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Our Vision

To be among the leading universities of the world - accessible to all, imparting quality education and promoting cutting edge research.

Mission Statement

At **BUIITEMS**, we are committed to providing quality education with focus on research and to equip students with the art of living as productive members of society, contributing to the socio-economic uplift of Pakistan in general, and Balochistan in particular.

Our Goals

- ◆ To provide outstanding academic programs that further strengthen our performance, pre-eminence and efficiency.
- ◆ To provide an excellent teaching and learning environment to students to reach a level that matches the atmosphere prevailing at best universities in the world.
- ◆ To raise revenues from partnerships, research grants and technology transfer while strengthening our ability to more effectively invest and allocate resources for education.

Our Core Values

- Accountability:** We are committed stewards of the human, fiscal and physical resources entrusted to us.
- Diversity :** We recognize that diversity leads to excellence, enhancing our teaching, scholarship and service as well as our ability to respect and interact with people.
- Integrity :** We practice honesty, truth and integrity in all that we do.
- Respect:** We treat each other with civility, dignity and respect.
- Social responsibility:** We contribute to intellectual, cultural, spiritual and economic well-being of the society.

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Editorial

At BUIITEMS, progress is not measured merely by milestones achieved, but by the impact we create—within our classrooms, across our communities, and on the global academic landscape. This edition of the newsletter stands as a powerful reflection of that impact, capturing a month marked by achievement, engagement, resilience, and forward-looking vision.

Our inclusion in the Times Higher Education Asia University Rankings 2025 is a defining moment for BUIITEMS. As the only university from Balochistan featured in this prestigious ranking, this recognition underscores our unwavering commitment to academic excellence, research innovation, and international collaboration. It is both an affirmation of our efforts and a motivation to aim higher as we continue our journey toward global prominence.

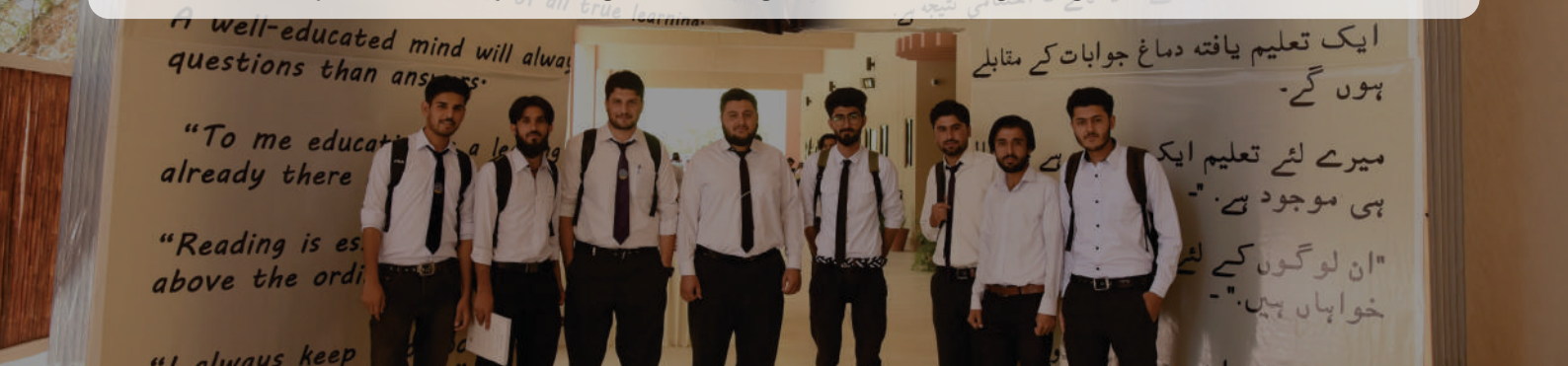
Equally significant is our active engagement with national development initiatives. From participation in the Pakistan Minerals Investment Forum to representation at high-level policy dialogues on digital transformation and education reform, BUIITEMS continues to position itself as a thought leader and a catalyst for progress. These platforms not only showcase our academic strengths but also reinforce our responsibility toward shaping the future of Pakistan—particularly Balochistan—through knowledge, innovation, and inclusivity.

This issue also highlights our strong commitment to capacity building and institutional excellence. Initiatives such as the CMS-OBE training, RIPE preparation sessions, and participation in international quality assurance conferences demonstrate our focus on continuous improvement and alignment with global academic standards. At the same time, collaborations with organizations like FAO and engagement in policy consultations reflect our expanding research footprint and societal relevance.

Beyond academics, the vibrancy of campus life remains a cornerstone of the BUIITEMS experience. From sports initiatives and student achievements in arts and research to awareness campaigns, environmental drives, and community outreach programs, our students and faculty continue to embody the spirit of holistic development. These activities nurture creativity, promote well-being, and instill a sense of social responsibility—values that define the BUIITEMS identity.

However, amid these achievements, we are also reminded of the importance of unity and compassion, as reflected in the collective grief over the loss of a member of our community. Such moments strengthen our bonds and reaffirm that BUIITEMS is not just an institution, but a family.

The stories in this newsletter are not just reports of events—they are milestones in a larger journey toward excellence, inclusion, and transformation. Our collective efforts continue to shape a future-ready university that excels in teaching, leads in research, and serves society with purpose. Let this edition inspire us to keep striving, innovating, and contributing—together.



BUIITEMS Shines in Times Higher Education Asia University Rankings 2025

Reported by: Dr. Bilal Sarwar



The Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering and Management Sciences (BUIITEMS) has proudly earned a place in the Times Higher Education Asia University Rankings 2025, securing a position in the 601+ band.

This remarkable achievement reinforces BUIITEMS' unwavering commitment to academic excellence, research quality, and global engagement. As the only university from Balochistan featured in these prestigious rankings, BUIITEMS continues to elevate its reputation both nationally and internationally.



Key Highlights

- **Global Recognition:** BUIITEMS is among 853 universities from 35 countries/territories included in the 2025 Asia University Rankings by Times Higher Education.
- **National Presence:** BUIITEMS joins 47 Pakistani universities on the list, reflecting the growing strength of higher education in Pakistan.
- **Research Excellence:** The university's performance in research quality, international collaboration, and industry engagement significantly contributed to its recognition.
- **Young & Impactful:** Despite being a relatively young institution, BUIITEMS is making impressive strides in delivering quality education and impactful research.

This milestone is not only a reflection of BUIITEMS' current achievements but also a stepping stone toward its future goals. The university is now setting its sights on securing a spot among the top 600 universities globally, further enhancing its reputation for excellence in higher education.

Ranking Framework

The Times Higher Education Asia University Rankings 2025 evaluates institutions based on 18 performance indicators across five core areas:

- Teaching
- Research
- Citations
- International Outlook
- Industry Income

With China, Singapore, and Japan leading the region, BUIITEMS' inclusion in this competitive ranking is a proud moment for the university, Balochistan, and Pakistan.

BUIITEMS participation at Pakistan Minerals Investment Forum 2025

Reported by: Dr. Hafeez-ur-Rehman



The Pakistan Minerals Investment Forum (PMIF) 2025 was successfully organized by Oil and Gas Development Company Limited (OGDCL) and the Special Investment Facilitation Council (SIFC) on April 8–9, 2025, at Jinnah Convention Center, Islamabad. This landmark summit, the first of its scale in Pakistan's mining sector, brought together international delegations, policymakers, investors, mining companies, academia, and students.

BUIITEMS was formally invited to participate and proudly set up a dedicated booth representing its Departments of Mining Engineering, Geological Engineering, and Petroleum & Gas Engineering. The forum served as a valuable platform to showcase BUIITEMS' academic and research contributions, highlight ongoing projects, and reaffirm its commitment to advancing Pakistan's mineral sector.

Dr. Hafeezur Rehman, Associate Professor, Department of Mining Engineering, joined a panel titled "Strengthening Industry-Academia Linkages: Building a Future-Ready Mining Workforce." He highlighted BUIITEMS' contributions to Balochistan's mining projects, the importance of aligning curricula with industry needs, investment in mining education, and the growing role of female professionals in the sector.

BUIITEMS' active role at the forum also emphasized academia's contribution to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth) and SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure).

Six faculty members and ten mining engineering students were fully sponsored by OGDCL to attend. The BUIITEMS team actively engaged with visitors at the stall, strengthening the university's visibility and reaffirming its role in shaping the future of Pakistan's mineral and natural resources industries.

Strategic Meeting on Sports Activities 2025 at BUIITEMS

Reported by: Masood Ahmed Kasi



On April 9, 2025, a meeting was held at BUIITEMS chaired by the Pro Vice Chancellor and the Director of Sports, with participation from all Deans. The session focused on planning sports events and activities for the new sports year starting in April.

The meeting served as a platform to share ideas and strategies for strengthening BUIITEMS' sports culture. The Deans expressed full support, highlighting the role of sports in promoting teamwork, physical well-being, and healthy competition. Several tournaments and activities were proposed to provide students opportunities to display their talents.

With emphasis on improving sports infrastructure and encouraging participation, BUIITEMS looks forward to an energetic and successful sports year ahead



VC BUIITEMS Meets HEC DG on Pending Funding for Balochistan Universities

Reported by: Syed Dara Shikoh Amir



On April 2025, Islamabad, in a strategic effort to secure the financial stability of higher education institutions in Balochistan, Professor Dr. Khalid Hafeez, Vice Chancellor BUIITEMS, held a meeting with Dr. Ziaul Haq Qayyum, Director General, Higher Education Commission (HEC) Islamabad.

The discussion centered on the release of pending HEC funds allocated to BUIITEMS and other public sector universities in the province. Professor Hafeez underscored the urgency of releasing these critical tranches to ensure smooth academic operations, research activities, and development projects.

He further highlighted BUIITEMS' expanding national and international contributions, reaffirming its commitment to academic excellence, technological innovation, and regional development. Stressing the need for timely financial support, he emphasized that such resources are vital to sustaining progress and widening access to quality higher education in underserved regions like Balochistan.

The meeting reaffirmed BUIITEMS' role as a leading advocate for higher education in the province, committed to resource equity, institutional strengthening, and inclusive growth through knowledge and innovation.



Extensive Training on Newly Implemented CMS OBE Module at BUIITEMS

Reported by: Qazi Abdul Reman Arif



The Directorate of Process Automation BUIITEMS organized a comprehensive 5-day training on the newly implemented Campus Management Solution (CMS) module for Outcome-Based Education (OBE) from April 9–17, 2025. The sessions were conducted for faculty members of Engineering & Architecture (FoE&A) and the Faculty of Information & Communication Technology (FICT). The inaugural session featured opening remarks by Mr. Arshad Ali, Chairman, Department of Mechanical Engineering and focal person for OBE (FoE&A). Mr. Bilal Ahmad, Functional Lead CMS, delivered detailed demonstrations of the OBE module, supported by the CMS team and the Directorate of Process Automation.

Distinguished academic leaders including Dr. Kamran Sammi (Director ORIC, Ex-Dean FoE&A), Dr. Ghulamullah Kakar (Dean FoE&A), Registrar BUIITEMS, Dr. Surat Khan (Dean ICT), Dr. Jan Muhammad (Ex-VC, Turbat University), and Dr. Faizullah addressed the sessions at various stages, emphasizing the importance of OBE in strengthening academic quality. On the final day, Dr. Jameel (focal person during requirement gathering) and Dr. Sanaullah Faiz led the concluding demonstrations and discussions.



The training highlighted the CMS OBE module's ability to map student performance to CLOs and PLOs, automate data aggregation, and generate real-time analytics, ensuring transparency, accuracy, and compliance with OBE standards. Faculty members actively engaged in Q&A sessions, shared challenges, and praised the clarity and practicality of the module.

The program received highly positive feedback and marked a significant step toward BUIITEMS' mission of enhancing academic excellence through technology-driven solutions, reaffirming its commitment to producing graduates with globally competitive and industry-relevant skills.

