



# ISRA UNIVERSITY ORGANIZES INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON ENTREPRENEURSHIP & CAREER SERVICES

Isra University, Hyderabad hosted a closing symposium of its implemented project

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# US DIPLOMATS VISITS Isra University

On 20<sup>th</sup> April 2017 US Cultural Attaché AJ Jagelski, and Anthony Dean Tranchina, visited Isra University and met with senior



officials Dr. Hameedullah Kazi, Dr. Qamaruddin Mahar, Zafar Siddiqui and others. The purpose of the gathering was

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# International Nurses' Day

The International Nurses Day (IND) is celebrated by nurses every year on 12th of May all around the world to commemorate the birth anniversary of the Florence Nightingale, the founder of a modern nursing. This marks the contributions of nurses towards people's health and wellbeing. In continuity with past practice, Florence Nightingale's 197th birth anniversary was celebrated at Isra School of Nursing, Hyderabad. Every year a theme for the International Nurses' Day is generated to focus all activities around it. This year's theme was "Nurses: A voice to lead -Achieving sustainable development goals." The Chief Guest of this year was nursing legend Professor Dr. Yasmeen Amarsi. She is the first Ph.D. Nurse in Pakistan. She has achieved various awards, fellowships, gold medals, silver medals for her contributions in the field of education, research, community service and practice on national and international levels. Presently, Dr. Yasmeen is serving at Agha Khan Hospital Karachi.

In her speech she paid gratitude for the invitation and expressed her exclamatory views about the amazing performance of Isra Nursing students, who in their stage presentation, related Florence Nightingale's work of 19<sup>th</sup>

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#### **EDITORIAL**

Dear Readers,

Assalamu Alaikum! Isra News is an official organ of Isra University. This quarterly newsletter is designed to keep the Isra affiliated community well connected, and at the same time bring the readers up to date with the various cocurricular and extra-curricular activities taking place at the University along with the educational and social welfare programs. pursued by the parent organization, Isra Islamic Foundation.

In order to keep Isra News well populated, we rely on contribution of news items. from the community members. When sending news items, please make sure to include the essential elements of an event: what took place, whom it concerns the most, where and when it took place. You are encouraged to send your news items by email to the address given below.

Last but not the least, your news contributions are important to us, so help us keep the Isra community connected by contributing regularly to Isra News. We appreciate your interest and contributions, and hope that you will find Isra News to be informative and pleasant to read.

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#### **ISRA NEWS**



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USA and with the support of the US Consulate on 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 at Mövenpick hotel, Karachi.

The event was graced by the Chief Guest, Mr. John Warner (Acting US Consul General), Dr. Kenneth Holland (Director, Ball State University), Dr. Hameedullah Kazi (Pro-Vice Chancellor, Isra University), Mr. A. J. Jagelski (Cultural Attache), Dr. Qamaurddin Mahar (Chairperson Management Sciences, Isra University), Dr. Julie Lebo (Ball State University) and focal persons from various partner universities in KPK, Balochistan and Sindh.

These partner universities comprise University of Peshawar, Institute of Management Sciences, Peshawar, Karakoram International University, Gilgit, Kohat University of Science &Technology, University of Science & Technology Bannu, Sukkur Institute of Business Administration, Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan, University of Baluchistan, BUITEMS and SBK Women's University, Quetta.

Dr. Hameedullah Kazi welcomed all the participants and expressed gratitude to all the stakeholders of this project for serving the community in the areas of entrepreneurship and career development. In his speech, Dr. Holland, expressed the vision of Ball State University in working together with Isra University for developing better prospects for the youth of Pakistan. The Chief Guest of the event, Mr. John Warner (Acting US Counsel General) congratulated all the partner institutions for their remarkable achievements and, significantly, appreciated the role of Isra University in achieving the objectives of the project.

The main objective of this symposium was to reflect and share achievements and progress of all partner universities with the reference to the implemented project which has served community of Pakistan in the areas of Entrepreneurship and Career Services. The keynote speakers of the event were Dr. Kenneth Holland and Dr. Julie Lebo from Ball State University, USA. They talked about the role of universities in expanding employment opportunities for the disabled and the importance of adding the 'arts' to 'science, technology, engineering and mathematics' as foundations for innovation in university education.

