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UHS, UNICEF Launch Nutrition Training Series to Strengthen Child Nutrition Education

May 20: The University of Health Sciences in collaboration with UNICEF has launched a comprehensive nutrition training series aimed at integrating child nutrition and community-based healthcare interventions into the MBBS curriculum across Punjab.

The initiative formally commenced with a three-day training workshop on Community-Based Management of Acute Malnutrition (CMAM), attended by medical educationists, pediatricians, public health experts and healthcare trainers from medical colleges and teaching hospitals across the province.

Organized by the UHS Department of International Linkages, the programme is part of a four-phase capacity-building initiative scheduled between May and June 2026. The upcoming trainings will cover Infant and Young Child Feeding (IYCF), Early Childhood

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Workshop held on medical education and assessment

May 04: The Directorate of Postgraduate Studies at the University of Health Sciences organized a workshop titled "Skills in Medical Education and Assessment" for supervisors and MD/MS trainees. Speaking at the workshop, UHS Vice Chancellor Ahsan Waheed Rathore highlighted the importance of effective assessment systems and continuous internal evaluation in improving the quality of postgraduate clinical training. He said the university is working on launching a comprehensive Online Postgraduate Training Management System to streamline academic and training processes. According to him, the system will include modules for trainee attendance, workshops, continuous internal assessment, and workplace-based assessments such as DOPS and Mini-CEX. He added that the establishment of a dedicated Directorate of Postgraduate Studies at UHS aims to provide a one-window facility for all postgraduate training and student-related matters. The workshop was facilitated by Rashid Qamar Rao. Participants received training in key areas of medical education, including assessment frameworks, blueprinting, validity and reliability of assessment tools, workplace-based assessments, feedback strategies, and competency-based medical education.



UHS IRB Reviews PhD & Nursing Research Proposals

May 21: The 22nd meeting of the Institutional Review Board (IRB) of the University of Health Sciences was held under the auspices of the Directorate of Postgraduate Studies, chaired by Prof. Dr. Nadia Naseem. Board members, including Dr. Asad Ashraf, Ch. Muhammad Umar and Prof. Saadia Shahzad Alam, attended the meeting. During the session, research synopses of four PhD scholars and three Master of Nursing students were reviewed in the presence of their supervisors. The board provided academic guidance and recommendations to improve research quality and reaffirmed its commitment to supporting postgraduate research and academic development.



68th Meeting of Board of Governors

UHS Rs2.134 billion budget approved for FY 2026-27

May 21: The Board of Governors (BoG) of the University of Health Sciences (UHS) has approved a budget of Rs2.134 billion for the financial year 2026-27 along with a series of administrative, academic and development initiatives aimed at strengthening the university's teaching, research and student facilities.

The approval was granted during the 68th meeting of the Board of Governors chaired by Chairperson Farkhanda Wasim Afzal. Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr.

Programme.

To facilitate students and improve academic infrastructure, Rs21 million has been allocated for scholarships and Rs31.5 million for information technology and computer equipment. Another Rs20 million has been approved for the purchase of laboratory chemicals and research materials.

The BoG also approved Rs45 million for the purchase of an additional student bus. An amount of Rs11 million was allocated for the construction of a mosque at the Jinnah Campus, Kala Shah Kaku, while Rs126.5 million was earmarked for repair and maintenance works. The Board also approved upgradation of the Shams Auditorium's audio-visual system and reviewed ongoing development projects at the university.



Ahsan Waheed Rathore presented details of the university's financial planning, development projects and administrative matters before the Board.

According to the approved budget, the university's estimated income for the upcoming fiscal year has been projected at Rs4.40 billion. An amount of Rs500 million has been allocated for examinations, while Rs920 million has been earmarked for salaries and allowances of faculty and staff.

The Board approved Rs342 million for operating expenses and Rs96.8 million for research-related activities. More than Rs133 million has been reserved for the university's Annual Development

The Board approved fresh appointments against 22 faculty positions on the recommendations of the Selection Board after completion of the scrutiny and interview process. The approved appointments included professors, associate professors, assistant professors, lecturers, medical officers and allied health professionals in various disciplines. Promotions of faculty members serving under the tenure-track system were also approved after evaluation of their academic performance, research publications and teaching experience. In addition, the Board sanctioned extension in contracts of 62 academic and administrative employees.

