

## Vice Chancellor's Message



On the occasion of 4<sup>th</sup> Foundation Day of AWKUM , I congratulate all the students, faculty members and all the employees of the university who used their zeal and zest to make the dreams come true. I visualize a very brilliant future of Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan which would cater for the needs of thousands of young scholars whose rich intellectual potentialities have not been hitherto allowed to develop properly due to non-provision of opportunities. The youth will be fired with evolutionary insight for developing a culture of creative and research oriented thinking through collaboration with the prestigious universities of the world for sharing the rapidly expanding horizons of modern knowledge in Basic and Applied Sciences besides acquiring technical ingenuity. I appeal to all those at the helm of affairs to join us in this gigantic noble task of national importance to make this University a great seat of learning. We wish this University flourish and prosper. May Allah help and guide us to embark on the golden road map of success.

Prof.Dr.Ihsan Ali  
Vice Chancellor AWKUM

## Registrar's Message

The Fourth Foundation Day of AWKUM is being celebrated with the resolve that we all will keep on our struggle and hard work to achieve the common goals of academic excellence and make university one of the best academic institutions in the country. The foundation day is a reminder to all the stakeholders that if we go with the same pace, zeal and zest, we can change the destiny of the province. I congratulate all the teachers, students and employees of the university on this occasion and am hopeful that they would continue their struggle for the accomplishment of the Mission of AWKUM; that is to inculcate quality education affordable to majority of people, aiming at the scientific, economic and socio-cultural uplift of the masses for higher learning and research.

Prof.Dr.Sher Ali Khan  
Registrar AWKUM

## Dean's Message

I congratulate all the students and faculty members of the university on successfully completing four years of academic excellence and achieving innumerable goals in short span of time. The Fourth Foundation Day of AWKUM, reminds us that fact that together we can achieve the milestones of educational revolution and make this university a great seat of learning. The establishment of Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan is a phenomenal achievement; an eye catching development in the field of Higher Education and an enterprising effort in the struggle to promote higher knowledge. It would definitely be remembered as a leap forward in the annals of the country in general and the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in particular.

Prof: Dr.Zahoor ul Haq  
Dean Faculty of Arts

## Inaugural Ceremony of Journalism & Mass Communication

By Hadayat Rahman

**AWKUM: The Department of Journalism and Mass Communication was formally inaugurated on December 12, 2012 at Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan (AWKUM) Prof. Dr. Ihsan Ali, Vice Chancellor, Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan, inaugurated the department in a ceremony held at Riffat Mahal Campus of the university.**

Saleem Safi, a reputed journalist and anchor person attended the ceremony as the Chief Guest. Mardan based senior journalists including Musarrat Khan Assi, Hidayat-ur-Rehman Hoti and other literary figures and educationist were also present on the occasion.

Speaking to the ceremony, Prof. Dr. Ihsan Ali underscored that media studies have been started on special request of the journalistic community of the Mardan city. He further shared that the formation of Journalism and Mass Communication in AWKUM is instrumental for the people of Mardan. He shared that the administration of AWKUM was committed to impart modern and latest courses of

journalism with the purpose to bring revolutionary changes in the profession of journalism. "Now it is the era of media and no one can deny the importance of journalism," he added. The students who would fulfill their master of journalism from AWKUM would be able to earn good name for Pakistan wherever they go and render their services in the relevant field, he hoped.

Later, senior journalist Saleem Safi replied questions of the students regarding profession of journalism and new challenges and hurdles being faced by the journalists in their field owing to the militancy related activities. At the end, Prof. Dr. Ihsan Ali presented a Souvenir of the Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan to Mr. Saleem Safi.



VC while inaugurating Department of Journalism & Mass Communication at Riffat Mahal Campus, AWKUM. Veteran Journalist Saleem Safi is also present on the occasion

## AWKUM and Mardan Press Club signs MoU

By Imran Younas



Registrar AWKUM Prof.Dr.Sher Ali Khan and President Mardan Press Club Mr. Musarrat Assi while signing a Memorandum of Understanding

**AWKUM: A memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been signed between AWKUM and Mardan Press Club on December 20, 2012. A decorous but simple ceremony was held at the Vice Chancellor's office.**

Later on Registrar, AWKUM, Mr Sher Ali Khan and the President of Mardan Press Club Mr. Musarrat Assi signed the agreement in the presence of Professor Dr. Ihsan Ali, VC AWKUM and Mr. Farhad Safi, Chairman of Journalism and Mass Communication.