Tree Plantation At BUIITEMS

Reported by: Muhammad Yaseen



On April 10, 2025, Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering and Management Sciences (BUIITEMS), in collaboration with Rotary Club Quetta and OGDCL, organized a tree plantation drive at BUIITEMS Takatu Campus and the Staff Colony. The drive was led by Mr. Imran Ali Sani. A total of 250 trees—including Poplar, Quetta Ash, and Mepal—were planted: 160 in the residential area and 90 on campus. The Directorate of Administration at BUIITEMS and their gardening staff provided exceptional support throughout the drive.



Prof. Dr. Mirwise Kasi, Acting Pro-Vice Chancellor BUIITEMS, Mr. Ikramullah Kasi, Regional Head OGDCL, esteemed Deans and their representatives including Dr. Ghulamullah Kakar, Dr. Hamdullah Tareen, Dr. Surat Khan, Dr. Khaadija Kakar, Dr. Tayyaba Akram, Mr. Sulaiman Kasi (Director A&GS), Ms. Shakeela Kakar (AD UAFA), the team of BUIITEMS gardeners, Mr. Ahsan Achakzai (Registrar BUIITEMS), along with students from the Environmental Science Department participated in the plantation activity.



This tree plantation drive was a part of the broader Quetta City Environmental Enhancement Plan, initiated by Rotary Club Quetta and the Environment Department, Government of Balochistan.

So far, over 15,000 trees have been planted at various locations across Quetta City. The initiative ensures that trees are planted within enclosed compounds, with access to water and a dedicated caretaker. Furthermore, it encourages institutions and residents of Quetta to come forward and join hands in this green movement. Those interested in planting trees in their residential areas or institutions are invited to reach out and become part of the initiative.

5th International PNQAHE Conference at the Forman Christian College University, Lahore

Reported by: Dr. Bilal Sarwar



Prof. Dr. Bilal Sarwar, Director, Directorate of Quality Enhancement and Accreditation (QE&A), BUIITEMS, participated in the **5th International Conference of the Pakistan Network of Quality Assurance in Higher Education (PNQAHE)**, held at Forman Christian College, Lahore, from April 14–16, 2025.

The conference, attended by over 600 participants, focused on strengthening internal QA mechanisms and advancing institutional excellence.



On **April 14, 2025**, Dr. Bilal Sarwar attended two pre-conference workshops:

1. Institutional Self-Assessment: Conditions and Practices for Success

- **Facilitator:** Dr. Fabrice Henard, CEO, INQAAHE, France
- Key themes: Purpose and scope of self-evaluation, RIPE model of HEC, gap analysis, and sustainable monitoring mechanisms.

2. Engaging Stakeholders for Success: Designing Generative AI Strategies in Academic Institutions

- **Facilitator:** Ms. Emilia Todorova, Head of Academic Quality and Learning, University of Gibraltar
- Key themes: Strategic adoption of GenAI, stakeholder engagement, ethics, AI-readiness in QA, and governance frameworks.

On **April 15, 2025**, Dr. Bilal presented his research paper titled “Stakeholder Perceptions of Quality Assurance Mechanisms in Higher Education” under the theme Community Engagement and Social Responsibility in Quality Assurance. His presentation emphasized inclusive stakeholder engagement, evidence-based policy frameworks, and collaborative QA practices to strengthen teaching quality and institutional governance.

Dr. Bilal Sarwar's active role at the conference highlighted BUIITEMS' commitment to quality enhancement in higher education. The insights gained will support QE&A's future initiatives, including revising self-assessment protocols, enhancing faculty training, and promoting QA awareness across academic and administrative units.



BUIITEMS Vice Chancellor Represents Balochistan at URAAN Pakistan Conference on Digital Transformation and Future of Work

Reported by: Syed Dara Shikoh Amir



On April 15–17, 2025, Professor Dr. Khalid Hafeez, Vice Chancellor Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering and Management Sciences (BUIITEMS), represented Balochistan at the URAAN Pakistan Growth through Digital Transformation Conference, held in Islamabad during the 38th Annual General Conference of the Pakistan Society of Development Economists (PSDE), organized by PIDE. He was the sole participant from Balochistan in two high-level panel discussions.

In the first session, “Digital Transformation, AI, Productivity, and Future of Work: A Conversation for Pakistan”, chaired by Nobel Laureate Professor Michael Spence (University of Milan, Italy), Dr. Hafeez joined national and international experts to discuss how AI and digital innovation are reshaping productivity and employment.

In another panel, “Reimagining Universities in Pakistan in the Digital and AI Age”, Dr. Hafeez shared the stage with the Vice Chancellors of PIDE and GIK, along with two leading venture capitalists. The discussion highlighted the future of higher education, curriculum transformation, and the role of technology in preparing students for a digital future.

Dr. Hafeez emphasized BUIITEMS's proactive initiatives in AI research, digital transformation, and future-ready education, underscoring the university's role in amplifying the voice of Balochistan at the national level.

BUIITEMS remains committed to bridging regional gaps and contributing to Pakistan's digital transformation, education reform, and inclusive growth.

Financial Literacy Walk 2025: A Step Towards Smarter Financial Futures

Reported by: Siddiq Ur Rehman



On April 18, 2025, The State Bank of Pakistan, in collaboration with BUIITEMS, organized the Financial Literacy Walk 2025, aimed at fostering financial awareness among students. The event served as an engaging platform to educate young participants on the essentials of financial planning, budgeting, and making informed financial decisions. The walk witnessed active participation from prominent banking institutions, including HBL, MCB, Bank Alfalah, Habib Metro, and ABL. These banks set up informative stalls, showcasing their range of financial products such as savings accounts, credit cards, loans, and digital banking services. Students had the opportunity to interact directly with bank representatives, gaining insights into practical financial tools and responsible money management. This collaborative effort between the State Bank and BUIITEMS highlights a shared commitment to equipping youth with the knowledge and skills necessary for financial independence and responsible economic behavior.



Federal Minister Ahsan Iqbal Visits BUIITEMS, Highlights Youth Empowerment and Economic Revival

Reported by: Syed Dara Shikoh Amir



On April 18, 2025, Mr. Ahsan Iqbal, Federal Minister for Planning, Development, and Special Initiatives, visited the Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering and Management Sciences (BUIITEMS) and addressed students, faculty, and leadership at the university auditorium.

In his speech, the Minister emphasized the transformative role of youth in shaping Pakistan's future amidst economic and ideological challenges. He urged students to equip themselves with digital tools such as laptops, artificial intelligence, and modern skills, noting that Pakistan's resilience lies in the strength of its youth.

Mr. Iqbal introduced the government's Uraan-e-Pakistan initiative, a five-year roadmap for economic revival and transformation. He highlighted achievements including a sharp reduction in inflation (38% to 2.5%), the decrease in central bank policy rate (23% to 12%), a record stock market crossing 115,000 points, 30% growth in exports, and \$4 billion in remittances in March 2025 alone.

Encouraging students to move beyond passive social media use, he stressed its role as a tool for learning and empowerment, while underscoring the importance of education, innovation, and governance in Balochistan's progress. "We are not an underdeveloped country—we are an under-managed country," he remarked.

The event was attended by Prof. Dr. Khalid Hafeez (Vice Chancellor BUIITEMS), Pro Vice Chancellor Dr. Mirwais Khan Kasi, Registrar (Acting) Mohammad Ahsan Achakzai, Deans, senior faculty members, and a large gathering of students, who actively engaged in the discussion.



BUIITEMS Participates in Consultative Session on Equity, Education, and Empowerment in Balochistan

Reported by: Syed Dara Shikoh Amir



On April 18, 2025, BUIITEMS participated in a consultative session on Equity, Education, and Empowerment held at the Serena Hotel Quetta under the flagship National Economic Transformation Plan "URAAN PAKISTAN" by the Ministry of Planning, Development, and Special Initiatives. The BUIITEMS delegation, comprising Dr. Syed Munawar Shah, Dr. Aziz Kakar, Mr. Meer Hassan, and Dr. Nabeel ul Haq, engaged in policy dialogue addressing key developmental challenges in Balochistan. Team BUIITEMS highlighted the transformative power of quality education, especially for women and girls, and emphasized the urgent need

for evidence-based policies tailored to Balochistan's unique socio-economic landscape. They advocated for enhanced focus on population control, public health, and funding for local research to promote inclusive and sustainable development. The session concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Saima Basheer, Member Social Sector, Ministry of Planning. BUIITEMS remains committed to contributing thought leadership and policy insight for the betterment of Balochistan.

BUIITEMS Hosts 1st T-12 Tape Ball Cricket Tournament for Faculty & Admin Staff

Reported by: Masood Ahmed Kasi



The Directorate of Sports at BUIITEMS has proudly launched the **1st T-12 Tape Ball Cricket Tournament (Faculty & Admin)**, which kicked off on **April 21, 2025**, with great enthusiasm. The inaugural ceremony was honored by the presence of the Vice Chancellor, Professor Khalid Hafeez, who officially inaugurated the event.

A total of nine teams are participating in this spirited competition—seven representing various faculties and two from the administrative departments.

The opening day featured two thrilling encounters:

- In the **first match**, the **Muslim Bagh Campus** took on the **Faculty of Basic Sciences**. With a dominant display, the Muslim Bagh Campus team claimed a convincing win.
- The **second match** saw a nail-biting contest between the **Faculty of Engineering and Admin-II**, where **Admin-II** emerged victorious after an intense battle.

This tournament aims to promote **sportsmanship, teamwork, and well-being**, while also fostering a sense of **unity and collaboration** among BUIITEMS' faculty and administrative staff.

World Autism Day

Reported by: Asmat Ullah Khan



The Psychology Department BUIITEMS Celebrated World Autism Day on **22nd April 2025**, in collaboration with Helping Hand for Relief and Development in Pink Hall. The speakers highlighted the importance of awareness, management, and acceptance of Autism as a unique characteristic in autistic persons. The chief guest of the event was the worthy Vice Chancellor BUIITEMS, Prof. Dr. Khalid Hafeez who emphasized the importance of its awareness and its acceptance and to focus on the strengths

of the autistic persons to let them be productive members of

society. The worthy Vice Chancellor emphasized to work on the research gaps in this area in the province so it can help policy makers and primary and middle school teachers to treat autistic children differently and recognize in them the special qualities which can make their lives easier. The faculty members, Chairpersons FSSH and the respected Dean FSSH Prof. Dr. Aurangzaib Alamgir joined the program. The event ended by cake cutting ceremony and shields distribution to the speakers, Dean FSSH and HHRD staff by the chief guest of the program.



BUIITEMS Initiates RIPE Process to Strengthen Institutional Quality and Performance

Reported by: Dr. Bilal Sarwar



As part of its ongoing commitment to continuous improvement and institutional excellence, the Directorate of Quality Enhancement & Accreditation (QE&A), BUIITEMS, organized a comprehensive session on April 23, 2025, focused on the preparation for the Review of Institutional Performance Enhancement (RIPE).

The session was led by Prof. Dr. Bilal Sarwar, Director QE&A gave a detailed presentation to the participants on the purpose, methodology, and expected outcomes of the RIPE process. He emphasized that the RIPE framework is an essential mechanism for evaluating institutional effectiveness, aligning strategic goals with quality benchmarks, and fostering a culture of evidence-based decision-making.

Participants from key administrative units were oriented on the updated standards of institutional performance as outlined in the revamped Performance Review Guidelines issued by the Higher Education Commission (HEC).

The session served as a capacity-building initiative, equipping departments with the knowledge and tools to conduct internal reviews and compile evidence-based documentation in preparation for external evaluation.

The QE&A Directorate reaffirmed its support for all units during the preparation phase and emphasized the importance of transparency, collaboration, and timely submission of data to ensure a successful review.

The session concluded with a productive Q&A and a renewed commitment from all stakeholders to uphold BUIITEMS' vision of academic excellence and institutional integrity.