The Organizing team of Isra University, Hyderabad was comprised of, Dr. Hameedullah Kazi Dr. Qamarudin Mahar, Mr. Zafar A. Siddiqui, Mr. Riaz Ahmed Shaikh, Ms. Wafa Pathan, Mr. Hunain Ansari, Mr. Ebbad Qureshi, Ms. Donia Bughio, Mr. Ahsan Ansari and Mr. Ahsan Shaikh.





#### WORLD EARTH DAY CELEBRATED AT ISRA UNIVERSITY



On 22 April 2017 Community Thanks Giving and World Earth Day's were celebrated at Isra University, Hyderabad in which the general workers of the society were thanked along with the globally celebrated Earth Day. With the importance & theme of earth, humanity & nature in mind a Flower, Poster & Photographic Competition was also organized. A good number of students from Isra University participated in the competition to show love towards earth!

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The chief guest of Community Thanks Giving, World Earth Day and Flower, Poster & Photographic Competition 2017 was Mr. Anwer Shar, Deputy Commissioner, Hyderabad, while Mr. Abdul Sattar Khatri, Conservator Officer, Hyderabad Division, Forest Department, Government of Sindh, was guest of honor. Prof. Dr. Asadullah Kazi, Chancellor, Isra University, Hyderabad, Prof. Dr. Hameedullah Kazi, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Engineering & Management Sciences, Dr. Ahmed Waliullah Kazi, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Administration, Ms. Asma Shahid, Forest Officer, Hyderabad Division, Forest Department, Government of Sindh, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal Bhatti, Dean, FES&T, Dr. Noor Muhammad Memon, Chairperson, Electrical Engineering Department and Engr. Saad Khan Baloch, Assistant Professor, Electrical Engineering Department were also present on the occasion. The event was organized by the IEEE Isra Student Branch in collaboration with Green It Society, Hyderabad.

With reference to World Earth Day a Walk was also organized in which Chief Guest, Deputy Commissioner, teachers & students also participated. With the love and care of earth, humanity & nature in mind a Flower, Poster & Photographic Competition was also organized in which students participated enthusiastically. On the occasion, Chief Guest Deputy Commissioner, Anwer Shar, said that we have to understand the importance of Earth because if there would not have been any earth then earth would have been same as other planets therefore we must understand the importance of Earth and we all should take care of it and that earth day should not be celebrated every year but every day.

In poster competition the 1st position went to Nabeel Junejo & 2<sup>nd</sup> position went to Maria Arain while in photographic competition 1<sup>st</sup> position went to Arbaz & 2<sup>nd</sup> position went to Shahzaman and last but not the least winner of flower competition was Maham Khan & runner up was Dr. Kanwal. Cash prizes and certificates were also distributed among winners and runners. In the end Prof. Dr. Hameedullah Kazi, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Engineering & Management Sciences, thanked the Chief Guest, Guest of Honor, teachers and students. Prof. Dr. Asadullah Kazi, Chancellor, Isra University, Hyderabad, also presented Sindh Topi, Ajrak & shields to the Chief Guest, Mr. Anwer Shar, Deputy Commissioner, Hyderabad, & Mr. Abdul Sattar Khatri, Conservator Officer, Hyderabad Division, Forest Department, Government of Sindh







## World Health Day Organized by Department of Community Medicine



As per the tradition each year, World Health day was organized by the Department of Community Medicine on 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 at Asadullah Qazi Auditorium, Isra University, Hyderabad. The theme for the day was "Depression, let's talk". Prof AG Kazi, Pro VC Isra University and Director Isra Hospital was the chief guest of the event.

The seminar was the fourth world health day organized at Isra University. It was thronged by over 300 medical students, nursing students and esteemed professors, Dr. Asif Burney, Dr. Raheem Memon, Dr. Sajjad Kazi and Dr. Shahnawaz Dal. The "World Health Day walk" was led by Dr Khalid Laghari, Professor Mumtaz Qureshi and Professor Hussain Bux Kolachi. The session was inaugurated by Dr. Khalid laghari, Health System Strengthening Officer, in the presence of Dr Salman Farsi Kazi and Professor Mumtaz Qureshi.

A special video message by Dr. Mahmoud Fikri, WHO regional director (EMRO) was broadcasted. Dr. Mahmoud Fikri, in his message, stressed on community participation and increasing family care for depression and mental health persons. He further emphasized that presently, 300 million people are affected globally by depression and other mental health issues.

