work in the form of project model instead of presenting usual PPT on paper.

(Report by Chairman Education Department UoT)

#### **UoT receives books from AIOU**



Dean Faculty of Arts, Social Sciences and Humanities University of Turbat (UoT) and Director (IBLC), Prof. Dr. Abdul Saboor received books from Regional Director of Allama Iqbal Open University's (AIOU) Campus at Gwadar, Majid Hussain. The book handing over event was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2021 at UoT. Chairperson Education Department, Manzoor Ahmed, District Education Officer Panjgur, Mr. Abid Hussain and faculty members were also present on the occasion. Speaking on the occasion Prof. Dr. Abdul Saboor thanked Mr. Majid Hussain for providing books for UoT's Education Department. RD, Majid Hussain emphasized for joint collaboration between both institutions for promoting higher education in this part of the country.

#### **UoT's faculty accomplishes great achievement**

The faculty member of University of Turbat Dr. Riaz Ahmed (PI), Assistant Professor, Department of Management Sciences and his team which includes Dr. Adeel Ahmed, Dr. Waseem Barkat, and Mr. Rehmat Ullah accomplished a great achievement. They were awarded a research grant worth Rs. 3.258 Million in the month of March, 2021 under the "RASTA Competitive Grants Program (CGP) for Policy-Oriented Research (Round-1). 'Research for Social Transformation and Advancement' (RASTA CGP) is a project funded under Public Sector Development Program (PSDP) of the



Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, the Government of Pakistan, which is being managed and monitored by Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE), Islamabad.



#### VC BUMHS meets VC UoT



The Vice Chancellor of Bolan University of Medical and Health Sciences, Prof. Dr. Naqib Ullah Achakzai visited University of Turbat on 25<sup>th</sup> June, 2021, and called upon Vice Chancellor of University of Turbat Prof. Dr. Jan Muhammad at his chamber. Both VCs agreed to cooperate in promoting research activities, specialized and general education in Balochistan. VC BUMHS congratulated Prof. Dr. Jan Muhammad for assuming the charge as new Vice Chancellor of UoT. He appreciated the efforts of the VC and his team for the unparalleled academic and infrastructural progress of UoT in short span of time. At the end of the meeting, the VC UoT presented shield to the visitor.

#### VC inaugurates new Admin Block in Turbat University



VC UoT, Prof. Dr. Abdul Razzaq Sabir inaugurated the newly constructed Administration Block on 11<sup>th</sup> March, 2021. University's Registrar, Ghulam Farooq, Dean Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Prof. Dr. Abdul Saboor, Dean Faculty of Science and Engineering, Dr. Naeemullah, Director UoT's Gwadar Campus, Ijaz Ahmed, Chairman Management Sciences Department, Dr. Waseem Barkat, Chairman Commerce Department, Essa Kareem, Deputy Registrar, Ganguzar Baloch, faculty member and admin staff were also present on the occasion. Speaking on the occasion the VC said, besides providing necessary infrastructure in all campuses of the university, we were committed to provide quality education to the students.

#### Turbat University got 2<sup>nd</sup> position in PUDC 2021



University of Turbat (UoT) bagged the second position in the Regional Round of Pakistan Universities Debating Championship (PUDC 2021). The Regional Round of PUDC was organized by HEC at BUITEMS Quetta on 6<sup>th</sup> April, 2021. The students from most of the universities of Balochistan including UoT, UoB, UoLi, MCRU Sibi, AIU Quetta, LUAWMS Uthal and BUITEMS participated in the event. The UoT's team won the second position in the debate contest in Urdu language on the topic "أنكريزى زبان ترقى كے ليے ضرورى ہے؟". The 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> position won by UoB and BUITEMS respectively. Congratulating the

UoT's team for winning 2<sup>nd</sup> position in the event, VC UoT, Professor Dr. Jan Muhammad said that the students would be encouraged to participate in the competitions of national and international level. Lucky Saleem student of Chemistry Department, Shabir Ahmed of Balochi and Sanjar Sakim of Education Department represented UoT, while Mazhar Gichki, Lecturer English Department was the focal person.



#### **IGFC urges students' role in nation-building**



The Inspector General Frontier Corps (IGFC) Balochistan (South) Major General Ayman Bilal Safdar HI (M) visited University of Turbat (UoT) on 9th March, 2021. VC UoT Prof. Dr. Abdul Razzaq Sabir and his staff warmly welcomed the IGFC. Besides conducting meeting with the VC, Major General Safdar had interactive sessions with faculty members and students in Video Conference Room and Multipurpose Hall. Brigadier Abdullah Saeed, varsity's Registrar, Ghulam Farooq, Dean Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Prof. Dr. Abdul Saboor, Dean Faculty of Legal Education, Prof. Dr. Gul Hasan, Dean Faculty of Science and Engineering, Dr. Naeemullah, Controller of Examinations, Tanvir Ahmed, Director Finance Shabek Syed, Director UoT's Gwadar Campus, Ijaz Ahmed, PSO to VC, Chaker Hyder, Deputy Registrar, Ganguzar Baloch, Chairpersons of different department, faculty members and students in large number attended the interactive sessions. Speaking on the occasion, Major General Safdar highlighted the role of teachers and students in the nation building. He appreciated efforts of the VC, teaching and admin staff for the achievements accomplished by UoT over the last eight years. The VC thanked IGFC for his visit to the varsity and taking keen interest in the development of university.



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Justice Hashim Khan Kakar visits Main Campus & Law Faculty of UoT





Honorable Justice Hashim Khan Kakar, a senior judge of the Balochistan High Court (BHC) visited Main Campus and Faculty of Law of University of Turbat (UoT) on 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2021, and called upon UoT's VC Prof. Dr. Jan Muhammad at university main campus. Congratulating Dr. Jan Muhammad for joining UoT as VC, the senior judge assured to provide full cooperation for the academic and infrastructural development of the university. VC thanked the visitors for their keen interest in promoting higher education in this remote part of the country. Dean faculty of Law Dr. Gul Hassan briefed Justice Hashim Khan Kakar on the progress of development works of the Law College building. Justice Hashim Khan Kakar emphasized to initiate the case to Pakistan Bar Council for NoC to start LLM classes in Law faculty. UoT's Registrar, Ghulam Farooq, Director Gwadar Campus, Ijaz Ahmed, Incharge Law Faculty, Mehmood Amir, Advocate Naseem Baloch, Deputy Registrar, Ganguzar Baloch, Commissioner Mekran Division, Irfan Ahmed Garsheen, and other officials were also present on the occasion.



### Slogan

Tradition - Innovation - Excellence

### Mission

Our mission is to educate and nurture the future role players, decision makers and responsible individuals. Commitment to the ideals of creating knowledge economy.

Opening new vistas for meaningful and original research in innovation and excellence. Remaining true to principals of merit, selfless service, and utmost objectivity. Make genuine efforts to better the lot of the people through harnessing talent and harvesting potential.

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