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Gandhara Hindko Board's Research Contributions Appreciated at the International Level

Haroon-ur-Rashid, a PhD scholar in linguistics, Lecturer at Hebei International Studies University, China, and Research Assistant at the Freie University of Berlin, Germany, visited the office of the Gandhara Hindko Board in Peshawar. During his visit, he met with Gandhara Hindko Board Research Associate Ali Owais Khayal and discussed his doctoral research titled *"Sociolinguistic and Attitudinal Factors of Intergenerational Shift from Yidgha to Khowar Language in Chitral, Tehsil Lutkuh."*

The visiting researcher consulted a number of publications produced by the Gandhara Hindko Board that were relevant to his research and expressed great appreciation for the



Board's scholarly work. He observed that the Board has rendered remarkable services by preserving, documenting and publishing valuable material on the

languages of Pakistan, particularly the Indo-Aryan languages.

Haroon-ur-Rashid remarked that the growing use of Gandhara Hindko Board publications by scholars from universities abroad reflects the international significance and academic credibility of the institution's research. He emphasized that the Board's contribution to linguistic research deserves the highest appreciation and suggested that such an institution should receive not only provincial but also national patronage. According to him, strengthened institutional support would further enhance efforts for the preservation, promotion and revitalization of Pakistan's indigenous languages.

Professor Asif Saqib Passes Away

Renowned Hindko and Urdu poet, writer, researcher and literary critic Professor Asif Saqib has passed away, leaving behind a rich literary legacy. The members of the Gandhara Hindko Board, Peshawar, expressed profound sorrow over his demise and extended heartfelt condolences to his bereaved family, praying that Almighty Allah grants the departed soul eternal peace and bestows patience upon his loved ones.

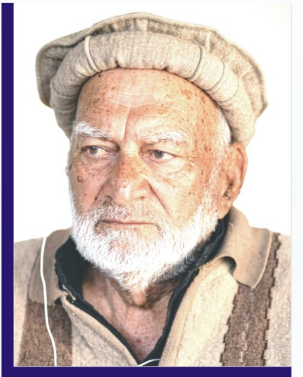
The Board paid tribute to Professor Asif Saqib, describing him not only as an

accomplished poet and scholar but also as a humble and noble human being. He had remained closely associated with the Gandhara Hindko Board for more than three decades and actively participated in numerous literary conferences, seminars and meetings organized by the Board in Peshawar and Hazara. On several occasions, he also presided over these prestigious literary gatherings.

The Board stated that Professor Asif Saqib's passing is an irreparable loss not only for the literary circles of

Hazara and Peshawar but also for the entire province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Pakistan's literary community.

Special prayers were offered for his forgiveness and for his elevation to the highest ranks in Jannat-ul-Firdous.



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Gandhara Hindko Board is the Largest Literary Institution of the Province: Professor Zaman Muztar

Prominent poet and writer Professor Muhammad Zaman Muztar of Mansehra has praised the services of the Gandhara Hindko Board, describing it as the largest Hindko literary institution in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. He commended the Board's General Secretary, Muhammad Ziauddin, for his lifelong commitment to the promotion of Hindko language and literature and congratulated him on his outstanding literary services.

Professor Muztar noted that the Gandhara Hindko Board had

published one of his books and expressed deep gratitude for the institution's encouragement of writers and researchers. He observed that many literary organizations are driven by personal interests, whereas the Gandhara Hindko Board has consistently worked with sincerity, dedication and selfless commitment to the promotion of language, literature and culture.

He further remarked that the Board's services have earned widespread respect because they are rendered without any expectation of personal

gain. Appreciating Muhammad Ziauddin's

vision and leadership, Professor Muztar prayed for his long life, good health and continued success, expressing hope that the Gandhara Hindko Board would continue to play its vital role in preserving and promoting the literary heritage of Hindko and other Pakistani languages.



Literary Event Organized by Bazm-e-Ilm-o-Fun Pakistan, Hazara Chapter

Bazm-e-Ilm-o-Fun Pakistan, Hazara Chapter organized a literary gathering in honour of former Lahore High Court Judge **Justice Mian Nazir Akhtar**. The event was presided over by **Justice Muhammad Ghazanfar Khan**, while Supreme Court Advocate **Tauqeer Rehman** attended as the guest of honour.

Scholar **Imtiaz-ul-Haq Imtiaz**

presented a critical review of Justice Nazir Akhtar's poetry collection *Shama-e-Khayal*, highlighting its

Khan, while **Wahid Siraj** shared memories of his literary journey.