Future Scientists Engage with Experts: FAO–BUIITEMS Strengthen Collaboration in Balochistan

Reported by: Dr. Kaleem Ullah Kakar



On April 24, 2025, Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) Balochistan office of the United Nations (UN) hosted the faculty and students from the Faculty of Life Sciences & Informatics (FLS&I), BUIITEMS, and Balochistan Agriculture College, Quetta, to strengthen awareness and foster collaboration with academia around sustainable agriculture, livestock development, and climate resilience projects of FAO. The delegation from BUIITEMS was led by Dr. M. Naeem Shahwani (Dean of FLS&I), Dr. Kaleem U. Kakar (Associate professor and Chief Organizer, Microbiology).

The session began with opening remarks from Mr. Waleed Mahdi (International Programme Coordinator and Head of Office, FAO Balochistan), followed by a comprehensive briefing by Dr. Muhammad Azam Kakar on FAO's ongoing programmes in Balochistan. Dr Sadiq Agha briefed the participants about the GRASP project. A total of 35 participants attended the session, including the organizers namely Dr. Muhammad Mushtaq (Professor, Biotechnology), Dr. Aziz Ahmed (Professor, Economics),



Dr. Asama Yousafzai (Professor, Biotechnology), Dr. Faheem Nawaz (Associate Professor, Environmental Science), Dr. Faiz Muhammad (Assistant Professor), Dr. Gohram Malghani (Associate Professor), Dr. Jawad Ali (Assistant Professor, Environmental Science), Mr. Sumair Khan (Lecturer, Microbiology), Miss Urooj (Lecturer, Biotechnology), Dr. Akram Ali (Lecturer, Biotechnology), Mr. Taimoor Shah Durrani (Lecturer, Environmental Science), Mr. Mehboob Ahmed (Lab Supervisor), Mr. Suleman Tareen (Lecturer, Education) and Dr. Nanak Khan (Assistant Professor, Agriculture Colleger). At the close of the session, certificates of participation were awarded to all visiting students and faculty members in recognition of their involvement in the “Balochistan Inter-Universities Research Model & Poster Exhibition 2024” organized by Dr. Kaleem U. Kakar and team. Dr. M. Naeem Shahwani, Dean of FLS&I, appreciated FAO's commendable work and expressed sincere thanks for the opportunity to connect students with sustainable agriculture and water initiatives in Balochistan.

Earth Day Celebration at BUIITEMS

Reported by: Hamid Abdullah



On April 24, 2025, the Department of Architecture at BUIITEMS Quetta marked Earth Day with a vibrant and thought-provoking event aimed at raising awareness about sustainable and green practices. Students and faculty members came together to promote environmental responsibility through creative and educational activities.

The event's theme focused on the importance of adopting eco-friendly habits and sustainable design principles. Students showcased a series of informative posters and set up awareness stalls, each highlighting various aspects of environmental conservation and sustainable living. The effort reflected their commitment to shaping a greener future through thoughtful design and community engagement.



Second Exposure Visit of Noor High School, Quetta to BUIITEMS

Reported by: Nisar Ahmed



On April 24, 2025, the International Center for Refugee and Migration Studies (ICRMS) organized the second exposure visit for students of Noor High School at BUIITEMS. A total of 60 students (18 males, 42 females) and faculty members were warmly welcomed in the Pink Hall.

The session began with Quranic recitation, followed by a video on ICRMS's vision and activities. **Mr. Salar Khan (Deputy Director Admissions & Academics, BUIITEMS)** briefed students on admissions, scholarships, and financial aid opportunities for Afghan refugees. Later, **Prof. Dr. Zahid Rauf (Director, ICRMS)** addressed the gathering, encouraging students to pursue higher education and reaffirming BUIITEMS's inclusive role in supporting marginalized communities.

A guided campus tour, facilitated by **Mr. Nisar Ahmed, Ms. Laraib Ayoub, Mr. Waseem, Mr. Ameen, Ms. Fatima Ali, and Mr. Firdos Khan**, included visits to the National Incubation Center, BUIITEMS Main Library, and Sports Complex, where students explored startup incubation, academic resources, and modern facilities.

The program concluded with lunch, after which the students were escorted back to their school, marking the visit as a memorable and successful experience.



Prophetic Wisdom: A Transformative Journey at BUIITEMS

Reported by: Dara Amir Shikoh



On April 24, 2025, BUIITEMS organized a spiritually enriching event titled "Prophetic Wisdom" at Orange Hall, Sir Syed Block, Takatu Campus. The program aimed at reviving faith, rebuilding ideologies, and rediscovering identity, attracting a large audience of students, faculty, and staff.

The session began with Tilawat and Na'at, followed by an Ideal Interview Segment by Muhammad Mashood Khan. Distinguished speakers included Mufti Yasir Rafiq on Seerat-un-Nabi

(PBUH), Mufti Rasheed Ahmed on The Prophetic Approach to Modern Challenges, Bhai Darwaish Khan on Sunnah in Daily Life, and Muhammad Mashood Khan on Respectful Disagreement & Knowledge in Islam. The event concluded with an interactive Q&A and dua led by Mufti Rasheed Ahmed.

The program was highly appreciated for its depth, relevance, and spiritual impact, reaffirming BUIITEMS' commitment to holistic education that nurtures ethical awareness and moral leadership alongside academic excellence.



BUIITEMS Hosts Earth Day Plantation Drive 2025

Reported by: Dara Amir Shikoh



On April 24, 2025 in celebration of Earth Day 2025, the Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering and Management Sciences (BUIITEMS) organized a meaningful Plantation Drive at its Takatu Campus, bringing together students, faculty, and community members in a shared commitment to environmental sustainability. Under the theme “Together, we plant the seeds of peace, love, and sustainability,” the event featured the plantation of 200 trees, each symbolizing a pledge to protect

the environment and nurture harmony for future generations. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from a diverse group of individuals representing academia, civil society, and government institutions, reflecting a united front for environmental action:

- Mr. Muhammad Salim, Chief Organizer, Ashar Group
- Mr. Abdul Salam Kakar, Chief Executive, Gilani Hospital
- Mr. Siddiq Ahmed Kakar, Chief of Section, Planning & Development, Civil Secretariat, Quetta
- Mr. Suleiman Kasi, Director, Administration & General Services, BUIITEMS
- Syed Dara Shikoh Amir, Director, Communications, BUIITEMS
- Ms. Rukia Magsi, Assistant Professor, Department of Management Sciences, BUIITEMS
- Mr. Jameel Ahmed Kakar, Deputy Director, FMS, BUIITEMS – Event Coordinator
- Mr. Muhammad Khalid, Lab Assistant, BUIITEMS
- Chinar Media Group
- Students from Noor School, Alamdar Road, Quetta
- Students from the School of Law, BUIITEMS

The success of the Earth Day Plantation Drive was made possible through the efforts of the Directorate of Administration and Directorate of Communication, BUIITEMS, along with the university's dedicated support staff. Special thanks are extended to BUIITEMS's gardening team for their hard work and commitment:

- Mr. Abdul Hameed, Head Gardener
- Mr. M. Ibraheem, Gardener
- Mr. Jaffar Khan, Head Gardener II
- Mr. Rozi Uddin, Gardener
- Mr. Shehbaz M. Ali, Gardener
- Mr. Abdul Qayyum, Gardener

Held at 10:00 AM, the Earth Day Plantation Drive served as more than a symbolic activity—it was a tangible contribution to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly SDG 13: Climate Action and SDG 15: Life on Land. Participants engaged in thoughtful conversations about environmental responsibility, youth empowerment, and the role of academic institutions in advancing sustainability.

BUIITEMS continues to champion initiatives that promote ecological awareness and community-driven action. The university reaffirms its commitment to nurturing a cleaner, greener, and more inclusive future for Balochistan and beyond.

Celebrating Artistic Excellence Achievements in Art Competitions

Reported by: Meraj Mohammad



On April 25, 2025, the Department of Fine Arts at BUIITEMS once again shone as its talented students made their mark in a prestigious Inter-University Art Competition held under the theme: "Immunization: A Shield Ensuring Healthy Life," in observance of World Immunization Week.

Hakeema Ali Baba, a 4th-semester Fine Arts student, showcased her exceptional skills in oil painting and proudly secured 2nd position. Her work demonstrated not only technical proficiency but also a powerful creative expression.

Sumaira Sultan Raza, an 8th-semester Painting major, earned 3rd position for her thought-provoking interpretation of the competition's theme. Her artwork stood out for its artistic impact and meaningful narrative.

BUIITEMS congratulates both students on their outstanding achievements and applauds their dedication to the arts. Their success is a testament to the university's ongoing commitment to nurturing creativity, talent, and socially relevant artistic expression.



BUIITEMS Secures Second Position in Prestigious Flower Competition

Reported by: Imran Sani



On April 27, 2025, Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering and Management Sciences (BUIITEMS) proudly announces yet another milestone in its journey of excellence and creativity.

Led by Mr. Imran Sani, the BUIITEMS team achieved an outstanding second position in the Flower Competition organized by Serena Hotel in collaboration with the Rotary Club.

This prestigious event witnessed participation from over 100 organizations, including leading educational institutions and private sector organizations. Amidst intense competition, BUIITEMS' dedication, artistic vision, and commitment to excellence in floral design shone brightly.

The BUIITEMS team demonstrated exceptional skill, creativity, and teamwork, reflecting the university's broader ethos of innovation, aesthetics, and excellence in all fields.

"Your team's talent, dedication, and passion for floral art have truly paid off. This remarkable achievement is a testament to BUIITEMS' commitment to fostering creativity and holistic development," said Prof. Dr. Khalid Hafeez, Vice Chancellor, BUIITEMS.

This achievement further consolidates BUIITEMS' standing not only as an academic powerhouse but also as an institution that nurtures a wide array of talents beyond the classroom.

BUIITEMS Holds Condolence Gatherings in Memory of Late Student Arbab Ibrahim Kasi

Reported by: Sameen Khan



The BUIITEMS community is deeply saddened by the tragic loss of our beloved student, Arbab Ibrahim Kasi, who was martyred in a recent accident.

At the BUIITEMS Takatu Campus, a Fatiha Khwani was held at the Jamah Masjid after Zuhur Prayer on April 28, 2025.

Dr. Khalid Hafeez, Vice Chancellor BUIITEMS, and Dr. Arbab Mirwais Kasi, Pro Vice Chancellor, attended the condolence gathering along with all Deans, Directors, faculty members, administrative staff, and students.

Addressing the attendees, Dr. Khalid Hafeez echoed the profound sorrow felt across the university community. He remarked that the loss of a loved one is an irreparable grief and, in this difficult moment, the thoughts and prayers of the entire BUIITEMS family are with the bereaved family. He reaffirmed the university's unwavering solidarity with the family of Arbab Ibrahim Kasi and encouraged the BUIITEMS community to remain united in compassion and support.

The event was held to offer Dua-e-Maghfirah and express solidarity with the family of Arbab Ibrahim Kasi, a dedicated 6th-semester LLB student who passed away unexpectedly.

The gathering was attended by faculty members, administrative staff, fellow students, and the grieving family, including the deceased's brother. Heartfelt prayers were offered for the departed soul, seeking divine mercy, forgiveness, and strength for the bereaved family.

Social Networking Seminar

Reported by: Sameen Khan



On April 29, 2025, BUIITEMS in collaboration with the Paigham-e-Pakistan Centre for Peace, Reconciliation & Reconstruction Studies at the Islamic Research Institute, International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI), and the Prime Minister's Youth Programme, organized a Social Networking Seminar. The event centered on the theme of "Advancing Inclusive and Resilient Youth Communities by Preventing Violent Extremism on Educational Campuses."

The seminar began with the arrival of students, esteemed guests, and dignitaries. The program opened with the national anthem and the recitation of verses from the Holy Quran, followed by a heartfelt Naat presented by a BUIITEMS student, setting a reflective and respectful tone for the day.

