



# BUITEMS

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## Our Vision

To be among the leading universities of the world - accessible to all, imparting quality education and promoting cutting edge research.

## Mission Statement

At **BUIITEMS**, we are committed to providing quality education with focus on research and to equip students with the art of living as productive members of society, contributing to the socio-economic uplift of Pakistan in general, and Balochistan in particular.

## Our Goals

- ◆ To provide outstanding academic programs that further strengthen our performance, pre-eminence and efficiency.
- ◆ To provide an excellent teaching and learning environment to students to reach a level that matches the atmosphere prevailing at best universities in the world.
- ◆ To raise revenues from partnerships, research grants and technology transfer while strengthening our ability to more effectively invest and allocate resources for education.

## Our Core Values

<b>Accountability:</b>	We are committed stewards of the human, fiscal and physical resources entrusted to us.
<b>Diversity :</b>	We recognize that diversity leads to excellence, enhancing our teaching, scholarship and service as well as our ability to respect and interact with people.
<b>Integrity :</b>	We practice honesty, truth and integrity in all that we do.
<b>Respect:</b>	We treat each other with civility, dignity and respect.
<b>Social responsibility:</b>	We contribute to intellectual, cultural, spiritual and economic well-being of the society.

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# Editorial

Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering, and Management Sciences (BUITEMS) can indeed serve as a hub for Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in the region. The SDGs, adopted by the United Nations, are a set of 17 global goals designed to address various social, economic, and environmental challenges by 2030. The current edition of the newsletter serves as the testament to the above stated fact.

We dive into the inspiring progress made towards achieving the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). These global goals are our roadmap for a better future, addressing pressing challenges such as poverty, inequality, climate change, and more. In this edition, we bring you insightful reports under different SDGs, highlighting the remarkable efforts of individuals, organizations, and communities around the world.

As we delve into these reports under different SDGs, we are reminded of the collective responsibility we bear in driving sustainable development. The SDGs serve as our roadmap, guiding our path towards a more sustainable and equitable world.

In the pursuit of a better world, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) have emerged as a guiding light, illuminating a path towards a future of sustainable development and shared prosperity for all. As we reflect upon the journey thus far, it is imperative to recognize the remarkable achievements, commendable progress, and unwavering determination demonstrated under the guidelines provided by the SDGs.

The journey towards achieving the SDGs is far from over, but the remarkable achievements, progress, and determination witnessed thus far deserve celebration and recognition. Through the pursuit of these global goals, we have witnessed the power of collective action, demonstrating that a sustainable and inclusive future is within our reach. Let us continue to harness the spirit of the SDGs, amplifying our efforts to leave no one behind and create a world where prosperity, peace, and sustainability thrive for generations to come.

By actively engaging with the SDGs, BUITEMS can play a vital role in promoting sustainable development in Balochistan and beyond. It can contribute to knowledge creation, capacity development, and the implementation of projects that positively impact the lives of communities while addressing the challenges outlined by the SDGs.



## Farewell Party for the Vice Chancellor

Reported by: Tariq Mehmood Khattak

On March 24, 2023, the management of BUITEMS organized a grand Farewell Party to bid farewell to Mr. Ahmed Farooq Bazai (S.I, H.I), the esteemed Vice Chancellor, upon the completion of his contractual employment at BUITEMS, Quetta. The event was attended by distinguished individuals, including Dr. Abdul Rehman Khan, Pro Vice Chancellor of BUITEMS, Prof. Dr. Zahid Rauf, Registrar of BUITEMS, Directors, Deans, Chairpersons, Faculty Members, Administrative Staff, and Students of BUITEMS. This gathering was filled with warmth, appreciation, and fond memories.



During the Farewell Party, the attendees had the privilege of personally meeting with the Vice Chancellor and expressing their best wishes for his remarkable contributions to the field of education, particularly his invaluable work for BUITEMS during his tenure.



Dr. Abdul Rehman Khan, the Pro Vice Chancellor, shared his thoughts on Mr. Bazai's tenure, acknowledging his dedication of 17 years to BUITEMS. He highlighted Mr. Bazai's tireless efforts in working towards the betterment of the university and its employees. Dr. Khan expressed deep appreciation for Mr. Bazai's significant impact on the institution.

