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Over the past ten years, IBA-CICT has remained committed to empowering individuals through technology, fostering impactful partnerships, and delivering innovative learning opportunities. The milestone celebrated the collective contributions of students, alumni, trainers, collaborators, partners, faculty, staff, and the wider IBA-CICT community whose dedication has shaped this journey.

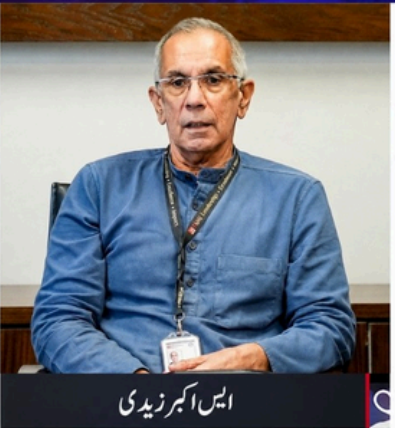




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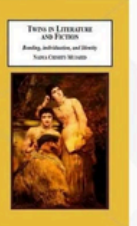
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IBA welcomed the HEC Pakistan Task Force on ORICs and BICs to the Center for Entrepreneurial Development and Research (CEDIR). The delegation, represented by Prof. Dr. Javaid Laghari, Convener, and Dr. Eram Abbasi, was received by Dr. S Akbar Zaidi, Executive Director - IBA.

During the visit, Dr. Lalarukh Ejaz, Director - IBA-CEDIR, presented IBA's flagship initiatives under IBA-CEDIR, highlighting research commercialization, startup incubation, industry linkages, faculty support, key achievements, and future plans. The visit concluded with a productive discussion on strengthening Pakistan's research, innovation, and entrepreneurship ecosystem.



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DR. SAQIB SHARIF

Associate Professor & Editor, Business Review - SBS

Saqib Sharif holds a Doctorate in Finance from Massey University, New Zealand. He serves as an Associate Professor and Editor of Business Review. His research focuses on financial regulation, Islamic finance, banking, and financial markets.

Previously, he served at State Bank of Pakistan in banking and research cluster, where he contributed positively to banking policy and regulation.

He plays an active role at School of Business Studies while teaching a portfolio of courses, equipping students to understand and address real world challenges.

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DR. MUHAMMAD SHERAZ

Associate Professor & Program Coordinator - BS Mathematics

Dr. Muhammad Sheraz is an Associate Professor at SMCS and Program Coordinator of the BS Mathematics program. He earned his PhD in Mathematics from the University of Bucharest, Romania, and completed an ECRIM Postdoctoral Fellowship at Fraunhofer ITWM, Germany. His research interests include financial and actuarial mathematics, information theoretic methods in finance, and his work has been published in leading international journals.

As Program Coordinator, he introduced the Actuarial Science stream within the BS Mathematics program and successfully led the initiative that earned IBA UCAP-AC recognition from the Society of Actuaries (SOA).

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DR. FARHAN SIDDIQI

Professor & Chairperson, Social Sciences & Liberal Arts - SESS

Dr. Farhan Hanif Siddiqi is an accomplished researcher specializing in ethnic conflict, identity politics, and conflict resolution. He has co-authored a textbook, introducing International Relations: Concepts, Theories, and Practices (Oxford University Press) and is also the author of The Politics of Ethnicity in Pakistan: The Baluch, Sindhi and Mohajir Ethnic Movements (Routledge).

Professor Siddiqi is a core member of the Global Scholars Network on Identity and Conflict, Harvard University. His current research focuses on militarized conflicts and crisis behavior in South Asia and the Middle East.

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SUBHAN BAWANY

Student - BS Computer Science

has successfully graduated in

MS-Management
from Northwestern University
United States of America

Northwestern

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Hamza Zaman & Anusha Randhawa

Students - BS Computer Science

Presented Research Poster

FedAdoPriv-CPU Adaptive Differential Privacy for Resource-Constrained Federated Medical AI at AIAA Accelerate Conference 2026

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ANUSHA RANDHAWA

Student - BS Computer Science

Congratulations
on being selected for the

Program for Undergraduate Research (PURE)
at Sabanci University
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SAAD ZUBAIRI

BS-CS Class of 2023

has successfully graduated in

MS - Computer Science
from New York University
United States of America

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STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

IZZA SOHAIL

Student - BS Computer Science

Congratulations
on representing IBA Karachi at

Two International Research Conferences
Presented Research & Received Best Research-in-Progress Paper

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Meezan Justuju Celebrates Cohort 1 and Welcomes Cohort 2

IBA Center for Information and Communication Technology (CICT) hosted the Meezan Justuju Cohort 1 Certificate Distribution Ceremony, celebrating the dedication, resilience, and achievements of the program's inaugural cohort. The event also featured a Business Symposium, where participants presented innovative business ideas and digital ventures that reflected the knowledge, creativity, and practical skills developed throughout the program. The occasion further marked the launch of Meezan Justuju Cohort 2 through an orientation session that introduced the new participants to the program's objectives, opportunities, and collaborative learning environment.



