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editor's note:

It is a matter of immense pleasure to present Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University's second newsletter. We are looking forward to your valuable feedback and comments.

Editors



Quarterly Newsletter of SBBU, Sheringal, Dir Upper, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Vol: 2, Issue: I

Shaheed BB University holds a symposium on "The Application of Frontier Technologies in Documentation and Conservation of Biodiversity and Climate Change"

Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University in collaboration with Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad organized a two-day symposium "The Application of Frontier Technologies in Documentation and Conservation of Biodiversity and Climate Change" on 29th and 30th November, 2013. The event was sponsored by Higher Education Commission of Pakistan, Islamabad. A large number of research scholars, scientists, faculty members and public representatives attended the symposium. Dr. Zabta Khan Shinwari (QAU), Dr. Munir Ozturk (Ege University, Turkey), Dr. Anjum Parvin (UOK), Dr. Farhatullah and Dr.



Azeem Khan (AUP), Dr. Habib Ahmed (UOH), Dr. Sher Wali Khan (QUG), Dr. Muhammad Wahab and Dr. Hasan Sher (UOS), Dr. Farzana Perveen and Adnan Ahmed (SBBU) and others were among the key presenters. These well known experts across the universities and research organizations exchanged their research experiences and explored various possibilities of future collaborative interaction. They termed the decline in biodiversity-the result of climate change as a major threat to human society and nature. The experts also highlighted the importance of the conservation of bio-diversity for future generations. Earlier the function was inaugurated by Senior Minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Mr. Sirajul Haq along with MNA Sahibzada Tariq Ullah and MPA Malik

Bahram Khan. They termed the efforts of Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University as a hallmark for the socio-economic development of the area. Provincial Minister for Local Government, Inayat Ullah Khan was the chief guest at the closing ceremony of the event. He also praised the team of Prof. Dr. Khan Bahadar Marwat for the promotion of education in the districts of Dir and Chitral.



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Two faculty members, Lecturer Jawad ur Rehman and Lecturer Abdul Qadir from the Department of English participated in Two-week Afghanistan-Pakistan English Language Teacher Exchange Professional Development Program 2014 in January. This program was funded by the United States Embassy, implemented by READ Foundation in Pakistan. The workshop brought together 16 Pakistani and 16 Afghan university English teachers from various public sector universities. The program aimed to develop regional cooperation and encourage mutual respect among Pakistani and Afghan teacher community. Moreover, the goal of the program was to enhance skills in a cademic writing, academic oral presentation and pedagogical skills of the university professors. The trainers of the workshop were two US State Department English Language Specialists Dr. Mary Lou McCloskey, and Eric Dwyer, Associate Professors from Florida International University, US.

The program was divided into two phases. The first phase of the program took place in Afghanistan (Kabul Star Hotel, Kabul) in the first week of January and the second phase of the workshop was held in Islamabad, Pakistan in the last week of January, 2014.

Department of English Launches the Second Batch of M Phil in English



The Department of English Language and Literature launched its second batch of M Phil in English from December 2013. In a gathering held at the VCR of the university. The Vice Chancellor, the Registrar and the Director Quality Enhancement Cell applauded the efforts of the Head of Department, Mian Shah Bacha and congratulated him for the successful induction of the second batch of the program.

Computer Sciences Department Workshops on "Current Trends and Professional Practice in Software Development" and "Using LaTex Software"

The Department of Computer Sciences organized two workshops on separate topics related to computer technology. The first of them was titled as **Current Trends and Professional Practice in Software Development** in which students and faculty members participated. The objective of the workshop was to guide the students with new trends and technology in various fields for their final projects. The resource persons (Mr. Akbar Jan and Mr. Irfan Afzal) were senior software engineers from Islamabad. Mr. Badshah Hussain, Registrar SBBU was the chief guest of the closing ceremony who awarded certificates to the participants. The second workshop was held at the Sub Campus Chitral. The purpose of the workshop was to introduce the faculty members of the university to the application of Latex software in their research writing such as report, thesis, research articles and books. LaTex is a tool which helps separate formatting from their contents. By applying LaTex, the user only concentrates on the contents and not on the formatting. The entire faculty of Chitral Campus participated in the workshop.



