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## ***News of the month***

### **One day seminar on Changing Role of Library Information Professionals Using Innovative Cutting-Edge Technologies**

With the collaboration of COMSATS Institute of Information Technology Islamabad, LIS Solution (Ltd) organized one-day seminar on **“Changing Role of Library Information Professionals Using Innovative Cutting-Edge Technologies”**. The seminar was held on January 20, 2018 in CIIT Islamabad.

Dr. Muhammad Tariq, Library in charge CIIT Lahore was the invited speaker and discussed about new tools and technology in professional field. In this seminar Muhammad Ishtiaq Deputy Librarian and Ms. Fatima Usman Assistant Librarian CIIT Lahore were also participated.



## Awareness Session for Library Professionals of CIIT Lahore

After attending one-day seminar entitled " **Changing Role of Library Information Professionals Using Innovative Cutting Edge Technologies**" held at CIIT Islamabad on January 20, 2018. From CIIT Lahore, Dr. Muhammad Tariq, Library Incharge, Muhammad Ishtiaq, Deputy Librarian and Ms. Fatima Usman, Assistant Librarian attend the seminar. On their return, and as per practice, CIIT Lahore has arranged two hours seminar on January 26, 2018. All staff of CIIT Lahore attended this seminar. Dr. Muhammad Tariq, Library Incharge, Muhammad Ishtiaq Deputy Librarian and Ms. Fatima Usman Assistant Librarian share their experience and views with the attendees. All library staff appreciated and discussed the latest cutting edge technologyg being used in Library field.



# Orange Party

To keep going its tradition, CIIT Lahore library staff arranged seasonal "Orange Party" on January 26, 2018 at CIIT Lahore. All library staff attended this party of seasonal oranges. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, Director CIIT Lahore and Additional Registrar Dr. Rasheed Ahmed Khan also participated and grace the event.



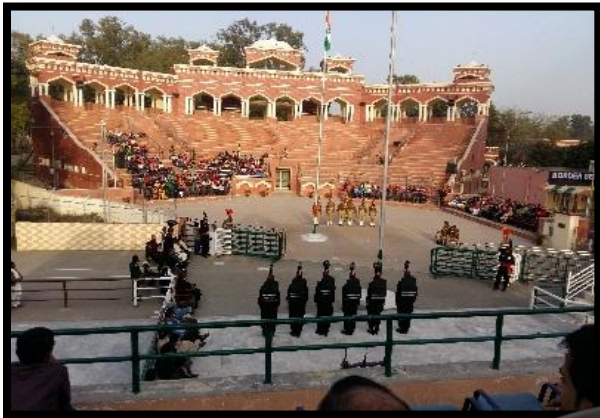
## Birthday Celebrations of Dr. Robina Farooq

CIIT Lahore Library staff celebrated birthday of Dr Robbina Farooq (Convener of Library Affairs Committe) . The celebration was held on January 31, 2018. All library staff members participated and everyone wished her a wonderful birthday. We wish her every day to be filled with lots of love, laughter, happiness. Very happy returns of the day Maam always stay blessed.

