



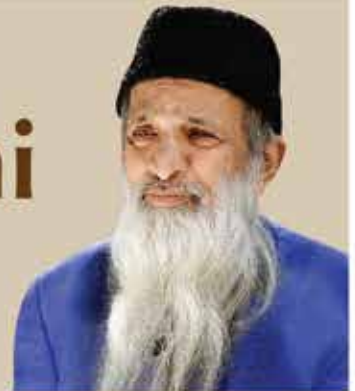
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## Preston University Remembers Humanitarian Icon Late Maulana Abdul Sattar Edhi

At a Condolence Reference organized in memory of the deceased, speakers express their deep sense of grief. Highlight and profoundly eulogize his achievements and services towards the cause of the suffering humanity in Pakistan and across the globe.



Preston University organized a Condolence Reference in memory of humanitarian icon late Maulana Abdul Sattar Edhi. The Archaeological and Historical Association of Pakistan (AHAP) joined hands with Preston to organize the referenced event at the Islamabad Campus of the University on July 26, 2016.

Eminent among the speakers who spoke and shed light on the life and achievements of Abdul Sattar Edhi were Dr. Ghazanfar Mehdi, Chairman AHAP, Prof. Dr. Riaz Ahmed, Secretary General AHAP and scientist of repute Dr. Anwar Naseem. Saad Edhi and Ahmed Edhi paternal and maternal grandsons of Maulana Abdul Sattar Edhi who were conspicuous by their presence at the event also briefly spoke on the occasion.

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## 17<sup>th</sup> International Pure Mathematics Conference

### held in Islamabad

Preston University collaborates with Islamia University Bahawalpur and Advanced Institute of Mathematical Sciences, Islamabad to organize the referenced international event. Also supports the event as the key sponsor.

The '17th International Pure Mathematics Conference' was held at a local hotel in Islamabad from August 5-7, 2016. Preston University joined hands with Islamia University Bahawalpur and the Advanced Institute of Mathematical Sciences, Islamabad to organize the referenced mega international conference. Preston University was also the key sponsor of the referenced event. The Higher Education Commission (HEC), Government of Pakistan and the Pakistan Mathematical Society were the other significant sponsors.

The 3-day 17th International Pure Mathematics Conference was inaugurated by Engineer Baligh ur Rehman, Minister of State for Education on August 5, 2016. Eminent scholars, intellectuals, mathematicians and scientists, from renowned Pakistan universities and abroad, participated and presented papers at the Conference.

In his keynote address on the occasion Chief Guest, Engr. Baligh ur Rehman, Minister of State for Education expressed his profound gratitude to the organizers of the Conference for inviting him to chair the mega international event as Chief Guest. He congratulated the organizers and sponsors of the Conference for their endeavors to organize a Conference on a subject of vital importance such as Mathematics.

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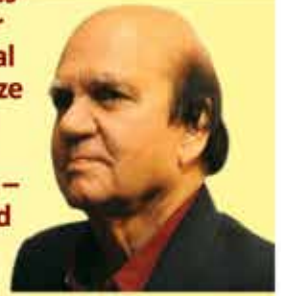


# Literary Reference in Memory of Media Icon

# AGHA NASIR held at Preston



Speakers pay glowing tributes to the iconic director, writer and producer of international eminence. Profoundly eulogize his mammoth contribution towards the growth of the eminent state-owned media – Pakistan Television (PTV) and Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation (PBC).



A Literary Reference in memory of media icon and director/writer of international renown, late Agha Nasir was held at Preston University, Islamabad on July 23, 2016. The referenced event was jointly organized by Preston University and the Archaeological and Historical Association of Pakistan (AHAP). Eminent media personalities, educationists, intellectuals and faculty and staff of Preston University participated in the event. Dr. Abdul Basit, Chancellor Preston University and other distinguished personalities spoke on the occasion and paid glowing tributes to the ingenious media icon late Agha Nasir.

