

NATIONAL HISTORY AND LITERARY HERITAGE DIVISION

PREAMBLE

In the wake of 18th amendment in the Constitution of Islamic Republic of Pakistan 1973, Federal Ministry of Culture was devolved on 05th April, 2011 and its functions were subsequently allocated to a newly created “Ministry of National Heritage and Integration” on 26th October, 2011, which initially started functioning at ENERCON Building near State Bank of Pakistan but subsequently shifted at 3rd Floor, Evacuee Trust Complex, Agha Khan Road, Near Hotel Marriott, Sector F-5/1, Islamabad in 2012. As a result of Government’s policy, said Ministry was merged with Ministry of Information & Broadcasting on 07th June, 2013 but afterwards, it was bifurcated into two separate Divisions on 05th January, 2016 i.e. Information & Broadcasting Division and National History and Literary Heritage Division.



ALLOCATION OF BUSINESS:

Following functions have been allocated to National History and Literary Heritage Division under the Rules of Business 1973:-

1. International agreements and assistance in the field of archaeology, national museums and historical monuments declared to be of national importance
2. National and other languages used for official purposes.
3. Naming of institutions in the name of Quaid-e-Azam and other high and distinguished personages.
4. Quaid-e-Azam Academy (QAA).
5. Pakistan Academy of Letters (PAL)

6. National Language Promotion Department (NLPD).
7. Urdu Dictionary Board (UDB), Urdu Science Board (USB).
8. Aiwan-i-Iqbal and Iqbal Academy Pakistan (IAP).
9. Quaid-e-Azam Mazar Management Board (QMMB).
10. Quaid-e-Azam Memorial Fund.
11. National Book Foundation (NBF)
12. National Library of Pakistan, Islamabad (NLP)

OUR AFFILIATES

- ❖ UNESCO (United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization)
- ❖ ICOM (The International Council of Museums)
- ❖ ICCROM (International Centre for the Study of the Preservation and Restoration of Cultural Property)
- ❖ Tehran ICH Centre
- ❖ CRIHAP(International Training Center for Intangible Cultural Heritage in the Asia-Pacific Region under the auspices of UNESCO)
- ❖ IRCICA (Research Center For Islamic History, Art and Culture)

ACHIEVEMENTS

- Publication of two books with the title “Miniature Painting” and “Life Story of Budha”
- Appointment of Heads of the Departments of NLPD, USB, UDB, QAA Karachi and NBF on contract basis.
- Establishment of Endowment Fund of Rs.500 million for archaeology and literary heritage.
- Introduction of “Annual Vesak Festival” for Budh community in 2016 & 2017.

- Conducted National Calligraphy Exhibition in January, 2017 and International Calligraphy Exhibition in August, 2017 in collaboration of IRCICA for projection of soft image of Pakistan.

ACTIVITIES

- ✓ Holding of Visakh Festival first time in the history of Pakistan.
- ✓ Inscription of Nowroz Festival and Falconry as multi-state Nominations on the representative List of Intangible Cultural Heritage for Humanity (UNESCO).
- ✓ Initiated the first ever detailed Archaeological Survey of ICT.
- ✓ Excavation of Buddhist Stupa at Ban Faqiran, Islamabad.
- ✓ Return of Rawat Fort from Government of Punjab.
- ✓ Protection of Rawat Fort, Ban Faqiran and Shah Allah Ditta Caves.
- ✓ Publication of book “Miniature Paintings – A lasting tradition of Mughals” and the revised addition of the “Life Story of Buddha Etched in Stone”.
- ✓ Revamping of the Islamabad Museum.
- ✓ Publication of Pakistan Archaeology by Department of Archaeology and
- ✓ Museums (DOAM).
- ✓ Exhibition of Buddha relics in Sri Lanka.
- ✓ Saved 4000 artifacts from illicit export at Islamabad.
- ✓ Establishment of Yunus Emre Culture Centre in Lahore and Karachi.
- ✓ Arranged workshop on community based inventorying from 12-18 December 2016 in collaboration with CRIHAP, China.

- ✓ Exhibition of the paintings of Jimmy Engineer in National Library of Pakistan, Islamabad and Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA).
- ✓ Ancient Pakistan exhibition in Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA).
- ✓ Holding of Annual Kitab Mela by National Book Foundation (NBF).
- ✓ Holding of an international Conference on Language, Literature & Linguistic.
- ✓ Holding of National Calligraphy Exhibition Noon-Walqalam (24-26 January, 2017).
- ✓ 8th National Book Day Celebrations (22-24th April, 2017).

FUTURE PLANS

- ❖ Establishment of National Museum of Pakistan at Islamabad.
- ❖ Book on SWAT archaeological sites “*SUASTU*”.
- ❖ Publication of the books on ICH of Pakistan.
- ❖ Exhibition of confiscated archaeological artifacts smuggled to Italy and U.K.
- ❖ Exhibition of 96 pieces of antique pottery in *National Oriental Museum of Arts* in Rome, Italy.
- ❖ International Calligraphic Exhibition, Islamabad.
- ❖ Workshop on Community-based Inventorying of the Intangible Cultural Heritage in Bahawalpur.
- ❖ Capacity Building Workshop on Developing Safeguarding Plans for Intangible Cultural Heritage in Lahore.
- ❖ Publication of Book titled "Noon Walqalam".

DEPARTMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGY & MUSEUMS

BRIEF HISTORY

The Department of Archaeology and Museums is the continuation of the “Archaeological Survey of India” established in 1861 for archaeological survey, research including excavation, protection, preservation and conservation of the moveable and immoveable antiquities. After creation of Pakistan we inherited the same department by changing its nomenclature as the “Department of Archaeology and Museums. Maintenance and establishment of museums, exhibitions of national heritage at national and international level, collaboration with the International and national organizations in the field of Archaeology and protection of cultural properties from illicit trade also falls within the responsibilities of the Department of Archaeology and Museums.



FUNCTIONS OR CHARTER OF DUTIES: The Department of Archaeology and Museums, Government of Pakistan is the custodian of nation's cultural heritage and in this capacity, is almost the sole agency to protect and preserve its master pieces in the shape of immovable sites / monuments and the movable antiquities as well as works of art. In this context, the main functions and the objectives of the department are as follows:-

1. International Role:

- (I) Implementation of UNESCO conventions; (a) protection of world cultural and natural Heritage; (b) prohibiting and preventing the illicit import, export and transfer of ownership of cultural property and (c) Protection of cultural property in the event of conflict.
- (II) Implementation of UNESCO Recommendations on Archaeological Excavations.
- (III) Coordination with international Bodies such as world Heritage Committee and Inter-Governmental Committee for Restitution of cultural property.

- (IV) Cooperation with International Organizations like ICOM, ICOMOS, ICCROM, ISESCO, etc.
- (V) Securing international assistance and mobilizing world's opinion for: protection of cultural heritage of Pakistan, renovating museums, establishments of scientific institutions and to organize & mount international exhibitions of the cultural heritage of Pakistan.

2. National role:

- (I) Preservation and conservation of historical monuments and Archaeological sites.
- (II) Pursuance of a uniform national policy of field researches such as archaeological exploration and excavation being carried out by the Federal Department of Archaeological and Pakistani Universities.
- (III) To collaborate with foreign archaeological missions working at various sites in Pakistan and to regulate their activities under a uniform policy adopted by the Federal Government.
- (IV) To exercise control over dealing in the export of antiquities and works of art and to regulate chance discoveries and control over movement of cultural property.
- (V) Establishment and maintenance of museums, development of historic house Museums and archaeological gardens.
- (VI) Study of Epigraphic and Numismatic records.
- (VII) Treatment and Restoration of Antiquities.
- (VIII) Administration of Antiquities Act, 1975.

LEGISLATIVE AND LEGAL COVERAGE

Functions of the Department of Archaeology and Museums are regularized under legal coverage of the Antiquities Act, 1975 and Rules made there under i.e.:-

- (a). Archaeological Excavation and Exploration Rules, 1978
- (b). Mining Quarrying and Blasting in the Restricted Area Rules, 1979
- (c). Cinematographically Filming of protected Antiquities Rules, 1980
- (d). Dealing in Antiquities Rules, 1989
- (e). Acquisition of Antiquities Rules, 1989.

WORLD HERITAGE SITES OF PAKISTAN

- 1. Archaeological Ruins at Moenjodaro.
- 2. Buddhist Ruins of Takht-i-Bhai and Neighbouring City remains at Sehr-i-Behlol.
- 3. Fort and Shalamar Gardens in Lahore.
- 4. Historical Monuments at Makli, Thatta.
- 5. Rohtas Fort Jhelum.
- 6. Archaeological ruins at Taxila.

UNESCO - TENTATIVE LIST OF PAKISTAN

- 1. Badshahi Mosque, Lahore (1993)
- 2. Wazir Khan's Mosque, Lahore (1993)
- 3. Tombs of Jahangir, Asif Kahn and Akbari Sarai, Lahore (1993)
- 4. Hiran Minar and Tank, Sheikhpura (1993)
- 5. Tomb of Hazrat Rukn-e-Alam, Multan (1993)
- 6. Rani Kot Fort, Dadu (1993)
- 7. Shah Jahan Mosque, Thatta (1993)
- 8. Chaukhandi Tombs, Karachi (1993)
- 9. Archaeological Site of Mehrgarh (2004)
- 10. Archaeological Site of Rehman Dheri (2004)

11. Archaeological Site of Harappa (2004)
12. Archaeological Site of Ranigat (2004)
13. Shahbazgarhi Rock Edicts (2004)
14. Mansehra Rock Edicts (2004)
15. Baltit Fort (2004)
16. Tomb of Bibi Jawindi, Baha'al-Halim and Ustead and the Tomb and Mosque of Jalaluddin Bukhari (2004)
17. Tomb of Shah Rukn-e-Alam (2004)
18. Port of Banbhore (2004)
19. Derawar and the Desert Forts of Cholitan (2016)
20. Hingol Cultural Landscape (2016)
21. Karez system cultural Landscape (2016)
22. Nagarparkar cultural Landscape (2016)
23. Central Karakoram National Park (2016)
24. Deosai National Park (2016)
25. Ziarat Juniper Forest (2016)
26. The Salt Range and Khewra Salt Mine (2016)

ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ARCHAEOLOGY AND MUSEUMS: Since the inception of Pakistan, the Department of Archaeology and Museums, Government of Pakistan has achieved great successes in preserving and promoting the cultural heritage of Pakistan.

ALLOCATION OF BUSINESS TO THE ORGANIZATION: International agreements and assistance in the field of Archaeology, national museums and historical monuments declared to be of national importance.

ACTIVITIES AND TARGETS SET UP FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 2016-2017: Department of Archaeology and Museums has achieved following goals during the financial year 2016-17:-

- (1) **Procurement of Antiquities from Smuggling:** In collaboration and active cooperation of the Pakistan Customs we have saved 400 antiquities from illicit export at different exit points i.e. Islamabad Airport. The detained antiquities including sculptures, pottery, metal objects and coins belong to different periods of our history. Process of repatriation of the smuggled antiquities of Pakistan origin from the United States is in process. U.S Authorities have handed over the smuggled Buddhist Sculpture of Gandhara to our High Commission in Washington D.C same will be brought back after completion of codal formalities.
- (2) **Collaboration with the Foreign Archaeological Missions:** During the period under report the Department of Archaeology and Museums issued license to the French Archaeological Mission and collaborated with them for archaeological survey and excavations on the late Harappa Archaeological sites located in district Benazirabad, Jamshoro and Thano Bula Khan in Sindh province. Similarly, license issued to Taxila Institute of Asian Civilization, Quaid-i-Azam University for carrying out Archaeological Excavation/ Exploration in FATA.
- (3) **Research and Publication:** The Department of Archaeology and Museums is a Research Oriented Department and all research reports in the field of archaeology and its allied subjects are regularly published in the journal of the "Pakistan Archaeology". During the period under report Pakistan Archaeology No. 30 has been published. This volume contains research reports of the German and American archaeological missions and research articles of national scholars on different aspects of the archaeology of Pakistan. Publication of next issue of Pakistan Archaeology No. 31 is in process.
- (4) **Establishment of Documentation Centre:** This office has some rare and historical documents (record) in shape of old files. During the period under report initial work for proper documentation and digitization of this record has been started. This process will take long time

but it will be very helpful to preserve almost one hundred years old record of this department from colonial period till creation of Pakistan in 1947.

- (5) **MoU with other Institution/Universities:** MOU's were signed during the period under report with Taxila Institute of Asian Civilization, Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad & Italian Archaeological Mission working in Swat for corporation in the field of Archaeology / Musicology / preservation of Cultural Heritage of Pakistan.
- (6) **New Sites on Tentative List:** Inclusion of eight new Cultural Natural & Mixed Heritage Sites on the Tentative List of Pakistan by UNESCO.
- (7) **Archaeological Survey of Islamabad:** Survey of Archaeological sites and Monuments in Islamabad Capital Territory is in progress. Twenty nine Archaeological sites and historical buildings in Islamabad Capital Territory have so far been documented.