Dr Khalid Hussain Laghari, Health System Strengthening Officer, also briefed about WHO activities and gave a presentation on the topic.

Dr. Salman Kazi, Vice Dean Isra University, welcomed the WHO participation and thanked Rana Sidani, Communication Officer & Dr. Shazad Alam for support from EMRO and Assai Ardakani WR Pakistan Country WHO Office for directing Sindh based WHO officers, Dr Sarah Salman and Dr Khalid Hussain Laghari to attend WHO function organized by Isra University.

Dr AG Kazi assured highest cooperation from Isra University and its medical Faculty and students with WHO. Prof Hussain Bux Kolachi highlighted that 80,0000 Depression patients are in Pakistan, which is a big number. He said "We have about 5000 beds for psychiatric patients (3000 in public and 2000 private). About 300 trained psychiatrists are available in country and even HMIS of Pakistan does not mention mental illnesses as one of the priority health problems when this is an emergency situation. Sadly, awareness in this regard lacks considerably."

Prof Shafi Mohammad Jatoi shared his thoughts on depression and the Islamic way of addressing this problem. He said "Expectations should never control a life of a Muslim. Rather a Muslim needs to stay contended with whatever is available and what is achievable and must leave the rest to his Deity.

Dr Manzoor Jamali, Head of Dept of Psychiatry IU, emphasized that depression is preventable and the psychiatrist role in its

prevention is central. He mentioned that in his research work on students of Lahore, 37% had depressive mood or illness at some point of their academic career.

The invited guest speakers, Brigadier Khadim Hussain Jatoi, Director medical services five corps Karachi, appreciated Isra University's efforts in organizing such events. He suggested medical and non-medical measures for prevention and treatment of depression and further suggested how religious leaders can focus on such community health issues in their religious sermons which would help reducing the load of stress and depression.

Lieutenant Colonel Ramzan, psychiatrist CMH Hyderabad, elaborated the causes of depression in Pakistan like security, joblessness and lack of accessibility to mental health services especially at rural areas. Dr. Shahnawaz Dal, a leading Psychiatrist and Director MK Hospital highlighted in his presentation that the social values are changing in societies and human dignity is being eroded as basic right hence depression is on the rise. Therefore, there is all the more need for psychiatrists to be part of the primary health delivery system.

The students presented their views in debate. They remarked on how an organized change and involvement of youth in Pakistan can solve mental and other chronic and acute health problems. The highlight of speech was the talk by Sahel Bughio, a BBA student from Sindh University, physically challenged by birth with his only working leg. He started his education at primary level and learnt writing, reading and is now a university third year BBA student. He demonstrated his writing skills, laptop using skills, mobile use to the audience and got standing ovation from hall. In his concluding words, he thanked Allah who has given him strength as he now lives a normal and productive life.

In concluding ceremony, participants and speakers were given shields, certificates and cash prizes by Dr AG Kazi. Students Jawad, Fawad Ahmed Khilji, Azhar, Usaid, Mahveer, Kainat, Ruqqyia, Lubna, Maham were given prizes for poster. The stage secretaries were Dr Irum and Dr Ambreen, supported by team of department of Community Medicine (Dr Ghulam Hussain Baloch, Dr Bilal and Dr Sanam) and Dr Sagar. Holy verses were recited by Dr Faisal Memon. Support staff was Mr. Iqbal Khaskhelly, Mr. Hameed, Mr. Mazhar, and Mr.salamat

In debate, prizes were given to Dr Bhagwanti, Tanzeela, Fawad, Ruqqyia and Kainat Mari. National song was sung by Dr Pawan Hansraj and Dr Waqar Mirani.

The judges' team was led by Prof Mumtaz Qureshi and accompanied by Rafia Lt. Col. Dr Ramzan. The cooperation of Dr.Sara salman WHO office Sindh, Dr Javed Alam, country representative Assai Aradakani WR for Pakistan, EMRO communication officer was also appreciated.



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meet and greet and brief discussion on current US government funded project Pakistan Workforce Development. Dr. Hameedullah Kazi briefly talked that through this project Isra University conducted various youth development activities and provided trainings on entrepreneurship and career services. Hence,

through these activities students received worthwhile learning on entrepreneurship. Due to the good work of the project now many young people are able to start their own small business. During the event Dr. Qamaruddin explained that students from Badin, Dadu and other cities participated in project activities and presented their business ideas, whereas both boys and girls



remained main part of all project activities. Dr. Kazi further briefed that it is the utmost goal of Isra University to serve the community, especially youth so we wish to train them as they can start their own business and not only rely on job so Isra University has established an incubation center where students can start their own business.



