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HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS TO PROF. DR. ADNAN NOOR MIAN ON HIS APPOINTMENT AS VICE CHANCELLOR OF ITU

Warmest congratulations to Prof. Dr. Adnan Noor Mian on his appointment as Vice Chancellor of Information Technology University (ITU), Punjab. With over 26 years of dedicated service in higher education, Dr. Mian brings a wealth of experience and vision to this role. His student-centric, hands-on teaching philosophy has produced graduates who now thrive in top global companies such as Microsoft, Google, Facebook, Amazon, and ARM.

At ITU, Dr. Mian previously served as the founding Chair of the Department of Computer Science and the

founding Dean of the Faculty of Sciences. He played a pivotal role in launching programs such as MS Data Science and in securing major international research grants. His leadership was also crucial in expanding the university's academic offerings to include BS Artificial Intelligence, MS Computer Engineering, and MS Management & Technology.

Dr. Mian has also led major infrastructure development efforts, securing significant funding for the expansion of academic and research facilities. His global stature is reflected in his appointment as the UNESCO

Chair on ICTD and his role as Senior Associate at ICTP. His work in advancing IoT research continues to earn international acclaim.

We wish Prof. Dr. Mian great success in this new chapter, confident that he will lead ITU to new heights of academic excellence and innovation. His vision and unwavering commitment promise a transformative journey for the university and its future scholars.



ACADEMIC LEADERS EXTEND BEST WISHES TO ITU'S VICE CHANCELLOR

Distinguished guests from academia, including Prof. Dr. Shahzad Sarfraz (Director, FAST Chiniot Faisalabad), Dr. Yasir Nawab (Vice Chancellor, University of Kamalia), and Dr. Muhammad Asif (Chairman, CS Department, National Textile University), paid a courtesy visit to Dr. Adnan Noor Mian, the newly appointed Vice Chancellor of Information Technology University. They presented him with a bouquet as a gesture of goodwill and appreciation. The visit highlighted the spirit of collaboration and knowledge exchange, paving the way for future academic partnerships.



A WARM WELCOME TO THE NEW VICE CHANCELLOR

In a gesture of goodwill and respect, Mr. Hassan Rauf, Resident Auditor at the University of the Punjab, presented a bouquet to Dr. Adnan Noor Mian, the newly appointed Vice Chancellor of Information Technology University. The moment marked a sincere acknowledgment of Dr. Mian's leadership and his vision for ITU's continued growth and excellence. Best wishes to him for a successful tenure ahead.



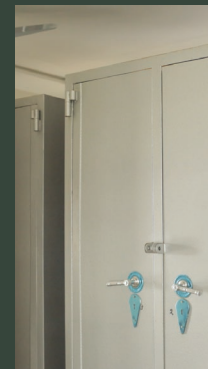
ENHANCING CAMPUS LIFE WITH MODERN STUDENT HOUSING

Information Technology University is proud to announce the inauguration of its state-of-the-art student hostel at the Barki Campus. The ceremony was graced by the Vice Chancellor Dr. Adnan Noor Mian, along with the registrar, treasurer, controller of examinations, deans, faculty members, and management staff.

The newly inaugurated hostel features over 40 furnished rooms, providing accommodation for more than 100 students. With 24/7 security, high-speed WiFi, and modern amenities, the facility is designed to enhance the student living experience.

Dr. Adnan Noor Mian commended the team led by Usman Ali Alvi, Project Director (ITU, Barki Campus), for their dedication in completing the project in record time. In recognition of their outstanding efforts, he presented a shield to the team.

This milestone marks ITU's continued commitment to providing a supportive and enriching environment for students.



DR. YOUSAF MURTAZA RIND SUCCESSFULLY DEFENDS PH.D. THESIS AT ITU

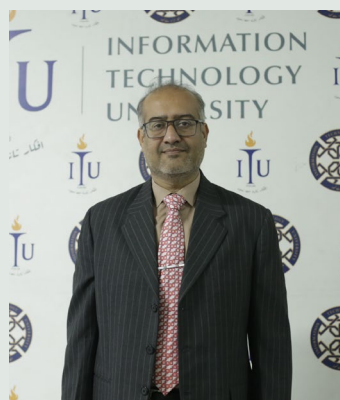
Information Technology University of the Punjab proudly congratulates Dr. Yousaf Murtaza Rind (PHDEE17009) from the second batch of the Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering program on the successful defense of his doctoral thesis.

The title of Dr. Rind's research is "Multifunctional Spin-Hall Anchored Design Strategies for Electromagnetic Wavefront Shaping," a significant contribution to the field of advanced electromagnetics and nanophotonics. His work explores innovative strategies for controlling and manipulating electromagnetic wavefronts, potentially impacting a wide range of applications in modern communication and sensing technologies.