PROJECTS FUNDED BY PSDP OR OTHER RESOURCES INITIATED/ COMPLETED DURING THE PERIOD UNDER REPORT.

| S# | Project | Approved by | Funded by | Executing Agency | Status |
|----|---|-------------|-----------|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| 1 | PC-II for Designing of National Museum of Pakistan at Islamabad | DDWP | PSDP | Pak PWD Islamabad | Hand over to Pak. PWD, Islamabad |
| 2 | Master Plan for Establishment of Digitalization Centre for Documentation of the Artifacts and Archival Material at Department of Archaeology and Museums, Islamabad | DDWP | PSDP | DOAM | Project has been completed |

NATIONAL LANGUAGE PROMOTION DEPARTMENT

INTRODUCTION

The National Language Promotion Department (NLPD) was established on 04th October, 1979 through a Resolution. Since its establishment, the NLPD has been developing material for the promotion of the National Language to comply with the Article-251 of the Constitution of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, 1973.



AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- To consider ways and means for the promotion of Urdu as the national language of Pakistan and to make all necessary arrangements in this regard and to submit recommendations to the Federal government for expediting the use of the national language.
- To facilitate introduction of Urdu as the official language throughout the country by arranging to develop dictionaries and other reading materials for the in-service training of personnel working in Government, semi-Government offices, Courts and other institutions.
- To co-ordinate the work of all Urdu Development Boards.
- To facilitate the adoption of Urdu as the language of competitive examination in cooperation with the Federal and Provincial Public Service Commissions.
- To carry out such other responsibilities as the Federal Government may, from time to time, entrust to the Department in regard to the promotion of the national language.

PERFORMANCE/ACHIEVEMENTS

(1) **Publications:** Following books have been published during the period under report:-

- Brief History of Language and Literature: Sindhi
- Brief History of Language and Literature: Seraiki
- Brief History of Language and Literature: Punjabi
- Introduction to Official Language
- Official Training Dictionary (Revised & Published)
- Official Terminology
- Farhang-e-Talafuz (Composed & Printed in Nastaleeq Font)

(2) **Collaboration with other Organizations:** NLPD's seven (07) books have been published in collaboration with National Book Foundation (NBF) during the period under report. The titles of the published books are as under:-

- Botiqah
- Badshah
- Taleem-ul-Mutalam
- Kulyat-e-Qanoon
- Muahida-I-Imrani
- Zawal-I-Mughrab (Vol-II)
- Azeem Taqatoon Ka Urooj-o-Zawal (Vol-I)

(3) **Urdu Translation**

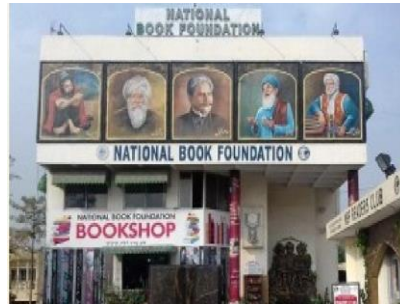
- As usual, 150 citations have been translated for investiture ceremony for the current year.
- As per the decision of Apex Court, 749 pages have been translated for various Ministries/ Divisions and other public organizations.

- NLPD is also providing translation services for urgent and classified documents to the National Assembly, President's Office, PM Office, Cabinet Division and other important public organizations.
 - NLPD has also conducted three (03) meetings of Sub-Committee for Standardization of Translation.
 - NLPD has also reviewed 2502 pages of translated document, for standardization purposes.
- (4) **Publicity:** The NLPD has published six (06) issues of "Akhbar-e-Urdu" Magazine. The online version is available at the website www.nlpd.gov.pk.
- (5) **Seminars/Programs:** A seminar on the topic of "National Dialog: National Language and Pakistani Languages – Foreground and Background" has been conducted in May, 2017. Various 15 literary programs have also been conducted in collaboration with other literary organizations during the period under report.
- (6) **Books Exhibition:** NLPD had participated in two various books exhibition conducted by Pakistan National Council of Arts (PNCA) and National Book Foundation (NBF).
- (7) **Revenue from Books:** The NLPD has generated Rs.21,66,640/- from the sale of books. Books have also been published by NLPD in various periods.
- (8) **Training Affairs:** Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi has conducted a five (05) days workshop for "Urdu Official Work". The NLPD's trainers have trained workshop participants regarding Urdu Shorthand.
- (9) **Library:** During the period under report, 102 books have been purchased and 1258 books were received on honorary basis. Total 1300 periodicals have been received during the period. The total number of books in NLPD's library has reached to 40,535. Various scholars, researchers and students have been visiting the library. They have been provided with 4000 references during their visits.

NATIONAL BOOK FOUNDATION

INTRODUCTION

National Book Foundation was established in 1972 as a service rendering educational welfare organization. It is a statutory Corporation created through an Act of the Parliament in order to make books available at moderate prices. It has its Head Office in Islamabad and Regional Offices at each Provincial Headquarters, Branch Offices and bookshops in 23 sales outlets all over Pakistan. Its management and over all control vests in a Board of Governors. The Minister Incharge of the administrative Ministry/Division is the Chairman of the Board of Governors. The Managing Director is the Chief Executive of the organization.



Functions of the Foundation

- (a) to receive any money or financial grants from the Federal Government, the Provincial Governments, local bodies and any statutory or non-statutory corporation;
- (b) to collect, accept or otherwise receive from any persons, body association, institution or organization any subscription or donation made to the Foundation;
- (c) to undertake writing of books and to encourage writers to produce good books;
- (d) to undertake the translation of foreign and locally-produced books into the national and regional languages of the country and *vice versa*;
- (e) to arrange the original publication and re-production of local books as well as those published abroad;
- (f) to import foreign books and to undertake the distribution of books among the educational institutions and the general public;

- (g) to encourage the writers and the book trade in general in the production of books and making them available to the students and the general public at moderate prices;
- (h) to provide technical know-how and financial assistance and to make other steps aimed at fostering interest in books and in reading; and
- (i) to initiate such other activities and programme as may assist in the task of book development, book promotion, advancement of literacy & dissemination of knowledge by means of the printed word.

ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- Under the idea of “Book Revolution”, 1000 quality books at affordable prices will be published, out of which, 300 books of public interest have been published.
- During the year 2016-17, carried out development of 111-Textbooks, published 64 textbooks prescribed by Federal Director of Education (Grade-I to Grade-VIII), 06 textbooks prescribed by Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (Grade-IX to Grade-X).
- 64 titles (12,95,470 copies) of NBF textbooks worth Rs.13,17,47,566/- were supplied during February/March 2017 for academic session 2016-17 to Federal Directorate of Education.
- 79 titles (1,18,550 copies of NBF General and Children Books were produced during the year 2016-17.
- During the year 2016-17, sales of books worth Rs.331 million was the highest sale figure ever achieved since inception of NBF.
- For Readers Club 2016-17, 25,702 were registered in 35 cities and discount of Rs.2,91,17,533/- was given to the readers.
- 08th National Book Day Festival was celebrated from 22-24th April, 2017 in Pak-China Friendship Centre, Islamabad, which was attended by approximately

3,43,646 peoples from all walks of life. In the Grand Book Fair, 174 book stalls of different book sellers and published of the country were installed. Books worth Rs.1,66,40,000/- were sold out during the Festival.

- Braille Section of NBF has printed 1030 books including Holy Quran with and without Urdu translation and diacritics for the students and general public.
- NBF publishes Mahanama Kitab.
- Produced books of Pakistani writers without financial burden on writers. NBF bears the 100% cost of production and assure 10% royalty payment to writers.
- 25 NBF's outlets provide a credible display and distribution network to Publishers and Authors free of cost.
- Cash awards amounting to Rs.4,50,000/- were given to the authors during the period on best published books for children on Quaid-e-Azam, Allama Muhammad Iqbal and Pakistan Movement.
- To create soft image of Pakistan, NBF donated Pakistani publications to Pakistani Missions/Chairs, educational institutions, dignitaries etc abroad worth Rs.16,00,000/- during the year 2016-17. Moreover, 818 books were supplied to 20 countries including Embassy of Pakistan, Seoul, Tanzania, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Germany, Thailand, Afghanistan, Maldives, Nepal, Egypt, Italy, Hungary, Bahrain, Turkey, France, Norway, Nigeria, Greece, Spain, Sweden, Austria, Jordan, Zimbabwe, Malaysia, China, North Korea and UK.
- More than 500 book exhibitions were arranged in different parts of the country including remote areas, rural and urban areas such as Gwadar, Interior Sindh, Gilgit, Chitral, Charsadda, Mardan, Bajor Agency, Malakand, Karak etc.
- Other services and facilities includes enhancement of Readers Club scheme through the country, introduction of Book Clearance Scheme, My Bookshelf, Free Mind

Book Club, Travelers Book Club in collaboration with Pakistan Railways, SMS Service, Literary Corners like Nizami Ganjvi Corner/Khawaja Hafiz Shirazi Corner etc.

- Chief Minister Punjab has introduced a project of street libraries in five big cities of Punjab with the title “Books on Wheels”.

Memorandum of Understanding (MoU): NBF is striving hard to have a close liaison with the organizations engaged with the book world, reading materials and dissemination of knowledge. In this regard, MoUs have been signed with NUST, Anjuman-e-Taraqi Urdu and Inter-University Consortium for Promotion of Social Sciences, Arts & Humanities. MoU with Pakistan Post Office for joint venture in GPO Rawalpindi has also been signed.

Sales Exhibitions: Arranged major book fairs/festivals in Islamabad, Lahore, Karachi, Hyderabad, Larkana, Quetta, Multan, Peshawar, Sukkur, Abbottabad, DI Khan, Wah Cantt, Bannu, Bagh (AJK) including one grand book fair for children and one international book fair in Karachi in collaboration with Pakistan Publishers & Booksellers Association, Karachi.

Azadi Kitab Mela Quetta: A seven days Azadi Kitab Mela was arranged by National Book Foundation in Quetta in August 2016 in connection with Independence Day. “Kitab Mela” was participated by 32 Book Sellers and publishers from all over the country. Books worth Rs.40 Lacs were sold out.

DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

- Braille Complex in Karachi is in its completion phase, which will enhance literary and academic activities for visually handicapped persons.
- Keeping in view the international standard, 16 bookshops out of 25 bookshops of NBF throughout the country have been upgraded and converted into Book clubs with modern look and facilities i.e. LEDs, WiFi, Credit Card machines, hanging stickers, computers and softwares.
- Extension/renovation of NBF Book Museum, NBF Bookshop at Head Office Islamabad, upgradation of

“Shahr-e-Kitab” Islamabad, Kitab Café, Book Park and transformer are in the process of completion.

FUTURE PLANS

- A Project “Shehr-i-Kitab” Karachi (a permanent book fair) where 64 book stalls of different book sellers and publishers will be under one roof is under the preparation. A Kitab Café and Book Park will also be a part of “Shehr-i-Kitab” Karachi
- “Book Park Peshawar” – In principle Peshawar Development Authority has agreed to make Book Park adjacent to NBF Peshawar Office.
- Publication of general and children’s books introduced under the slogan “Peace Revolution through Book Evolution”, which are in different stages of preparation/compilation/translation/composing and printing.
- Completion of Author’s Resource Centre, Lahore is in continuous process.

PAKISTAN ACADEMY OF LETTERS

INTRODUCTION

Pakistan has rich heritage of literature with multi-lingual diversity. Its transformation and growth into a separate identity with predominantly Islamic character coupled with its mystic lore continues in Urdu, Punjabi, Sindhi, Pushtu, Balochi, Brahui or Saraiki etc. Hence, Pakistan Academy of Letters (PAL) not only preserves this heritage but also promotes and develops it by taking care of the writers, poets and scholars and provides them with essential support and encouragement in Intellectuals pursuits.



BRIEF HISTORY

Pakistan Academy of Letters (PAL) came into being through Ministry of Education's Resolution No. F. 18/75-LB dated 07 July 1976 as an autonomous organization of Ministry of Education. The functions of Academy were determined through Ministry of Education's Resolutions No. F. 15-4/78-LB dated 01 February and 08 October 1978. Broadly speaking, its two immediate takes were to devise projects and programmers to promote and advance literary activities in the country and to look after the welfare of the writers' community.

In pursuance of Supreme Court judgment in PLD 1990 SC 612, Establishment Division, vide their O.M. 4/1/91-R.7/R.3 dated 06 September 2000, formulated the following policy with regard to autonomous bodies established through resolutions:-

- i. All Ministries/Divisions in charge of organizations established through Resolution should determine in consultation with the Management Services Wing of Cabinet Division whether those organizations should be run as Government Department (i.e. Attached Department or Subordinate Office) or as autonomous body.

- ii. Where it is considered necessary in the public interest to run an organization as an autonomous body for the effective discharge of its functions, the Ministry/Division concerned should either get it registered as a Society or a Company under the relevant law or draft a separate legislation in consultation with Law and Cabinet Divisions for changing legal status of the organization to that of a body corporate.

In the light of above decision the status of PAL was determined as “Sub-ordinate Office” and the Chairman, PAL was declared as Head of Department vide Ministry of Education’s Notification dated December 29, 2004. However, keeping in view the objectives of the Academy and effective discharge of its functions, the administrative Ministry (Ministry of Education) considered it necessary, in the public interest, to maintain the status of the Academy as an autonomous body. Accordingly, in compliances with the above mentioned judgment of the Supreme Court of Pakistan and guidelines issued by the Establishment Division, a draft Act was prepared by Ministry. After completing all codal formalities and procedure, the Act of Pakistan Academy of Letters has finally been assented by the Honorable President of Pakistan and notified through Gazette of Pakistan in March, 2013.

