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A. Sustainable Development Research and Training Center (SDRTC)

a) Global Conference on Research in Education and Social Sciences 10th-11th March, 2023

SDG 4-Quality Education

SDG 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions

SDG 5: Gender Equality

SDG 10: Reduced Inequality

SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals

SZABIST University Social Sciences Department in collaboration with SDRTC organized Global Conference on Research in Education and Social Sciences on 10th and 11th March, 2023.

During the two-day conference, SDRTC organized a panel discussion on “Environmental Justice for All: Balancing Population Growth and Sustainability in Pakistan”.

The aim of the panel discussion was to raise awareness of the complex issues surrounding population growth, to discuss strategies for its balance and sustainability in Pakistan, and to explore solutions that promote environmental justice for all.

The panel consisted of Ms. Shahnaz Wazir Ali, President SZABIST, Ms. Janifer Younus; Senior Program Manager, Mr. Ali Tauqeer Sheikh; Expert on Climate Change, Mr. Ahmed Shayan; Sustainability Lead Engro Foundation. The panel was moderated by Ms. Afia Salam.





b) "Indus River: A Confluence of Economy and Culture" on Monday, 8th May, 2023

SDG 1: No Poverty

SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation

SDG 2: Zero Hunger

SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

SDG 15: Life on Land

SZABIST University Sustainable Development Research and Training Center (SDRTC) in collaboration with Friedrich Naumann Foundation (FNF) held an expert discussion and film screening on "Indus River: A Confluence of Economy and Culture" on Monday, 8th May, 2023. The session was attended by **academicians** and **representatives of various NGOs**.

One of the cross cutting theme of this discussion was Water governance, which remains a challenging area of Pakistani sociopolitical context. A short film was also screened to state the miseries of riverine communities and the prevalent water sharing and managing among the provinces at large.

Speaking on the occasion, **Ms. Birgit Lamm, Country Head FNF Pakistan**, said that nobody could have ever lived in this region without Indus that gives life and livelihood to the people of Pakistan. She said that this film shares an adventure and travel story of Wajahat Malik, director of film, who wanted to travel Indus on raft from North to all the way to South and it also triggers a debate on problems and challenges of Indus.

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Dr. Hassan Abbas, an expert on hydrology and water resources, said that one of the biggest obstacle is lack of understanding of the river system at highest policy level who only see river with the lens of engineers. He said that megastructure and diversions planned during the Indus River Treaty has destroyed the river system.

Prof. Aijaz Qureshi, Educationist & Development Professional, said that issue of governance and distribution of land around Indus has also caused people to suffer.





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زیسٹ سسٹین ایبل ڈویلپمنٹ ریسرچ اینڈ ٹریننگ سینٹر اور فریڈرک نویمان فاؤنڈیشن کے تحت ماہرانہ بحث اور فلم اسکریننگ

پشتونستان کے لوگوں کو زندگی اور سماج دینے والے ستودہ کے بانی کوئی نہیں رہ سکتا تھا۔ یہ بحث ہم سب سے بڑی رکاوٹ تھی۔ ہمیں لیل پر دیا گیا کہ ہم کو زندگی دینا ہے۔ جو صرف انگریزی ہی سے نہیں آتا۔ اس میں اس ستودہ کے ارد گرد گورننس اور زمین کی تقسیم کا مسئلہ بھی لوگوں کو پریشانی کا باعث بنا ہے۔ یہ دوسرا امر ہے۔

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کراچی، زیسٹ سسٹین ایبل ڈویلپمنٹ ریسرچ اینڈ ٹریننگ سینٹر اور فریڈرک نویمان فاؤنڈیشن کے اشتراک سے ماہرانہ بحث کی جہاں سے



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Indus gives life and livelihood to people of Pakistan, Birgit Lamm

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c) “Tribal Conflicts and Impact on Women” on August 10, 2023.

Good Health and Wellbeing (SDG 3)

Decent Work and Economic Growth (SDG 8)

SZABIST University Sustainable Development Research and Training Center (SDRTC) in collaboration with Women’s Action Forum (WAF) organized a seminar on “Tribal Conflicts and Impact on Women” on August 10, 2023.

The session was moderated by Dr. Kausar S. Khan. Ms. Attiya Dawood, Writer and Poet; Ms. Uzma Noorani, Women’s Right activist; Dr Farukh Raza, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Jamshoro; Ms. Anis Haroon, Human Rights Activist; Ms. Anita Pinjani, Activist; Mr. Riaz Sohail, Journalist; Ms. Shahnaz Wazir Ali, President SZABIST University; Dr. Riaz Sheikh, Dean Social Sciences and Education; and Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Shehla Qureshi spoke on the occasion.

The session was also attended by academicians, lawyers, journalists and representatives of NGO Sector.





Press Coverage



Tribal clashes symptom of ruling elite's failure, moot told

Shazia Hasan | Published August 11, 2023



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KARACHI: Speakers at a seminar on 'Tribal Conflicts, and Impact on Women', organised by the Woman Action Forum (WAF) at SZABIST on Thursday, were of the view that tribal clashes were indicative of failure of the government and ruling classes.

While introducing the topic Dr Kausar S. Khan, who was moderating the talks, said that tribal clashes were a bane of society in Sindh and Pakistan.



Karachi (<https://www.thenews.com.pk/print/category/karachi>)

Tribal conflicts in Sindh continue to have devastating effects on women, seminar told

By Yousuf Katpar (<https://www.thenews.com.pk/writer/yousuf-katpar>) | August 11, 2023

As women lack education and financial autonomy in underprivileged areas of Sindh, they often face more financial and psychological stress in case of tribal conflicts.

This was stated by speakers at a seminar titled 'Tribal Conflicts and Impact on Women' organised by the Women's Action Forum (WAF) in collaboration with Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Institute of Science and Technology (Szabist).

The event was moderated by Kausar S Khan, a member of the WAF's four-member delegation that visited Sukkur, Kashmore and Ghotki districts to gain a deeper understanding of the underlying factors contributing to tribal conflicts and their impact on women.



d) Panel Discussion “From Poverty to Progress: Navigating Economic Challenges” on November 8, 2023

No Poverty (SDG 1)
Gender Equality (SDG 5)
Decent Work and Economic Growth (SDG 8)
Reduced Inequalities (SDG 10)

In the observance of International Day of Poverty, SZABIST University Sustainable Development Research and Training Center (SDRTC) organized a Panel Discussion “From Poverty to Progress: Navigating Economic Challenges” on November 8, 2023 targeting SDG 1 and SDG 8. The panel was moderated by Dr. Kaiser Bengali. The speakers included Asad Ali Shah, Former Advisor to Chief Minister Sindh on Sindh and Dr. Asma Hyder, Dean School of Economics and Social Sciences IBA.

Speaking on the occasion Asad Ali Shah said that large government in proportion to our expenditure is the reason of unproductive economy. He said that investment in the human capital and robust ecosystem of entrepreneurship are the two important factors in the development of any country. Dr. Asma Hyder said that pandemic, conflicts, climate change and migration are the reasons of poverty. In order to reduce the poverty, the wealth should be distributed equally through transfer of assets such as programs like Benazir Income Support Program, livestock and capacity building of individuals so that they can generate income.





e) “Pakistan’s Economy: Unravelling the gaps and deficits

Sustainable Development Research and Training Center (SDRTC) is organized a talk by Shabbir Zaidi on “Pakistan’s Economy: Unravelling the gaps and deficits” on December 6, 2023.

B. Life Sciences Research Center (LSRC)

a) 1st Public Health Symposium on “Health Systems Performance and Lessons Learned, 2022 Floods” – May 20th, 2023

Good Health and Wellbeing (SDG 3)

Quality Education (SDG 4)

Gender Equality (SDG 5)

SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

SDG 13: Climate Action

Partnership for the Goals (SDG 17)

The Public Health Department at SZABIST University organized the inaugural Public Health Symposium titled "Health Systems Performance and Lessons Learned: 2022 Floods" on May 20, 2023, at the SZABIST Auditorium.

Dr. Sameera Ali Rizvi extended a warm welcome to the esteemed guests and students in attendance. Professor Dr. Mehtab Karim, a distinguished faculty member from the Public Health Department at SZABIST, shed light on the rapid growth of the population as a man-made disaster in Pakistan. He underscored that Pakistan's population is expanding at a rate of 2.5 percent, significantly surpassing neighboring countries and other low-income nations. Professor Karim posed critical questions regarding how Pakistan intends to effectively manage this population growth alongside the challenges posed by climate change.



Dr. Zaib Dahar, a senior technical advisor at Pathfinder, emphasized the heightened vulnerability of women and children as one of the most affected groups during disasters. The Covid-19 pandemic and recent floods exacerbated the decline in institutional deliveries and family planning services due to a lack of prioritization. The focus shifted to life-saving transportation and outbreak control, neglecting essential maternal and child health (MCH) services and family planning. Because of the floods, approximately one-third of healthcare facilities were forced to close. Alarmingly, in the camps, 61% of women with children under the age of two were not



utilizing any family planning methods. Communities and healthcare staff were ill prepared to address the emergency, leading to the failure to execute contingency plans and resorting to crisis management strategies.

Dr. Sara Salman from the World Health Organization (WHO) in Sindh discussed the strategies employed to mitigate the destruction of healthcare services. Initially, the focus was on rescue operations, service reparation, and community support, followed by rehabilitation, repair, and renovation efforts. Nutrition emerged as a major concern, alongside mental health issues, within the affected communities. More than 50% of health facilities were damaged, impacting service provision and accessibility to life-saving resources and referral networks. WHO is dedicated to strengthening primary healthcare and implementing a person-focused approach to achieve universal health coverage, with Sindh being the first province in this endeavor. WHO supported the establishment of mobile labor rooms, immunization services, and primary healthcare facilities, including the provision of vaccinations in the camps. Emergency operations cells were established in Hyderabad, Thatta, Larkana, and Sukkur to ensure the delivery of integrated services and access to clean water. Doorstep delivery of food packages was also provided. WHO is actively supporting telemedicine and psychosocial support initiatives, while the rehabilitation of services continues to be an ongoing priority.



Dr. Talib Lashari talked about a case for climate resilient Health System. He highlighted that there is surge / re-emergence of infectious diseases/communicable diseases, non-communicable diseases along with mental illnesses because of climate change. Sindh is one of the most severally affected area due to drought, dry spells, heavy rains, floods, urban flooding, cyclones, migration, lack of irrigation water, unsafe drinking water etc. He added that government has developed a framework for climate resilient health system. We need to prepare and respond now.



