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16TH CONVOCATION CEREMONY, ISRA UNIVERSITY HYDERABAD

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while presiding over its 16th Convocation of Isra University held on 26th January 2019 at its main campus in Hyderabad.

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Office of Research, Innovation & Commercialization, Isra University, Hyderabad organized a seminar on “Countering Violent Extremism: Paigham-e-Pakistan, the National Peace

Narrative” at Isra University, Hyderabad on Friday, 22nd March 2019. The seminar was attended by religious & research scholars, faculty, staff and students.

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On 16 March 2019 Isra University Hyderabad organized a health awareness walk in the campus followed by community field visit to village and School Sain Dino Mallah, Jamshoro where 313 students were given basic awareness regarding personal hygiene. It is important for each child to drink clean water and prevent typhoid through vaccination. Hyderabad city is affected by typhoid since 2016. All school children between 6 months to 10 years were vaccinated by WHO approved TCV vaccine which is already injected to 207000 children in Hyderabad by AKU and Government of Sindh.

Further, the community of Sain Dino Mallah demanded for better health facilities for 10000 people in their village. In this regard Isra MBBS students conducted 5 different sessions to provide basic information to protect against typhoid. Professor Ali Akbar Siddiqui, Dr. Shams Solangi, Dr. Adnan Bawani, Dr. G H Baloch and Dr. Col. Iftikhar addressed the awareness walk and told the participants that Isra University is conducting on typhoid patients. 26 patients who were between 20 to 25 years, were treated in Isra University hospital with XDR typhoid and only 2 drugs Azithromycin and

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Dear Readers,

Assalamu Alaikum! Isra News is an official organ of Isra University. This quarterly newsletter is designed to keep the Isra affiliated community well connected, and at the same time bring the readers up to date with the various cocurricular and extra-curricular activities taking place at the University along with the educational and social welfare programs. pursued by the parent organization, Isra Islamic Foundation.

In order to keep Isra News well populated, we rely on contribution of news items. from the community members. When sending news items, please make sure to include the essential elements of an event: what took place, whom it concerns the most, where and when it took place. You are encouraged to send your news items by email to the address given below.

Last but not the least, your news contributions are important to us, so help us keep the Isra community connected by contributing regularly to Isra News. We appreciate your interest and contributions, and hope that you will find Isra News to be informative and pleasant to read.

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degrees to around 397 students belonging to Medical Sciences, Dentistry, Nursing, Vision Sciences, Physical Therapy, Management Sciences, Electrical Engineering, Electronics, Computer Science, Information Technology, Software Engineering and Telecommunications.

While talking about change, Prof. Dr. Asadullah Kazi said that we must get ready for globalization, which is like the river that has burst its banks. He advised that we must learn swimming or else we will be drowned. As a parting message to the students, he said, 'Work hard to achieve your goals. I want you to become great, as



we are optimistic in you. You are the leaders of tomorrow, so get yourself ready to address the challenges of the future.' He went on and reminded the students their goal as educated citizens, 'to uphold the image of your country, by letting the world know that we are a peaceful nation.'

The President of Isra Islamic Foundation Prof. Dr. Ghulamqadir Kazi in his address said that, the holding of academic convocations, falls within the purview of academic traditions of a university. The main purpose of such celebrations is to confer degrees on the students, who have successfully completed their studies; and at the same time, honor those who have performed meritoriously, and decorate them with gold and silver medals. Dr. Kazi said that the universities are there to produce students who, acquire knowledge and learn to create and disseminate the same. Furthermore, the teachers develop a sense of responsibility in the students to contribute towards the development of society and humanity at large. He said knowledge inculcates in a person sense of responsibility and accountability as is evident in this verse from the Holy Book of Allah (S.W.T) "Indeed only knowledge bearer feel accountability to Allah"

On this felicitous occasion, Prof. Dr. Abdul Rashid Shaikh, Vice Chancellor, Isra University also address and said that he's glad to inform you all that the three campuses Hyderabad, Karachi and Islamabad are fully operational. HEC has placed them in the "W" Category.

He informed, "W" Category, at present, is the highest grade



awarded to universities in Pakistan. HEC has placed Isra University as 5th Best University in Pakistan and 2nd Best University after Aga Khan in medical category. He said we believe in quality. HEC has included Isra University, among the few Private Universities, where Quality Enhancement Cell is established to monitor the quality of Education. We are also ranked in the “W” category, the highest rank in Quality Enhancement Category

Overall 100 undergraduate and postgraduate programs are approved by the respective regulatory bodies of Pakistan, like Pakistan Medical & Dental Council; College of Physician and Surgeon Pakistan; Pakistan Nursing Council and Pakistan Engineering Council.

Dr. Shaikh congratulate, all the students, who are waiting anxiously to receive their degrees and medals at this convocation. This is their day. He said I wish them well and pray for success in their future endeavors. They are the hopes of future, and the leaders of tomorrow. We hope they will uphold the name of their Almamater.

At the convocation, out of 397 graduates, 265 received degree for Bachelor in Medical Sciences, Dentistry, Nursing and Physical Therapy whereas, 24 post graduate degrees were awarded in different programs of medical and allied medical sciences. Apart from this, one student was also conferred upon a PhD in Biochemistry. In addition, 107 received degree for Bachelor and master's in business administration, Electrical Engineering,



Computer Science, Electronics, Information Technology, Software Engineering and Telecommunications.

At the end, award ceremony, Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals were given to the outstanding students for securing positions in their relevant Faculties and Departments.