Functions of the Academy:

- (a) administer and coordinate all government systems for the promotion of Pakistani languages, literature and welfare of writers’ community in the country under provisions of this Act and the rules and regulations made there under;
- (b) advise the Government on Policy relating to promotion of Pakistani languages, literature and welfare of writers’ community in the country;
- (c) determine research priorities in the field of language or literature and to undertake research projects;
- (d) evaluate the performance of the various learned bodies and institutions of higher learning and to scrutinize and assess their new projects and to release grants to them;

- (e) set up a bureau of translation for the translation of selected works from and into national and the regional languages with a view to promoting greater cohesion and intellectual understanding among the people of different regions of the country;
- (f) promote and supervise the production of standard works of reference e.g. dictionaries, encyclopedias etc., in the national and regional languages;
- (g) establish a language laboratory, language library and documentation centre to facilitate work on the national and regional languages in consonance with the ideology of Pakistan;
- (h) undertake or recommend suitable measures for the promotion of creative writing in the national and regional languages in consonance with the ideology of Pakistan;
- (i) undertake or recommend suitable measures for the introduction of Pakistani literature to the foreign readers;
- (j) produce literary periodicals in Urdu, English and other Pakistani languages;
- (k) provide an authoritative body of consultants for all matters relating to language, literature and letters;
- (l) nominate or recommend recipients for various literary awards and distinction;
- (m) represent or advise the Government on international gatherings relating to language, literature and letters;
- (n) extend national recognition to eminent personalities for their services to Pakistani languages, literature and letters and to undertake publication of research work of national importance done by them;
- (o) render monetary assistance to indigent writers and to safeguard the interests of writers;
- (p) provide for the printing and publication of literary works;

- (q) recommend measures for the promotion of printing and publishing industry in the country;
- (r) create various posts and to appoint persons thereto;
- (s) govern and regulate the finances, accounts and investments of the Academy;
- (t) liaise and interact with counterpart organizations in other countries for capacity building and exchange of information;
- (u) engage in human resource development of its officers and staffs;
- (v) carry out such works or activities as may be deemed by the Academy to be necessary, with a view to making the best use of the assets;
- (w) coordinate the implementation of foreign-aided technical assistance projects on languages or literatures through Ministry concerned.
- (x) Enter into, carry out, vary or cancel contracts; and
- (y) Perform and carry out and other thing or function relating to promotion of Pakistani languages, literature and welfare of writers' community in the country assigned to it by the Board or the Federal Government.

Brief about Activities, Achievements and Progress during 2016-17: Pakistan Academy of Letters (PAL) is a national statutory organization, working for promotion of Pakistani literature and welfare of writers' community in the country under administrative control of National History and Literary Heritage Division, Ministry of Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage, Government of Pakistan.

PROMOTION OF PAKISTANI LITERATURE AND LITERARY ACTIVITIES

Publications: More than **300**-titles have been published so far whereas the work on several titles under different series is under-way, covering the fields of Research & Reference, translations and selections from Pakistani literatures in Urdu and other Pakistani languages as well as in major international languages including annual selection of Pakistani literature, annual bibliography of

Pakistani literature, makers of Pakistani literature (a series of Books), mystic poetry translation from Pakistani literature and Encyclopedia of Pakistani Literature. PAL also publishes quarterly journal *Adabiyat* (Urdu) and bi-annual *Pakistani Literature* (English) and monthly newsletter *Academy* (Urdu). The summary of books and journals published during the period under reference is as under:

- 1- انتخاب پاکستانی ادب 2011، (حصہ نثر و شاعری)
- 2- انتخاب پاکستانی ادب 2012، (حصہ نثر و شاعری)
- 3- خبرنامہ اکادمی، جلد 8، شمارہ نمبر 10 تا 12، اپریل تا جون 2016
- 4- خبرنامہ اکادمی، جلد 9، شمارہ نمبر 01 تا 03، جولائی تا ستمبر 2016
- 5- خبرنامہ اکادمی، جلد 9، شمارہ نمبر 04 تا 06، اکتوبر تا دسمبر 2016
- 6- خبرنامہ اکادمی، جلد 9، شمارہ نمبر 07 تا 09، جنوری تا مارچ 2017
- 7- سہ ماہی ادبیات، شمارہ نمبر 108، جنوری تا جون 2016، احمد ندیم قاسمی نمبر
- 8- سہ ماہی ادبیات، شمارہ نمبر 109 (اشاعت اول)
- 9- سہ ماہی ادبیات، شمارہ نمبر 109، (اشاعت دوم، تعداد 300)
- 10- سہ ماہی ادبیات، شمارہ نمبر 110
- 11- ٹی وی ڈرامہ کیسے لکھا جائے؟
- 12- نوٹیل انعام یافتہ ادیبوں کی کہانیاں
- 13- ادبیات (قاسمی نمبر) نوٹیل انعام یافتہ ادیبوں کی منتخب کہانیاں (اشاعت دوم)
- 14- رموز شعر
- 15- ناول کافن
- 16- وبا کے دنوں میں محبت
- 17- ادبیات اطفال
- 18- معاصر چینی کہانیاں
- 19- ای سی او کے رکن ممالک کی منتخب کہانیاں
- 20- عبداللہ حسین: شخصیت اور فن (پاکستانی ادب کے معمار) اشاعت دوم
- 21- احمد فراز: شخصیت اور فن (پاکستانی ادب کے معمار) اشاعت دوم
- 22- سید نصیر شاہ: شخصیت اور فن (پاکستانی ادب کے معمار)
- 23- احمد بشیر: شخصیت اور فن (پاکستانی ادب کے معمار)
- 24- سید ضمیر جعفری: شخصیت اور فن (پاکستانی ادب کے معمار)
- 25- حسرت موہانی: شخصیت اور فن (پاکستانی ادب کے معمار)

26۔ قابل اجمیری: شخصیت اور فن (پاکستانی ادب کے معمار)

27۔ ولی محمد طوفان: شخصیت اور فن (پاکستانی ادب کے معمار)

28۔ خالد حسین: شخصیت اور فن (پاکستانی ادب کے معمار)

29۔ سید وقار عظیم: شخصیت اور فن (پاکستانی ادب کے معمار)

30۔ ابن صفی: شخصیت اور فن (پاکستانی ادب کے معمار)

31۔ بلوچی زبان و ادب (اشاعت ہشتم)

Through the Wall Crack: 32۔ جناب عطا الحق قاسمی کی منتخب تحریروں کا انگریزی ترجمہ

Literary Programmes: It is the objective of the PAL to organize literary programmes and conferences at Islamabad as well as at five Regional Offices to keep public interest alive in the literary activities and to provide to the people who are interested in literature with a participating forum.

Holding of seminars on the works of renowned authors and poets and references in memory of literary figures (like Bulleh Shah, Waris Shah, Shah Hussain, Shah Latif Bhittai, Sachal Sarmast, Khushal Khan Khattak, Rehman Baba, Jam Durrani, Mast Tawakli, Khawaja Fareed, Allama Iqbal, Faiz Ahmad Faiz, Shaikh Ayaz, Gul Khan Naseer and Mir Hamza Shanwari etc) anniversary functions, which are frequently attended by writers and general public and are being regularly reported in the media. The such programmes by PAL, Head office Islamabad and Regional Offices at Karachi, Lahore, Peshawar, Quetta and Multan, arranged during the period are summarized below:

| S.# | Description | No of Programmes arranged |
|-----|-------------|---------------------------|
| 1 | Islamabad | 85 |
| 2 | Karachi | 40 |
| 3. | Lahore | 58 |
| 4 | Peshawar | 35 |
| 5 | Quetta | 30 |
| 6 | Multan | 25 |

SEMINAR ON INTERNATIONAL MOTHER TONGUE DAY:

Seminars were organized by PAL on occasion of International Mother Tongue Day i.e. February 21. Senior writers, poets and scholars were invited to read the papers. A large number of writers and general public participated in the events. Similarly in February, 2017, seminars/Mushaira has also arranged on the occasion.

4TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON LANGUAGE, LITERATURE AND SOCIETY BY PAKISTAN ACADEMY OF LETTERS, ISLAMABAD FROM JANUARY 5-8, 2017: Keeping in view the present national and international scenario, the writers' community of Pakistan emphasized time and again for holding of an International Conference under auspices of Pakistan Academy of Letters with the view to highlight the soft image of Pakistan through a dialogue and exchange of views with the participants (writers, poets, scholars and intellectuals). Such an event would also help in encountering the negative propaganda and disinformation drive about Pakistan regarding peace and harmony in the country. Accordingly, PAL has organized the 4th International Conference on Language, Literature and Society from January 5-8, 2017 at Islamabad. The main theme of this Conference is **"Language, Literature and Society"** and further 80 subthemes of the Conference have also been categorized to facilitate the research scholars.

The other major components of activities are inaugural and concluding ceremonies, academic and literary sessions, Mushaira, Play, Folk & Cultural Show. Conference Book containing detailed program, abstracts of papers and dignitaries' messages for Conference has been prepared as a bilingual publication. The Conference was inaugurated by the honorable Prime Minister of Pakistan and concluding session was presided over by the honorable President of Pakistan.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON "ROLE OF LITERATURE IN NATIONAL INTEGRITY" AT MUZAFFARABAD, AJK APRIL 15-16, 2017: Keeping in view the national and international scenario, The PAL is organizing a National Conference on **"Role of Literature in National Integrity"** at Muzaffarabad AJK, Landi Kotal, Gilgit and Bara Gali, Abbottabad during the month of April and May, 2017. The first event at Muzaffarabad AJK has been organized from **April 15-16, 2017** AJ&K to highlight the theme of the Conference through a dialogue and exchange of views with the participants i.e. writers, poets, scholars and intellectuals from all over the country in order to create peace and harmony in our society.

NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON "ROLE OF LITERATURE IN NATIONAL INTEGRITY" AT PESHAWAR FROM APRIL 28-29, 2017: Keeping in view the national and international scenario, The PAL is organizing a National Conference on **"Role of Literature**

in National Integrity” at Peshawar (KPK) during the month of April, 2017 attended by writers from all over the country and presented their papers.

“NATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SUFI LITERATURE” AT MULTAN: A National Conference on Sufi Literature was held at Multan in May, 2017 which was attended by the writers, poets and intellectuals from all over the country who presented their papers during the proceedings of the Conference.

“MEET A WRITER OVER A CUP OF TEA” A NEW SERIES OF LITERARY PROGRAMMES: In order to recognize the services of senior writers and poets, PAL has started a new series of literary programmes titled “Meet a Writer over a cup of Tea” at Islamabad. 16-programmes have been organized in honour of writers during the period under reference. Such programmes have also been organized by PAL’s Regional offices. The writers’ community has appreciated this initiative of PAL through the country.

BOOK EXHIBITIONS AND FESTIVALS: The PAL organizes Book Exhibitions and Book Festivals every year which is participated by all major publishers of Pakistan besides general public. PAL also participates in similar exhibitions and fairs arranged by other national institutions and organizations during the period under reference.

NATIONAL LITERARY AWARDS: To encourage the production of creative works and promote artistic excellence, recognition of meritorious works is accorded to authors by conferring following national literary awards since 1980-81, which are given to the best books in all languages of Pakistan as well as English:

- Baba-e-Urdu, Molvi Abdul Haq Award (Urdu Prose)
- Allama Dr. Muhammad Iqbal Award (Urdu Poetry)
- Syed Waris Shah Award (Punjabi)
- Shah Abdul Latif Bhitai Award (Sindhi)
- Khush’hal Khan Khattak Award (Pushto)
- Mast Tawakli Award (Balochi)
- Khwaja Ghulam Fareed Award (Saraiki)

- Taj Muhammad Tajal Award (Brahui)
- Saïen Ahmed Ali Award (Hindko)
- PitrasBokhari Award (English)
- Mohammad Hassan Askari Award (Translation)

The cash money of each award is **Rs. 200,000/- (from 2015)**. This activity has been carried out by PAL regularly during the period under reference.

KAMAL-I-FUN AWARD: Kamal-i-Fun Award for life time achievements in literature is being conferred on senior Pakistani writers and poets since **1997**. It carries a cash award of **Rs. 500,000/-**. The recipients of this prestigious award so far have been eminent writers like Ahmad Nadeem Qasmi, Intizar Hussain, Mushtaq Ahmad Khan Yousufi, Ahmad Faraz, Shaukat Siddiqui, Munir Niazi, Ada Jaffery, Sobho Gyan Chandani, Nabi Bukhsh Khan Baloch, Jameel-ul-Din Aali, Ajmal Khattak, Abdullah Jan Jamaldini and Mr. Lutf Ullah, Ms. Bano Qudsia, Mr. Ibrahim Joyio, Mr. Abdullah Hussain, Mr. Afzal Ahsan Randhawa and Ms. Fehmeeda Riaz and Ms. Kishwar Naheed. The award money have been enhanced from Rs. 500,000 to Rs.1,000,000/- from 2015.

SHAH ABDUL LATIF BHITAYEE AND SUFISM: A special cash award (Rs. 100,000/-) is also given to the best book on **Shah Abdul Latif Bhitai and Sufism**, annually since 1997. The awards for the years 2011, 2012 and 2013 have been announced during the period.