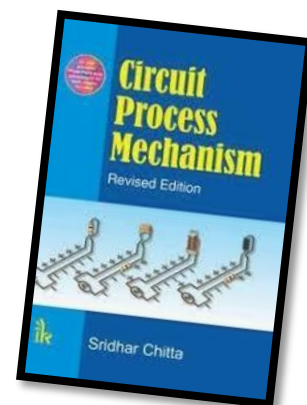
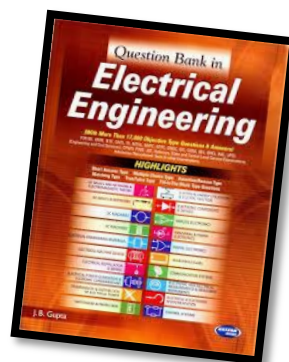
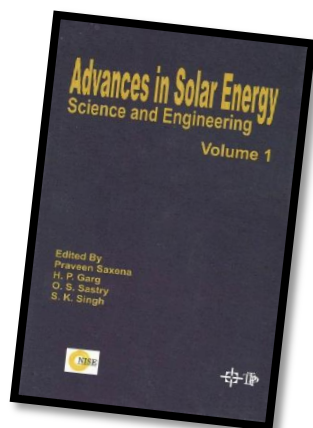
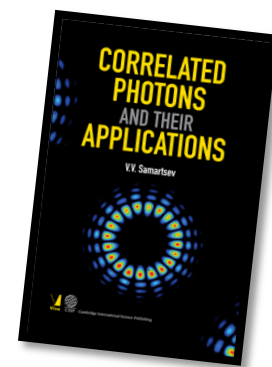
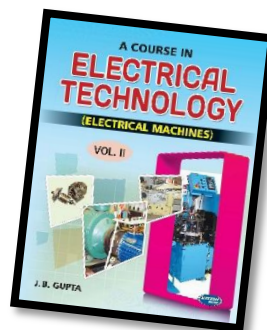
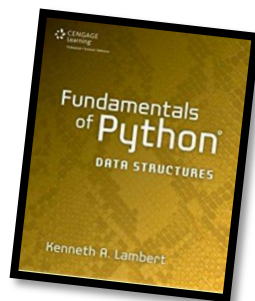
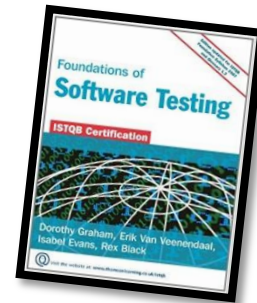
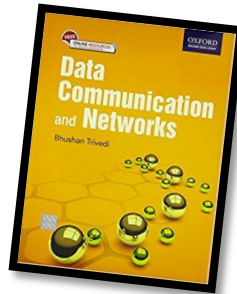
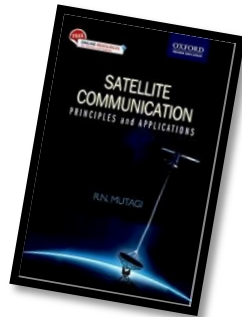


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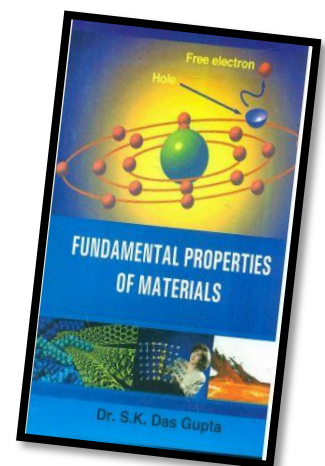
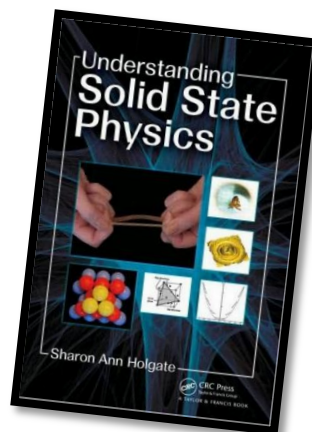
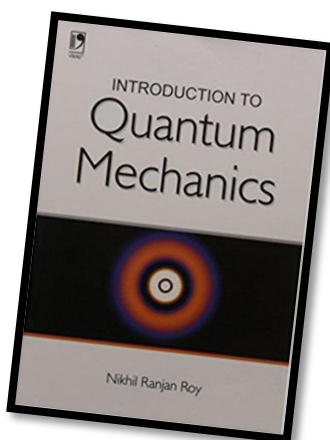
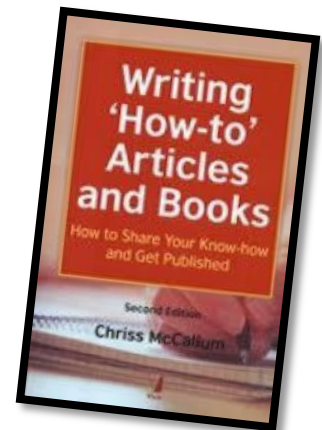
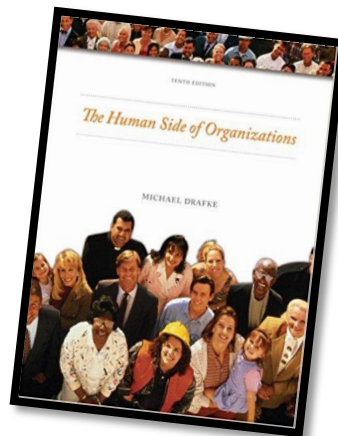
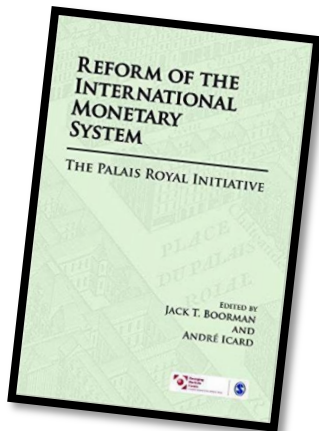
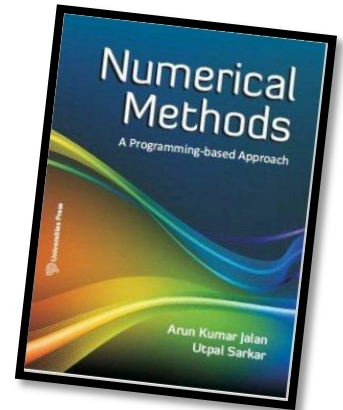
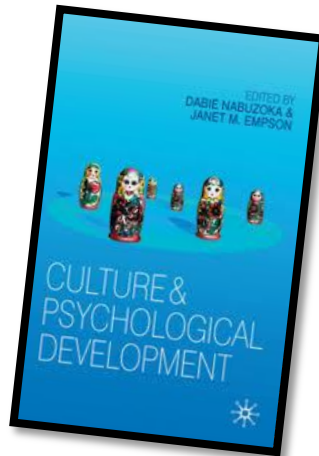
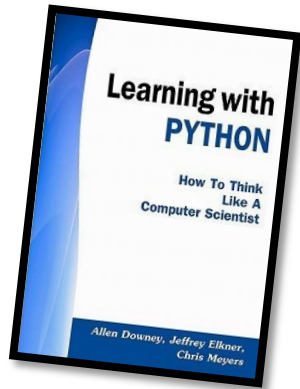
LIS organized a recreational activity as an end of the semester break get together. The whole staff along with the Incharge library Dr. Muhammad Tariq Najmi went to Kasur. The first stop was at Ganda Singh Board, the second one was the tomb of Bhullay Shah, and the third one was the fish party at Javaid Fish Wala. the whole trip was excellent and enjoyable. All felt refreshed and all set for the upcoming semester.