The Farewell Party served as a fitting tribute to the Vice Chancellor, providing an opportunity for the BUITEMS community to come together and recognize his dedication, leadership, and achievements. The occasion was marked by heartfelt speeches, well-wishes, and expressions of gratitude.

As Mr. Ahmed Farooq Bazai embarks on a new chapter in his journey, BUITEMS will continue to cherish his contributions and strive to build upon the foundation he has laid. The university community looks forward to carrying forward his vision and upholding the values he instilled during his time as the Vice Chancellor.









## Board of Studies Department of Mass Communication

Reported by: Tariq Mehmood Khattak

"The Department of Mass Communication at BUITEMS organized its 5th Board of Studies (BOS) Meeting on January 05, 2023. Esteemed external experts, including Prof. Dr. Seemi Naghmana Tahir, former chairperson of the Department of Mass Communication at the University of Karachi, Prof. Dr. Babrak Niaz, Chairperson of the Department of Media Studies, and Associate Prof. Dr. Faheem Muhammad Baloch from the University of Balochistan, attended the meeting. The experts actively participated and provided valuable suggestions for curriculum construction, ensuring its relevance and alignment with the latest developments in the field. The meeting was a resounding success, further enhancing the Department's commitment to academic excellence."



## Pakistan Audit & Accounts Officers Visits to BUITEMS

Reported by: Syed Shah Muhammad



universities form a crucial partnership that drives innovation and societal advancements. Through collaboration, universities can utilize their expertise and resources to contribute to research and public services. This exchange of knowledge benefits both parties and leads to effective solutions for societal issues.

The Pakistan Audit and Accounts Service, a delegation of officers from the 49th training course led by Director Muhammad Ali Farooq Ghaybiyah, visited BUITEMS on January 10, 2023, and were welcomed by the Pro Vice Chancellor, Dr. Abdul Rahman Khan, and his team.

During the visit, the Director of Audit & Accounts engaged in fruitful discussions with the Pro Vice-Chancellor, faculty members, and administrative staff. The Director expressed admiration for the university's commitment to academic excellence and its dedication to fostering an environment conducive to holistic learning.

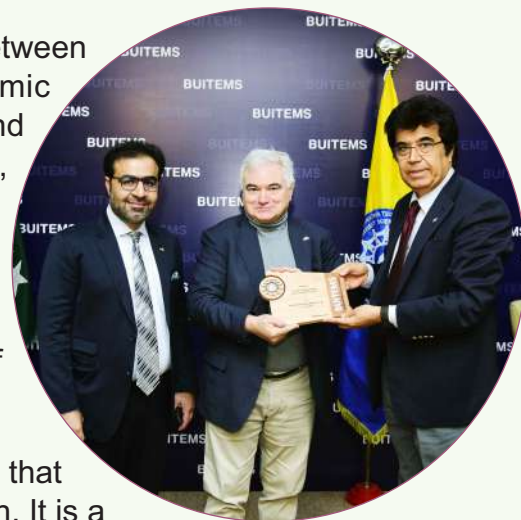
BUITEMS greatly values the visit of the Director of Audit & Accounts, recognizing it as a testament to the institution's commitment to sound financial practices. The visit serves as an endorsement of the university's efforts to ensure the responsible utilization of resources and maintain the highest standards of financial integrity. The Pro Vice-Chancellor extends gratitude to the Director for gracing the campus with their presence and looks forward to implementing the suggestions provided, ensuring continuous improvement in financial practices.



## German Ambassador Visited BUITEMS

Reported by: Syed Shah Muhammad

The German Ambassador, Alfred Grannas, visited BUITEMS on January 16, 2023. The purpose of the visit was to foster joint relations between Germany and Pakistan, explore opportunities for academic collaborations, and strengthen ties between BUITEMS and German educational institutions. He visited various sections, including the National Incubation Center, the Central Library, and the BUITEMS server and data center, and had meetings with senior officials and faculty. He was warmly welcomed by the Vice Chancellor, Mr. Ahmed Farooq Bazai, Pro Vice Chancellor Dr. Abdul Rehman, and Dr. Zahid Rauf, Registrar of BUITEMS.



