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## Iconic Air Chief of Pakistan

### Late Air Marshal Mohammad Asghar Khan Remembered

**Preston University organizes a Condolence Reference in memory of late Air Marshal Asghar Khan. The Archaeological and Historical Association of Pakistan (AHAP) collaborates with Preston to organize the memorable event. Speakers pay glowing tribute to the late icon of Pakistan Air force.**

Preston University remembered former iconic Air Chief of Pakistan, late Air Marshall Asghar Khan. The University organized a Condolence Reference in his memory at its Islamabad campus in January 2018. The Archaeological and Historical Association of Pakistan (AHAP) joined forces with Preston to organize the event. Ali Asghar Khan, son of Air Marshal (R) Asghar Khan chaired the



Reference. Air Vice Marshal (AVM) Zahid Mehmood and begum Ali Asghar Khan were conspicuous by their distinguished presence at the event. Eminent among others who were present and shared their views on the occasion were Dr. Abdul Basit, Chancellor Preston University, Prof. Dr. Masoom Yasinzai, Rector IUI, Dr. Nadeem Shafiq, Chairman NCSW, Dr. Ghazanfar Mehdi, Chairman AHAP, Prof. Dr. Riaz Ahmed, and Air Commodore (R) Muhammad Saleem. Eminent educationists, intellectuals, journalists, and senior faculty and students of Preston University participated in the Reference.

In his keynote address on the occasion, Ali Asghar Khan son of late Air Marshal Asghar Khan said his illustrious father dedicated his entire life to Pakistan, and till his last breath he held Pakistan and the Pakistani nation close to his heart. He said his late father has had strong principles to which he stood steadfastly and never compromised on them. He expressed his profound gratitude to Preston University and AHAP for organizing a Reference in memory of his late father Air Marshal Asghar Khan.

Briefly speaking on the occasion, Air Vice Marshal Zahid Mehmood paid glowing tributes to Air Marshal Asghar Khan. He said the late air chief was a beacon of inspiration for the entire rank and file of Pakistan Air Force. He further said that Air Marshal Asghar Khan was a man of exceptional character. He was greatly admired by his colleagues for his incomparable humility, remarkable professionalism, and unwavering resoluteness.

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## Prestonians Shine at "HORIZON 18"

### Inter-University Competition Organized by University of Haripur

The University of Haripur organized an inter-university competition titled "Horizon 18" from February 21-23, 2018. The referenced competition was held at the University of Haripur. Besides other public and private universities from across the country, Preston University also enthusiastically participated in the three-day mega event.

During the three-day event a wide range of 24 Inter-University Competitions were organized. The students of Preston University Kohat-Islamabad Campus participated in Scavenger Hunt, Quiz Competition, Speed Programming, E-Gaming - Need for Speed Most Wanted and Logo Designing Competitions. Participation in these competitions was coordinated and supervised by Ms. Munazza Mah Jabeen, Assistant Professor of Computer Science, Preston University Islamabad. Preston also took part in the Chess Competition held on the occasion. Participation of students in the Chess Competition was coordinated and supervised by Mr. Aftab Ahmed, Manager Sports Preston University.

The students of Preston University completely outshined their counterparts from other participating universities and institutions, from across Pakistan, in the competitions in which they participated. Muhammad Kamran, a student of BSCS grabbed 1st position in the Logo Design Competition. He was awarded a cash Prize of Rs. 3000/-, and his artwork was highly appreciated by the Judges of the event. Preston University team comprising Mohammad Omer and Waseem Amjad, both students of MCS, who participated in "E-Gaming - Need for Speed Most Wanted" grabbed 2nd and 3rd position and a cash prize of Rs. 1500/- in this competition. In the final of the Chess Competition, Prestonian Nauman Ahmed beat his counterpart out-and-out to win 1st position and a cash award of Rs. 5,000/-. The position holders of the respective competitions were awarded certificates, ceremonial cheques and trophies for their outstanding performance.

Dr. Abdul Basit, Chancellor of Preston University profoundly appreciated the students who performed outstandingly in the E-Gaming and Logo Designing Competitions organized by the University of Haripur.