At the convocation besides the dignitaries' other faculty members, parents and a large number of students were present. This year, Komal Aijaz, a graduate of MBBS program, Bakhtawar a graduate of BDS program, Maira Murtaza a graduate of DPT program, Shanza a graduate of BS (Nursing) Program, Soha a graduate of BBA program, Iram a graduate of BS (software Engineering) and Rabia a graduate of BE (Electrical Engineering) received Gold Medals, Silver Medals to the outstanding students Amad Alam a graduate of MBBS program, Rabia a graduate of BDS program, Schat Kanwal a graduate of DPT program, Samreen Noor Lakho a graduate of BS (Nursing) Program, Murk Yousfani a graduate of BBA program, Soohan a graduate of BS (software Engineering) and Hina Qasim a graduate of BE (Electrical Engineering) and the Bronze medal goes to Syeda Nimra a graduate of MBBS program, Reeta Bae a graduate of DPT program, Anam a graduate of BS (Nursing)



Program, Geeta a graduate of BBA program, Salahuddin a graduate of BS (software Engineering) and Hina Qasim a graduate of BE (Electrical Engineering). In the end, everyone who were present there were invited for lunch after the Chancellor declared the convocation ceremony completed.

4TH CONVOCATION 2019 KARACHI CAMPUS

Prof. Dr. Asadullah Kazi, Chancellor of Isra University shared his views at the 4th Convocation of Isra University, Karachi Campus held on 09 February 2019. He accentuated the importance of education and said that learning is a lifelong process that continues from the cradle to the grave. He urged the students to be competitive and participative to extend their knowledge. "There can be no development without participation; and there can be no

participation without communication, in this age of digital literacy" he said.

Isra University, Karachi Campus conferred degrees to around 214 students belonging to Faculty of Medicine & Allied Medical Sciences.

Dr. Kazi said that I am glad to be here, this morning amidst you,



to preside over the 4th Convocation of Isra University Campus at Karachi. Let me inform you that I am fully aware of the tremendous development, which this privately-owned University at Hyderabad with its two more campuses at Karachi and Islamabad has made over a period of the last 20 years, since its inception in 1997.

He said that everything changes with time, except the change itself and we live in an age of innovation and change, and in such an age, the universities have a special obligation. They must hold fast to the best of the past and do more for the best of the future. Globalization is on us, whether we like it or not, we have to get ready for this. He said it is like the river that has burst its banks. The only way for us to survive is to learn swimming or else we will be drowned. The earlier we learn to realize the truth of the matter, the better it is for us.



On this felicitous occasion, Prof. Dr. Ghulamqadir Kazi, President, Isra Islamic Foundation in his address said that "My Dear Students: Work hard to achieve your goals. It does not take great men to do things, but it is doing things that make men great". He said I want you to become prodigious and great. We have high hopes in you. You are the leaders of tomorrow. Stay in touch with what is happening in the country. Make a significant contribution in uplifting the image of Pakistan. He said I congratulate you for the hard work, you had put in successful completion of your degrees. Let me, once again, remind you of your goal as educated citizens. You must uphold the image of our country. Let the world know that we are not terrorists, but terrorism has been inflicted upon us. He said we are a peaceful nation. We will uphold the

image, which the founders of this nation had worked so hard, to build.

The Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Abdul Rashid Shaikh congratulate all the graduating students for the hard work, they had put in successful completion of their degrees. He said that the Isra University, Karachi Campus, was established in 2011. We had started with 189 students in 2011; and currently, there are Twelve hundred and seventy-four (1274) students at the roll of Karachi campus. More than 1200 have already graduated and approximately 216 are about to graduate in today's convocation.

Dr. Shaikh said that the Isra University is approximately 21 years old. It started in late 1997 with intake of 28 students in MBBS program at Hyderabad Campus. With the passage of time it extended its service to other disciplines like Management Sciences, IT & Computer Science, Nursing, Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Sciences. Currently, there are more than five thousand and five hundred (5560) students at the roll of Isra University in various undergraduate and postgraduate programs spread over in all the three campuses where more than six thousand (6000) students have already graduated including the graduates of this year.



He also said that during this period of time, we have kept up the tradition of maintaining zero-time delay in our examination schedule, academic activities, statutory body meetings and social activities, which are announced at the onset of each academic year.

Convocation is conducted every year on the last Saturday of



January at our main campus. Today, we are celebrating 4th Convocation for our Karachi Campus. This ceremony is also tied up with the annual dinner that we host in the honor of the Isra University Alumni. This event takes place on the same day, later in the evening.

He advised to the graduates that your education does not end with the degree, knowledge and the subject you have studied. There are a lot of challenges you are yet to face in real world, and I am sure you all will succeed Insha Allah.

He also congratulates the faculty members of the Campus who have been instrumental in preparing our graduates today for giving the quality training for excellence and for preparing them to be globally competitive and to become active contributors to the society.

At the convocation, 158 received a degree for bachelor's in Medical Sciences, Vision Sciences and Physical Therapy whereas, 55 post graduate degrees were awarded in different



programs of Medical and Allied Medical Sciences.

At the end, Prof. Dr. Asadullah Kazi Chancellor and Prof. Dr. Ghulamqadir Kazi, President, Isra Islamic Foundation, Prof. Dr. Abdul Rashid Shaikh, Vice Chancellor awarded Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals to the outstanding students for securing positions in their relevant Faculties and Departments. This year, Kamran Iftikar, a graduate of MBBS program, Rabia Siddique Ahmed, a graduate of DPT program, Anam, a graduate of BS (VS) Program received Gold Medal, outstanding students that were awarded with the Silver Medal are; Samim, a graduate of MBBS Program, Khajetatul Ain Sandela, a graduate of DPT Program, Aysha Kazi, a graduate of BS (VS) Program, and the Bronze medal goes to Noureen, a graduate of MBBS Program and Priyanka, a graduate of BS (VS) Program.

At the convocation besides the dignitaries' other faculty members, parents and a large number of students were present who were invited for lunch after the Chancellor declared the convocation closed.

3RD CONVOCATION 2019 ISLAMABAD CAMPUS



“Everything changes with time, except the change itself. We live in an age of innovation and change, and in such an age, the universities have a special obligation”, said Prof. Dr. Asadullah Kazi, Chancellor, Isra University, while presiding over the 3rd Convocation of Isra University held at Jinnah Convention Center, Islamabad.

