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University of Gwadar Holds Third Senate Meeting



Governor Balochistan Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail praised the University of Gwadar for achieving an 88.79% performance score, calling it a reflection of strong leadership under Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Abdul Razzaq Sabir. Speaking at the University's 3rd Senate Meeting, attended by Prof. Dr. Abdul Razzaq Sabir, Prof. Dr. Zahoor Ahmed Bazai (VC, UoB), Justice Najamuddin Mengal (Balochistan High Court), Abdul Nasir Dautani (Principal Secretary to the Governor), Prof. Dr. Syed Manzoor Ahmed (Pro-VC UG), Mr. Noor ul Haq Baloch Chairman, Gwadar Port Authority, Mr. Pasand Khan Buledai, Former Chairman Gwadar Port Authority, Dr. Dolat Khan (Registrar), senior officials, and Senate members, he reaffirmed the government's commitment to developing the University of Gwadar into a world-class coastal university. The Governor highlighted the Strategic Plan 2026–30, which prioritizes Blue Economy, Marine Sciences, Fisheries, Coastal Belt Management, Environmental Studies, and vocational education to drive regional development and youth employment. He also welcomed skills programmes, praised the UG's growing research output and strong female enrolment, and noted that the Senate approved key measures to further strengthen the University's development.

DG ISPR Visits University of Gwadar, Holds Interactive Session with Students and Faculty



Director General ISPR, Lieutenant General Ahmed Sharif Chaudhry (HI-M), visited the Pak-China Technical & Vocational Institute (PCT&VI), University of Gwadar, accompanied by Major General Habib Nawaz, General Officer Commanding. They were warmly received by Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Abdul Razzaq Sabir and Pro Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Syed Manzoor Ahmed. During the visit, a special interactive session was held with students and faculty, focusing on national security, the role of youth, and the challenges of information warfare in the digital age. Responding to questions from participants, the DG ISPR highlighted the importance of critical thinking, verification of information, and countering misinformation and disinformation through fact-based narratives. Students and faculty reaffirmed their commitment to national unity, stability, and constructive engagement in safeguarding Pakistan's interests. The Vice Chancellor thanked the DG ISPR for visiting the University of Gwadar and termed the interaction a valuable opportunity for youth engagement and awareness.

UG Achieves Highest Score Among Balochistan Universities in HEC Skills Assessment



The University of Gwadar has secured the top position among all universities in Balochistan in the Higher Education Commission's (HEC) National Skill Competency Test, achieving an average score of 50.55 and ranking 34th out of 187 participating universities nationwide. The test, conducted for 7th and 8th semester Computer Science and IT students, assessed graduates' academic knowledge, technical expertise, and professional skills. Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Abdul Razzaq Sabir and Pro Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Syed Manzoor Ahmed congratulated the students, faculty, and administration, stating that this achievement reflects the university's commitment to quality education, dedicated teaching, and student excellence. They reaffirmed the university's focus on advancing modern education and skill-based learning while continuing to contribute to higher education development in Balochistan.

Gwadar Book Festival 2026

The 11th Gwadar Book Festival (Sayad Saal 2026) was inaugurated at RCDC Gwadar to promote reading culture, literature, and intellectual discourse while commemorating the life and scholarly contributions of renowned Baloch scholar and linguist Sayad Zahoor Shah Hashmi. The University of Gwadar, as a sponsoring partner, actively participated in the event. The festival was inaugurated by Dr. Quratulain Baktiyari, while Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Abdul Razzaq Sabir attended as a distinguished guest and highlighted the importance of reading, intellectual development, and Sayad Hashmi's lasting contributions to Balochi language and literature. A special discussion segment on "Border Trade of Gwadar" was also held, hosted by Pro Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Syed Manzoor Ahmed, focusing on the economic significance and future prospects of cross-border trade in the region. Other notable speakers included Maulana Hidayat ur Rehman, Dr. Fatima Hassan, Haji Abdul Ghani, Khuda Bakhsh Hashim, Wajid Ali Shah, and Majid Johar. The festival brought together scholars, writers, poets, artists, and students from across the country to engage in discussions on literary, academic, cultural, and social issues, reaffirming Gwadar's growing role as a hub of intellectual and cultural activity.