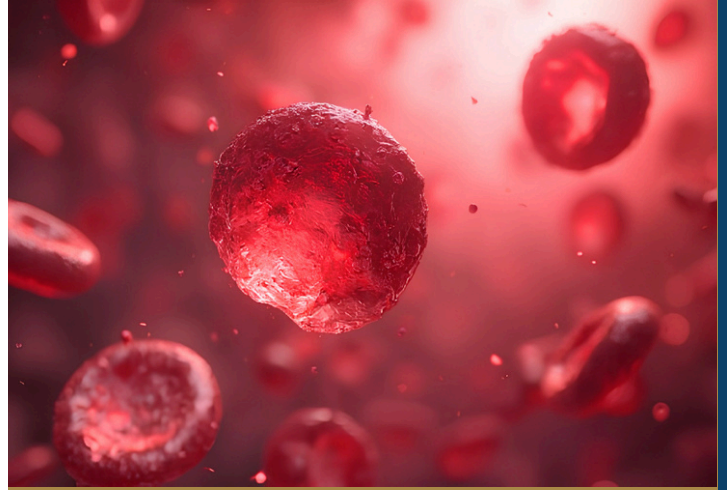
UHS researchers make headway against β -thalassemia

New study explores precision DNA editing to reduce lifelong blood transfusions in patients

May 20: Researchers at the University of Health Sciences have made important progress in developing a new gene-editing approach for the treatment of beta-thalassemia, a serious inherited blood disorder that affects thousands



of people in Pakistan and around the world. Beta-thalassemia is caused by a defect in the beta-globin gene, which is responsible for making hemoglobin, the protein in red blood cells that carries oxygen throughout the body. When this gene does not work properly, the body cannot produce enough healthy hemoglobin, leading to severe anemia, weakness, delayed growth, bone problems, and damage to vital organs. Many patients require lifelong blood transfusions and continuous



medical care.

Worldwide, around 50,000 to 60,000 children are born with the disease every year. In Pakistan, about 5 to 7 percent of the population carries the thalassemia gene, while nearly 100,000 people are living with thalassemia major. An estimated 5,000 to 9,000 affected children are born in the country annually. The research is being carried out under the supervision of Dr. Mahmood Saba from UHS Human Genetics and Molecular Biology department. The team is working on an advanced gene-editing technology called “multiplex prime editing,” which allows scientists to make highly precise changes in DNA. The UHS researchers have developed special recombinant genetic constructs designed to target the gamma-globin gene, which controls the production of fetal hemoglobin. Fetal hemoglobin is naturally present before birth and usually decreases after infancy. Scientists believe that reactivating fetal hemoglobin in thalassemia patients can help compensate for the defective adult hemoglobin and reduce the severity of the disease. This may eventually lessen patients’ dependence on repeated blood transfusions. By successfully preparing these genetic constructs, the researchers have completed an important early step toward developing gene-based treatment options for beta-thalassemia. At present, thalassemia treatment mainly depends on regular blood transfusions, medicines to remove excess iron from the body, and bone marrow transplantation in selected

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BAM&DC Convocation held in Multan

May 16: The convocation ceremony of Bakhtawar Amin Medical and Dental College was held in Multan, where degrees and medals were awarded to graduates of MBBS, BDS and Allied Health Sciences programmes. Vice Chancellor of the University of Health Sciences Prof. Dr. Ahsan Waheed Rathore presided over the ceremony. Addressing graduates, Prof. Rathore said medicine demanded compassion, integrity and professionalism. He urged young doctors to remain ethical, avoid shortcuts and prioritize patients over commercial interests. Speaking to Allied Health Sciences graduates, he highlighted the importance of teamwork, empathy and continuous professional development in modern healthcare.