At this event, Cultural Attache Mr. Jagelski expressed that Isra University has performed very well and served the main objective of the grant that was creating entrepreneurial knowledge in youth and provided them opportunity to escalate in business field. At the end, Sindhi cultural souvenirs Ajrak and Topi were presented to the guests.



## INTERNATIONAL NURSES' DAY

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century to the 21<sup>st</sup> century's Sustainable Development Goals, the theme of this year. She was inspired with the collaborative work of the nursing students and their faculty and staff at Isra School of Nursing in celebrating IND 2017. Dr. Yasmin highly appreciated the strength of multidisciplinary professional relationship at Isra University.

The Principal ISON Ms. Rebecca Wilson - John, in her address, emphasized on the strong need to strive for the achievement of 17 Sustainable Development Goals by 2030 set by UN while keeping basic nursing principles in focus given by Florence Nightingale.

Dr. Abdul Ghani Kazi appreciated students and faculty, their work and enthusiasm on this International Nurses Day. He reminded the significance of good nursing care along with higher education for better health services to the public. He further said that the nurses play a vital role in patient care and have a major responsibility of making public aware about their role.

The main celebration on May 12th, the Birth Anniversary of the founder of the modern nursing was celebrated with a great enthusiasm in Asadullah Kazi Auditorium at Isra Hospital Hyderabad. A week before May 12 is also celebrated as International Nurses' Week from 6th to 11th May. Isra School of Nursing celebrated whole week to commemorate the nurses' significant role in caring patients. This year the theme of the International Nurses' Week was: "The balance of Mind, Body and Spirit." The purpose was to encourage nurses to look after themselves to stay fit for the profession.

During this week, various academic activities were arranged. This year Isra School of Nursing arranged academic exhibition of various subject topics such as Biology, Science, Research etc. Sessions were also arranged on Basic Life Support and use of Medicine administration Devices. The participants were able to do Hands – on – Practice to regulate the accurate amount of dose.

Students from Nursing, Medical College, Physiotherapy and doctors and staff from Isra Hospital attended these sessions. Participants were awarded certificates at the end. Isra School of Nursing follows the International protocol of celebrations. May 8<sup>th</sup> is dedicated as International Student Nurses' Day and May 10<sup>th</sup> to Staff Nurses.

The International Nurses' Day was attended by the Chancellor, Vice Chancellor, Deans, Vice Deans, Head of Departments, Professors, Doctors, nursing and medical Students of Isra University and outside and other dignitaries. The 197<sup>th</sup> anniversary cake was cut and participants were awarded with certificates, awards, shields and prizes. Nursing students and faculty members of Isra School of Nursing played key role in organizing this event. Such events increase collegiality between nurses and others at Isra University and Hospital. The event also provides the platform to nursing students to show their knowledge, skills and talent via academic projects. This year there was a tough competition between student nurses work. Judges from various departments assessed and rated these projects and posters. The winners received reward and prizes.





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## 2nd Dental Auxiliaries Symposium

The paramedic's staff at Isra Dental College successfully arranged the 2<sup>nd</sup> dental auxiliary symposium: "The Core of Dentistry" on 8th April 2017. The event was attended by dental auxiliaries from various institutes of different cities of Sindh. Good participation was seen from Isra Dental College Hyderabad, Liaquat University of Medical Health Sciences Jamshoro, Dow University, Aga khan University Karachi, Sindh Jinnah Medical and Dental University Karachi, paramedical institute jamshoro and other renowned dental institutes.

The event was attended by paramedical staff, students from BDS, House Officers, Lecturers and senior faculty members. Among the renowned names were professor Dr. Feroz Kalhoro (chief guest) principal lumhs, Professor Dr. Abdul Qadir khero, Dean of dentistry Isra dental college, Dr. Salman Shafique, associate professor omfs at Isra dental college and Dr. Abdul Jabbar, assistant professor orthodontics at lumhs.

