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## Ahsan Iqbal Inaugurates Research & Seminars Block at IMSciences

The honourable Minister for Interior and Planning, Development & Reform, Prof. Ahsan Iqbal visited the Institute of Management Sciences (IMSciences), Peshawar for the inauguration of the Research and Seminars Block on 8<sup>th</sup> of March, 2018. Mr. Iqbal had previously visited IMSciences in January 2016 to lay the foundation stone for the same Block.

Accompanied by the faculty, staff and the students of IMSciences, Mr. Iqbal visited the Research and Seminars Block and inaugurated the building. The Joint Director of IMSciences, Dr. Usman Ghani officially welcomed the Minister inside the Research and Seminars Block and briefed him about the Institute's manifold achievements and the social responsibilities it had undertaken. Among these was IMSciences' success in starting up more than 23 academic programs since its inception. Besides the academic achievements, IMSciences has also been vehemently participating in social responsibilities; evidence of which can be seen in the existence of IMVolunteer, the English Works! Project and Access English Microteaching Program among others.

After hearing and appreciating all the achievements made by IMSciences in its brief history, Mr. Iqbal took to the rostrum. He applauded IMSciences in its various successes in the arena of higher education. He spoke at length about Pakistan's economic condition getting better with the passage of time.



Furthermore, Mr. Iqbal stressed on the need of a strong social fabric among Pakistanis so that they start seeing their country in a positive light.

He further applauded IMSciences as being of paramount value in terms of strengthening the bond between Pakistan and Afghanistan through its Zero Semester Program for the Afghan students. IMSciences proudly hosts Afghan national students and imparts quality higher education to them.

In the end Mr. Ahsan Iqbal was awarded with a shield by the Joint Director Prof. Usman Ghani and the Deputy Director Prof. Iftikhar-ul-Amin. He was also awarded with a carpet, upon which Madam Shabana Gul cracked a smart joke saying carpets are necessary for politicians to brush things under, alluding to the idiom *Brush it under the carpet*.





# New Infrastructure at IMSciences

The Institute of Management Sciences (IMSciences), Peshawar, with the financial assistance of HEC, undertook a grand plan to increase key infrastructure facilities on the campus. The plan was implemented following the decision of Central Development Working Party (CDWP) meeting held on 6<sup>th</sup> of September, 2013. Under the development plan, the following infrastructure facilities were to be constructed on campus.

## Boys Hostel

Prior to the construction of the new boys' hostel, there were only two hostels on campus which had the capacity of 160 students each. These hostels were developed with the financial assistance of Higher



Education Commission (HEC). There was a need for a new boys' hostel following an increase in the number of students enrolled at the Institute. Just as a reference, IMSciences students' strength has grown from 180 to over 3,000 students in a period of just over a decade. With the passage of time this number is bound to grow along with the need for a new hostel, especially for male boarders. Therefore a new hostel of approximately 43,872 square feet (sft) has been constructed to cater to the needs of male boarders.

## Multipurpose Sports Gymnasium

Prior to the construction of the new multipurpose Sports Gymnasium, roughly 15% of the students could



engage themselves in the limited sports facilities available at the Institute. The rest of the students were unable to engage themselves in healthy sports activities. The new sports gymnasium offers sports facilities like Gym, Basketball Court, Badminton Court and Table Tennis facility etc. which can be utilized by a great majority of students at the Institute. The gymnasium covers an area of roughly 18,171 sft.

## Student Teacher Centre (STC)

IMSciences is located on the boundary of Federally



Administered Tribal Areas (FATA), where fundamental facilities such as Basic Health Unit (BHU), banks, and cafeteria are non-existent. Students, faculty and staff alike have to travel at least 7-8 km to utilize any of the aforementioned facilities. In order to deal with these problems, the STC has been constructed with facilities

such as BHU & cafeteria etc. The STC has a covered area of approximately 15,138 sft.

## Research & Seminars Block:

One of IMSciences' core pursuits is to develop and improve research work and critical thinking to inculcate ideas in the minds of the students and faculty members alike. This would help them in turn to develop fruitful dialogue and provide them with a platform to speak



and exchange ideas. Keeping this in mind, a Research & Seminars Block has been constructed on the campus. The Block would help cater to the hundreds of seminars, panel discussions, conferences and lectures by guest speakers on a multitude of topics annually, which are otherwise arranged in the limited seating capacity lecture rooms of the Institute.



The new Block has a combined covered area of about 31,779 sft.

## Underground Parking Facility:

One of the more problematic issues faced by the Institute was lack of parking space available. IMSciences could previously cater to the parking of just 50 vehicles at a time. The new underground parking facility has increased the capacity of parking by 200, which is four times the number of the existing capacity. The facility has a covered area of round about 20,300 sft.





## Business Fest '17



Business Fest is an academic cum fun event which takes place annually at IMSciences. Business Fest '17 took place on December 2017 under the supervision of Sir Ali Abdullah, Madam Qurat-ul-Ain, Madam Mahvesh Ali Khan and Sir Abdul Ghaffar. The students of BBA, BS Accounting & Finance, BS Economics and BS Software Engineering participated in the event.



Business Fest is an academic activity which carries 20 Marks in the "Introduction to Business", a subject taught in the first semester. Through this activity, students learn how to apply academic knowledge in the real world markets. It is an exercise of research, public speaking, teamwork, marketing, practicing theoretical knowledge and confidence building. These qualities contribute towards polishing students' people skills and business skills.