Isra University conferred degrees to around 386 students belonging to Medical Sciences, Electronics Engineering, Physical Therapy, Nursing, Vision Sciences and Medical Lab Technology.

While talking about change, Prof. Dr. Asadullah Kazi said that we must get ready for globalization, which is like the river that has burst its banks. He advised that we must learn swimming or else we will be drowned. As a parting message to the students, he said, “Work hard to achieve your goals. I want you to become great, as we are optimistic in you. You are the leaders of tomorrow, so get



yourself ready to address the challenges of the future.” He went on and reminded the students their goal as educated citizens, “to uphold the image of our country, by letting the world know that we are a peaceful nation.”

Further in his address, he stressed upon the importance of education and said that learning is a lifelong process that continues from the cradle to the grave. He urged the students to be competitive and participative in order to extend their knowledge. “There can be no development without participation; and there can be no participation without communication, in this age of digital literacy,” he said.

On this felicitous occasion, Prof. Dr. Abdul Rashid Sheikh, Vice Chancellor, Isra University, in his address said that the main purpose of such events is not only to confer degrees on the students but also to honor those who have performed meritoriously.

In the light of a verse from The Holy Quran, he said, "Knowledge inculcates in a person, a sense of responsibility and accountability." While expressing his expectations of the graduating batch, he said, "I hope that the graduating students of this University will demonstrate this purpose of the knowledge and will emerge as torch-bearers of truth and be paragons of virtue."

In his address, he also shared the tremendous progress shown by Isra University and the various achievements made over the years.

In his closing remarks, he congratulated the graduating students and expressed his good wishes for their future endeavors.

At the convocation, out of 386 graduates, 304 received degree for Bachelor in Medical Sciences, Physical Therapy, Vision Sciences, BS MLT and Nursing, whereas 34 post graduate degrees were awarded in different programs of Allied Medical Sciences and Electrical Engineering & Electronics. In addition, 48 received degrees for Bachelor in Electrical Engineering & Electronics. Apart from this, two students were also conferred



upon a PhD in Allied Medical Sciences.

Dr. Asadullah Kazi, Chancellor Isra University, Prof. Dr. Abdul Rashid Sheikh, Vice Chancellor and Prof. Dr. Ghulamkadir Kazi, President, Isra Islamic Foundation, awarded Medals to the outstanding students for securing positions in their relevant Faculties and Departments. This year, Umar Bin Khatab Abbasi, a graduate of MBBS program received a Gold Medal whereas Hassan Agha received a Silver Medal and Syeda Fareha Zahid received bronze Medal in the Faculty of Medicine & Allied Medical Sciences. Wafa Kainat, a graduate of DPT program, received a Gold Medal whereas Rimsha Malik received Silver medal and Eisha Tir Razia received Bronze Medal in the Faculty of Doctor of Physical Therapy. Muhammad Zeeshan, a graduate of BE (Electrical) received a Gold Medal whereas, Aqeel Ali Silver medal and Najaf Ali received Bronze Medal, BT HONS (electrical) Faisal Zubair received Gold Medal, Muayhammad Adeel Silver and Ahsan Bashir received bronze Medal in BT (Civil) Zafar Iqbal Gold Medal, Muhammad Anees Silver and

Asif Shah received Bronze Medal, Khawaja Sami ul Haq BT Hons (electronics), received a Gold Medal in the Department of engineering, Mizaj ud Din, a graduate of BS (Medical Lab Technology) received a Gold Medal whereas Noor ul Ain received a Silver Medal and Muhammad Asif Shah received Bronze; Sheraz Pervaiz, a graduate of BS Respiratory Therapy received a Gold Medal in the Faculty of Medical Sciences; Syeda Quratulain Zahrah a graduate of BS (Vision Sciences) program and Abdul Sami BS (Audiology) program received a Gold Medal in the Department of Pakistan Institute of Rehabilitation.

They must hold fast to the best of the past, and do more for the best of the future, said Prof. Dr. Altaf Ali. G Sheikh, Pro Vice Chancellor, Isra University Islamabad Campus on Votes of thanks.

He thanked the dignitaries, other faculty members, and parents congratulated students who were presenting large number. After that, the Chancellor declared the convocation closed.

SESSION ON “COUNTERING VIOLENT EXTREMISM: PAIGHAM-E-PAKISTAN”

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The event started with a welcome address by Prof. Dr. Abdul Rashid Shaikh, Vice Chancellor, Isra University. He discussed the importance of Paigham-e-Pakistan initiative in Pakistan and added that such seminars should be organized in different universities across all provinces to create awareness regarding the true meaning of Islam and Pakistan.

The objective of this seminar was to introduce the initiative of Paigham-e-Pakistan as the peace building effort to counter violent extremism. Since Pakistan has been suffering for several years an immense damage caused by an illusion created by the distortion of Islam; with religion being mixed with extremism, terrorism and hate, due to which our educational institutes became the target of the narrative. The need of a national narrative was felt to counter violence, extremism, radicalism and create awareness about the fundamental issues of Islam across the Pakistan.

Mr. Mufti Tariq Masood (Professor, Jamia Tur Rasheed, Karachi)

introduced the initiative of Paigham-e-Pakistan,” Mr. Syed Ayaz Ahmed Shah (Director Public Relations & External Affairs, Jamia Tur Rasheed, Karachi) delivered the session on “Islamic Republic of Pakistan and the Concept of Riyasat-e-Madina,” Dr. Tahira Yosuf (Senior Assistant Professor, Institute of Professional Psychology, Bahria University Karachi) delivered the session on “Importance of Emotional Resilience: Individuals Role in Betterment of the Society” and lastly, Mr. Sheeraz Ilyas Shaikh (Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology, University of Sindh) delivered the session on “Psychology of Conflict and Peace.”