We cannot address health in isolation; it is part of social determinants of health. Based on six building blocks of health systems, we need leadership and governance mechanisms, integrated data systems and need to link finance with climate response. He emphasized that district level health plans need to be developed and implemented.

During the symposium, Dr. Farid Midhat from the audience shared an alarming observation regarding climate change. He mentioned that even a 5% increase in temperature before childbirth has resulted in an increase in stillbirths and



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premature deliveries, which remains a constant concern for Pakistan. Dr. Sarwat emphasized the critical role of women's empowerment in responding effectively to the current climate challenges.

The Director-General of Health stressed the significance of fieldwork for public health workers while discussing the impact of rain and floods in 2022. He reported that over 10 million people were affected in 24 districts due to the floods last year. Approximately 1,000 health facilities were submerged and damaged. He highlighted the government's response through the deployment of medical camps, healthcare workers, and the continuation of routine immunization services. The major lesson learned from this experience was the power of synergy and collective action. Despite their own homes and families being affected by the floods, healthcare workers selflessly assisted those in need. The Director-General expressed gratitude to all government workers, NGOs, INGOs, including AKU, UNICEF, UNFPA, WHO, and the general public for their support and collaboration.

Dr. Syed Aziz Rab, the Chief Executive Officer of Green Star Marketing, delivered a comprehensive presentation addressing the intricate challenges associated with the supply chain for health commodities, specifically focusing on contraceptives. Recognizing the significance of collaborating with governmental entities, Dr. Rab emphasized the government's extensive outreach capabilities to target large segments of the population effectively. In order to achieve



health indicators and targets, innovative ideas are essential, considering that population growth continues to pose a significant issue despite ongoing efforts spanning multiple decades. Dr. Rab drew attention to the alarming rise in the number of abortions due to a high prevalence of unwanted pregnancies. Shockingly, despite the devastating toll, which amounts to the loss of 1,400 women's lives every month, these tragic occurrences often fail to garner media coverage. Disruptions within the supply chain, particularly for food and menstrual hygiene products, were also highlighted. Even in such challenging circumstances, the private sector demonstrated resilience and reached

out to address the needs of affected communities. Therefore, it is imperative to incentivize and mobilize both the private sector and other private networks to effectively respond to emergencies. Dr. Rab further elucidated the hurdles associated with developing and importing health commodities, exemplifying the burden imposed by the 18% import duty on condoms.



Dr. Karim Khuwaja delivered a comprehensive discourse addressing the escalating prevalence of mental health challenges resulting from floods, the COVID-19 pandemic, and other calamities. He presented findings from a study conducted in the Thar region, which involved the use of psychological autopsies. Dr. Khuwaja further elaborated on the collaborative efforts undertaken by the Sindh Mental Health Authority in conjunction with numerous universities and organizations such as IMCI. These endeavors encompassed the establishment of camps and the provision of psychosocial services during and after floods. To ensure widespread accessibility,



three helplines were established to extend support to individuals in need. Moreover, a total of three hundred healthcare professionals were trained across various areas, including Sanghar, Badin, and Sukkar, to administer mental health services.

The symposium concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Batool Fatima. Madam Shahnaz expressed gratitude to the esteemed guests while presenting them with commemorative shields. Approximately 80 students, faculty members, and guests attended the symposium from SZBIST.

b) 6th Biosciences Annual Research Symposium May 4th, 2023

Good Health and Wellbeing (SDG 3)

Quality Education (SDG 4)

SDG 9: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure

Partnership for the Goals (SDG 17)

Department of Biosciences organized 6th Biosciences Annual Research Symposium which was held on 4th May, 2023. The theme of the symposium was "Era of Research and Innovation". The symposium was aimed to provide a platform to researchers and academicians to share their insights and ideas on the latest developments in Biological Sciences. Prof. Dr. Shakeel Ahmed Khan (Vice Chancellor, Salim Habib University) was the Chief Guest of the event, who enlightened the importance of biological sciences in the economic growth of any country, particularly in the post-COVID period. Distinguished speakers, Prof. Dr. Shahid Pervez (Aga Khan University and Hospital), Prof. Dr. Iqbal Nasiri (Hamdard University), Dr. Muhammad Sohail (University of Karachi) and Ms. Uroosa Ejaz (SZABIST) presented their cutting-edge research at the symposium. Students of BS-Biosciences program also





presented Final year research project in the e-poster competition, judged by Dr. Saifullah (University of Karachi).



c) Women-Led Climate Resilience Workshop in Collaboration with Pathfinder - October 21st 2023

Good Health and Wellbeing (SDG 3)

Quality Education (SDG 4)

Gender Equality (SDG 5)

Partnership for the Goals (SDG 17)

On 21st October 2023, a remarkable event unfolded at SZABIST University. The Public Health Department, in collaboration with Pathfinder, proudly marked the successful conclusion of the **Women-Led Climate Resilience** training program, a significant component of the Surmi initiative. This meticulously organized dissemination unveiled the ingenious prototypes crafted by the program participants. These prototypes were meticulously designed with a distinct focus on addressing climate change challenges, with a particular emphasis on bolstering the agency of women.





d) The Science of Scaling-Up organized on September 19-21, 2023

Good Health and Wellbeing (SDG 3)

Quality Education (SDG 4)

Partnership for the Goals (SDG 17)

SZABIST University in collaboration with ExpandNet (WHO) organized a three-day workshop for students on 'The Science of Scaling-Up' from 19th September 2023 to 21st September 2023. This new initiative focused on guidance tools for planning and implementing research projects for scaling up in the context of public health.





C. Faculty of Education and Social Sciences-Education Department

SDG 4: Quality Education

SDG 5: Gender Equality

SDG 10: Reduced Inequality

SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth

SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals

a) General Public Events

| Facilitator | Topic | Dates |
|-------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| Dr. Najmunnisa and Ms. Sadiya | Significant Pre School Years | 21 st March 2023 |
| Dr. Najmunnisa | Curriculum Innovation: Addressing the Present and Future Needs | 17 th May 2023 |
| Dr. Najmunnisa & Ms. Sadiya Durrani | Dealing with Social and Emotional challenges of the era | 24 th May 2023 |
| Dr. Naeem | Challenges in Educational Policy Making in Pakistan | 1 st June 2023 |

b) Educational Outreach Activities

| Facilitator | Topic | Dates |
|----------------------|--|---|
| Dr. Rukshanda Jabeen | Camp Feline Welfare Project (At SZABIST) | 15 th January 2023 & 15 th September 2023 |
| Dr. Rukshanda Jabeen | Visit to Parvarish Rehab Centre, Karachi. | 19 th December 2023 |
| Ms.Sadiya Durrani | Deaf Reach, a program of the Family Educational Services Foundation | Spring 2023 |
| Ms.Sadiya Durrani | "Empowering minds with critical thinking and fueling the passion for lifelong learning." | Spring 2023 |



c) Deaf Reach, a program of the Family Educational Services Foundation

SDG 4: Quality Education

SDG 10: Reduced Inequality

SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals

Deaf Reach, a program of the Family Educational Services Foundation, is working to meet the great need for Deaf education in Pakistan. MS-ELM students trained Deaf Reach teachers with interactive emerging technologies integration helped their day-to-day teaching practices, and also inculcated social-emotional learning teaching practices for students to manage their anxieties and to make them feel included as an important part of society by ensuring the incorporation of the resources used in the mainstream education and providing them with opportunities to exhibit their exceptional skills and talents. Our students used Kotter's 8-Step Change Model to provide a structured approach to implementing this initiative effectively as their change management project at Deaf Reach Schools in Pakistan.

d) Change Management

SDG 4: Quality Education

SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals

This change management project was done under Ms. Sadiya Durrani's supervision using Kotter's 8-step model. It aimed to empower teachers at Government Girls Primary School in Khudada Colony by training them to integrate critical thinking activities as icebreakers and warm-up exercises. Our vision statement was: "Empowering minds with critical thinking and fueling the passion for lifelong learning." Initially, we conducted a needs analysis to understand the importance of critical thinking skills as a warm-up in the classroom. Then we formed a coalition of teachers to lead the change, ensuring active participation from senior stakeholders. We provided proper, step-by-step training to bring about the desired changes. During the training sessions, participants were introduced to various critical thinking activities, complemented by classroom demonstrations. This hands-on approach facilitated a thorough understanding and offered comprehensive guidance. As the project progressed, we empowered teachers through micro-teaching and reflective practices, preparing them for effective classroom instruction, gearing their confidence, and peer-to-peer evaluation. After this, the teachers were encouraged to plan for classroom demonstrations of the critical thinking activities, our team observed the teachers, witnessed their efforts, and recognized them for their efforts through certificates and gifts for Best Lesson Delivery and Best Critical Thinking Activity. Continuous monitoring and support were provided throughout the project. Ultimately, teachers, along with their principal and coordinator, were encouraged to sustain these practices after the holidays. They were also invited to share short videos demonstrating their application of critical thinking activities in the classroom, equipping students with essential skills for future success. To evaluate the impact of



our training, we conducted pre- and post-surveys from teachers and assessed the result through quantitative analysis paired sample test. Furthermore, we interviewed students about their learning experiences after they experienced their teachers' initiative in the classroom. This feedback was crucial in assessing the effectiveness of the new strategies





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D. SZABIST Student Clubs/Societies

The SSC has been engaged in initiating wide range of meaningful activities ranging from intellectual programs to competitive sporting events. Among the most notable is the annual LEAD Convention, where SSC provides a platform to the young leaders, from all universities across the city, to contemplate over the global issues that require sustainable yet immediate solutions.

To offer a vibrant and healthy students environment at SZABIST, the SSC also arranges the Annual Orientation to welcome the new students, Beach Party, Musical Concert, Mehfil-e-Mushaira, Qawwali night, Graduation Week and many more other entertaining events.

SSC, being a proactive student body, engages in community services to inculcate a responsible citizenship behavior among students. In this regard, the SSC has signed MoUs with different organizations and NGOs to contribute in various noble causes. Urban Forest and The ELF (Environmental Leaders Forum) are two such MoUs where the SSC is practically engaged in environmental protection and conservation through trainings, awareness programs, fundraisers, students' projects and other healthy activities.