The Vice Chancellor BUIITEMS, Prof. Dr. Khalid Hafeez, delivered a welcome address emphasizing the university's commitment to peacebuilding, youth engagement, and academic responsibility. He underscored the role of higher education institutions in shaping socially conscious individuals and highlighted BUIITEMS' dedication to fostering an inclusive and secure learning environment.



This was followed by a keynote address by Prof. Dr. Muhammad Zia ul Haq, Director General of the Islamic Research Institute at IIUI. He spoke on the pivotal role that academic institutions play in cultivating empathy, tolerance, and responsible citizenship. He also shared insights into the Paigham-e-Pakistan initiative, a national effort to counter extremist ideologies through informed dialogue and intellectual empowerment.

Adding further depth to the program, BUIITEMS student societies, including the Inclusive Student Society and the Civil and Social Responsibility Society, presented thoughtful performances. Their presentations reflected the students' dedication to inclusivity, civic participation, and the promotion of peace.

The Chief Guest, **His Excellency Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail**, Governor of Balochistan, delivered a powerful and encouraging address. He urged the youth to become ambassadors of peace, resilience, and unity, and lauded the collaborative efforts of BUIITEMS and its partners in creating platforms for dialogue, awareness, and social transformation.

The seminar concluded with the presentation of souvenirs and copies of the Paigham-e-Pakistan document to the distinguished guests.



Training workshop on "Workplace Harassment Prevention and Response"

Reported by: Mayen Khan



A training workshop on "Workplace Harassment Prevention and Response" was held from 29th to 30th April, 2025 at Training Hall, BUIITEMS Takatu Campus. The training was organized by "The Housing Reconstruction Unit (HRU)" component of "Integrated Flood Resilience and Adaptation Project (IFRAP)". The Housing Reconstruction Unit (HRU) is an initiative for enhancing flood resilience and promoting sustainable development in Balochistan. After the disastrous 2022 floods, the HRU is working on rebuilding communities, restoring homes, and ensuring a safer future for vulnerable population in Balochistan. This training was designed

specifically for staff of implementing parties who will cascade the training to their field staff. The objectives of the training were to "Raise awareness regarding what constitutes work places harassment" and "Promoting a culture of respect inclusion & accountability". 22 participants from various organizations attended the training. Miss Faiza Munawar Marri Lecturer in the Department of Management Sciences at Buitems facilitated the training as a resource person. Miss Nazan Habib (Gender Specialist - HRU) organized the training in collaboration with Buitems Department of Training & Development.



PhD Defense: Furhaj Ahmed Sheikh Awarded Doctorate in Physics

Reported by: Prof. Dr. Zaheer Abbas Gilani



On April 29, 2025, Furhaj Ahmed Sheikh successfully defended his PhD thesis titled "**Nano-Structural, Dielectric and Magnetic Properties of Rare-Earth Metals Substituted Nickel-Cobalt Based Spinel Ferrites for High-Density Memory Devices**" at the Video Conference Hall, Takatu Campus.

Supervised by **Prof. Dr. Zaheer Abbas Gilani**, Furhaj's research focused on the synthesis and detailed characterization of Rare-Earth metal-substituted Ni-Co-based ferrites. His work provided valuable insights into the magnetic and dielectric responses of nanoparticles, which hold great promise for applications in high-density memory devices. The findings are particularly relevant in the field of advanced materials and nanoelectronics.

Furhaj has already published twelve research papers in reputable journals, making a valuable contribution to the academic community. Notably, four of his publications on ferrite nanomaterials demonstrate strong potential to advance data storage technologies, paving the way for more efficient and higher-capacity memory systems. Reflecting on his PhD journey, Furhaj shared, "The entire PhD duration was tremendous, offering immense learning and growth. This research lays the foundation for future exploration into composite material synthesis and the fabrication of advanced devices." Looking ahead, Furhaj plans to extend his research into the development of composite materials and device fabrication, with hopes to further contribute to the rapidly evolving field of nanotechnology and materials science.

Congratulations, Furhaj, on this major academic achievement!

Task Force Meeting on Refugee Higher Education in Balochistan

Reported by: Nisar Ahmed



The International Center for Refugee and Migration Studies (ICRMS), in collaboration with UNHCR, organized the first Provincial Task Force Meeting on Refugee Higher Education on May 2, 2025, at the Video Conference Room, BUIITEMS.

The meeting was chaired by Prof. Dr. Khalid Hafeez, Vice Chancellor BUIITEMS, who emphasized the university's unwavering commitment to inclusivity and educational equity. The Task Force, established in 2023 following the 2022 policy dialogues, aims to address the major challenges faced by Afghan refugee students, including documentation issues, rigid eligibility criteria, inconsistent academic standards, and financial and social constraints. The meeting brought together representatives from BUIITEMS, University of Balochistan (UoB), Alhamd University, HEC, UNHCR, UNDP, Inspire Pakistan, Balochistan Education Foundation (BEF), and other humanitarian organizations. Refugee students from BUIITEMS and UoB also participated, sharing their concerns regarding academic continuity and long-term stability.



The session was inaugurated by Dr. Zahid Rauf, Director ICRMS, and moderated by Mr. Kazim, Liaison Officer ICRMS. Ms. Nafisa Nasar, Program and Research Associate, presented an overview of the Task Force's progress and milestones. University representatives highlighted efforts such as revised admission procedures and updates on reserved seat allocations.



Key issues discussed included the urgent need for a safeguarding policy amid potential forced repatriation scenarios, and the critical importance of ensuring continuity in education for displaced students.

Key Recommendations:

- Introduction of a Zero Semester to bridge academic and language gaps. Revision of admission forms to ensure inclusivity and accessibility.
- Formulation of a safeguarding policy to protect refugee students until the completion of their studies.
- Issuance of academic credentials (certificates, diplomas, or associate degrees) in case of abrupt disruptions.
- Targeted strategies to address 2025 enrolment challenges.
- Regular updates on reserved seat allocations across departments.
- The meeting concluded with a strong resolve to strengthen coordination among academic institutions, government stakeholders, and humanitarian organizations to promote access to higher education for refugee students in Balochistan.

Volunteer Recruitment Drive by Pakistan Red Crescent Society

Reported by: Dr. Muhammad Naeem Shahwani



In another initiative reflecting BUIITEMS' dedication to community service, the Pakistan Red Crescent Society conducted a Volunteer Recruitment Drive on campus, in collaboration with the Department of Environmental Science, Faculty of Life Sciences and Informatics BUIITEMS. The drive aimed to engage students in humanitarian efforts by offering them opportunities to volunteer for various social welfare activities.

The event received a positive response from students who expressed keen interest in becoming active members of the Red Crescent's mission to serve humanity. Through such drives,

BUIITEMS continues to support platforms that empower students to contribute meaningfully to society.



Tree Plantation Drive by Department of Environmental Science

Reported by: Dr. Muhammad Naeem Shahwani



The Department of Environmental Science, under the Faculty of Life Sciences and Informatics, organized a Tree Plantation Drive with the newly admitted students of the Fall-2024 Batch. The initiative was held as part of the department's commitment to promoting environmental sustainability and fostering a sense of ecological responsibility among students. In this meaningful activity, each student planted one tree, taking personal responsibility for its care and growth until their graduation. This symbolic

gesture reflects the department's mission to instill environmental stewardship as a core value in future graduates.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from all departmental members, who stood alongside students to contribute to a greener campus. Their involvement reinforced the importance of collective effort in addressing environmental challenges. The trees for the plantation were generously sponsored by the Forest and Wildlife Department, Balochistan. Their support played a vital role in the successful execution of the event and was deeply appreciated by the faculty and students alike. Such initiatives not only enhance the green cover of the campus but also serve as a practical learning experience, linking theoretical knowledge with real-world environmental action.

Department of Architecture Aligns with HEC Curriculum and Advances Re-accreditation Efforts

Reported by: Muhammad Aamer Sultan



On May 5th, 2025, the Directorate of Quality Enhancement & Accreditation (QE&A), in collaboration with the Department of Architecture, convened a meeting to deliberate on the adoption of the revised Bachelor of Architecture curriculum approved by the Higher Education Commission (HEC). The meeting opened with the recitation of verses from the Holy Quran, followed by welcome remarks from Prof. Dr. Bilal Sarwar, Director QE&A. Dr. Sarwar briefed the participants on key updates in the revised curriculum, notably the inclusion of Fehm-e-Quran I & II (1+0) and a new Social Science elective course on Gender Sensitivity, both set to be implemented from Fall 2025.

Mr. Naveed ur Rehman, Chairperson, Department of Architecture, informed the forum that the department will reconstitute its Board of Studies in accordance with the Balochistan Universities Act 2022. The Board will convene shortly to formally adopt the updated HEC curriculum. Additionally, plans for re-accreditation of student cohorts from Fall 2020 to Fall 2022 were reviewed. The department will submit the re-accreditation application through the Pakistan Council of Architects and Town Planners (PCATP) portal. The QE&A Directorate will request the updated Self-Assessment Report (SAR) format from the PCATP and initiate the internal process for the payment of the re-accreditation fee. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks, reflecting the collective commitment of both the academic and administrative teams toward quality enhancement and academic excellence.



BUITEMS Health Policy Committee Holds Strategic Presentation to Strengthen Institutional Wellbeing Framework

Reported by: Syed Dara Shikoh Amir



The Health Policy Committee of the Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering and Management Sciences (BUITEMS) organized a key presentation on May 6, 2025, to discuss and evaluate ongoing efforts to enhance health and well-being at the university. The presentation was delivered by Mr. Jamal Mustafa, a prominent member of the Health Policy Committee, and focused on strategies to strengthen BUITEMS' institutional health framework, staff wellness programs, and future policy directions.



The session was attended by all Deans and Directors of the university, who engaged in a dynamic discussion following the presentation. They shared constructive feedback and valuable suggestions, and collectively appreciated the progress made by BUITEMS toward promoting a healthy and safe campus environment. The attendees commended the Committee's dedication to health policy development and expressed their commitment to supporting sustainable health practices, and preventive healthcare strategies across the university.

The event underscored BUITEMS' proactive approach to health governance and its continued commitment to ensuring the physical and mental wellbeing of its academic community.

BUITEMS Hosts Meeting of Vice Chancellors on Financial Planning for Higher Education Sector

Reported by: Syed Dara Shikoh Amir



In May 2025, BUITEMS hosted a high-level meeting of the Vice Chancellors from universities across Balochistan to discuss financial matters and strategic planning for the upcoming fiscal year. The session was held in the Video Conference Room at BUITEMS.

The meeting aimed to review the financial needs of public universities, ensure effective resource allocation, and strengthen the collective voice of the higher education sector in Balochistan.

A key highlight of the meeting was the online participation of Ms. Rahila Hameed Khan Durrani, Honorable Minister for Education, Government of Balochistan. She addressed the Vice Chancellors and expressed her commitment to supporting higher education institutions in securing the financial resources necessary for academic and infrastructural growth.

During the meeting, the Vice Chancellors discussed shared challenges including budgetary constraints, development projects, faculty recruitment, and student services. Proposals were shared for improving funding mechanisms, ensuring transparency, and enhancing collaboration among universities for joint initiatives. The participants appreciated BUITEMS for providing a platform for dialogue and coordination, and acknowledged the importance of regular inter-university meetings to streamline financial strategies and advance higher education in the province. This session marked a significant step toward greater unity, planning, and representation for Balochistan's academic institutions, reaffirming the sector's resolve to uphold quality education through sustainable financial practices.