In the end, Mr. Abdul Qadir Memon (Registrar, Isra University, Hyderabad) gave closing remarks. He appreciated the management on organizing such a fruitful seminar on Paigham-e-Pakistan and thanked all the guest speakers for their valuable time and knowledge.

CAREER COUNSELLING BY PAKISTAN AIR FORCE



Career Development Center (CDC) under the Office of Research, Innovation & Commercialization (ORIC) with the collaboration of Isra University Alumni Association organized an interactive session on “Career Counselling by Pakistan Air Force” (PAF) on Monday, 25th February 2019 at Asadullah Kazi Auditorium, Isra University, Hyderabad. The Facilitator of the session was Dr.

Nasir Majeed (Officer Commanding – Pakistan Air Force, Selection Center, Hyderabad). The objectives of the session were to counsel & build the capacity of students & graduates to apply for their upcoming different career opportunities at Pakistan Air Force to serve the nation.

STARTUP SHOWCASE 2019



Isra University Hyderabad with the collaboration of Hyderabad Information & Software Houses Association (HiSHA) organized “Startups Showcase 2019” on Tuesday, 22nd January 2019 at Isra University, Hyderabad. The objective of the event was to establish a platform to develop and promote startups of our region. The chief guest was Prof. Dr. Bhawani Shankar Chowdhry. The welcome speech was addressed by Prof. Dr. Hameedullah Kazi, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Isra University, Hyderabad and vote of thanks was addressed by Mr. Fareed Ghori and Mr. Jawad Ahmed, co-founders, HiSHA. The event partners were Gexton, Herosoft, Logical Technologist, Oclits Systems and Verge

Systems. The judges were; Mr. Jawad Ahmed, Mr. Zeeshan Abro, Mr. Amir Shaikh, Mr. Gayoor Abbas, Dr. Mutee-ur-Rehman, Dr. Noor Muhammad and Dr. Vivake Anand. The organizing team included; team of Hyderabad Information & Software Houses Association (HiSHA), team of Office of Research, Innovation & Commercialization (ORIC), Isra University, Hyderabad, Isra Entrepreneurial Society (IES) members and volunteers from HiAST. The participants were from Gexton Education Hyderabad, HiAST, Mehran University of Engineering & Technology Jamshoro, Sindh University Jamshoro and Isra University, Hyderabad.



ORIENTATION DAY & WHITE COAT CEREMONY

Orientation Day is the beginning of the academic journey of new students, while White Coat is a material symbol of the promise that its wearer has made to each and every patient whom he or she encounters throughout his life span: the promise to heal and to care.

The Orientation Day & White Coat Ceremony for the new DPT student's batch 2018-2019, was scheduled on 11th February 2019 at Isra Institute of Rehabilitation Sciences, Isra University, Karachi Campus.

The function was started with the recitation of Holy Quran followed by the National Anthem. The event was inaugurated by the Vice Principal IIRS, IUKC Dr. Muhammad Atif Khan. He gave the introduction of Isra University, Isra Islamic Foundation and Isra Institute of Rehabilitation Sciences, Isra University

Karachi Campus. He described the academic session at IIRS and gave a brief presentation about events and activities. The Controller of Examination, IUKC, Mr. Tariq Ahmed stated the rules & regulations that has to be followed within the campus and discussed about the examination process and criteria.

The event was proceeded with “White Coat Ceremony”, and the students were presented with White Coats, by the Vice Principal & faculty members.

The event was closed with the speech of Dr. Muhammad Atif Khan, Vice-Principal, Isra Institute of Rehabilitation Sciences, Isra University, Karachi Campus followed by Vote of Thanks given by Mr. Noman Ahmed, Assistant Professor, IIRS, IUKC. Later the students were presented with refreshment.

AWARENESS WALK & FIELD VISIT ON TYPHOID

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Carbapenem were effective to cure the disease. Moreover, Isra university students also presented posters on XDR typhoid in Pakistan. This is first time that 800 XDR typhoid have been reported from Hyderabad and over 8000 cases have been reported from Sindh. 250000 children from 6 months to 10 years have been vaccinated in Hyderabad. Two workshops on XTR typhoid have been conduct in Isra University addressed by Mr. Sultan Karim of AKU and Dr. Nazir Hyder Shah of Health Department Govt of Sindh. World Health Day seminar also highlighted this XTR typhoid issue chaired by Dr. Sara Salman, head of WHO Sindh.

EUROPEAN UNION (EU) DELEGATION VISIT



European Union (EU) delegation visited Isra University on 13 February 2019. The delegation visited to see the ongoing project that was successfully running at Isra University in TVET Sector. The delegation was very happy to see the near state of the art facilities at the university and hoped that in future too the EU and Isra University can work together for betterment of the people of the region in TVET sector. The team met with Dr. Hameedullah



Kazi, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Engineering & Management Sciences.

Isra University was shortlisted among other organization to skill and train youth of Sindh in 05 trades/courses i.e. Customer Services & Sales Assistant, Logistics & Supply Chain Assistant, Auto CAD, Beauty Therapy and Housekeeping. Isra University project is titled "TVET Capacity Development & Employment".

SEMINAR ON CAREER DEVELOPMENT & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship (CIE) with the collaboration of Career Development Center (CDC) under Office of Research, Innovation & Commercialization (ORIC), Isra University, Hyderabad, organized a one-day seminar on "Career Development & Entrepreneurship." It was held on Tuesday, 19th February 2019 at Asadullah Kazi Auditorium, Isra University, Hyderabad. The facilitators were Mr. Jawad Ahmed (Chief



Operating Officer at Logical Technologist) and Mr. Syed Kazim (Project Manager at Research Development Foundation). Seminar was based on career counselling, how to search for a job, how to launch a business and success story of an entrepreneur of Hyderabad. The organizing team consisted of ORIC staff & Isra Entrepreneurial and Career Society.