The Vice Chancellor highlighted that the agreement would be beneficial for both the organizations and will have long lasting effect on institutional strengthening. The world has become a global village due to the rapid development in information technology sector and an extremely high responsibility comes on the journalists shoulder. This is the accurate time for students of JMC to come forward to get appropriate opportunity from the experience of Mardan Press Club and senior journalists.

## Prof. Dr. Ihsan Ali given additional charge

AWKUM Report

**AWKUM: Prof. Dr. Ihsan Ali, Vice Chancellor, Abdul Wali Khan University, Mardan has been given the additional charge of the office of Vice Chancellor, Islamia College University, Peshawar.**

In a short span of four years, Prof. Dr. Ihsan Ali has earned a name for Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan. Under his leadership,

AWKUM has maintained the level of academic excellence. His meritorious services in academics, administration and for the welfare of the region are highly commendable. He has been given the additional charge for his landmark efforts paid for the uplifting of AWKUM.


## Department of Political Science commences series of lectures on national and international affairs

**AWKUM Report: A series of lectures has started at Department of Political Science, Riffat Mahal Campus, Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan.**

Prof. Dr.Jehanzeb Khan, Chairman Department of Political Science said that these lectures would provide students with opportunity to benefit from the prominent academicians and experts in various walks of life.

The lectures would also help the student in strengthening their grip over the curriculum and provide them with an insight into the national and international affairs. The series would acquaint the students with the modern world politics and bring a good name for the university in general and the department in particular.





# AWKUM Voice

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## AWKUM Voice- A mouthpiece of university

Media is considered as fourth pillar of the state. The world has shrunk into a global village because of the advancements in the mass media. Mardan, being a cradle to civilizations, a center of Pashtun culture always required more and more attention from the government side. Abdul Wali Khan University being the first ever university at the city, was an answer to the cry of the day. Today thousands of students, who were burning with the desire to quench their thirst of knowledge, are enrolled in various departments fulfilling the dreams of an educated Pakistan.

The establishment of Department of Journalism and Mass Communication, at Abdul Wali Khan University is another milestone achieved in this connection. Within four months of its commencement, JMC is launching its first newspaper that will serve as mouth piece of the alma mater and is planning to launch a radio station very soon. The editorial policy of the monthly is to highlight the activities of various academic and non-academic departments of the university and to inform the students of the major activities of other universities and institutions. AWKUM Voice will also provide the students of Journalism and other departments with opportunity to convey their messages to the university authorities. Students and faculty members can share their feedback in the form of articles and letters to the editor. Any suggestion and recommendation from the students or the faculty members are welcomed and highly appreciated.



## Learning from mistakes

By Afzaal Khan (BS Political science)

Pakistan was established on 14 August 1947 after a great struggle and sacrifices. The basic aim of the establishment of our sweet land was to have a state where all the Muslims would be treated equally. There would be equal consideration without any discrimination on the basis of religion, sex, caste, class, education etc. But today we are being detracted from our basic principles. Look at all the developed nations where there is an equal education system for all rich and poor. Now compare Pakistani education system with others. Unfortunately there is a great hierarchy. The elite class goes to school and colleges where western education is provided to them. This education system is faced by another education system that is

madrasa education where the students are provided with religious education wholly. Our English education system promotes liberal ideology and the madrasa system stresses on religion. Both the streams look at a different perspective towards life. This was the idea and strategy of the Britain who adopted that against us and as a result we lost our kingdom. Nations learn from their mistakes but we did not learn any lesson from our mistakes. Take the 1970s incident, we lost the east wing, we lost our East Pakistan. We divided our nation again on the basis of language. We made it an ego problem. But we forgot that this is not the land, mountains and the rivers but it is the feelings which makes a nation. We failed to understand the

feelings of our brothers and as a result we lost Bangladesh. I will deceive myself once again and will close the chapter of past. Now the question arises did we learn any lesson from our bad experiences? I think No because still we are divided as a nation in different sections. We are not Pakistanis first but we are Pathans, we are Baluchis, we are Punjabis and we are Sindis. We are not Muslims but we are being ranked as Shia, Beralvi, Sunni etc. It is our dual system which does not allow us to get united as a nation. The time has come when we should choose the right path. Religion give us spiritual power, modern education is necessary for scientific development and our culture represents our past. We should try to develop a harmony in every field of life.