The Vice Chancellor, Mr. Ahmed Farooq Bazai, highlighted that BUITEMS contributes to education and socio-economic growth. It is a global hub for SDG-8, promoting decent work and economic growth. The university integrates entrepreneurship into its curriculum and has a National Incubation Center (NIC) in collaboration with the Ministry of Information Technology. The NIC supports student startups and fosters innovation. The German Ambassador appreciated the team's efforts and met with the heads of various departments at BUITEMS to discuss potential areas of cooperation, such as faculty exchange, joint research projects, and student mobility programs. The Vice Chancellor, Mr. Ahmed Farooq Bazai, presented an honorary shield to the ambassador.

## USAID's Higher Education System Strengthening Activity (HESSA) Diversifying Financial Aid Resources: Best Practices in Fund Raising

Reported by: Nausheen Sabir



HESSA organized a four-day training workshop in January 2023, focusing on diversifying financial resources through fundraising. The training addressed topics based on feedback and data collected during the July 2022 Summit by representatives from the Financial Aid office. A total of 32 Financial Aid participants from HESSA partner HEIs attended the session. The objectives of the training were as follows:

- Provide in-depth participatory training on fundraising best practices and the development of Financial Aid Systems within the context of public HEIs in Pakistan.
- Foster a community of practice among the HESSA partner HEIs that was established during the July 2022 Summit.
- Enhance and refine the financial aid strategic plans of the HESSA partner HEIs for the year 2023.

The trainer for the program was Dr. Shariq Siddiqui, Assistant Professor of Philanthropic Studies and Director of the Muslim Philanthropy Initiative at Indiana University. Ms. Kinza Khan, Deputy Director of Financial Aid, and Ms. Nausheen Sabir, Assistant Director of Finance, attended the training session.



## Paving Pathways to Social Cohesion – A Training session by CRSS and Department of Mass Communication, BUITEMS.

Reported by: Tariq Mehmood Khattak

On January 17, 2023, an interactive training session titled "Paving Pathways to Social Cohesion" took place at BUITEMS. The session was conducted by Mr. Homer Jan, a lecturer of Mass Communication, in collaboration with the Center for Research and Security Studies (CRSS). The focus of the session was film training, and it involved the participation of 30 students from the departments of Mass Communication and Sociology. The chairperson, Mr. Tariq Mahmood, and other faculty members were also present.



During the three-hour training session at BUITEMS on January 17, 2023, CRSS screened short films to raise awareness about societal issues. Mr. Homer Jan led Q&A sessions to assess students' observations and the effectiveness of the messages conveyed in the films. The active participation of students demonstrated their understanding of the challenges. Ms. Shahida Batool urged the students to share the knowledge they gained with their communities."

## One-Day Training Workshop for Editors of Journals

Reported by: Sahar Munir



On February 2, 2023, the journal section of the Higher Education Commission (HEC) organized a one-day training workshop in Quetta. The seminar was conducted at ORIC-BUITEMS, which served as the focal center for the event. Participants from various circles and organizations joined the session.

The workshop was attended by editorial team members of journals operating from Balochistan, including the Balochistan Journal of Linguistics, Journal of Applied and Emerging Sciences, Al-Burz, Journal of Quranic and Social Studies, Rahat.ul.Quloob, Al-Dalili, Journal of Education & Humanities & Research (JEHR), Siazga Research Journal, and Meeri. ORIC played a crucial role in organizing the event and provided all the necessary arrangements, ensuring the success of the workshop. The effort and teamwork put forth by ORIC contributed to the smooth execution of the training workshop.



## The MoU signing ceremony of the Pakistan Institute of Engineering & Applied Sciences (PIEAS)

*Reported by: Syed Shah Muhammad*

The MoU signing ceremony of the Pakistan Institute of Engineering & Applied Sciences (PIEAS) and Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering & Management Sciences (BUIITEMS) was held on February 22, 2023, at the PIEAS head office in Islamabad. The documents were duly endorsed with the signatures of Pro-Vice Chancellor BUIITEMS, Dr. Abdul Rehman Khan, and Pro-Rector PIEAS, Dr. Shahid Qamar.

The MoU focused on academic and research collaboration for the development of quality human resources. BUIITEMS and PIEAS agreed to share their facilities, expertise, and technical resources to increase outreach in education and training.



