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News of the Month



Training on Work Ethics

A training session was held by Miss Fatima Usman on the topic of Work Ethics on 29th January, 2020. It was highly beneficial session for the ethical improvement of professional and Semi-Professional staff. She correlated this important topic with the psychological aspects of routine happenings in the work place as well as in personal lives. Staff learned a lot and wish to have many beneficial sessions in future.

Orange Party

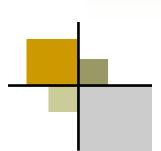
This is an annually celebrated event by the library staff. Important personalities i.e. campus director, convener library committee, in-charge library participate and enjoy this healthy activity along with the whole library staff. This winter it held on 24th January.





Birthday Celebrations

As per library traditions, library staff celebrated birthday of Mr. Moaz Mahmood on 4th January, 2020. Special cake was arranged along with other eatables. All wished him prosperous life ahead on the tea party.



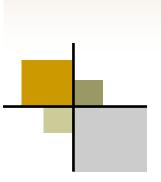
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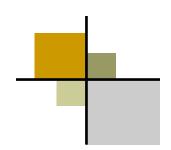
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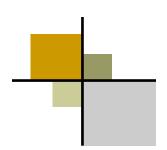
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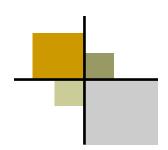
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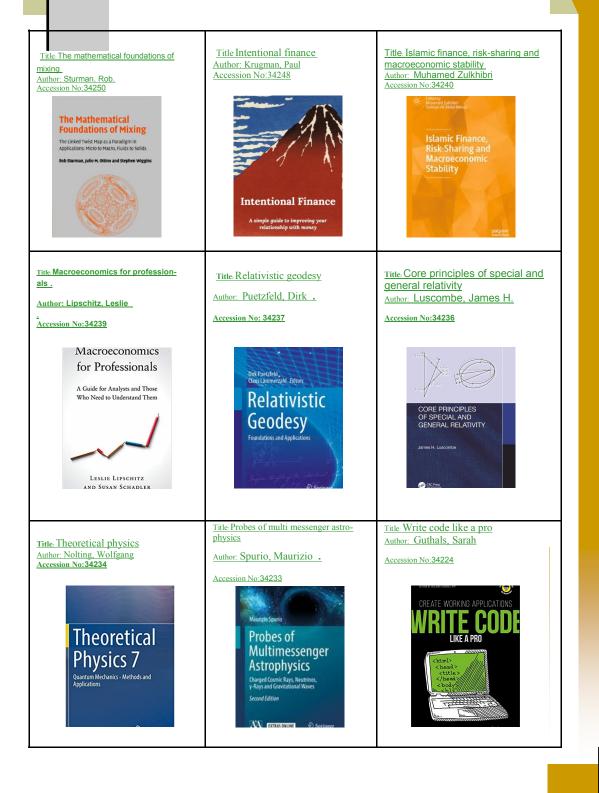
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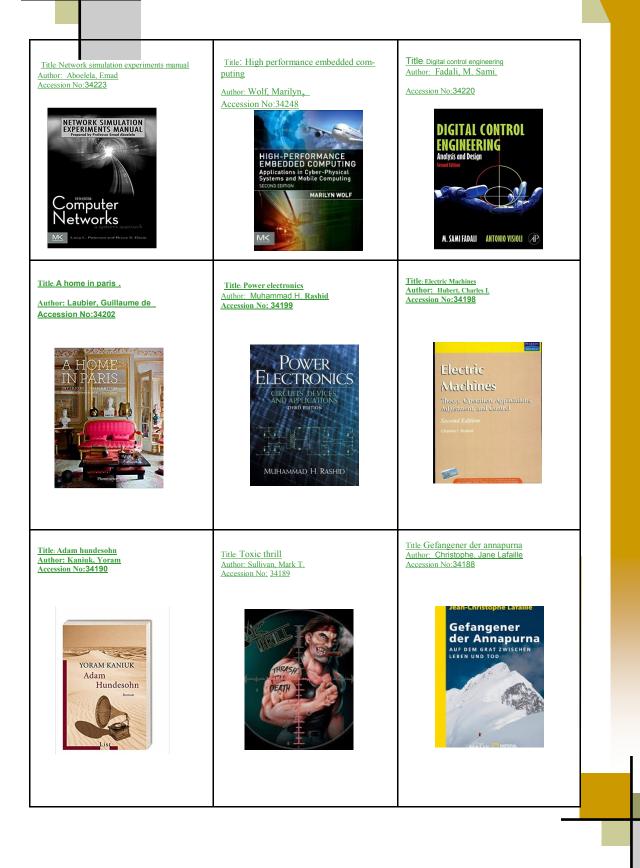
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Title: Action against Former COMSATS Rector,

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PAC body directs action against former Comsats rector

Parliamentarians shocked to learn official was reemployed as ED

By Kashif Abbasi

ISLAMABAD: A parliamentary committee on Monday directed the authoritor of Comsats University, who was reemployed at the end of his tenure, for offerapproval from the Higher Education Commission (HEC).

six-member subcommittee of the Public Accounts Committee (PAC), which met at Parliament House for a session convened by Senator Sherry Rehman, was informed that Comsats had begun dualdegree programmes without approval from the HEC and that no action was taken against those who began the programme and put the careers of 2,532 students at risk.

The committee recommended that the

degrees of these students should be recog- malities for the program." nised by the HEC.

action had been taken against the officers beneficial for students. responsible, they were told that the registrar and treasurer had retired and the rector reemployed as the executive director.

The committee members were shocked that the rector was reemployed at a higher post instead of facing action. They recommended action against all the officials ties to take action against the former rec- involved and directed the HEC to recognise the students' degrees.

The Comsats Institute of Information ing dual-degree programmes without Technology Lahore offered a dual-degree programme under a joint venture with the University of Lancaster, in which 2,532 students were enrolled from 2010 to 2014. The university earned Rs495.6 million from fees for this programme.

According to audit officers, the programme had no legal authority because it began without approval from the HEC.

The audit para discussed at Monday's meeting had recommended that "responsibility should be fixed for putting the careerof students at risk and starting the program without having cleared legal for-

The audit report said an inquiry was carried out that held the rector, registrar ruption allegations against the manageand treasurer responsible. It said the committee had recommended action against them and the HEC was directed to issue policy guidelines for universities to sign ICAs.

The report said the departmental audit committee (DAC) was apprised that the university, the committee also action needed to be taken by the HEC had been taken and guidelines for signing ICAs were available on the commission's website.

The audit report said the DAC noted that no action has been taken so far to implement the inquiry committee's other recommendations, even though the the committee expressed its displeasure inquiry report was finalised in April 2018. with the HEC, National Accountability Acting Comsats Rector Dr Raheel Qamar told the meeting on Monday that other departments for lack of the Lahore High Court had decided the coordination. Senator Rehman said that matter in favour of the students, but the action could be initiated against the prin-HEC filed an intra-court appeal and the cipal accounting officer in case of nonmatter remains in court.

The committee members said parlia- tives

mentarians were in favour of the students The para, however, said that Comsats and their degrees should be recognised. When committee members asked what defended the programme and declared it They criticised the HEC was filing an appeal to create obstacles for students.

The committee was also shocked by corment of the Federal Urdu University of Arts, Science and Technology during the tenure of former vice chancellor Dr Zafar Iqbal, who obtained bail in cases registered against him.

While discussing audit paras related to expressed concern over the university for buying land in Zone IV of the capital without approach land. The purchase of land in a unfeasible area was referred to the Federal Investigation Agency to complete the probe within six weeks. On other audit paras related to HEC.

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