# Preston Board of Advanced Studies & Research holds its **“75th Platinum Meeting”**



The Preston Board of Advanced Studies and Research (BASAR) held its 75th meeting. The referenced meet of the Board was held at the Islamabad Campus of Preston University, Kohat on March 20, 2018. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Anwar Hassan, Vice Chancellor Preston University, Kohat and Chairman BASAR chaired the said meeting. Members of BASAR took part in the 75th Board Meeting with immense interest. On the occasion of the 75th Platinum Meeting of BASAR, the venerable Chancellor of Preston University, Dr. Abdul Basit was invited by Chairman BASAR, Prof. Dr. Anwar Hassan and the secretary and members of BASAR to join the first session of the meeting. Chairman BASAR warmly welcomed the worthy Chancellor and the members of BASAR to the 75th meeting. As a mark of respect, a bouquet was presented by the Chairman to the Chancellor on the occasion.

In his brief opening remarks, Chairman BASAR, Prof. Dr. Anwar Hassan highlighted the long journey that BASAR has successfully completed. He summarized the numerous important decisions that BASAR undertook, since its founding, vis-à-vis huge number of synopsis of scholars presented and approved, and the number of M.Phil and PhD degrees awarded.

In his keynote address, Chancellor Preston University, Dr. Abdul Basit profoundly eulogized the phenomenal work that BASAR has done under the very able leadership of Chairman BASAR Prof. Dr. Anwar Hassan and its distinguished and worthy members. He advised the Chairman and the Board members to re-design and update the synopsis data and make it a part of the record of BASAR. The Chancellor cut a cake on the occasion to mark the '75th Platinum Meet' of BASAR. Later, the formal proceedings of the 75th meeting of BASAR began with recitation from the Holy Quran. Thereafter, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Anwar Hassan, Chairman BASAR, warmly welcomed all the participating members to the 75th meet of the Board. The Chair also expressed his deep gratitude to all the members for being present at the meeting. The meeting was then formally declared open by the Chair.



In the 75th meeting of the Board of Advanced Studies and Research innumerable important academic issues were brought to the notice of the Chair. Issues raised during the course of the meeting were discussed in detail and approvals and recommendations were given on case-to-case basis. The 75th BASAR meeting ended with a vote of thanks to the Chair. At the conclusion of the formal proceedings of the meeting, Chairman BASAR, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Anwar Hassan greatly appreciated the contribution of each participating member towards the proceedings of the 75th meeting of the Board. He also thanked all the members for ensuring their presence at the meeting.

## 83rd Workshop on **“Human Rights of Women: Social, Cultural and Economic Challenges”**

held at  
**Preston  
Islamabad**



The 83rd Workshop on “Human Rights of Women: Social, Cultural and Economic Challenges” was held at Preston University Islamabad on March 15, 2018. The referenced Workshop was organized by the Division of Gender Empowerment, Management, Human Resource, Social Welfare and Faculty of Social Sciences, Preston University, Islamabad in collaboration with the Federal Ministry of Human Rights, Government of Pakistan. Prof. Dr. Firoza Ahmed, Dean Social Sciences, DG Human Resource, and Head Division of Gender Empowerment and Management Division of Preston University was instrumental in launching the Personal Enrichment and Professional Growth series of Workshops. The 83rd Workshop was organized and conducted by Dean Social Sciences and HoD Psychology, Dr. Shazia Khalid. Besides the nominated senior officials of Ministry of Human Rights government of Pakistan, a large number of officials representing both government and non-government organizations actively working in Rawalpindi and Islamabad participated in the Workshop.

The proceedings of the Workshop commenced with recitation from the Holy Quran. This was followed by the welcome message of Dr. Abdul Basit, Chancellor Preston University. Due to heavy official pre-occupations, Dr. Abdul Basit's message was presented by Prof. Dr. Firoza Ahmed, Dean Social Sciences. In his read out message Dr. Abdul Basit thanked the Chief Guest Mr. Muhammad Arshad, Director General, Ministry of Human Rights, government of Pakistan and extended a very warm welcome to all the participants as well. He expressed his profound gratitude to them for their enthusiastic participation in the 83rd Workshop on “Human Rights of Women: Social, Cultural and Economic Challenges”.