In his address on the occasion Dr. Abdul Basit, Chancellor Preston University said it is an undeniable fact that in our society pompous and show becomes the cornerstone of the lives of those who rise to fame. But it was certainly different with director, writer and producer of international eminence Agha Nasir. Agha Nasir never allowed his indisputable fame, as a media icon, ever overshadow his inner-self which unambiguously was pure down to the core. He said late Agha Nasir has had a highly successful association with Pakistan's media since the inception of the country. Agha Nasir, who was the founder of Pakistan Television (PTV), was a thorough gentleman. He had a very amiable personality, and in spite of being at the helm of Pakistan's two eminent Broadcast Media-Pakistan Television (PTV) and Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation (PBC) he never demonstrated arrogance in his dealing with people belonging to any stratum of life. Dr. Basit said, in a nutshell Agha Nasir was a rare breed of a human being. People like him are uncommon in our society. His demise has created a vacuum that would take a long time to fill, Dr. Basit asserted. — ➔ Continued on page 6

# Preston University '69th Commemorates Independence Day' with Immense Gusto



The 69th Independence Day of Pakistan was commemorated by Preston University with immense gusto. To mark the momentous occasion a flag hoisting ceremony was held at the Islamabad Campus of the University on August 13, 2016. The faculty, students and staff participated in the colorful event with immeasurable exuberance. The Mayor of Islamabad, Sheikh Ansar Aziz who was the Chief Guest at the event hoisted the National Flag to mark the opening of the Independence Day celebrations organized by Preston. Mr. Abdul Hamid, Pro-Chancellor, Preston University was also conspicuous by his distinguished presence at the event. — ➔ Continued on page 7





# Preston University Remembers

## Captain Sarwar Shaheed (Nishan-e-Haider)



Senior management and staff of the University visit the tomb of the gallant soldier of Pakistan at Gujjar Khan. Offer fateha and pay homage to the departed soul. Also lay a floral wreath at the tomb of the Shaheed on behalf of Chancellor Preston University, Dr. Abdul Basit.

To mark the 68th Martyrdom Anniversary of Captain Sarwar Shaheed, recipient of Pakistan's highest gallantry award 'Nishan-e-Haider', the senior management and staff of Preston University visited the tomb of the Shaheed at Singhori, Gujjar Khan, in Rawalpindi district, on September 6, 2016.



On the occasion, they offered fateha for the departed soul of Captain Sarwar Shaheed (NH) who sacrificed his life for the motherland at Talputra, Azad Kashmir, in 1948. They also laid a floral wreath at the tomb of the Shaheed on behalf of the Chancellor of Preston University, Dr. Abdul Basit.

Captain Sarwar Shaheed started his career as a guard, but he became a permanent army guard within four years. During the Second World War, he got a number of promotions and in 1944 he became second lieutenant. In 1946, he was sent to the Punjab Regiment and six months before the partition of the sub-continent he became a Captain. In 1947, he voluntarily took part in the battle for retaking Kashmir. The Indian troops were attacked and were forced to retreat the Northern Areas. He was killed by a machine gun fire, as he along with five other men was cutting barbed wires. Captain Sarwar Shaheed was awarded the highest military award of Pakistan, 'Nishan-e-Haider' in recognition of his unparalleled valor.

Preston University joined hands with Transformation Inspire for Better Living, a non-profit Organization (NGO), to organize an International Workshop on "Trance and Transformation with Generative Change Work". The referenced Workshop was held at the Auditorium of main campus of Preston University, Karachi on August 21, 2016. Around 100 participants participated in the Workshop with immense enthusiasm.

## Preston Karachi Organizes Workshop on Trance and Transformation with Generative Change Work

The main objective of the Workshop was to educate the participants about new techniques and methods of 'Trance and Transformation' so that they could accomplish their tasks efficiently, by fully utilizing their creative potentials, and thus become more productive at individual as well as community level.



Ms. Natalia Oshemkova, Clinical Psychologist and Certified Generative Coach from Russia and Dr. Muhammad Imran (Sitara-e-Imtiaz) Certified Master Trainer of Hypnosis & NLP conducted the Workshop.



In their presentation on the subject, Ms. Natalia Oshemkova and Dr. Muhammad Imran said that to be generative means to create results that have never existed before, neither in personal nor professional life. The basic idea of Generative Trance, they explained, is the development of "Generative State" – high performance state of "Disciplined Flow of Creativity" in which entirely new behaviors, experiences, and significant outcomes may be achieved. They further said that this radical new method is the culmination of many years work by two most influential figures in modern Hypnosis and NLP-Robert Diits and Stephen Gilligan, mentored by Milton Erickson and Gregory Bateson.