Rising Balochistan: Youth, Innovation, and Opportunities

Reported by: Syed Dara Shikoh Amir



An impactful session titled "Rising Balochistan: Youth, Innovation, and Opportunities" was held on May 7, 2025, from 12:00 PM to 02:30 PM at Orange Hall, BUIITEMS Takatu Campus. Organized by the Balochistan Board of Investment & Trade (BBoIT) in collaboration with the Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering and Management Sciences (BUIITEMS), the session served as an introductory platform to engage the youth of Balochistan in meaningful dialogue on development, innovation, and entrepreneurial opportunities in the province. The event was

graced by several distinguished guests and high-level government officials. Notable among them were:

- **Mir Sarfraz Bugti**, Chief Minister of Balochistan (Chief Patron)
- **Mr. Bilal Khan Kakar**, Vice Chairman, BBoIT
- **Mr. Abdul Kabeer Zarkoon**, CEO, BBoIT
- **Prof. Dr. Khalid Hafeez**, Vice Chancellor, BUIITEMS
- **Dr. Mirwais Kasi**, Pro Vice Chancellor, BUIITEMS
- **Mr. Sohail-ur-Rehman**, Secretary, Culture & Tourism
- **Tariq Qamar Baloch**, Secretary, Fisheries & Coastal Development
- **Dr. Faisal Ahmad Khan**, Balochistan Public Private Partnership Authority Meena Majeed, Parliamentary Secretary (Youth, Sports, and Cultural Affairs)
- **Liaqat Lehri**, Political Representative
- **Abdul Majeed Badini**, Member of Provincial Assembly (MPA)
- **Imran Zarkoon**, Secretary Finance

All Deans, Directors, faculty members, and a large number of students from BUIITEMS actively participated in the session.

During the proceedings, the speakers emphasized the pivotal role of youth in shaping the future of Balochistan. They highlighted key areas including entrepreneurship, digital innovation, tourism development, and the importance of public-private partnerships. Insightful discussions took place regarding ongoing and upcoming government initiatives aimed at empowering young professionals and innovators in the region.

Vice Chancellor Dr. Khalid Hafeez lauded the efforts of BBoIT in fostering strong linkages between government and academia. He reaffirmed BUIITEMS' commitment to nurturing youth potential through innovation, research, and strategic collaboration.

The session concluded with an engaging Q&A segment, where students shared their perspectives, posed questions, and explored pathways to contribute meaningfully to the province's progress.



Seminar on “Road Safety”

Reported by: Mayen Khan



On May 7th, 2025, a seminar on road safety was organized at BUIITEMS to promote safe driving and prevent road accidents. The university has lost precious lives of students and staff in such incidents, making it our utmost duty to raise awareness about proper driving practices.

The seminar aimed to educate students about standard operating procedures (SOPs) for safe driving. Resource persons from the National Highways & Motorway Police facilitated the session, including Mr. Zia Uddin (Inspector), Ms. Nargis (Sub-Inspector), Mr. Hashir Mughal (Photographer), and Mr. Zulfiqar (Head Constable).

Prof. Dr. Khalid Hafeez, Vice Chancellor BUIITEMS, also attended the event and delivered a brief speech on the importance of road safety.



BUIITEMS Successfully Concludes 1st T-12 Tape Ball Cricket Tournament (Faculty & Admin)

Reported by: Masood Ahmed Kasi



The Directorate of Sports, BUIITEMS, led by Mr. Abdul Qadeem Kakar, successfully organized the 1st T-12 Tape Ball Cricket Tournament (Faculty & Admin) from April 21 to May 7, 2025. The tournament brought together faculty and administrative teams in a display of sportsmanship, teamwork, and competitive spirit.

The event was officially inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor of BUIITEMS, Prof. Dr. Khalid Hafeez, who graced the opening ceremony and commended the Directorate of Sports for its commitment to promoting healthy activities on campus.

A total of nine teams participated in the tournament, representing different faculties and administrative units:

- Muslim Bagh Campus
- Seven Faculty Teams
- Two Administrative Teams

Over the course of the event, 13 matches were played at the BUIITEMS Cricket Ground, marked by excitement, enthusiasm, and a spirit of camaraderie.

The grand finale took place on May 7, 2025, between the Faculty of Engineering & Architecture (FoE&A) and Admin-1. In a thrilling contest, the FoE&A team emerged victorious, defeating Admin-1 by 21 runs.

The closing ceremony was honored by Prof. Dr. Mirwais Kasi, Pro Vice Chancellor of BUIITEMS, who served as the Chief Guest. Prizes were distributed by:

- Dr. Aurangzaib Alamgir, Acting Registrar, BUIITEMS
- Dr. Ghulam Ullah Khan, Dean Faculty of Engineering & Architecture
- Jamal Mustafa, Director of Procurement
- Syed Dara Shikoh Amir, Director of Communications



Prize Winners:

- **Winner Team Captain:** Mr. Barkat Ali, Lecturer, FoE&A
- **Runner-up Team Captain:** Mr. Aamir Sheraz, Deputy Director Administration (Admin-1)
- **Best Bowler of the Tournament:** Mr. Barkat Ali, Lecturer, FoE&A
- **Best Batsman of the Tournament:** Dr. Abdul Rehman, Assistant Professor, FBS
- **Man of the Series:** Mr. Barkat Ali, FoE&A
- **Man of the Match (Final):** Mr. Barkat Ali (60 runs and 1 wicket)

The Directorate of Sports, under the guidance of Mr. Abdul Qadeem Kakar, extended heartfelt appreciation to Prof. Dr. Khalid Hafeez, Vice Chancellor, and Prof. Dr. Mirwais Kasi, Pro Vice Chancellor, for their unwavering support in promoting sports activities at BUIITEMS. Special recognition was also given to the dedicated team members of the Directorate of Sports for their hard work and teamwork, which made the tournament a resounding success.

Mr. Abdul Qadeem Kakar expressed his gratitude to the administration and participants, emphasizing that sports play a vital role in building unity, teamwork, and physical well-being among faculty and administrative staff.

Plantation Drive at BUIITEMS: A Collaborative Step towards a Sustainability

Reported by: Khadija Ejaz



The **Kaar-e-Kamal Welfare Foundation (Quetta Chapter)**, in collaboration with **Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering and Management Sciences (BUIITEMS)**, and **Balochistan Bright Future Organization** organized a plantation drive on **8th May, 2025** as part of its commitment to environmental sustainability and community engagement. This initiative aimed to promote a greener Pakistan by encouraging tree plantation and raising awareness about ecological responsibility among students and the wider community.

The drive was conducted within the BUIITEMS premises, where plant saplings were carefully placed into the soil under expert supervision to ensure proper handling and root protection. The drive was graced by the presence of distinguished representatives from **BUIITEMS**, including **Dr. Naila Malik** and **Mr. Suleiman Kasi**, whose participation underscored the university's support for environmental initiatives. In addition, members of the **Kaar-e-Kamal Welfare Foundation**, students and faculty from **Pak-Turk Maarif International School (Girls Campus)**, and the dedicated **BUIITEMS gardening staff** contributed to the success of the event. This initiative went beyond a routine plantation activity—it served as a platform to instill environmental consciousness, civic responsibility, and collective action among the youth. The event encouraged all participants to engage meaningfully in environmental preservation and become advocates for long-term sustainability. As a further contribution to the cause, the **Kaar e Kamal Quetta Chapter** also donated irrigation pipe to support the long-term care and maintenance of the planted saplings. This thoughtful addition will help ensure the survival and healthy growth of the plants, reinforcing the commitment to sustainable impact.

The plantation drive concluded with a reaffirmation of shared responsibility toward environmental stewardship. The organizers extended heartfelt gratitude to all contributors and supporters. Through this collective effort, not only were trees planted, but the seeds of environmental awareness and hope for a greener, more sustainable future were also sown.



BUITEMS Architecture Students Win Top Positions at IAPEX 2025

Reported by: Naveed Ur Rehman



Third-Year students from the Architecture Department at BUITEMS have achieved an outstanding milestone by securing First and Second positions at IAPEX 2025, a premier national Architecture exhibition and competition organized by the Institute of Architects Pakistan (IAP).

Competing against top Architecture schools from across the country, BUITEMS students demonstrated exceptional design talent, innovation, and academic excellence.

This remarkable achievement reflects the hard work of the students, the dedication of the faculty, and the strength of BUITEMS' Architecture program.

Congratulations to the winners and the entire department!

- First Position: Ahmed Shaheer Khan
- Second Position: Haniya Kamran



BUITEMS Joins APQN, Enhancing Quality Assurance in Higher Education

Reported by: Dr. Bilal Sarwar



The Directorate of QE&A, Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering and Management Sciences (BUITEMS) is proud to announce its membership in the Asia-Pacific Quality Network (APQN), a leading regional organization dedicated to quality assurance in higher education.

This milestone marks a significant step forward in BUITEMS' commitment to excellence in education and its pursuit of international standards. As an institutional member of APQN, BUITEMS will benefit from networking opportunities, capacity-building initiatives, and access to best practices in quality

assurance.

APQN membership will enable BUITEMS to enhance its quality assurance mechanisms, foster collaboration with international partners, and contribute to the development of quality higher education in the region.

BUITEMS' inclusion in the APQN family is a testament to its dedication to providing high-quality education and its commitment to continuous improvement. This membership will further strengthen BUITEMS' reputation as a leading institution of higher learning in Pakistan. The university looks forward to working with APQN and its member institutions to promote quality assurance and excellence in higher education.

Seminar on Self-Assessment Report (SAR) Writing and Online Survey Form Generation

Reported by: Muneer Hussain



On Friday, 09 May 2025, I, Muneer Hussain (lecturer, DMS & Deputy Director QE&A, BUIITEMS), had the privilege of attending a hybrid seminar organized by the Quality Assurance & Accreditation Directorate (QAAD) at the University of Balochistan, Quetta. The session, held both in-person and online, was conducted by Dr. Farrukh Idrees, Director QEC at National Defence University, Islamabad. The seminar focused on the development and improvement of Self-Assessment Reports (SAR) and the generation of online

survey forms, particularly tailored for Academic Program Coordinators of both undergraduate and graduate levels.

The seminar emphasized aligning SAR processes with the updated PREE guidelines issued by the Higher Education Commission (HEC). It also included hands-on training, offering practical insights into SAR documentation and tools for generating effective online feedback surveys. This session proved highly beneficial in strengthening internal quality assurance mechanisms and enhancing data collection methods for continuous academic program improvement.

Event Report: “Inauguration of Prime Minister's Youth Talent Hunt Boxing Trials Balochistan”

Reported by: Muhammad Azam M. Shahi



The inauguration ceremony of the **Prime Minister's Youth Talent Hunt Boxing Trials Balochistan** was held with great enthusiasm on **14th May 2025** at **BUIITEMS, Quetta**. The event was organized under the **Prime Minister's Youth Program**, aimed at identifying and nurturing boxing talent from across the province.

Participants between the ages of **15 to 25**, both **boys and girls**, took part in the trials. The young athletes hailed from various **regions of Balochistan** and were affiliated with different **universities, colleges, boxing associations, and clubs**.

Chief Guest and Special Guests The ceremony was graced by **Professor Dr. Khalid Hafeez**, Vice Chancellor of **Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering and Management Sciences (BUIITEMS)**, as the **Chief Guest**.

The event also featured several **distinguished special guests**, including:

- **Dr. Muhammad Ali**, Deputy Director, Prime Minister's Youth Program
- **Director General Sports**, Higher Education Commission (HEC), Pakistan.
- **Waseem Ahmed**, World Boxing Champion
- **Malaika Zahid**, National Boxing Champion, Pakistan
- **Mr. Muhammad Yousaf Pathan**, Chairman, Pakistan Boxing Referees and Judges Commission
- **Adnan Saeed**, Project Manager, Prime Minister Youth Talent Hunt, HEC
- **Awais Ahmed Mirza**, HEC Representative



Other Dignitaries and Attendees

Additional prominent guests included:

- **Ahsan Achakzai**, Registrar, BUIITEMS
- **Abdul Qadeem Kakar**, Director Sports, BUIITEMS
Additional Director Sports, BUIITEMS
- **Syed Dara Shikoh Amir**, Director Information, BUIITEMS
- **Masood Ahmed Kasi**, Additional Director Sports
- **Muhammad Azam M. Shahi**, Focal Person Balochistan, Prime Minister's Youth Talent Sports League Boxing.
- **Professor Sehla Gul**, Govt. Degree College Quetta Cantt
- **Miss Sadaf Khan**, Director Sports, Sardar Bahadur Khan University
- **Professor Mussarat Parveen**, Govt. Degree College Quetta Cantt.
- **Ashraf Shawani**, Representative, Balochistan University
- **Bashir Khan Achakzai**, and **Faiz Jan** from Balochistan Boxing Association along with students and players from various institutions



The program began with a **welcome speech by Mr. Javed Memon** from HEC, who emphasized the importance of sports in youth development. This was followed by a speech from **Mr. Abdul Qadeem Kakar**, representing the **Directorate of Sports, BUIITEMS**, who elaborated on the university's commitment to promoting sports and youth involvement.