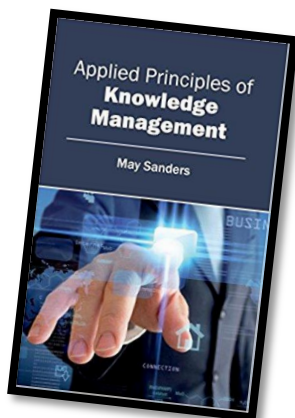
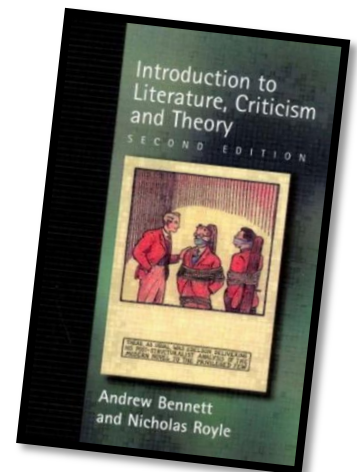
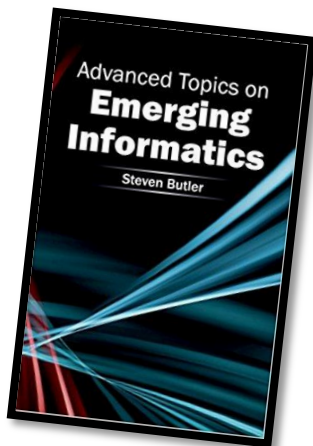
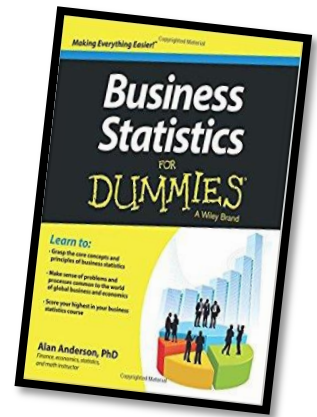
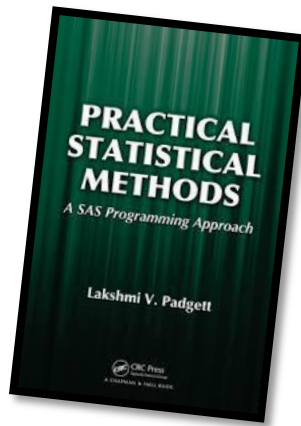
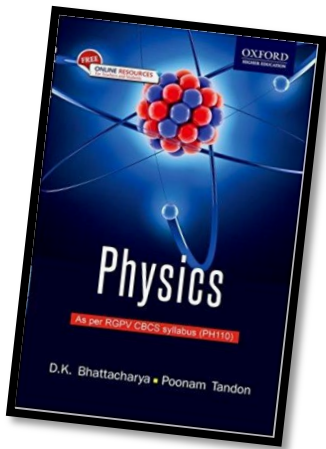