WELFARE OF WRITERS' COMMUNITY

HONORARIUM TO WRITERS & BEREAVED FAMILIES: The PAL pays monthly honoraria (**Rs. 5,000/- per month**) to indigent writers and poets and bereaved families of deceased writers, who are facing hardships or economic distress. Under this scheme, **500**-families (living writers/bereaved families of deceased writers) are being benefitted. During the period under reference, stipend was paid regularly. The rate of monthly stipend has been increased to Rs. 7,000/- per month from January, 2016. The Prime Minister of Pakistan was kind enough to announce the increase the monthly rate of stipend to Rs. 13,000 per month as well as number of stipend holders from 500 to 1000 in his speech in inaugural ceremony of 4th International Conference on Language, Literature

and Society, Islamabad. An amount of Rs. 37.550 has been paid under this head of account during the financial year 2016-17.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE: Besides monthly stipends, lump-sum financial assistance is also paid to ailing writers for medical treatment and to their bereaved families on the recommendations of local literary organizations.

INSURANCE SCHEME FOR WRITERS' COMMUNITY: Insurance coverage is also being provided to writers and poets. It is planned to cover 2000 writers and poets in the first phase. Over **700** writers have been covered under the scheme so far. PAL pays the insurance premium on behalf of the writers concerned.

WRITERS' HOUSE: Pakistan Academy of Letters is maintaining a ten-room Writer's House on self-financed basis for providing accommodation to writers and scholars, visiting Islamabad from all over the country at nominal rates.

WRITERS' CAFÉ: Recently, a Writers' Café has been established in Writers' House PAL to provide a corner to writers, scholars, poets, intellectuals and students to sit and discuss their issues, relating to literature.

LIBRARY: The Academy also maintains a library to provide necessary reference material to research scholars, poets, writers and students of literature. More than 30,000 books and journals are stocked in the Academy's Library at the Head Office. New publications are being added continuously. The library is being organized on modern lines with research-oriented facilities. The Library of PAL remained open seven days of a week.

BOOK SHOP: In order to ensure public access to PAL's publications; a bookshop has been set up in Islamabad premises. Publications are sold on special discounted rates. The publications of other learned bodies and leading publishers of the country are also available at the bookshop.

GRANT-IN-AID TO LEARNED BODIES: In order to give impetus to literature and literary activities in the country, the Government of Pakistan provides annual grant to the 28-literary bodies of the country through the Academy including Anjuman-e-Tarraqi-e-Urdu, Karachi, Institute of Islamic Culture, Lahore, Punjabi Adabi Board,

Lahore, Sindhi Adabi Board, Jamshoro, Pushto Academy, Peshawar, Balochi Academy, Quetta, Brahui Academy, Quetta and Saraiki Adabi Board, Multan etc. An amount of Rs. 10.000 million has been released to Learned Bodies during the financial year 2016-17.

FACILITATION TO LITERARY ORGANIZATIONS: Pakistan Academy of Letters encourages other literary organizations such as Halqa-e-Arbab Zouq, Daira, Josh Memorial Committee, AnjumanTarraqi-e-Musanefeen, Imkan, Zavia, Istaara, Pushto Adabi Society and Punjabi Adabi Parchar etc. to hold their functions and literary programmes at PAL Islamabad and at Regional Offices of PAL at Lahore, Karachi, Peshawar and Quetta. Such facilitation by PAL continued during the period under reference.

PROVINCIAL OFFICES: The Academy has established its provincial offices at four provincial headquarters namely Karachi, Lahore, Peshawar and Quetta. These offices are meant to maintain liaison between writers of the provinces and to organize literary programmes, seminars and other literary events under the guidance of the head office. The PAL has undertaken new initiatives for establishment of its Regional offices at Multan, Dadu, Muzaffarabad, Gilgit and Landi Kotal (FATA). In first instance, PAL's Regional office at Multan has been established. The honorable Governor Punjab Malik Rafique Ahmad Rajwana has inaugurated the Regional Office, Multan on March 19, 2017. The Federal Government has allocated necessary funds (PSDP) for establishment of these offices during the financial year, 2017-18.

COORDINATION / LIAISON WITH INTERNATIONAL LITERARY ORGANIZATIONS

The Section-12(t) of Pakistan Academy of Letters' Act reads that **liaise and interact with counterpart organizations in other countries for capacity building and exchange of information.** So PAL looks forward to establish liaison with leading literary international organizations for the exchange of literature and intellects, promotion and development of the language, literature and literary activities and projection of soft image and brighter side of the country worldwide.

In this regard reference letters were sent to seek support of Pakistani Missions abroad regarding suggestions for suitable counterpart organizations working for the promotion of their respective country of posting. PAL is currently in contact with the following international literary organizations and from different perspectives establishing a literary relationship with them such as:

- National Academy of Sciences of Belarus
- China Writers' Association
- China South Asia Literature Forum
- Academy of Dhivehi Language Maldives

IQBAL ACADEMY PAKISTAN

INTRODUCTION:

Established under Iqbal Academy Act, 1951 and re-enacted under Iqbal Academy Ordinance, 1962, the Iqbal Academy Pakistan is a statutory body of the Government of Pakistan and a Centre of Excellence for Iqbal Studies. The aims and objectives of the Academy are to promote and disseminate the study and understanding of the works and teachings of Allama Iqbal.



BRIEF HISTORY:

In order to translate its objectives into action and activity, Iqbal Academy undertakes the measures i.e. Publication Programme; IT Projects; Outreach activities; Iqbal Award Programme; Website; Research and Compilation; Audio-video; Multimedia; Archive Projects as well as Exhibitions, Conferences; Seminars; Projection Abroad; Research Guidance; Academic Assistance; Donations and Library Services etc.

Iqbal Academy Library is one of the oldest and the richest libraries in the world that have specialized in Iqbal Studies. Its collection of books on Iqbal studies and allied subjects cover the major International languages as also the regional languages of Pakistan. The back files of important and rare Periodicals augment book holdings. It not only provides academic logistics support to the research projects of the Academy but also extends research and reference facilities to a large number of students, teachers and Iqbal scholars every year. Iqbal Academy Library has the unique honour of developing the first True Multilingual Library Database in 1989. Last year it developed the largest and most sophisticated Website on Iqbal to facilitate students and readers the world over through Internet.

ALLOCATION OF THE BUSINESS: Aims and objectives of the Academy as given in the Iqbal Academy Ordinance 1962 are as under:-

- To promote the study and understanding of the works of Iqbal;
- To institute scholarships and lectureships for furthering the study of the works and teachings of Iqbal;
- To publish books, pamphlets and periodicals relating to the said study;
- To award prizes, rewards and donations to authors who, in the opinion of the Academy, have made contributions to the study of the works and teachings of Iqbal, and to enter into contracts with authors in order to carry out the purposes of the Ordinance;
- To organize lectures, talks, discussions, study groups and conferences on Iqbal and to send delegates to conferences held in foreign countries for the study of Iqbal's works and teachings, or for any matter to which that study is relevant or by which it may be advanced or profited;
- To confer in the prescribed manner Fellowships on scholars who, in the opinion of the Academy, have made contributions to the study of the works and teachings of Iqbal;
- To co-operate with, or grant amalgamation or affiliation to, any other association established for a purpose similar to that of the Academy, whether the purpose of that other association is confined to the works and teachings of Iqbal or not; and
- To do such other acts and things as may further the aims and objects of the Academy.

STRUCTURE OF THE ACADEMY: The Academy is headed by a Director and governed by a Governing Body under the Chairmanship of the Federal Minister/ Advisor to the Prime Minister on National History and Literary Heritage. There is also an Executive Committee to manage day to day affairs of the Academy.

CHART OF ACTIVITIES AND TARGETS ACHIEVED DURING THE PERIOD

| S# | Output(s) | Indicator | 2016-17 | |
|----|--|-----------------------------|--------------|-------------|
| | | | Targets | Actualize |
| 1 | Research Guidance; Academics Assistant; Research & Compile. | No of beneficiaries | 4,950 | Yes |
| 2 | Library Services to Scholars, Students | No of beneficiaries | 71,500 | Yes |
| 3 | Acquisition of Books, Periodicals and Newspapers | No of holdings | 4,015 | Yes |
| 4 | IAP Multimedia Products, Audio Video Compilation of works of Iqbal. | No of media products | 11 | Yes |
| 5 | IT Products, Websites; www.allamaiqbal.com ; www.iqbalcyberlibrary.net | No of beneficiaries | 2.00 million | Almost |
| 6 | Projection of Iqbal's Message Abroad | No of beneficiaries | 3 | Nil |
| 7 | Publishing Fresh books in Urdu and English on Allama Iqbal | No of books | 28 | In progress |
| 8 | Publishing reprint books in Urdu and English on Allama Iqbal | No of books | 14 | In progress |
| 9 | Journals: Iqbaliat and Iqbal review | No of journals | 4 | In progress |
| 10 | Brochures; Newsletter | No of brochures; newsletter | 4 | In progress |
| 11 | Providing Iqbal Award to the author of the best book selected | No of awards | 2 | Yes |
| 12 | Outreach Activities; Conferences; Seminars; Lectures; Workshops | No of outreach activities | 33 | Yes |
| 13 | National and International Exhibition of IAP Products | No of exhibitions | 44 | Yes |

BRIEF ABOUT ACTIVITIES, ACHIEVEMENTS AND PROGRESS

RESEARCH: The sector of Research is the driving force behind all the Iqbal Academy Pakistan initiatives. With a resource bank of 176 scholars representing the top universities, academic institutions and research organizations worldwide, Iqbal Academy Pakistan collaborates with researchers from Pakistan, the USA, Canada, UK, Germany, Australia, Italy, France, Spain, Bosnia, Lithuania, Egypt, Turkey Iran, India, Malaysia, Singapore, Japan, Indonesia, Uzbekistan, Russia, China, and many others, in 23 major languages of the world. The Iqbal Academy Pakistan's research falls into five domains:

1. Biographical and Historical Research; the life & times of Allama Muhammad Iqbal
2. Philosophical Vision of the poet-philosopher

3. Poetic excellence; critical appreciation of Iqbal's poetic artistry
4. Relevance; Analysis, Critique & Significance to contemporary issues
5. Actualization; Resolution of contemporary issues through Iqbal's vision

PUBLICATIONS: The Iqbal Academy Pakistan is the principal international research and publications institute specializing in the sector of Iqbal Studies and the allied contemporary discourse. Exploring a diverse range of topics and maintaining the highest standards of quality in research and editorial services, these publications represent the works of internationally acclaimed scholars covering 23 international, national and regional languages.

Year 2016-17: Iqbal Academy published **03** New Books **07** Reprints, **07** Journals, **0** Brochures and **0** Newsletters, so far. But during the mentioned period many projects are at final stage, which are mentioned in one year plan, duly approved by the Governing Body.

| Item | 2016-17 | In Progress |
|-------------|---------|-------------|
| New Books | 3 | 16 |
| Reprint | 7 | 25 |
| Journals | 7 | 4 |
| Brochures | Nil | 1 |
| Newsletters | Nil | 12 |
| Total | 17 | 58 |

OUTREACH ACTIVITIES: Informing, educating, communicating, marketing, interacting, networking, responding and creating linkages to ensure accessibility and exposure for diverse audiences. The diversity and range of outreach initiatives enables the Iqbal Academy Pakistan to connect to a diverse national and international audience.

National / International Exhibitions: Publications including coffee table books, reference materials, pictorial presentations, Digital Media (including audio, video and multimedia CDs and DVDs), multiple products for Children and learning software form the core of our exhibits. The latest additions to this list are souvenirs and memorabilia such as calendars, posters and postcards based on the philosophical themes and poetry of Allama Muhammad Iqbal.

Generating mass interest in these products, the Iqbal Academy Pakistan holds exhibitions around the country and abroad.

Year 2016-17: During the period following Events, Exhibitions, Seminars were organized, generating an enthusiastic response. In addition to this, participated in several talk shows/TV programs aired by PTV or other private electronic media as well Iqbal day celebrations in April and November, detail of which is as under:

| Events | 2016-2017 |
|------------------------|------------------|
| Exhibitions/Book Fair | 32 |
| Seminars/ Lectures | 59 |
| TV Programs/Talk Shows | 70 |
| Articles | 10 |
| Total | 171 |

SALES OF PRODUCTS: Sales office of the Academy is situated in 116-Mcleod Road, Lahore, which is the place where Allama Iqbal had spent his most of time during his stay in Lahore. The Office is headed by Sales Officer; actively participate in Exhibitions, Book fairs, festivals etc. throughout the country as well as abroad.

Year 2016-17: A total Sale worth **Rs. 1,811,188-** was made during the mentioned above period.