Professor Dr. Khalid Hafeez, Vice Chancellor BUIITEMS and Chief Guest of the occasion, also addressed the gathering with an inspiring message. In his speech, he appreciated the enthusiasm and talent of the young athletes and emphasized the role of such platforms in unlocking the potential of youth across Balochistan. He spoke about the long-term impact of sports on national unity, discipline, and personal development. Dr. Hafeez acknowledged the valuable support extended by the **Higher Education Commission** and the **Prime Minister's Youth Program**, and expressed BUIITEMS' strong commitment to continue supporting such meaningful initiatives. He encouraged all participants to give their best throughout the trials and assured them of BUIITEMS' continued role in promoting youth engagement and athletic excellence.

BUIITEMS Celebrates "Youm-e-Tashakur" to Honor National Achievements and Valor

Reported by: Hamid Abdullah

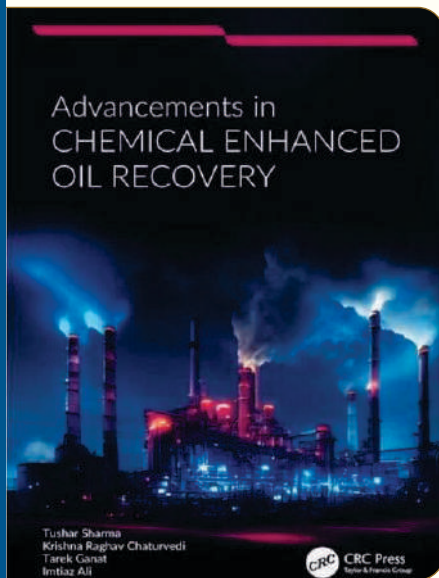


On May 16, 2025, BUIITEMS observed "Youm-e-Tashakur" (Day of Gratitude) with great enthusiasm and patriotism at the main campus, in line with national celebrations of Operation Bunyanum Marsoos and Ma'araka-e-Haq. The event brought together Deans, Directors, faculty, students, and staff to honor the armed forces and the resilient people of Pakistan. The ceremony began with the recitation of the Holy Quran, followed by the national anthem. Prof. Dr. Khalid Hafeez, Vice Chancellor BUIITEMS, delivered an inspiring address, commending the courage of Pakistan's armed forces and the steadfastness of the nation. He emphasized that

Youm-e-Tashakur is not only a celebration of victory but also a reaffirmation of unity, peace, and resilience. Special prayers were offered for the peace and prosperity of Pakistan, and the ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks and a renewed commitment from the BUIITEMS community to contribute to the nation's progress and stability.

BUITEMS Faculty Member Publishes Groundbreaking Book on Chemical Enhanced Oil Recovery

Reported by: Dr. Imtiaz Ali



BUITEMS is proud to announce a major academic achievement by one of our esteemed faculty members, Dr. Imtiaz Ali, who has authored a comprehensive book titled “Advancements in Chemical Enhanced Oil Recovery”, published by **Apple Academic Press**. The book is a significant contribution to the field of petroleum engineering and energy sustainability, addressing cutting-edge technologies and research in enhanced oil recovery (EOR) techniques. Dr. Imtiaz Ali's scholarly work not only enriches the academic portfolio of BUITEMS but also contributes valuable insights to the global scientific and industrial communities. His dedication and expertise are a source of inspiration to colleagues and students alike. Book can be explored on the following link:

<https://www.appleacademicpress.com/advancements-in-chemical-enhanced-oil-recovery-/9781774915080>

BUITEMS Faculty Recognized in National Scientist Directory

Reported by: Syed Dara Shikoh Amir



The Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering and Management Sciences (BUITEMS) proudly highlights the achievement of Dr. Mujtaba Ellahi Mahar, who has been recognized as a Scientist in the National Scientist Directory under the Ministry of Science and Technology Pakistan.

With over 24 years of experience, Dr. Mujtaba Ellahi Mahar has served at leading institutions including the University of Karachi and the International Research Center for Chemical and Biological Sciences. Dr. Mujtaba Ellahi Mahar is an Assistant Professor at BUITEMS and Vice President of the Chemical Society of Pakistan (Balochistan Chapter), contributing to NIC, GIL, and UN SDGs. His research focuses on advanced materials and nanotechnology, including smart glass, liquid crystal devices, and responsive polymers. He uses Polymerization Phase Separation (PIPS) to develop innovative, energy-efficient technologies. He has made significant academic contributions by supervising 12 MS and 20 BS thesis, while currently guiding PhD scholars, reflecting BUITEMS' strong commitment to research mentorship and capacity building. With over 100 publications in high-impact international journals and contributions to book chapters, his research has received funding from prestigious organizations including TDF, NRPU, TWAS, and PSF.

At BUITEMS, Dr. Mahar established an Advanced Polymer Smart Technology Laboratory, secured an international patent from China, and filed five patents in Pakistan, further strengthening the university's innovation ecosystem. His portfolio also includes the development of innovative products such as smart glass, smart organic soap, soap paper, smart cactus leather, and wastewater treatment solutions.

Actively engaged in the global scientific community, Dr. Mahar has participated in over 100 national and international conferences, workshops, and training programs, and serves on editorial boards of various journals.

This recognition reflects BUITEMS' growing stature as a hub of research excellence, innovation, and scientific advancement, contributing meaningfully to national development and global knowledge.



UNHCR Delegation Visits NIC BUIITEMS for Maker-Lab Equipment Handover

Reported by: Syed Dara Shikoh Amir



On May 20, 2025, the National Incubation Center (NIC) BUIITEMS had the privilege of hosting a delegation from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) for the formal handover of lab equipment to the Maker-Lab.

The delegation comprised Mr. Tesfaye Bekele, Provincial Head of UNHCR, and Mr. Abdul Ahad Khan Tareen, Livelihood and Economic Inclusion Associate. The guests were received with great warmth by Prof. Dr. Mirwais Kasi, Pro Vice Chancellor BUIITEMS, and Mr. Muhammad Shah, Director NIC BUIITEMS.

A highlight of the visit was a comprehensive presentation by Director NIC, showcasing the center's ongoing initiatives, milestones, and its role in nurturing innovation and entrepreneurship in the region.

The event signifies a continued commitment to fostering collaborative efforts that empower local communities and promote sustainable development through technology and innovation.



BUIITEMS Hosts “Doing Digital for Development” to Advance Digital Transformation in Balochistan

Reported by: Kinza Khan



On May 21, 2025, BUIITEMS hosted a landmark dissemination session titled “Doing Digital for Development” in collaboration with CODE Pakistan and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Pakistan, as part of the nationwide rollout of the National Human Development Report (NHDR) 2024. The session was graced by Mr. Shakeel Qadir Khan, Chief Secretary Balochistan, as Chief Guest, and Dr. Samuel Rizk, UNDP Pakistan Resident Representative, as Guest of Honor. Also present were Ms. Ammara Durrani, Assistant Resident Representative and Chief of the Development Policy Unit, UNDP, development practitioners,

entrepreneurs, students, and digital innovators. The program began with a welcome note by Mr. Muhammad Ahsan Achakzai, Registrar BUIITEMS, followed by remarks from Ms. Ammara Durrani, highlighting the NHDR's call to Access, Adopt, Anticipate, and Accelerate digital development in Pakistan. Mr. Dilawar Khan (CODE Pakistan) underscored the importance of inclusive public discourse, grassroots innovation, and stakeholder collaboration in driving sustainable digital ecosystems, particularly in Balochistan.

Key highlights included:

- Tech Tales – success stories from entrepreneurs leveraging technology to overcome barriers.
- Digi-Talks – TED-style talks by four emerging enterprises showcasing digital innovation.
- Consultative Huddle – a multi-stakeholder strategy session to develop actionable insights for Balochistan's digital agenda.

The session featured the formal presentation of the NHDR 2024 report to the Chief Guest, followed by a bilateral meeting between Chief Secretary Shakeel Qadir Khan and Dr. Samuel Rizk, focusing on digital inclusion and collaborative pathways between government and international partners.

A networking tea break concluded the event, with stalls exhibiting student prototypes, government-supported ventures, and private sector solutions — celebrating Balochistan's growing digital potential.

Road Safety Seminars Held at BUIITEMS Campuses in Collaboration with National Highways & Motorway Police

Reported by: *Mayen Khan and Mehmood Khan*



In a continued effort to raise awareness about traffic laws and promote safe driving habits, BUIITEMS, in collaboration with the National Highways & Motorway Police, organized two impactful seminars on Road Safety and Traffic Rules during May 2025—one at Takatu Campus on May 7 and another at City Campus on May 21.

These seminars were organized by the Department of Training & Development BUIITEMS, reflecting the university's commitment to safeguarding its community. The initiative comes in the wake of tragic road incidents that claimed the

lives of several students and staff members—highlighting the urgent need to educate individuals on proper driving procedures and road safety protocols.

At both campuses, the sessions were facilitated by a team of experienced professionals from the National Highways & Motorway Police, including Mr. Zia Uddin (Inspector), Mr. Hashir Mughal (Photographer), and Mr. Zulfiqar (Head Constable). Additionally, Ms. Nargis (Sub-Inspector) participated in the Takatu Campus session, while Ms. Khushbakht (Sub-Inspector) joined the City Campus session.

The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Khalid Hafeez, also attended the seminar at Takatu Campus and delivered a brief but powerful address, emphasizing the critical importance of road safety awareness among youth and university staff.

Both events saw enthusiastic participation from students and staff, who engaged actively in the discussions and appreciated the efforts to enhance their understanding of driving SOPs, traffic regulations, and the significance of recognizing and adhering to road signs.

BUIITEMS reaffirms its resolve to continue such collaborative efforts, ensuring its community is equipped with the knowledge and habits necessary for safer roads and a more responsible society.

BUIITEMS Participates in the HESI Networking Forum 2025

Reported by: *Prof. Dr. Bilal Sarwar*



On May 21, 2025, the Higher Education Sustainability Initiative (HESI) hosted its annual Networking Forum virtually, bringing together over 1,200 global stakeholders from higher education institutions, student organizations, and United Nations bodies to strengthen dialogue and collaboration for sustainable development. Representing BUIITEMS, Prof. Dr. Bilal Sarwar, Director Quality Enhancement & Accreditation, delivered a presentation highlighting BUIITEMS' integration of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) into its curriculum.

The forum aimed to:

- Facilitate dialogue and collaboration among HESI members.
- Provide a platform for updates and active engagement.
- Identify synergies and foster new partnerships.
- Encourage inclusive participation in the annual HESI Global Forum.

Interactive Networking Sessions

Where are you based, and what's your role in your institution or organization?

What does sustainable development mean to you personally or professionally?

Have you collaborated with other institutions or organizations on sustainable development issues?



Key sessions featured remarks from Mr. Ola Goransson (UN DESA) and Mr. Francesc Pedro (UNESCO IESALC) on the role of higher education in driving sustainability and the need for stronger partnerships among universities. Interactive networking discussions enabled participants to share institutional approaches to sustainable development.

A highlight of the event was the Exhibition Hall of Member Contributions, where BUIITEMS was prominently featured. Prof. Dr. Bilal Sarwar presented “Integrating Sustainable Development Goals into the Curriculum: The BUIITEMS Experience,” showcasing alignment with SDG 4 (Quality Education) and SDG 8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth). The presentation received appreciation for its clarity, depth, and practical orientation.