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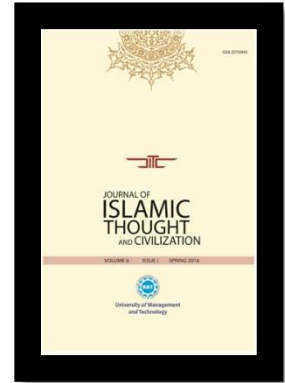


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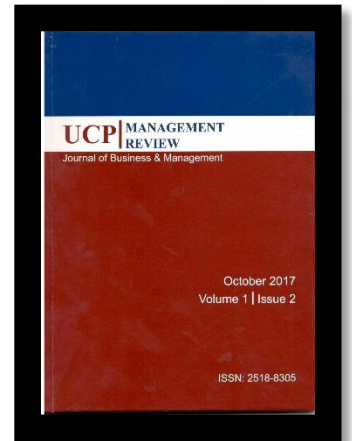
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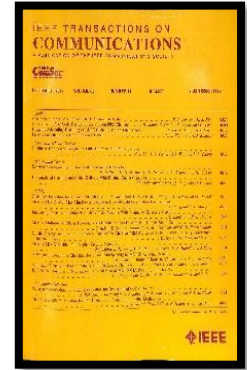
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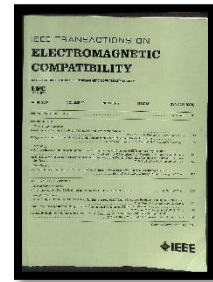
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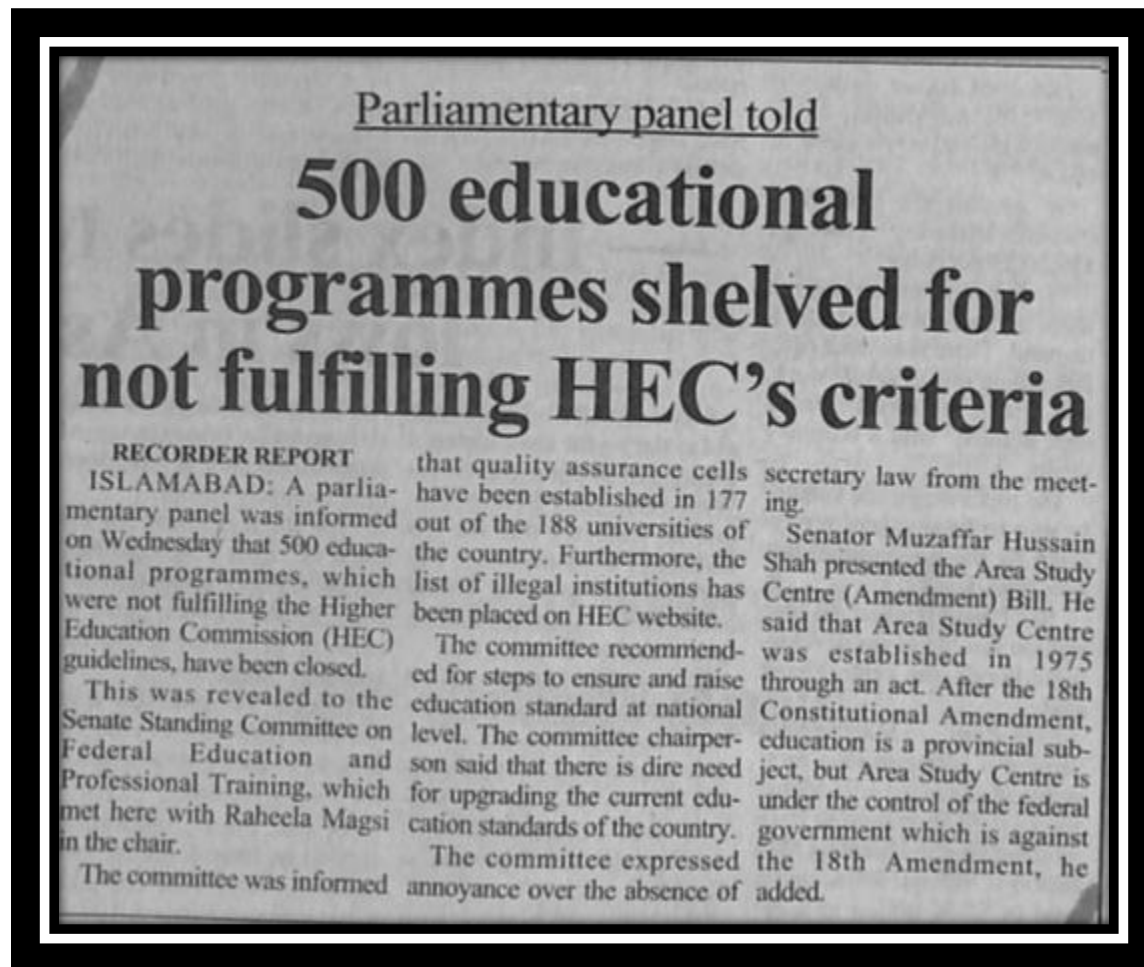
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## Plight of Higher Education in Pakistan