Thanking the participants, Justice Mian Nazir Akhtar reaffirmed his commitment to literature promoting social reform and moral values. In his concluding remarks, Justice



literary and intellectual value. **Dr. Aamir Sohail** spoke on the author's three important books, particularly his research on **Sir Syed Ahmad**

Muhammad Ghazanfar Khan praised Justice Nazir Akhtar's distinguished legal career and valuable literary contributions.

Gandhara's Performance Receives Wide Appreciation on Social Media

The literary and cultural activities of the Gandhara Hindko Board and Gandhara Hindko Academy continue to receive widespread appreciation on social media. Along with the regular publication of the weekly *Hindkowan* newspaper, the Board also publishes more than eighteen journals in different Pakistani languages, including fortnightly, monthly, quarterly, biannual, and annual publications.

These publications are circulated across the world through Facebook, WhatsApp, X (formerly Twitter), and the official website of the Gandhara Hindko Board. The weekly *Hindkowan* newspaper alone reaches more than 2,000 readers individually, while a dedicated WhatsApp group has also been established on the instructions of Muhammad Ziauddin to share news, photographs, publications, and other activities of the Board and Academy.

The Board's digital outreach has been warmly welcomed by readers, and its contributions are being widely appreciated on online platforms. Since its inception, the Gandhara Hindko Board has remained committed to promoting the Hindko language among the younger generation by encouraging them to read, write, and speak Hindko. Today, many young people actively use Hindko on social media, reflecting the success of this mission. The

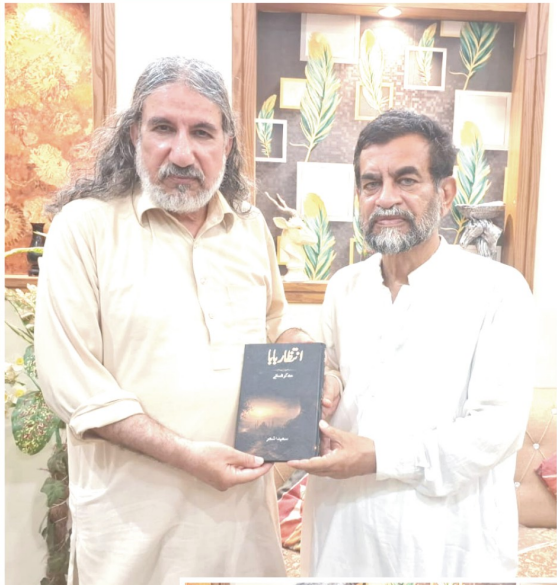


Academy has reaffirmed its commitment to continue serving the promotion and preservation of Pakistani languages in the future.



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Muhammad Ziauddin Presents Books to Saeed Ashar

Renowned poet, writer, researcher, and author **Saeed Ashar** of Haripur paid a visit to **M u h a m m a d Ziauddin**, General Secretary of the Gandhara Hindko Board, Chief Executive of the Gandhara Hindko Academy, and a noted researcher,

poet, columnist, and author of several books.

During the meeting, the two literary figures exchanged views on the promotion and development of the Hindko language and discussed matters of mutual literary interest. On the occasion, **M u h a m m a d Ziauddin** presented a collection of books to Saeed Ashar as a token of

goodwill.

Saeed Ashar thanked **M u h a m m a d Ziauddin** for the thoughtful gift and commended the Gandhara Hindko Board and Gandhara Hindko Academy for their outstanding contributions to the promotion, preservation, and development of the Hindko language, literature, and culture.

Gandhara Hindko Academy Holds 405th Weekly General Administrative Meeting

The 405th Weekly General Administrative Meeting of the Gandhara Hindko Academy was held at the Gandhara Hindko Board's sub-office, Karimi Plaza, New Rampura Gate, Hashtnagri, Peshawar. The meeting was chaired by **Muhammad Ziauddin**, General Secretary of the Gandhara Hindko Board and Chief Executive Committee of the Gandhara Hindko Academy.

The meeting was attended by staff members **Ali Owais Khayal**, **Muhammad Noman**

Qayum, and **Bilal Ahmad**. Progress on the decisions taken during the 404th meeting was reviewed, and it was noted

that most of the assigned tasks had been completed. **Muhammad Ziauddin** appreciated the staff's performance and directed them to complete the remaining assignments at the earliest. He also assigned additional responsibilities to the staff.

The participants discussed administrative matters as well as future literary and academic programmes. The Chief Executive Committee emphasized arranging literary events in honour of distinguished scholars and writers in the coming months.



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