PROJECTION OF IQBAL'S MESSAGE ABROAD: The Iqbal Academy Pakistan is committed to the promotion of Iqbal's thought not only in Pakistan but also across the globe. For this purpose many programs have been undertaken, including:

1. Publications in Foreign Languages
2. Translation of The Works of Iqbal in Major Foreign Languages,
3. International Coordination, Networking and Creation of Linkages
4. International Collaborations; Seminars & Conferences
5. International Representation; Scholars Exchange Program
6. Digital Communication Through The World Wide Web

OUR INTERNATIONAL AFFILIATES: In order to disseminate the message and thoughts of Iqbal to general audience, various public/private organizations/individuals have been working around the globe. The Iqbal Academy Pakistan is affiliated many of them for better promotion, preferment as well as assistance on Iqbal studies. List is as follows:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Iqbal Sangsad –Dhaka | <input type="checkbox"/> Iqbal Academy Scandinavia- |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Iqbal Academy, Hyderabad Deccan | <input type="checkbox"/> Denmark |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Iqbal Institute, Rangoon, Myanmar | <input type="checkbox"/> Iqbal Chair, Sarajevo - Bosnia |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Iqbal Academy - U.K. | <input type="checkbox"/> Dept./Chair-- Tehran –Iran |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Iqbal Institute, University of Jammu | <input type="checkbox"/> Iqbal Markaz, Mashad –Iran |
| <input type="checkbox"/> & Kashmir | <input type="checkbox"/> Iqbal Foundation - U K |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bazm-e-Iqbal - U.K. | <input type="checkbox"/> Iqbal Chair Cambridge - U K |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Iqbal Academy- Norway | <input type="checkbox"/> Iqbal Chair Heidelberg – Germany |

IT SECTION OF THE ACADEMY: It is the age of Information Technology. One of the effective means to convey Allama Iqbal's message is through the use of Information Technology. The Iqbal Academy is using IT as a tool to promote the teachings of Allama Iqbal. It not only helps the researchers living abroad to access our data but also in educating with sound and logical moorings with respect to the Pakistan Movement and the philosophy behind the creation of the nation. The Academy has made significant advances in devising ways and means that could contribute towards spreading the message and teaching of Allama Iqbal using Information Technology.

PERFORMANCE OF IT SECTION: Year 2016-17

- A new version of the website <http://www.allamaiqbal.com> is uploaded on the web as beta version which is user friendly and equipped with latest technology.
- 114 books uploaded on Iqbal Cyber Library in this period
- Concordance of Iqbal made online for the users around the globe this year.
- Facebook and Google+ pages created which got more than 200k likes in this year.
- 20 Videos uploaded on Youtube and Dailymotion channels.

WEBSITES & VIDEO CHANNEL: The immense possibilities inherent in Digital and New Media remove the barriers of reach, allowing the flow of our message across the world. Adding accessibility and information flow at a click of a button digital outreach ensures global representation and creates a positive impression of our great legacy in the fields of scholarship, philosophy and world wisdom. Utilizing modern means of dissemination The IAP Information Technology Department promotes the organizational mission through various initiatives:

www.allamaiqbal.com - 2.0 Million Readers benefited during the year.

This site offers in -depth access to the materials on Iqbal's life and works and provides necessary links for further probe and study. 200 Journals containing more than 30,000 pages in major languages i.e. English and Persian were uploaded



Year 2016-17: During the Year 2016-17: A new revamped, search engine friendly website designed in order to compete upcoming requirements by users. The same is uploaded as beta version on the web.



Iqbal Cyber Library

Providing a free of charge rare opportunity to users globally, the Iqbal Cyber Library shares significant material including manuscripts, books, reference resources and publications in a multilingual format. This Web is a unique place for Urdu lovers all over the world.

With a vast reservoir of choicest books on Iqbal, Urdu poetry, Islam, classics of Urdu Literature and much more, this facility has received enthusiastic response from users worldwide. The objectives of the Iqbal Cyber Library are to promote international and inter-cultural understanding through awareness, provide resources to scholars and the people at large, expand non-English and non-Western content on the Internet, sharing of knowledge while at the same time contributing to scholarly research.

Year 2016-17: During the period, enhancement in the data bank of the cyber library is continued, 114 books/periodicals were uploaded on the site.

The Allama Iqbal Youtube Video Channel

A giant in the sphere of Social Media, *YouTube* is the world's most popular online video sharing resource with a quoted 2 billion daily viewership on the internet.



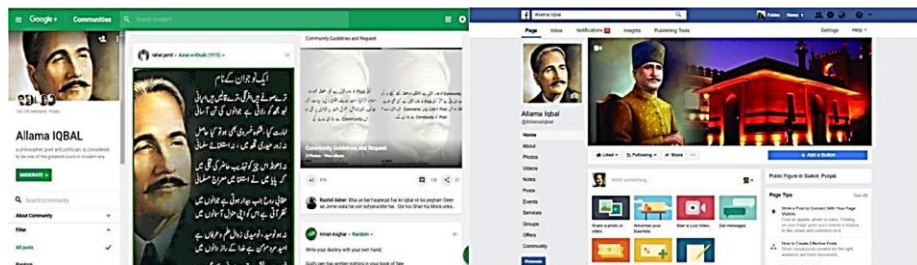
The Iqbal Academy Pakistan already launched its very own Video Channel uploading **159 Television documentaries, drama productions, interviews, video footage of seminars and lectures** to promote and exhibit the multifarious initiatives in the field of media and communication.



ALLAMA IQBAL VIDEO CHANNEL ON DAILYMOTION

The Iqbal Academy Pakistan already launched its very own Video Channel on Dailymotion uploading **200+** Television documentaries, drama productions, interviews, seminars and lectures on Iqbal Studies for the students, researchers around the globe.

Allama Iqbal on Social Media: The Iqbal Academy Pakistan has unique distinction among the public sector organizations by having web pages on most of social media sites like Facebook, Google+, Twitter etc.



LIBRARY SERVICES: The library archives, support important and rare documents and periodicals, augmenting scholarly and research focused pursuits. It not only provides academic logistics support to the research projects of the Academy but also extends research and reference facilities to a large number of students, teachers and Iqbal scholars every year.

Year 2016-17:

| | | |
|--|---|------|
| 1. CURRENT AWARENESS SERVICES: | | |
| Arrival of new Books | = | 241 |
| Arrival of new Periodicals | = | 295 |
| 2. READER'S INFORMATION SERVICE: | | |
| Books | = | 2625 |
| Periodicals | = | 3030 |
| 3. CIRCULATION & ALLIED SERVICES | | |
| (a) Books issued / presented to departmental readers | = | 110 |
| (b) Periodicals issued / presented to departmental readers | = | 100 |
| 4. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO READERS | = | 95 |

Iqbal Academy Pakistan Membership Program: In Year 2016-17, Forty one (41) numbers of Annual Memberships and three (03) of Life membership were conferred upon distinguished individuals from various sectors

Addressing Queries: More or less 2500 queries were entertained and analyzed and responses were furnished by the Iqbal Academy Pakistan on-board scholars and the Library.

PRESIDENTIAL IQBAL AWARDS: Iqbal Award is not just a conventional, customary award. It tries to register the message with the Iqbal scholars that the society in which they live has not yet become oblivious of one of its most valuable assets i.e. the powerful yet poetic message of Iqbal. The Iqbal Academy Pakistan executes the National and International Presidential Iqbal Awards, which are given on best books written in National and International languages.

Year 2016-17

- Four (4) Books received for Iqbal Award (English) 2012-14
- Ten (10) Books received for Iqbal Award (Urdu) 2012
- Five (5) Books received for Iqbal Award (Urdu) 2013
- Four (4) Books received for Iqbal Award (Urdu) 2014
- Ten (10) Books received for Iqbal Award (Urdu) 2015

The Meetings of the Judges/Experts Committee were held for the Iqbal Award (English) 2012-14 and Iqbal Awards (Urdu) 2012, 2013, 2014 & 2015. The recommendations of the Judges/Experts Committee will be furnished to Selection Committee for final approval. Thirty (30) Books received for Iqbal Award (Urdu) 2016 and Twelve (12) are short listed by the concerned committee.

FUTURE PLANS

- Celebrations of Iqbal Year in 2017, in connection with 140th birthday of Allama Iqbal.
- Printing of Deluxe editions of poetical and prose works of Allama Iqbal
- In progress projects to be completed within given time frame.
- Up-gradation of IT infrastructure of the Academy
- Resource generation to enhancement in Library
- Plan and organize outreach activities in order to spread Iqbal's message at National as well as International level.
- Carry out one year, three year and five year work plan duly approved by the Governing Body.

URDU SCIENCE BOARD

Introduction

For the constitutional requirements to develop Urdu as the national language, a body was needed which could promote Urdu in the country to enable it to become a language well adapted to fit in every field of life. Therefore, a resolution was passed by the Cabinet in 1962 to establish “Central Board for the development of Urdu”. On October 31, 1982 the organization renamed as Urdu Science Board through an amended resolution. In 2004, Urdu Science Board was declared as a subordinate office of the Federal Ministry of Education. After 18th Constitutional Amendment, the Board remained under the control of Cabinet Division. Afterwards, the Board was put under the newly established Ministry of National Heritage and Integration. Now, Urdu Science Board is working under the National History and Literary Heritage Division Ministry of Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage. The Board is responsible for the development of books and reading material in the field of Science and Technology in Urdu for students, teachers, and teacher’s training institutions and general public. The head office of Board is situated at Upper Mall, Lahore and three branches are located at Peshawar, Hyderabad and Quetta.



Aims and Objectives of Urdu Science Board

- To remove existing deficiencies in Urdu in the field of science, mathematics and technologies and develop and publish learning materials for primary, secondary and higher secondary schools, literacy and adult literacy institutions as well as technical institutions.
- To develop and publish instructional materials in Urdu for science, mathematics and technical subject’s being taught in the teacher-training institutions of the country.
- To produce encyclopedias of science and technologies for use by individuals, schools, technical and other institutions.

- To collaborate with National Educational Equipment Centre for producing literature in Urdu for all the educational equipment being produced by the Centre.
- To work in collaboration with all the organizations engaged in the promotion of science and technical education in Urdu in the country.

New Publications & Reprints

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|----------------------------------|----|
| New Publications: | 03 |
| Reprints: | 12 |
| Quarterly Urdu Science Magazine: | 03 |
| Books in Process*: | 85 |

*05 books are in printing while 80 books are in composing, designing and editing process.

Projects:

- **Publication of Monthly USB Newsletter:** Urdu Science Board has started its Monthly Newsletter covering events, activities as well as introduction of publications from January 2017. The Newsletter is very useful for disseminating information about the activities and new books of USB to various relevant organizations and departments belonging to public and private sectors.
- **Monthly Lectures:** The Board has initiated to organize a monthly lecture on different natural and social science topics from January 2017. Eminent speakers are invited to deliver the lecture. Students, teachers and general public attend the lectures. Urdu Science Board organized the lectures/ dialogues/ debates on the following topics:
 - Smog-Pollution by Dr. Bushra Nisar Khan, Department of Zoology, Punjab University, Lahore.
 - “Language Quality Assessment” keynoted lecture by Dr. Christina Oesterheld, a renowned Urdu-German Scholar.

- Hamdard Nau Nehal Assembly, Topic: *Science Parho Aagy Barho* (Students of various educational institutions participated)
 - Scholastic Debate on “Scientific Foundations of Legal System & Discipline and their Social Role”.
 - “Need and Importance of Science Literature for Children”. Prominent writer and scholars spoke on the occasion. Students and teachers from various educational institutions attended the seminar.
 - “Islam and Science” a keynote lectures by Dr. Muhammad Akram Chaudhry, Ex-VC Sargodha University.
- **Mobile Book Shop:** Urdu Science Board has launched a Mobile Book Shop for the promotion of book reading habit in society. The Mobile Book Shop visits various educational institutions, libraries and public places not only at Lahore but also to different remote areas. The Mobile Book Shop helped to introduce the books of USB and accelerate the sale of books.
 - **Establishments of Urdu Science Kitab Ghar:** Urdu Science Board renovated its old book store and converted it to a beautiful Urdu Science Kitab Ghar having modern facilities. The customers not only can buy the books but also can enjoy reading books in a pleasant environment.
 - **Meetings of Advisory committee:** Four meetings of Board’s advisory committee were arranged. The committee approved the publication programmed of the Board. The advisory committee has been reconstituted. Dr. Mujahid Kamran, Ex-VC Punjab University has been appointed honorary Chairman of the Committee and Dr. Javed Iqbal Qazi, Chairman Zoology Department Punjab University, Asghar Nadeem Syed, Prof. Dr. Ahmad Usman Institute of Social and Cultural Studies PU and Dr. Ghulam Ali, head of Department of Translation Studies University of Gujrat have been included as members of the committee.

- **Meeting of eminent Scholars:** Urdu Science Board invited eminent Pakistani scholars, writers and poets in its office. The publications programme of Urdu Science Board was discussed with the scholars. They shared their opinions, concepts and views about the publications of USB. The scholars gave different suggestions to improve the quality of USB books.
- **Sponsorship of Annual Science Competition:** National Science Museum of Science and Technology, Lahore organized the Annual Science Competition. Urdu Science Board presented its books as prized to the winning students. The Board also setup a stall of its publications on the occasion in NMST.

Participation in Book Exhibitions/Fairs:

- Book Fair held in Sibbi, Balochistan
- 3 Day Book Fair arranged by Lawrence College, Ghora Gali, Murree.
- Book Fair organized by National Book Foundation and Pakistan Army at National Law University, Quetta.
- Karachi International Book Fair, Expo Centre, Karachi.
- Book Fair held at Dawa Academy, Islamic International University, Islamabad.
- International Book Fair, Expo Centre, Johar Town, Lahore.
- 4-Day RCD Book Fair held at Gawadar.
- 4th International Conference organized by Pakistan Academy of letters, Islamabad.
- Book Exhibition organized by Lahore College for Women University, Lahore.
- Book Exhibition at Govt. Dayal Singh College, Nisbat Road, Lahore.