Despite many tall claims, the higher education sector in 2017 could not even maintain its state that it achieved in the preceding years. The higher education confronted significant problems including meagre funding, lack of academic freedom, the skimpy infrastructure and most importantly the undemocratic governing structure, which discourages teachers' empowerment. Instead of policy making to bring positive changes in overall higher education, the HEC remained ambushed with petty glitches. According to QS ranking, only 3 universities are listed in top 800 universities of the world as compared to what we had 2 years back when our 6 universities marked in top 800 universities of the world. HEC also failed to bring any change in the education system. Still, a number of universities are working with incomplete acts/ordinances. The universities established during martial-law are still lacking senates and are being governed in an undemocratic fashion. Working without its 18 members governing board, the decisions are made in bureaucratic and ad-hoc fashions in the corridors of supreme academic body of the country. HEC has not published its progress report since 2014, the failures persist since the time current leadership assumed the charge.

Higher education budget was increased in financial year 2017-18. However, the budgetary allocation for education is still less than many south Asian countries. This year, most of the new development projects in the higher education sector have failed to get approval while universities remain devoid of critical infrastructures. Unlike the developed countries, the lack of involvement of the stakeholder specially the elected faculty has significantly marred the quality of higher education, rather shifted the focus to quantity only. The government is indulged in the rhetoric and the Higher Education Commission is involved in amplifying the government message of point scoring through establishment of new universities and laptop distribution schemes. Many universities are facing financial crunch causing delay in salaries as well, while HEC has spent millions on needless foreign tours along with two Vice-Chancellors conferences and a convention titled vision 2025. Such useless exercises without active participation of faculty and students - which were not even invited - are merely the wastage of time, resources and tax payers' money. Country wide protests of more than 300 local and foreign PhD holders have been reported. On the contrary, HEC scholarships are being announced unabatedly without any need assessment. The commission has not conducted any impact assessment of already distributed scholarships where huge public funds have been exhausted. The public exchequer is being exuberantly spilled without any feasibility.

Furthermore, the universities should be a hub of critical thinking, and should be producing critical mass for the society they serve. Where not only teachers and students can express their ideas freely, but it should also engage civil society to debate on critical issues for their resolves. Perhaps, the freedom of ex-

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pression is the most influential factor for emergence of academia as a driving force of the nation. Still freedom of expression is almost non-existent in many Pakistani universities. Repeated dictatorships and compromised democracies kept our society deprived of freedom of speech for long. Critical thinking and free speech is confronted by the leadership at universities and higher education. To arrange talks, one has to stride through many channels. Often, then discussions are circumscribed to boring and discouraging issues limiting the attendance of outsiders. It may not be expected from the university graduates to have critical thinking and presentation in such suffocating environment in the universities and institutes of higher education. Without provision of free speech, universities are merely a degree awarding factory rather than a repository of knowledge, and a seat for knowledge creation.