The SSC has also joined hands with the Ismail Industries Foundation for reducing the use of plastic on campus. In collaboration with the Ismail Foundation, special bins have been placed across all campuses to collect plastic on a daily basis. Burns Centre is another organization, the SSC and Rotaract Club of Karachi Campus have vowed to work for.

Under this MoU, the students of SZABIST contribute to spread awareness among masses related to managing injuries due to burns and their precautions. Further, SSC has also extended help to the countrymen whenever there is a need in times of national crisis like the flood disaster in the year 2022.

Structure of SSC¹

The SSC is an elected student body that is comprised of the Executive Branch (EB), Council of Common Interests (or Program Representatives), General Body and Societies Committee.

The Executive Branch of the SSC consists of elected members to serve as President, Vice President, General Secretary, Treasurer, Secretary Legal, Secretary Operations, Secretary Resource Mobilization, Secretary Media and Communication and Secretary Projects and Training.

The Five Pillars of SSC

The SSC and all its student associations and clubs fall under the purview of and are registered with, the Office of Student Advisory once they are formed. The SSC has 5 thematic pillars, under which different students' societies and projects operate. Each society offers engaging events and programs for the students at SZABIST. The annual events include ZAB Olympics and ZAB Premier League from the Sports Society, ZAB Theater and MAD Fest from the Performing Arts Society and ZAB DC (Declamation Contest) from the Oratory Society. The projects like 'Umeed' teaches literacy and basic education to lower staff at SZABIST, 'Nijaat' focuses on women empowerment and mental health and

¹ Source SZABIST University [Prospectus 2023](#)



EPC (Environmental Protection and Conservation) creates awareness about environmental sustainability and engage students in environmentally friendly practices.

The 5 pillars and respective societies are mentioned below:



a) SZABIST Student Clubs/Societies aligned with United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

| S.No. | Name of club/society | Purpose | UN-Sustainable Development Goals-SDGs |
|-------|-------------------------------|--|---------------------------------------|
| 1. | SZABIST Student Council (SSC) | The SZABIST Student Council (SSC) is an elected body serving a one-year term dedicated to representing and supporting the diverse student community at SZABIST. As an umbrella organization, the SSC acts as a vital link between students and the administration, advocating for student needs and concerns. Comprising passionate student leaders, the council organizes a variety of events, including educational workshops, entertainment activities, and fundraising initiatives. Through these efforts, the SSC aims to enhance student engagement, foster a sense of community, and create a vibrant campus life, ensuring that every student has a voice and an opportunity to thrive at SZABIST. | SDG - 17 Partnerships for the Goals |



| S.No. | Name of club/society | Purpose | UN-Sustainable Development Goals-SDGs |
|--------------|---------------------------------|---|--|
| 2. | SZABIST literary society | The idea behind the SZABIST Literary Society is to celebrate the literary word in all its forms namely, -Music, Drama, Art & Film, blogs, books & magazines. ZABLITS promotes the importance of literature and its relationship with life to encourage the study of literature aiming to foster collaboration with societies abroad and within Pakistan who share the same views. | SDG - 4 Quality education SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals |
| 3. | SZABIST performing arts society | SZABIST's students with platform where they can showcase their talent and give them exposure to carry on their passion even after they are over with their university lives. This society has three divisions covering different aspects of arts; Music, Theater and Dance. | SDG - 3 Good health and well-being SDG 4: Quality Education SDG 10: Reduced Inequality SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions |
| 4. | Project Umeed | The Umeed Project goal is to provide basic reading, writing and numeracy skills to the Guards and support staff of SZABIST. | SDG - 4 Quality education SDG 10: Reduced Inequality SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities |
| 5. | SZABIST Sports society | SZABIST Sports Society is responsible for all the sports-based events held internally and externally; the latter includes participating in any inter university tournament and creating official teams through trials and training sessions. | SDG - 3 Good health and well-being SDG 4: Quality Education SDG 10: Reduced Inequality SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities |



| S.No. | Name of club/society | Purpose | UN-Sustainable Development Goals-SDGs |
|--------------|------------------------------|--|---|
| 6. | Project Nijaat | To raise the awareness of society members on women’s Rights, gender equalities, Women’s roles in development peacebuilding, women’s peace in International and National conventions, laws, and legislations. | SDG - 3 Good health and well-being SDG - 5 Gender equality SDG 10: Reduced Inequality |
| 7. | SZABIST Health and wellbeing | The domain of this society extends from health and mental wellbeing, conducting seminars, providing a forum for discussion of ideas all to do to with human knowledge. | SDG - 3 Good health and well-being SDG 4: Quality Education SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities |
| 8. | SZABIST ACM Society | ACM provides the computing field’s premier Digital Library and serves its members and the computing profession with leading-edge publications, conferences, and career resources. ACM SZABIST Student Chapter is one of the few ACM Student Chapters present in Pakistan. ACM’s motto is ‘Advancing Computing as a Science and a Profession’. It’s a platform that enables all the computing students to connect to the world of computer science and technology. | SDG 4: Quality Education SDG 9: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals |
| 9. | ASME - SZABIST | ASME promotes and creates awareness of new technology. It also promotes the art, science, and practice of multidisciplinary engineering and allied sciences around the globe via continuing education, training and professional development, codes and standards, research, conferences and publications, government relations, and other forms of outreach. ASME is thus an engineering society, standards reorganization, a research and development organization, a lobbying organization, a provider of training and education, and a nonprofit organization. | SDG - 3 Good health and well-being SDG 4: Quality Education SDG 9: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals |



| S.No. | Name of club/society | Purpose | UN-Sustainable Development Goals-SDGs |
|-------|---|--|---|
| 10. | Environmental Preservation and Conservation | To facilitate the conservation of natural resources for our future generations. To ensure the protection of biodiversity. To implement sustainable development. To restore the ecological balance.is serving to promote climate and environment awareness. | SDG 13: Climate Action SDG 14: Life Below Water SDG 15: Life on Land SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities |

b) List of SZABIST University Student Council Events in 2023 aligned with various Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

| S.No | Date | Name of the Institution | Title of the Event | Description of Activities | SDGs |
|------|----------------------------|-------------------------|--|---|--------|
| 1. | 6 th July 2023 | SZABIST University | Participated in Sindh Youth Anti-Corruption Conference | SZABIST University students participated in a conference aimed at discussing and finding ways to fight corruption among youth in Sindh. This event aimed to provide a healthy environment for intellectual growth and leadership opportunities. | SDG 16 |
| 2. | 25 th July 2023 | SZABIST University | Orientation by Thinker's Tribe (SDGs Internship Program) | SZABIST students joined an orientation session for an internship program focused on the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. This program provided learning opportunities and promoted leadership. | SDG 17 |
| 3. | 21 st July 2023 | SZABIST University | Table Tennis Thriller - Uniting for | SZABIST students organized and participated in a table tennis tournament to promote friendly | SDG 3 |



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| S.No | Date | Name of the Institution | Title of the Event | Description of Activities | SDGs |
|-------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------|---|---|------------------|
| | | | Friendly Competition | competition, teamwork, and fun. | |
| 4. | 22 July 2023 | SZABIST University | Volleyball Tournament - Uniting for Friendly Competition | SZABIST students took part in and organized a volleyball tournament to encourage friendly competition, unity, and physical activity. | SDG 3 |
| 5. | 3 rd August 2023 | SZABIST University | SZABIST Chess Royal Tournament | SZABIST students competed in and organized a chess tournament, providing a healthy environment for intellectual development and strategic thinking. | SDG 3 |
| 6. | 4 th August 2023 | SZABIST University | Lean In Pakistan, A Session on ‘Self Esteem And Career Development | SZABIST students attended a session to learn about building self-esteem and career development, promoting intellectual growth and leadership skills. | SDG 9 |
| 7. | 11 th August 2023 | SZABIST University | Independence Day’s Celebrations: Cake Cutting Ceremony and Oath Ceremony by SSC Inter-Society Futsal Tournament | SZABIST students celebrated Independence Day with a cake cutting and oath ceremony, followed by a futsal tournament between different student societies. This event promoted fun, learning, and a sense of community. | SDG 3 SDG 16 |
| 8. | 15 th August 2023 | SZABIST University | International Youth Day A Visit to World Wildlife Fund Pakistan | SZABIST students visited the World Wildlife Fund to learn about their efforts in wildlife conservation, providing intellectual growth and leadership opportunities. | SDG 17 SDG 13 |
| 9. | 28 th August 2023 | SZABIST University | Mentoring Session by Election Commission | SZABIST students attended a mentoring session conducted by the Election Commission to better understand the electoral | SDG 16 |



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| S.No | Date | Name of the Institution | Title of the Event | Description of Activities | SDGs |
|-------------|--|--------------------------------|--|---|--------------------------|
| | | | | process, promoting intellectual development and leadership. | |
| 10. | 5 th - 8 th September 2023 | SZABIST University | WOW- Welcome to Orientation Week: Formal Student orientation | SZABIST students participated in and organized a formal orientation session for new students during Welcome Week, providing a fun and learning environment. | SDG 4 SDG 3 SDG 10 |
| 11. | 6 th September 2023 | SZABIST University | Orientation Day Session - “Alfaaz Aur Lamhay” | SZABIST students attended an orientation session named “Alfaaz Aur Lamhay” to get acquainted with university life, promoting a healthy environment and intellectual growth. | SDG 10 SDG 04 |
| 12. | 9 th September 2023 | SZABIST University | Online Movie Stream: The Mummy 1999 | SZABIST students watched an online streaming of the movie “The Mummy” (1999) with fellow students, promoting a fun and relaxing environment. | SDG 4 SDG 11 |
| 13. | 10 th September 2023 | SZABIST University | Literary Lounge Online Session | SZABIST students organized and took part in an online literary discussion session, providing intellectual stimulation and learning opportunities. | SDG 4 SDG 10 |
| 14. | 11 th September | SZABIST University | Breaking Into Freelancing | To extend GDSC SZABIST University expertise beyond the university walls, reaching out to the community and making a real difference. This commitment to knowledge-sharing is what sets our community apart. | SDG 1 <u>SDG 9</u> |