The elementary idea behind Business Fests is to provide students with an educational experience, combining theoretical and practical business knowledge. The budding entrepreneurs utilize their personal skills along with the knowledge they have gathered through class room learning and other practical assignments.

The event was sponsored by FAW, Food district, Champions Tea, Careem, Sherry's Jewelry, and FES. The whole process was documented and the revenues of the different businesses were recorded after the event for future use.

A combined revenue of Rs 402,000 was generated and proper promotional activities for the event were organized. Best stalls in 4 different categories including Best Decor, Best Business Idea, Best Business Stalls and Best Marketing were recognized. The students who focused on corporate social responsibility (CSR) were recognized as well. The Closing Ceremony was attended by supervisors, teachers and the Director of the Institute, Dr. Muhammad Mohsin Khan.



## Malaysian Faculty and Practitioners Trained by CEIF IMSciences



The Centre for Excellence in Islamic Finance (CEIF), IMSciences is one of the only three such centres in the entire country. The other two centres can be found in Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS) and Institute of Business Administration (IBA), Karachi.

Dr Karimullah from CEIF IMSciences, Pakistan collaborated with ISRA Malaysia to conduct a rigorous training on case studies development in Islamic Finance using the recent award-winning cases and books

published by the CEIF, IMSciences faculty. Participants from EXIM Bank Malaysia, OCBC Al-Amin Bank Berhad, Universiti Sains Islam Malaysia, AIBIM, University Kabangsan Malaysia, University of Malaya, International Islamic University Malaysia, and International Shariah Research Academy, Malaysia were trained. The CEIF and ISRA, in principle, agreed to write cases based books addressing global managerial issues in Islamic Finance in five countries.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary of Lincoln Corner, IMSciences

The Coordinator of Lincoln Corner, Miss Riffat Naz arranged an event in celebration of the third anniversary of Lincoln Corner, IMSciences. Honourable Director IMSciences, Dr. Muhammad Mohsin Khan, Joint Director IMSciences, Dr. Usman Ghani, alumni and students were present during the event's celebration.

Mr Ajay Rao, Public Affairs Officer U.S. Consulate made his virtual presence from the U.S. embassy through a Skype session. He appreciated the efforts of IMSciences and Lincoln Corner Coordinator for all the accomplishments during the year.

Director IMSciences, Dr. Muhammad Mohsin Khan addressed the students and shared his views regarding



Lincoln Corner. He also distributed certificates among the Alumni and Lincoln Corner volunteers. A photo exhibition of the Lincoln Corner activities was also arranged for the participants.

The event officially concluded with the U.S.-Pakistan flag cake cutting ceremony.





## IMSciences Approved as the First HSK Chinese Language Exam Center in KP

The Institute of Management Sciences (IMSciences) has been approved as the First HSK Chinese Language Exam Center in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) by Hanban/Confucius Institute China. Now candidates from Peshawar and other areas of KP will be able to appear for Chinese Proficiency Test (HSK), Youth Chinese Test (YCT) and Business Chinese Test (BCT) at IMSciences Peshawar.



## HULT PRIZE

Hult Prize is a startup competition meant to target the most pressing challenges faced by the world, where the brightest young minds from all around the globe are welcomed to bring forth their innovative ideas or business ventures to tackle those challenges.



Since 2010, Hult Prize has been coming to IMSciences. This year as well Hult Prize came to IMSciences with a new socio-economic issue, "HARNESSING THE POWER OF ENERGY TO TRANSFORM THE LIVES OF 10 MILLION PEOPLE", challenging the local student body to come up with interesting and innovative business plans while competing against the international teams. The students were briefed on how to put forward effective business plans.

Mentors from both, inside and outside the university were encouraged to give insight to the competing teams from their practical experience to refine their business ideas. Mr. Salman Ahmed, the Co-founder of Peshawar 2.0 visited IMSciences for a startup boot camp session to give the teams an understanding to overcome business challenges and to help them formulate a stepwise plan to make their proposals a success. The sessions of Hult Prize at IMSciences were concluded in December, 2017 once the competition was held on Campus. The finalists proceeded to the regionals being held in 15 international locations including London, Boston, Dubai, Malaysia and Toronto etc.

This competition provides the visionaries a conducive platform to showcase their business ethics and intellect which can be used by any organization to put their strategies into action by providing them with the capital needed to make the proposal a functioning reality. Hult Prize plays a significant role in carving the way for future entrepreneurs. IMSciences takes pride in bringing this new initiative to Peshawar for the first time.

## MoU Between AIESEC and ALEP, IMSciences

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Academic Linkages and Exchange Program (ALEP), IMSciences and AIESEC in Ghulam Ishaq Khan Institute of Engineering Sciences and Technology (GIKI). This MoU has opened doors for new activities and conferences to take place at IMSciences. Only recently an event, Youth Speak Forum, was organized at IMSciences which was the result of collaboration between ALEP, IMSciences and AIESEC in GIKI.

The MoU was signed by Deputy Director IMSciences, Mr. Iftikhar-ul-Amin and Maaz Tariq, Vice President Finance and Legal, AIESEC in GIKI.



## MoU between University of Malaya and IMSciences

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was recently signed between the University of Malaya, Malaysia and IMSciences, Peshawar. Director IMSciences, Dr. Mohsin Iqbal and Coordinator ALEP Mr. Sikandar Khan Tangi signed the MoU.