Dr. Rind completed his Ph.D. under the supervision of Dr. Muhammad Qasim Mehmood, with Prof. Dr. Tauseef Tauqeer serving as his co-supervisor.

This achievement reflects not only Dr. Rind's dedication and academic excellence but also the growing research footprint of ITU's Electrical Engineering Department.

We extend our heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Yousaf Murtaza Rind on this remarkable milestone and wish him continued success in all future endeavors.



FOSTERING INNOVATION THROUGH COLLABORATION: NASTP DELEGATION VISITS ITU

Information Technology University (ITU) had the honor of welcoming a distinguished delegation from the National Aerospace Science and Technology Park (NASTP), led by Dr. Usman Riaz. The visit marked a significant milestone in fostering academic-industry collaboration, as the delegation engaged in a strategic dialogue with Vice Chancellor Dr. Adnan Noor Mian.

The meeting focused on exploring dynamic opportunities for joint initiatives in the fields of Information Technology and Engineering, with both sides expressing strong interest in future partnerships to drive innovation and research.

Key attendees from ITU included Mr. Ali Shahzad (Deputy Director General, NASTP Lahore), the Director of ORIC, Deans, Department Chairpersons, and the Registrar, reflecting a unified commitment to advancing technological collaboration.

This engagement underscores ITU's ongoing efforts to build impactful alliances that bridge academia and industry, paving the way for cutting-edge research, talent development, and national progress.



ADMISSIONS OPEN FOR SHORT COURSES - BATCH 10 AT ITU

The Center for Executive Training (CET) at Information Technology University opened admissions for the 10th batch of its short courses earlier this January. These industry-relevant programs offer hands-on learning under the guidance of expert mentors.

Interested candidates can explore course options and apply online at: <https://itu.edu.pk/cet/>

SHORT COURSES BATCH 10

- PYTHON PROGRAMMING WITH AI/ML
- FREELANCING
- FILMMAKING
- MS OFFICE (EXCEL & WORD)
- GRAPHIC DESIGNING
- AUTOCAD: BASIC TO PRO
- E-COMMERCE (AMAZON)
- VALUE INVESTING IN STOCK MARKET
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DR. FAISAL KAMIRAN'S RESEARCH PUBLISHED IN PRESTIGIOUS JOURNAL

Dr. Faisal Kamiran's latest research paper, titled "FairUDT: Fairness-aware Uplift Decision Trees," has been published in Elsevier's highly regarded journal, Knowledge-Based Systems. With an impressive impact factor of 7.2 and an h5-index of 126, the journal is recognized globally for publishing cutting-edge research in artificial intelligence and decision systems. Dr. Kamiran's work focuses on fairness in uplift modeling, a crucial area in ethical AI and data-driven decision-making. This publication marks a significant milestone in his research career and highlights his ongoing commitment to academic excellence and innovation in machine learning. Congratulations to Dr. Faisal Kamiran on this remarkable achievement.



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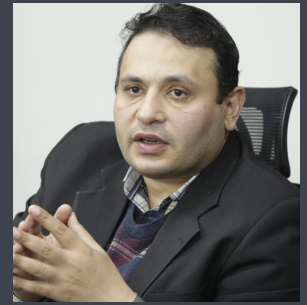
Dr. Faisal Kamiran
Associate Professor
Department of Artificial Intelligence

ITU SIGNS MOU WITH PKCERT TO ADVANCE CYBERSECURITY RESEARCH

Information Technology University (ITU) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Cyber Emergency Response Team (PKCERT) to collaborate in key areas of cybersecurity and cyber defense.

Under this partnership, PKCERT will support research, advanced training, internships, and joint placements for ITU students. In turn, ITU will provide technical expertise, development labs, and co-host awareness seminars to strengthen Pakistan's cyber readiness.

This strategic collaboration reflects ITU's commitment to fostering cutting-edge research and industry-aligned learning opportunities in the field of cybersecurity.



SOUTH KOREAN DELEGATION VISITS ITU TO EXPLORE ACADEMIC COLLABORATION

Information Technology University (ITU) recently hosted a high-level delegation from South Korea, led by Kim Kihwan of STS Robotech, to explore potential avenues for Pakistani students to pursue higher education in advanced fields such as Information Technology, Robotics, and Artificial Intelligence.

The meeting was chaired by Vice Chancellor Dr. Adnan Noor Mian, with Registrar Mr. Adeel Asghar, Deans, and Department Chairpersons extending a warm welcome to the guests. During the session, ITU faculty members shared their ongoing research and academic interests,

engaging in productive discussions around future collaboration.