SBBU Participates in TELS (Transforming English Language Skills) A Collaborative Project of British Council and Higher Education Commission of Pakistan



Training participants at TELS workshop, UAJK, Muzaffarabad

Shaheed BB University is participating in TELS (Transforming English Language Skills)-a programme launched by British Council in collaboration with Higher Education Commission of Pakistan and with technical assistance from Open University, UK. This is a five years programme focused on the improvement of ELT specialists and their ELT classroom practices in Pakistani Higher Education Institutions (HEIs). Assistant Professor of English, Dr. Muhammad Kamal Khan was among the authors of the modules for the project. He was also the resource person for the training of TELS modules



The participants of TELS Abbottabad workshop

to college and university teachers at Muzaffarabad (AJK) and Abbottabad (KP).

Keeping in view the focus group discussion (2010) and the problems highlighted by a 'Needs Analysis Study' (carried out by the Open University, UK), a total of six training modules were developed for the university and college teachers and students of Pakistan. These modules were piloted in 11 universities including Shaheed BB University last year and the national roll out is expected in 2014. Around 10,000 students and 500 teachers are expected to become part of this countrywide academic activity.



The authors of TELS modules and the experts from British Council during the Final Revision Workshop held in Lahore

The Business Plan for Shaheed BB University Submitted

Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University submitted its first business plan to the Monitoring and Evaluation Unit, Higher Education Commission Islamabad, for next five years (2014-2019) in December 2013. Earlier, a core team was nominated for the preparation of the plan under the headship of Dr. Muhammad Kamal Khan (Director QEC). Other members of the team were; Mr. Badshah Hussain (Registrar), Dr. Muhammad Ali (Director Academics), Mr. Sahib Rehman (DD Finance), Dr. Midrarullah (HoD-Biotechnology), Mr. Ijaz Hasan (AD P&D) and Mr. Wajid Raza (Lecturer Management Sciences). The team was given necessary training by the HEC officials at Regional Office, Peshawar in October 2013. Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Khan Bahadar Mar wat congratulated the team for the successful preparation of the plan and showed the earnest commitment of the institution to achieve the planned results as outlined in the business plan.

International Strategy Office (ISO) Established

Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University established its International Strategy office for the promotion of its international linkages with foreign academic institutions. In a function held at the main campus, the Vice Chancellor inaugurated the office of ISO. While talking to the participants, he highlighted the responsibilities of ISO. He shared that ISO will be responsible for developing a coherent strategy to promote SBBU's international relations, global profile and international competitiveness. The work of the office is broad and includes such issues as the university's approach to:



Promoting deeper engagement with key countries/regions

- International collaborations (research and education)
- International educational experiences for all students
- Integration of international academic staff and students

International student recruitment and funding

He nominated the following core team for the office:

- 1. Prof. Dr. Khan Bahadar Marwat, Vice Chancellor, Executive Director
- 2. Dr. Muhammad Kamal Khan, Director QEC, Program Coordinator (Academic Linkages)
- 3. Mr. Sajjad Ali, Assistant Registrar (Establishment) as Executive Secretary to ED
- 4. Mr. Ijaz Hasan, Assistant Director P&D, Senior Strategy Officer (Projects)
- 5. Mr. Ibrar Hussain, Deputy Director QEC, Strategy Officer (Documentation and Records)

SBBU Joins Himalayan Universities Consortium (HUC)

SBBU recently joined the Himalayan Universities Consortium-the consortium of the universities of eight regional countries in the Hindu Kush Himalaya (HKH) region. In a seminar held at COMSATS Institute of Information Technology (CIIT) Abbottabad on October 28th and 29,th 2013 the need for the strengthening of educational and research collaboration among the HKH universities for promoting sustainable mountain development was highlighted. On the special instructions of the Vice Chancellor, Dr. Muhammad Kamal Khan (Director QEC) represented SBBU in the seminar. During the activity, the strategy and action plan proposed that the consortium should jointly identify the national and regional issues for research, education, training and mutual collaboration and hence initiate a new era of regional collaboration among the HKH Universities and research institutions. Thus in order to develop trust and interest among the partner universities and research institutions, many activities and action plan were proposed. Other countries included in the consortium are; India, China, Nepal, Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Myanmar. HUC is an initiative taken with the technical assistance from International Center for Integrated Mountain Development (ICIMOD). The Vice Chancellor of SBBU termed the membership ofHUC asan achievementfor SBBU.