## STUDENTS AND POLITICS

By Farman Ullah (MA 1<sup>st</sup> JMC)

Different people share different views on the issue whether students should be allowed to take part in politics or not. In my view politics should not be a forbidden fruit for a student and to a certain limit they should have liberty to take part in politics. Politics is concerned with the affairs of the country, its constitution, its policies and its foreign relations. As a citizen every person is naturally interested in these affairs of the state. Today everyone read newspaper to acquaint themselves from the events happening around them. Similarly school boys and girls

are also interested in the news and thus their political sense is developed. They became keen to take part in politics. In the same way the college and university students make unions for their political parties. Some people believe that students should refrain themselves from politics. They may be misguided and consequently become a tool in the hands of any political party. In this modern age our life is very complicated. It is the age of competition. It is the cry of the day to fight for right. Therefore students should fight for their right. But on the other hand they should

not neglect their future. Students life is a golden life. It is a period of preparation for different problems which we expect to face in future. A student who is brave, honest and courageous in college/university life is sure to be an honest statesman in his future life. The best service of a student of Pakistan is to study his academic course first in order to make him fit for his future. But it is also necessary to keep an eye on the affairs of his country. The students should not take active part in politics but should aware what is happening around him and what is occurring in the country and outside country.

## Mail Box

If you want to share any article or writeup, you can contact us!  
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**Dear Editor**

I want to draw your kind attention towards a serious problem which is cleanliness in our university. The cleanliness condition of the university is not satisfactory. The garbage and wrappers are seen everywhere. The dustbins have been fixed in every corner but no one bother to put that garbage in the dustbins. Our environment gets pollutant which gives a bad image to our university. Our religion and our Holy Prophet (S.A.W) stressed that cleanliness is a part of our faith. But no one follows it. Being a student also, it is our foremost duty to clean our environment from pollution.

**By Abbass Khan  
JMC  
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**Dear Editor**

Through your newspaper I am highlighting some issues and problems faced by students at "Riffat Mahal Campus".

The students here on this campus are facing acute problem of lack of course books in library. Secondly there is shortage of classrooms and sometimes the students have to wait for a vacant classroom. A serious parallel problem is the non availability of a photo state machine and printer at our campus. The university administration is requested to facilitate the students. The issues must be rectified so that the students can get benefits.

**By Neelam, Asma Latif  
MA, JMC  
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## Notice

All the Students, Faculty Members and Staff of AWKUM are invited to Contribute their articles, letters, news and Photographs to AWKUM Voice

## EDUCATION SYSTEM IN PAKISTAN

By Ibrahim Khan

Education plays an important role in society's grooming. Education provides awareness to the people for their rights and responsibilities. This is prime responsibility of the state to provide fundamental education to the society. A famous sayings of our Prophet P.B.U.H is "It is mandatory for every Muslim (man and woman) to seek knowledge". Unluckily we find many flaws in educational policy of Pakistan. To mention one main reason for our bad education system is double standard of education. Public sector is following old traditional education policy where as private sector has adopted new and modern system of education. Therefore we find extreme different mental approach in our younger generation. Developed countries follow uniform system of education and all of these countries provide education to their youngsters in their national language.

Because of poor education system, our younger generation lacks the potential to compete with other nations. Most importantly poverty is one big reason for illiteracy. We claim that 44% of our population is educated but a big part of this percentage can only right their name. secondly education is very expensive in our county. One third of our population is unable to reach to school because of lack of funds. Since our independence we have never been provided with compatible and uniform education policy. This is prime duty of state that every child gets primary education as a compulsion. All over Pakistan we have 94 universities private and public sector included where as in Japan they have 500 universities in the city of Tokyo with such a poor data one can imagine that it is rather impossible for our youth to compete in the world.