MEETING OF CORPORATE ADVISORY COUNCIL



Career Development Center (CDC) under the Office of Research, Innovation & Commercialization (ORIC) organized a Meeting of Corporate Advisory Council on Thursday, 21st February 2019 at Isra University, Hyderabad. This meeting was organized with the motive to strengthen and upgrade Office of Research, Innovation & Commercialization (ORIC) for its better role towards socioeconomic development and to achieve some basic objectives like creating linkages & building strong liaison with industries for mutual benefits.

The meeting started with a meet & greet session with ORIC team, focal persons, Deans and Heads of Departments, Isra University, Hyderabad. The focus of the meeting was to create linkages & building strong liaison with industries for mutual benefits and also to facilitate industries by helping them identify and address their challenges. Prof. Dr. Hameedullah Kazi, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Isra University, Hyderabad thanked all the corporate professionals for their active participation in 1st meeting of Corporate Advisory Council. He was hopeful for working together in future at different platforms for the benefit of society in order to reduce the gap between industry and academia.

In this meeting, selected members from different corporate sectors like Automobiles, FMCG, Computer & Software, Home Appliances, Energy, Building Materials & others participated that include: Mr. Bilal Ahmed (Regional Sales Manager – Atlas Honda Ltd), Mr. Muhammad Nadeem Khan (Manager Operations – Gul Ahmed Energy Ltd), Ms. Sandhia Hussain (Senior Assistant Manager – Verge Systems), Mr. Suhail Sarwar (General Manager – Basecamp Solutions), Engr. Muhammad Ramzan (Project Manager – Crescent Steel & Allied Products Ltd), Engr. Umar Hanif (Team Leader Mechanical Division – United Refrigeration Industries Ltd, “Dawlance”), Engr. Abu Bakar (Maintenance Manager – Zulfiqar Industries Ltd), Mr. Junaid Farooqui (Branch Manager – Kenwood), Engr. Sharjeel Farooq (Project Manager – Blink Signs), Mr. Awais Ghanghra (Director Marketing – D.S Motors Pvt. Ltd, “Unique”), Mr. Amir Shaikh (CEO – Gexton), Mr. Jawad Ahmed (CEO – Logical Technologist), Engr. Muhammad Yusuf Khan (Deputy Director – Sindh Building Control Authority) & Engr. Mumtaz Ali Lashari (Deputy Director – Sindh Building Control Authority).

HULT PRIZE COMPETITION

Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship (CIE) under ORIC, Isra University, Hyderabad organized HULT Prize Competition (A project of HULT Prize Foundation & United Nations) On-Campus on Wednesday, 27th February 2019 at Asadullah Kazi Auditorium, Isra University, Hyderabad. The objective of HULT Prize Competition 2019 was to develop an idea to provide meaningful jobs for 10 million young people within the next decade. The welcome speech addressed by Prof. Dr. Hameedullah



Kazi, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Isra University, Hyderabad. The participating teams were from Isra University, Hyderabad. The respected judges awarded the Prize to the team entitled as “ISAL Farmville.” The respected judges were Prof. Dr. Abdul Subhan Kazi (Dean of Economics & Management Sciences), Ms. Yasra Aslam (Assistant Professor) and Ms. Kinza Yousfani (Assistant Professor). The organizing team was consisted on ORIC staff and volunteers from Isra University, Hyderabad.



INTER COLLEGIATE CRICKET TOURNAMENT 2019



Directorate of Student Affairs, Isra University organized Inter Collegiate Cricket Tournament 2019 from 16th January 2019 to 19th January 2019 at Sports Ground, Gate 2, Isra University, Hyderabad. Purpose behind organizing such an event was to promote the spirit of sports in Hyderabad region, especially at College Level. Being a cricket enthusiast nation, the sport of Cricket was chosen by Isra University to organize at Inter Collegiate level. In total, eight colleges i.e. Public College, Cadet College, HiAST College, Excellence College, Educators College, Leads College, Bahria College and Superior College participated. The event kicked off with an opening ceremony by Prof. Dr. Abdul Rashid Shaikh, Vice Chancellor, Isra University who also



was Chief Guest of the event. The Vice Chancellor had an introduction with the teams and officials. Later, he hit the ball and declared the tournament to have begun and wished all the teams best of luck. Afterwards, there was a draw pick in which the schedule of matches was decided and at last souvenirs were distributed among college officials.

In total, the four-day event consisted of three days of league matches and on fourth day semifinals and finals were played. The matches were slated to be held from 10:00 AM in the morning till 02:00 PM. All the participating colleges appreciated the efforts and initiative of Isra University to organize these types of events in which platform is being provided to young and emerging players to showcase their skills.



VISIT TO HAWA WINDMILL POWER PLANT

IEEE Isra Student Branch successfully organized a technical visit to "Hawa Windmill Power Plant" at Jhimpir Wind Corridor, Nooriabad, Sindh on Thursday, 31 January 2019. There were more than 35 students from Isra University along with the Assistant Professors and Counselor Engr. Saad Khan Baloch, Dr. Aijaz Akhtar Memon and Lecturer Engr. Shoaib Dayo.

On the arrival to the "Hawa Windmill Power Plant" the students were welcomed and given the technical presentations by the Plant Manager Mr. Zubair Solangi, who then encouraged students and took them to the power plant and control rooms visit where students thoroughly got detailed knowledge by a technical professional about converting wind's kinetic energy into electrical energy.



SESSION ON FINAL YEAR PROJECTS

Department of Computer Science organized an Initial Final Year Project Session for final year students on 11th February 2019 at Conference room, Block B, Isra University.

Department of Computer Science took initiative for the very first time in the history of Isra University to engage experts from different industries in order to enhance the quality of final year projects and to convert final year projects ideas into startups.