The symposium, hosted by Dr. Aswad Ahmed, proved to be a good platform for dental assistants and dental hygienists, who discussed





various important topics like dental caries, gingivitis, hazards in the dental office, sterilization etc. There were 8 speakers as dental auxiliaries namely: Mr. Farhan Bhutto, Mr. Zafar Ali, Mr. Ibrahim Kandhro, Miss Tahira, Miss Badshahzadi, Mr. Waqar, Mr. Arslan and Mr. Sham. This was followed by presentations from Dr. Salman Shafique and Dr. Abdul Qadir khero.

The event was chiefly organized by Rashid Ali Soomro and assisted by Zohaib Rind. Mohsin Kazi, was appreciated by the chief guest Dr. Feroz Kalhoro who also encouraged continuing arranging events like these where the paramedical staff gets a chance to convey their knowledge and make their presence felt. It was also proposed to regularize and register the growing number of dental assistants and dental hygienists by forming a governing body for them so they can get their due recognition. Events like these in the future would help create opportunities for the paramedical staff to improve their communication and polish their skills even further.

## Seminar on Tech-Times & Idea2App

On 5<sup>th</sup> May 2017 IEEE Isra Student Branch organized a Seminar on Tech-Times & Idea2App. Idea2App is a competition in which countries of ECO (Economic Cooperation Organization) will participate and compete for the laurels. The guest speaker for the occasion was Mr. Paras Sayed, CEO, Tech-Times who briefed the students on the dynamics of Idea2App competition. The event was held at the Faculty of Engineering, Science & Technology and was attended by students of the departments of Computer Science & Electrical Engineering.

On the occasion Prof. Dr. Noor Muhammad, welcomed and thanked the speaker who specially came from Karachi. Mr. Sayed was very happy to see the response from Isra University, Hyderabad and he thanked for having him at Isra University.



#### **RASHAN DISTRIBUTION**



The sacred month of Ramadan is not only about fasting, but it also teaches one to facilitate the less-privileged in every possible manner. Keeping this view in mind, on 25<sup>th</sup> May 2017 the Isra Islamic Foundation (G) Limited, parent organization of Isra University distributed rations among the lower salaried staff of the IIF, Isra University, Isra Hospital, Isra Welfare Hospital (641 persons) and its associated organs. This program is the calendar event of Isra Islamic Foundation, and is held every year in the month of Ramadan.

# REPORT OF CME ON "UNDERSTANDING LUMPS AND BUMPS IN BREAST

A seminar on "Understanding Lumps and Bumps in Breast" was organized by the Department of Surgery, Isra University Hyderabad, under the chairmanship of Prof: Abdul Sattar Memon on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017 at OPD Lecture Hall, Isra University Hospital Hyderabad.

The program was accredited for 2 credit hours and was attended by 55 participants including all the Faculty members, House surgeons and PG's of Department of Surgery

The program began with the recitation from Holy Quran by Dr. Sidra (H.O) and by Dr. A.Qadir (H.O). Dr. Sheeraz Ahmed, (PG) presented a case report. Dr. Nimra Rafiq (PG) gave a presentation on "A Normal Breast". A talk on "Myths and Facts in breast lump" was given by Dr. Javeria Farid, Assistant Professor from department of Surgery. Dr. Jaweria Memon (PG), presented paper on the "Differential Diagnosis of breast lump." Dr. Rabail Abro discussed "Can Man get breast lump". Next to her was Dr. Sarosh





Kulsoom who presented on "how to approach breast lump". The next presenter was Dr. Ali Shamshad who presented on extra mammary lump confusing as a breast lump. Vote of Thanks was given by Dr. Jaweria Memon(PG).

The CME was concluded by valuable comments from Prof. A. Sattar Memon along with a question answer session. It is recommended to start a breast clinic OPD and to organize a one day free camp for breast diseases in which all patients of breast diseases will undergo triple assessment followed by appropriate management and public awareness programs regarding breast diseases.

Prof. A.Sattar Memon distributed the certificates to the presenters / speakers. The three best postgraduates speakers were announced and recommended for some award from university. The speakers were Dr. Javeria Memon, Dr. Sarosh kulsoom, Dr. Rabail Zamir. Lunch was served by courtesy of Messer's Searle Pharma to all the participants.

#### MIANI FOREST TRIP

A trip to Miani Forest was organized for the faculty members of Faculty of Engineering, Science & Technology and Faculty of Commerce, Economics & Management Sciences on 11<sup>th</sup> May,





2017. The visit was collaborated by the Department of forestry, Government of Sindh. On the occasion the Director Conservator welcomed all the invited guests from Isra University.