The University of Malaya is one of the highest ranking universities in Asia. It also holds the distinction of being the first ever university of the country and is based in Kuala Lumpur, the capital of Malaysia. The MoU is intended to develop strong academic partnership between the two Institutes.





## A journey from a fruit seller to an Academic Muslim Shah's visit to Nepal

I come from a family with limited resources and my life has been tremendously challenging because of continued financial constraints. I studied at a government school with no classrooms and was taught under the sun on mud floors. My father, who was a local fruit seller on a roadside, left us when I was in seventh grade, whereas my mother was bedridden on account of Arthritis. Despite all these troubles, I never complained 'Why me?' rather I asked life to 'Try me'. I continued my study while selling fruits on road sides and streets. The day and night struggle paid off when I secured 5<sup>th</sup> position in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in the Diploma of Associate Engineering (DAE).



Thanks to my teachers' support at IMSciences, I got selected in AIESEC Project 'Dear Neighbor for Nepal', whereby I visited Nepal for a month. The aim of the project 'Dear Neighbor for Nepal' is to teach kids in a local school about issues relating to the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Under this project, I was

placed at 'Gateway Academy' to teach the Students of Grade 8, 9 and 10, which was a wonderful experience. Aside from academics, Gateway Academy engaged students in many extra-curricular activities like Sports, Music, Dance and Karate. My friends showed me their places of worship like temples and how people practiced their beliefs.

I had a chance to visit the beautiful leisure city of Pokhara as well. One can trek, boat, hike, cycle, paraglide, or simply relax there next to the lake and panoramic view of the mountains. The reflection of Himalyan Mountains in the lake, the Davis Waterfall and Pokhara's scenic beauty overall can be overwhelming. There are plenty of souvenir shops in the market section of the city with some of the finest handicrafts in the country.

Going to Nepal was a life-changing experience for me that I will always cherish. Being away for a month and living by myself in a completely different world taught me many things. I grew as a person and my horizon widened in ways I never would have imagined. I feel more independent, appreciative of my family and friends, open to new ideas, and confident. This adventure made me realize that anything is possible and that I can do anything. Though I must add that this would not have been possible if it was not for the support and abutment of my Professors. I am much thankful to them, IMSciences and AIESEC for providing me such a platform, where even the destitute can turn their dreams into reality.

## Youth Speak Forum

Youth Speak Forum (YSF) is an AIESEC International initiative. This year "AIESEC in GIKI" was brought to Peshawar in collaboration with ALEP, IMSciences, led by Coordinator ALEP Mr. Sikandar Khan Tangi. AIESEC in GIKI selected 6 out of 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) to speak about on the Forum. These were;

1. Climate action
2. Peace, justice and strong institutions
3. Gender Equality
4. Reduced inequalities
5. Quality education
6. Decent work and economic growth

Keynote speakers of Peshawar YSF included well-known personalities from areas of social entrepreneurship, social activism, science, transgender community and women empowerment. The list included Yousuf Hussain, Mehr Manzoor, Pervez Hoodbhoy, Sarim Burney, Farzana Bibi & Junaid Akram.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Keynote Session by Yousuf Hussain:

Yusuf Hussain is the CEO of Ignite. In his session he talked about how digital entrepreneurship is important for the modern day technologies. He aligned his talk with the sustainable development goal of decent work and economic growth.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Keynote Session by Mehr Manzoor:

She is a Fulbright Scholar from Pakistan and currently pursuing her doctoral studies in the Department of Global Health Management and Policy at Tulane University, USA. Her segment of the talks revolved around gender equality. She aligned her talk with 3 sustainable development goals i.e. gender equality,

reduced inequalities and quality education.



### 3<sup>rd</sup> Keynote Session by Pervez Hoodbhoy:

Pervez Amirali Hoodbhoy is a Pakistani nuclear physicist and activist who serves as Zohra and ZZ Ahmed Foundation distinguished professor at the Forman Christian College and previously taught physics at the Quaid-e-Azam University. Mr. Hoodbhoy spoke about social issues of Pakistani society and aligned his speech with different SDGs.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Keynote Session by Sarim Burney:

Sarim Burney is a leading human rights activist in Pakistan. The Sarim Burney Welfare Trust International is a non-profitable trust working for the cause of oppressed people.





## Human Resource Development Center

Project Title	Donor	Signed on	Start Date	End Date
Management of 18 Trainings of District Naib Nazims of KP & Village / Neighborhood Councilors of Peshawar District in Peshawar	Development Alternatives Inc (DAI) Islamabad	October 25, 2016	October 25, 2016	January 19, 2016
Deliver Business Development Skills Training to 200 SME Owners / Managers from FATA	World Bank, Economic Revitalization of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa & FATA Project	July 21, 2016	July 21, 2016	September 02, 2016
Training on Development of Effective and Efficient Career Counseling Center at Public Sector HEIs in Pakistan	Higher Education Commission (HEC), Islamabad	January 25, 2017	January 25, 2017	May 05, 2017
Capacity Building of Principals/DDOs of Government Colleges of Higher Education Department on "Leadership and Management"	Higher Education Academy for Research & Training (HEART), KP	May 10, 2017	May 10, 2017	May 26, 2017
Census of Private Colleges and Higher Education Institutions in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	Frontier Education Foundation (FEF), KP	April 27, 2017	April 27, 2017	August, 2017
Capacity Development of Staff of Targeted Line Agencies in Nowshera & Haripur Districts of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	Associates in Development Pvt. Ltd. (AID)	July 12, 2017	July 12, 2017	April, 2018



## Ran'aa Child Welfare Foundation

IMSciences' faculty members fall behind no one when it comes to giving back to the society. Ran'aa Child Welfare Foundation is one such example. It is the brainchild of Madam Mahvish Ali Khan, lecturer at IMSciences.