| S.No | Date | Name of the Institution | Title of the Event | Description of Activities | SDGs |
|-------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|-----------------|
| 15. | 11 th - 17 th September 2023 | SZABIST University | Welcome Week Activities:Storytelling – Dastaan Goyi Welcome Week Activities:Sports Fest “Desert Moon Narratives” Speech Craft by Debating Society Jam Rhythms Game Night Gala | <p>SZABIST University students enjoyed storytelling sessions as part of the Welcome Week activities, promoting fun and intellectual growth. In addition, SZABIST University students participated in various sports activities during the Welcome Week Sports Fest, promoting physical health, fun, and teamwork.</p> <p>“Desert Moon Narratives”: Further, SZABIST University students engaged in narrative sessions themed “Desert Moon Narratives” during Welcome Week, promoting intellectual growth and creativity.</p> <p>Speech Craft by Debating Society: SZABIST University students joined a speech crafting session organized by the Debating Society during Welcome Week, providing intellectual and leadership opportunities. am Rhythms: SZABIST University students enjoyed live music performances during the “Jam Rhythms” event in Welcome Week, promoting a fun and creative environment.</p> | SDG 4 SDG 10 |
| 16. | 18 th - 23 rd | SZABIST University | Starry Magical Welcome Week | Starry Magical Welcome Week by SSC: Day 1: | SDG 3 SDG 4 |



| S.No | Date | Name of the Institution | Title of the Event | Description of Activities | SDGs |
|-------------|---|--------------------------------|---|--|----------------|
| | September, 2023 | | by SSC Day 1: Movie Night Day 2: Comedy Night Day 3: Societies Fair Day 4: EDM Night Day 5: Sports Mania | Movie Night, Day 2: Comedy Night, Day 3: Societies Fair, Day 4: EDM Night, Day 5: Sports Mania: SZABIST University students enjoyed a series of events during Welcome Week, including movie night, comedy night, societies fair, EDM night, and sports activities, providing fun, social interaction, and intellectual growth. SZABIST University students participated in a fun game night gala as part of Welcome Week activities, promoting social interaction and fun. | |
| 17. | 30 th - 8 th October 2023 | SZABIST University | Sports Trials | SZABIST University students took part in trials to join various sports teams, promoting physical health, fun, and teamwork. | SDG 3 |
| 18. | 4 th - 6 th October 2023 | SZABIST University | Celebrating Teachers' Day - Day 1: Student vs teacher sports competitions in badminton, chess, and cricket Day 2: Drum circle | Celebrating Teachers' Day: Day 1: Student vs Teacher Sports Competitions in Badminton, Chess, and Cricket; Day 2: Drum Circle: SZABIST students celebrated Teachers' Day with sports competitions between students and teachers and a drum circle event, promoting fun, teamwork, and a sense of community. | SDG 3 SDG 4 |
| 19. | 9 th October 2023 | SZABIST University | Visit to Contour Software House | Visit to Contour Software House: SZABIST University students visited | SDG 9 |



| S.No | Date | Name of the Institution | Title of the Event | Description of Activities | SDGs |
|-------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|----------------|
| | | | | Contour Software House to learn about their work and career opportunities, providing intellectual growth and career development. | |
| 20. | 12th October 2023 | SZABIST University | World Sight Day | SZABIST University students participated in activities to raise awareness about eye health and vision care on World Sight Day, promoting intellectual growth and community service. | SDG 3 |
| 21. | 12 th October 2023 | SZABIST University | Unlocking Opportunities with GDSC - Info Session | The interactive session facilitated discussions about students' expectations from GDSC, providing valuable insights for future initiatives, provided a platform to explore various tech opportunities, fostering connections among tech enthusiasts and creating a vibrant community. The immersive experience allowed participants to delve into a world of innovation, showcasing the potential for collaborative projects and skill development. Overall, the event played a pivotal role in establishing a strong foundation for future engagements and collaborations within the student community. | SDG 4 SDG 9 |
| 22. | 12th October 2023 | SZABIST University | Tekken Clash Gaming competition | SZABIST University students competed in a Tekken video game | SDG 3 |



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|-------------|--------------------|--------------------------------|--|---|----------------------------|
| | | | | tournament, promoting fun and social interaction. | |
| 23. | 13th October 2023 | SZABIST University | Mushairah ‘Shaam-e-Sukhan’ | SZABIST University students attended a poetry recitation event called ‘Shaam-e-Sukhan’ where poets shared their work, providing intellectual and creative stimulation and promoting culture of Urdu Adab. | SDG 4 |
| 24. | 14th October, 2023 | SZABIST University | Pak VS India Match Screening by SZABIST Sports Society | SZABIST University students watched a live screening of a cricket match between Pakistan and India organized by the Sports Society, promoting fun and social interaction. | SDG 16 |
| 25. | 17th October, 2023 | SZABIST University | Qissa Khwani Bazaar by Arts & Culture Pillar | SZABIST University students attended Qissa Khwani Bazaar, an event celebrating arts and culture with various stalls and performances, promoting intellectual growth and cultural appreciation. | SDG 4 SDG 10 |
| 26. | 25th October 2023 | SZABIST University | Meditation Session Mental Health Awareness session by ICP figures. | SZABIST University students joined a meditation session focused on mental health awareness, promoting intellectual growth and well-being. | SDG 3 |
| 27. | 28th October 2023 | SZABIST University | Prayer and Vigil for Palestine | SZABIST University students organized and participated in a prayer and vigil event in support of Palestine, promoting a sense of community and social awareness. | SDG 17 SDG 16 SDG 10 |



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|-------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|---|---|-------------|
| 28. | 8th November, 2023 | SZABIST University | A Visit to Darul Sukoon by Lion's Club | SZABIST University students visited Darul Sukoon, a home for the elderly and disabled, organized by the Lion's Club, promoting community service and social responsibility. | SDG 17 |
| 29. | 11th November, 2023 | SZABIST University | Welcome Party by SZABIST Law Society | SZABIST University students attended a welcome party organized by the SZABIST Law Society, promoting fun and social interaction. | SDG 4 |
| 30. | 13th-24th November 2023 | SZABIST University | ZAB Premier League: Inter-Departmental Sports Fest | SZABIST University students competed in and organized the ZAB Premier League, an inter-departmental sports festival with various sports competitions, promoting physical health, fun, and teamwork. | SDG 3 |
| 31. | 15th November 2023 | SZABIST University | Conference on Go Green by Champions of Change' | SZABIST University students attended a conference focused on environmental sustainability organized by Champions of Change, promoting intellectual growth and leadership opportunities. | SDG 13 |
| 32. | 16th November 2023 | SZABIST University | Award Ceremony by Pink Ribbon for SZABIST Student Council | SZABIST University students attended an award ceremony hosted by Pink Ribbon to honor the efforts of the SZABIST Student Council, promoting leadership and recognition. | SDG 3 |
| 33. | 18th November, 2023 | SZABIST University | Movie Night by SZABIST Literary Society | SZABIST University students enjoyed a movie night organized by the | SDG 4 |



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|-------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|---------------------------|
| | | | | SZABIST Literary Society, promoting fun and social interaction. | |
| 34. | 24th November 2023 | SZABIST University | Fundamentals of Programming' workshop | SZABIST University students attended a workshop that taught the basics of programming, providing intellectual growth and learning opportunities. | SDG 9 |
| 35. | 25th November 2023 | SZABIST University | LEAD Convention 2023 | SZABIST University students participated in and organized the LEAD Convention 2023, focusing on leadership and development skills, promoting intellectual growth and leadership opportunities. | SDG 5 SDG 9 SDG13 |
| 36. | 30th November 2023 | SZABIST University | ELF Workshop | SZABIST University students joined an ELF workshop aimed at enhancing leadership skills in the field of environmental & climate education. | SDG 13 |
| 37. | 11th December 2023 | SZABIST University | Workshop on Data Structures and Algorithms | SZABIST University students attended a technical workshop focused on data structures and algorithms, providing intellectual growth and learning opportunities. | SDG 9 |
| 38. | 13th December, 2023 | SZABIST University | Town Hall Meeting with SSC and Student Affairs Advisor | SZABIST University students participated in a town hall meeting with the Student Affairs Advisor to discuss student issues and initiatives. | SDG 4 SDG 10 SDG16 |
| 39. | 15th December 2023 | SZABIST University | An Evening with PAS | An evening of music and culture to spread peace and inclusion among students. | SDG 4 SDG 16 SDG 10 |



| S.No | Date | Name of the Institution | Title of the Event | Description of Activities | SDGs |
|------|---------------------------|-------------------------|--|--|-------|
| | | | | | SDG 3 |
| 40. | 16th December, 2023 | SZABIST University | Cycling Event | SZABIST University students organized and took part in a cycling event for fitness and fun, promoting physical health and climate awareness. | SDG 3 |
| 41. | 17th December 2023 | SZABIST University | Qawwali Night: “Shaam-e-Suroor” by SSC | SZABIST University students enjoyed a Qawwali night event called “Shaam-e-Suroor” organized by the SZABIST Student Council, promoting cultural appreciation and fun. | SDG 3 |
| 42. | 28th - 31st December 2023 | SZABIST University | Participated in LUMUN | SZABIST University students represented SZABIST at (LUMUN), promoting debate and leadership opportunities. | SDG 4 |

SZABIST LITERARY BLOG

SDG 4 Quality Education

SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals

The SZABIST Literary Blog is an online platform run by the SZABIST Literary Society where writers can showcase their creative writing skills. The blog features a wide range of literary content, including poetry, short stories, articles, book reviews, and more. It is primarily run on a WordPress site and has a separate Instagram page for marketing purposes. The blog provides an excellent opportunity for emerging writers to gain exposure and share their work with a wider audience. Moreover, the blog also encourages constructive feedback from readers, which helps writers to improve their craft. The content on the blog is diverse and covers a variety of genres, styles, and themes. There are thought-provoking articles on social issues, literary analysis, and book reviews. There are also inspiring poems and short stories that showcase the talents of the writers.

The blog is regularly updated with new content, providing readers with fresh and engaging literary pieces. It also features a user-friendly interface, making it easy to navigate and access the content. Overall, the SZABIST Literary Blog is a valuable resource for writers and readers alike, offering a platform for creative expression and literary exploration.



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The blog is an essential part of the SZABIST Literary Society's efforts to promote literary culture and encourage creativity among students.