The delegation emphasized expanding academic linkages and research exchange programs that would connect Pakistani students with top-tier South Korean institutions, including Seoul National University, Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST), and Pusan National University.

This visit marks a promising step towards international academic cooperation, enabling Pakistani students to gain access to world-class education, mentorship, and innovation ecosystems in South Korea.

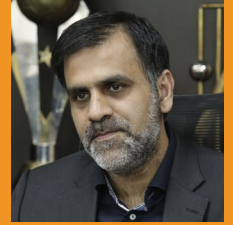


ITU LAHORE AND UTS MALAYSIA JOIN HANDS FOR GLOBAL ACADEMIC COLLABORATION

Information Technology University (ITU) has signed a strategic Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the University of Technology Sarawak (UTS), Malaysia, opening new avenues for international academic cooperation.

The partnership covers a wide range of initiatives including joint degree programs, faculty and student exchange, curriculum development, and collaborative research. Both institutions will also work together to promote industry-academia linkages, innovation, and the commercialization of research.

This MoU reflects ITU's strong commitment to global engagement, research excellence, and capacity-building in higher education.



ITU LAUNCHES TREE PLANTATION DRIVE WITH MILKAR AND WWF-PAKISTAN

In a meaningful step toward environmental sustainability, Information Technology University (ITU) has partnered with MilKar and WWF-Pakistan to launch a strategic tree plantation drive.

This collaboration brings together MilKar's volunteer network and WWF's environmental expertise to promote climate action and greener campuses. The initiative highlights ITU's commitment to social responsibility and climate resilience.

Together, ITU, MilKar, and WWF-Pakistan are setting a powerful example—showing that even small acts like planting a tree can lead to lasting environmental impact.



ITU HOSTS UNDP SESSION ON DIGITALIZING LAW AND DEMOCRATIZING JUSTICE

Information Technology University (ITU), in collaboration with the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), Punjab Information Technology Board (PITB), and CODE Pakistan, hosted a dissemination session titled "Doing Digital for Development: Digitalizing Law, Democratizing Justice" at ITU Lahore.

The event showcased key findings from UNDP's National Human Development Report (NHDR) 2024, emphasizing the role of equitable digital access in driving social justice, economic growth, and inclusive human development in Pakistan.

The session explored the report's four pillars—Access, Adopt, Anticipate, and Accelerate—and sparked vital dialogue on how digital transformation can support legal democratization and improve civic outcomes. Experts and policymakers discussed the potential of digital tools to bridge governance gaps and empower marginalized communities.

Hosting this session reaffirmed ITU's commitment to being at the forefront of technology-driven solutions for public good and shaping a more inclusive digital future.



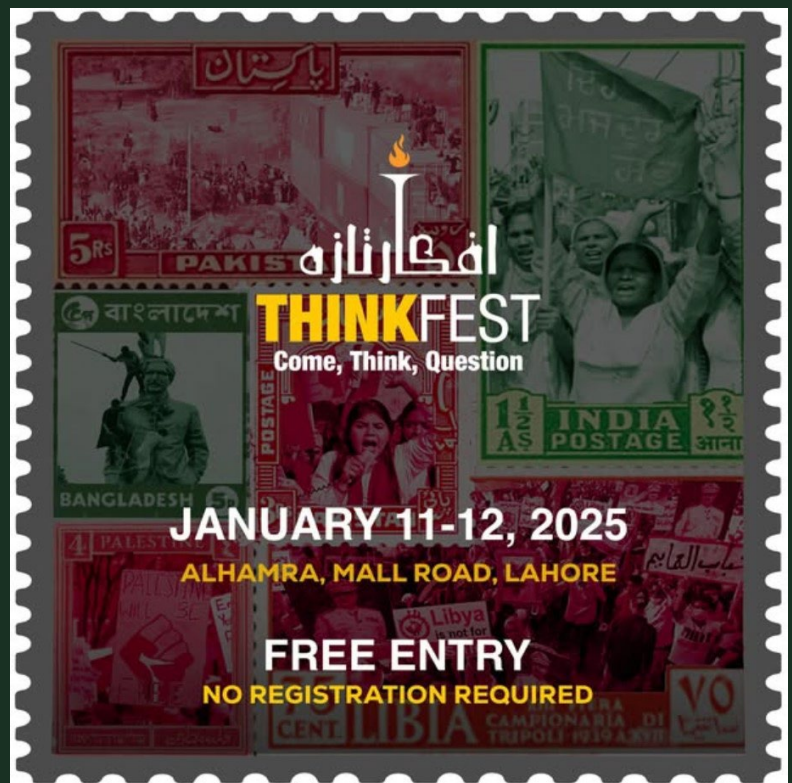
AFKAR-E-TAZA THINKFEST 2025: EXPLORING "HISTORY AS DIALOGUE"

Information Technology University (ITU) proudly organized the 8th edition of Afkar-e-Taza ThinkFest in January at Alhambra Arts Council, Lahore. Themed after E.H. Carr's quote, "History is an unending dialogue between the past and the present," the festival served as a dynamic platform for intellectual discourse and cultural reflection.