Mr. Jawad Qureshi, CEO Basecamp Data Solutions and Mr. Shahbaz, CEO Logical Technologist were invited as an expert.



Pro-Vice Chancellor, Dr. Hameedullah Kazi admired the initiative taken by Department of Computer Science and shared valuable comments with students and Project Supervisors. Dr Hameedullah Kazi also highlighted the importance of startup ideas and their impact.

Later, Experts acknowledged the ideas of students and gave their worthwhile recommendations to accomplish projects closer to market demand.



SEMINAR ON IEEE INSIGHT

IEEE Isra Student Branch organized Seminar on IEEE INSIGHT on 25 February 2019. Dr. Sajjad Haider Zaidi, Group Captain, Pakistan Navy, Director Research & Development, PNEC NUST, Karachi and Engr. Saifullah Baloch, Coordinator, Humanitarian Technology Activities, Karachi Section were the speakers. The participants were from Isra University, Hyderabad departments of Electrical Engineering, Computer Science and also from the adjoining Universities including MUET, Jamshoro and Sindh University, Jamshoro.

Prof. Dr. Hameedullah Kazi, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Engineering & Management Sciences, Isra University, Hyderabad, Pakistan and Head of Executive Council, IEEE Isra Student Branch gave the



welcome address. He encouraged the students to participate in these types of seminars in future. After the addresses the speakers delivered their talk.

Final Year Project Funding & Commercialization talk was given by Dr. Sajjad Haider Zaidi. IEEE: SIGHT presentation was given by Engr. Saifullah Baloch. The speakers also encouraged students to be part of student bodies as it creates confidence with in students.

Engr. Saad Khan Baloch, Counselor, IEEE Isra Student Branch in the end gave the vote of thanks. In the end Dr. Noor Muhammad, Chairperson, Electrical Engineering Department gave the Shields, Souvenirs & Certificates to the speakers and the organizers.



TRADE TESTING BOARD ASSESMENTS

Trade Testing Board (TTB) Housemaid trade Assessments were conducted on 05 January 2019. In these Assessments, trainees were assessed by external verified and certified assessors from National Assessors pool. In total 13 trainees were declared as competent. Mr. Ayub Ahmed was the Certified Assessors who

assessed the trainees of Housemaid. Also, Integrated Assessments of Auto CAD trade in GIZ project were conducted on 14, 15, 18 & 19 January 2019. In these Assessments total 50 trainees were declared as competent. Mr. Rashid Qureshi and Ms. Naila Panhwar were the Certified Assessors for this assessment.

ANNUAL ALUMNI GATHERING



On 26th January 2019, Isra University Alumni Association (IUAA) arranged the Annual Alumni Gathering in honor of the graduating batch of 2018. In a sequel to the tradition that has been practicing now from few years, this time IUAA hosted graduating batches i.e. 2011, 2012, 2013, and 2014 to relive their past and reconnect alumni to their Alma Mater in this reunion.

President IUAA, Ms. Hummaira Jabeen delivered a welcome speech and highlighted the initiatives and accomplishments of IUAA over the past year including Medical Camps, Career Counselling Sessions and different seminars. IUAA came with the Third Yearbook for the year, 2019 that has profiles of notable students of the graduating batch and notable alumni from previous batches. General Secretary IUAA, Ms. Fizza Zafar Bhatti briefed the attendees about the purpose and benefits of being associated



with IUAA and how IUAA is always striving to bring best to its Alumni, making this connection stronger each passing year with new triumphs. Pro Vice Chancellor Isra University and Patron IUAA Dr. Ahmed Waliullah Kazi, congratulated the graduates and reflected on some key life lessons in his speech. In his closing remarks, Patron, IUAA not only welcomed the batch of 2019 to the alumni association and wished them good luck for their future endeavors but also welcomed new office bearers.

Patron IUAA introduced Ms. Amber Baig as the new President IUAA; Dr. Muhammad Aamir Memon as Vice President IUAA; Mr. Shaharyar Imtiaz as General Secretary IUAA and Dr. Vivek Anand as the Joint Secretary IUAA. Dr. Ahmed Waliullah Kazi, wished them good fortune and success for future happenings.

NCEAC, ACCREDITATION INSPECTION COMMITTEE VISITED



National Computing Education Accreditation Council (NCEAC), Accreditation Inspection Committee (AIC) visited Isra university, Hyderabad on Wednesday, 20th March 2019 for accreditation of Computer science and Software Engineering degree programs. Accreditation Inspection Committee was comprised of Dr. Zubair Ahmad Sheikh (Convenor), Dr. Noor Ahmed Sheikh (Member) and Dr. Muhammad Atif Tahir (Member). In the beginning Inspection Committee had a short meeting with Pro-vice chancellor, Prof. Dr. Hameed Ullah Kazi, Dean FES&T Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal Bhatti, and Chairperson Department of Computer Science Dr. Mutee U Rahman. Later on, committee had

brief introduction of faculty members followed by a presentation about programs being accredited, curricula, and infrastructure facilities. Committee visited Labs and different class rooms and had meetings with students and individual faculty members. Committee also visited Examination Department, Human Capital Department, Library and Admissions Office. In the end, AIC team met with Pro-Vice chancellor and Chairperson, DCS to share the findings and recommendations of the accreditation visit. Pro-Vice chancellor, Dr Hameed ullah Kazi presented souvenir to each of the AIC member. The NCEAC visit was ended with a group photograph with AIC team and faculty members.