The Views Expressed in articles and letters are those of Writers & it is not necessary Newspaper to agree with the contents



Museum inaugurated at Tourism Department

By Junaid Ahmad & M. Ibrahim

AWKUM : Prof. Dr. Ihsan Ali, Vice Chancellor, Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan and Syed Aqil Shah formally inaugurated a Museum at Tourism Department on December 22, 2012.

The main objective of this museum is to educate and engage students and staff members in extracurricular activities. It will provide an opportunity to the students to improve and demonstrate their knowledge, communication, leadership and management skills. With such an opportunity they will become able

to improve their level of understanding about past and present glories. The museum is equipped with ethnological materials which are systematically displayed in eight galleries. The first two galleries represent household objects, ornaments, armaments, coins of different periods and straw made items mostly purchased and a few donated. The third gallery is of Swat culture where a diorama of Swat valley has been established, embellished with wooden art pieces like engraved pillars, doors, and furniture's. The

fourth gallery represents Kalash culture where the Gandhara Grave Culture objects, traditional Kalash household utensils, dresses, ornaments and armaments have been displayed. The fifth gallery represents contemporary art gallery where pieces of wooden, marble and straw artwork present the artistry of the region. The sixth gallery represents the color of the province in form of photographic representation, where the culture, traditional games, cuisines, built heritage, and beauty of the province has been

captured. The seventh gallery is represents the vision of Islamic Art Quranic Calligraphy, books, objects of wooden block printings, tiles work and decorative household objects are displayed here. The eighth gallery represents traditional dresses and jewelry. This museum is one of the best in Pakistan in terms of evolutionary descriptions.

Glimpses of AWKUM Activities



Minister for Sports Syed Aqil Shah while inaugurating Museum at AWKUM



Prof.Dr. Ihsan Ali VC AWKUM while speaking to PTV at First International Sports Congress



Media incharge AWKUM Arbab Ijaz meeting with Station incharge Pakhtunkhwa Radio



VC Prof.Dr. Ihsan Ali, Dean Faculty of Arts Dr. Zahoor, and Incharge JMC Farhad Safi along with local Journalists at a dinner



Student of Journalism & Mass Communication visit to Mardan Press Club



Teachers from Faculty of Social Sciences while choosing books for Library in Lahore



## AWKUM hits newslines

**PSWF Congress: Farhat Naz of AWKUM clinched first position in story writing competition - By Azmat Ali Shah**

AWKUM: Pakistan Sports Writers Federation (PSWF) International Congress was staged on January 19, 2013 at Peshawar. A total number of 115 senior journalists from Pakistan and all over the world participated in this event. Syed Aqil Shah, Sports Minister, KPK and Izzat Yalmer, Vice President, International Sports Press Association (ISPA) from Turkey inaugurated the event. The congress was also attended by nine students of Journalism and Mass Communication, AWKUM and 20 students of University of Peshawar. Today while the country has a negative perception in outer world, the decision of PSWF to hold the congress in the country came at a good time. Vice President ISPS, Izzat Yalmer during his address expressed his happiness on his visit to Peshawar. “The image the media portray in our mind is totally different from the present scenario” he added. Interviews were conducted from Qamar Zaman and Jansher Khan, the legendary stars who rule the world of squash for 37 years. A visit was paid to Peshawar Museum where Naveed Malik, Ex IGP and Chairman of Malik

Saad Trust addressed and paid tribute to policemen who laid their lives for the sake of better future of Pakistan. He also highlighted the contributions Malik Saad Sports Trust for the promotion of sports in the area. The second day began with the address of Indian delegate Pardeep Agarwal addressed the congress and verbalize his message that the congress was the path of building a peaceful relation between Pakistan and India and their neighboring countries. The then Governor of Khyber Pakhtoon Khwa, Masood Kausar invited all the delegates to Governor House for lunch. The delegates were awarded with turbans. There was story writing competition between the students of Journalism and Mass Communication Department University of Peswawar and Abdul Wali Khan University Of Mardan in which student of AWKUM Farhat Naz got the first prize. Karmat Ullah Chaghar Matti, Speaker KPK Assembly was the chief guest of this session. An award ceremony was held where awards were given to some of delegates by Mian Iftikhar Hussain, Provincial Information Minister.