The event featured a powerful artistic installation of historic postage stamps transformed with protest imagery, symbolizing the connection between past narratives and present global challenges. The two-day festival included panel discussions, interactive sessions, and keynote conversations with leading thinkers, writers, policymakers, and academics from across Pakistan and beyond.

Notable voices included Mira Nair, Mohsin Hamid, Hina Rabbani Khar, and Miftah Ismail, among others, who engaged audiences in critical discussions on politics, literature, digital rights, and the future of democracy.

Through its support of Afkar-e-Taza, ITU continues to champion spaces that foster critical thinking, open dialogue, and cross-disciplinary engagement—strengthening its role as a thought leader in higher education and public discourse.



PHILOSOPHY FESTIVAL 2024 SHOWCASES CREATIVE INQUIRY AT ITU

Information Technology University (ITU) recently hosted the Philosophy Festival 2024, a two-day celebration of creativity, critical thinking, and philosophical exploration. Organized by the BS EDS 2024 cohort under the guidance of Dr. Abubakr Khan, the festival invited students and faculty alike to reflect on pressing philosophical and social themes.

The event featured a diverse mix of art installations, video screenings, poetry recitations, and interactive sessions, addressing topics such as AI, free will, love, and social justice. Highlights included animated films by Puffball Studio, the impactful Nikahnama Project by Syeda Raiha Bukhari, and a compelling lecture by Dr. Abubakr Khan titled "The Anguish of Freedom."

Thought-provoking theatre performances added a powerful dimension to the festival's message, while closing remarks and souvenir presentations by Dr. Yaqoob Khan Bangash underscored the event's significance. Faculty members from ITU's Humanities and Social Sciences departments also joined to honor the students' work.

This year's edition also featured panel discussions, live music, and an immersive philosophical mural that sparked deep conversations. Student-curated exhibits creatively blended literature, ethics, politics, and visual storytelling, encouraging audiences to question, engage, and interpret.

The festival concluded with an open mic night, bringing together diverse voices, personal stories, and reflections, making it a truly inclusive and memorable academic experience.

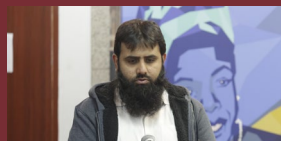


ITU HOSTS STEM INNOVATION & KNOWLEDGE DISSEMINATION WORKSHOP

Information Technology University (ITU) recently hosted the STEM Innovation & Knowledge Dissemination Workshop in collaboration with the Global Center for Innovative Systems & Solutions (CISS-Global) and the IEEE APS CAS MTT SSCS Joint Chapter – Lahore Section. The event brought together students, faculty, and researchers for a day filled with interactive discussions, technical insights, and engaging activities.

A major highlight of the workshop was the keynote address by Prof. Dr. Qammer H. Abbasi from the University of Glasgow, UK, who spoke on "Intelligently Reconfigurable Systems for 6G Communication & Remote Health Sensing." His session was well-received by attendees, sparking meaningful conversations around next-generation technologies.

The workshop also featured a Faculty of Engineering Project Expo, career counseling sessions, and an informal "Gup-Shap" segment focused on overseas career opportunities in the UK, US, and Europe. The event was organized under the leadership of Dr. Muhammad Qasim Mehmood (Associate Professor & Chairperson, EED), Prof. Tauseef Tauqeer (Dean, Faculty of Engineering), and Dr. Muhammad Zubair (Associate Professor, EED). This workshop reflected ITU's commitment to fostering innovation, strengthening global academic ties, and empowering students with the knowledge and exposure to thrive in a competitive STEM landscape.