Later, Professor Dr. Firoza Ahmed, Dean Social Sciences, DG HR, Head Division of Gender Empowerment, Management of Preston University presented her inspiring address. Introduction of the Workshop Program was made by Dr. Shazia Khalid, HoD Psychology Preston University Islamabad. Mr. Muhammad Arshad, Director General Ministry of Human Rights said in his address that the Beijing Declaration and

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# 4th Indigenous Entrepreneurship Conference (IEC-4) Held at Preston University Islamabad

The 4th Indigenous Entrepreneurship Conference (IEC-4) was held at Preston University Islamabad in March 2018. The referenced event was jointly organized by Preston University and the Youth Association of Pakistan. Mr. Zafar Bakhtawari, Chairman D. Watson Group of Pharmacies presided over the Conference as Chief Guest. Dr. Abdul Basit, Chancellor Preston University was the Guest of Honor.

Eminent entrepreneurs and educationists spoke on various topics pertinent to the conference. Mr. Gulfam Baghoor, an Entrepreneur, Development Consultant and Research Trainer focused his presentation on 'Role of Higher Education in Fostering Entrepreneurship'. Prof. Syed Zaheer Abbas Shah from NUML University Islamabad talked about 'Entrepreneurial Leadership'. Mr. Waheed Sharif, Managing Director, Institute of Business Leadership (IBL) Islamabad shed light on 'Attributes of Successful Entrepreneurs'. Dr. Murtaza Mughal, President Pakistan Economy Watch centered his discourse on 'Corporate Social Responsibility'. Mr. Irfan Shahzad, Researcher Institute of Policy Studies (IPS) Islamabad spoke about 'Green Entrepreneurship'. Mr. Salman Raj, an upcoming Entrepreneur presented a success story. Mr. Humayun Shuja, Director Entrepreneurship Development, Preston University acted as moderator of a panel discussion on 'Opportunities of Business for Pakistani Youth' held as part of the IEC-4 Conference. The panelists were Mr. Jawad Zafar, Mr. Azhar Hanjra and Ansar Rajput.



In his keynote address as Chief Guest, Mr. Zafar Bakhtawari, Chairman D. Watson Group of Pharmacies at the outset expressed his gratitude to Preston University and the Youth Association of Pakistan for inviting him to the '4th Indigenous Entrepreneurship Conference (IEC-4)', jointly organized by them. He profoundly eulogized the efforts of both institutions to organize a conference on an important topic such as 'Entrepreneurship Development'. Highlighting the significance of entrepreneurship development, Mr. Bakhtawari emphasized that a developing country like Pakistan needs entrepreneurs who are able to identify new opportunities and are willing to take the necessary risk in exploiting them. A developing economy, he said, is required to be brought out of the vicious circle of low income and poverty. Entrepreneurs can break this vicious circle, he maintained. Mr. Bakhtawari further said that entrepreneurs are a source of direct and indirect employment for many people in a country. He stated that as in other developing and underdeveloped countries of the world unemployment is a chronic problem in our part of the world. Pakistan too must promote entrepreneurship as vigorously as possible, because entrepreneurs play an effective role in reducing the problem of unemployment in the country which in turn clears the path towards economic development of a nation.

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## Session on "Drugs: Its Effect on our Society in General and our Youth (Students) in Particular" Held at Preston University Islamabad

A session on 'Drugs: Its Effect on our Society in General and our Youth (Students) in Particular' was held at Preston University Islamabad on March 15, 2018. Brigadier Hammad Ahmed Dogar, Force Commander ANF (Northern Region) was the keynote speaker on the occasion. Faculty and students participated in the event in large numbers.



In his educative and thought provoking presentation on the subject, Brigadier Hammad Ahmed Dogar highlighted the issue of drug abuse in our society in general and the youth (students) in particular.

He touched upon various aspects of the menace of drug abuse in the Pakistani society and called upon institutions, social groups and other segments of the society to play their due roll in dealing with this rapidly growing menace with utmost priority. Brigadier Dogar expressed his serious concern particularly over country's youth (students) becoming victim of this terrible menace. The educational institutions in particular must take serious cognizance of this grave issue, he emphasized. They must adopt concrete and stringent measures to not only control but eradicate this problem out-and-out. Briefly talking about the Anti Narcotic Force (Regional Directorate-North) Brigadier Dogar said the mission of ANF is to establish a 'Drug-Free Society'. He said ANF has set up a Youth Ambassador Program that extends an open invitation to the youth to join hands with ANF as a 'Youth Ambassador' to curb the menace of drugs. This program, he said, is open for the youth of Islamabad, Rawalpindi, AJK and Gilgit-Baltistan in particular and the citizens of Pakistan in general.