NBEAC TEAM VISITED ISRA UNIVERSITY

National Business Education Accreditation Council (NBEAC) team visited Isra University for the Accreditation of Department of Management Sciences. Team arrived on 11th February 2019 and started the required process for accreditation from 12th February 2019. NBEAC team was comprised of members; Dr. Hamid Hassan, Dr. Amir Rashid, Dr. Nadim Ahmed Khan, Dr. Muhammad Kashif, Mr. Shan Sehgal and Mr. Ahtesham Ali Raja. From Department of Management Sciences Professor Dr. Abdul Subhan Kazi Dean of the FCE&MS, Dr. Qamaruddin Mahar Chairperson DMS and Ms. Shabina Shaikh Focal Person, accompanied team and facilitated the expert visitors. During their visit to Isra University team members met with Isra University Dignitaries; Professor Dr. Hameedullah Kazi Pro-Vice Chancellor, Mr. Abdul Qadir Memon Registrar, Mr. Sultan Ahmed Kazi Controller of Examinations, Mr. Muhammad Murad Memon Director QEC, Mr. Ghulam Rasool Kazi Director



Finance, Dr. Sohail Kazi Director Admissions and Mr. Noman Qazi Director Human Capital. Team visit ended on dated 14th February 2019 with the recommendations and suggestions by NBEAC team to Professor Dr. Hameedullah Kazi PVC and Department of Management Sciences.

CAPACITY BUILDING OF BUSINESS PLAN PROFORMA

Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship (CIE) working under ORIC, Isra University, Hyderabad organized a seminar on “Capacity Building of Business Plan Proforma” (an activity of Business Plan Competition 2019) on Tuesday, 19th March 2019 at Asadullah Kazi Auditorium, Isra University, Hyderabad. The objective of this seminar was to provide guidance to the participants for developing the business plan proforma. The facilitators were Dr. Vivake Anand (Assistant Professor,



Department of Management Sciences) and Ms. Yasra Aslam (Assistant Professor, Department of Management Sciences). The participants were from Mehran University Jamshoro, Sindh University Jamshoro, Sindh Agriculture University, Al-Hamd, IMSA, HiAST, Govt. College Hyderabad, and Isra University Hyderabad. These teams will further compete for their place in the final round which is scheduled on 25th April 2019 at Isra University, Hyderabad.

ELEVATOR PITCH

Center for Innovation & Entrepreneurship (CIE) working under ORIC, Isra University, Hyderabad organized “Elevator Pitch” (an activity of Business Plan Competition 2019) on Tuesday, 19th March 2019 at Asadullah Kazi Auditorium, Isra University, Hyderabad. There were 52 teams from Mehran University Jamshoro, Sindh University Jamshoro, Sindh Agriculture University, Al-Hamd, IMSA, HiAST, Govt. College Hyderabad, and Isra University Hyderabad who pitched their ideas and received constructive feedback from experts. The evaluators of this session were: Dr. Vivake Anand (Assistant Professor, Department of Management Sciences), Ms. Yasra Aslam (Assistant Professor, Department of Management Sciences) and



Ms. Wafa Pathan (Manager, ORIC). These teams will further compete for their place in the final round which is scheduled on 25th April 2019 at Isra University, Hyderabad.

CERTIFICATE CEREMONY OF PMYSDP

Certificate Ceremony of Prime Minister Youth Skills Development Program, Phase 4, Batch 2, was held on 06th March 2019. Mr. Abdul Rahim Shaikh, DG, NAVTTC, Sindh, was the Chief Guest. In total 165 trainees received their Certificates. The excellently organized ceremony was well appreciated by Mr. Abdul Rahim Shaikh. The welcome address was given by Prof. Dr. Hameedullah Kazi, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Engineering & Management Science, Isra University, Hyderabad, Project Head, NAVTTC, Prime Minister Youth Skills Development Programs. Afterwards, certificates were awarded for 07 trades of Book



Keeping & Accounting, Graphic Designing, Auto CAD, Hardware and Network Technician, Gynae Assistant, Lab Assistant and Dental Assistant.

Mr. Raahim Shaikh congratulated all the trainees who received their Certificates and extended his desire to Dr. Hameedullah Kazi for continuing the cooperation between NAVTTC and Isra University. In the end, vote of thanks was given by Mr. Saad Baloch, Focal Person, NAVTTC, Prime Minister Youth Skills Development Programs.



SESSION ON INNOVATIVE PROJECT IDEAS



Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC) of Isra University, Hyderabad has successfully organized an awareness session on Innovative Projects held on 15th March 2019 at Asadullah Kazi auditorium, Isra University, Hyderabad. The facilitator was Engr. Mehfooz Qazi, Director of Alternate



Energy, and Government of Sindh. The objective of this session was to aware the faculty and students about basic environmental problems and how these problems can be mitigate through their innovative solutions which they can propose through their Final Year Projects.

FINAL ASSESMENTS OF CS&SA AND L&SCA

Formative Assessments of Customer Service & Sales Assistant trade in GIZ project were conducted on 01 & 02 February 2019. Ms. Sofia Ahmed conducted the assessments. In these Assessments trainees were assessed by external verified and certified assessor from National Assessors pool. In total 37 trainees were declared as competent. Also, Logistics & Supply Chain Assistant Trade Assessments were conducted on 11 February 2019. In total 25 trainees were declared as competent. Mr. Ahmed Ali was the Certified Assessor who assessed the trainees.



CME CAMP ON PAIN MANAGEMENT

A seminar on “Recent advances in the Pain Management” was organized by the department of Surgery, Isra University, Hyderabad under the chairmanship of Prof. Abdul Sattar Memon on 11th of January 2019 at Asadullah Kazi Auditorium, Isra University Hospital, Hyderabad. Program started at 02:30 pm and was completed by 03:30 pm. Dr. Agha Sajjad (American board) from south city hospital Karachi and presented on the subject “Recent advances in the Pain Management” and also answered queries of the audience in the question answer session. More than 100 participants attended this program, along with, Faculty Members, House Surgeons and PG’s of Isra University Hospital. Lunch was served Messer’s Helix Pharma to all the participants on 11th January 2019.