#### IN HOUSE TEACHER TRAINING



On 08 May 2017 an In-House Teacher Training on "A Passion for Teaching & Understanding Adult Learning" was organized. The resource person on the occasion was Mr. Abbas Hussain, Director, Teaching Development Center, Karachi who has a 25 years of experience in teacher training. He also works in the visiting faculty of IBA and IoBM, Karachi.

Prof. Dr. M. Iqbal Bhatti, Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Science & Technology & Faculty of Commerce, Economics & Management Sciences, Prof. Dr. Ghous Bux Khaskheily, Chairperson, Civil Engineering Department, Prof. Dr. M. Ibrahim Pahnwar, Chairperson, Mechanical Engineering Department, Prof. Dr. Ahsanullah Baloch, Chairperson, Computer Science Department, Prof. Dr. Noor Muhammad, Chairperson, Electrical Engineering Department & Mr. Irfan Haroon, Director, Student Affairs were also present on the occasion. This training was organized to look at the latest trends and changes in teaching. The training was organized at Isra University, Hyderabad.

After the recitation of Holy Quran Prof. Dr. Hameedullah Kazi, welcomed all the participants and guest speakers. He emphasized on the importance of teacher training as these kind of trainings are very rare. Later Prof. Dr. Hameedullah Kazi presented souvenirs to the guests from Karachi.

Afterwards Mr. Abbas Hussain conducted a full day marathon training session in which the participants were divided into groups to learn about pedagogy & understanding the latest teaching methodologies and techniques. Pedagogy is the discipline that deals with the theory and practice of education; it thus concerns the study and practice of how best to teach. Its aims range from the general (full development of the human being via education) to the narrower specifics of basic, school, college, university and vocational education (the imparting and acquisition of specific skills). In correlation with those instructive strategies, the teachers own philosophical beliefs of instruction are harbored and governed by the pupil's background knowledge and experience, situation, and environment, as well as learning goals set by the student and teacher. One example would be the Socratic schools of thought. The teaching of adults, however, may be referred to as andragogy. The training was attended by 70 teachers from Isra University Programs such as Engineering, Management Sciences, Computer Sciences & Nursing as well as teachers from the region of Sindh. Participants belonged to Mehran UET, Jamshoro, LUMHS, Jamshoro, University of Sindh, Jamshoro, Cadet College, Petaro, Govt. Colleges & Schools in Hyderabad, Private School of Hi-Scope & Marvi College, Matiari & Beacon House, Hyderabad.





# BOOK FAIR 2017



For the first time, Isra University, Hyderabad with the collaboration of OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS PAKISTAN and Liberty books, organized Book Fair on 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> May to promote the reading habits among students of Isra University and enhance quality of education. Department of Management Sciences and ORIC collaboratively arranged this event. The management team included Ms. Annam Inayat, Dr. Qamaruddin Mahar, Ms. Wafa Pathan, Ms. Donia Niaz, Mr. Ahsan Ansari, Mr. Ebbad Qureshi and Mr. Hunain Ansari.

The day started with inauguration session, where the ribbon cutting ceremony and welcome address was given by Dr. Hameedullah Kazi.

Souvenirs were presented to the guests from OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS PAKISTAN and Liberty Bookstore and an MOU was also signed.

Students, and faculty members of all disciplines showed high interest and purchased a large number of books.





#### **GIZ PERSONNEL VISIT ISRA UNIVERSITY**



Senior Financial Advisor, GIZ, Mr. Omar Baba visited Isra University, Hyderabad to talk over the developed initial scheme of the GIZ TVET Training Fund Implementation by Isra University, Hyderabad. Also had a meet up with Prof. Dr. Hameedullah Kazi, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Engineering & Management Sciences, appreciating the plan development and facilities provided by Isra University and hoping and wishing them all the best for working more effectively for a better and improved Technical sector in the region.

CEREMONY OF PRIME MINISTER YOUTH SKILLS DEVELOPMENT POSITION HOLDERS

On 04 May 2017 the position holders of the Mid Terms Skills Assessments 2017 of Prime Minister Youth Skills Development Program were awarded the certificates by Pro-Vice Chancellor, Engineering & Management Sciences, Isra University, Hyderabad, Dr. Hameedullah Kazi, and Head of NAVTTC Prime Minister Youth Skills Development Program.