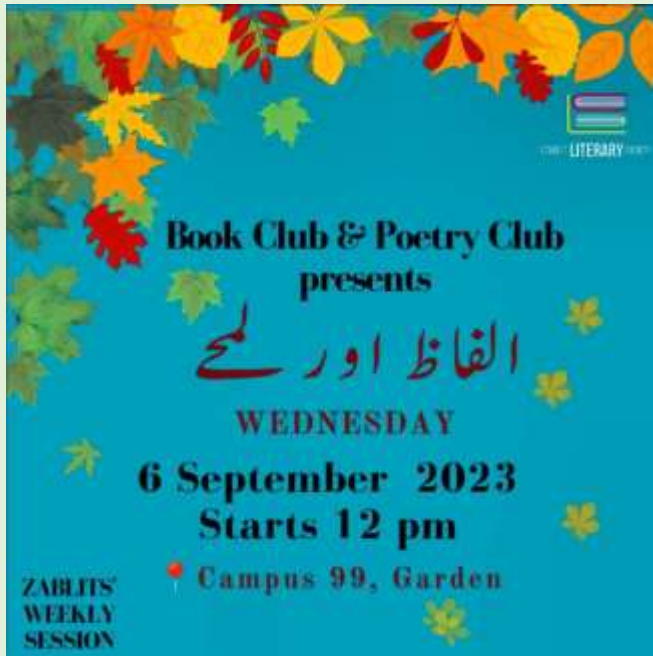
Weekly Book Review & Poetry Sessions

SDG 4 Quality Education

SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals

The SZABIST Literary Society holds weekly book reviews and poetry sessions that offer students an opportunity to engage in literary discussions and enhance their knowledge about different genres of literature. During the book review sessions, the students discuss the plot, characters, themes, and literary devices used in the book under review. The sessions provide students with a chance to express their opinions and explore literature from different perspectives. Society encourages students to read a wide variety of books from different authors, genres, and countries. Similarly, during the poetry sessions, the students discuss different forms of poetry, analyse the poems, and share their interpretations. The sessions aim to help students understand the power of words and to appreciate the beauty of poetry. The weekly book review and poetry sessions have proven to be an effective way of enhancing students' literary skills and knowledge. The society hopes to continue organising such sessions to promote the love of literature among students.

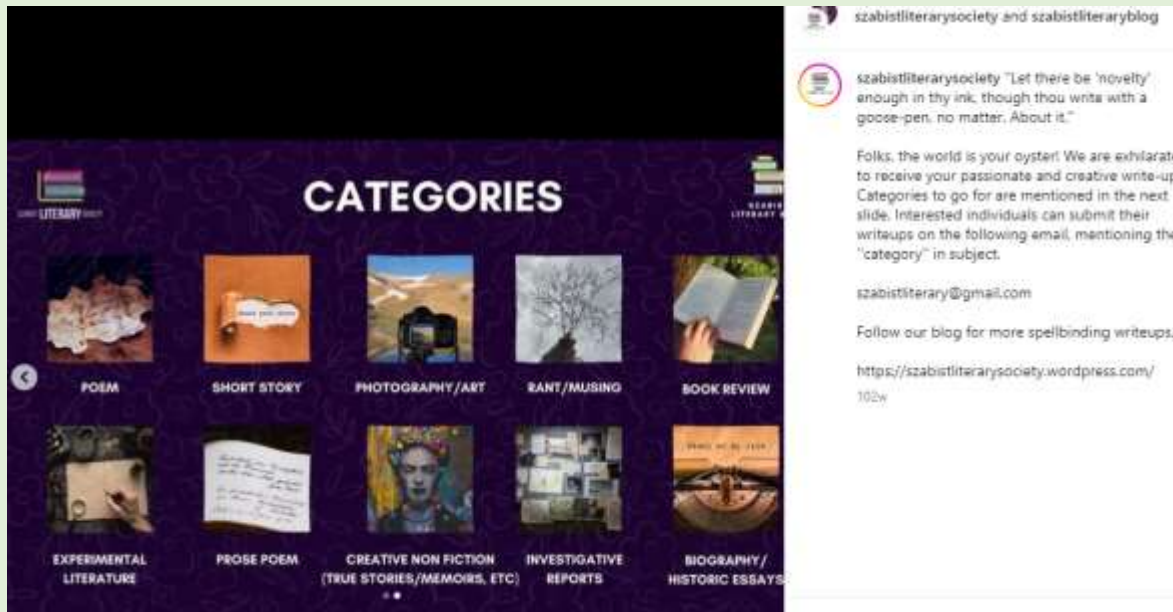




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Bolly Bash - Costume & Movie Night

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SDG 5: Gender Equality

SDG 10: Reduced Inequality

SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

SDG 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions

On 7th March 2023, the SZABIST Literary Society organised a Bolly Bash Costume and Movie Night at SZABIST University, aimed at celebrating South Asian cinema and culture. The event was open to all students, and participants were encouraged to dress up in their favourite Bollywood-inspired costumes. The society screened the Bollywood movie "Phir Hera Pheri," a popular comedy that has become an icon of Indian cinema. The movie was enjoyed by all, as the students laughed and cheered along to the film's hilarious scenes and witty dialogues. The Bolly Bash Costume and Movie Night was a success for the SZABIST Literary Society, as it provided an opportunity for students to celebrate South Asian culture and cinema in a fun and engaging way. The event also served as a platform for students to showcase their creativity and talent, and to connect with other students who share a passion for Bollywood.



Volunteering at the Common Ground

SDG 4 Quality Education

SDG 5: Gender Equality

SDG 10: Reduced Inequality

SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals

SZABIST Literary Society volunteered at Common Ground, a forum aimed at restoring shared sense of purpose and values in Pakistan.

The event focused on stimulating discussions and raising important questions to seek a much-desired common ground, especially in the polarised political communities. As a thinkers' platform, it sought to provide citizens, particularly the youth, with a new perspective on the political and economic challenges facing the country and help steer Pakistan toward a brighter future. Members of the SZABIST Literary Society actively participated in the event as volunteers, supporting this cause. They assisted in organizing the forum and facilitating the discussions. The literary society members also engaged with the attendees, sharing their perspectives and gaining valuable insights into the challenges facing Pakistan. Through their participation, they demonstrated their commitment to making a positive difference in society and promoting a culture of critical thinking and engagement.



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Overall, the SZABIST Literary Society's participation in Common Ground was a great success, with the volunteers making a meaningful contribution to the event's objectives. The literary society members showed their dedication to serving the community and using their skills and talents to promote positive change in Pakistan.



Sharpening Quills - Article Writing Competition

SDG 4 Quality Education

SDG 5: Gender Equality

SDG 10: Reduced Inequality

SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

SZABIST Literary Society organized the "Sharpening Quills" Article Writing Competition from 3rd March to 11th March 2023. The competition aimed to provide a platform for students to showcase their writing skills and express their opinions on various topics. The competition was conducted through online submissions via Google Forms, and the participants were asked to choose one topic from the three options and submit their article by the deadline. The competition received an overwhelming response from students across various disciplines. The articles submitted were of high quality, and the judges had a tough time deciding the winners for each round. The winner was announced on the SZABIST Literary Society's social media pages, and the participants were awarded certificates of participation. The winners of the competition were also awarded Liberty Book voucher and certificate of achievement.



Volunteering at the Karachi Literature Festival

SDG 4 Quality Education

SDG 5: Gender Equality

SDG 10: Reduced Inequality SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals

The SZABIST Literary Society actively participated as volunteers in the Karachi Literature Festival, one of the biggest literary events in Pakistan. The festival was held from 17th to 19th February 2023, and the volunteers from the SZABIST Literary Society worked tirelessly to ensure the smooth running of the event. The volunteers helped in various areas such as registration, hospitality, and event management, ensuring that the guests and participants had a seamless experience.

The event was attended by many renowned writers, poets, and intellectuals from around the world, and the volunteers from the SZABIST Literary Society had the opportunity to interact with them and learn from their experiences. The volunteer work at the Karachi Literature Festival was an enriching experience for the members of the SZABIST Literary Society, and they gained valuable insights into the workings of a large-scale literary event. The society is grateful for the opportunity to have been a part of this prestigious event and hopes to continue contributing to such initiatives in the future.



ZAB OLYMPICS 2023

SDG 3 Good Health and Well-being

SDG 4: Quality Education

SDG 5: Gender Equality

SDG 10: Reduced Inequality

SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

SDG 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions

SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals

SZABIST sports society presents Zab Olympics 23, an inter-university competition so students from **different universities** can participate in this major sporting event featuring many exciting competitions ranging from individual to team sports in three categories. The thrilling games include volleyball, football, badminton, table tennis, throw ball and chess.

Football: 6th - 11th March 2023

The competition for this category took place at the Courtyard of the **Inqalab Football Ground**. The **SZABIST Sports Society** organised this football tournament as well in Zab Olympics to add some excitement to the students' life and increase the intense competition. Rs. 7000/- was required for each team to register and the best teams contended for the victory but Team IOBM won, making Team **FAST** the runner-up.

Table Tennis: 7th March 2023

The competition for this category took place at the **Sindh Sports Board Complex**. Many players and teams competed in the table tennis competition of Zab Olympics to show off their abilities and test their mettle for a chance to take home the winning trophy. Both Singles and Doubles had registration costs of Rs. 1000/- and Rs.1500/-, respectively. The competition featured a number



of very competent players, but **Habib university** ultimately won table tennis boys singles and Fast university won table tennis boys doubles. For girls IOBM won table tennis singles and **SZABIST** won table tennis girls doubles.

Throwball: 7th March 2023

The competition for this category took place at the **SZABIST University** 100 Courtyard. We all know how much students love to participate in a good and exciting throwball game, so throwball was a part of the Zab Olympics as well. Participating in this competition and giving it their all to win the match was the goal for all teams, that's why every team paid Rs. 3000/- as registration cost. All teams gave it their all, but Agha Khan was the team that prevailed, winning the final volleyball match, making Karachi university the runner up.

Volleyball: 7th - 11th March 2023

The competition for this category took place at the **SZABIST University** 100 Courtyard. Because the **SZABIST Sports Society** is aware of how much students love to participate in a good volleyball match, volleyball was also part of the event. Participating in this competition and giving it their all to win the match and the reward was the goal for all teams, that's why every team paid Rs. 4000/- as registration cost. All teams gave it their all, but **Agha Khan University** was the team that prevailed, winning the final volleyball match, making **Karachi university** the runner up.

Badminton: 7th - 11th March 2023

The competition for this category took place at the **Sindh Sports Complex**. To provide a platform for all the badminton enthusiasts, SZABIST Sports Society also arranged a badminton tournament as a part of the Zab Olympics in which we received registrations from both girls and boys. It was a tremendous win by **Hamdard university** as they won both badminton boys singles and doubles and for the girls' singles and doubles was won by **Greenwich university**. The registration fees for singles was Rs. 1000/- and for doubles it was Rs. 2000/-.