## Training on “Capacity Building for Wildlife Conservation in Balochistan”

*Reported by: Dr. Anila Zafar & Mr. Mayen Khan*



BUIITEMS' Departments of Training & Development and Environmental Sciences organized a three-day training workshop titled "Capacity Building for Wildlife Conservation in Balochistan" from March 1st to 3rd, 2023. The workshop, funded by the HEC Grant for Training Workshops awarded to Dr. Anila Zafar, aimed to enhance the capacity of emerging researchers and address wildlife conservation challenges in Balochistan. Participants included students, environmental activists, and local community members. The workshop covered various topics such as ecology, climate change, biodiversity, wildlife monitoring and evaluation, conservation strategy development, and stakeholder engagement, as well as an introduction to GIS and photography.

Resource persons for the workshop included Mr. Arz Muhammad Umrani (Conservator, National Parks Balochistan), Mr. Yahya Musakhel (Conservation & Climate Change Activist), Dr. Anila Zafar (Professor, Department of Environmental Sciences), Mr. Amjad Khan (Research Assistant, SDSS Lab), and Mr. Mayen Khan (Wildlife Photographer). The workshop concluded on March 3rd, 2023, which also marked World Wildlife Day.





## Three Day Training workshop on “Road Safety, Traffic Rules & Driving Etiquettes

*Reported by: Mr. Farhan Ahmed Baig & Mr. Mayen Khan*

"BUITEMS' Transport Section and Department of Training & Development collaborated with the National Highways & Motorways Police, Balochistan Traffic Police, Hinopak Motors Limited, and Toyota Zarghoon Motors to organize a three-day training workshop on "Road Safety, Traffic Rules & Driving Etiquettes" from March 07-09, 2023. The workshop, sponsored by Hinopak Motors Limited and Toyota Zarghoon Motors, was delivered to BUITEMS drivers, bus conductors, administrative staff, faculty, and select students. Resource persons in the workshop included Mr. Bahsarat Ali (Senior Patrol Officer - National Highways & Motorways Police), Mr. Muhammad Ali Khokhar (DSP – PRO to IGP/Quetta Safe City), Mr. Azam Sarparah (Coordinator, Quetta Safe City Program / Chief of Traffic Section), Mr. Syed Muhammad Aslam Shah (Service Coordinator/Associate Customer Care, Hinopak Motors Limited), Muhammad Kursheed (Associate Sales, Hinopak Motors Limited), Ms. Braishna Durrani (CR Manager - Toyota Zarghoon Motors), and Mr. Ayaz John (Technical Advisor - Toyota Zarghoon Motors).



The three-day training workshop focused on traffic rules, signboards, eco-driving, driving etiquettes, drivers' attitudes, types of cars, and vehicle maintenance. The National Highways & Motorways Police facilitated an online test. The workshop aimed to enhance the knowledge and skills of BUITEMS drivers and concluded with a closing ceremony on March 9th, 2023.

At the closing ceremony, certificates were distributed among the participants for completing the three-day training workshop, and resource persons received certificates and souvenirs. Dr. Abdul Rehman Khan, Pro-Vice Chancellor of BUITEMS, presented a shield on behalf of BUITEMS to Dr. Muhammad Aslam, Secretary of Transportation – Balochistan. A souvenir was also presented to Dr. Abdul Rehman Khan from the National Highways & Motorways Police."

## Policy Making, Design Thinking, and Ideation

*Reported by: Mir Hassan*



Students from the Department of Public Administration, led by Ms. Sadia Zahra, organized a weeklong workshop titled "Policy Making, Design Thinking, and Ideation" in partnership with the National Incubation Centre (NIC), Quetta. The workshop, held from March 08-15, 2023 at BUITEMS, aimed to provide participants with a solid understanding of policymaking and prepare them for an upcoming national policymaking competition. The workshop focused on effective problem-solving and decision-making techniques, including policy-making, design thinking, and ideation, to foster inspiration and idea generation.