AIMC holds 24th Convocation

May 08: The 24th Convocation of Allama Iqbal Medical College was held on Friday under the leadership of Principal Prof. Dr. Tayyiba Wasim. Punjab Health Minister Khawaja Salman Rafique attended as chief guest, while UHS Pro Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Nadia Naseem declared the convocation open. More than 350 MBBS graduates received degrees. Addressing graduates, Prof. Nadia Naseem highlighted UHS reforms in curriculum and examinations and urged young doctors to serve underserved communities with dedication. Principal Prof. Tayyiba Wasim shared the institution's academic and clinical achievements. Former Principal Prof. Dr. Javed Akram emphasized compassion and professionalism. Hadia Younis was declared Best Graduate of Session 2019-2024.





UHS introduces daily National Anthem

May 4: The University of Health Sciences (UHS) has introduced the daily recitation of the National Anthem at its campuses, alongside the already established practice of Tilawat-e-Quran and Durood Pak.

This was formally launched with the participation of Vice Chancellor Prof. Ahsan Waheed Rathore, faculty members, and administrative staff at both UHS campuses. The ceremony marked a step in promoting national identity, discipline, and collective purpose within the academic environment, said a press release.

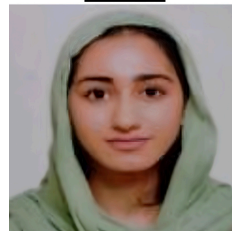
UHS has been conducting morning Tilawat-e-Quran and Durood Pak recitation for the past four years, fostering a culture of reflection, ethical awareness, and spiritual grounding among students and staff. Building upon this foundation, the inclusion of the National Anthem is aimed at reinforcing patriotism, unity, and a shared sense of responsibility towards the country.

Addressing on the occasion, UHS VC Prof Ahsan Waheed Rathore said that the initiative is part of the university's broader PERL (Professionalism, Ethics, Research, and Leadership) Framework, which is being integrated into undergraduate and postgraduate curricula across affiliated institutions. He emphasized that healthcare professionals must not only excel clinically but also embody strong moral values, discipline, and national consciousness.

MBBS first professional result declared

May 8: The University of Health Sciences (UHS) announced the result of the First Professional MBBS (Modular Integrated Curriculum 2K23) Annual Examination 2025, held from February to May 2026. According to the notification issued by the university, a total of 6,283 students from 45 medical colleges appeared in the examination, out of whom 5,171 students were declared successful. The overall pass percentage remained 83.82 percent.

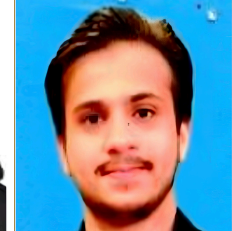
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THIRD



Rayhaab Mir from Allama Iqbal Medical College Lahore, secured first position by obtaining 955 marks out of 1050.

Muhammad Rayyan Quddus from Aziz Fatimah Medical & Dental College Faisalabad, got second position with 953 marks, while Muhammad Omar Rashid from Akhtar Saeed Medical & Dental College Lahore, stood third with 943 marks.

Detailed results can be viewed on UHS website.



Seminar discusses research and curriculum reforms in Oral Biology

May 20: The Department of Oral Biology at University of Health Sciences organized a hybrid seminar on research, innovation and academic collaboration in dental education.

Prof. Sarah Ghafoor highlighted the importance of linking scientific innovation with collaborative academic practices. Dr. Iqra Ijaz presented research on Oral Submucous Fibrosis and the potential role of GSK-3 β as a biomarker. Prof. Dr. Adil Durrani led a panel discussion on implementation of the modular BDS curriculum introduced by UHS.

Participants stressed the need for uniform teaching standards, standardized assessment methods and collaborative curriculum implementation to improve the quality and consistency of dental education across institutions.

UHS welcomes 11th batch of MHPE scholars

May 19: University of Health Sciences commenced the 11th batch of its Master in Health Professions Education (MHPE) programme with 22 participants from various health disciplines.

The revised skill-based curriculum focuses on teaching, assessment, curriculum development, educational leadership and research, while encouraging early scholarly engagement through research synopsis development.

Addressing the inaugural session, Pro Vice Chancellor Prof. Nadia Naseem highlighted the evolution of the programme and appreciated the contributions of senior faculty members involved in its establishment at UHS.