The Vice Chancellor of Preston University, Karachi Prof. Dr. Tahir Rajput graced the occasion with his distinguished presence as Chief Guest. Major (R) Aftab Lodhi, Director General, Ms. Nisho Siddiqui, Deputy Registrar, faculty and students of Preston University, the Transformation Team, and faculty of Institute of Clinical Psychology, University of Karachi attended the Workshop. The workshop concluded with expression of appreciation to the trainers and gratitude to the organizing team and participants along with certificate distribution.

### Quotable Quotes

"Leadership is a combination of strategy and character. If you must be without one, be without the strategy."

*H. Norman Schwarzkopf*

"And when we think we lead, we are most led."

*Lord Byron*

"With great power, comes great responsibility."

*Stan Lee*



# Preston University organizes Literary Reference in memory of Zahid Malik



Preston University organized a Literary Reference in memory of late Zahid Malik, Editor-in-Chief of daily Pakistan Observer. The Reference was held at the Islamabad Campus of Preston on September 28, 2016. The Archaeological and Historical Association of Pakistan joined hands with Preston University to organize the referenced event. Eminent among the speakers who vent their views on the life and achievements of late Zahid Malik an icon of journalism and an analyst and columnist of national eminence were former Secretary General Foreign Affairs, Mr. Akram Zaki, Dr. Shoaib Suddle, former Federal Tax Ombudsman of Pakistan, Vice Admiral (R) Ahmad Tasneem and Dr. Ghazanfar Mehdi, Chairman Archaeological and Historical Association of Pakistan. Mr. Faisal Zahid Malik, Editor Pakistan Observer presided over the event. Gauhar Zahid Malik, Executive Editor Pakistan Observer was also present on the occasion.

Highlighting the achievements and contributions of late Zahid Malik on the occasion, Mr. Akram Zaki, former Secretary General Foreign Affairs said Zahid Malik was a Pakistani down to the core. He has left behind a valuable legacy in the shape of Mazameen-e-Quran, Aiwan-e-Quaid, Nazriya Pakistan Council (NPC) and above all Pakistan Observer, a leading English Daily that always very courageously stood for the cause of Islam, Pakistan and Kashmir. Another great contribution by Zahid Malik was the founding of 101 Friends of China, Mr. Akram Zaki informed.

Gauhar Zahid Malik, Executive Editor Pakistan Observer and son of late Zahid Malik shared how Pakistan and interests of Pakistan always remained supreme in his father's life until his last day. He said, "Whatever my father said and did reflected his immense love and deep regard for the country". In his brief remarks, Dr. Shoaib Suddle, former Federal Tax Ombudsman of Pakistan said Zahid Malik had set up a small office even in Beijing hospital where he was under treatment, and worked with the same zeal as he did in Pakistan. This, he said, showed how devoted he was towards his work.

Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Ghazanfar Mehdi, Chairman Archaeological and Historical Association of Pakistan highlighted some of the achievements of Zahid Malik's stint first at the Information Ministry and then at the Ministry of Religious Affairs. He said the role played by Zahid Malik as Director General of the Pakistan National Centers, across the country, was a hallmark of his career. Dr Mehdi paid glowing tribute to Zahid Malik's wife Rehana Malik who, he said, complemented her husband's life in all respects.

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## Preston Karachi Commemorates

# '69th Independence Day' with Immense Exuberance

Preston University, Karachi commemorated '69th Independence Day, of Pakistan with immense exuberance. To mark the momentous day, the students, faculty and staff of the University organized various events befitting the occasion.

The program kicked off with a Flag Hoisting Ceremony held at the principal campus of the University. The national flag was hoisted by the Pro-Chancellor of Preston University, Karachi Justice (R) Deedar Hussain Shah. The faculty, staff and students enthusiastically participated in the ceremony in larger numbers. Vice Chancellor of Preston University, Karachi Prof. Dr. Tahir Rajput and Mr. Aftab Lodhi, Director General were also conspicuous by their presence on the occasion. All those present at the ceremony sang the National Anthem of Pakistan with inestimable sense of pride.