University of Gwadar's Business & Cultural Gala 2026



The University of Gwadar concluded its 2nd Business & Cultural Gala 2026, held from February 2 to 5, bringing together students, academics, entrepreneurs, government officials, and members of the local community in a vibrant celebration of innovation, entrepreneurship, and cultural heritage. The gala was inaugurated under the chairmanship of Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Abdul Razzaq Sabir, with MPA Gwadar Maulana Hidayat-ur-Rehman Baloch as Chief Guest, while the closing ceremony was attended by Brigadier Waqar Ahmed Qureshi, Commander 440 Brigade, as Chief Guest. Addressing the participants, the Vice Chancellor emphasized the importance of such events in connecting students with practical business opportunities, promoting entrepreneurship, and showcasing the economic and cultural potential of Gwadar and the Makran region. The four-day event featured 75 business stalls, 18 IT projects, 16 science models, 35 arts and crafts exhibits, student-led startups, cultural displays, folk music performances, and blood donation camps, attracting participants from the University of Gwadar, University of Turbat, Lasbela University, Makran University Panjgur, and several colleges across the region. Distinguished guests praised the University's efforts in fostering innovation, creativity, and youth empowerment. Various competitions in business, IT, science, and arts were held, and outstanding participants, volunteers, and exhibitors were awarded shields and certificates during the closing ceremony. Owing to overwhelming public interest and participation, the gala was extended by an additional day, further strengthening its status as one of the region's premier academic, cultural, and entrepreneurial events.



Vice Chancellor University of Gwadar Meets HEC Leadership to Discuss Academic Growth and Future Development Plans



Vice Chancellor of the University of Gwadar, Prof. Dr. Abdul Razzaq Sabir, met with newly appointed HEC Chairman Prof. Dr. Niaz Ahmed Akhtar and Executive Director Prof. Dr. Zia-ul-Haq at HEC Islamabad to discuss the University's academic progress, development projects, faculty expansion, research initiatives, and future plans. The HEC leadership appreciated the University's achievements and assured continued support for institutional development, quality enhancement, accreditation, research growth, and higher education advancement. During the meeting, the Vice Chancellor also extended an invitation to visit Gwadar, which was warmly welcomed by the HEC Chairman. The Vice Chancellor highlighted the University's strategic role in promoting higher education and research opportunities in the coastal region of Balochistan. Both sides emphasized strengthening collaboration to enhance academic excellence.

University of Gwadar and Pakistan Academy of Letters Discuss Academic, Literary Collaboration and Manuscript Preservation



The VC of the UG, Prof. Dr. Abdul Razzaq Sabir, and Pro-VC, Prof. Syed Manzoor Ahmed, met with Dr. Najeeba Arif, Chairperson of the Pakistan Academy of Letters (PAL), to discuss strengthening academic and literary collaboration. Accompanied by Mr. Basit Ali, SDO, the delegation focused on joint conferences, research activities, book exchanges, and preserving ancient Persian and Balochi manuscripts. Both sides highlighted the cultural heritage value of these manuscripts and explored opportunities for their protection, research, and publication.

UG Issues Degrees to First Graduating BS Batch, Marking Historic Milestone



The University of Gwadar has reached a landmark achievement by officially issuing degrees to the graduates of its first batch (2022–2025), marking a new chapter in its academic journey and reaffirming its commitment to quality higher education. The degrees were duly authenticated with the signatures of Prof. Dr. Rahim Bakhsh Mehr, Controller of Examinations, Dr. Dolat Khan, Registrar, and Prof. Dr. Abdul Razzaq Sabir, Vice Chancellor, ensuring their official recognition and validity. The issuance of degrees to the pioneer batch is a proud moment for the University administration, faculty, students, and their families. University officials congratulated the graduates and expressed confidence that they will contribute meaningfully to the development of Balochistan and Pakistan.