Ran'aa Child Welfare Foundation is working for the betterment of underprivileged children. The mission of Ran'aa is to provide a platform to the underprivileged children to develop them academically, socially and empower them to become productive members of the society.

The journey of Ran'aa Child Welfare Foundation started in August 2016, with the aim to educate street children and empower them to live a successful and independent life. Ms. Mahvish Ali Khan and Ms. Farida Omar Akram started the initiative. With no funds, they decided to start teaching children in local parks until Town Nazim Arbab Muhammad Ali gave them permission to use the Town Community Office for the purpose.



The Ran'aa Child Welfare Foundation provides a range of services. These are as follows;

1. Basic education for underprivileged kids
2. Regular medical check-ups for kids
3. Food and nutrition for the kids
4. Monthly ration packages to needy
5. Income generating skills
6. Admissions in private schools for poor kids
7. Sports and other activities
8. Visits to different places
9. Eid gifts and clothes



Besides Ran'aa's contribution in areas stated above, Ran'aa Child Welfare Foundation has been able to support a few students who are in different schools, colleges and universities. They also helped needy people in repairing their houses and helped others in their medical treatments. People from different organizations conducted sessions on cleanliness, manners and arts. Today Ra'naa has more than 70 children that it caters to.





## IMVolunteer

Throughout its 10 years of its existence, IMVolunteer has lived up to its words. It is involved in over a dozen different social services including, but not limited to, youth training & counselling, blood donation campaigns, plantation campaigns, disaster management & crisis preparation, paraplegics, drug prevention & drug rehabilitation, cleanliness campaigns, environment protection, human rights, detention centres, orphanages, free food for the needy and *iftar* and ration program for the deserving in Ramzan.

### Ramzan Asaan Program

In the blessed month of Ramzan, the IMVolunteer team arranges for food and drinking items for the needy. They package them and distribute them among the people throughout the holy month.

### Aftaar Dastarkhwan Program

Every day throughout the holy month, food and drinks are arranged in front of the Wall of Kindness, Phase 3, Hayatabad, Peshawar. The food items include dates, different types of sherbets, fruits, snacks, pulao, chicken curry, samosas and pakoras among others.



### Smile with the Angels

*Children are like wet cement. Whatever falls on them makes an impression - Haim Ginott*

Under the project "Smile with the Angels", team IMVolunteer organized birthday celebrations for the children residing in ZamungKor, Model Institute for State Children.



### Jacket distribution in winters

The IMVolunteer arranged for a jacket distribution drive in the past winters. The drive was intended to provide warm clothing to as many deserving people as possible in the ruthless winter weather.

### Year long meal distribution

IMVolunteer is actively involved in yearlong meal distribution drives. Volunteers in all weathers can be seen distributing meals to the poor and the needy in the city of Peshawar.

### Deserving cases – Girls Marriages

IMVolunteer has also been involved in a rather delicate yet simultaneously much needed social cause for the society i.e. arranging for *jahez* for deserving families who are getting their daughters married.

## English Works! Program Opening Ceremony



IMSciences arranged an opening ceremony of the English Works! Program on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of March. The program is sponsored by the Read Foundation and the State Department of the USA, and is aimed to impart necessary English language skills and proficiency to participants in the Program.

Parents voiced their views about the program and showed satisfaction of their children benefiting from the program.

The English Works! Program is an intensive 6-month English language proficiency and skills enhancement program for young adults aged 17 – 25. The underlying goal of the program is to provide the individuals enrolled in the program with an opportunity to understand English language through the scope of modern language teaching methodologies and materials. This would equip them with the necessary language skills to pursue successful careers and acquire greater understanding of the world.

## English Access Micro Scholarship Program

English Access Micro Scholarship Program provides a foundation of English language skills to bright, economically disadvantaged students primarily 13-25 years old worldwide through after-school classes and intensive sessions in their respective countries. Access program expose students to U.S culture and democratic values, improve the student's potential to participate successfully in the socio economic development of their countries, and increase their chances of competing for and participating in future U.S exchange and study programs.

The Program is spearheaded by Miss Zainab Azmat, who started this project at IMSciences. It is sponsored by the Read Foundation and U.S State Department.





## Best University Teacher Award by the HEC Pakistan

Dr. Fahad Abdullah, Coordinator BBA Program was awarded the Best University Teacher Award 2016 under the auspices of Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan. The award ceremony was held at the HEC Auditorium where Minister Baligh ur Rehman was the Chief Guest. He praised all the distinguished university teachers for their efforts and contribution to the society at large. The Best University Teacher Award ceremony is held each year by the HEC, whereby outperforming university teachers are awarded.