1st, 2nd & 3rd Positions were certificated and Cash Awards were





distributed to them in the trade of Book Keeping & Accounting, Auto CAD and in Graphic Designing, Isra University, Hyderabad. Also MoU was signed by NAVTTC for organizing 06 months training in the PMYSDP, Phase-3, Batch-2. Overall, Isra University, Hyderabad received grant for organizing trainings in the trades of Book Keeping & Accounting, Graphic Designing and Auto CAD.

#### **INSURANCE SEMINAR**



Human Capital office in collaboration with Pak Qatar Family Takaful organized the Insurance Seminar on April 14, 2017 at the Asadullah Kazi Auditorium, Isra University Hyderabad. The aim of seminar was to bring awareness to the faculty and staff of Isra University and Isra University Hospital about the services provided by Pak-Qatar Family Takaful. Mr. Junaid Asghar delivered a detailed presentation highlighting the services provided by Pak-Qatar Family Takaful and the procedures to avail them.

In the end, representatives of Pak Qatar Takaful Family and Human Capital office addressed the queries and complaints of the employees.



#### NAVTTC EXTERNAL ASSESSORS VISIT TO ISRA UNIVERSITY



On 16 May 2017 National Vocation Technical Training Commission (NAVTTC) external assessors visited Isra University, Hyderabad to assess the ongoing training of Prime Minister Youth Skills Development Program. The team met students and faculty of the trades of Book Keeping and Accounting, Graphic Designing and Auto CAD. They appreciated the facilities and the feedback from the trainees. They also visited the labs. These external assessment visits were in line with the SOP's of the NAVTTC Prime Minister Youth Skills Development Program.

## INTEGRATING MASSIVE OPEN ONLINE COURSES INTO CLASSROOM

Isra University organized a session on "Integrating Massive Open Online Courses (MOOCs) into classrooms" on 11<sup>th</sup> April, 2017 at Isra University Hyderabad Campus.

With an aim to promote student's centric learning in order to enable them to become independent learners, Ms. Wafa Pathan, speaker of the event emphasized on coming in contact with the prestigious universities across the globe. Dr. Qamarudin Mahar (Head of the Department) also encouraged this idea of integrating MOOCs into classrooms to equip our students and faculty based on day to day requirements of knowledge and skills.

The session was ended with the closing remarks of Pro Vice Chancellor, Dr. Hameedullah Kazi who acknowledged this initiative and defined the significance of technological based learning. He further shared that it is necessary to become an independent learner as a person's development needs expertise in different areas throughout their lives. Therefore, accessing these platforms will be best idea to make our learning productive by bringing them into practicality. Session was attended by the faculty members and students of Department of Management Sciences.



#### Training session on Career Services



Isra University, Hyderabad, in collaboration with Ball State University, USA conducted a training session on "Career Services" for the community of Hyderabad and the districts nearby at Asadullah Kazi Auditorium on  $5^{th}$  April, 2017.

Theme for the training was "How to make people become employable". The event was organized by Dr. Qamarudin Mahar, Mr. Zafar A. Siddiqui, Mr. Riaz Ahmed Shaikh, Ms. Wafa Pathan, Mr. Ebbad Qureshi, Ms. Donia Bughio, Mr. Ahsan Ansari and Mr. Ahsan Shaikh.

The training covered the following topics: How to search for a job, how to apply for jobs, resume writing, what to do in an interview and mock interviews. The main objective of this training was to guide the students about the new techniques and trends of employment that are being followed in the world. The trainers of the day were Mr. Zafar Siddiqui, Ms. Wafa Pathan, and Ms Donia Bughio. The participants included all students and community members from the surrounding districts of Hyderabad, Sindh.



# INFORMATION SESSION ON CSS (CENTRAL SUPERIOR SERVICES)



Many people find CSS extremely challenging and only attainable by scholars or highly intellectual people. However, this is not the case. To enlighten students about this competitive exam, and to



motivate and guide them on how to pursue it, Isra University Alumni Association organized an Information Session on CSS. Mr. Irshad Ali Sodha, Additional Deputy Commissioner, Pakistan Administrative Services and Mr. Shahryar Ali Memon, Deputy Secretary, Pakistan Administrative Services were the speakers for this event who shared their journey and experience with the attendees.