University of Gwadar Approves AI Research Lab and AI Literacy Program



The 6th Board of Studies meeting for the Department of Computer Science at the University of Gwadar, chaired by Mr. Hafeezullah alongside academic members from Gwadar, Turbat, and NUCES-FAST Karachi, approved ten agenda items. Key highlights include establishing the Artificial Intelligence and Data Innovation Lab (AIDIL) for AI research and launching the Gwadar AI Literacy Initiative (GAIL), a 10-month training program to boost regional AI skills. The Board also approved updated undergraduate course catalogs, lab manuals, evaluation guidelines, and Final Year Project policies.

Department of Chemistry Holds 3rd Board of Studies Meeting



The 3rd Board of Studies meeting of the Department of Chemistry at the University of Gwadar, chaired by Dr. Mohib Ullah, approved restructuring the 2.5-year BS Chemistry (Lateral Entry) program to align with revised HEC policies. Under the new model, BSc and Associate Degree holders will be treated equally, with deficiency courses provided to address academic gaps and ensure completion within five semesters. Additionally, a 3-credit-hour Artificial Intelligence course was approved for previous 8th-semester batches to boost scientific and analytical skills. Board members praised the move as a practical, quality-driven initiative.

Department of Education Holds 5th Board of Studies Meeting



The 5th Board of Studies meeting of the Department of Education at the UG, chaired by Dr. Rabia at the Pak-China Technical & Vocational Institute, gathered faculty and external experts from the University of Turbat and LUAWMS. The Board reviewed curriculum development, quality assurance, and practicum enhancement, emphasizing modern teaching methods and stronger field-based training to ensure alignment with national educational standards and academic excellence.

University of Gwadar Conducts Self-Undergraduate Program Review under PREE Standards



The QEC of the UG conducted a Self-Undergraduate Program Review under PREE Standards on April 30, 2026, in line with QAA-HEC strategic targets for 2025–26. The review covered three undergraduate degree programs. The Chairperson of the Department of Education presented the required documentation before a review panel comprising external experts, faculty members, and Dr. Manzoor Ahmed from the UoT. The process was facilitated by the QEC team, Sciences Prof. Dr. Jan Muhammad, Dr. Rabia Aslam Director QEC and faculty representatives from the Department of Education.

University of Gwadar Holds First Board of Studies Meeting for Department of Zoology



The University of Gwadar's first Board of Studies meeting for the Department of Zoology, chaired by Dean Faculty of Science & Engineering Dr. Mohib Ullah, approved the revised BS Zoology (Fisheries & Aquaculture) curriculum, the 2.5-year BS Zoology (Lateral Entry) structure, and the Department's Vision and Mission Statements in accordance with HEC guidelines. The Board also endorsed a 3-credit-hour Chinese language course and approved the inclusion of Artificial Intelligence in Biological Sciences from Fall 2026. The meeting was attended by Dr. Abdullah Khan, Dr. Mehtab Ibrahim, Ms. Ateeqa Baloch, and Ms. Hafsa Qazi,

UG Approves BS English Curriculum Updates & AI Course in 3rd BOS Meeting



The UG held the 3rd Board of Studies Meeting of the Department of English, chaired by Prof. Dr. Jan Muhammad, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, with HoD Mr. Farooq Haider and Lecturer Mr. Mubarak. The Board approved revisions to the BS English curriculum in line with the HEC Undergraduate Education Policy 2025, including updated Vision and Mission statements, a mandatory Introduction to Artificial Intelligence course from Fall 2026, and the inclusion of a Capstone Project and structured internships to enhance students' academic and professional competencies.

