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A monthly leaflet is an initiative to keep you updated success stories, policy briefs, and technological advancements at national and international levels and upcoming events at the Department of Pakistan Studies.



### Academic Collaboration Expands Horizons: Dr. Unsa Jamshed Visits Shah Abdul Latif University Khairpur

On March 10, 2025, Meritorious Prof. Dr. Yousuf Khushk, Vice Chancellor of Shah Abdul Latif University Khairpur (SALU), extended an invitation to Dr. Unsa Jamshed, Chairman of the Department of History and Pakistan Studies at Government College Women University Faisalabad (GCWUF). Dr. Jamshed's visit to SALU marked a significant milestone in fostering academic collaboration between the two esteemed institutions.



During her visit, Dr. Jamshed was impressed by the academic environment at SALU,

### Shah Abdul Latif University Khairpur Hosts Seminar on 23rd March Resolution Day

Khairpur, March 21, 2025 – The Department of Political Science at Shah Abdul Latif University Khairpur organized a one-day seminar to mark 23rd March Resolution Day (یوم پاکستان), commemorating the historical significance of the Lahore Resolution.



The event began with the recitation of the Holy Quran and the National Anthem, followed by a presidential address by Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Yousuf Khushk. He highlighted the Lahore Resolution as a vision for a sovereign and progressive Pakistan, urging students to learn from history to contribute to national development.

The seminar's chief guest, Prof. Dr. Imdad Hussain Sehto, analyzed the political impact of the resolution and its role in the creation of Pakistan. Prof. Dr. Amir Ali Chandio discussed

### Articles from the Students of Pakistan Studies

#### The Illusion of Early Success *Written by Akbar Ali Bugti*

The contemporary world gives so much importance and glorifies these early successes as signs of achievements and desirability. This subject has been swayed by famous people like Elon Musk, Bill Gates, and so on; hence early success has become very much desired. But this concept has also unknowingly created anxiety and imbalance within the young minds.

According to popular narratives, there are only a few things that really count: early achievements like fame, wealth, luxury possessions, or social status. In this framework, the one in their 20s or 30s that is able to achieve fame, financing, materiality, and expenditure on luxuries is called the "winner" or the "success." The rest who does not fall into this category are sadly labeled as failures.

This kind of prevailing mentality creates a situation where a person may be pressured to achieve quickly; otherwise, they run the risk of being stigmatized by

particularly the Department of Pakistan Studies. She met with Dr. Siraj Ahmed Soomro, Chairman of the Department of Pakistan Studies, who shared the department's remarkable growth since its establishment in 2005. From a humble beginning with one student, the department has expanded to enroll over 370 students in its BS program and 30 research scholars in its MS/MPhil program.



Dr. Jamshed and Dr. Soomro expressed keen interest in exploring research collaboration opportunities and signing a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the two universities. Furthermore, they agreed to establish student and teacher exchange programs, which would greatly benefit both institutions. This visit has paved the way for a fruitful partnership between SALU and GCWUF, promoting academic excellence, research, and cultural exchange.

### **Shah Abdul Latif University Constitutes Board of Studies for Department of Pakistan Studies**

**Khairpur, March 27, 2025** — Shah Abdul Latif University, Khairpur, has officially constituted the Board of Studies for the Department of Pakistan Studies, in accordance with Section 4(2) of the First Statutes of the University Act-1986. The board, appointed for a tenure of

Sindh's historic contributions to the Pakistan Movement, while Prof. Dr. Inayatullah Bhatti explored the resolution's significance in shaping Pakistan's constitutional development.

Dr. Irshad Ali Wassan and Ali Nawaz Soomro provided insights into the All-India Muslim League's political strategy and the Lahore Resolution's ideological importance in the creation of Pakistan. Dr. Shahida Ameer Chandio, Head of the Department of Political Science, emphasized the role of history in understanding contemporary political issues.



The seminar concluded with remarks from Prof. Dr. Naveed Ahmed Shaikh, Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences, who praised the department for organizing the event and underscored the importance of historical awareness in fostering responsible citizens. The event was attended by faculty from various departments, with formal proceedings conducted by Mr. Akhlaque Hussain Larik, Assistant Professor at the Department of Political Science.

### **Midterm Exam Highlights**

From March 17 to March 24, our department successfully held the Midterm Examinations, marking an important step in the semester. It was a week of focus and hard

society. Being brought comfortable with the "loss" or the apparent inability to achieve early success is also not a failure-to-board the bus situation. Studies prove that meaning and fulfillment in life increase in people's forties. Yes, there are people who reach some achievements in their twenties, something most might never do until late in life, but scientific studies tend to show that many people possess somehow greater mental clarity and self-confidence in their forties that allows them to step forth with full competency.


### **The Marathon of Perseverance: The Story of John Akhwari**

*Written By Akbar Ali Phulopto*

The 1968 Olympic marathon is noted not for the winner but for the one who persevered with great tenacity. The race was on an otherwise uneventful note, with runners leaving the course and positions being established quickly, one athlete coming in first, another second and then a third. True to form, there followed a prize distribution ceremony, and indeed the stadium was high in cheer. As the crowd began dispersing, many spectators took their leave from the venue and headed towards their homes.