The Flag Hoisting Ceremony was followed by speeches and national songs befitting the occasion. The event was held at the main auditorium of the campus. Male and female students representing various academic programs unleashed their speaking and singing prowess at the event. They delivered speeches highlighting the importance of the day and rendered popular national songs sung by renowned singers of the country.





# Prestonians Participate in Seminar on “Youth, Democracy and Pakistan: A Road to 2030”



The students of Preston University, Islamabad participated in a one-day seminar on ‘Youth, Democracy and Pakistan: A Road to 2030’. The referenced seminar that was held on August 10, 2016 was organized by the Pakistan Institute of Parliamentary Services (PIPS), Islamabad in collaboration with the Young Parliamentarians Forum (YPF).

PIPS organized the seminar on ‘Youth, Democracy and Pakistan: A Road to 2030’ to commemorate the ‘International Youth Day’ that is celebrated across the world on August 10 every year. This is for the third consecutive year that PIPS has been organizing this significant event with the guidance and collaboration of Young Parliamentarians Forum (YPF).

The inaugural ceremony of the seminar was graced by Honorable Speaker of the National Assembly of Pakistan, Sardar Ayaz Sadiq who distributed Pakistan Youth Champions Award to twenty youth from across Pakistan. This award was given to them for their outstanding performance in academia, sports, rights activism, promotion of democracy, arts and culture.



MNA Romina Khurshid, Mr. Zafarullah Khan, Executive Director PIPS, former MNA Yasmeen Rehman, Senator Ayesha Raza Farooq, MNA Ms Laila Khan as well as 15 other MNAs from various parliamentary parties took part in parallel breakout sessions on ‘Youth Entrepreneurship and Youth as Agents of Tolerance and Peace’.



The closing ceremony of the event was attended by around 110 members from the civil society, academia and 12 members of the Parliament. The students of Preston University took active part in the proceedings of the seminar. The organizers of the seminar expressed their gratitude to the management of Preston University for contributing towards the success of the seminar by encouraging its students to participate in the event.

## Preston University Karachi Organizes Social Event “Deewar-e-Meherbani”



The referenced event was organized during the holy month of Ramadan, as part of the university’s Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) program, in June 2016.

Preston University, Karachi organized a significant social event called ‘Deewar-e-Meherbani’. The referenced event was organized during the holy month of Ramadan in June 2016, under the university’s Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) program. Deewar-e-Meherbani, a one day activity, was organized with the expressed intent of spreading happiness among people belonging to the deprived segment of the society. On the occasion, a variety of food items, clothes and shoes were distributed among the poor and needy people. Students and staff of the University took part in this important social activity with immense enthusiasm. Preston University became the first private university to have taken such an important social initiative.



## Chancellor Preston University Condolences Demise of Editor-in-Chief of Daily Pakistan Observer

Dr. Abdul Basit, Chancellor Preston University expressed his profound shock and grief over the sad and untimely demise of Mr. Zahid Malik, President and Editor-in-Chief of Daily Pakistan Observer on September 1, 2016.

In a letter of condolence addressed to Mr. Gauhar Zahid Malik, Executive Editor of Pakistan Observer, Dr. Basit wrote “It was indeed a matter of immense shock and grief for me to learn about the sad and untimely demise of your illustrious father and President/Editor-in-Chief of Daily Pakistan Observer, Mr. Zahid Malik on September 1, 2016. Unambiguously, Mr. Zahid Malik was an icon of journalism and his commitment to his profession and love for Pakistan, that he always so profoundly demonstrated, has no parallel in recent times. In Mr. Zahid Malik’s death Pakistan has lost a true Pakistani and a professional of impeccable standing in the world of Journalism. The vacuum that his sad demise has created will take a long time to fill. I take this opportunity to convey to you and other members of your bereaved family my heartfelt condolences on this sad occasion”.