Earlier, Prof. Dr. Allah Wadhayo Baloch, Registrar Preston University welcomed the distinguished Guest Speaker, Brigadier Hammad Ahmed Dogar and thanked him for his educative and thought provoking discourse on the rapidly growing issue of drug abuse in our society. He also expressed his appreciation to him for suggesting corrective measures that could help in eradicating this dreadful menace specifically from the educational institutions of the country.

# Preston Represented at National Conference on Nature of Water

Preston University was conspicuous by its presence at the National Conference on Nature of Water organized by the Environ Monitor and the National Foundation of Environmental Education and Research, Lahore. Preston was represented at the referenced conference by Prof. Dr. Allah Wadhayo Baloch of Faculty of Natural, Applied and Environmental Sciences, Preston University, Islamabad.

Prof. Dr. Allah Wadhayo Baloch presented a research paper at the Conference titled "Unsafe Drinking Water Quality and Waterborne Diseases of Lahore, Punjab". The paper presented by Dr. Baloch was immensely appreciated by all the participants of the conference. Prof. Baloch also had the privilege and honor to Chair the technical session of the conference.

Representatives of more than 19 universities and organizations participated and presented papers at the conference. The research paper presented by Dr. Allah Wadhayo Baloch will be published in the journal "The Environment Monitor" along with the other papers presented at the conference.



## Prestonians Enthusiastically Participate in Spring Tree Plantation Campaign organized by CDA



The Capital Development Authority (CDA) organized a Tree Plantation Campaign. The referenced event was held at the eminent Fatima Jinnah Park, situated at sector F-9 Islamabad, in the second week of February 2018. The Federal Minister for Climate Change, Mr. Mushahidullah Khan graced the occasion by his distinguished presence as Chief Guest.

Besides representatives of government and non-government organizations, members of the civil society and students of educational institutions of the twin cities participated in the campaign in large numbers. The students of Preston University too took part in CDA's Spring Tree Plantation Campaign with immense enthusiasm. The Executive Director General Environment CDA, Mr. Sana Ullah Aman who was conspicuous by his presence at the event profoundly eulogized the participation of students of Preston University in the Spring Tree Plantation Campaign launched in the capital by CDA. He expressed his gratitude to the management of Preston University for sustainably supporting all CDA endeavors directed towards establishment of a clean and green environment in the capital of the country-Islamabad.



In his brief address, Federal Minister for Climate Change Mr. Mushahidullah Khan commended the efforts of the private and public sector organizations for making the capital city a greener city. He acknowledged that it was because of their tireless efforts that Islamabad has today become much greener than before. He added that if the citizens of other cities also planted trees and protected them we would not be hit by the devastating effects of climate change. He emphasized, it is very important that we realize that we need to protect trees of this city to make it still greener and beautiful.

Mr. Mushahidullah also highlighted that only 5 per cent area of Pakistan had forest cover. This is because trees are being chopped down mercilessly, population is increasing steadily and climate change is having a negative impact on the lives of the people. The present government, he said, has taken a number of initiatives to protect natural forests that include 3.65 million trees. He informed the gathering that Green Pakistan Program has been initiated in the entire country. Under this program 15 million trees have been grown in the whole country and 85 million more will be planted till 2021.

## Research Paper Published

A Research Paper titled "Green Synthesized Zinc Oxide Nanostructure through Periploca Aphylla Extract Shows Tremendous Antibacterial potential against Multidrug Resistant Pathogen" written by Prof. Dr. M. Saleem Sheikh, Head of Department (HoD), Physics and Electronics, Preston University, Kohat, Islamabad Campus, and others, has been published in the international Journal of Nanobiotechnology a prestigious Research Journal of the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET), the largest multidisciplinary professional engineering institution in the world, situated at Savoy Place in London, England.