Pediatric medicine faculty reviews PTMS

May 22: A meeting of the Discipline Specific Faculty Council for Pediatric Medicine was held at the University of Health Sciences to discuss postgraduate training reforms and implementation of the Postgraduate Training Management System (PTMS). Director Postgraduate Studies Prof. Dr. Muhammad Asif Naveed briefed participants on the digital platform's features for managing training records, assessments and research activities. Vice Chancellor Ahsan Waheed Rathore emphasized the role of digital innovation in strengthening postgraduate medical education and academic governance in Punjab.



DSFC meetings held for Radiology, Psychiatry, Neurosurgery and ENT

May 14 & 18: The Discipline Specific Faculty Council (DSFC) meetings for Radiology, Psychiatry, Neurosurgery and ENT were held at the UHS to review postgraduate medical education, curriculum reforms and digital transformation initiatives.

The meetings were chaired by Vice Chancellor Ahsan Waheed Rathore and attended by faculty members, supervisors and representatives of the concerned specialties. Pro Vice Chancellor Prof. Nadia Naseem led discussions on academic advancement and curriculum development in Radiology and Psychiatry.

Director Postgraduate Studies Prof. Dr. Muhammad Asif Naveed gave a detailed presentation on the Postgraduate Training Management System (PTMS), highlighting its role in digitalizing postgraduate training, assessments, research activities, attendance, clinical case logs and supervisor records.

The Psychiatry forum unanimously agreed to revise the Psychiatry curriculum in line with modern academic and clinical requirements. Members also recommended separate college-wise PTMS dashboards for improved administrative oversight and monitoring.

Addressing the participants, Prof. Dr. Ahsan Waheed Rathore emphasized that modern technological solutions were essential for

improving PG education and training standards across Punjab.

BDS first prof result announced

May 7: The University of Health Sciences (UHS) announced the result of the First Professional BDS annual examination under the Modular Integrated Curriculum 2K25, conducted from February to May 2026.

A total of 828 students from 17 affiliated dental colleges appeared in the examination, out of whom 657 were declared successful while 171 failed. The overall pass percentage remained 79.35 percent.

1st Position



2nd Position

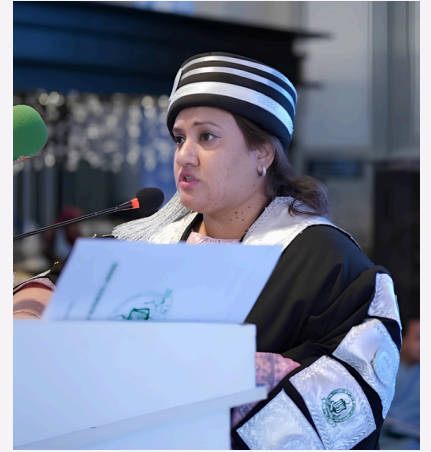


3rd Position



Syeda Zoha Saqib of Lahore Medical & Dental College, Lahore secured the first position by obtaining 820 marks. Rufia Badar of de' Montmorency College of Dentistry, Lahore stood second with 805 marks, while Umama Sajjad, also from de' Montmorency College of Dentistry, secured the third position with 794 marks.













CRAFT seminar organized by Physiology Department

May 18: The Department of Physiology at University of Health Sciences organized the 4th Discipline Specific Faculty Council (DSFC) seminar under the theme “Curriculum, Research, Assessment, Feedback and Transformation (CRAFT).”

Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Ahsan Waheed Rathore stressed the need for evidence-based educational practices, standardized lecture content and clearly defined learning outcomes to improve medical education. Pro Vice Chancellor Prof. Nadia Naseem also attended the seminar chaired by Prof. Dr. Uzma Zargham.

Speakers discussed curriculum reforms, assessment strategies and medical research trends. Topics included integrated curriculum assessment, obesity-related research and challenges in implementing modular integrated curricula.

STEP session to improve Anatomy teaching and assessment

May 19: University of Health Sciences organized a reflective academic session titled “S.T.E.P: Strengthening Teaching through Examination Performance” to review MBBS Anatomy Examination outcomes and improve teaching and assessment practices.

Faculty members and scholars from affiliated institutions discussed learning gaps, assessment challenges and student performance trends. Recommendations included faculty training workshops, improved MCQ construction, development of a centralized question bank and updated digital learning resources. Vice Chancellor Prof. Ahsan Waheed Rathore also directed formation of working groups for curriculum and assessment reforms.