SBBU Participates in the Science and Technology Exhibition

SBBU participated in the Science and Technology Exhibition organized by the Directorate of Science and Technology, KP at COMSATS Institute of Information Technology (CIIT), Abbotabad on 27th and 28th November 2013. A total of 10 research papers contributed by the faculty members of SBBU (Dr. Hamid, Dr. Zul Kamal from Pharmacy, Dr. Midrar, Mr. Sami and Mr. Sikandar from Biotech and Dr. Farzana from Zoology) were presented in the exhibition.



Shields were also presented to the distinguished guests, Secretary of Science and Technology, Director Science and Technology and Minister of Commerce and Industry, Government of KP. Moreover, MOUs for the exchange of research students were also signed with COMSATS and PCSIR Labs Abbottabad.

Condolence Reference for the late Vice Chancellor Gomal University

A condolence reference to pay tribute to the services of Prof. Dr. Amanullah Akhtar, acting Vice Chancellor, Gomal University, Dera Ismail Khan was held at the main campus of Shaheed BB University. Dr. Akhter died of a cardiac arrest on December 13, 2013. Prof Dr Khan Bahadar Marwat, Vice Chancellor, Mr. Badshah Hussain, Registrar and senior management of the university were present on the occasion. The Vice Chancellor praised the efforts of Dr. Amanullah for the promotion of education, especially development of Veterinary Sciences Department of Gomal University. The participants offered Fatiha for eternal peace of the departed soul.

High Performance Computer (HPC) Established at GIK

The Directorate of Science and Technology (DoST) operationalised a state of the art, High Performance Computer (HPC) at Ghulam Ishaq Khan Institute of Science and Technology, Topi-Swabi. The Super-Computer facility is now open and accessible 24/7 through PERN2 to all academicians and researchers

throughout Pakistan and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in particular. The Vice Chancellor, SBBU has advised the faculty members and research students of the university to make full use of this facility for research and development of the country.

The 6th Selection Board of Shaheed BB University held from February 24th to March 1st, 2014

The 6th Selection Board of Shaheed BB University held at Agriculture University, Peshawar from February 24th to March 1st, 2014. SBBU advertised 52 teaching and administrative positions in September and October last year. Total 1429 candidates applied to these positions and were scrutinized through various steps such as NTS test and



demonstration process. The finally recommended 302 candidates were called to the selection board during the last week of February and the first week of March 2014. The next phase of the selection board will be continued in the current month and the names of the selected candidates will be notified after the due approval of the syndicate of the university.

Basic Health Unit (BHU) at Shaheed BB University inaugurated

The Basic Health Unit (BHU) of Shaheed BB University was inaugurated by MPA, Malik Bahram Khan in November 2013. He was also accompanied by the Minister for Local Government, Inayat Ullah Khan on the occasion. While talking to the gathering, both of the leaders prompted the efforts of Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. KB Marwat, for providing health facility to the students, faculty and locals of the area



through its BHU. Earlier Dr. Marwat highlighted the importance of the BHU and its funding for medicine worth Rs. 2.5 million for the long felt need of the medical facility for the people of the area.

Shaheed BB University Distributed Best Teacher Awards (BTA)

Shaheed BB University instituted the Best Teachers Award to recognize and value consistent and high level of teaching in various disciplines of the university. The award aims to recognize and honour teachers who have provided guidance and inspired students to work hard during their respective modules. The Quality Enhancement Cell of the university organized Best Teacher Award ceremony in November 2013. Awards were given on the basis of teacher evaluation by Students, peer evaluation and HoD evaluation of the concerned departments. Local MPA, Mailk Muhammad Ali was the chief guest of the event. The chief guest along with Vice Chancellor, Prof Dr. KB Marwat conferred the souvenirs and shields to 13 teachers of the university. (Mr. Juma-Forestry, Mr. Danish and Mr. Jawad-English, Dr.