# Seminar on “Belt and Road Initiative & Regional Development” held at Preston University Islamabad



A seminar on 'Belt and Road Initiative & Regional Development' was held at Preston University, Islamabad in January 2018. The referenced seminar was jointly organized by Preston University and Institute of Peace and Diplomatic Studies, Islamabad. Rana Muhammad Afzal Khan, Minister of State for Finance and Economic Affairs was the Chief Guest on the occasion. Diplomats, educationists and senior faculty and students were in attendance.



In his keynote address, Chief Guest, Rana Muhammad Afzal Khan, Minister of State for Finance and Economic Affairs expressed his gratitude to the organizers of the seminar for inviting him to chair the seminar as Chief Guest. He also eulogized the endeavors of Preston University and the Institute of Peace and Diplomatic Studies, Islamabad for organizing a seminar on Belt and Road Initiative, a project of immense significance to Pakistan in particular and the region in general. Talking about CPEC, he said the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC) is the road to economic development and prosperity not only for Pakistan but for the entire region. He stated that CPEC will play a vital role in strengthening the economic edifice of Pakistan phenomenally, and added that the energy projects being developed under CPEC will give enormous boost to economic activities in the country. ———▶ Continued on page 7

# Prestonians Make a Mark Once Again!

Keeping up to their tradition of excelling in all spheres of curricular, co-curricular and extracurricular activities, the students of Preston University, Karachi made a mark once again. A select group of students from the principal campus of the University were picked up by Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB), organizers of the high profile Pakistan Super League (PSL), for undertaking important protocol and other chores at the PSL final held at the prestigious National Stadium Karachi on March 25, 2018. Seventy five male and female students who were selected by PCB were assigned protocol and other duties at sixteen entrances of the humongous and gorgeous cricket stadium of the country-the National Stadium Karachi.



In view of their painstaking and outstanding performance the Pakistan Cricket Board (PSB) selected the same group of students of Preston University, Karachi to service the T-20 Series between Pakistan and West Indies held at National Stadium Karachi from April 1-3, 2018. Unambiguously, this was a great honor not only for the students who represented the University at the referenced mega cricket tourney but also for Preston University which works tirelessly to prepare its students to excel not only on the academic front but also in other areas vital to their overall development.

In appreciation of their conscientious and outstanding performance the students of Preston University were given cash awards and certificates of commendation by the Pakistan Cricket Board.

## Quotable Quotes

“There is nothing either good or bad, but thinking makes it so.”  
*William Shakespeare*

“The hand that hath made you fair hath made you good.”  
*William Shakespeare*

“When he is best, he is a little worse than a man; and when he is worst, he is little better than a beast.”  
*William Shakespeare*

# Islamabad Campus Organizes Inter-Departmental Naat Competition

An inter-departmental 'Naat Competition' was organized at the Islamabad Campus of Preston University, Kohat. The referenced competition was held at the main auditorium of the campus in January 2018. Students belonging to different academic programs took part in the competition with immense enthusiasm. Faculty and senior management of the University were conspicuous by their presence at the event.

Mr. Mohammad Sajid Abbasi, Chairman Metropolitan Corporation Islamabad (MCI) graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Mr. Ali Mohammad Khan, Member National Assembly (MNA) was the Guest of Honor.



The students who participated in the Naat Competition held the audience in attendance spellbound by their magnificent renditions throughout the proceedings of the competition. After critical evaluation of the performance of each participating student the judges adjudged Mohammad Faizan of BSCS program as the best and awarded him first position. Seemab Chaudhry of M.Phil Psychology was declared second for her equally good performance. Fatima Hanif, student of MBA program stood third in the competition.



The Chief Guest, Mr. Mohammad Sajid Abbasi, Chairman Metropolitan Corporation Islamabad (MCI) and the Guest of Honor Mr. Ali Mohammad Khan, Member National Assembly profoundly appreciated the performance of all the participating students. They particularly eulogized the outstanding performance of the students who stood first, second and third in the competition. They congratulated the winners and expressed the hope that Preston University will continue to organize activities such as this one and other significant extracurricular activities to build the confidence of the students, and equip them with knowledge and skills essentially required for attaining success in their lives and professional careers. At the conclusion of the event, shields of the University were presented to the Chief Guest and the Guest of Honor. Shields and certificates of commendation were also awarded to the winners of the Naat Competition.