UHS research board approves seven new certificate courses

May 7: The Advanced Studies and Research Board (ASRB) of University of Health Sciences approved seven new certificate courses to strengthen research capacity, clinical skills and scientific communication among health sciences students. The approval was granted during the 225th ASRB meeting chaired by Vice Chancellor Prof. Ahsan Waheed Rathore.

The courses include Certificate in Quality Management for Clinical Laboratories and Blood Banking, along with programmes in research methodology, clinical epidemiology, evidence-based medicine, clinical trials management, grant writing, translational research and bioethics. The Board was informed that expert curriculum development teams had been formed for each programme. During the meeting, thesis evaluation reports and research synopses of postgraduate scholars from various disciplines were also approved.

Lift installed to improve accessibility for students, faculty and visitors

May 5: University of Health Sciences inaugurated a newly installed lift at its City Campus to improve accessibility for students, faculty and visitors. Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Ahsan Waheed Rathore jointly inaugurated the facility with MPhil student with disability Dr. Muhammad Faran.

Prof. Rathore said the initiative reflected UHS's commitment to inclusivity and easier access for persons with disabilities, elderly examiners and visiting faculty. Dr. Faran termed the development a meaningful step towards dignity and independence for individuals facing mobility challenges.

First Convocation of Abwa Medical College Faisalabad

May 02: The first convocation of Abwa Medical College was held in Faisalabad celebrating the graduating batches of 2018 and 2019. A total of 150 students were awarded MBBS degrees.

Rana Sanaulah, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Political Affairs, and Prof. Dr. Iqrar Ahmad Khan graced the ceremony as chief guests. Registrar UHS Kiran Fatima represented the Vice Chancellor of the University of Health Sciences (UHS) Lahore at the event.





UHS declares Final Prof BDS result within 24 hours of practical exams

May 22: The University of Health Sciences (UHS) declared the result of the Final Professional BDS Annual Examination 2025 within 24 hours of the conclusion of practical examinations.

The examination included students from 17 affiliated dental colleges across Punjab. A total of 756 candidates appeared in the examination, of whom 638 passed, registering an overall pass percentage of 84.95 percent.

Three-Day Workshop on Medical Education and Assessment

May 23: The Directorate of Postgraduate Studies at University of Health Sciences organized a three-day workshop on “Skills in Medical Education and Assessment” from May 21 to 23, 2026.

The workshop was facilitated by Dr. Lamia Yousuf, Director Medical Education, UHS, and Prof. Soufia Farrukh, Principal of Quaid-e-Azam Medical College.

The training focused on important aspects of contemporary medical education and assessment, including Workplace-Based Assessment (WBA), Miller’s Triangle, assessment tools, reflective learning, feedback techniques, written assessment methods, Bloom’s Taxonomy, development of learning outcomes, construction of MCQs and SAQs, OSCE/OSPE station design, assessment blueprinting, standard setting, item analysis, and workplace-based assessment strategies.

During the workshop, Prof. Muhammad Asif Naveed, Director Postgraduate Studies, UHS Lahore, also briefed participants on the procedure for registration as supervisors with UHS.

Participants described the workshop as a valuable learning opportunity that helped strengthen their understanding of modern assessment practices and academic standards in medical education.

1st Position 2nd Position 3rd Position 3rd Position



Rohma Shahid of University Medical & Dental College, Faisalabad secured first position with 703 marks. Muhammad Waleed Naeem of de’ Montmorency College of Dentistry, Lahore obtained second position by scoring 698 marks. The third position was jointly secured by Meerab Imran of de’ Montmorency College of Dentistry, Lahore and Bushra Shahid of University Medical & Dental College, Faisalabad, who scored 688 marks each.

BS nursing 2nd semester result declared

May 21: The University of Health Sciences (UHS) Lahore announced the result of BS Nursing 2nd Semester (Fall 2024) and Fall 2023 detainees final term examination.

According to the notification, a total of 5,058 students from 75 nursing colleges across Punjab appeared in the examination. Out of them, 3,405 students were promoted to the next semester, while 1,600 students were declared eligible for re-sit or re-admission.