- Book Exhibition organized at Govt. Islamia College, Civil Lines, Lahore.
- *Mela Yaraan* organized by Pakistan National Council of Arts and Culture, Islamabad.
- National Book Fair organized by NBF at Pak-China Friendship Centre, Islamabad.

NATIONAL LIBRARY OF PAKISTAN, ISLAMABAD

Brief History:

In the beginning, a skeleton National Library was established in 1950 under the Directorate of Archives and Libraries (defunct). In the year 1954, Liaquat Memorial Library was amalgamated with the National Library and named as Liaquat National Library. Later on, Liaquat Memorial Library was shifted to Government of Sindh and renamed as Liaquat Memorial Library again. The scheme for the establishment of National Library of Pakistan at Islamabad was initially approved by ECNEC in 1963. However, construction of the Library building could not be taken in hand due to delay in the approval of the building designs and because of the low priority assigned to the project. Library designs were approved in April, 1980 and construction work started in 1982. Finally ENCEC revised and approved the project of the establishment of National Library of Pakistan in September, 1985 at the capital cost of Rs.130.322 millions. Most of the civil works were finished by June, 1988 as scheduled and library collections and staff moved into the new building during the same year. The then caretaker Prime Minister of Pakistan Mr. Mion-ud-Din Ahmad Qureshi inaugurated the library on 24th August, 1993 and its doors were opened to the public.



National Library of Pakistan is custodian of National Literary heritage. It collects all published literary heritage of the country under provisions of Copyright Ordinance, 1962 in order to preserve it for the use of present as well as future generations. The library is responsible national bibliographical control and international cooperation in the field of librarianship. The library is also maintaining International Standard Book Numbering (ISBN) Agency, Pakistan Branch. The library has main campus at Islamabad and maintains 01 regional office at Karachi. It also serves as depository of some international organizations like Asian Development Bank (ADB) and International Labour Organization (ILO). Major activities of National Library of Pakistan during the year 2016 are as follows;

Functions to national Library of Pakistan:

- To serve as legal depository for all Pakistani publications under copyright ordinance 1962.
- To preserve national literary heritage for the use of present as well as future generations.
- To compile and publish Pakistan National Bibliography and other bibliographies in order to maintain national bibliographic control.
- To serve as national/international book exchange centre.
- To serve as ISBN agency for Pakistan
- To represent Pakistan at relevant international forums on behalf of Government of Pakistan.
- To promote resource sharing and bibliographic standards among libraries of Pakistan
- To organize trainings, workshops, conferences and seminars for library professionals in the country.
- To extend advisory services on technical professional issues of libraries in Pakistan.
- To collect comprehensive literature on Islam and comparative religion.
- To collect what is significant in other literatures including selected scientific and technical materials.
- Provision of reference and research services to ministerial libraries.
- Provision of reference and research services to supplement the resources available to the students and research workers in the universities and other research libraries of Pakistan, without encroachment on the proper responsibility of those libraries.
- Provision of free library services to the all citizens of Pakistan irrespective of geographical divisions foreigners residing in Islamabad.

Project Funded by PSDP (Initiated)

- (a) Development Project under title “Digitalization of Manuscripts and Rare books Collections of National Library of Pakistan” at the estimated capital cost of 59.1million was initiated during current FY 2016-17.
- (b) Development Project under title “Up Gradation of National Library of Pakistan” at the capital cost of 100.00 million was initiated during the FY 2016-17.

Chart of Activities and Achievements

- (a) **Collection Development:** National Library maintains a collection of above 3,150,00 volumes for research and reference purposes. National Library of Pakistan added new items to its collections as per following details during 2016-17.

- ✓ Received 2078 Books from all over Pakistan under copyright law, created bibliographic records and issued acknowledgments ,
- ✓ 15920 issues of Journals and 5210 copies of Newspapers under Copyright Law were received and records were created.
- ✓ Purchased 1500 Books under allocated budget during the year 2016.
- ✓ 854 books received through international book deposits and donations
- ✓ 1500 books were fumigated and 4030 Newspapers & Periodicals were bound and arranged.
- ✓ Total titles of periodicals are 1310
- ✓ Total daily newspapers received from all over the country are 280

- (b) **Technical processing of reading materials:** National Library of Pakistan purchased well tested library software in 2006. All reading materials has been automated and Open Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) is available through NLP website. About 155000

Bibliographic records have been created. Subject Authority, Names Authority and Bib Records created by National Library of Pakistan are also used by libraries in Pakistan which saves thousands of man hours. 4560 new bibliographic records were created.

- (c) **Readers Services:** National Library of Pakistan provides services to its users 07 days a week and remains open on Saturdays/Sundays. It has 04 reading halls with Internet and Wi-Fi environment. Reading halls are connected with main stack area through book elevators. Vendor based photocopy services is also available and queries of users are also met through e-mail around the globe.

- ✓ 28610 Readers were facilitated and they use 26724 Books from National Library of Pakistan for research during the year 2016.
- ✓ 5321 users also enjoyed internet searching and surfing facility in National Library of Pakistan Campus.

- (d) **International Corners:** National Library of Pakistan has already signed MoU with National Library of Tajikistan and National Library of Belarus. A new MoU with National Library of Turkey was signed during the visit of Prime Minister of Pakistan to Turkey on 23-02-2017
- (e) **Visit of Deputy Prime Minister of Belarus:** The Deputy Prime Minister of Belarus inaugurated newly installed Belarusian Standard Legal Information System and **Interactive System “CUBE” Horizont** on 3rd October, 2016. Guests from Belarus, high officials from Government of Pakistan also attended the ceremony.
- (f) **Renovation of Lincoln corner at National Library of Pakistan:** His Excellency **Mr. David Hale**, U.S Ambassador of Pakistan inaugurated the newly renovated Lincoln Reading Lounge (LRL) in the National Library of Pakistan on 25th October, 2016.

The Lincoln Reading Lounge (LRL) is providing latest library services to the users.

(g) International Standard Book Number (ISBN):

National Library of Pakistan was designated National ISBN Agency in 1985. International Standard Book Number (ISBN) is unique international identifier which is essential for book trade and book retrieval at international level. Major activities of the ISBN Agency Pakistan Branch during year 2016 are as follows:

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| ISBN allotted to Pakistani publications during 2016-17 | - 6210 |
| New publishers registered during 2016-17. | - 204 |

(h) Pakistan National Bibliography (PNB) – 2015:

National Library of Pakistan compiled and published annual volume of Pakistan National Bibliography 2015. The bibliography contains the bibliographic data of 1629 Pakistani publications published in Urdu and other regional languages whereas 668 Pakistani publications in English language have been covered. The Pakistan National Bibliography (PNB) was circulated among major libraries of Pakistan and abroad. Pakistan National Bibliography (PNB) has also been made accessible through National Library of Pakistan website which has become important tool for research.

(i) Visit of delegations: During the year 2016 National Library of Pakistan received 30 high level delegations including High Commissioners / Ambassadors, Foreign delegates, members of Cabinet / Parliament of Pakistan, Authors, intelligentsia and academia from Pakistan and abroad.

(j) Use of auditorium: Auditorium of National Library of Pakistan has also become hub of educational, research and cultural conference/seminars and events in the Federal Capital. About 35 educational/ cultural/research programmes were organized in the auditorium.

(k) Advisory services: National Library of Pakistan also extends advisory services to libraries of Ministries and other organizations relating to professional affairs of

libraries. Different organizations seek advisory services for establishment of libraries and up-gradations of library services. Advisory services were extended to 20 organizations on library matters during 2016.

(l) **Participation in International Library forums:**

The Library is member of International Federation of Library Association & Institutions (IFLA), Conference of Directors of National Libraries (CDNL/Asia-Oceania Chapter) and Union of National Libraries of ECO Countries. Director National Library of Pakistan participated in China South Asia seminar on “Library Management from 12 – 20 November, 2016 held in Beijing China.

(m) **Asian Libraries Conference:** National conference on ***“From C-Tablet to E-Tablet and beyond”*** was organized from 5 – 6 September, 2016. About 600 library professionals from all over the country attended the conference. Research papers were presented by the renowned LIS Scholars from all over the country and abroad.

(n) **Seminars and exhibitions:** Following training workshops / seminars were organized in the National Library of Pakistan for creation of awareness and to fulfil the continuing education needs of Librarians working in various libraries.

1. National Library of Pakistan organized a Seminar on **“Creating Bib. Records”** on 4th August, 2016 in the conference room of the National Library of Pakistan, Constitution Avenue, Islamabad. Madam Marcy Carrel is renowned international expert of library and Information Science was the key speaker.
2. National Library of Pakistan organized seminar on **“Belarusian Standard Legal Information System and Interactive System “CUBE” Horizon”** on 3rd October, 2016 at National Library of Pakistan. Representative of legal database and horizon were resource persons at the occasion.

3. National Library of Pakistan participated in exhibition regarding to constitution of Pakistan at **Senate of Pakistan**, Islamabad.
 4. National Library of Pakistan participated in book exhibition at **Aiwan-e-Saddar** from 19 – 24 December, 2016.
 5. Exhibition of Tang Zianzu classic Chinese playwright organized in collaboration with Chinese Cultural Consulate, Islamabad. **Worthy Secretary National History and Literary Heritage Division** inaugurated the exhibition.
- (o) **Internship**: National Library of Pakistan also extends Internship training for post graduate students of Universities on honorary basis for period of 45 days to 60 days. 10 Post-graduate students were trained under professional internship training programme.
- (p) **Purchase of steel racks and installation of Air Condition**: National Library of Pakistan purchased 60 steel racks for PhD theses and personal collection. 02 ACs were also installed in a reading hall of National Library in order to facilitate the readers.
- (q) **Model Library established at Pak-China friendship centre in connection with National Book Day celebrations 2017**: National Book day is celebrated on 22nd April every year. Book fair in connection with National Book Day celebrations was organized from 20 – 22 April, 2017 at Pak China Friendship Centre, Islamabad. National Library of Pakistan proactively participated during the festival and set up temporary library at the occasion to make visitors aware of library activities and facilities. National Library of Pakistan provided following services during the festival for creation of awareness among the visitors:-
- On spot readers' membership;
 - Displayed online public access catalogue (OPAC);
 - Stall for new arrivals of books and journals;

- Displayed rare books;
- Displayed publications of National Library of Pakistan;
- Established children activity area;
- On Spot ISBN Registration.

QUAID-I-AZAM ACADEMY

Brief History:

The Quaid-i-Azam Academy Karachi was created through a Resolution on 9th January, 1976 as an Autonomous Research Organization under the administrative control of Ministry of Education. Soon after the creation of academy, through resolution, a Board of Governors and an Executive Committee were formulated. The former was a decision-making body and later was responsible for day-to-day work. A constitution of Quaid-i-Azam Academy Karachi was approved which entailed all the administrative and financial rules applicable to the employees of the academy. The Board of Governors and Executive Committee are non-existent for almost two decades as the last meeting of Board of Governors was held in the year 1998. Since then no meeting of either the Board of Governors or the Executive Committee has taken place. The Director (BS-20) is the administrative and research head of the Academy as per its constitution.



The status of academy was changed from an Autonomous Organization to Sub-Ordinate Office of the Ministry of Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage on 13th June 2014. The Director of the academy now handles the routine administrative and financial matters of academy with a set of delegated financial powers in different object classifications (**Budgetary heads**). Approval of the Federal Secretary, Ministry of Information, Broadcasting and National Heritage on Administrative and financial matters is required in certain cases.

The Quaid-i-Azam Papers Wing Islamabad has been merged with Quaid-i-Azam Academy Karachi vide Notification No. 2(5)/2015-QPF/QAPW dated 25th May, 2015. The merged department now works as Sub Office of Quaid-i-Azam Academy Head Office Karachi.

Allocations of Business to the Organization: The academy was given following major tasks at the time of its inception:

- Conducting a holistic research on Quaid-i-Azam and his Associates in carving out a separate homeland for the Muslims of sub-continent;
- Publication of books and research papers on Pakistan Movement;
- To arrange functions/seminars and celebrate the National days for highlighting the cultural, social, political and economic aspects of the history of Pakistan.

Since creation, the academy has published numerous books on the life of Quaid-i-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah touching almost every feature of his life. The publications are not restricted to the Quaid only as the subject of Muslim League and the associates of Quaid-i-Azam have also been covered separately. The academy sells these publications to institutions and individuals at discounted rates and provides complementary copies wherever desired.

CHART OF ACTIVITIES

Seminar on life of Quaid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah and celebration of 140th Birthday anniversary of the founder of Pakistan: Government appointed Khwaja Razi Haider as Director Quaid-i-Azam Academy Karachi in MP-II Scale who took charge of the Academy on 16-12-2016. Soon after taking over charge of the Academy by Khwaja Razi Haider, a seminar on life of Quaid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah and celebration of 140th Birth anniversary of the founder of Pakistan was held on 23-12-2016 in Quaid-i-Azam Academy Karachi. The Distinguished guests/speakers attended the seminar.