Midrar and Ms. Haseena Biotechnology, Ms. Riffat-Environmental Science, Mr. Nasir Ud Din-Chemistry, Mr. Nawaz-Sociology, Mr. Sami Ul Haq-Islamiyat, Mr. Bakth Zaman Statistics, Mr. Jabbar-Physics, Mr. Mehmmod-Computer Science and Mr. Hasib Khan-Maths). Next year, the QEC is planning to hold BTA in all departments and campuses of the university.

Workshop on HEC Plagiarism Policy

The Quality Enhancement Cell at SBBU organized a One-Day Workshop on HEC Plagiarism Policy on March 11th, 2014. Mr. Ibrar Hussain, DD QEC, welcomed the participants and highlighted the objectives of the workshop. Dr

Muhammad Kamal Khan, Director QEC was the resource person. A total of 45 faculty members and research scholars attended the workshop. Mr. AK Jan-HoD Chemistry and focal person for TURNITIN software also involved the participants during the workshop. Dr Farzana-HoD Zoology presented the concluding remarks. MS Bacha-HoD Humanities, Dr Hamid Afridi and Dr Farman also spoke on the occasion. This activity was the part of the QEC action plan for 2013 and 2014.



Training for Class IV of the University

In order to improve the behaviour and official dealings of the class-IV employees and Security Staff of the University, the Quality Enhancement Cell in collaboration with the Directorate of Administration arranged three-day training from October 9 to 11, 2013 at Shaheed BB University, main campus,

Sheringal. Physical training, motivational and performance-oriented activities were arranged during the three days. Dr. Kamal, Mr. Hamid and MS Bacha were the resource persons. Deputy Director, QEC, Mr. Ibrar arranged survey for the Best Performance Awards on the request of Assistant Director Administration and the nominees were awarded prizes in the closing ceremony. Chief guest of the closing Ceremony Mr. Badshah Hussain presented the Best Performance Awards.





Research Productivity Award to Dr. Farzana Perveen

Dr. Farzana Perveen, Founder Chairperson, Department of Zoology, SBBU was awarded Research Productivity Award for Productive Scientist of Pakistan 2012-2013 (Page: 52; No: 352-G) by Pakistan Council for Science and Technology (PCST), Islamabad, Pakistan.

Training at NIBGE

Mr. Sami Ullah (Lecturer at the Department of Biotechnology) participated in advanced training in Gene Expression Analysis organized by National Institute of Biotechnology and Genetics Engineering (NIBGE), Faisalabad especially for faculty members of Universities from September 21 to 28, 2013.

Training for Management at KUST

Assistant Registrar (Establishment), Mr. Sajjad Ali and Deputy Director

QEC, Mr. Ibrar Hussain attended a

Three-Days training programme at

Kohat University of Science and

Technology (KUST) from October



SBBU Examination System Computerized

21 to 23, 2013.

SBBU examination system has been computerized. Prof. Dr. Farzana Perveen, Controller of Examinations praised the efforts of Mr. Sikander Khan (Programmer, Examination Section) and Mr. Intikhab Ullah (Assistant Controller, Secrecy) for installing the Digital Computer Programming for Conducting of Bachelor and Master Examinations (DCPCBME). Mr. Ehsan Ullah, IT Manager, Agriculture University Peshawar designed this

program for SBBU. SBBU also installed the Online Web Based Roll Number Slips Generator System (WB-RNSGS) for BA/BSc/BCom/BBA Examinations and Online Results System (ORS) for B.Ed Annual Examination of regular/affiliated colleges/private students. Vice Chancellor, Registrar, Director Academics and Director QEC congratulated the examination section for their achievements.

M.Phil and PhD Theses Defended



The faculty members of the Department of Pharmacy defended their M. Phil theses at the Department of Pharmacy, University of Malakand. Mr. Abid Ullah and Mr. Haya Hussain completed their research work under

the supervision of Prof. Dr. Muhammad Shoaib from the same university. Their research topics were "Synthesis, characterization and Pharmacological Activities of Thiurea Derivatives" and "Synthesis, characterization and Pharmacological Activities of Diamines Thiurea Derivatives" respectively. Their works were evaluated by Dr. Najmur Rehman, Assistant Professor, Department of Pharmacy, KUST, Kohat and Dr Haroon, HoD, Department of Pharmacy, AWKUM, Mardan as external examiners who recommended their research work for the award of M.Phil degrees. The scholars also got published their research papers in impact factor international journals. Director QEC, Dr. Kamal, HoD Pharmacy Dr. Hamid Afridi and other faculty members congratulated both of the scholars for their achievements.