## Orientation on Business Start-ups



The students from the BBA Program at IMSciences specializing in "Entrepreneurship & Innovation" and "Marketing" visited the National Incubation Centre (NIC), Peshawar along with Dr. Muhammad Nouman. The purpose of the visit was to introduce students to the newly established NIC, its aims and objectives and how the students can become part of the entrepreneurial ecosystem being setup within Khyber Pakhtunkhwa by initiating their own business start-ups at NIC.

The students were welcomed by the NIC team, followed by a presentation and a Q&A session. Later the students were provided a tour of the centre where they

witnessed the facilities and working environment and learned about the process through which they can apply for the upcoming cohort of new business and tech start-ups.

Curriculum and resources from one of the world's leading incubator/accelerator, 'Founder Institute' is used at NIC Peshawar to build great companies. NIC Peshawar's mentors, who are among the finest in Pakistan and the world, work with budding entrepreneurs to make their ventures a success. A network of Angel Investors, Venture Capitalist and Technology Development funds is also being developed to support the entrepreneurs of KP.

## Spring Festival for Afghan Students

The Institute of Management Sciences (IMSciences) hosted the Spring Festival and a cultural get together for Afghan Students all over Pakistan under the Allama Muhammad Iqbal Scholarship Programme by the Higher Education Commission (HEC).

The students in this scheme are pursuing their higher education in various universities of Pakistan. A total of 3,000 Afghan students have been catered to by the HEC under the Allama Muhammad Iqbal Scholarship Programme. Over 800 of these students from a number of different universities of Pakistan including the University of Peshawar, Islamia College University Peshawar, University of Haripur, COMSATS Abbottabad, UET Taxila, Agriculture University Peshawar, Saidu Medical College Swat, Khyber Medical College, Kabir Medical College and Bannu Medical College among others attended the event. Representatives from the HEC included Mr. Jehanzeb Khan, Project Director and



Mr. Malik Shafi-ur-Rehman Khattak and Mr. Sher Ahmad, both additional regional representatives. The event took place in the recently inaugurated convocation hall at IMSciences. The entire hall was filled with students from both the neighbouring countries, IMSciences faculty and staff, HEC officials and officials from participating universities.

## Nowruz Celebrations

"The Page Turners" (IMSciences Book Club) arranged a Spring festival in celebration of Nowruz on Wednesday, the 21<sup>st</sup> of March, 2018. Nowruz is basically the nomenclature for the Iranian New Year. However, it is celebrated worldwide by a multitude of ethno-linguistic groups as the beginning of the New Year. Nowruz has been celebrated for more than 3,000 years now in Western Asia, Central Asia, the Caucuses, the Black Sea Basin and the Balkans.

Students from different geographic and ethnic backgrounds came together to celebrate Nowruz and Spring festival at IMSciences. The event officially initiated after the recitation from the Holy Quran. This was followed by Naat-e-Maqbool, after which the guest speakers gave their speeches on the topic.

Guest speakers invited at the occasion included Mr. Aslam Mir and Prof. Syed Ghayur Hussain from the Khana-i-Farhang-Iran, Peshawar.





## Empowered Women Club

In order to realize the particular goal of empowering women, IMSciences has dedicated a student society called "Empowered Women", led by Ms. Qurat Ul Ain. The club is involved with arranging a variety of seminars, activities, discussions and sessions aimed at initiating the students to recognize women as a crucial part of the society.

*"The Empowered Woman is powerful beyond measure and beautiful beyond description"* Story of All Women, a seminar on Women Empowerment was conducted on 27th Feb, 2018 by Empowered Women Society. Sir Riaz ud din, Madam Shabana Gul and Madam Naheed Haq spoke at the occasion. They discussed the legal rights of women and the equality of men and women from both, Humanitarian and Religious aspects.

Towards the end of the seminar, students of both genders were encouraged to talk about their fears regarding interacting with the opposite gender. These



fears were addressed by the teachers experienced in interacting with this issue.

Moreover an entire week was devoted to "Women's Day Celebration" starting from March 5, 2018. Different women from different walks of life visited IMSciences and spoke on issues pertaining to women's space in the society and the issues faced not only by women, but men as well.



### Day 1 of the "Women's Day Celebration" – The Power of Positive Thinking

Ms. Ambreen Mukaram Ali, a clinical psychologist visited IMSciences and lectured the students about the power of positive thinking and how a little bit of positivity can help them change their lives for the better



### 2. Day 2 of the "Women's Day Celebration" – Press for Progress

Ms. Rukhshanda Naz who is the Executive Director of Legal Aid and Awareness Services (LAAS) delivered a lecture to the students and afterwards interacted with them regarding the power for progress. The aim of the discussion was to inculcate a sense of gender inclusivity

among individuals. She made a strong call to motivate and unite friends, colleagues and whole communities to think, act and be gender inclusive.

### Day 3 of the "Women's Day Celebration" – Women's Education, Health and Economic Development

The guest speaker of the day was Dr. Mehr Taj Roghani who has served as Minister for Health and Special Advisor to the Chief Minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa



on Social Welfare and Women's Empowerment. She is also the first woman Deputy Speaker of the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Assembly.

### Day 4 of the "Women's Day Celebration" – Self Awareness and Grooming

An interactive session, where female students talked about their fears and hindrances which they face in daily life. Male students took active part in the discussions. The session helped bridge some of the gap between the understanding of males and females. Madam Naheed, demonstrated how we can fight with



our worst fears and recognize our strengths. Students also learned how to deal with their worst fears through different activities.