Participants were encouraged to engage in healthy competition and were presented with valuable learning opportunities. Mr. Muhammad Shah Khan, Director of NIC Quetta, conducted training on Design Thinking, while Mr. Ahsan Khan Achakzai, Assistant Professor, Department of Economics, and Dr. Zafar Khan, Executive Director of BTTN, assisted students in policy formulation and enhancement. The organizers received appreciation from the Dean of FMS and other faculty members for successfully arranging this informative and impactful awareness session

## One-Day workshop on International Refugee Protection

Reported by: Nafisa Nassar

On March 8, 2023, a one-day workshop on International Refugee Protection took place at BUITEMS, organized by UNHCR. Representatives from the Federal Investigation Authority (FIA), guest speakers, and UNHCR representatives were in attendance. Ms. Tahira Awan, Senior Protection Assistant at UNHCR, welcomed the guests and introduced Mr. Arkadiiy Leybovskiy, Officer-in-Charge at UNHCR, while Mr. Ehsan Manzoor, Director of FIA, delivered the opening remarks. The workshop included presentations by Mr. Haider Zaman, Assistant Protection Officer at UNHCR, on the "International Legal Framework for Refugee Protection," and Ms. Tahira Awan on "Refugees in Pakistan and Afghan Refugee Management Policy." An interactive session followed, focusing on the challenges faced by authorities when dealing with refugees. The distinguished guests actively participated, offering ideas and solutions. Representatives from FIA shared their experiences and engaged in the discussions. The workshop successfully highlighted crucial issues related to refugee protection, fostering collaboration among stakeholders. The organizers aim to continue similar workshops in the future to promote refugee protection and rights.



## National Digital Archive of Research Published In Pakistani Journals

Reported by: Sahar Munir



Pakistan Science Foundation, under the umbrella of the Ministry of Science and Technology, Government of Pakistan, is a premier organization for the collection and dissemination of Science & Technology information for the socioeconomic development of the country. PASTIC planned to hold a Consortium Launching Ceremony in the Balochistan Region along with a Project Awareness activity in Quetta on March 09, 2023, at BUITEMS. In pursuance of the government's vision of establishing a knowledge-

based economy, PASTIC has recently launched a PSDP Project called "National Digital Archive of Research Published in Pakistani Journals". This project will be simultaneously executed throughout the country with the support of federal and provincial stakeholders and journal publishers. Project awareness and training activities are planned under the project's scope. The chief guest of the event, Pro Vice Chancellor - Dr. Abdul Rehman Khan, distributed certificates among the participants and appreciated the efforts of ORIC for successfully conducting the consortium.





## Adventure Training

Reported by: Mr. Mayen Khan

The BUIITEMS Executive Education Center organized a one-day training workshop titled 'Adventure Training' in Balochistan on March 11, 2023. The workshop aimed to promote outdoor activities, fitness, and adventure tourism in the province. The topics covered included hiking essentials, rock climbing, fitness, and the basics of photography. The participants included BUIITEMS staff, students, and athletes. The workshop featured resource persons such as professional climbers, fitness trainers, a professional bodybuilder, and an expert in adventure activities. The resource persons for the training workshop included Mr. Murad Ali and Mr. Sadat Ali (Professional Climbers), Mr. Akhtar Mohiuddin (Fitness Trainer), Mr. Saeed Khan (Professional Body Builder), and Mr. Mayen Khan. The objective was to encourage individuals to engage in recreational activities and explore the adventure tourism potential of Balochistan's beautiful mountains.



## Tertiary Level Refugee Students Meeting

Reported by: Nafisa Nassar



On March 13, 2023, a meeting was held at the BUIITEMS training hall involving Afghan refugee DAFI scholars, tertiary level students, representatives from Inspire Pakistan, and UNHCR. The challenges faced by refugee students in tertiary education were discussed, including pressure from families to prioritize earning over education, limited seats for Afghan refugees in higher education institutions, documentation delays for accessing scholarships, financial barriers, limited job opportunities after graduation, discrimination based on refugee status, inadequate training and support, limited opportunities for 5-year programs, limited exchange programs, and bullying due to PoR status. Despite these challenges, many students have found success through the DAFI scholarship program. Inspire Pakistan aims to extend support to higher-level students and encourages advocacy within the community. UNHCR emphasizes the need for focus, sharing success stories, generating ideas, and advocating for better opportunities. The session concluded with souvenirs and gifts for the scholars.