University of Gwadar Approves PhD in Management Sciences Curriculum

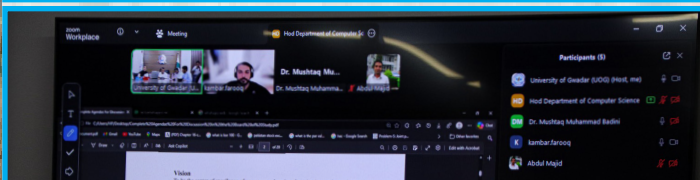


The Department of Management Sciences, University of Gwadar, approved the PhD in Management Sciences curriculum during a Board of Studies (BoS) meeting held at PCTVI. The approval marks a significant milestone in strengthening the University's research capacity and advancing higher education in the region. The meeting was attended by internal and external experts, including Prof. Dr. Jan Muhammad, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, alongside representatives from UoB and UoT, who provided valuable feedback. Chairperson Mr. Fida Hussain stated that the program is designed to deliver globally competitive education in line with HEC standards.

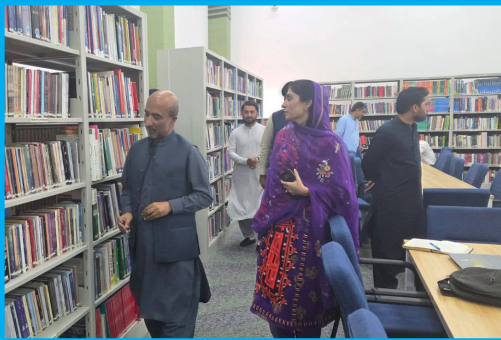
University of Gwadar Updates BS Commerce Curriculum in Line with HEC Policy 2025



The Fourth Board of Studies meeting of the Department of Commerce, University of Gwadar, chaired by Prof. Dr. Jan Muhammad, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, with HoD Mr. Zain ul Abideen and lecturers Mr. Mujahid Hussain, Mr. Shahnawaz, and Dr. Kambar Farooq approved revisions to the BS Commerce curriculum in line with the HEC Undergraduate Education Policy 2025. The revised curriculum introduces new specializations, a mandatory Introduction to Artificial Intelligence course from Fall 2026, and enhanced internship, capstone, and skill-based learning components to strengthen students' industry readiness and employability.



University of Gwadar Strengthens Performance and Digital Reforms



Advisor to the Chief Minister of Balochistan for Sports and Youth Affairs, Meena Majeed, visited the Pak-China Technical and Vocational Institute (PCT&VI), where she was received by the administration. Chairman Gwadar Port Authority, Noor-ul-Haq Baloch, was also present. She toured various departments,

including technical training and Gwadar Port-related programs, and interacted with students, appreciating the institute's facilities. The advisor also met female driving trainees and encouraged their participation. Officials highlighted the institute's role in equipping local youth with technical skills to boost employment, while Meena Majeed stressed the importance of vocational training and youth development for the province's future.

Executive Director Reviews Academic Plans of PCT&VI.



Prof. Dr. Syed Manzoor Ahmed, Executive Director of Pak-China Technical & Vocational Institute (PCT&VI), University of Gwadar, chaired a meeting of departmental in-charges and instructors to discuss Fall Semester 2026 academic and administrative matters. Key agenda items included course allocation, continuation of visiting faculty services, students' academic programs at SICT China, and admissions for short courses. He emphasized effective planning, quality education, and teamwork, while participants shared recommendations to enhance academic operations and training opportunities. The meeting concluded with a commitment to implement decisions for the continued development of PCT&VI.

PCT&VI Students visit Gwadar Port



PCT&VI Students visited key operational sites at Gwadar Port for educational and practical exposure, in Gwadar Port Berths, Control Tower, Tug Boats, 1.2 MGD ROD Desalination Water Plant, China Business Center (CBC), & Mini Port Workshop Area.