### Day 5 of the "Women's Day Celebration" – Fashion and Self Care

On the last day of the week devoted to "Women's Day Celebration", owner of Duplex Peshawar, Miss Shahana Kaleem visited IMSciences and demonstrated the latest trends in fashion and skin care for the female students. The session was held in Lincoln Corner.







## NAB Panel Discussion at IMSciences

The Institute of Management Sciences (IMSciences), Peshawar hosted a panel discussion on the topic, “Role of Youth in Eradicating Corruption”. The discussion was arranged by the National Accountability Bureau (NAB), Peshawar. Mian Waqar, Director NAB, Peshawar and Mr. Liaqat Ali, Deputy Director NAB along with other staff members visited IMSciences and spoke on the topic.

Director IMSciences, Dr. Muhammad Mohsin Khan received the guests and gave a welcome note to the audience and the guests at the panel.

Speaking on the nature of corruption as a phenomenon, Mr. Waqar said,

***“Corruption is an international phenomenon, not a national phenomenon.”***

The discussion that followed involved questions from the audience, primarily students, regarding the different forms of corruption such as embezzlement of property and asset disproportionate source of income. He further stated that NAB is an apolitical and an autonomous institution.



## Great Debate

The Institute of Management Sciences won the semi-final of the British High Commission's annual Great Debate competition. The competition was held at the IMSciences where debaters from universities across Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa competed.

After a competitive round of fixtures, Sajjad Ahmed from IMSciences won the semi-final and Sher Afghan from Abdul Wali Khan University won the second place.

“As a former student debater myself, I am delighted that the Great Debate is giving young people in Pakistan a chance to talk about the big issues that matter for the future of this country: prosperity, democracy and

peace,” said Acting British High Commissioner Richard Crowder.

The Great Debate 2017 is the third annual edition of the competition which provides students from across Pakistan a platform to participate in debates, interact with other students from different universities and hone their skills in research, analytical thinking and public speaking.

Winners and runner-ups from the semi-finals will be given one year British Council digital library memberships. The winner and runner-up of the overall competition will receive a scholarship.



## 16<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Statistical Sciences

The 16<sup>th</sup> International Conference of Statistical Sciences was a joint effort by the Institute of Management Sciences (IMSciences), Peshawar; Islamia College University, Peshawar (ICUP); Abdul Wali Khan University, Mardan (AWKUM); and Islamic Countries Society of Statistical Sciences (ISOSS). The inauguration ceremony of the conference was held in the Roos Keppel Hall, Islamia College on Monday, 5<sup>th</sup> of March, 2018. Dr. Usman Ghani, Dr. Ata-ur-Rehman, Dr. Zafar Zaheer and Mr. Mukammil Shah represented the Institute at the ceremony.



Prof. Dr. Muhammad Hanif Mian, Co-Chair of ISOSS revealed the history of Statistics in Pakistan.

*“In 1952, Dr. Zia-ud-Din started a Statistics Department in Lahore. It was the first time Statistics was realized as a study in either, East or West Pakistan”*

Acting Director of IMSciences, Prof. Dr. Usman Ghani took to the rostrum afterwards and spoke of the significance of both, the conference and Statistical Sciences as a study. He also shed some light on the history of the Statistical Sciences. Dr. Ghani proposed that IMSciences be given the honour to host the next Conference on Statistical Sciences.

## TED<sup>x</sup> at IMSciences

Students from IMSciences organized a TEDx event at the Institute on 4<sup>th</sup> of March, 2018. TEDx is an international community that organizes TED-style events anywhere and everywhere – celebrating locally-driven ideas and elevating them to a global stage. TEDx events are produced independently of TED conferences; each event curates speakers on their own, but based on TED's format and rules.

Joint Director Usman Ghani greeted the speakers with enthusiasm. The speakers included Yousuf Bashir Qureshi (YBQ), Syed Muzamil Hasan Zaidi, Humna Raza, Shehram Akram, Saad Hamid, Kamram Saeed, Qasim Mumtaz, Maryam Arshad and Umair Jaliawala. They delivered talks on a variety of subjects related to failure, technology, Self-awareness, content engineering, celebrating life and other topics of interest.





## Birth Anniversary of Quaid-e-Azam



The birth anniversary of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah was celebrated by IMSciences – Art & Culture Society under the direction of the Society's advisor Ms. Naheed Haq with great fervor on Friday, 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2017.

The ceremony featured an exhibition of the Quaid's pictures which were displayed on side of the auditorium. The play on Quaid-e-Azam captured the attention of the audience. Participants presented

melodious National songs and paid tribute to the Great Quaid through their lyrics. A quiz on the life of Quaid also became a sizzling segment.

Dr. Mohammad Mohsin Khan, Director IMSciences in his address asked the students to mould their daily life in accordance with the Quaid's life in order to combat both, internal and external challenges currently faced by Pakistan.

## Art Exhibition

An Art Exhibition was arranged by the students of IMSciences in collaboration with IMSciences – Art and Culture Society on the 16<sup>th</sup> of April, 2018. Two students, Syeda Sara Naimat and Farah Mahmood from BBA 8<sup>th</sup> semester displayed more than 50 Art Pieces including Miniatures, Oil Paintings, Watercolor Paintings, Poster Art, Mirror Art and Canvas Art including both, oil and watercolor mediums.