## Identifying and Countering Online Hate Speech in Pakistan

Reported by: Tariq Mehmood Khattak

The Department of Mass Communication, in collaboration with Sehri Pakistan, organized a workshop titled "Identifying and Countering Online Hate Speech in Pakistan" on the 14th of March, 2023, at Orange Hall in BUIITEMS. The workshop featured Mr. Saadullah Khan, Project Manager at Shehri Pakistan, and Mr. Ali Raza, Lead Researcher for the hate speech project in collaboration with UNESCO Islamabad. A large number of students interested in online journalism and social media attended the workshop.



## Youth and Social Media

Reported by: Tariq Mehmood Khattak

Mr. Muhammad Daniyal Butt, a Lecturer in the Department of Mass Communication at BUIITEMS, participated as a discussant in the consultation on Youth and Social Media held on Wednesday, March 15, 2023, at Quetta Serena Hotels. This consultative session was organized by the Pakistan Institute for Peace Studies (PIPS), Islamabad, to explore how policymakers and legislators can play a greater role in youth development and welfare, and how they can help promote social cohesion and harmony among the youth.



## Empowering Refugee Students: A Successful Career

Reported by: Nafisa Nassar



On March 16, 2023, the first career counseling session of ICRMS was held at Shamama Public High School in Hazara Town Quetta and was attended by a total of 106 students. Mr. Muhammad Rasool Shah and Ms. Farishta Durrani, experienced career counselors, conducted the session. Mr. Saad Uddin, the Project Manager of ICRMS, introduced ICRMS to the students. Mr. Rasool Shah shared success stories, including his own, inspiring the students with the possibilities of studying in Pakistan and abroad. The students expressed their aspirations for a brighter future in Pakistan.

In the second half, Ms. Farishta conducted a psychological therapy session involving creative activities and stress-releasing music. The students were informed about higher education opportunities, scholarships, and financial assistance available in Balochistan and throughout Pakistan. The session concluded with the distribution of certificates and gifts. Positive feedback was received, highlighting the exposure to study opportunities in Pakistan and the importance of continued counseling in schools.





## Digital media and academia join hands to launch Coalition against Disinformation

Reported by: Tariq Mehmood Khattak

Media rights watchdog Freedom Network and the Digital Media Alliance of Pakistan (DigiMAP) established the Coalition against Disinformation on Thursday, March 16, 2023, in Islamabad to combat online disinformation. The coalition was launched during a national conference titled "Academia and Media: Promoting Media Literacy on Countering Disinformation" held in the federal capital. The conference brought together digital journalists and prominent mass communication scholars from universities across Pakistan.



Mr. Tariq Mehmood, Chairperson of the Department of Mass Communication at BUIITEMS, raised public awareness about measures to counter online disinformation. He emphasized the importance of collaboration with key stakeholders, including academia, digital media, and civil society organizations, to promote factual information and combat the spread of disinformation.

## Corps Commander Cheque Distribution Ceremony

Reported by: Nausheen Sabir



The Corps Commander Scholarship cheque distribution ceremony took place on March 16, 2023, in the meeting room of UAFA. The event was graced by Dr. Ali Nawaz Mengal, Dean of FOEA, along with Mr. Faisal Noshervani, Additional Director UAFA.

During the ceremony, a total amount of PKR 390,640/- was disbursed among deserving students enrolled in BS programs, including both Engineering and Non-engineering disciplines, who belong to the coastal areas of Balochistan.

## UNHCR Sponsor Tree Plantation Event to Promote Sustainable Environmental Practices and Mitigate Climate Change

Reported by: Laraib Ayub

On March 17th, a tree plantation activity was sponsored by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) in collaboration with the Tehreek Khalq Foundation (TKF). The event aimed to promote sustainable environmental practices and raise awareness about the vital role of trees in mitigating climate change.

A total of 700 trees were donated to BUIITEMS for the plantation. The selected tree species were indigenous to the region and included a variety of fruit and shade trees. Representatives from TKF, BUIITEMS, and ICRMS, as well as students and faculty members of the university, attended the event.



## NIM Delegation visited BUIITEMS

*Reported by: Syed Shah Muhammad*

A delegation of Civil Services officers, led by Director General Islam Ghani, visited BUIITEMS on March 17, 2023. They were welcomed by the Vice Chancellor, Mr. Ahmed Farooq Bazai, and senior university management. The delegation evaluated the educational and administrative facilities at BUIITEMS, emphasizing the importance of education for Balochistan's development, peace, security, and economy. The Vice Chancellor highlighted the university's commitment to equal opportunities and quality education, despite economic challenges.