This seminar was followed by free Pain Management Camp on



12th of January 2019 from 09:30 Am to 01:30 Pm in which around 60 registered patients were managed by team of consultants; Prof. Dr. Pir Abdul Latif, Dr. Agha Sajjad from Karachi and Isra University, Physiotherapists and Nursing staff. Free medicines were also distributed. A sumptuous lunch was served with the courtesy of Director Isra University. Dr. AG Kazi appreciated this CME and Pain Management free Camp at Isra University Hyderabad and thanked Dr. Agha Sajjad and his team for sparing time for this event and expected such types of visits in future. He also appreciated the efforts of Dean Clinical Sciences Prof. Dr. Abdul Sattar Memon and Vice Dean Dr. Sajjad Kazi for facilitating all support for this event.



VISIT OF DEPUTY DIRECTORS, NAVTTC

Mr. Aziz Chandio, Deputy Director, NAVTTC, Sindh, visited Isra University, Hyderabad on 04th March 2019 and Mr. Fayaz Ahmed, Deputy Director, NAVTTC, Islamabad, visited Isra University on 21st March 2019 to oversee the successful training of Prime Minister Youth Skills Development Program, Phase 4, Batch 3. They were very happy to see the facilities being offered at Isra University. They also met Prof. Dr. Hameedullah Kazi, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Engineering & Management Science, Isra University, Hyderabad, Project Head, NAVTTC, Prime Minister Youth Skills Development Programs.



ISRA UNIVERSITY PARTICIPATES IN ZONE-H CHAMPIONSHIPS



Isra University Hyderabad participated in Higher Education Commission (Pakistan) HEC, Zone-H, Cricket Championship 2019 at Niaz Stadium Hyderabad and also participated in Volleyball and Basketball Championship at Sindh Agriculture University, Tandojam.

CLINICAL ROTATORY MEETING

Department of Cardiology of Isra University Hospital conducted 1st Clinical Rotatory Meeting of Pakistan Cardiac Society Hyderabad Chapter for 2019. It was held on 16th March 2019 at Asadullah Kazi Auditorium of Isra University, Hyderabad. Dr. Muhammad Kashif Shaikh head of Cardiology Department welcomed all the faculty members, post graduate students, medical officers, house officers and final year students (MBBS).

Session was moderated by Dr. Owais Shams who discussed informative and related clinical cases which were carried by three professional Cardiac Service providers, belonged to renowned institutions of Hyderabad. Dr. Shamsher Mardan Mari from Isra University, Dr. Ali Faraz from Liaquat University of Medical and



Health Sciences and Dr. Sumbul from Red Crescent Institute of Cardiology presented the cases.

There was an active discussion amongst the participants and facilitator including Dr. Fazal Rehman Memon, Dr. Fakhruddin Shaikh, Dr. Fasih A. Hashmi, Dr. Abdul Ghaffar Memon, Dr. Shahid Hussain Memon, Dr. Muhammad Kashif Shaikh, Dr. Shazia Kazi, Dr. Owais Shams and all the concerned people of the department of Cardiology of Isra University Hospital Hyderabad.

In the end Dr. Shazia Kazi thanked all the attendees, organizers and faculty members of Pakistan Cardiac Society for conducting a phenomenal forum for this healthy session.



TRAINING ON POWER SYSTEM & DLD EQUIPMENT



05-days training on Power System & DLD equipment was held from 11 to 16 February 2019 at the department of Electrical Engineering. The teaching & lab faculty participated in it, which was very helpful for the faculty to learn the hands-on practice of the new equipment that had arrived at the department. The Resource person was Engr. Ahmed Ali from Lahore. After the 05 day workshop the resource person was decorated with Shield, Ajrak and Topi.

BEST VOLUNTEER AWARD

Raahim Khizer of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Isra Student Branch was awarded as the Best Volunteer Award for the year 2018 by Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Karachi Section on 04 February 2019. He was awarded this because of his untiring and dedicated efforts. The chair of Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Karachi Section Dr. Shahid Shaikh awarded him with Shield and Certificate. Prof. Dr. Hameedullah Kazi, Head of Executive Council, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Isra Student Branch and Engr. Saad Baloch, Counselor, Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Isra Student Branch appreciated and congratulated Raahim Khizer on his achievements.



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- Faculty of Dentistry & Allied Sciences

Isra University Hospital, Hyderabad

Isra Dental College & Hospital, Hyderabad

Isra College of Rehabilitation Sciences

Isra School of Nursing, Hyderabad

Isra School of Paramedics, Hyderabad

Isra Schools Network, Hyderabad & Nasarapur

Health and Welfare Programs

Isra Blindness Control Programs

- Al-Ibrahim Eye Hospital: Malir, Kunri & Kharan
- International Eye Camps
- National Eye Camps

Isra University Welfare Hospital, Hyderabad

Isra General Medical Camps, Rural Areas

Al Tibri Medical College Hospital, Karachi

Al Nafees Medical College Hospital, Islamabad

Isra University (Karachi Campus)

- Al Tibri Medical College & Hospital
- Isra Institute of Rehabilitation Sciences
- Isra Postgraduate Institute of Ophthalmology
- Isra School of Optometry

Isra University (Islamabad Campus)

- Al Nafees Medical College & Hospital
- School of Engineering & Applied Sciences
- Isra School of Rehabilitation Sciences

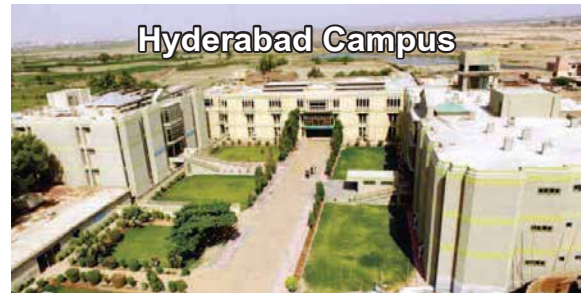
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- Isra Quran Fahmi Program
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