Entrepreneurship Summer School Cohort 2 Concludes

IBA-CEDIR concluded Entrepreneurship Summer School Cohort 2, where aspiring young entrepreneurs spent three weeks developing entrepreneurial knowledge and practical business skills.

Participants explored business model development, digital marketing, leather crafting, product photography, financial planning, startup visits, on-campus selling, and mock pitching. The program culminated in final presentations, where participants showcased their business ideas and minimum viable products (MVPs) before a panel of judges, demonstrating creativity, confidence, and problem-solving abilities. The program was conducted in strategic partnership with Meezan Bank Limited.



IBA Unscripted Summer '26 Offers an Immersive Campus Experience

IBA Unscripted Summer '26 brought together students from colleges across Karachi for an immersive two-day experience at IBA. Participants explored the campus, gained insights through faculty talks and alumni sessions, and connected with peers through a range of interactive activities.

The event offered prospective students a firsthand look at academic and student life at IBA while fostering learning, networking, and meaningful engagement beyond the classroom.



ICLAB Focus Group 2026 Explores Emerging Career Pathways

IBA organized the ICLAB Focus Group 2026 through its Career Development Center (CDC), bringing together industry leaders and faculty members to discuss emerging career pathways in Social Sciences, Business, Finance, Management, Data Analytics, Artificial Intelligence (AI), and Business Intelligence.

The sessions explored evolving industry expectations and emphasized analytical thinking, communication, technical expertise, research, practical learning, AI readiness, industry collaboration, and continuous upskilling to better prepare graduates for the future workforce.



Study Visits

IBA organized study visits to the Karachi Down Syndrome Program (KDSP) Learning Center and NJV Government Higher Secondary School arranged by Career Development Center (CDC), offering students valuable opportunities to explore inclusive education, community engagement, and diverse learning environments. Through interactive sessions, student discussions, and guided tours, participants gained meaningful insights into social impact, educational experiences, and the importance of empathy and collaboration.



Recruitment Drive

IBA students participated in Master Changan Motors Limited and Master Auto Engineering, Chery Pakistan's Drive Forward 2026 program at the Port Qasim Plant and Head Office. The visit included a facility tour, leadership interaction, and the Management Trainee Program assessment, providing students with valuable industry exposure and firsthand insights into Pakistan's automotive sector.



IBA-CICT Hosts Copilot 360 Workshop for Faysal Bank

Center for Information and Communication Technology (CICT) hosted a one-day workshop, Copilot 360 for Customer-Centric Banking, for professionals from Faysal Bank. The session was led by Dr. Faissal Iradat and explored the transformative potential of AI in the banking sector.

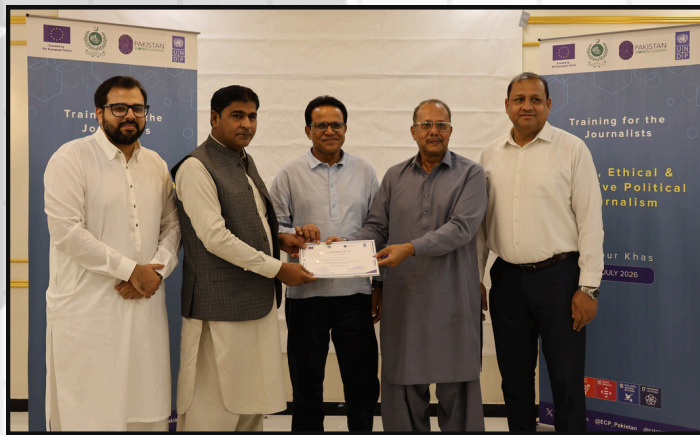
The workshop focused on the capabilities of Microsoft Copilot 360 in supporting customer-centric banking through AI-powered productivity, intelligent decision-making, and enhanced operational efficiency. Through practical discussions and real-world use cases, participants explored how AI-driven solutions can improve customer experiences, streamline workflows, and foster innovation within financial institutions.



Workshops Promote Safe and Ethical Journalism

IBA conducted one-day workshops on Safe, Ethical, Gender and Human Rights-Sensitive Reporting for local reporters and journalists in Mirpurkhas and Sanghar on July 15 and 17, 2026, respectively.

Facilitated by Nisar Khokhar, the workshops brought together 40-50 participants from the local press community. Through interactive discussions and practical exercises, participants explored digital safety, ethical journalism, human rights and social inclusion, fact-checking, countering disinformation, voter awareness, and gender-sensitive political reporting. The workshops were organized by the Center for Excellence in Journalism (CEJ).



Pehchan Rewards & Recognition Ceremony Celebrates Employee Contributions



IBA organized the Pehchan Rewards & Recognition Ceremony for Quarter 1, 2026, recognizing employees whose dedication, innovation, and commitment have made a meaningful impact across the Institute.