During their tour, the delegation interacted with senior staff and faculty members, who showcased the university's dedication to providing quality education. The Vice Chancellor highlighted BUIITEMS' role in nurturing entrepreneurship through the National Incubation Center (NIC) Quetta. The delegation applauded the Vice Chancellor's efforts in the university's development. At the end of the visit, the delegation members were presented with BUIITEMS shields.

The Civil Services delegation's visit to BUIITEMS marked an important milestone in assessing the university's educational and administrative facilities. It emphasized the institution's commitment to providing quality education and contributing to Balochistan's socio-economic development. The visit also highlighted the significant contributions of BUIITEMS graduates to the national economy. The university extends its gratitude to the delegation for their valuable support in advancing education in the region.

## Refugee students 2nd Career Counselling Session

*Reported by: Nafisa Nassar*



ICRMS organized its second career counseling session at Pameer Public High School in Hazara Town, Quetta, on March 19, 2023. The session was attended by over 110 students, with a majority of 73 females from Pameer Public High School and Rabia Balkhi Public High School. The main focus of the session was on the refugee experience in Pakistan, and it included interactive discussions led by counselors Mr. Muhammad Rasool Shah and Ms. Farishta Durrani.

Mr. Saad Uddin, the Project Manager at ICRMS, introduced the organization, while Mr. Muhammad Rasool Shah shared his personal success story as a refugee, encouraging the students to remain optimistic and self-sufficient in pursuing their goals. Ms. Farishta Durrani conducted a psychological therapy session, teaching students coping mechanisms for managing stress and anxiety. The students also participated in interactive activities, such as creating paper objects and writing their future aspirations on them. During the session, the students were informed about opportunities for pursuing higher education in Pakistan, scholarship programs, and financial assistance available to refugees in Balochistan. The session concluded with the distribution of shields and certificates.



## Refugee Students 1st Exposure Visit

*Reported by: Nafisa Nassar*

The first Exposure Visit of Shamama Public High School took place on March 20th, 2023, at BUITEMS. A total of 88 participants attended, with 69 of them being female. The visit began with an introductory session, followed by a BUITEMS video presentation to familiarize the students with the university's facilities, resources, and the admission process for refugees.

Ms. Nafisa, Program and Research Assistant at ICRMS, delivered a presentation about the International Center for Refugee and Migration Studies. Dr. Raheela Umer Sumalani, Director of ICRMS, shared success stories of refugee students and emphasized the significance of exposure visits in broadening students' horizons and helping them explore new career paths. The students embarked on a comprehensive tour of BUITEMS University. They visited various facilities, including the Sports Complex, Fitness Gym, Library, Labs, National Incubation Center (NIC), and Research Center. This tour provided the students with valuable insights into the university's infrastructure and resources.

The visit concluded with a tour of the ICRMS office, where the students were briefed about the support and mentoring services provided by the ICRMS staff. They were encouraged to stay updated through the ICRMS website, YouTube channel, and Twitter handle to access important information and updates.



## Refugee Students Second Exposure Visit

*Reported by: Nafisa Nassar*

The second Exposure Visit of Pameer Public High School and Rabia Balkhi High School took place on March 21, 2023, at BUITEMS. A total of 175 students attended, including 114 females. The event began with Quranic verses, followed by an introductory video about BUITEMS and the admission procedures for Afghan refugee students.

Ms. Nafisa from ICRMS presented the center's activities and social media networks. Dr. Raheela Umer Sumalani shared success stories and answered students' questions about admissions. The students visited

BUITEMS Sports Complex, Library, Labs, NIC, and Research Center. Mr. Hafeez Ullah from ICRMS informed them about mentorship and career counseling services. Mr. Saad Uddin facilitated a celebration of Nowruz, the Afghan cultural day of the spring season, by exchanging Persian and Pashto poetry and engaging students in interactive debates.