UG Hosts National Literary Seminar to Mark Syed Zahoor Shah Hashmi's Centenary Celebrations



The University of Gwadar, in collaboration with the National Language Promotion Department, Islamabad, organized a one-day national literary seminar to commemorate the centenary birth celebrations of renowned Balochi writer, poet, researcher, fiction author, and linguist Syed Zahoor Shah Hashmi. The seminar was chaired by Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Abdul Razzaq Sabir and attended by distinguished scholars, including Prof. Dr. Muhammad Saleem Mazhar, Director General of the National

Prof. Dr. Abdul Saboor Baloch of the University of Turbat, and Dr. Abdul Rauf Rafiqi, Director General of the Iqbal Academy Pakistan. Speakers and researchers highlighted Syed Hashmi's invaluable contributions to Balochi language, literature, poetry, fiction, and linguistic research, describing him as a towering figure in Balochi literary heritage. Addressing the gathering, the Vice Chancellor emphasized the importance of such literary events in preserving language, culture, and national heritage among younger generations. The seminar featured scholarly presentations, cultural performances based on Hashmi's poetry.

UG Establishes Balochistan's First Iqbal Corner



The University of Gwadar inaugurated an Iqbal Corner (Gosha-e-Iqbaliyat) at its Central Library in a ceremony chaired by Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Abdul Razzaq Sabir. Distinguished guests included Dr. Abdul Rauf Rafiqi, Director General of the Iqbal Academy Pakistan, Lahore, and Prof. Dr. Muhammad Saleem Mazhar, Director General of the National Language Promotion Department, along with eminent academics and university officials. Speaking on the occasion, the Vice Chancellor said that the Iqbal Corner would help students engage with the philosophy and thought of

Allama Iqbal while promoting research and intellectual activities. The guests praised the University's efforts in advancing higher education and national languages, noting that the initiative marks an important academic and literary milestone. The ceremony also highlighted that, following directives from the Chancellor's Office, the University of Gwadar has become the first university in Balochistan to formally establish an Iqbal Corner. The event concluded with the official inauguration by Dr. Abdul Rauf Rafiqi and the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the University of Gwadar, Iqbal Academy Lahore, and the National Language Promotion Department to strengthen academic and literary collaboration.

Chinese Consulate General Scholarship Letters Awarded to University of Gwadar Students



The University of Gwadar's Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships distributed award letters to 39 deserving students selected under the Chinese Consulate General Scholarship (Phase II) during a ceremony held at the University Seminar Hall. Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Abdul Razzaq Sabir (TI) and Pro Vice Chancellor Prof. Syed Manzoor Ahmed jointly presented the award letters. The scholarship covers full tuition fees for four years, enabling talented students to pursue higher education without financial barriers. Speaking on the occasion, the Vice Chancellor congratulated the recipients and thanked the Chinese Consulate General for its continued support of education in the region. The Pro Vice Chancellor also appreciated the contributions of Consul General Yang Yundong and expressed hope for continued cooperation in expanding educational opportunities for students of Gwadar and Balochistan.

PEEF Scholarship Cheques Distributed Among Deserving Students at UG



Scholarship cheques under the Punjab Educational Endowment Fund (PEEF) were distributed among deserving students at the University of Gwadar. The ceremony was held at the Vice Chancellor Secretariat, where Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Abdul Razzaq Sabir and Registrar Dr. Dolat Khan presented the cheques to eligible students in the presence of Director Financial Aid, Ubaid Ali. Speaking on the occasion, the Vice Chancellor described PEEF as an important national initiative for academically gifted students from underprivileged backgrounds. He also thanked Punjab Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz for including UG students in the scholarship program, calling it a commendable step toward empowering youth and promoting equal educational opportunities across the country.

University of Gwadar Shines at Provincial Level, Secures 2nd Place in All-Balochistan Business Idea Competition



In a remarkable achievement for the institution, the University of Gwadar has secured 2nd place in the prestigious All-Balochistan Business Skill and Business Idea Competition, showcasing the university's growing prominence in innovation, entrepreneurship, and youth empowerment. The provincial-level competition witnessed participation from students and individuals representing various universities and institutions across Balochistan, where more than 115 business models and innovative ideas were presented. Competing among a large pool of talented participants, the students of the University of Gwadar demonstrated exceptional creativity, business acumen, and entrepreneurial vision, earning recognition at the provincial stage. The university team was led by Director of Student Affairs, Farooq Haider, whose guidance and support played a vital role in the students' successful participation in the prestigious event. The event was organized by the Directorate of Youth Affairs Department as part of its youth development initiatives aimed at encouraging innovation, entrepreneurship, and leadership among young people in the province. The University of Gwadar administration congratulated the participating students on their outstanding achievement and appreciated their dedication and hard work.