Chess: 11th March 2023

The competition for this category took place at SZABIST university 154 building. **SZABIST Sports Society** knows how chess training supports the development of higher-order thinking skills like problem solving and creative thinking. The registration fees for chess was Rs. 500/-. All participants were not only highly skilled but were very sharp thinkers as well and were determined to win the tournament but it was **SZABIST university** who won both the title of winner and runner-up for this game.



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FAST - SPORTS OLYMPIAD

SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being

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SDG 5: Gender Equality

SDG 10: Reduced Inequality

SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

SDG 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions

To add some excitement to the student's life, Fast University arranged the **Fast Olympiad 2023** from 13th to 17th February 2023. They organised several sports competitions like cricket, futsal, table tennis, badminton, chess, etc. From SZABIST University, futsal team took advantage of this opportunity by participating in this competition and secured runner-up position.

Another talented student from SZABIST Sania Merchant also achieved runner-up position in table tennis single girls.





Seaview Drive

SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being

SDG 4: Quality Education

SDG 5: Gender Equality

SDG 10: Reduced Inequality

SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production

SDG 13: Climate Action

SDG 16: Peace, Justice, and Strong Institutions

The event was targeted towards individuals who were passionate about environmental causes and wanted to contribute towards keeping their local community clean. The event lasted for around four hours, and the volunteers worked tirelessly to collect litter from the beach. In conclusion, the Seaview Drive beach cleanup event organized by EPC was a success. The event achieved its objective of cleaning up the beach and promoting environmental awareness among the local community.



Spring Fling

SZABIST University students set up the stall with 5 different activities: throw show, flip game, memory game, ring a bottle and more. There were handmade plant pots, bookmarks and scrunches for sale. A lot of students showed up and played the games while some loved our handmade pots. The event overall went great.



Ideas Explosion

SDG 4: Quality Education

SDG 9: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure

SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals

SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

SDG 12: Responsible Consumption and Production

SDG 13: Climate Action

SZABIST University organized the event “Ideas Explosion” on 16th March 2023. The event was aimed at bringing entrepreneurs to showcase their innovative ideas and products. The event started with a ribbon-cutting ceremony by the Chief Guests, Dr. Muhammad Kashif (Dean of Management Sciences), Ms. Wajeeha Zubari (HOD of Management Sciences), Mr. Fahad Zubari (Program Manager of BBA), and Ms. Hareem Siddique (Student Advisor).

The expo featured around 15 startups from various fields, including gaming, food cosmetics, and herbal products. The startups had set up their stalls, showcasing their products and services to visitors. The attendees had the opportunity to interact, buy, learn about their products, and ask questions. In addition to the startup booths, the event also featured our sponsor “SHAFFER” kiosk. The sponsors had set up their booths, showcasing their products to the attendees. Visitors had the opportunity to interact with the sponsors and learn more about their offerings. The sponsor also distributed gift vouchers to the student and faculty members. The sponsors provided valuable support to the event, helping it succeed. Overall the event was a huge success, attracting a large number of visitors, including students, and faculty members.



Standing out as Developer

SDG 4 Quality Education

On 4th March 2023, Final Year Project guidance to juniors was given by the high achieving senior students. They presented their ideas and shared their experiences which provided insightful knowledge to the 1st year students. General timeline and roadmap was also discussed so that the juniors stay on the right track and complete their projects on time.



On 11th March 2023, the session was conducted by Mr. Wajahat Karim who is **Google Developer Expert** in Android and has developed 100+ Android Apps which have 10M+ downloads. This session contains the importance of building personal brand as a developer including Strategies for networking and building professional connections, Tips for staying up to date with the latest industry trends and technologies, Ways to showcase your skills, and Insights into the future of the developer industry.



Sindh Youth Anti-Corruption Conference

SDG 4: Quality Education

SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals

SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

The goal of the Sindh Youth Anti-Corruption Conference organized on 6th July 2023 was to highlight the contribution of youth to the advancement of good governance, accountability, and transparency. Transparency International took a great step in empowering Pakistan's future leaders to make their country the most prosperous in the world. Participants also participated in group activities with speakers. This experience left a lasting impression and was a valuable educational opportunity.





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SZABIST University Student Council Meetings

SDG 4: Quality Education

SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals

SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

The agenda covered multiple topics, starting with the issue of punctuality disruptions caused by internships. It also included discussions about the SSC hierarchy, constitution, attire, and values. Internal elections were held to appoint Secretaries for all departments. A concise training session on paperwork was conducted for the Projects and Trainings Department. Lastly, the Media and Communication department received guidance to begin working on their rebranding project.



Orientation by Thinker's Tribe

SDG 4: Quality Education

SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals

SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

The event was arranged at Senate Hall-SMIU on 25th July 2023. Around 15 students from SZABIST university attended the event. The orientation marked the beginning of the internship program for students from all over Pakistan. It provided students with an opportunity to learn about the internship program and also helped to interact with students from various universities. Moreover, it also offered a platform for exchanging different ideologies on various topics, creating awareness and a sense of exposure for all the students.

Lean in Pakistan

SDG 4: Quality Education

SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities

SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals

A Session on ‘Self Esteem and Career Development in a Barbie World’



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Bank Alfalah Digital Branch organized a session on 4th August 2023. The event was a special beginning for Lean in Pakistan, in partnership with Bank Alfalah Digital Bank. Distinguished panelists, including entrepreneurs, professors, and advocates for body positivity, engaged in profound conversations centering around self-esteem, financial literacy, and body image. These crucial themes were highlighted as significant factors contributing towards a healthy sense of womanhood. The event concluded on a heartening note, emphasizing the importance of sisterhood, accompanied by delightful snacks and beverages. In its entirety, the event made a meaningful impact, offering education and inspiration in abundance.





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14th August Independence Celebrations and Student Council Oath-Taking Ceremony

SDG 4: Quality Education

SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities

SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals

SZABIST University celebrated the 76th Independence Day and the SSC's Oath-Taking ceremony on 11th August 2023. It served as a platform not only to demonstrate profound patriotic dedication to the nation's freedom but also to highlight the unwavering commitment of the enthusiastic young Student Council members in representing their peers. This commitment aligns seamlessly with the broader national objective of empowering the youth.

Set amidst esteemed institution Senior Management, Deans, Head of Departments, Faculty, Staff, and students, the occasion unfolded as a spectacular spectacle. The atmosphere was charged with vibrancy, accompanied by resonant patriotic melodies, a dignified flag hoisting ceremony, ceremonial cake-cutting, insightful speeches by institutional leaders, impassioned monologues, and impactful addresses that struck a chord with the Pakistani identity. The festivities were further enlivened by a spirited quiz and engaging sports tournaments, infusing an element of lightheartedness.

Taken as a whole, this event marked the inaugural collaboration between the SZABIST Student Council and the Societies. The sheer magnitude of the dynamic performance displayed by the 23-24 student council team defies expression through mere words.





**Honouring International Youth Day
A Visit to World Wildlife Fund Pakistan**

SDG 4: Quality Education

SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth

SDG 10: Reduced Inequality

SDG 13: Climate Action

SDG 14: Life Below Water

SDG 15: Life on Land

SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals

To commemorate International Youth Day with the theme 'Green Skills for Youth: Towards a Sustainable World,' SZABIST university's student council representatives, societies, and the student support office, visited WWF Pakistan. The visit included an engaging green workshop focusing on WWF's mission to protect nature and address ecological threats. It raised awareness about human-induced vulnerabilities affecting endangered species, wetlands, and mangroves. Hands-on activities, such as mangrove planting and a nature walk, added to the experience. The day ended with a beach cleanup initiative, blending education with environmental action.







Mentoring Session by Election Commission

SDG 4: Quality Education

SDG 5: Gender Equality

SDG 10: Reduced Inequality

SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

The Election Commission Mentorship Session held on 28th August 2023 at SZABIST University was formally initiated by the President of the SZABIST Student Council (SSC). Prior to the session, formal invitations were extended to the respective panelists of the Election Commission, outlining the agenda for the mentorship program. The primary aim of the session was to empower the new office bearers with essential knowledge, skills, and techniques for personal and professional growth. This helps all students develop a sense of civic responsibility and encourages them to build an understanding of the democratic process through participation in the electoral process. This knowledge was to be drawn from the extensive experience and insightful guidance of the panelists.

The session began with the SSC President welcoming attendees and outlining the overarching SSC's mission, vision, and goals. They emphasized SSC's commitment to campus improvement, including donation drives for beautification. The Vice President then discussed upcoming events and strategies to enhance student society operations.

The Election Commission, joined by the Student Affairs Advisor, engaged in an interactive Q&A session following the SSC Executive body's presentations. They expressed concerns about the lack of enthusiasm and student participation in university events and societies. Valuable feedback on paperwork, event approvals, and effective communication methods was provided. Recommendations included seeking teacher approval for announcements, maintaining an active social media presence, and drawing inspiration from past influential SSC teams for greater recognition and impact.





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WOW- Welcome to Orientation Week

SDG 4: Quality Education

SDG 5: Gender Equality

SDG 10: Reduced Inequality

SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

The SZABIST University Fall 2023 Orientation, organized by both the institution's management and the SZABIST Student Council (SSC) was organized from 5th till 8th September 2023. The University Student Council welcomed over 800 new entrants of more than 30 programs; Undergraduate, Graduate, Post-Graduate, and LLB/Cert HE. It covered essential topics, including institute policies and available resources, explained by faculty members. Icebreaker activities promoted connections and a welcoming atmosphere, while a campus tour familiarized students with the institution's layout and facilities. Students were given SZABIST giveaways as a gesture of welcome, enhancing their sense of belonging.





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Starry Magical Welcome Week

The SZABIST Student Council (SSC) organized a captivating and enchanting welcome week 18th – 25th September 2023 to commence the fall semester with a sense of welcoming charm and enjoyable ambiance at SZABIST University.

Day 1: Movie Night

Date: 18th September 2023



The inaugural event of Welcome Week, orchestrated by the SSC for the incoming freshmen, was an unforgettable Movie Night experience. Adorned with exquisite decor, it exuded an enchanting open-air cinema ambiance that seamlessly harmonized with the week's overarching Starry Magical theme. The evening boasted a delightful array of vendors, musical entertainment, and a special visit from Madam President herself. It became a pivotal juncture for our newcomers, forging cherished core memories and instilling high expectations for the remainder of the week's festivities.

