

IBA NEWS

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CLASS OF 2023 – SETS OFF TO LEAD THE WORLD

The biggest day on IBA's academic calendar was marked with much fanfare as **1,184** graduates received their degrees.

The Chief Guest of the ceremony was the Caretaker Chief Minister of Sindh and Patron IBA, Justice (Retd.) Maqbool Baqar and the Guest of Honour was Dr. Azra Raza, Chan Soon-Shiong Professor of Medicine and

Clinical Director, Edward P. Evans Foundation MDS Center, Columbia University in New York.

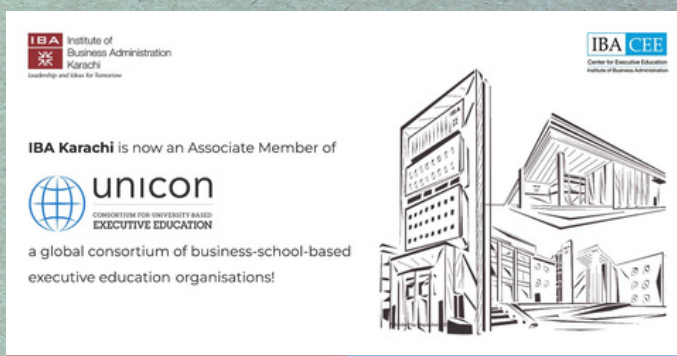
The graduates and their loved ones celebrated a day filled with cherished memories and experiences to last a lifetime.

[Link to Convocation Pictures!](#)

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DECEMBER AT A GLANCE

Breakfast with the Executive Director, Dr. S Akbar Zaidi – the HR department's latest initiative is your ticket to lively discussions, sharing insights, and strengthening that team bond like never before.

Christmas festivities were held for our campus community by sharing treats and creating sweet memories. The event showcased brilliantly how we welcome and embrace diversity on campus.

Our alums returned to their old stomping grounds for a delightful evening of reconnecting with old friends and reminiscing about shared moments. Adding to the fun was the captivating Qawwali, creating the perfect ambiance for a winter night.

CILET at the School of Business Studies organized a transformative workshop on 'Teaching Creativity Soft Skills to Boost Student Innovation', which focused on the trainable nature of creativity and the art of connecting ideas. As part of a series on teaching soft skills, The University of Alabama connects these workshops through the Higher Education System Strengthening Activity project.

The **Social Sciences Winter School** wrapped up after five days of training, discussions, and plenary presentations on the theme of 'Environmental Change, Societies at Risk and Social Vulnerabilities in South Asia'.

The participants visited the Dhabeji Pumping Station and Ibrahim Hyderi to discuss various issues related to air pollution and use of specific tools for measuring it; and how the fishermen are adapting to a changing climate.

The winter school is a joint venture of **#IBA** and Centre d'Etudes Sud-Asiatiques et Himalayennes - CESAH.

WE DO NOT REMEMBER DAYS, WE REMEMBER MOMENTS.
- CESARE PAVESE



DECEMBER AT A GLANCE

The **Ardeshir Cowasjee Centre for Writing** hosted a captivating event that united the campus community in celebrating the beautiful art of handwriting, evolving through diverse historical periods and cultures. Spanning four weeks and guided by the experienced Ustadh Amir Asghar, the workshop explored four distinct calligraphy styles: Naskh, Nastaliq, Kufi, and Ruq'ah.

'**Tum Mein Aik Aur Cup Chai**' session, with an inspiring line-up of speakers, focused on changes in the business sector to suit Gen Z in the workplace. The panel's younger professionals shared their adventures and experiences.

It was a treat for all history buffs to listen to Professor **Adeeb Khalid**, Chair of the Department of History, Carleton College, deliver a talk on 'Central Asia in the Modern Age: Patterns of Transformation'.

The **Higher Education Commission**, Pakistan was hosted by the Quality Enhancement Cell, to review all graduate and postgraduate programs.

#MentalHealthMatters - the IBA Psychology Society organized a mental health awareness campaign. Whether it's radiating positivity of the 'Mirror of Affirmations,' or establishing rhythmic connections in a drum circle, relaxing in a mindfulness session, or sharing sweet delights with 'EncourageMints,' our campus community had the opportunity to engage in intriguing conversations about mental health.

A huge shout out to the **IBA Men's Basketball Team** on securing the top position in the HEC Intervarsity Basketball Championship 2023-24 (Zone M), and on qualifying for the All-Pakistan Intervarsity Basketball Championship!

'**The Divine by Any Other Name: Multilingual Vocabularies and Sufi Romances**' delivered by Dr. Walter N. Hakala, Associate Professor, University at Buffalo, SUNY, USA had the attendees intrigued. Dr. Hakala delved into his work on early Urdu's 'nisab' genre of multilingual vocabularies in verse which became established in South Asia as early as the 14th century.

Dr. Noah Saloman's presentation at the Main Campus, focusing on the intriguing story of South Sudan's emergence as the world's newest internationally recognized country, took center stage. Dr. Saloman is an Associate Professor, Religious Studies, University of Virginia, USA.

The Department of Sports and Community Engagement organized the first **IBA Women Staff and Faculty Badminton Tournament** which was a huge hit!

Congratulations to Dr. Sahar Awan, Assistant Professor, SBS on winning the winner's trophy, and Nageen Jawaid Shaikh, Visiting Faculty, SESS, and Dr. Shabana Nisar, Associate Professor, SMCS, on securing the first and second runner-up trophies!