In the end, Mr. Irshad Ali Sodhar, Mr. Shahryar Ali Memon, Ms. Sadaf Sheikh, and Ms. Hadeeqa, addressed the queries and concerns of the attendees.

#### BENAZIR BHUTTO SHAHEED YOUTH DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (BBSYDP)

A meeting was held in Karachi on 26th May 2017 between Prof. Dr. Hameedullah Kazi, Pro-Vice Chancellor, Engineering & Management Sciences, Head of BBSYDP Youth Skills Development Program, Phase X. Mr. M. Shariq, Secretary, Benazir Bhutto Shaheed Human Resource Research Development Board (BBSHRRDB) and Mr. Saad Khan Baloch was held in Karachi on 26th May, 2017, to have a discussion upon Benazir Bhutto Shaheed Youth Development Program (BBSYDP). Also, Mr. M. Shariq appreciated the services and trainings of BBSYDP already being provided at Isra University, Hyderabad.

Moreover, Isra University, Hyderabad fortunately was allowed to begin Phase X of BBSYDP in 09 Trades i.e. Networking, CIT, E-Commerce, Mobile Application Developer, Auto CAD, Fiber Optic Network Design, Office Automation, Software Designing and Software & Computer Security.



# ONE DAY WORKSHOP ON "ENERGY CONVERSION SYSTEMS"



RASTEK technologies sponsored One day Workshop on 'Energy Conversion Systems' which was organized by the Department of Electrical Engineering, Isra Univeristy, Hyderabad on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2017. Professor Dr. Hameedullah Kazi, the Chief Coordinator of the workshop commenced the session with the welcome note and appreciated the students for participating and realizing the worth of the workshop.

In circulation of 50 students from various Universities engaged in the workshop. The students acquired a good deal of knowledge regarding the empirical intimation of the electrical machines and power electronics under the supervision of experienced instructors Dr. Arsalan Ansari and Engr. Shoaib Ahmed Dayo.

The workshop ended with the closing remarks by the Chief Guest, Dean Faculty of Engineering Science & technology, Professor Dr. Muhammad Iqbal Bhatti, on the success of the event and asserted his vision for future as well.

Additional, the certificates of gratitude were handout to all the participants and the organizers. Moreover, shields were accorded to the coordinators and the sponsors.





## DIGITAL VIDEO CONFERENCING SESSION

On 18 May 2017 Isra University in collaboration with the US Consulate General Karachi organized Digital Video Conferencing session with different Universities of Pakistan. Participating Universities were; Sardar Bahadur Khan Women University-Quetta, Abdul Wali Khan University-Mardan, University of Peshawar- Peshawar, Institute of Management Sciences-Peshawar, University of Science and Technology- Bannu, Kohat University of Science & Technology- Kohat, Karakoram International University-Gilgit, University of Balochistan-Quetta and Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering & Management Sciences- Quetta. Dr. Terry Jackson from US Consulate General Karachi gave a presentation and talked about ""Entrepreneurial Marketing" with faculty members and students of Universities of Pakistan.



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#### Isra University (Main Campus), Hyderabad

- Faculty of Medicine & Allied Medical Sciences
- Faculty of Engineering, Science & Technology
- Faculty of Commerce, Economics & Management Sciences

Faculty of Dentistry & Allied Sciences
Isra University Hospital, Hyderabad
Isra Dental College & Hospital, Hyderabad
Isra College of Rehabilitation Sciences
Isra School of Nursing, Hyderabad
Isra School of Paramedics, Hyderabad
Isra Schools Network, Hyderabad & Nasarpur

#### Health and Welfare Programs

Isra Blindness Control Programs

- Al-Ibrahim Eye Hospital: Malir, Kunri & Kharan
- International Eye Camps
- National Eye Camps

Isra University Welfare Hospital, Hyderabad Isra General Medical Camps, Rural Areas Al Tibri Medical College Hospital, Karachi Al Nafees Medical College Hospital, Islamabad

#### Isra University (Karachi Campus)

- Al Tibri Medical College & Hospital
- Isra Institute of Rehabilitation Sciences
- Isra Postgraduate Institute of Ophthalmology
- Isra School of Optometry

#### Isra University (Islamabad Campus)

- Al Nafees Medical College & Hospital
- School of Engineering & Applied Sciences
- Isra School of Rehabilitation Sciences

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