The most important factor affecting overall higher education environment is the governance model being executed at seats of higher learning. Huge irregularities have been ob-

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served during recent appointments of Vice-Chancellors (VCs) in the universities across Pakistan. Apparently, either the government is ignorant or deliberately appointing VCs who do not fulfill the criteria. The statutory bodies in the universities having democratic traditions are being sidelined by these VCs. The role of VC has become more of a subordinate to HEC or Chief Minister's Secretariat rather than an academic and administrative leader of the seat for higher learning. Moreover, some universities are functioning without proper statutory bodies such as Quaid-e-Azam University, International Islamic University, COMSATS etc. The extension and ad hocism in the appointments of leadership at HEC and VCs have adversely affected progress of higher education in Pakistan.

Due to politically fixed term appointment, they are not the real stake holders but the teachers and students of the varsities. The Vice-Chancellors are holding high powers, the faculty complains lack of motivation due to irregular appointments/promotions, waning academic freedom and poor resources for teaching and research. The ratio of contractual appointments at administrative positions is at rampant in HEC as well as universities. Critical and policy decisions are being made through these contractual employees who don't have any stakes at all, such contractual appointments are also violation of the verdicts of the Supreme Court of Pakistan.

Now it's time to think over the root cause of the existing problems in higher education, which primarily is the lack of democratic norms in varsities. Reinventing the wheel is not a viable solution, the system being executed at top universities of world may be studied and adopted after taking the stakeholders into confidence. Political leadership is not willing to surrender their undemocratic authority grabbed by dictators to the lower level. Participatory democracy ensures meaningful contributions to decision-making by all the stakeholders as well as transparency.

The Higher Education governance model is based on dictatorial mindsets, the democracy should be restored in higher education as per 1973 constitution. The acts of old and well-established universities like Karachi University, Punjab University and Peshawar University are splendid and formed on the democratic norms. The act of each university should be revised according to the acts of these well-established universities with some university specific amendments. While formulating policies concerning higher education, the stakeholders especially elected faculty should be taken on board. Existing closed door unilateral policies should be revisited, the role and scope of all higher education bodies should be re-defined. All the authorities should work within their prescribed limits and as per their man-

date prescribed in constitution of Pakistan.

The ad hocism and extension culture should be discouraged. Year 2018 is very important for higher education; the top leadership in higher education are going to complete their terms, including the chairman HEC and tens of vice-chancellors. It is high time to advertise all those positions and induct suitable persons on merit. The political appointments have already ruined higher education system in Pakistan. The HEC leadership as well as the Vice-Chancellors should present their progress to faculty and students each year. Such practice will bring transparency in the affairs of universities and is vital for the uplift of higher education. Prime Minister and President of Pakistan should take out some time to rescue the higher education; and at least appoint all higher education leadership on merit.

The establishment of the office of Higher Education Ombudsman may be an excellent step for maintaining the good governance in universities efficiently and effectively. The ombudsman office is essential for redressing the issues of teachers, students and other employees, which can save time and resources of stakeholders as well as making them accountable.

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# Quality of Higher Education

An Essential Ingredient for a Nation's Success

Quality of higher education has become a benchmark for the success of a nation. Today, more than ever before in human history, the wealth or poverty of nations depends on the quality of higher education. Factors that trigger the need for Quality Assurance (QA) include intense competition between universities, increasingly higher expectations of employers, global pressures emphasising the significance of quality education, increasing emphasis of the government and the regulatory bodies (such as HEC) on quality of education, internationalisation of education, recognition of degrees at world level, and above all, moral obligation to give the best possible education to the students. Those countries that have realised its importance, and are taking adequate measures to enhance the standard of higher education, are counted in the best ranking education. In Pakistan, Higher Education Commission (HEC) is responsible for the quality of higher education. There is no denying the fact that the quality of knowledge being imparted by higher education institutions in Pakistan is not at all satisfactory.

The dismal state of higher education in Pakistan called for taking immediate and focused measures to assure and enhance the standards of educational quality. Taking cognisance of the situation and with the objective of achieving international competitiveness and compatibility of its academic programmes and research quality, HEC established Quality Assurance Agency (QAA) to spearhead the movement for enhancing the quality of higher education in the country.

QAA safeguards public interest by enforcing sound standards in higher education and encouraging continuous improvement by reviewing and developing higher education benchmarks and quality criteria.