Pehchan Awards were presented to Malik Asim Ahmed Khan (Internal Audit), Maliha Shahzad (Office of Student Affairs), Jawairiya Awan (Alumni Affairs & Resource Mobilization), and Azhar Ali Lakho (Human Resources). Letters of Appreciation were awarded to Ali Ahmed (Library), Rukhsar Shahid (Career Development Center), Sarah Iftikhar (Center for Excellence in Islamic Finance), Subul Khan (Alumni Affairs & Resource Mobilization), and Syeda Wajiha Kazmi (Dean's Office - SBS) in recognition of their valuable contributions and dedicated service.

The ceremony celebrated the commitment of IBA employees whose contributions continue to advance institutional excellence and support the Institute's strategic goals.

IBA Strengthens Employee Healthcare Benefits

IBA expanded its Medical Panel to include Hamdard University Hospital, Dr. Farah Essa Academy & Healthcare, United Hospital, and The Kidney Centre. The initiative reflects the Institute's continued commitment to employee well-being by providing eligible employees and their families with enhanced access to trusted healthcare institutions and a wider range of comprehensive medical services.



Hajj Balloting for FY 2026-2027

IBA conducted its annual Hajj Balloting Session for FY 2026-2027, reaffirming its commitment to supporting the spiritual aspirations of faculty and staff through a fair and transparent selection process.

The lucky draw was conducted by Dr. S Akbar Zaidi, Executive Director - IBA, who selected Samreen Zaman (Lecturer - SMCS), Misbah Amin (Assistant Manager - CED), Kamran Aftab (Assistant Manager - Executive Director's Secretariat), Azfar Abbasi (Senior Executive - Facilities Management), and Syed Sabir Ali (Driver - Transport) to perform Hajj in 2027.

IBA extends heartfelt congratulations to the selected faculty and staff members and prays that Allah (SWT) accepts their Hajj, blesses them with a safe journey, and grants them a spiritually fulfilling pilgrimage.



HAJJ / PILGRIMAGE BALLOT SESSION 2027

Following the conclusion of the Hajj / Pilgrimage Balloting Session 2027, the HR Department at IBA is pleased to announce the names of the faculty and staff members selected for this sacred journey through a transparent lucky draw conducted by the Executive Director, Dr. S Akbar Zaidi.

Please join us in extending heartfelt congratulations to all the nominees.



Samreen Zaman
Lecturer
SMCS



Misbah Amin
Assistant Manager
CED



Kamran Aftab
Assistant Manager
ED - Secretariat



Azfar Abbasi
Senior Executive
Admin (Facilities Management)



Syed Sabir Ali
Driver
Admin (Transport)



Mango Moments & Policy Connect Strengthens HR Policy Awareness

IBA organized Mango Moments & Policy Connect, an interactive HR policy awareness event that brought together 120 staff members to strengthen their understanding of key workplace policies through engaging learning experiences. The event commenced with remarks by Mr. Irfan Qamar, Director - HR, who highlighted the importance of HR policies in fostering a fair, transparent, and inclusive workplace. Participants explored 11 key HR policies through interactive discussions, group presentations, and a Kahoot quiz, reinforcing policy awareness in an engaging and collaborative environment. The HR Department extended special thanks to National Foods and Ismail Industries Limited for supporting the event through giveaway sponsorships.



HR Policy Awareness Session Supports Non-Management Employees

IBA conducted an HR Policy Awareness Session for employees in the Non-Management Cadre, reinforcing IBA's commitment to a transparent, informed, and inclusive workplace. The session familiarized participants with key HR policies, procedures, and employee benefits while providing an open forum to seek clarification and address queries. The initiative strengthened policy awareness and empowered employees with the knowledge and resources needed to navigate the workplace with confidence.



Trainings @ IBA – July 2026.

The training calendar for the month of July 2026 was successfully executed for IBA Staff.

Course Name	Participants	Trainers
AI-Powered Student Engagement in the Digital Age	20	Dr. Faisal Iradat
Compact Diploma in Power BI	21	Mr. Kashif Hussain
Grand Total	52	

Compact Diploma in Power BI Strengthens Data Analytics Skills

HR department, in collaboration with IBA-CICT, concluded the four-day Compact Diploma in Power BI, at the IBA Main Campus.

Facilitated by Mr. Kashif Hussain, Data Analyst and Trainer – CICT, the program covered data transformation, modeling, DAX, dashboard development, and visualization. Through hands-on exercises, participants strengthened their ability to analyze data, create interactive dashboards, and support informed decision-making.



AI-Powered Student Engagement in the Digital Age

HR department, in collaboration with IBA-CICT, conducted a two-day training program, AI-Powered Student Engagement, on July 7-8, 2026, at the IBA Main Campus for employees from student-facing departments.

Developed through a comprehensive Training Needs Assessment (TNA), the program addressed participants' specific responsibilities and operational needs. Dr. Faisal Iradat, Assistant Professor – SMCS, introduced participants to the evolving capabilities of artificial intelligence and its practical workplace applications, including ways to enhance productivity and communication.

The program also emphasized responsible AI use, ethical practices, critical thinking, and human oversight. Participants appreciated its practical approach, engaging delivery, and customized content, noting increased confidence in using AI tools to improve efficiency and support the IBA community.





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