Day 2: Comedy Night

Date: 19th September 2023

Comedy Night held a prominent position in the week's lineup, eagerly anticipated by all. Renowned and versatile comedians Barkat and Uzmi, along with the talented Usama Ghauri, graced the stage under the Starry Night backdrop. This evening proved to be a delightful blend of humor, laughter, and tears of joy. Laughter has a way of breaking down barriers and bringing people closer, and this evening did just that. For the newcomers, it served as a vital icebreaker,



helping them forge connections and feel more at ease in their new surroundings. For the seniors, it was a reminder of the joy that had characterized their time at SZABIST.





Day 3: Societies Fair

Date: 20th September 2023

The Societies Fair at SZABIST University was meticulously organized to entice Freshmen into the captivating and engaging societies thriving within the institution. Each society, with artful stall decorations, enticed inquisitive onlookers. They offered interactive and informative sessions, games, and delightful goodies, making participation irresistible. The Performing Arts Society wowed the audience with mesmerizing singing, dancing, and beatboxing performances while the Literary Society delivered a captivating theatrical performance. The SSC booth showcased board games and EDM tickets, and the event's unexpected rain shower added an enchanting, memorable element to this yearly gathering.



Day 4: EDM

Date: 22nd September 2023

Skillfully hosted by SSC, the EDM night brought a contemporary university experience to life, infusing a modern and vibrant atmosphere that resonated with students. It was an electrifying fusion of pulsating beats and music that ignited boundless energy, leading students to dance fervently throughout the night. Vendors provided refreshments, ensuring everyone stayed energized and ready to groove to the infectious rhythm. Beyond the music and dancing, this event served as a cornerstone for introducing more joyful gatherings, igniting anticipation and excitement for the future within the institution.



Day 5: Sports Mania

Date: 25th September 2023

In collaboration with the ACM and Sports Society, SSC's last event of the welcome week featured popular sports activities such as Pubg, Scrabble, Chess, and Foosball, eagerly awaited by sports enthusiasts. Participants engaged in spirited competition, vying for certificates of excellence, showcasing their dedication and skill. This event provided a hub for like-minded peers to come together, fostering connections and offering opportunities to indulge in extracurricular pursuits. With this grand conclusion, SSC's remarkable welcome week came to an end, leaving a memorable mark on the SZABIST community.





Teachers' Day

SDG 4: Quality Education

In collaboration with SSC, the Department of Education meticulously organized a 3-day Teachers' Day celebration from 4th to 6th October 2023 aimed at providing equal enjoyment for both educators and students. The event featured a diverse array of activities, such as wall art, doodling, and the creation of video and card messages dedicated to teachers. Additionally, a special day was allocated to student-teacher sports competitions in badminton, chess, and cricket. In addition to these engaging activities, a symposium centered around teacher licensing was conducted, followed by an insightful panel discussion. Finally, the festivities culminated with a lively rhythmic drum circle, where both teachers and the esteemed Madam President reveled in the event's spirit with great enthusiasm.





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World Sight Day

SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being

SDG 4: Quality Education

Commemorating World Sight Day 2023, on 12th October 2023 Dr. Mazhar Awan delivered an insightful session and facilitated an interactive Q&A discussion centered around the crucial subject of eye health at SZABIST University. This event served as a valuable platform for participants to acquire knowledge about the importance of maintaining optimal vision throughout their lifetimes. Dr. Mazhar Awan, with his expertise in the field, shared a wealth of information and provided guidance on the preservation and enhancement of eye health. Attendees gained profound insights into the intricacies of eye health, leaving with a heightened awareness of proactive measures to safeguard their vision for a lifetime. The occasion proved to be a comprehensive and enlightening exploration of the realm of eye health.





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Mushairah ‘Shaam-e-Sukhan’

SDG 4: Quality Education

SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

SZABIST University organized a Mushairah ‘Shaam-e-Sukhan’ on 13th October 2023. A profoundly tranquil and enigmatic Mushairah unfolded amidst a beautifully decorated opulent setting, featuring shades of purple and white that beautifully encapsulated the serene ambiance of this melodious poetry recitation evening. Distinguished poets of high repute graced the occasion, alongside esteemed guests, students, and families, all of whom were spellbound by the renowned Urdu literature and the heartfelt verses that flowed throughout the night. The event's festivities drew to a close as the guests were presented with meticulously curated gift hampers and treated to a lavish dinner.





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Meditation Session

SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being

SDG 4: Quality Education

SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

On 25th October 2023, SZABIST University conducted a “Meditation Session” with a Mental Health Awareness Panel. Popular distinguished figures from the Institute of Clinical Psychology, University of Karachi (ICP) guided students in cultivating habits that promote inner peace.

They emphasized the importance of embracing diverse experiences, irrespective of success or failure, and encouraged overcoming setbacks through acceptance while prioritizing mental well-being. The event empowered students to prioritize their mental health, fostering a positive mindset and adaptability to various situations in both their academic and professional endeavors.





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Palestine Prayer and Vigil

SDG 4: Quality Education

SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

Given the ongoing situation in Palestine, SZABIST Student Council organized a prayer session on 28th October 2023 at SZABIST University to express collective hope for the improvement of those profoundly impacted by the ongoing genocide. Additionally, a solidarity walk and vigil were orchestrated to unequivocally demonstrate the SSC's unwavering support for the Palestinian people.





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‘Champions of Change’ Conference

SDG 4: Quality Education

SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation

SDG 13: Climate Action

SDG 15: Life on Land

SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

On 15th November 2023, SZABIST University SSC participated in the 'Champions of Change' conference where members engaged with Indus Motors' CEO, Mr. Ali Asghar Jamali.

The event featured discussions on global warming, focusing on the impact of greenhouse gases and the potential of electric cars for sustainability. Speakers addressed the recent floods in Sindh, emphasizing the need for proactive climate measures.

The conference underscored the importance of solar energy integration as a solution to reduce environmental impact, fostering a collective commitment to positive environmental change.



Pink Ribbon Day

SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being

SDG 5: Gender Equality

SDG 10: Reduced Inequality

SZABIST University welcomed Omer Aftab, the CEO of the Pink Ribbon Organization on 16th November 2023, Pink Ribbon Day. The aim of the event was to create awareness and bring a positive impact on the student body, faculty and staff for a sustainable future. Team SSC engaged in an ice-breaking interaction with him, fostering a meaningful exchange.

In support of the cause, SZABIST University Lions Club organized sports events including badminton, cricket, and table tennis for female students. Recognizing SZABIST's outstanding commitment, the institution was honored with the Best Engagement Award of 2022, underscoring its dedication to promoting awareness and active participation in initiatives for breast cancer awareness.



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Decade of Excellence Tribute

SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth

On 17th November 2023, SZABIST University student council hosted a “Decade of Excellence Tribute” for the University President, Ms. Shahnaz Wazir Ali and Vice-President Academics Prof. Dr. M. Altaf Mukati, marking their 10-year milestone. The event included musical performances and a light hearted trivia session showcasing their life-time achievements. The celebration concluded with a ceremonial cake cutting, presentation of a commemorative gift, and refreshments.





Coin de Education

SDG 1: No Poverty

SDG 10: Reduced Inequality

SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

SZABIST University Student Body hosted Mr. Agha Shakeel, Founder of ‘Coin The Education’ On 22nd November 2023. Mr. Agha Shakeel, infamous for collecting recyclable materials from homes and institutions and transforming them into useful items as hope for underprivileged children, and providing them with much-needed stationery and scholarships. The purpose of the visit was gathering books, pencils, and assorted stationery items in support of promoting literacy among underprivileged children.



SZABIST university & Ismail Industries MoU

SDG 13: Climate Action

SDG 15: Life on Land

SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation

SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals

SZABIST University hosted Ismail Industries on 22nd November 2023. The purpose of the visit was to collect the accumulated plastic bottles that SZABIST Student Council (SSC) was diligently gathering over the past month, in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed between the two entities.



Additionally, discussions were held on sustainable measures for the environment, focusing on how students can contribute to society through small yet impactful steps in reducing plastic usage and fostering a sustainable environment.



Pakistan Youth Change Advocates

SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being

SDG 4: Quality Education

SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation

SDG 13: Climate Action

SDG 15: Life on Land

SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals

SZABIST University hosted The Pakistan Youth Change Advocates on 22nd November 2023 for a session in which they deliberated on the adverse effects of Trans Fatty Acids (TFAs). Pakistan Youth Change Advocates (PYCA) is a non-profit civil society organization working to promote development through youth participation.

During the session, they outlined strategies to limit the presence of TFAs to a specified percentage in the production of various products. Moreover, the advocates actively discussed their role in youth advocacy, aiming to foster a transformation towards a healthier and more sustainable living environment in Pakistan.



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This involves collaborative initiatives, awareness campaigns, and efforts to influence policy changes for the betterment of both the population and the environment.





LEAD Convention 2023

SDG 5: Gender Equality

SDG 8: Decent Work and Economic Growth

SDG 9: Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure

SDG 10: Reduced Inequality

SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals

On 25th November SZABIST University participated in the Annual Convention, LEAD, orchestrated by SSC, centered its theme this year on "Youth as SDGs Catalysts," with a primary emphasis on advancing sustainability. Distinguished delegations from more than 100 universities across Karachi actively engaged in the event.

Renowned keynote speakers graced the occasion, with Mr. Iqbal Detho, the Chairperson of Sindh Human Rights, serving as the esteemed chief guest. The event included a theatrical performance on gender inequality by the PAS. Expert moderators facilitated policy-making sessions addressing critical SDGs, including gender equality, climate action, and industry, innovation, and infrastructure. The event featured sophisticated amenities such as a formal hi-tea for all delegations, accompanied by a luncheon, and certificates were ceremoniously presented to participants.





ELF Session

SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being

SDG 4: Quality Education

SDG 6: Clean Water and Sanitation

SDG 13: Climate Action

SDG 15: Life on Land

SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals

On 30th November 2023, SZABIST University hosted Environmental Leadership Forum representatives. The session focused on educating students about environmental sustainability and included a group discussion on a fictional sustainable city and culminated in a pledge for active participation in environmental safety.

This event reinforced SSC's commitment to sustainability through inspiring students to contribute to a greener future.