The Exhibition was inaugurated by Director IMSciences, Dr. Muhammad Mohsin Khan. Artworks were placed and exhibited in the main lobby. Students and teachers visiting the exhibition applauded and praised the talent and creativity displayed by the artists.



## Page Turners February Meet-up

Advisor to the Book Club "The Page Turners", Mr. Sikandar Khan Tangi, arranged a meeting of the club on the 27<sup>th</sup> of February, 2018. The meeting was graced with the presence of literary personnel, Mr. Muhammad Farooq and Mr. Muhammad Awais Qarni.



Mr. Muhammad Farooq's research interests are Postcolonial Literature, the issues of the marginalized segments of the society and Representations through literary texts, especially fictional narratives. He has three research papers to his credit.

Mr. Muhammad Awais Qarni has done his PhD from the

University of Peshawar. He has authored two books namely, "*Parbaton Ky Us Paar*" and "*Krishan Chandar Ki Zihni Tashkeel*", the latter of the two having earned an award. Mr. Qarni is also an afsana nigar and a poet.

The ceremony was formally inaugurated by Dr. Amir Taj, who read out a poem by the renowned Pakistani poet, Ghalib.

Mr. Awais Qarni started his discussion by praising and celebrating Ghalib's genius and his exceptional contribution to Urdu Literature. He went on to discuss the evolution of "story" since the beginning of times.

*"The process of storytelling began as soon as man took his first steps on earth"*

Mr. Farooq in his turn explored the annals of literature with the audience and provided a taste of it.

*"Literature is different than journalistic writing. Where Journalistic writing is bound by the impediment of time and place, literature transcends it"*

Ms. Riffat Naz was appreciated for providing the venue for the ceremony at Lincoln Corner, IMSciences.





# Career Development Center

## Mr. Dinar Wali's lecture at Cadet College Kohat

Through its Backward Integration Program, the Career Development Center (CDC), IMSciences arranged a lecture in Cadet College Kohat. Mr. Dinar Wali, manager CDC delivered the lecture on Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2018. The lecture revolved around four major areas of career growth namely, career counseling, personal branding, networking and profile making. The Backward Integration Program of IMSciences focuses on educating and empowering school and college students. Some of these schools and colleges are as follows;

- i. Scouts Cadet College
- ii. Batrasi (Mansehra)
- iii. Army Burn Hall College for boys
- iv. Cadet College, Kohat
- v. Croots Millenium, Khyber Campus
- vi. Agha Khan Higher Secondary School



## Bank AlBaraka on-Campus recruitment drive

CDC, IMSciences collaborated with Bank AlBaraka and organized an on-campus recruitment drive on Monday, the 26<sup>th</sup> of February, 2018. Mr. Ibrahim; Manager Human Resources with the bank, gave the participants an orientation regarding the bank. He then went on to brief the participants about the recruitment program.



The fresh graduates of IMSciences took part in the recruitment drive and appeared for the test conducted by the Bank's authorities for the positions.

## Telenor Brand Manager's talk at IMSciences

Mr. Subhan Sadoon Ahmad, the Brand Manager for Telenor delivered a lecture on Branding and Marketing Strategies on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> of February, 2018 at IMSciences. The lecture was organized by the CDC, IMSciences. Students with majors in Marketing attended the lecture and had a discourse with the speaker.



## Faysal Bank On-Campus recruitment Drive

The CDC, IMSciences collaborated with the Faysal Bank and organized an on-campus recruitment drive on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> of February, 2018. The recruitment drive



jobs that are suitable for their area of specialization and for their career growth.

## Head of HR, Ufone delivers talk at IMSciences

The CDC, IMSciences collaborated with "Talk World Program" and organized a career discourse session with the students of the Institute on Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> February, 2018. Mr. Zulfikar Ali Zaidi, the current Head of Human Resource Department and Mr. Nouman Ahmad, HR Executive at Ufone Telecom interacted with the students and discussed career prospects with them.

## VIVO Mobile On-Campus Recruitment Drive

The CDC, IMSciences organized an on-campus recruitment drive in collaboration with the ViVo Mobile Company on Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018. Officials of the company addressed the freshly graduated students of the Institute and briefed them about the company. The officials of the ViVo Mobile Company then went ahead with the assessment of the students in order to offer the successful students Management Trainee Officer (MTO) positions with the company.

was focused on the Management Trainee Program by the Bank.

The Bank's officials interacted with the students attending the session and oriented them to the Program, which would further help IMSciences students secure positions with Faysal Bank.

## FF Steel On-Campus Recruitment Drive

The CDC, IMSciences in collaboration with FF Steel organized an on-campus recruitment drive on Tuesday,



January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2018. The Human Resource (HR) and Information Technology (IT) department personnel of FF Steel assessed the potential Software and Computer Science (CS) students of the Institute for career opportunities at the Company.

The recruitment process was part of an on-going CDC IMSciences talent hunt program. The Program helps graduating students of the Institute find and acquire



## GRE Mock Test

The CDC, IMSciences, in collaboration with the United States Educational Foundation in Pakistan (USEFP) organized a GRE mock test at the campus on January 27-28, 2018. Over 200 students participated in the test.

Those students who qualify the test are given an opportunity to appear for an actual GRE test free of its cost.



## Culture Fest 2K17

The “IMCulture Fest 2K17” was arranged by IMSciences – Art & Culture Society under the direction of the Society's advisor Ms. Naheed Haq on December, Sunday 17, 2017. The theme “Cultural Fest” featured food booths, cultural set ups, music performances, gaming zones and other cultural – themed activities and entertainment performances for all to enjoy.