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## Ionic Air Chief of Pakistan Late Air Marshal Mohammad Asghar Khan Remembered



Eulogizing the achievements of late Air Marshal Asghar Khan, Prof. Dr. Masoom Yasinzai, Rector International Islamic University said when we talk about the heroes of Pakistan we cannot but express our profound gratitude and appreciation to Air Marshal (R) Asghar Khan for his mammoth contribution toward building a positive image of Pakistan in the comity of respected nations of the world. He said Asghar Khan was a principled politician. During his brief stint in politics he remained steadfast to his principles and never compromised on them. He said he would ensure that the departments of History and International Relations of IIUI conduct research on the life and achievements of late Asghar Khan particularly for the benefit of the youth of this country.

In his welcome address, Dr. Abdul Basit, Chancellor Preston University expressed his gratitude to Mr. Ali Asghar Khan and Mrs. Ali Asghar Khan for their distinguished presence at the Reference. He also expressed his thanks to the honorable speakers

and the distinguished guests present on the occasion. Commenting on the subject of the Reference Dr. Basit said it was truly an honor for Preston University and AHAP to have been able to organize a Reference to remember a great personality of the stature of Air Marshal Asghar Khan. This, in fact, is the least we could do to pay our tributes to this great man, he emphasized. He said Air Marshal Asghar Khan was a brilliant officer of the Pakistan Air Force who built a strong edifice for this great institution of the country.

Expressing their views on the occasion, Dr. Ghazanfar Mehdi, Prof. Dr. Riaz Ahmed, Dr. Nadeem Shafiq, Air Commodore (R) Muhammad Saleem and Mr. Naeem Qureshi paid glowing tributes to late Air Marshal Asghar Khan. They said Air Marshal Asghar Khan was a man of strong principles and impeccable character. In Air Marshal Asghar Khan's death Pakistan has lost an outstanding professional, a principled politician, an unparalleled patriot and a great human being, they maintained.

Platform for Action confirms that protection and promotion of human rights is the first responsibility of governments and core to the work of the United Nations. The Platform for Action firmly anchors the achievement of gender equality within a human rights framework and makes a clear statement about State responsibility in delivering on the commitments made on the subject. He said, Pakistan has taken cognizance of the issue of Human Rights of Women in the country with a sense of urgency, and it is making sincere endeavors to deal with this vital concern effectively.

The issues that were tabled and discussed during the course of the Workshop were: Human Rights of Women, Land/Property Rights of Widows and Divorcees, Challenges for Women Leaders, Situation of Beggar Women and Women with Disabilities, Social, Cultural and Economic Conditions, Orders/Instructions/ Guidelines in Islam, Role of Government and Non-Government Organizations and Strategic Implementation at National/Provincial Level. Presentation of Dr. Maqsooda Hussain, Assistant Professor Department of Education Preston University Islamabad was titled "Tribute to Successful Women". In her thought provoking presentation, among various famous women of Pakistan, Dr. Maqsooda Hussain highlighted the major contributions of



Dr. Firoza Ahmed, Dean Social Sciences which was profoundly appreciated by the public and private sector agencies. Mr. Javed Alam, former Director General Special Education, Government of Pakistan made a multi-media presentation on the "Rights of Women/Girls in Islam". Mr. Khalid Naeem, CEO SEDA and National Coordinator PFD, Islamabad presented the recommendations of the Workshop follow-up in collaboration with public and private sector agencies. Dr. Shazia Ashraf, Assistant Professor Department of Psychology, Preston University Islamabad in her paper highlighted the strategic recommendations of the Workshop and its implementation. Before concluding the Workshop Program, Dr. Shazia Khalid, in her role as the coordinator of the Program had the opportunity to present the Vote of Thanks.



In his address as Guest of Honor, Dr. Abdul Basit, Chancellor Preston University expressed his gratitude to Mr. Zafar Bakhtawari, Chief Guest of the conference for his distinguished presence at the IEC-4. On the occasion he briefly spoke about Preston University and highlighted its achievements and contributions towards the cause of higher education in Pakistan. Talking about Entrepreneurship Development, he said Preston University has always attached immense significance to Entrepreneurship Development and has worked relentlessly to promote Entrepreneurship among the youth of this country in general and its students in particular. He said the trend among the youth of Pakistan has been to take up jobs after completion of their studies and an insignificant number of them ventured on doing their own business. He emphasized, we must make sincere endeavors to encourage our youth to undertake entrepreneurship as a career instead of seeking employment. Dr. Basit said entrepreneurial development is looked at as a vehicle for employment generation through promotion of small business. Pakistan, he said, could take lead to entrepreneurial development activities from countries like India, and also from the well- documented success experiences of developed countries like USA, Japan and UK in the field of employment generation and small business promotion.