## Session on Social-Emotional Learning (SEL)

Reported by: Wajid Mustafa

BUITEMS Career Services

organized an awareness seminar on Social-Emotional Learning (SEL) On March 21, 2023, at BUITEMS, Quetta. Ms. Anqa Gharshin, a lecturer from the Department of Psychology, provided an overview of SEL's importance in promoting positive behavior and well-being among students.

The session highlighted the need for SEL skills to manage stress and build lifelong coping mechanisms. Ms. Gharshin discussed research on integrating SEL into educational institutions for students of all ages. The participants were BUITEMS students from various departments, actively engaged in the seminar, and valued Ms. Gharshin's expertise. Ms. Rozina Kakar, Manager of Career Services, expressed gratitude to the speaker and emphasized the importance of incorporating SEL in BUITEMS' curriculum for holistic student development.



## Recruitment Drive (Coca-Cola Icecek Pakistan)

Reported by: Wajid Mustafa

The Recruitment Drive (Coca-

Cola Icecek Pakistan) was a successful awareness session organized by the BUITEMS Career Services Office, Directorate of UA&FA, on March 22, 2023, at BUITEMS. Students from the Faculty of Engineering, Social Sciences, and Management Sciences attended the session.

Mr. Waqar Hussain (Area Sales Manager), Ms. Tanzeel Khan (Field Sales Executive), and Mr. Dawood Khan (Field Sales Executive) presented the recruitment procedure, financial and business details, along with their success stories, to the audience. The guest speakers encouraged the students to join

Coca-Cola Icecek Pakistan for a professional career. On a closing note, Ms. Rozina Kakar, Manager (Career Services), extended a vote of thanks to the guest speakers and participants.





## World Water Day 2023

Reported by: Rida Faisal

BUITEMS' Department of Environmental Science and Water Aid/Taraqee Foundation collaborated to celebrate World Water Day on March 22, 2023. The event aimed to raise awareness about water scarcity in Balochistan among youth. The program included speeches by Dr. Abdul Rehman Khan, Pro Vice-chancellor BUITEMS and Dr. Rabail Urooj, (Chairperson, Dept. of Environmental Science, SBKWU), Dr. Imran Hameed Durrani (Chief Engineer, B-WASA), and Dr. Muhammad Naeem Shahwani who discussed water issues and proposed solutions. A poster competition on local water issues involved undergraduate students from three universities in Quetta.



The panel discussion, moderated by Dr. Malik Muhammad Akhtar, featured water experts Mr. Hamid Rana Latif, Dr. Gohram Malghani, Mr. Muhammad Arif Khan, Ms. Shazia Kurd, and Mr. Wali Khan Khilji. They discussed their departments' efforts in water conservation and sustainability. Faculty members and students attended the program, and souvenirs were given to the presenters and panelists. Additionally, certificates were awarded to the students who participated in the poster competition. The event concluded with an on-campus tree plantation activity.

## National Endowment Scholarship for Talent Cheque Distribution Ceremony

Reported by: Nausheen Sabir



The NEST Scholarship cheque distribution ceremony was held on March 23, 2023, in the meeting room of UAFA. The cheques were distributed by Director UAFA, Mr. Babar Faiz Baloch.

The scholarship cheques covered the tuition fees and stipend of the students. A total amount of PKR. 858,000/- was disbursed among the meritorious students.



## BUITEMS MoU signing with Balochistan Civil Services Academy (BCSA)

*Reported by: Arbab Abdul Wajid*

BUITEMS Quetta and Balochistan Civil Services Academy (BCSA) signed an MoU on March 28, 2023. The agreement involves conducting ICT training, including a special certificate course in GIS applications and data visualization, for the participants of the First Mid-Career Management Course (MCMC) for provincial Civil Servants. The ceremony was attended by Mr. Dostain Jamaldini, Secretary of Livestock, Government of Balochistan, who served as the chief guest. Dr. Bakhtiar Kasi, Dean FICT, and Mr. Shah Nasir Khan from UNDP also participated in the event.



The MoU was signed by Dr. Abdul Rehman Khan, Vice Chancellor of BUITEMS, and Dr. Hafeez Jamali, Director General of BCSA. Mr. Dostain Jamaldini congratulated both institutions for their efforts to improve the capacities of officers in Balochistan. Dr. Abdul Rehman Khan assured BCSA of BUITEMS' full cooperation in this regard.







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