Takeaways for BUIITEMS:

- Enhanced global visibility through participation and presentation.
- Opportunities for collaboration with global HEIs and UN bodies.
- Continued integration of SDGs into institutional practices as a model for others.

BUIITEMS remains committed to advancing the SDG agenda in higher education and looks forward to contributing further at the HESI Global Forum 2025 in Istanbul.



Report on Local Field Visit of 2nd Batch of Pre-services Trainee Assistants of Balochistan Civil Academy

Reported by: Siddiq Ur Rehman, Assistant Director, Registrar Office



The 2nd Batch of Pre-Service Trainee Assistants, accompanied by Mr. Mohammad Sohail, Directing Staff (Pre-Service) from the Balochistan Civil Service Academy, visited BUIITEMS on May 23, 2025, as part of their training program. The visit aimed to acquaint the trainees with the university's innovative initiatives, infrastructure, and facilities. Prof. Dr. Mirwais Kasi, Pro-Vice Chancellor; Mr. Mohammad Ahsan Achakzai, Registrar; and Dr. Syed Kamran Sami, Director ORIC, warmly welcomed the delegation. Dr. Kamran Sami briefed the visitors on the university's mission, vision, and notable achievements. The session provided

valuable insights into BUIITEMS' commitment to academic excellence, research, and community engagement. During the visit, the trainees explored the following directorates:

- 1. National Incubation Centre (NIC):** The trainees were introduced to the NIC's pivotal role in promoting entrepreneurship and innovation. They learned about its startup incubation programs, mentorship support, and funding opportunities.
- 2. Smart Classroom:** A demonstration showcased the classroom's advanced technologies, including interactive whiteboards, multimedia systems, and virtual learning tools.
- 3. Youth Development Centre:** The trainees were briefed on various initiatives focused on leadership development, career counseling, and extracurricular activities designed to empower the youth.
- 4. Sports Complex:** The group toured the university's modern sports complex, which offers state-of-the-art facilities for a variety of sports and physical activities.

Mr. Mohammad Sohail expressed his heartfelt thanks to the Registrar BUIITEMS and his team for their warm hospitality and well-organized visit. He stated that the experience highlighted the university's dedication to innovation, entrepreneurship, and youth development, and is expected to leave a lasting positive impact on the trainees' professional growth.

BUIITEMS Partners with Health Education Cell to Launch VOICE Club on Youth Health & Climate Issues

Reported by: Syed Dara Shikoh Amir



On May 23, 2025, BUIITEMS signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Health Education Cell (HEC), Provincial Health Directorate, Government of Balochistan, with UNICEF's technical support, to establish the VOICE Club (Volunteers for Optimism, Inspiring Change and Empowerment) on campus. The signing ceremony, held at BUIITEMS, was attended by senior university officials, health sector representatives, and UNICEF dignitaries.

The MoU aims to engage students in public health, preventive education and climate change awareness through the youth-led VOICE Club. The Club will promote preventive health practices, climate resilience, community-centered education, and research-based social behavior change interventions.

Under the MoU, BUIITEMS will provide facilities, mobilize students and faculty, and integrate the Club into its academic structure. HEC and UNICEF will offer technical support, stipends, training, and internship certificates to Club members. Initially piloted for 2025, the initiative may extend further based on performance and mutual agreement.

This partnership reflects a shared commitment to empowering students as active contributors to public health and climate resilience, advancing the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG 3 and SDG 13).

State Bank of Pakistan Awareness Session at BUIITEMS

Reported by: Imran Khan



On **May 26th, 2025**, the Career Services Office at Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering and Management Sciences (BUIITEMS) successfully hosted an on-campus awareness session featuring representatives from the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP). The SBP delegation, visiting from **Karachi**, included **Mr. Mudasir Ali Khan (Joint Director)**, **Mr. Rasool Bakhsh (Deputy Director)**, **Mr. Waleed Nadeem (Assistant Director)**, and **Mr. Sumair Rasool (Assistant Director)**.



The session was organized as part of SBP's outreach efforts to engage with academic institutions and inform students about the crucial role of the nation's Central Bank.

Session Objectives and Content

The two-hour session effectively achieved its stated objectives:

- **Introduction to SBP's Critical Functions:** Students gained a comprehensive understanding of how the SBP serves as the cornerstone of Pakistan's financial system, learning about its diverse roles in economic management, banking policy and supervision, digital financial services, and money markets.
- **Information on Job Opportunities:** SBP officials provided detailed information on upcoming job opportunities within the organization, covering fields such as Economics, IT, Development Finance, and Human Resource Management. Guidance on the application process was also shared, encouraging students to consider careers at the SBP.

- **Interactive Q&A Session:** A dedicated Q&A segment allowed students to directly interact with the SBP officials, addressing their queries about career paths, the application process, and the broader financial landscape. This direct engagement proved highly beneficial for the students.

The session was facilitated for students from a wide array of relevant disciplines at BUIITEMS, including Business Administration, Public Administration, Economics, Commerce, Finance, Statistics, Data Sciences, Actuarial Sciences, Accounting, Computer Sciences, Information Systems and Technology, Mathematics, Human Resource Management, Agriculture Management¹ (excluding BSC or MSC in agriculture), Islamic Banking & Finance,² and Media & Culture Studies.

In closing remarks, the Registrar BUIITEMS, Mohammad Ahsan Achakzai, thanked the SBP representatives for their valuable insights and participation in the session.



BUIITEMS Hosts Leadership Development Session for Higher Education Administrators

Reported by: Hamid Abdullah



On May 28, 2025, the Directorate of Quality Enhancement & Accreditation (DQEA), BUIITEMS, organized a professional development session titled “Leadership Development for Higher Education Administrators” to strengthen institutional leadership capacity and promote continuous improvement. Held at BUIITEMS Training Hall from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., the session brought together Deans, Directors and Chairpersons for strategic discussions on governance and academic leadership.

Facilitated by Prof. Dr. Jawad Syed and Prof. Dr. Zahoor Hassan from LUMS, the training covered visionary leadership, academic planning, team management, institutional effectiveness and change management. Participants engaged in case studies, simulations and collaborative dialogues on best practices and challenges in higher education leadership.

In his closing remarks, Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Khalid Hafeez commended DQEA for spearheading impactful capacity-building initiatives, reaffirming BUIITEMS' commitment to institutional excellence, quality assurance and sustainable academic growth.



Building Inclusive Learning Environments at BUITEMS

Reported by: Syed Dara Shikoh Amir



On May 29, 2025, BUITEMS held a session titled “Gender and Diversity in the Classroom: Issues and Challenges” to strengthen inclusive teaching practices and foster sensitivity toward diverse learner experiences. Organized by Dr. Bilal Sarwar and Ms. Sajjida Reza, the session engaged faculty members and final-year BS Education students in shared learning.

Drawing on frameworks such as Social Identity Theory, Intersectionality, Bourdieu's Cultural Capital, and Transformative Pedagogy, participants examined how

gender, class, ethnicity, and religion shape classroom dynamics, participation, and belonging. Eight real-world caselets highlighted issues like language exclusion, sectarian silence, gender norms, microaggressions, class privilege, conflict identity, and neurodiversity, enabling small groups to propose inclusive teaching responses.

The workshop adopted a co-learning model, with students contributing insights from their practicum experiences to bridge theory and practice. Follow-up activities include “Teaching Squares” for peer observation and feedback, and mock sessions to prepare for cascading the training across departments.

The event concluded with a collective commitment to advance equity, voice, and justice in BUITEMS classrooms—affirming diversity as an asset for meaningful education and marking another step in the university's drive toward inclusive and socially responsive higher education.



Health & Safety in Engineering Practice

Reported by: Dr. Jawad Ali, Mr. Mayen Khan & Dr. Muhammad Qasim Siddiqui



On May 29, 2025, the Department of Training & Development, in collaboration with the Faculty of Engineering and the Department of Environmental Sciences, organized a CPD training on “Health & Safety” for professional engineers at Purple Hall, BUITEMS. The session was also attended by engineering students.

The training aimed to enhance understanding of health and safety principles, risk assessment, emergency preparedness, regulatory compliance, ethical decision-making, and the adoption of new technologies—promoting a safety culture within engineering teams and organizations.

Resource persons Dr. Jawad Ali and Dr. Muhammad Qasim Siddiqui guided participants on integrating public health, safety, and environmental considerations into engineering projects, equipping them with practical skills for safer and more responsible professional practice.





Unlocking Opportunities in Central Superior Services (CSS) of Pakistan

Reported by: Dr. Bilal Sarwar

BUIITEMS hosted an engaging and thought-provoking session titled “Unlocking Opportunities in Central Superior Services (CSS) of Pakistan,” featuring Mr. Hamza Shafqaat, a distinguished officer of the Pakistan Administrative Service (PAS) and currently serving as Commissioner, Quetta Division. Known for his youth outreach, progressive governance, and commitment to public service, Mr. Shafqaat's presence energized the student body and provided invaluable insights into the CSS journey.



This session was organized under the guidance of Mrs. Asia Asad and Dr. Bilal Sarwar, with the aim of guiding aspiring civil servants and dispelling common misconceptions about the CSS examination and bureaucracy.

Key Highlights of the Session

Evolution of Civil Service in Pakistan

Mr. Shafqaat traced the historical roots of the civil service from British India to post-independence Pakistan. He explained the transformative 1973 Civil Services Reforms, which established a more unified, merit-based recruitment system under the Federal Public Service Commission.

Overview of CSS Occupational Groups

Participants were introduced to the various occupational groups within CSS, including:

- Pakistan Administrative Service (PAS)
- Police Service of Pakistan (PSP)
- Foreign Service of Pakistan (FSP)
- Customs, Inland Revenue, Audit & Accounts, Information, Commerce & Trade, among others

Each group plays a unique role in governance and policy implementation. Mr. Shafqaat advised students to select groups aligning with their personal strengths and aspirations.

Why Consider a Career in CSS?

Mr. Shafqaat outlined the key motivations for joining the civil service:

- Opportunity to serve the country
- High social impact and policy influence
- Long-term career stability and prestige
- Access to strategic decision-making platforms

Benefits and Facilities for CSS Officers

The speaker elaborated on the various facilities provided to civil servants:

- Competitive salary and allowances
- Housing, transport, and healthcare support
- Training at elite institutions like CSA, NIM, and NSPP
- Opportunities for international exposure (in selected groups)

“Diversity in the Classroom” for first-year students of BUIITEMS

Reported by: Dr. Bilal Sarwar



Prof. Dr. Bilal Sarwar, Director of Quality Enhancement & Accreditation, organized an interactive awareness session titled “Diversity in the Classroom” for first-year BUIITEMS students. The guest speaker, Prof. Dr. Jawad Syed from LUMS, explored the meaning of diversity—gender, ethnicity, language, religion, socioeconomic background, and disabilities—and emphasized that inclusion goes beyond representation to ensuring respect, support, and equity for all.

Students reflected on challenges and best practices for managing diversity in academic settings. Common issues raised included language barriers, group segregation, stereotyping, fear of judgment, unequal opportunities in mixed-gender settings, and cultural restrictions affecting participation.

Concluding the session, Prof. Dr. Jawad Syed highlighted strategies for inclusive classrooms: fostering self-awareness and empathy, challenging stereotypes, designing equitable learning activities, and promoting mutual respect and dialogue. The session introduced first-year students to the importance of diversity and inclusion, reinforcing BUIITEMS' commitment to equitable learning environments.

BUIITEMS-Badminton & Table Tennis Tournament, 2025

Reported by: Masood Ahmed Kasi



On June 2, 2025, in Quetta, the Directorate of Sports, BUIITEMS, successfully concluded the Badminton & Table Tennis Tournament 2025, held from May 22 to June 2. The tournament featured 32 departmental teams of students and staff, with enthusiastic participation from both male and female athletes.

More than just a competition, the event emphasized mental well-being, teamwork, and resilience—values BUIITEMS seeks to strengthen through sports. It provided students with an opportunity to relieve stress, build friendships, and approach challenges with a positive spirit.