In his address on the occasion Dr. Abdul Basit, Chancellor Preston University said Maulana Abdul Sattar Edhi was an eminent Pakistani philanthropist and social activist of unparalleled and impeccable reputation. This remarkable social activist had no parallel, either in Pakistan or elsewhere in the world, he emphatically stated. Dr. Basit said, undeniably Maulana Edhi's departure from this mortal world has left millions of people across the length and breadth of the country in a state of utter shock and grief. He said Maulana Edhi's philanthropic and welfare work knew no bounds. His unremitting efforts to serve the suffering humanity across the globe spans over six decades and is simply incomparable. Tormented men, women and children, regardless of their cast, creed or religion, were and continue to be the beneficiaries of the selfless and dedicated services of Abdul Sattar Edhi's distinguished 'Edhi Foundation'. Dr. Basit further said that in Abdul Sattar Edhi's sad demise not only Pakistan but the entire world has lost a great humanitarian who spent his entire life in selflessly and incessantly serving the suffering humanity across the world. He said, the vacuum that his death has created will perhaps never be filled.



In their brief remarks on the occasion Saad Edhi and Ahmed Edhi paternal and maternal grandsons of Maulana Edhi urged the people to make liberal contributions towards Edhi's welfare fund so that Abdul Sattar Edhi's mission of serving the suffering humanity could be carried forward unhindered. By doing so, people would prove that they truly love Maulana Edhi and appreciate the invaluable humanitarian services rendered by him over the past six decades. On the occasion, both Saad Edhi and Ahmed Edhi pledged to not only continue but further augment the welfare work that their grandfather so diligently and dedicatedly pursued for over six decades. Eminent scientist, Dr. Anwar Naseem said Maulana Edhi's services towards the cause of humanity were priceless. It, in fact, has no parallel in recent history. His name will remain alive in this context for a long time to come, he emphasized. Dr. Riaz Ahmed, Secretary General AHAP in his brief remarks said a great humanitarian like Maulana Edhi is born in centuries. All of us should join hands to carry his mission to help the needy and downtrodden segment of the society forward. Dr. Ghazanfar Mehdi, Chairman AHAP also paid glowing tributes to late Maulana Abdul Sattar Edhi. He said Abdul Sattar Edhi was a rare breed of a human being. His extraordinary love and concern for the poor and the deprived/suffering segment of the society made him a legend across the globe.



He also extended a warm welcome to the foreign and local delegates to the Conference for their participation in the event. Mr. Baligh ur Rehman said it is a universal fact that Mathematics has played and continues to play a significant role in the development of countries which are today ranked among the highly developed societies of the world. He emphasized on the occasion that Mathematics is an extremely important field of education, and there is a dire need to promote education in this area at all levels of education in the country. He said that the incumbent government is making every possible endeavor to promote the cause of state-of-the-art scientific education in the country. Mr. Baligh ur Rehman expressed the hope that the 17th International Pure Mathematics Conference would provide a unique opportunity to the participating delegates from home and abroad to share and learn from each other's experiences.



Eminent among the other speakers who addressed the inaugural ceremony of the conference were Prof. Dr. Qaiser Mushtaq, President Pakistan Mathematical Society (PMS) and Dr. Abdul Basit, Chancellor Preston University. They expressed their gratitude to all the delegates for participating and presenting papers at the Conference. Participation of the foreign delegates was particularly appreciated by them. They expressed the confidence that the participants will significantly contribute towards successful attainment of the primary objective of the conference – 'learning and benefiting from each other's experience'. The 17th International Pure Mathematics Conference concluded in Islamabad on August 7, 2016.



Eminent among the other speakers who spoke on the occasion and highlighted the life and achievements of media icon and director/writer Agha Nasir were Dr. Ghazanfar Mehdi, Chairman AHAP, Prof. Dr. Riaz Ahmed, Huma Khawar, daughter of Agha Nasir, Faiza Bilal, daughter-in-law of Agha Nasir, Haya Khawar, granddaughter of Agha Nasir, eminent journalist Ashraf Ansari, Dr. Pervez Ahsan Khan, Mr. Shakeel H. Ansari and Ms. Saima Batool of Rotary Club of Islamabad Cosmopolitan.

Speaking about her father Agha Nasir, Ms. Huma Khawar said he was an extraordinary person. He always had an extremely loving and caring attitude towards all his family members. Daughter-in-law, Faiza Bilal said her father-in-law was an amalgam of humbleness and love. Granddaughter Haya Khawar in her brief remarks said her grandfather was her ideal. She profoundly admired him for all his superior qualities which made her always feel extremely proud of him. In his address Dr. Ghazanfar Mehdi praised Agha Nasir for his forthrightness and incomparable professionalism as a high profile media icon. The other speakers too immensely eulogized the mammoth contribution of late Agha Nasir towards Pakistan's electronic media, particularly PTV and PBC. They said Agha Nasir was a media icon who has no parallel. He would be remembered for a long, long time to come, they maintained.





