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Welcome Address: **Prof.Dr.Shuja Ahmed Mahesar**
Director Pakistan Study Centre, University of Sindh, Jamshoro

Guest of Honour: **Mrs. Mehtab Akbar Rashdi**
Ex-Member of Provincial Assembly of Sindh

Guest Speakers: **Ustad Nizamani**, Educationist
Mr. Nasir Aijaz, Senior Journalist
Mr.Noor Ahmed Janjhi, Educationist
Mr. Lutaf Mangrio, Educationist

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PROCEEDINGS

Under the dynamic leadership of Professor Dr. Fateh Muhammad Burfat, Vice Chancellor, University of Sindh, Jamshoro; Pakistan Study Centre has started a series of workshops, seminars and conferences. The Pakistan Study Centre and Department of General History in collaboration with the Bureau of STAGS, University of Sindh organized One Day National Seminar “*The Impact of Hur Resistance Movement on Social and Political History of Colonial Sindh*” on Tuesday 2nd April 2019 at Shaikh Ayaz Auditorium Arts Building University of Sindh, Jamshoro.

The above seminar was presided over by Professor **Dr. Fateh Muhammad Burfat**, Vice Chancellor, University of Sindh, Jamshoro while Mrs. Mehtab Akbar Rashdi, Ex-Member Member of Provincial Assembly Sindh was the Guest of Honour.



In his presidential address, Dr. Burfat said that the Hur force rendered invaluable sacrifices during 1965 war, advancing 1200 kilometers in enemy territories, claiming control over scores of enemy check-posts.

Dr. Burfat described three types of movements including reformative movement, resistance movement and revolutionary movement. He further said the Hur Movement was an amalgamation of all three types.

He paid rich tribute to Sooriyah Badshah Pir Sibghatullah Shah Awal and his followers upon their extra ordinary valor, long struggle, uncompromisingly committed stance and exceptional sacrifices towards emancipation of people of Sindh and Pakistan.

Professor Dr. Shuja Ahmed Mahesar, Director Pakistan Study Centre, University of Sindh, Jamshoro in his welcome address said that the University of Sindh is internationally recognized and ISO certified University (ISO 9001:2015). Under the dynamic leadership of worthy Vice Chancellor; University of Sindh has achieved tremendous success in the research and academic fields. The University of Sindh has demonstrated its commitment to disseminate knowledge through seminars and conferences for the benefit of wider academic communities.



University of Sindh has also distinction of being only institution of higher education in the country which celebrates all national events and highlights the role of prominent personalities in the fields of education, literature, political leadership, science and technology and community development. Through Conferences; University of Sindh provides forum for scholars belonging to diverse fields to interact and to globalise knowledge about the important themes related to historical developments.



Dr Mahesar said that, historiography of Sindh indicates that Sindh is neglected field of research. The story of Sindh required thorough academic investigation to unlock the doors of historical mysteries which surrounded its geography, society, and its cultural heritage. Attempts were made to please the rulers rather than to unravel history.

It was because of this, historiography rarely acknowledged the abilities of conquered. Further, the social and political resistance to despotic rulers was again neglected by historians as an irrelevant aspect of social history. For example heroic struggle by people of Sindh against the cruel treatment by foreign rulers received attention less than it deserved.



Dr. Mahesar further said that during the Colonial rule, the Hur Movement was started by the disciples of Pir Sibghatullah Shah in the late 1930's, they displayed unprecedented military valour in the fight against the British rulers.



He further described that objectives of the seminar and said that seminar was focused on exploring the contribution of Pir Sibghatullah Shah Rashdi in organizing anti-colonial resistance. He expected that the scholars will further highlight the different aspects of Hur Movement and its impact on political, social and cultural history of Sindh.

Noted writer and civil servant **Mrs. Mehtab Akbar Rashdi**, Ex-Member Provincial Assembly of Sindh said that Hur Movement was an unparalleled political undertaking in the sub-continent; adding that it was so organized, disciplined and focused in its intent.