Debates on Kashmir day: For the harmony week with the Kashmir people, a debate on “Quaid-i-Azam and Kashmir issue” was held in Quaid-i-Azam Academy Karachi on 03-02-2017. Renowned personalities relating to history, research, literature and journalism participated in the debates. The event was highlighted by the printed media.

Celebration of Pakistan Cultural Harmony week: To celebrate Pakistan Cultural Harmony week for establishing the harmony, unity and integrity in Pakistan and in house discussions was held in the Quaid-i-Azam Academy Karachi on 17-03-2017. Among

others, Directors, Quaid-i-Azam Academy Karachi and Prof. Dr. Tahir Masood, Ex-Chairman, Mass Communication Department, University of Karachi participated in the discussions. The speakers emphasized on Cultural harmony, unity and integrity in Pakistan on national level.

Besides Academy participated and elaborated in the seminars/functions of national importance and also participated in two book fairs. Further 1097 students/researchers visited Academy's library during the period 2016-17. Monthly data of visitors is given below:

| July 2016 | Aug. 2016 | Sept. 2016 | Oct. 2016 | Nov. 2016 | Dec 2016 | Jan. 2017 | Feb. 2017 | March 2017 | April 2017 | May 2017 | June 2017 |
|--------------|--------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|
| 02 | 08 | 02 | 96 | 78 | 125 | 99 | 70 | 181 | 221 | 176 | 39 |

Printing of a Calendar 2017: The Quaid-i-Azam Academy Karachi printed a Calendar for the year 2017 entailing the cover pages of books published by the Academy since 1976.

URDU DICTIONARY BOARD, KARACHI

BRIEF HISTORY:

The Government of Pakistan established Urdu Development Board for the development of Urdu Language and Literature in 1958. Later on its functions were revised and it was renamed as Urdu Dictionary Board in 1982. It remained functioning as an Autonomous Body up to 2007.



Urdu Dictionary Board was declared as Sub-Ordinate Office of Federal Ministry of Education. After 18th Amendment and amalgamation of some Ministries, the organization was attached with Federal Ministry of Information Broadcasting and National Heritage, Islamabad and now-a-days, it is working under National History & Literary Heritage Division M/O IB&NH.

ALLOCATION OF BUSINESS TO THE ORGANIZATION:

1. Compilation of a comprehensive Urdu to Urdu Dictionary on philological principles keeping in view the standard of the Greater Oxford Dictionary. The existing work will continue on the lines already drawn for the purpose unless decided otherwise by the Board in consultation with the Government.
2. The Board will prepare and publish abridged editions of the Greater Urdu Dictionary as well as publish other literary dictionaries which will help in the advancement of the Urdu Language.
3. The Board will perform such other functions as assigned to it from time to time.

PROJECTS FUNDED BY PSDP OR OTHER RESOURCES-INITIATED/ COMPLETED:

A project regarding Computerization of Urdu Dictionary, Software Development for Mobile Phone, Web Hosting and establishment of Server Room with the cost of 13.2 (Million) has been completed during the financial year 2016-17, funded by PSDP through National History & Literary Heritage Division, Islamabad.

CHART OF ACTIVITIES / ACHIEVEMENTS

1. Greater comprehensive Urdu Lughat from volume No. 11 to 22 comprising (10604 pages) has been concised during the financial year 2016-17.
2. Basic manuscripts of Children's Dictionary has been prepared and finalized.
3. Re-printed out of stock volumes No. 12, 14 and 15.

BRIEF ABOUT ACTIVITIES, ACHIEVEMENTS AND PROGRESS DURING SAID PERIOD ALONG WITH PICTURES.

1. Many programme to promote Urdu and given important information regarding Lexicography were organized during the financial year 2016-17.
2. A project regarding Computerization of Urdu Dictionary, Software Development for Mobile Phone, Web Hosting and establishment of Server Room has been completed, to save the work of 52 years at greater lughat, computerization was very essential. This project will ensure the development of Mobile applications and greater comprehensive lughat comprising of 22 volumes will be available at internet as well as on DVDs. This project will ensure that Pakistan has implemented Urdu as constitutional obligation and will influence the globe.
3. Heritage corner of rare books has been established.
4. Greater comprehensive Urdu Lughat from volume No. 11 to 22 comprising (10604 pages) has been concised during the financial year 2016-17.
5. Basic manuscripts of Children's Dictionary has been prepared and finalized.
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STATISTICAL PERFORMANCE DURING SAID PERIOD.

1. **Computerization:** 22000 pages (264000 words) have been computerized and uploaded at the web-site of www.udb.gov.pk moreover mobile applications of Greater

Urdu Lughat have also been prepared and are available at play store for downloading.

2. **Concise Dictionary:** Detail of the statistic of concise dictionary is as under:

| Lughat Volume No | Original No. of Pages | Concise No. of pages |
|-------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| 11 | 1004 | 66 |
| 12 | 1036 | 107 |
| 13 | 1004 | 38 |
| 14 | 972 | 79 |
| 15 | 1004 | 103 |
| 16 | 976 | 96 |
| 17 | 1008 | 153 |
| 18 | 992 | 110 |
| 19 | 960 | 100 |
| 20 | 824 | 63 |
| 21 | 824 | 62 |
| 22 | 736 | 59 |
| Total | 11340 | 1036 |

3. **Children's Dictionary:** Basic manuscripts of children's dictionary comprising 800 pages has been prepared and finalized.

FUTURE PLANS: Comprehensive Dictionary would be revised after amendment and alteration, moreover different other Dictionaries will be prepared and published. Moreover seminars and workshops regarding Lexicography will be organized.

AIWAN-E-IQBAL COMPLEX, LAHORE

STATUS & FUNCTIONS:

Aiwan-e-Iqbal is an “Autonomous Body”. The Functions of the Aiwan are be as under:



- (a) Serve as an apex body to spread basic concept of philosophical ideas of Allama, his struggle for the glory of Islam, unity of Ummah and revival of Islamic spirit.
- (b) Devise a comprehensive policy to spread the philosophy of Allama in Pakistan and abroad.
- (c) Prepare for approval of the Board, national programs and projects in coordination with stakeholders for the promotion and spread of philosophy of Allama in the country and abroad.
- (d) Prepare annual budget of the Aiwan-e-Iqbal.
- (e) Manage the investments and governmental grants to the Aiwan-e-Iqbal.
- (f) Facilitate promotion and spread of philosophy of Allama through public private partnership.
- (g) Organize workshops, seminars, symposia and panel discussions in respect of works and philosophy of Allama.
- (h) Establish national and international linkages with organizations of repute to promote and spread the message of Allama.
- (i) Coordinate with the Provincial Governments to promote and spread the philosophy of Allama.
- (j) Prepare and maintain a data bank of works of Allama and works of all eminent writers of the world on Allama.

- (k) Maintained this glorious Complex as National Monument.
- (l) To do all acts that may be necessary for carrying out the aims and objects of this Act.

Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex is a monumental conceived and built to pay homage to the Shair-e-Mashriq and Mufakkir-e-Islam Allama Muhammad Iqbal. The Complex is intended to serve as a center to spread his message of continuous struggle for the glory of Islam, unity of Ummah and revival of Islamic spirit. The total area of the Complex is 42-kannal and major components of the Complex comprise a Conference Centre & three interconnected Towers (27-floors). It consists mainly of a Conference Hall for 1050 persons. There is also a spacious Banquet hall for seating 250 guests. The hall can be used as a function hall also when so required. In addition, four committee rooms, wide foyers and lounges exist at different levels around the hall. A gallery depicting Iqbal's poems for children has also been created. Portraits of Quaid-e-Azam, Allama Iqbal and his prominent contemporaries together with those of great Muslim scholars and thinkers decorate the walls of corridors.

QUAID-I-AZAM MAZAR MANAGEMENT BOARD, **KARACHI**

INTRODUCTION

The Quaid-I-Azam Mazar Management Board (QMMB) was constituted under Section-5(1) of the Quaid-i-Azam Mazar Protection and Maintenance Ordinance, 1971, validated by the Parliament by Validation of Law Act, 1975 (63 of 1975).



On April 3, 1972, the President of Pakistan reconstituted the Quaid-i-Azam Memorial Fund (QMF) As Quaid-I-Azam Mazar Management Board (QMMB) under clause 5(1) of The Quaid-I-Azam Mazar Protection & maintenance Ordinance 1971 later on validated by the parliament vide act (63 of 1975). The Quaid-i-Azam Mazar Management Board has been attached with “National History and Literary Heritage Division, Ministry of Information, Broadcasting & National Heritage.”

Area of Mazar: The total area of 131.71 acres was earmarked for the building of the mausoleum and its allied internal area bifurcated into 61 acres for the internal area within the peripheral and the while the remaining area of 70.58 acres outside the peripheral roads has been reserved for future developments. The detailed bifurcation is as follows:

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| (i) | Main Mazar Area | : | 61.253 Acres. |
| (ii) | South Zone | : | 35.277 Acres. |
| (iii) | South East Zone | : | 2.967 Acres. |
| (iv) | East Zone | : | 15.364 Acres. |
| (v) | Nizami Road Plot | : | 0.487 Acres. |
| (vi) | Peripheral Area Roads | : (+) | 16.37 Acres. |
| | Total | : | 131.718 Acres. |

Quaid-i-Azam Memorial Fund / Quaid-I-Azam Mazar Fund:

- Quaid-i-Azam Mohammad Ali Jinnah (RA) breathed his last on September 11, 1948 (May his soul rest in peace). The place for burial was selected in the heart of the city of Karachi by Syed Hashim Raza, the then Administrator Karachi.
- The Quaid Memorial fund was created soon after the sad demise of the Quaid-i-Azam .It came into being through donations made by the public in response to an appeal by the then Governor- General of Pakistan. As the name of the Fund suggests, its object was to perpetuate the memory of the Father of the Nation in a manner befitting his dignity and fame.
- Donations were received both by the Central and the Provincial Government as well as the state committees of the Quaid-i-Azam Memorial fund throughout Pakistan. By the year 1973 a total of Rs. 26.0 million was collected in QMF. Out of which Rs.14.784 Million was utilized for the construction of Mausoleum Building.
- The remaining funds were invested in various schemes. In the beginning all the expenditure on maintenance of Mausoleum was met out of QMF. In year 1985 the Government of Pakistan decided to provide regular year grant to QMMB.
- The fund was administered through a committee under the chairmanship of the then Governor General and later on by the President of Pakistan. It was in August, 1968 that the committee appointed a board to deal with its day to day affairs.
- Quaid-i-Azam Mazar Fund was renamed as Quaid-i-Azam Mazar Fund by section 5(2) of Quaid-i-Azam Mazar Protection & maintenance Ordinance 1971, Validated by the Validation of Law Act 1975 (63 of 1975).

Projects Funded by PSDP or other resources – Initiated / Completed:

QMMB is planning to meet water requirement of Bagh-e-Quaid-i-Azam Mazar by utilizing wastewater of surrounding area of QAM and its Peripheral Area. In this regard QMMB in its 79th meeting approved the project of design, operation and maintenance of Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plant of 100,000 gallons per day of amounting to Rs. 60.00 millions. The Project will be completed in two years. PSDP has also approved the Project and has also sanctioned Rs. 30.00 Million for the financial year 2017-18 for the project. The water will be used for gardening and watering of trees.

Charts of Activities and targets achieved during 2016-17:

Following days were celebrated in the preceding year:-

- 23rd march (Pakistan Day) is celebrated at Mazar-e-Quaid.
- 14th August (Independence Day) is celebrated at Mazar-e-Quaid. Flag hoisting ceremony is carried out by Governor Sindh. Chief Minister Sindh along with Cabinet members, Rep. of Armed Forces, D.G. Rangers and Commissioner Karachi lay floral wreath at the Mazar. Officer Cadets from Naval academy, Karachi takeover the duties of ceremonial guards for the day. Large number of visitors from all walks of life visits Mazar-e-Quaid to pay homage to the father of the nation.
- On Defense Day i.e. 06th September officer Cadets from Pakistan Air Force Academy Risalpur takeover the ceremonial guard duties at Mazar-e-Quaid.
- 11th September (Death Anniversary of Quaid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah): Quran Khawani is carried out at Mazar-e-Quaid. Governor Sindh, Chief Minister Sindh along with Cabinet Members, Rep. of Armed Forces, D.G. rangers and Commissioner Karachi lay floral wreath at Mazar.
- 25th December (Birthday Celebration of Quaid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah) Flag hoisting ceremony is carried out y Governor Sindh. Governor Sindh, Chief Minister Sindh along with Cabinet Members, Rep. of Armed Forces, D.G. Rangers and Commissioner

Karachi lay floral wreath at the Mazar. Officer Cadets from PMA, kakool take over the duties of ceremonial guards for the day. Large numbers of vistors from all walks of life visit Mazar-e-Quaid to pay homage to the father of the nation.