Dr. Ali Hazrat, Chairman Department of Botany, Shaheed BB University, Wari campus, successfully defended his PhD thesis at the Department of Botany, University of Malakand. His research title was "Taxo-Ethnobotanical Survey and Biological Activities of Selected Medicinal Plants of Dir Kohistan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan" and completed his work under the supervision of Prof Dr. Jehandar Shah. Mr. Khan Sher, Coordinator Shaheed BB University, Wari campus completed his M.Phil Degree. His research topic was, "Effects of the Extract of Monotheca Buxifolia on Normal Rabbit (Oryctolagus Cuniculus)". He was supervised by Dr. Alam Zeb of the University of Malakand.

Mr. Shah Zaman, (Lecturer of Botany at Shaheed BB University, Wari campus) also completed his M.Phil degree under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Zafar from Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad. His research topic was Phytochemical and Biological Evaluation of Some Medicinal Plants from Alpine regions of Pakistan.

Mr. Muhammad Adnan (Lecturer Sociology) defended his M.Phil thesis successfully at the Department of Rural Sociology, the University of Agriculture, Peshawar on February 6, 2014. His M.Phil research topic was "Division of Property at Household Level amongst Female Gender in Lund Khwar-Mardan, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa" and supervised by Prof. Dr. Mussawar Shah from the same department. The university authorities and his colleagues congratulated him for his achievement.





Actors are in action during Stage Drama "Arman" at SBBU Sheringal

Stage Drama by Students

The Dramatic Society in collaboration with KADAM PA KADAM PEACE KARWAN arranged a stage drama "Arman". The students showed superb performance during their stage acting and received applaud from the Registrar, Director QEC, Director Sports and others. They praised the efforts of Director Societies, Mr. Danish for the polishing of the creative abilities of the students.

New Appointments

The Higher Education Commission of Pakistan nominated Dr. Muhammad Kamal Khan, Assistant Professor of English, as the provincial coordinator (for Khyber Pakhtunkhwa region) for HEC-US Embassy and National Geographic collaborative English Language Teaching scholarship programme, "ELTeach". It is a three months duration programme focused on the promotion of English Language Teaching at college level (Sep-Dec, 2013) in the country.

The honourable Vice Chancellor on the recommendations of the Registrar and the Director QEC, appointed Mr. Ibrar Hussain as the new Deputy Director, Quality Enhancement Cell. Previously he has served as AD (QEC), Data Analyst (QEC) and various other capacities. The Vice Chancellor, the Registrar, the Director QEC and others congratulated him for his new appointment and wished great luck for his future assignments.

The Assistant Registrar (Academics) and the University Public Relations Officer (PRO) Mr. Anwar Zada and Mr. Ibrar Hussain (DD, QEC) assumed the charge of Assistant Editors of the university newsletter.

Mr. Bakht Zada Danish, Lecturer in English and a well known poet of Pashto, appointed by the Vice Chancellor as the new Director Societies of the university in addition to his own responsibilities. The authorities and colleagues have expressed their best wishes to Mr. Danish on his new appointment.











News in Picture



Prof. Dr. Zabta Khan Shinwari. Prof. Dr. Khan Bahadar Marwat. Prof. Dr. Ex-MNA Dir Upper Mr. Najamuddin Khan visited SBBU. He was Farhattullah and Prof. Dr. Azeem Khan while opening the University the chief guest at the Oath Taking Ceremony of various Students Road at the main campus of SBBU.

Societies arranged by the Directorate of Societies. The VC awarded the distinguished guest with the university souvenir.



Dr. Muhammad Kamal Khan conducted a specific module "ELT Studies" at the Department of English Language and Literature, University of Management & Technology, Lahore.



The faculty members of the Department of English with the Vice Chancellor in a function.