At the closing ceremony, Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Khalid Hafeez, the Chief Guest, highlighted the importance of sports in education: “Sports are not just about winning. They build character, encourage collaboration, and support mental health. We want our students to face challenges with resilience and turn competition into opportunities for growth.”

Volunteer Recognition

The efforts of student volunteers were acknowledged, including Muhammad Qasim, Mohsin Ahmed, Abdul Moez Khan (BS Mechanical), Yomeena Ejaz (BS Biotechnology), Ashaib Khan (BS Mechanical), Aaron Asif (BS Business Administration), Abdul Sami and Hamad (BS Economics).

Tournament Highlights:

Table Tennis (Students)

Female Winner: Fatima Nasser (MBA) | **Runner-Up:** Hameeda (Law)

Male Winner: Zulqarnain (Law) | **Runner-Up:** Syed Saeed Ullah (Law)

Badminton (Admin & Faculty)

Male Winner: Mr. Zeeshan (Assistant Professor, FMS)

Runner-Up: Mr. Muhammad Sabir Kasi (Directorate of Sports)



Badminton (Male Students – Team)

Winners: BS Economics (Sami Khan, Hammad, Musib)

Runners-Up: BS Mechanical (Malik Haris, Mohsin, Asharab, Qasim Awan)

Badminton (Female Students – Singles)

Winner: Nurgis (BS Economics)

Runner-Up: Faryal (BS Psychology)

Badminton (Female Students – Doubles)

Winners: Nazia & Faryal (BS Psychology)

Runners-Up: Zahra & Nurgis (BS Economics)

The tournament strengthened campus unity while promoting sportsmanship, discipline, and healthy lifestyles. The Directorate of Sports expressed appreciation to all participants, volunteers, and faculty for their support and reaffirmed its commitment to organizing more initiatives that nurture both physical and emotional well-being at BUIITEMS.



BUIITEMS Hosts 43rd Mid-Career Management Course Participants for Field Study

Reported by: Hamid Abdullah



On June 4, 2025, the Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering and Management Sciences (BUIITEMS) hosted participants of the 43rd Mid-Career Management Course (MCMC), comprising BPS-18 officers from various occupational groups, along with officials from the National Institute of Public Administration (NIPA) Quetta, for a local field study as part of their ongoing training.

From 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, the delegation gained firsthand insight into BUIITEMS' academic, research, innovation, and administrative ecosystem. They were warmly received at the main entrance of SS

Block A by the Senior Management of BUIITEMS. Prof. Dr. Mirwais Khan Kasi, Pro Vice Chancellor BUIITEMS, formally welcomed the visiting team and appreciated the Civil Services Academy and NIPA Quetta for selecting BUIITEMS as part of their field study itinerary.

“BUIITEMS stands committed to institutional excellence, innovation, and collaborative engagement with the public sector. We are proud to showcase how higher education in Balochistan is transforming,” said Dr. Kasi in his welcome note.

The delegation was given a guided tour of key academic and administrative spaces, including:

- Pink Hall – Venue for major academic and cultural events
- UAFA – Displaying students' support facilities
- MS Research Lab – Advancing interdisciplinary graduate research
- Video Conference Room – Facilitating global academic connectivity
- Data Center – BUIITEMS' core for digital operations and information security
- Smart Classroom – A technology-enabled space supporting advanced e-learning with high-speed internet and global access tools

The visit continued with a presentation session at the Training Hall, where BUIITEMS officials shared the university's vision, academic strengths, applied research projects, and contributions to innovation, entrepreneurship, and community development. A thought-provoking Q&A session followed, providing a platform for meaningful dialogue and institutional exchange.

The delegation concluded their visit with a tour of BUIITEMS' National Incubation Center (NIC). The NIC team briefed the guests on how the center supports startup culture, digital entrepreneurship, and youth innovation in Balochistan, highlighting successful ventures and partnerships with industry and government.



Prof. Dr. Khalid Hafeez, Vice Chancellor BUIITEMS, thanked the 43rd MCMC participants and NIPA officials for their visit. “This visit is a reflection of BUIITEMS' expanding role in the national development agenda. We are not just preparing graduates—we are shaping problem solvers, researchers, and future leaders who will contribute meaningfully to Pakistan's progress,” he said.

He further expressed hope for continued collaboration and emphasized the university's commitment to being a platform of innovation, civic responsibility, and institutional

partnership.

This field visit provided valuable exposure and reaffirmed BUIITEMS' position as a leading academic institution in Balochistan, actively engaging with the public sector to support sustainable development and good governance.

Career Counseling Session for CSS Aspirants – National Outreach Programme (CSA)

Reported by: Pro. Dr. Abdul Wadood



The Directorate of Student and Academic Affairs at BUIITEMS, in collaboration with the Civil Services Academy (CSA), Government of Pakistan, hosted a significant and intellectually enriching session on Career Counseling for CSS Aspirants – National Outreach Programme on June 4, 2025. The event brought together key figures from academia and the civil services to engage students and faculty in meaningful discussions on nation-building and civil service careers.

The event was graced by the presence of Mr. Farhan Aziz Khawaja, Director General, Civil Services Academy, Prof. Dr. Khalid Hafeez, Vice Chancellor, BUIITEMS, Prof. Abdul Wadood, Director, Student and Academic Affairs, Syed Dara Shikoh, Director Communication, Mr. Sameen Khan, Deputy Director and Dr. Syed Shabbir Akbar Zaidi, Director (CTP), Civil Service Academy, faculty members and students from various departments of BUIITEMS. This seminar was part of the CSA National Outreach Programme, an important initiative aimed at encouraging and preparing underrepresented candidates—including minorities, women, and students from Punjab (Minorities), Sindh, KPK, Balochistan, and Ex-FATA—for the CSS competitive examination. Key components of the initiative include:

- Awareness sessions to motivate aspirants toward civil service careers
- A one-month orientation course for provincially nominated candidates
- A four-month intensive crash course scheduled at CSA in mid-2026

Mr. Khawaja, a seasoned officer of the Pakistan Administrative Service with over three decades of service, delivered the opening keynote. His address covered the evolution of administrative leadership, governance challenges, and the pivotal role of civil servants in shaping Pakistan's future. His thought-provoking insights were followed by a lively Q&A session, where students engaged with questions on public policy and career pathways.

Next, Dr. Zaidi spoke on modern governance frameworks and the urgent need for innovation and performance in public administration. His deep expertise in public policy and institutional reform added a strategic perspective to the dialogue.



The worthy Vice Chancellor, BUIITEMS, Prof. Dr. Khalid Hafeez emphasized BUIITEMS' dedication to fostering academic excellence and public service values. He reaffirmed the university's support for initiatives that bridge academic learning with real-world service and leadership.

The event concluded with sincere thanks to all speakers, guests, students, and the organizing team for making the seminar a success. The seminar successfully highlighted the shared commitment of BUIITEMS and the Civil Services Academy to empower future leaders through awareness, preparation, and values of integrity, service, and excellence. It served as a catalyst for inspiring a new generation of civil servants ready to lead with vision and dedication.



BUIITEMS Hosts Public Lecture on Refugee Realities in Balochistan

Reported by: Nisar Ahmed



On June 17, 2025, the International Center for Refugee and Migration Studies (ICRMS) at BUIITEMS organized its second public lecture titled "Refugee Realities in Balochistan: Navigating Marginality from Refugee Villages to Urban Settlements through a Biopolitical Lens." Held at Pink Hall, BUIITEMS, the event featured Mr. Arbab Talib Ul Maula, Commissioner for Afghan Refugees in Balochistan, as the keynote speaker.

Mr. Maula delivered a comprehensive analysis of Afghan refugee challenges in the province, highlighting issues of documentation, education, health, urban housing, and climate vulnerability. He

also presented ongoing government and UNHCR-supported initiatives, including the Refugee Response Plan and RAHA Program, aimed at improving refugee welfare.

The session was attended by representatives from UNHCR, BUIITEMS leadership, and students from the Faculty of Social Sciences. A dynamic Q&A session followed, reflecting BUIITEMS' commitment to informed policy dialogue and inclusive academic engagement.

This event reaffirmed BUIITEMS' role as a hub for migration research, refugee rights advocacy, and community-focused scholarship in Balochistan.



IQAE/QEC Office Visit for PSG-2023 Execution Support and HEC QAD Policy Awareness

Reported by: Dr. Bilal Sarwar



On June 16–17, 2025, at Aga Khan University (AKU) Karachi, a two-day national engagement brought together Directors of QECs/IQACs, senior academic leaders, and higher education stakeholders to advance the quality assurance ecosystem in Pakistan. The event focused on supporting the execution of PSG-2023, strengthening PREE standards, and raising awareness on HEC QAD policies aligned with the 2024–25 QA targets.

Day 1 featured addresses by the HEC Chairman, provincial HEC leaders, and Vice Chancellors, including Prof. Dr. Khalid

Hafeez, Vice Chancellor BUIITEMS, who reaffirmed BUIITEMS' commitment to institutional excellence. Dr. Bilal Sarwar, Director QE&A BUIITEMS, also shared BUIITEMS' progress on SARs and evidence-based evaluation practices. Discussions highlighted QA achievements, challenges, and strategies to foster a culture of quality in higher education.

Day 2 focused on revised SAR proformas, reviewer identification, and policy awareness sessions covering the Graduate Education Policy, ODL, Anti-Plagiarism, NOC, PQR, and faculty appointment criteria. Interactive sessions allowed participants to refine assessment tools and gain clarity on national QA policies.

The program concluded with closing remarks from AKU leadership, distribution of certificates, and a guided visit of AKU facilities. Key outcomes included reinforced commitment to PSG-2023 and PREE, improved understanding of QA policies, strengthened networking, and renewed institutional dedication—BUIITEMS among them—to achieving 2024–25 QA targets and advancing Pakistan's higher education quality culture.

World Refugee Day 2025: A Celebration of Solidarity and Resilience by ICRMS BUIITEMS and UNHCR

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On June 23, 2025, the International Center for Refugee and Migration Studies (ICRMS) at BUIITEMS facilitated the commemoration of World Refugee Day 2025 at the Orange Hall, BUIITEMS, organized by UNHCR Sub-Office Quetta under the theme “Solidarity with Refugees.” The event brought together government officials, UN agencies, academic leaders, civil society representatives, and members of refugee and host communities. ICRMS coordinated guest reception, volunteer support, protocol, and technical arrangements.

The program opened with Qur'an recitation and remarks introducing the global theme. The Governor of Balochistan, Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail, attended as Chief Guest alongside BUIITEMS Vice Chancellor Dr. Khalid Hafeez and UNHCR leadership. Videos highlighted UNHCR's livelihood and education interventions, including ICRMS crash courses and the BUIITEMS Maker's Lab empowering refugee youth with digital and vocational skills.

A moving testimony by a refugee volunteer and a theatrical performance “Until the Sun Rises Again” by refugee youth portrayed displacement challenges and hopes for stability, earning a standing ovation.



UNHCR's Head of Sub-Office, Mr. Tesfaye Bekele Weldeyesus, emphasized transforming solidarity into action, while the Governor reaffirmed Balochistan's tradition of hospitality and called for voluntary, dignified repatriation supported by international investment.

Commemorative shields were presented to key contributors, including BUITEMS. Guests visited exhibition stalls of refugee-made products and the UNHCR-supported Maker's and Usability Lab at BUITEMS, described as "a beacon of innovation bridging the digital divide for refugee youth."

The event celebrated the courage and contributions of Afghan refugees while reinforcing the importance of inclusive development, shared responsibility, and sustained support. ICRMS reaffirmed its commitment to advancing refugee welfare through research, education, innovation, and advocacy in partnership with UNHCR and other stakeholders.





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- ❖ Adhering to established systems for ensuring good governance for management and transfer of knowledge
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- ❖ Enhancing efficient and effective operations by encouraging participation of stakeholders
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