In his brief remarks on the occasion, Mayor Islamabad, Sheikh Ansar Aziz expressed his profound appreciation for the enthusiasm demonstrated by the management and staff of Preston University in the organization of the event that was held to mark the 69th Independence Day of Pakistan. He said Pakistan was created after mammoth sacrifices of our forefathers. We must always remember that without their



sacrifices and the dynamic leadership and untiring efforts of our founding father, Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah the creation of Pakistan, a separate homeland for the Muslims of the subcontinent, would perhaps not been possible.



In his message on the occasion Dr. Abdul Basit, Chancellor Preston University said Pakistan came into existence after huge sacrifices made by our elders and the very able leadership of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, the father of the nation. However, he said it is very unfortunate that we as a nation have never been able to appreciate their unparalleled sacrifices and invaluable contributions towards the creation of Pakistan.



The menace of terrorism that struck Pakistan, since over a decade now, has taken a heavy toll on our people and has severely shattered our economy. He said this hapless situation calls for urgently establishing unity in all our ranks, rise above self, and shun personal prejudices. Dr. Basit emphasized that this perhaps is the only way how we can bring progress and prosperity to this nation and make Pakistan conspicuously stand out in the comity of respected and developed nations of the world.

He also profoundly eulogized Sadia Zahid Malik, daughter of late Zahid Malik who has inherited her father's journalistic qualities and is carrying forward his mission through her weekly magazine Social Diary, Mr. Mehdi said. Vice Admiral (R) Ahmad Tasneem also shared some fond memories of Mr. Malik on the occasion.

M. Fazal Elahi, Director General (Media/PR & Publications) Preston University read out the message of Federal Ombudsman of Pakistan, Mr. Salman Faruqi on the occasion. Mr. Faruqi in his message said "Late Zahid Malik deserves to be paid rich tributes for his diverse contributions towards the Pakistani society. He said, in him we have lost a renowned and capable journalist, a proficient Author and a prominent Scholar".

The other speakers who spoke and paid glowing tributes to the late icon of journalism, Zahid Malik on the occasion were Dr. A. W. Baloch, Registrar Preston University, the Ambassador of Turkmenistan, Atajan Movlamov, Dr. Riaz Ahmed, Secretary General Archaeological and Historical Association of Pakistan, Sibtain Raza Lodhi, Dr. Haroon Rashid Tabassum and Dr. Ayub Sabir.





# NCSW Organizes Seminar on HR SCENARIO OF PAKISTAN

## Chancellor Preston University Presides as Chief Guest



Dr. Abdul Basit, Chancellor Preston University presided over a seminar on "Human Rights Scenario of Pakistan: Challenges, Prospects and their Social Implications". The referenced seminar was organized by the National Council of Social Welfare (NCSW) Islamabad on August 2, 2016. The purpose of the seminar was to highlight the evils of the society and suggest a counter strategy for a secure and protected environment for all.

In his keynote address on the occasion Dr. Abdul Basit, Chancellor, Preston University University said that every citizen, regardless of his cast, creed or religion, has equal fundamental rights in every society. Their deprivation, he emphasized, leads towards creating differences among the masses. Dr. Abdul Basit commented "It builds a gap between general public and the service delivery departments". He further said that it is the primary responsibility of the state to protect Human Rights of particularly the vulnerable segments of the society in the true spirit of the Constitution of Pakistan.

In his address, Chairman, National Council of Social Welfare, Dr. Nadeem Shafiq Malik said the Constitution of our country is in accordance with the religious injunctions and guarantees fundamental rights to its citizens. "The rights of people enshrined in the Constitution have always been upheld by the State Institutions. We as a nation are committed to the protection and promotion of Human Rights and implementation of all the provisions associated with the Constitution of Pakistan", he stated. The other speakers who vent their views on the topic of the seminar said that despite challenges faced by the state, the government has the commitment to adopt all legal, economic and social frameworks to fulfill its obligations vis-à-vis Human Rights in the country. Presentations were made by representatives of both public and private sectors Human Rights institutions.

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