HEC lays a particular focus on the institution of quality enhancement, quality and relevance of the graduates and research programmes, and thus, enable universities to play a more effective role in the economy. The basis for this belief is in the finding that education contributes to economic growth in a number of ways. First, it improves the quality of labour by imparting skills suggested by HEC to enhance the quality of higher education which begins by establishing a mission, followed by functions that have to be carried out to achieve the mission and the objectives.


A quality management system is then recommended to ensure the quality of the programmes. Lastly, an internal system is proposed to assess the effectiveness of the management system. Since its inception in September 2002, HEC has been trying to transfer Pakistan from plantation economy to knowledge economy. It has reached in a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with Germany, Italy, Austria and China to setup nine Engineering and Science and Technology universities. Moreover, the journey HEC started in 2005 with the establishment of QAA has now reached to a stage where there are offices working under the umbrella of QAA.

These Cells submit a Quarterly Progress Report (QPR) on regular basis and meet on quarterly basis to share their experiences and concerns. These meetings and documented progress reports have connected all the QECs with a single aim of provision of quality education in the higher education institutions in Pakistan. As a consequence, universities are coming up in the ranking index of international bodies. The HEC produced more PhD scholars in eight years, which was not witnessed in the last 55 years. However, initiatives are required to strengthen it by keeping it protected from evils designs. The state ought to support and encourage the HEC to bring indigenous universities at par with international universities. This initiative will not only diminish brain drain but also to attract foreign students for further education here.

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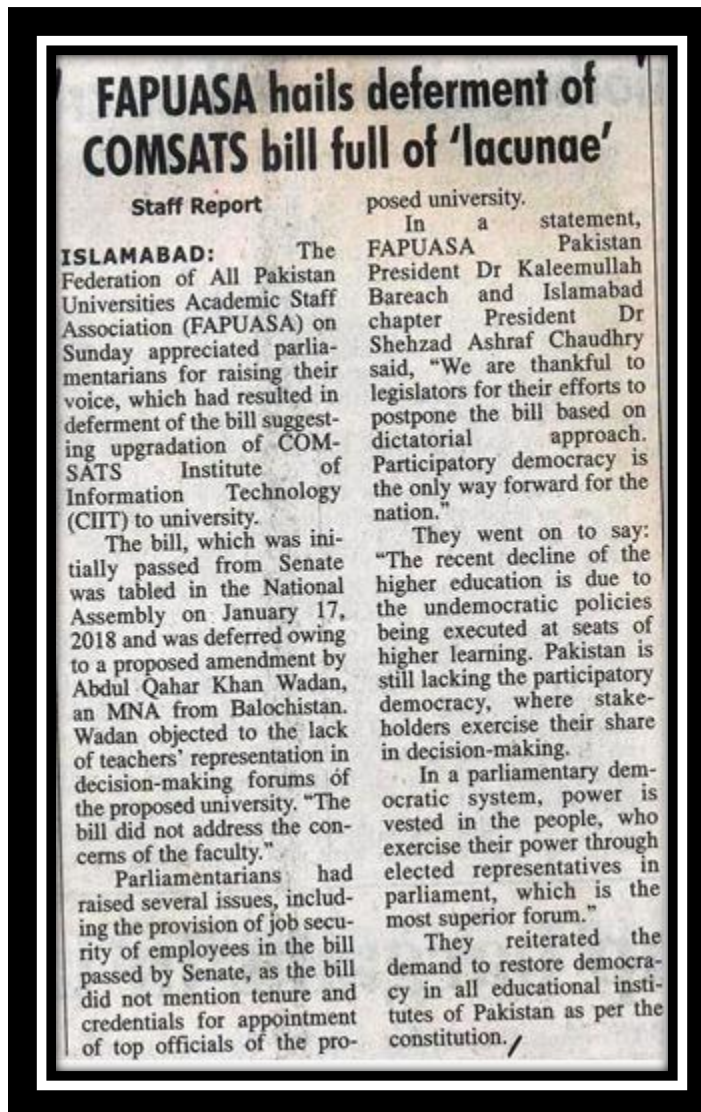
Third, it improves management skills which lead to more efficient location of resources. Fourth, it removes many of the social and institutional barriers to economic growth. Finally, it encourages entrepreneurship by promoting individual responsibility, organisational ability, moderate risk-taking, and long-term planning.

The HEC has been putting its best possible efforts to ensure the required standard of education in the country. HEC is trying hard to streamline the universities to adopt quality assurance mechanism to improve the quality of their teaching and research. An instrumental approach has been



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