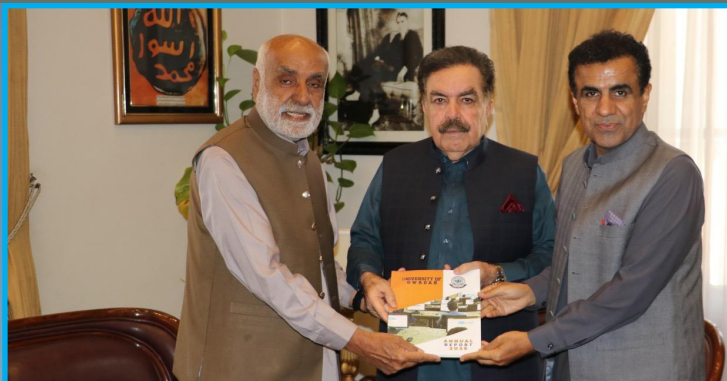
UG Honors Mr. Dilawar Khan at Farewell Ceremony



The UG held a farewell ceremony for Mr. Dilawar Khan of the Department of MS, recognizing his valuable academic and administrative contributions during his three-year deputation from the UoB Kharan Campus. UG leadership, faculty, staff, and students praised his dedication and service, while the Vice Chancellor and Pro Vice Chancellor presented him with a Shield of Honor. Speakers praised his dedication and professionalism, while Mr. Dilawar Khan expressed gratitude to the university community for their support and cooperation.



University of Gwadar Leadership Briefs Governor Balochistan on Institutional Progress



Governor of Balochistan and Chancellor of the University of Gwadar, Sheikh Jaffar Khan Mandokhail, met with the Vice Chancellor of the University of Gwadar, Prof. Dr. Abdul Razzaq Sabir (TI), and the Pro Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Syed Manzoor Ahmed, at the Governor House. During the meeting, the Vice Chancellor presented the University of Gwadar Annual Report 2025 to the Governor and briefed him on the university's academic, research, administrative, and developmental achievements. The Governor appreciated the university's progress and acknowledged its significant role in promoting higher education and contributing to the socio-economic development of the region. He also assured his continued support for the growth and advancement of the

UG 11th Academic Council Approves AI Course and First PhD Program



The 11th Academic Council meeting of the UG was held under the chairmanship of Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Abdul Razzaq Sabir. The meeting was attended by Prof. Dr. Syed Manzoor Ahmed (Pro Vice Chancellor), Dr. Dolat Khan (Registrar), Prof. Dr. Rahim Bakhsh Mehr (Controller of Examinations), Prof. Dr. Jan Muhammad (Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences), Dr. Mohib Ullah (Dean, Faculty of Science & Engineering), Rehmat Ullah (Director Finance), Dr. Rabia Aslam (Director QEC), Dr. Muhammad Irshad (Director ORIC), Dr. Abdullah, Mujahid Hussain, Shayhaq Ali, Farooq Haider, Ghulam Sarwar, and Fida Hussain, along with online participants Dr. Mansoor Ahmed and Muhammad Tufail Qureshi. The Council approved the introduction of a mandatory 3-credit-hour Artificial Intelligence (AI) course across all degree programs in line with HEC directives and also approved the University's first PhD program. Other approvals included recommendations of various Boards of Studies and the publication of the research journal CPEC Review (CPECR). Addressing the meeting, Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Abdul Razzaq Sabir stated that the University of Gwadar remains committed to providing quality higher education.



At the Gwadar Port Expo, Minister Ahsan Iqbal urged university students to dream big and innovate. Posting on X, he praised their energy and called youth investment the key to a brighter future.

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