News in Picture



The acting VC Prof. Dr. Johar Ali opened the Beargal Bridge





Sport Week at University Public School Badarkani



The VC SBBU and President of Pakistan Botanical Society, Prof. Dr. Khan Bahadar Marwat, laid the foundation stone of the office of the Pakistan Journal of Botany on December 28, 2013 at Karachi University. He was also accompanied by Prof. Dr. Zabta Khan Shinwari (Ex-President of PBS) and Prof. Dr. Muhammad Qaiser, VC Karachi University.



The Vice Chancellor briefing Minister for Local Government, Mr. Inayatullah Khan and MPA, Malik Bahram Khan in the Department of Pharmacy during their visit to the university.



Group photo of Prof. Dr. Zabta Khan Shinwari and the students of Quaid-e-Azam University Islamabad during the two days symposium at Shaheed BB University, Wari Campus.



Department of Forestry celebrated the International Mountains Day



MS Skill Society celebrated the week of cleanliness

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Sports Activities

The Directorate of Sports organized its Sports Week in October 2013. During the week, various games were organized. One of the hundreds years old sport-SKHAY was specially arranged for the attraction of sport-lovers. The idea went superb and many TVchannels, print and electronic media gave special coverage to this sport. In the picture, students are taking part in the final round of the game "skhay".



AMAN SPORTS GALA

Directorate of Sports Shaheed BB University arranged "Aman Sports Gala" with the Sponsorship of KADAM PA KADAM PEACE KARWAN from August 26 to September 1, 2013 ("KADAM PA KADAM" is a 30 minutes Radio Magazine Program of Equal Access, every Monday to Friday on Radio Pakistan & FM 101). The entire academic departments, faculty and





administration team from Shaheed BB University along with four teams from the community, participated in total nine events. Some traditional games (Skhay, Chindro, Kabbadi and Guli Danda) were also arranged by the Directorate of Sports, Shaheed BB University Sheringal.

Winter Sports Gala

Directorate of sports in collaboration with Pakistan Army arranged the Winter Sports Gala from December 5 to 9, 2013 at Wari Campus of the university. The following eight teams participated in the gala:

- 1. SBBU, Main Campus
- 2. SBBU, Wari Campus
- 3. Government Degree College Wari
- 4. Commerce College Wari
- 5. Technical College Wari



- 7. Police (Wari Station)
- 8. Dir Levies (Wari Station)

Total six events were arranged during the gala (Cricket, Volleyball, Badminton, Tug of War, 100 M Race and 200 M Race). Major Dastagir (Officer In-Charge, Pak Army, Wari) was the chief guest in the opening ceremony of the gala. Local MPA, Malik Bahram Khan distributed awards among the winner teams in the prize distribution ceremony at the end.





Group photo of SBBU cricket team (the runner up) with the chief guest



Group photo of SBBU badminton team (the winner of Inter-University Zone A) with the Registrar of KUST

Students Societies at Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University

Shaheed Banazir Bhutto University is trying to provide quality education to the people of the area (at all three levels i.e., at school, college and university level). Apart from imparting quality education through

standard academic procedures and to provide skilled leadership to the society, the university equally takes care of personality building of students by a wide range of cocurricular activities. The Directorate of Students Societies, under the dynamic leadership of Prof. Bakht Zada Danish (English Department), formed 12 societies of various kinds at the main campus of the university.



Blood Donors' Society (BDS) in Collaboration with Fatimid Foundation Conducted Blood Donation Camp

Shaheed Banazir Bhutto University students, in collaboration with the Fatimid Foundation, conducted a blood donation camp in the main ground at main campus of the university. A large number of management, faculty and students participated in the camp and donated blood to the foundation. It



camp and donated blood to the foundation. It remained open for many hours. The camp was arranged to create awareness among students and people about blood donation for the Thalassemia patients of the Fatimid Foundation. A walk was also organised as a part of the awareness campaign in the community with the hope to eradicate the devastating blood borne disease. Vice-Chancellor SBBU Prof. Dr. Khan Bahadar Marwat also participated in the event along with the Registrar and other senior faculty members of the varsity. He appreciated the efforts of Mr. Sajjad Ali, Mr. Danish and others for the camp.

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