AWKUM: Student of JMC visit to Peshawar Museum along with VC, AWKUM

### Miss Bibi Asia Naz Completes Ph.D in Education

**Miss Bibi Asia Naz, lecturer at Department of Education AWKUM has successfully defended her PhD thesis on Feb 12, 2013 under the supervision of Prof. Dr. Umar Ali Khan Director I.E.R and Dean of Arts, Gomal University, DIK.** Her topic of study was “A Comparative Study of Administrative Practices of Public and Private Sector Universities of Pakistan”At this occasion, Dr. Arshad Ali, External Evaluator appreciated the efforts of the scholar and considered the study beneficial and of significant importance for the universities. He congratulated the scholar and her supervisors on such a crucial study. Prof. Dr. Umar Ali Khan considered her as the 1st Doctor of the Institute of Education and Research Gomal University D.I.Khan.

### AWKUM hosts first ever Pashtu Language Congress

By Sundas Naseem ,Fahmida, Seema  
**AWKUM: The first ever Pashtu language congress in the history of KPK was held on February 2, 2013 at AWKUM Mardan. The Chief Guest of the congress, Prof. Dr. Ihsan Ali, Vice Chancellor, AWKUM emphasized the need to promote Pashtu language and Pashtu culture.** Many universities including Bacha khan University Mardan, Bacha khan University Charsada, Bacha Khan Trust, Pashtu Academy Peshawar participated in the congress. The congress highlighted the importance and value to Pashtu language, Pashtu literature and Pashto poetry. On the said occasion, the VC also signed MOU with other institutes and assured support and full cooperation with each other.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Convocation of Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan to be held on Feb 28

The Second Convocation of Abdul Wali Khan University, Mardan (AWKUM) will be held on February 28th, 2013 at Garden Campus of the University. All Students from Second Batch (Spring 2009 toFall 2010) of the University and Position Holders from affiliated colleges will be awarded Degrees, Merit Certificates and medals.

### Students of Islamiat Dept. defends MPhil Thesis

By Muhammad Ishaq, Zulfiqar Hussain, Haris  
**AWKUM: Sohail Anwer, Muhammad Majid and Najam-ul-Hussan of Islamiat Department have successfully defended their MPhil viva on January 29, 2013.** The viva was conducted under the supervision of Dr. Hafiz Salih Uddin Haqani, Prof. Dr. Ayaz khan, Ex Chairman of Hazara University, Prof Dr. Dost Muhammad, Director Islamic Center Peshawar University and Prof Dr. Umar Ex-Chairman Islamiat Peshawar University.

### Foundation Day celebrations given final touch

**AWKUM:** The foundation Day of Abdul Wali Khan University (AWKUM) would be celebrated on February 25, 2013 says a press release issued by Provost office AWKUM. The university has done full preparations to celebrate the event in a befitting manner under the supervision of Ibrar Hussain Umarzai Provost, AWKUM. Students have planned different activities to add colors to the day.

## AWKUM stages sports day

By Farman Ullah



**AWKUM: Physical fitness is a condition for mental alertness .Good health is the greatest blessing of God. Healthy person think properly, act promptly and work persistently. Games keep us physically fit, bring discipline to our lives and keep our minds fresh.**

In this regard AWKUM has also jumped into the bandwagon and arranged a sports day. On Friday February 15, AWKUM organized Inter Colleges Sports Competition which was headed by department of Health and Physical Education AWKUM. The developed countries of the world pay high emphasis on promotion of sports. Pakistan is also very famous in the field of sports having renowned sportsmen. Keeping in mind the importance of sports different universities organize sports events to promote sports in Pakistan and create brilliant and competent sportsmen. In this competition 19 colleges participated and 14 athletic games including 100m race,200m race,400m race,800m race,1500m race,3000m race, long jump, triple jump ,dascuss throw, short