Among the major institutions, Faisalabad Medical

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10.	Institute of Allied Health Sciences	From DNA to Diagnosis Molecular Pathology & Diagnostic PCR Techniques
11.	Immunology	Decode the Defense: Exploring the Frontiers of Applied Immunology
12.	Microbiology	Specimen to Solution: A Journey Through Diagnostics Microbiology
13.	Nursing	Foundations of Clinical Nursing Practice
14.	Nutrition	Maternal and Child Nutrition Capacity Building Program Practical Approaches in CMAM, IYCF, ECD and MMS
15.	Pharmacology	PharmXplore Summer School 2026: From Bench to Bedside
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UHS faculty members receive promotion letters

May 22: The University of Health Sciences (UHS) Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Ahsan Waheed Rathore, distributed promotion letters to tenure-track faculty members after the approval of the University's Board of Governors on the recommendations of the Selection Board, following completion of the prescribed scrutiny and evaluation process.

The Selection Board reviewed the dossiers, research publications and external expert evaluations of the candidates before finalizing its recommendations.

Under the approved promotions, Dr. Shah Jahan and Dr. Saba Khaliq were promoted from Tenured Associate Professor to Tenured Professor.

Meanwhile, Dr. Rahat Abdul Rehman, Dr. Usman Aftab, Dr. Asim Pervaiz and Dr. Tasleem Akhtar were promoted from Assistant Professor (TTS) to Tenured Associate Professor.

Prof. Dr. Ahsan Waheed Rathore congratulated the promoted faculty members and said that academic excellence, quality research and professional commitment were essential for the progress and development of medical education institutions. He said universities could achieve higher standards only through dedicated teachers, effective research culture and continuous professional growth. He expressed hope that the promoted faculty members would continue contributing to teaching, research, student mentorship and institutional development with greater dedication and responsibility.

The faculty members thanked the university administration for the promotions and termed them a recognition of their academic, research and professional services. They reaffirmed their commitment to maintaining high standards of medical education, research and patient care in their respective fields.



UHS, UNICEF Launch Nutrition ...

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Development (ECD), and Multiple Micronutrient Supplementation (MMS) in line with UNICEF and World Health Organization recommendations. The workshop focused on early identification, treatment and community-based management of severe and moderate acute malnutrition in children. Participants received practical training on nutritional assessment, appetite testing, referral pathways, stabilization care, outpatient therapeutic programmes and supplementary feeding protocols. Sessions also covered Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF), growth monitoring, vitamin supplementation, deworming, caregiver counselling and follow-up strategies for malnourished children.

Interactive case discussions and clinical simulations were conducted to strengthen participants' practical skills in diagnosing and managing complicated and uncomplicated severe acute malnutrition under national and WHO guidelines. Experts also highlighted the importance of counselling mothers and caregivers, addressing cultural myths related to feeding practices and promoting family-centered healthcare approaches.

Addressing the participants, UHS Vice Chancellor Ahsan Waheed Rathore said malnutrition remained one of Pakistan's most serious public health challenges and required coordinated efforts from healthcare institutions, academia and community workers. He emphasized that future doctors must be equipped not only with clinical expertise but also with practical counselling and community engagement skills to identify nutritional deficiencies early and intervene effectively. Experts including Najaf Masood, Shahid Mahmood Sethi, Dr. Uzma Jabeen and UNICEF representatives stressed that strengthening nutrition education in medical institutions was essential for reducing child mortality, improving maternal and child health outcomes and building a more responsive healthcare system in Pakistan.

UHS researchers make headway....

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cases. While these treatments help patients survive longer, they do not permanently fix the genetic defect that causes the disease.

The new research at UHS focuses on treating the disease at its root cause through precision medicine and modern gene-editing techniques. UHS Vice Chancellor, Professor Ahsan Waheed Rathore, said the achievement reflects the university's commitment to research that can improve patient care and advance medical science. He said the project shows innovation and dedication and may help develop therapies that could change the future treatment of beta-thalassemia.

The project also highlights the role of young researchers at UHS. Student researcher Taqdees Arif expressed optimism about continuing the work and contributing to future treatments for inherited genetic diseases.

Researchers believe this progress provides a strong scientific foundation for future clinical research and may open new possibilities for advanced therapies for thalassemia and other genetic disorders.