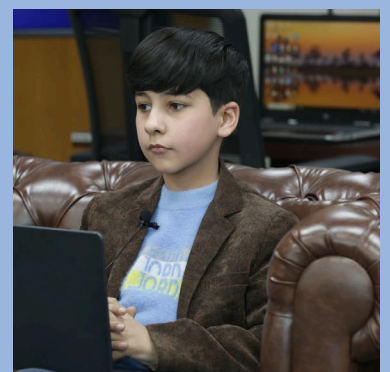
PAKISTAN'S YOUNGEST STARTUP CEO VISITS ITU TO EXPLORE TECH COLLABORATION

Ahmed Hayat, a 12-year-old tech prodigy and the youngest startup CEO in Pakistan, recently visited Information Technology University (ITU) to seek mentorship and institutional support for his groundbreaking ventures. During his meeting with Vice Chancellor Dr. Adnan Noor Mian, Ahmed presented his ongoing projects, which span advanced domains such as chip development, cyber-attack detection, web development, and Application-Specific Integrated Circuit (ASIC) design.

The session, joined by senior faculty members including Dr. Rehan Hafiz, Dr. Ali Ahmed, Dr. Muhammad Qasim Mehmood, and Dr. Rehan Ahmed, led to an engaging and promising dialogue. Impressed by Ahmed's talent and ambition, Dr. Mian appointed Dr. Rehan Hafiz as his

mentor and extended ITU's full support and access to academic resources to help nurture his ideas.

Ahmed expressed a strong interest in Digital Logic Design, Computer Architecture, Ethical Hacking, and Cybersecurity, and aims to contribute meaningfully to Pakistan's technological landscape. His visit symbolizes a bold step toward empowering young innovators and highlights ITU's commitment to fostering the next generation of tech leaders.





ITU SHINES AT UCP MODEL UNITED NATIONS 2024

The ITU Model United Nations (ITUMUN) delegation delivered an outstanding performance at the University of Central Punjab Model United Nations (UCPMUN) 2024, bringing pride to the university through their excellence in debate and diplomacy. The delegation secured a total of four awards, including the prestigious Outstanding Delegate Award, won by Tayyab Chattah, in recognition of his exceptional leadership, negotiation skills, and ability to address complex global issues with poise and diplomacy. Additionally, three members of the delegation earned Honorable Mention awards, underscoring the team's strategic thinking, research excellence, and articulate representation in international forums. This achievement highlights ITU's strong presence in both academic and extracurricular domains and serves as an inspiration for students aspiring to leadership roles. The success at UCPMUN reaffirms ITUMUN's commitment to fostering critical thinking, public speaking, and diplomatic engagement, preparing students to lead with confidence on both national and global platforms.

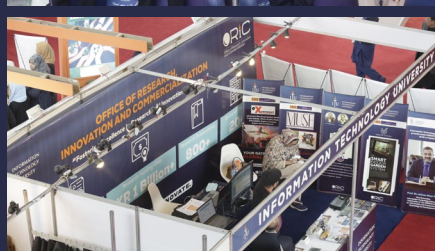
ITU SHOWCASES INNOVATION AT THE 10TH PAKISTAN MEGA LEATHER SHOW

The Office of Research, Innovation & Commercialization (ORIC) at Information Technology University (ITU) actively participated in the 10th Pakistan Mega Leather Show at Expo Centre, Lahore. The event provided a platform to showcase ITU's groundbreaking research projects, hardware prototypes, and innovative solutions, drawing interest from industry leaders, entrepreneurs, and technology enthusiasts.

Through interactive demonstrations and discussions, ITU's research teams engaged with key stakeholders from the leather, manufacturing, and technology sectors, fostering collaborations to drive industrial innovation.

Experts explored potential applications of ITU's cutting-edge technologies within the leather industry and beyond.

By promoting knowledge-sharing and industry engagement, ITU reaffirmed its commitment to research commercialization and technological advancement in Pakistan.



ITU STUDENTS TRIUMPH AT LUMS PREMIER PSIFI WEB SHARK HACKATHON

Information Technology University (ITU) proudly announces that its students, Ahmad Ashfaq and Ajwad Alam, clinched first place at the LUMS Premier PSIFI Web Shark Hackathon, outperforming teams from FAST, UMT, LUMS, NUML, and others. Their exceptional web development project earned them a PKR 75,000 prize, showcasing ITU's legacy of technical excellence and innovation. The competition was judged by industry experts from Confiz, who commended the team's strategic execution, coding proficiency, and creative solutions. This outstanding achievement underscores ITU's commitment to nurturing high-caliber STEM talent and serves as an inspiration for future cohorts. Congratulations to Ahmad and Ajwad for this impressive accomplishment!



CONGRATULATIONS

Zain Faraz
Runners-Up

Competitive Programming Track
LUMS Premier PSIFI XVI Code Rumble



CONGRATULATIONS

Ahmad Ashfaq & Ajwad Alam
WINNER

LUMS Premier PSIFI XVI WebShark Hackathon