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Qawali Night

SDG 11: Sustainable Cities and Communities

SDG 16: Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions

SZABIST University Student Council hosted a Qawali night featuring the renowned Qawal Majid Sabri, targeting primarily the graduating batch on 17th December 2023.

The event, a resounding success, showcased mystical music, joyful melodies, and delectable treats from various vendors. It surpassed expectations with its enchanting ambiance and vibrant atmosphere, leaving a lasting impression on attendees.





E. List of SZABIST University External Linkages and MoUs

| S.no | MoU | Effective From | End Date | Status | Focal Person | Academic or Scholarship | Objectives |
|------|---|----------------|------------|--------|--------------------|-------------------------|--|
| 1 | University of London | 3-Nov-09 | indefinite | Active | Rafia Jaffar | Academic | SZABIST is a registered center of University of London for giving tuitions for its LLB program Guests from |
| 2 | OPEN Organization of Pakistani Entrepreneurs of North America | 28-Jun-12 | indefinite | Active | Dr. Jawaid Qureshi | Academic | OPEN visit our events and competitions guest speakers are invited SZABIST Karachi Campus is an authorized CISCO Network Academy to conduct IT-essentials, CCNA routing & switching, and CCNA security certifications. |
| 3 | CISCO | 1-Mar-16 | indefinite | Active | Dr. Imran Amin | Academic | With the collaboration of HEC and Microsoft, Techaccess has successfully deployed O365 at SZABIST . Awareness Sessions with faculty and staff and tech support be provided. |
| 4 | Microsoft IT Academy | 10-Aug-16 | indefinite | Active | Hafeez Abbasi | Academic | The purpose is to connect Pakistani entrepreneurs from all around the world who |
| 5 | Momentum IT Startup | 9-Jan-17 | indefinite | Active | ORIC | Academic | |



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| 6 | Tabba Kidney Institute | 5-Jan-22 | indefinite | Active | Life Sciences Department | Academic | <p>work on innovative disruptive technologies to create the knowledge economy that has the potential to help drive Pakistan's growth over the decade. SZABIST and Momentum has collaborated to develop a favorable ecosystem for start-ups in Pakistan who work on innovative disruptive technologies. To foster increased interaction among TKI research staff, SZABIST faculty and advanced / graduate students engaged in scientific and scholarly research in areas of mutual interest</p> <p>Under this MoU Government of Balochistan will be proving fully funded scholarship to 5-6 meritorious and financially challenged students of</p> |
| 7 | Balochistan Education Endowment Fund | 20-Dec-19 | indefinite | Active | ERFA | Scholarship | <p>Under this MoU Government of Balochistan will be proving fully funded scholarship to 5-6 meritorious and financially challenged students of</p> |



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| 8 | Greenstar Social Marketing Pakistan (Guarantee) Limited (GSM) | 28-May-20 | indefinite | Active | Life Sciences Department | Academic | <p>SZABIST who are local domicile certificate holders of Balochistan. The scholarship will be for the complete duration of the degree program.</p> <p>Through this MoU SZABIST and GSM will work on the field of research pertaining to Family planning and child health. An understanding is developed with The Hunar Foundation (THF) to be a CSR Partner for the BS Entrepreneurship Program. SZABIST BS Entrepreneurship Program students will facilitate THF in raising funds through fund-raising activities. THF may assign capstone projects to SZABIST Faculty of Management Science students in the areas of marketing, policy matters, research and any other area. THF will</p> |
| 9 | The Hunar Foundation (THF) | 16-May-23 | indefinite | Active | Dr. Noman Soomro | Academic | <p>THF will</p> |



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| 10 | Ihsan Trust | 8-Dec-23 | 25-Mar-27 | Active | ERFA | Scholarship | participate in Job Fairs and Recruitment Drives of SZABIST. The MoU with Ihsan Trust is aimed at provision of Qarz-e-Hasna (Interest-free Loan) facility up to 60% of tuition fee to SZABIST students. |
| 11 | Integration Xperts Private Limited | 19-Nov-19 | 19-Nov-24 | Active | Life Sciences Department | Academic | Integration Xperts (Private) Limited and SZABIST will do Joint Research and Development on Bio-Sciences Health Tech Solutions such as Mobile Diagnostics, Diabetes Management and Remote Health Monitoring of Infants and Old Age people. This MoU is aimed at providing complete tuition fee waiver to the children of Shaheed police officers who successfully secure admission in SZABIST. |
| 12 | The Sindh Police | 19-Dec-20 | 18-Dec-24 | Active | ERFA | Scholarship | Through this collaboration, SZABIST |
| 13 | ACCA | 1-Jan-22 | 31-Dec-24 | Active | Wajeeha Javed | Academic | Through this collaboration, SZABIST |



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| 14 | GETZ Pharma & BIDE | 9-Mar-22 | 8-Mar-25 | Active | Life Sciences Department | Academic | students will get exemptions in ACCA papers GETZ Pharma, BIDE and SZABIST joined hands to foster a culture of collaboration to improve healthcare indicators in Pakistan. It will allow experienced physicians, researchers and students at BIDE and SZABIST in scientific research to generate valuable insights into the areas of NDCs, particularly Diabetes. The three patrons will also engage in activities centered on capacity building of healthcare providers. |
| 15 | CIMA | 30-Mar-22 | 29-Mar-25 | Active | Dr. Mustansar Hayat | Academic | BS (Accounting & Finance), BBA, BA-BS, BS (Entrepreneurship), EMBA, and MBA (non-finance electives) students and alumni will be exempt from all 13 courses and |



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| 16 | FPCCI | 20-Apr-22 | 19-Apr-27 | Active | ORIC | Academic | <p>will only attempt three case studies. MBA students with finance electives and BS (Accounting & Finance) alumni will be exempt from all 13 courses and operational-level case studies and will only attempt two case studies. FPCCI will effectively and professionally support SZABIST in its efforts to establish academic and research systems for addressing the challenges of national industry in terms of existing, emerging and future technologies SZABIST has signed a MoA with CILT for introducing certification in logistics and transport. To attain this certification, a total of three mandatory courses will have to be completed.</p> |
| 17 | CILT | 8-Jun-22 | 30-Jun-25 | Active | Dr. Kamran Soomro | Academic | <p>will only attempt three case studies. MBA students with finance electives and BS (Accounting & Finance) alumni will be exempt from all 13 courses and operational-level case studies and will only attempt two case studies. FPCCI will effectively and professionally support SZABIST in its efforts to establish academic and research systems for addressing the challenges of national industry in terms of existing, emerging and future technologies SZABIST has signed a MoA with CILT for introducing certification in logistics and transport. To attain this certification, a total of three mandatory courses will have to be completed.</p> |



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| 18 | National Clearing Company of Pakistan Limited (NCCPL) | 22-Sep-22 | 21-Sep-25 | Active | Ms. Wajeeha Javed | Academic | SZABIST and NCCPL commit to organize awareness sessions, recruit talented students and explore possibilities in relation to the development of Capital Market through Investor Education, Curriculum Development, and Jointly Holding of Conference/ Seminar on Capital Markets. SZABIST and Pathfinder aim to collaborate, develop and launch innovation startups , learning hubs on ideas such as Reproductive health , Family Planning , Climate change and its Impact on women. Students of Life Sciences and Social Sciences will be working to provide solutions for the above stated issues. They will be getting a great opportunity to interact with other university students through |
| 19 | Pathfinder | 19-Oct-22 | 18-Oct-25 | Active | Dr. Nida (Bio Sc.) | Academic | |



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| 20 | Health Services Academy | 30-Nov-22 | 29-Nov-27 | Active | Dr. Kashif Ali | Academic | <p>exchange visits and also be facilitated with the incubation centers . Seminars , workshop and Field trips will also be arranged to spread the awareness</p> <p>The potential areas of collaboration between both parties are;</p> <p>Internships and practicum for the MSPH students, Joint/Mutual Research programs, collaboration for funded Projects, Conferences, Seminars, Certificate and diploma programs, On-the-job research training programs, and Faculty development program.</p> <p>To promote initiatives to foster a sense of Social Responsibility .</p> <p>SZABIST-KARACHI's student volunteers will be sent to IHHN under the program 'Indus</p> |
| 21 | Indus Hospital Health Network | 22-Dec-22 | 22-Nov-25 | Active | Tazeen Imran | Academic | <p>exchange visits and also be facilitated with the incubation centers . Seminars , workshop and Field trips will also be arranged to spread the awareness</p> <p>The potential areas of collaboration between both parties are;</p> <p>Internships and practicum for the MSPH students, Joint/Mutual Research programs, collaboration for funded Projects, Conferences, Seminars, Certificate and diploma programs, On-the-job research training programs, and Faculty development program.</p> <p>To promote initiatives to foster a sense of Social Responsibility .</p> <p>SZABIST-KARACHI's student volunteers will be sent to IHHN under the program 'Indus</p> |



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| 22 | Afzaal Memorial Thalassemia Foundation (AMTF) | 23-Jan-23 | 22-Jan-26 | Active | Dr. Noman Soomro | Academic | Yaqeen' for the benefit of the patients and the hospital administration SZABIST BABS Program will help the AMTF to conduct Blood Drives annually, for which all the resources will be arranged by AMTF. The Blood collected through Blood Drive will be used for the treatment of Thalassemia Patients. ATMF will participate in Job Fairs and Recruitment Drives of SZABIST and provide internship opportunities to our students along with Capstone projects Mitsubishi Corporation through this MoU |
| 23 | Mitsubishi Corporation | 12-Oct-23 | 31-May-24 | Expired | ERFA | Scholarship | would be awarding scholarships to BSMS and BBA Students. |
| 24 | Orange Tree Foundation | 22-Mar-22 | 21-Mar-24 | Renewal MoU Signing in | ERFA | Scholarship | Scholarships have been awarded to more than 15 students every semester. |



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| | | | | Progress | | | SZABIST Participated in OTF Sponsored funfair and generated funds for OTF. (Please provide last activity title) |
| 25 | TCF | Renewal MoU Signing in Progress | - | Renewal MoU Signing in Progress | ERFA | Scholarship | |
| 26 | Coventry University | 15-Feb-19 | 15-Feb-24 | Renewal MoU Signing in Progress | Dr. Noman Soomro | Academic | Through this MoU, SZABIST students enrolled in Bachelors of Arts in Business Studies (BABS) will be conferred Coventry University degree on completing two years of education at SZABIST and one year at Coventry University, UK. |