NAZARIYA PAKISTAN COUNCIL (TRUST) **FATIMA JINNAH PARK, F-9, ISLAMABAD**

BRIEF INTRODUCTION

Pakistan - a country established after great sacrifices of the Muslims of the sub-continent is a gift of God Almighty. It was initially conceived by Allama Iqbal and created by the Quaid-i-Azam who successfully led Muslims in a long, historical freedom struggle which entailed great challenges and hardships. Quaid-i-Azam got inspiration and motivation from Islam to be able to make Muslims a united force to fight the battle for Pakistan. To promote the ideology of Pakistan the NPC was established in 1999 to achieve the objectives of Pakistan as visualized by Quaid-i-Azam and to keep the spirit of Pakistan Movement alive for the benefit of the present and the coming generations. The founders of the NPC resolved to keep it a non-political and a non-commercial organization. It was incorporated with the Security and Exchanged Commission of Pakistan on 22 July 2004.



In Feb 2009, the NPC was registered as the Nazariya Pakistan Council (Trust) to work for the consolidation, promotion, propagation and perpetuation of the ideology of Pakistan, as conceived by Allam Mohammad Iqbal, which motivated Quaid-i-Azam to launch struggle for Pakistan. NPC is fully conscious of these facts. It therefore wants people of Pakistan especially the young generation to keep this spirit of freedom movement alive and to inspire Pakistanis to do their utmost to preserve Pakistan and its ideology. Its head office is located at Aiwan-i-Quaid, Fatima Jinnah Park, F-9 Islamabad. The building of Aiwan-i-Quaid is a landmark achievement of the NPC and reflects Zahid Malik (late) ardent love for Pakistan and its ideology.

AIMS & OBJECTIVES

1. To work to protect and consolidate the ideological foundations of the State.
2. To contribute towards the realization of the ideals of the Pakistan movement and keep its spirit alive.
3. To project the personality as well as the role of Quaid-i-Azam, Allama Iqbal and the other leaders of the Pakistan Movement, in the creation of Pakistan.
4. To promote and implement the Quaid's motto of faith, Unity and Discipline.
5. To urge every Pakistani to love and serve this God-gifted country, to have abiding faith in Pakistan's bright future and protect Pakistan interests.
6. To promote values of morality, justice, rule of law, tolerance and responsible conduct.
7. To contribute in building the foundation of society as prescribed in the Quran and Sunnah.
8. To produce research based literature on Islam and on vital Pakistan related issues.
9. To keep liaison with other groups / organizations working for the promotion and protection of the Pakistan ideology.
10. To keep vigil on socio-cultural trends and counter trends harmful to the ideology of Pakistan.
11. To approach government at local and national levels through elected representatives/parliamentarians and other concerned authorities to impress upon them the need to promote and strengthen the underlying philosophy of the creation of Pakistan.
12. To launch campaigns in the press on specific issues related to expand and defend ideology of Pakistan.
13. To counter propaganda against Pakistan and its ideology.

Brief of activities (July 2016-June 2017)

July 2016

- Qaumi Urdu Conference held on 24-7-2016 presided over by Mr. Irfan Siddiqui, Advisor to PM on National History and Literary Heritage was attended by scholars from all over Pakistan.
- Tribute paid to Mader-e-Millat Mohtarma Fatima Jinnah Death and Birth Anniversaries in separate programs. One Programme was presided over by Eminent Scholar Syed Mansoor Aaqil, while the other by Dr.Saira Alvi from USA. Both programs were attended by literati of twin cities.

August 2016

- Fifteen-Day Programs to celebrate the Independence Day of Pakistan.
- Large size Signing Banner was placed in Aiwan-i-Quaid, signed by large number of visitors to this building as well as participants of different programs.
- Exhibition of historical pictures of the Pakistan Movement days ran through 1st to 15th August. Flag hoisting and patriotic songs arranged on 14th August. A very large Nation Flag (350x20 ft) was also carried out to Aiwan-i-Quaid, from the Mehran Gate of Fatima Jinnah Park carried by hundreds of students marching on patriotic tunes played by the Islamabad Police Band.
- Illumination - The building remained decorated by electric lights for 03 days from 12th to 14th August.

September 2016

- The Defence Day of Pakistan was observed on 6th September to pay homage to the brave Army of Pakistan recalling their deeds of bravery during the September

1965 war against India. General Aslam Baig, the ex-Army Chief of Pakistan presided over the function.

- Death Anniversary of the Father of Nation was observed in traditional manner by NPC at Faisal Mosque. Ambassadors from Muslim countries and members of civil society attended Fateh Khawani.

November 2016: A special lecture on Iqbal's vision of Pakistan by eminent personality Senator S.M Zafar was delivered at Aiwan-i-Quaid to pay homage to Allama Iqbal in connection with his birth anniversary. Advisor to PM on NH&LH Mr. Irfan Siddiqui presided over the program.

December 2016

- A three-day grand exhibition of Tabarukat-e-Nabvi (PBUH) in collaboration with a private Museum 'Khushbo-e-Madina, was arranged at Aiwan-e-Quaid. Thousands of people from all walks of life witnessed the exhibition to see the glimpses of the Holy articles belonging to the Prophet of Islam (PBUH).
- A week-long program to celebrate the Birth Anniversary of the Father of Nation held at Nazariya Pakistan Council auditorium. It featured a thought-provoking lecture by Dr. Talib Hussain Sial, an authority on the works of Quaid-e-Azam. An exhibition of rare pictures of Quaid was also a part of the celebrations witnessed by a good numbers of people.

January 2017: "Targets 2017 to promote Education and Social Sectors An intellectual discussion". Participants included educationists, scholars, media persons and students to identify problems faced by these sectors of society. Eminent scholar professor Iqbal Aafaqi was the Chief Guest.

February 2017

- All Pakistan Kashmir Conference held at Aiwan-i-Quaid to express solidarity with the oppressed Kashmiri People against the Indian atrocities. General Nasir Khan Janjua, Advisor to PM on National Security presided over the proceedings while Sardar Masud Khan, President, AJK

was the Chief Guest. Speakers included Sardar Atique Ahmed Khan, former PM, AJK and other leaders of different political parties of Pakistan and AJK.

- Posters competition among students was held at Aiwan-e-Quaid in collaboration with socio-cultural organization Aafaq, to highlight problems being faced by the oppressed Kashmiries, fighting against Indian occupying Forces in held Kashmir.

March 2017

- Gold Medal Award Ceremony. Annual Gold Medal Awards function, presided over by Ms. Maryam Aurangzeb, Minister of State for information and Broadcasting, held in the main Auditorium of Aiwan-e-Quaid. Renowned Scientist Dr. Abdul Qadeer Khan was the Chief Guest. Almost 20 Pakistanis with extraordinary deeds and achievements in various fields of life during the last year were given gold medals for their outstanding qualities.
- A week long exhibition of rare historic photographs of Quaid's life held in the Quaid's Pictures gallery of Aiwan-e-Quaid for general public in connection with Pakistan day celebrations.

April 2017

- Tribute paid to the Poet of East, Allama Muhammad Iqbal for his literary grandeur and national services by scholars in an exclusive sitting presided over by eminent Iqbal scholar Professor Dr. Ayub Sabir.
- An Essay Competition on Iqbal's vision and thoughts was held wherein a good number of students participated. The prize distribution function was arranged in collaboration with the Allama Iqbal Council.
- A delegation of 20 teachers and students from various private schools of twin cities visited NPC. The delegation was thoroughly briefed about the NPC activist carried out to boast patriotism among students.

June 2017: Yaum-e-Nazariya Pakistan was celebrated to highlight significance of creation of Pakistan in Laila-tul-Qadr, as a special blessing of Allah. Eminent scholar Dr.Habib-ur-Rehman Aasim delivered a thought-provoking lecture on the topic. His talk was well received by the men of letter, invited to participate in the discussion.

Executive Committee of NPCT: The present formation of the NPC Executive Committee is as under:

- 1- Dr. Naeem Ghani (Chairman), Educationist, Chairman Sultana Foundation (Dr.Naeem Ghani assumed this Office In Feb 2016, when the founder Chairman Mr.Zahid Malik voluntarily relinquished the position due to ailment that resulted into his death in Sep 2016).
- 2- Mian Muhammad Javed (Senior Vice Chairman), Former Chairman PTCL
- 3- Mr.Gauhar Zahid Malik (Executive Secretary), Executive Editor Pakistan Observer
- 4- Senator S.M. Zafar, Former Law Minister
- 5- Prof. Dr. Basharat Jazbi, Former Federal Minister
- 6- Admiral Aziz A.Mirza, Retired Naval Chief of Pakistan
- 7- Mr. M.Bilal, Senior Advocate, Supreme Court of Pakistan
- 8- Sardar Attique Ahmed Khan, Former Prime Minister of Azad Jammu & Kashmir
- 9- Sardar Wazir Ahmed Jogizai, Former Deputy Speaker, NA
- 10- Mr. Abdul Sattar, Former Foreign Minister
- 11- Mr. Faridullah Khan, Former Federal Secretary
- 12- Mr. Kanwar Muhammad Dilshad, Former Secretary Election Commission
- 13- Major Gen Muhammad Tahir, Retired Army Officer

- 14- Senator Razina Alam Khan, Chairperson NCHD
- 15- Col.(Retd) S.K Tressler, Former Federal Minister
- 16- Mr. Salim Gul Sheikh, Former Federal Secretary
- 17- Dr Ijaz Shafi Gillani, Senior Educationist
- 18- Mrs. Farukh Khan, President Humanity, Islamabad.
- 19- Mrs. Qamar Aftab, Social Activist.
- 20- Dr. Inam Ul Haq, Former Executive Vice President MCB.
- 21- Prof. Dr. Ayub Sabir, Educationist, Scholar.
- 22- Mrs. Nargis Nasir, Educationist, Member PEMRA.
- 23- Mr. Muhammad Abdullaah Yousuf, Former Federal Secretary/Chairman FBR.
- 24- Mr. Akram Zaki, Former Ambassador of Pakistan.
- 25- Dr. Afzal Babar, Educationist, President, Private Schools Network.

MEDIA GALLERY



APP07-24

TAKHT BHAI: March 24 – Sri Lank monks' delegation on the way to visit the Buddhist monastic complex in connection with Visak Festival to celebrate Lord Buddha's birthday. Takht-i-Bahi also commonly mispronounced as Takht-i-Bhai ("Brother's throne"), is a Parthian archaeological site of an ancient monastery in Mardan, Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa. The monastery first a Zoroastrian complex which, after the later arrival of Buddhism, was then converted into a Buddhist monastic complex. The site dates to the 1st century CE. The complex regarded by archaeologists as being particularly representative of the architecture of Buddhist monastic centers from its era. Takht-i-Bahi was listed as a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1980. The ruins are located about 15 kilometers from Mardan in Khyber-Pakhtunkhwa Province. A small fortified city, dating from the same era, sits nearby. The ruins also sit near a modern village known by the same name. It is located around 500 feet atop the small hill and around 2 km from village bazar. There are four main areas of the Takht Bahi complex: (1) The Stupa Court, a cluster of stupas located in a central courtyard. (2) The monastic chambers, consisting of individual cells arranged around a courtyard, assembly halls, and a dining area. (3) A temple complex, consisting of stupas and similar to the Stupa Court, but of later construction. (4) The Tantric monastic complex, which consists of small, dark cells with low openings, which may have been used for certain forms of Tantric meditation. APP photo by Afzaal Chaudhry



President Mamnoon Hussain addressing the Inaugural Ceremony of National Book Fair on the occasion of National Book Day at Pak-China Friendship Centre in Islamabad on April 22, 2017.



APP02-22

ISLAMABAD: May 22 - Federal Secretary on National History and Literary Heritage Division Engineer Aamir Hasan, presenting souvenir to Prof. Gallele Sumanasiri Thero, Vice Chancellor, University of Buddhist & Pali and head of delegation from Sri Lanka at the opening ceremony of Visak Festival, to celebrate Lord Buddha's Birth Day. APP photo by Javed Qureshi



Mr. Irfan Siddiqui, Adviser to the Prime Minister on National History & Literary Inaugurating the Central Information Computerization of Urdu Dictionary Board at Karachi on 7th May, 2017.



MR. MEHMET EMRE AKTUNA, COUNTRY DIRECTOR, TURKISH COOPERATION AND COORDINATION AGENCY (TIKA) FLANKED WITH ENGINEER AAMIR HASAN, FEDERAL SECRETARY ON NATIONAL HISTORY AND LITERARY HERITAGE DIVISION VISITING SHAH ALLAH DITTA CAVES BESIDES OTHER ARCHAEOLOGICAL SITES AND MONUMENTS NEAR ISLAMABAD ON APRIL 26, 2017.



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Engr. Aamer Hasan, Secretary, NH LH Division inaugurated Chinese Exhibition of Tang Zianzu classic Chinese playwright organized in collaboration with Chinese Cultural Consulate, Islamabad at National Library of Pakistan, Islamabad.



Mr. Irfan Siddiqui, Advisor to the Prime Minister on National History and Literary Heritage flanked with Mr. Mehdi Honardoost, ambassador of Islamic Republic of Iran in Pakistan inaugurating "Gousha-e-Hafiz Shirazi" on Monday in National Book Foundation in Islamabad. (October 31, 2016)



President Mamnoon Hussain inaugurating the newly installed Chandelier by unveiling the plaque at the Mazar-e-Quaid on 17/12/2016.



President of Pakistan Mr. Mamnoon Hussain graced the concluding session of 4th International Conference on “Language, Literature and Society” organization by Pakistan Academy of Letters at Islamabad from January 5-8, 2017.