Earlier, in his welcome address Mr. Abdul Qadir, President Youth Association of Pakistan welcomed the Chief Guest, Mr. Zafar Bakhtawari, Guest of Honor, Dr. Abdul Basit, Chancellor Preston University and the distinguished speakers and guests for their illustrious presence at IEC-4 organized jointly by Preston University and the Youth Association of Pakistan (YAP). He also briefly spoke about YAP and highlighted its vision, mission and objectives. Mr. Kashif Zaheer Kamboh, Chairman YAP had the honor to present the vote of thanks.



Rana Muhammad Afzal Khan said, Pakistan has rendered countless sacrifices in the war on terror and Pakistan's armed forces has waged a valiant struggle to eliminate the scourge of militancy which overwhelmed the entire country like a devastating squall. He emphasized that the massive sacrifices made by Pakistan in the war against terror must be duly acknowledged by the world community. Pakistan, he said, is a peace-loving country and is deeply and sincerely desirous to see the entire region reap the benefits of CPEC.

Earlier, professionals and experts from different institutions made enlightening and thought provoking presentations on the significance of 'Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and Regional Development'. They emphasized that the potential beneficiaries of BRI in particular and the international community in general should look at BRI from a positive perspective and should not cast unnecessary aspersions on the project that may jeopardize the implementation of this gigantic initiative.

# ACHIEVEMENTS OF PINSAT

## PINSAT Graduates Get Selected for Higher Studies in China

Three Graduates of batch 2017 of Preston Institute of Nano Science and Technology (PINSAT), Preston University Islamabad; Momina Aamir, Junaid Iqbal and Arsalan Umar have been accepted for admission at the prestigious University of Chinese Academy of Sciences and their applications are in the final stages of being processed



at NCNST. The referenced scholars were selected by PINSAT Selection Committee to apply for MS leading to PhD program at NCNST, Beijing under the terms of the MoU signed between PINSAT and NCNST, Beijing in 2013.

## iThemba Labs, Cape Town, South Africa Awards Fellowship to Two PINSAT Graduates

Two PINSAT Graduates Humza Javed and Chaudhary Furqan have been awarded 6 month fellowship by Prof. M. Maaza, UNESCO UNISA Africa Chair in Nanosciences and Nanotechnology and International Relations Manager, iThemba LABS-NRF Cape Town, South Africa. Last year the iThemba Labs granted this fellowship to another PINSAT Graduate, Dilawar Hassan who, after successful completion of his fellowship, is now enrolled as a regular student in MS leading to PhD program at NCNST, Beijing. Professor Maaza is a longtime friend of Prof. Dr. N. M. Butt, Chairman PINSAT. He keenly extends his support to PINSAT with fully-funded fellowships to PINSAT Graduates.

iThemba LABS brings together scientists working in the physical, medical and biological sciences. The facilities provide opportunities for modern research, advanced education, the treatment of cancers, and the production of unique radioisotopes.

The focus is on providing scientifically and medically useful radiation through the acceleration of charged particles using the Separated Sector Cyclotron, the Van der Graaff Accelerator and other appropriate technologies. iThemba LABS is to be the primary center of expertise in radiation medicine and nuclear science and technologies to advance the knowledge and health of the people of Africa.



## Preston Mission Statement

“Preston is committed to providing university education of the highest quality for preparing students for professional careers, and promoting research and development. Its two-fold mission is to give students the opportunity for personal growth and development, skill enhancement and professional career advancement, and to create, sustain and promote research and development for expanding the horizons of knowledge.”

## PRESTON UNIVERSITY CHARTER

Preston University, Kohat-NWFP is chartered by the Government of NWFP vide NWFP Ordinance No. LII of 2002. Preston University, Karachi is chartered by the Government of Sindh vide act V of 2004. Both, Preston University at Kohat and Karachi are fully recognized by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) the highest regulatory body of the Government of Pakistan in the field of Higher Education.

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