But the inconceivable happened. Some athlete was sighted making the far-completed course towards the finish line. It was John Akhwari. His was a slow movement which seemed about to collapse. Blood was leaking out from his feet, his own body was sweating, but he still progressed, well after the official



<p>three years, was established under the authority of the Vice Chancellor, as per the official notification.</p> <p>The newly formed board held its first meeting on March 27, 2025, where members came together to discuss and make key decisions. Dr. Siraj Ahmed Soomro, the Chairman of the Department of Pakistan Studies, was appointed as the Convener of the Board. The appointed members of the Board include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Dr. Inayatullah Bhatti, Associate Professor, representing the teaching faculty of the university.</li> <li>• Mr. Safdar Imdad Sahito and Dr. Salahuddin Abro, Lecturers, nominated as university teachers based on Academic Council recommendations.</li> <li>• Mr. Bashir Ahmed Janwari, Mr. Fida Hussain Mahessar, and Mr. Sanaullah Kalhoro, Assistant Professors from affiliated government colleges, selected as external members.</li> <li>• Prof. Dr. Robina Yasmin, Chairperson of the Department of Pakistan Studies at The Islamia University of Bahawalpur, who has been nominated by the Vice Chancellor as the expert member.</li> </ul> <p>The establishment of this Board of Studies aims to strengthen academic planning, improve curriculum development, and promote collaboration among institutions within the field of Pakistan Studies.</p>	<p>work, with students showcasing the knowledge they have gained so far.</p> <p>Thanks to the dedication of our faculty and staff, the exams were conducted smoothly and fairly. Students tackled challenges, revisited key concepts, and pushed themselves to excel. We commend all students for their commitment and thank the faculty for their continued support. As we await the results, we are excited to move forward and finish the semester strong!</p> <p><b>National and International News</b></p> <p><b>Trump Tariffs Threaten US Asia Pivot and Global Leadership</b></p> <p><i>April 9, 2025</i> – President Donald Trump’s newly imposed tariffs, including a 10% blanket duty on all imports and up to 54% on goods from nations like China, Japan, and the European Union, are severely undermining the United States’ “Asia Pivot” strategy. The tariffs, which target key allies such as Japan (24%), South Korea (30%), and the European Union (20%), send a contradictory message to countries crucial for countering China’s influence in the Indo-Pacific.</p> <p>China has retaliated with 34% tariffs, deepening its ties with nations seeking alternatives to US leadership. The tariffs are expected to accelerate America’s exclusion from emerging global supply chains, particularly in next-generation industries like green energy and AI. Experts warn that this protectionist approach risks diminishing the US’s global influence,</p>	<p>finish of the race. A television crew had already left for the medal ceremony when they heard that one more runner was still on the course. The athlete’s spirit also touched the few remaining spectators, and they lent their support in cheering him as he made his last few steps. When he finally crossed the finish line, a modest cheer rose among the few who had halted to witness this moment of fortitude and determination.</p> <p>When the journalists questioned Akhwari after the ensuing interview as to why he had not called it a day knowing full well that the race had been called off already, he replied with words that have now passed into history as a classic testament of dedication and love for the nation: "My country is a poor country, and they sent me thousands of miles not to start the race, but to finish it." Akhwari's desire to complete the race despite coming last instilled pride in his country.</p> <p><b>Announcements and Updates:</b> Department of Pakistan Studies Announces Participation in Annual Online Youth Essay Competition 2025</p> 
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*Khairpur, Sindh* – The Department of Pakistan Studies is proud to share the remarkable achievements of our alumni. Several alumni from our department have successfully qualified for lectureship positions through the Sindh Public Service Commission (SPSC) exams. Their success is a true testament to their dedication and the high-quality education they received at Shah Abdul Latif University Khairpur. Congratulations to the following individuals for their achievements:

- Mr. Sanaullah Abro
- MS Aiman
- Ms. Sanobar Aslam
- Ms. Neelam Kanhar

- Mr. Ajmal Ali Mahesar
- Mr. Hidyatullah Malik
- Ms. Aqsa Javed
- Ms. Saba Shaikh
- Ms. Tabasum Rajper
- Ms. Summaya Gul  
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particularly in the dynamic Indo-Pacific region, where China continues to expand its presence through initiatives like the Belt and Road.

*April 9, 2025* – Binance's billionaire founder, Changpeng Zhao, has been appointed as a strategic adviser to Pakistan's newly established Crypto Council (PCC), a significant move to integrate blockchain technology and digital assets into the country's financial landscape. The Pakistan Crypto Council was launched last month with the aim of regulating and adopting emerging digital currencies, in line with global financial trends.

Finance Minister Muhammad Aurangzeb emphasized that this appointment is a pivotal moment for Pakistan's future, sending a clear message to the world that the country is open to innovation. PCC CEO Bilal Bin Saqib described Zhao as a pioneer who can guide Pakistan on its journey to becoming a Web3-ready nation, akin to global hubs like Singapore and Dubai. With a youthful population of 240 million, Pakistan's potential for digital finance is immense, according to Zhao.



# SHAH ABDUL LATIF UNIVERSITY, KHARPUKUR

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Last date for registration

17<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Last date for admission

30<sup>th</sup> April 2025

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