put, javelin throw ,high jump and 4x100m relay .All the players showed great courage. All the events were played with its full rules and justice. The participants enjoyed the game very much and struggled for victory. All the colleges showed good result but AWKUM, G.P.G.C Mardan and G.D.C Takht Bhai remained possessive on the games. The events ended with victory AWKUM, G.P.G.C Mardan came runners up and G.D.C Takht Bhai got 3<sup>rd</sup> position. The general trophy came in the hands of the players of AWKUM .The players celebrated their victory with great zeal. Mr Muhammad Shah congratulated the winning team on behalf of Vice Chancellor prof. Dr Ihsan Ali and Sports Director and threw light on the importance of sports and added that education and sports are both necessary for a student because sports keeps a person physically fit. Sports are very much important for sound mind and the university should organize sports events yearly so that competent sports men will be come in front which will represent Pakistan in the world.

### Debate contest held on Anti Corruption Day

By Luqman Ibrar

**AWKUM: A speech competition was scheduled on December 6, 2012 at Riffat Mahal Campus among the students of Journalism and Mass Communication and Political Science.** Faculty members of JMC and Political Science along with the students attended the function. The chief guest of the function Dr. Jangher Chairman, Political Science awarded prizes to the students. Maheen, student of MA 1<sup>st</sup> Political Science stood 1<sup>st</sup> position in the contest. Azmat Ali Shah of JMC clinched 2nd and Hina of BS Political Science got 3<sup>rd</sup> position. The aim of the function was to create awareness among the students about the evils and eradication of corruption.

### Rapid increase in number of PhD students in AWKUM

Asma umar , Ayesha, Farhat naz

**AWKUM:** Since 2010, PhD program have started which is making headway on account of the efforts of staff members and administration. The total number of PhD students is 107 at the moment out of which 58 students are continuing their study with the help of foreign assistance while 38 of them are busy in the campus. It is expected that the number of students in this university will exceed more due to the high emphasis paid by the vice chancellor on research work. It would of course promote the standard of education in the region.

### AWKUM signs student exchange agreement with Kentucky University America

**AWKUM: A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between University of Kentucky America and Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan on February 18, 2013. The MoU was signed by Nancy Johnson, Associate Professor of Management from Kentucky University America and Prof. Dr Ihsan Ali, Vice Chancellor, AWKUM.**

Prof. Dr. Ihsan Ali, Kathi kiran ,Prof of History , Jaunti Cofel Consultant, Robert Red Council General Peshawar, Vice Chancellor Kohat University Prof. Dr Nasir Jamal, Dr. Rasool jan ,Vice Chancellor University of Peshawar, Vice Chancellor Bannu Prof., Director I.M.S Peshawar Muhammad Mohsin Khan, Dean of Arts Prof Dr Zahoor ul Haq, Prof Dr. Said Khan Khalil, Dr. Jehanzeb, Abdul Haq, Faisal were also present on the occasion. In the light of the agreement, each year students of AWKUM will be trained at University of Kentucky. The faculty will cooperate in research and will take concrete measures for the promotion of the faculty. It is part of the three years project of the university and the program would be taken annually. It is also worth mentioning that University of Peshawar, University of Bannu, KUST, Kohat and IMS Peshawar have also signed MOU with University of Kentucky America.

### Dr. Ihsan Ali addresses PSWF Congress

**AWKUM: Pakistan Sports Writer Foundation (PSWF) International Congress was held on 19 and 20<sup>th</sup> January 2013 in Peshawar in the presence of Izzat Yalmer, AIPS Vice President and President of PSWF.**

The congress aimed at promotion of sports in Pakistan especially in the Khyber Pakhtoon Khwa and to spread the message of peace throughout the world. Prof. Dr. Ihsan Ali, Vice Chancellor, Abdul Wali Khan University Mardan also graced the event as Chief Guest

on the second day. He shared his views about the importance of sports and the extravagant role sports play in a healthy community. He also highlighted the development of Abdul Wali Khan University from 2007 till now which was highly commendable.

In the end Izzat Yalmer awarded a Souvenir to Dr. Ihsan Ali. Delegates from India, Afghanistan, Iran and Holland also participated in the congress.

By Azmat Ali Shah