The Festival's goal was to help perpetuate the strong cultural and ethnical ties among the different regions of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. It was a family event and the audience rejoiced and celebrated the love of culture.

The most exciting feature of the Fest was the arrival of the Chief Guest, Dr. Mohammad Mohsin Khan, Director IMSciences Peshawar, in a traditionally decorated rickshaw. He visited every stall and appreciated the efforts of the stall owners and the organizers as well.

An astounding variety of scrumptious delicacies were present at the event which attracted a crowd of almost 300 people, making it a house full event. Students from different educational Institutes like Roots Millennium, Peshawar Model School and Bacha Khan Women College were also present with their food stalls.

Traditional music and cultural dances enhanced the positive aura of the whole festival. The blend of different activities attracted a lot of attention. The Fest entertained the crowd with its cultural shows and musical activities that ardently reflected the culture of Pakistan.



The response from the audience was positive in the least. The event provided the best recreational activities to the students from their hectic routine of study.



## National Youth Carnival

IMSciences, Peshawar is known for its participation and achievements in co-curricular activities and events both, locally and nationally. One such event, The National Youth Carnival (NYC), was held in the winter of 2017 in Qayum Stadium, Peshawar. A national level event, the NYC had a number of different categories for participants to compete in. These categories ranged from intelligence and sporting skills to artistic abilities. There were three levels to cross for winners to shine through, mainly; the trials, the provincial finals and the national finals. Students from IMSciences took part in the event under the banner of Art & Culture Society – IMSciences.

Muhammad Waleed participated in English singing category and won at National level. Arbab Hassan



participated in Naat recitation category and made it to the National finals. Moreover he was praised by the Chief Minister of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KP) Mr. Parvez Khattak, who invited him to recite Naat in the Provincial Assembly of KP.

## Trip to Katas Raj Temples

A group of BS Social Sciences (8<sup>th</sup> semester) students along with faculty member – Dr. Aamer Taj - went for an excursion trip to Katas Raj Temples and Khewra Salt mines on 9<sup>th</sup> February, 2018. The trip was arranged by IMSciences' Excursion Club.



Katas Raj Temples - considered as the second largest holy place for Hindus – stands stunningly beautiful near Chakwal in Punjab province of Pakistan. In a serene surrounding, a complex of temples stands in homage to the deities of Hindu mythology.

According to Alan Cunningham, the first Director General of the Archaeological Survey of India in 1872-73 AD, Katas Raj is the second biggest holy place in Punjab for Hindu pioneers after Jawala Mukhi. This conglomeration of temples preserves at least 1,500 years of history ranging from Buddhist era to British rule in that particular space. Visitors can access and see multiple temples in the area that are connected together through walkways surrounding a beautiful pond.



## Students' Success Stories

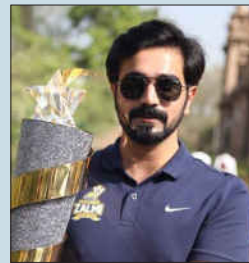
### Jalil Iqbal Khattak

Jalil Iqbal Khattak graduated with a BBA Honours Degree in 2016 with Majors in Human Resource. Having a shrewd mind, he went on to work for a Canadian firm in Islamabad after his graduation. Within an year, he appeared and aced the Young Professionals Induction Program (YPIP) test by the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP) and is currently serving as an Assistant Director with the SBP.



### Ahad Khan

Ahad Khan graduated in 2016 with majors in Marketing. Winning a job with Pepsi right after graduation, he received a call from CDC, IMSciences to appear in an interview for MTO position with Peshawar Zalmi. Having succeeded in the interview, he joined and quickly climbed the ladder in the new organization. Mr. Ahad worked as Marketing Executive and then rose to the position of Brand Manager.



### Hussain Khan

Being an entrepreneur in spirit and ambitious in nature, Hussain pushed himself to aim higher and strive and give proper shape to his online clothes retail outlet, **Togup**. With struggles that took years, Togup is now a full blown business outlet situated in JB Tower. Hussain is a young, self-made entrepreneur whose sheer will power and acute wit account for the recipe of his success.

Hussain Khan is an ideal example of how IMSciences helps bring out and then polish the entrepreneur in its valued students.



### Usman Ali

Usman Ali completed his BBA Honours Degree in 2017. He started an instrumental band called "Rabab Circles" along with his friend Asghar Awan. The band gradually grew to four members with the addition of Hamza Mansoor and Joel Michael. Rabab Circles has composed original soundtracks like *Makhaam/Nightfall*, *Wanderlust* and *Baraan*. Besides composing original soundtracks, Rabab Circles also tried to merge folk music with the rock genre. It is now a nationally renowned band, with performances in Lahore and Islamabad to its credit.



## Honor Awards Show 2K18

Honor Awards Show 2k18 was held on Tuesday, April 17, 2018 under the supervision of event head Mr. Safeer Ullah Bangash and event coordinator Mr. Mohsin Khan. The competition was held in a range of different categories. Students were asked to nominate themselves for these categories.

The selection process was divided into two parts; the first part comprised of selection being made directly by the respected faculty and the second part comprised of elections being carried out by the participating students where the student with the most votes won. The election was carried out primarily in three categories i.e. best social person, famous personality and best singer.







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