BS nursing 2nd semester....

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University College of Nursing showed an excellent performance where 178 out of 184 students passed the examination. Similarly, College of Nursing and Midwifery Holy Family Hospital Rawalpindi achieved a high success rate with 153 students promoted out of 167 candidates.

College of Nursing, AIMC Lahore also performed well with 133 students promoted, while SIMS Lahore recorded 121 successful candidates. At Khawaja Muhammad Safdar Medical College Sialkot, 124 out of 171 students cleared the semester examination. DHQ Hospital Chakwal achieved a 100 percent result with all 50 students promoted. DHQ Hospital Mianwali also recorded outstanding results where all 46 students passed the examination.



Digital transformation of postgraduate medical education reviewed

May 19: The University of Health Sciences convened a meeting of the Discipline Specific Faculty Council (DSFC) for Pulmonology and Pediatric Surgery to review ongoing reforms, modernization initiatives and digital transformation in postgraduate medical education and clinical training across Punjab. The meeting focused on the implementation and utilization of the Postgraduate Training Management System (PTMS), a centralized digital platform developed to improve academic governance, trainee management and quality assurance in postgraduate clinical education. Senior faculty members and representatives from affiliated teaching institutions participated in detailed deliberations regarding the operational framework and future expansion of the system. During the session, participants discussed multiple components of PTMS, including trainee supervision, assessment and evaluation mechanisms, maintenance of electronic logbooks, attendance management, monitoring of clinical rotations, research documentation and institutional reporting. The council members also reviewed the

role of the system in streamlining communication between supervisors, trainees and affiliated institutions.

The meeting was attended by Prof. Dr. Mahmood Shaukat, Prof. Muhammad Saleem, Prof. Dr. Ashraf Jamal, Prof. Zaheer Akhtar, Prof. Javed Iqbal and Prof. Nabila Talat, along with other distinguished participants from affiliated medical institutions. Speaking on the occasion, Prof. Dr. Mahmood Shaukat appreciated the initiative undertaken by UHS for introducing a unified digital platform for postgraduate medical training. He observed that PTMS would help improve transparency, accountability, documentation and trainee monitoring while ensuring uniformity in postgraduate clinical education throughout Punjab. He added that the integration of academic, clinical and research-related activities into a single digital system would facilitate supervisors, trainees and institutions in maintaining quality standards and ensuring effective governance of postgraduate programs.

The participants termed PTMS a major step towards improving efficiency and standardization in postgraduate medical education. The council members also presented recommendations for further strengthening the system.



UHS commemorates Marka-e-Haq with patriotic zeal

May 8: The University of Health Sciences (UHS) organized a special ceremony to commemorate Marka-e-Haq at its Jinnah Campus, Kala Shah Kaku, where Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Ahsan Waheed Rathore led a walk and addressed students, faculty and staff on patriotism, discipline and national service.

The ceremony began with flag hoisting and the national anthem at the Management Block. Prof. Rathore then led a commemorative walk joined by faculty members, administrative officers and students. Participants raised slogans of "Pakistan Zindabad" and "Pak Army Zindabad" to express solidarity with the armed forces.

An indoor session was later held at the PSDC Conference Hall where students delivered speeches and presented milli naghmas highlighting national unity, sacrifice and service. Speakers paid tribute to the bravery and professionalism of Pakistan's armed forces and recalled

Pakistan's victory during Marka-e-Haq a year ago.

The programme featured Urdu speeches by Ayesha Merab, Noor-ul-Huda and Muhammad Usman Liaqat, an English speech by Zoha Hussain, and milli naghmas by Alisha, Muhammad Abdullah, Duran and Abdullah. Addressing the gathering, Prof. Rathore said Marka-e-Haq symbolized national honour, unity, sacrifice and unwavering resolve.

Paying tribute to the armed forces and Chief of Army Staff Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir, he said nations were built through character, discipline, knowledge and patriotism.

He said UHS had introduced daily recitation of the national anthem at both campuses to strengthen patriotism and discipline among students and staff.

On the occasion, the vice chancellor also announced cash prizes and certificates for students who participated in the speech and milli naghma competitions.