“Sooriyah Badshah got to gallows because of his sheer love of the land, and for his immeasurable concern for countrymen. For, the atrocities and brutalities the then colonial power unleashed against Hurs were in no way less than what Nazis did to Jews”, she opined.

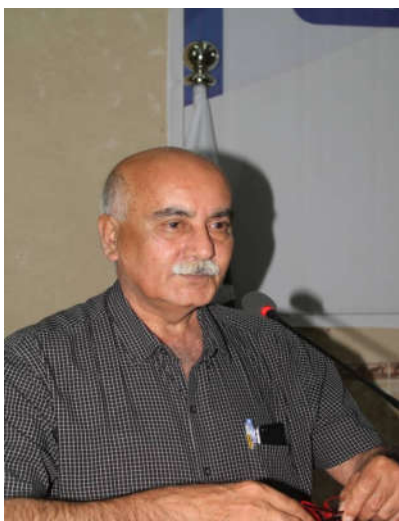
She called upon youth to study history with interest to get to the truth of centuries.

She congratulated the Vice Chancellor and his entire team for organizing this successful seminar on a theme of enormous historical significance.

Mr. Gul Muhammad Umrani, in his paper argued that: When war broke out in 1939, Pir sahib intensified his activities and his speeches to the Ghazis were directed more and more against the injustices of the British rule. The details of these atrocities have been minutely documented (Umar Chand, 2010). He also warmly welcomed the initiatives of Netaji Subhas Chander Bose's Forward Block section of the Congress, and called upon Congress not to blunder by giving the British its whole hearted unless very



considerable advantages were extracted in return, thus he emerged as a die-hard tactician and an astute diplomat. In addition, the British believed he was deliberately spreading disquieting news about the Allied War efforts obtained from Hindustani programmes broadcast by the Germans (Sara Ansari, 1992).



Veteran journalist and writer **Nasir Aijaz** asserted that Pir Sibghatullah Shah-I, upon assumption of seat, saw conspiratorial nexus between the British and the Sikhs to subjugate Sindh. He kept his follows aware of this factor.

The Hur Movement needs to be examined outside spiritual and religious proclivity; and that this movement provided the platform for many a movement that were to ensue, he added.

Scholar **Noor Ahmed Janjhi** said Hur Movement was in fact an intriguing saga of patriotism with exemplary mass participation.

Author **Ustad Nizamani** elucidated that the oppressors exploited imprisonment, exile and torture as tools to stop Sooriyah Badshah but to no avail.



The development expert **Lutuf Mangrio** said that it was heartening to see growing acceptance and popularity of Hur Movement in the higher educational spectrum.

The Director Bureau of STAGS Dr. Sumera Umrani shared the event objectives and she appreciated the guest speakers who came from various parts of Sindh province for join us in Seminar.



Towards the end, **Prof. Dr. Irfan Shaikh**, Chairman, Department of General History, University of Sindh, Jamshoro presented vote of thanks and appreciated the speeches for their participation in the Seminar. He also thanked the learned speakers, scholars, guests and students, for their participation in the Seminar and for making the national seminar a great success. He particularly appreciated the contribution of the staff and students of the Pakistan Study Centre and Department of General History, University of Sindh for their dedication and devotion.



The seminar was moderated by **Prof. Dr. Ghulam Ali Buriro** and he thanked Mrs. Mehtab Akbar Rashdi and Professor Dr. Fateh Muhamamd Burfat for their kind remarks and for their appreciation.

MEMENTOS/SHIELDS OF HONOUR

Professor Dr. Shuja Ahmed Mahesar, Dr. Sumera Umrani and Prof. Dr. Irfan Shaikh presented the Shields to Honourable Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Fateh Muhammad Burfat, Mrs Mehtab Akbar Rashdi, Mr. Nasir Aijaz, Mr. Lutf Mangiro, Ustad Nizamani and Mr. Noor Ahmed Jinjhi received shields of honour from Professor Dr. Fateh Muhammad Burfat, Vice Chancellor, University of Sindh, Jamshoro.





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