

Cholistan University of Veterinary & Animal Sciences (CUVAS), Bahawalpur

August 2026 Activities & Events

1. Open Defense of PhD Scholar Syed Ali Ayub Bukhari

The PhD open defense of scholar Syed Ali Ayub Bukhari was successfully conducted at CIBS, CUVAS, Bahawalpur. His research was supervised by Dr. Syed Qaswar Ali Shah, Director, CIBS, CUVAS Bahawalpur, with Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naeem, Institute of Zoology, Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan, serving as co-supervisor, and Dr. Huma Naz and Dr. Muhammad Rafiq as members of the supervisory committee. His thesis, titled "Impact of Zinc Oxide Nanoparticles and Probiotics on Biological Aspects of *Labeo rohita*," was evaluated by external examiners Dr. Saima Naz, Associate Professor and Chairperson, Department of Zoology, The Government Sadiq College Women University, Bahawalpur, and Dr. Tasleem Kausar, Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology, The Government Sadiq College Women University, Bahawalpur.

The study evaluated the effects of ZnO nanoparticles and probiotics on the growth, physiological health, digestive enzymes, and antioxidant responses of *Labeo rohita*. The combined supplementation of 20 mg/kg ZnO-NPs and 1 g/kg probiotic (T4) showed the best overall performance, significantly improving growth, hematological parameters, digestive enzyme activities, and antioxidant defenses. The findings demonstrate the potential of ZnO-NPs and probiotics as effective feed supplements for improving fish health, growth, and sustainable aquaculture.

The Vice Chancellor of CUVAS, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Tariq Javed, Dean Faculty of Bio-Sciences Prof. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, and faculty members appreciated the scholar's efforts and congratulated him and his supervisory team on the successful completion of his PhD defense.



2. Open Defense of PhD Scholar Muhammad Ashraf

The PhD open defense of scholar Muhammad Ashraf was successfully conducted at CIBS, CUVAS, Bahawalpur. His research was supervised by Dr. Syed Qaswar Ali Shah, Director, CIBS, CUVAS Bahawalpur, with Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naeem, Institute of Zoology, Bahauddin Zakariya University, Multan, serving as co-supervisor, and Dr. Huma Naz and Dr. Mubasher Rauf as members of the supervisory committee.

His thesis, titled “Dietary Supplementation of Iron Oxide Nanoparticles and Vitamins C and E on *Cyprinus carpio*,” was evaluated by external examiners Prof. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, Department of Zoology, The Islamia University of Bahawalpur, and Dr. Saima Naz, Associate Professor and Chairperson, Department of Zoology, The Government Sadiq College Women University, Bahawalpur.

The study evaluated the effects of iron oxide nanoparticles (Fe_2O_3 -NPs) alone and in combination with vitamins C and E on the growth performance, morphometry, proximate composition, hematological parameters, elemental composition, and digestive enzymes of *Cyprinus carpio*. The findings showed that the combined supplementation of 9 mg/kg Fe_2O_3 -NPs with 250 mg/kg vitamins C and E (T4) produced the best overall results, particularly improving growth performance, survival, feed efficiency, body composition, and digestive enzyme activities. Overall, the study demonstrated the potential of Fe_2O_3 -NPs combined with vitamins C and E as an effective dietary strategy for improving the growth and physiological performance of *C. carpio*.

The Vice Chancellor of CUVAS, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Tariq Javed, Dean Faculty of Bio-Sciences Prof. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar, and faculty members appreciated the scholar’s efforts and congratulated him and his supervisory team on the successful completion of his PhD defense



3. CUVAS Research Reaches International Open-Data Infrastructure

Cholistan University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (CUVAS), Bahawalpur has achieved another significant milestone in strengthening the international visibility of its research. Research datasets generated through independent postgraduate research in aquatic ecotoxicology, heavy-metal contamination, microplastics and human-health risk assessment in the Indus Basin have now been formally published as Open Access, DOI-identified research datasets through internationally recognised data repositories, PANGAEA and Zenodo.

The datasets represent research conducted across distinct CUVAS postgraduate projects and include studies of freshwater fish, heavy-metal bioaccumulation, water quality, bioaccumulation factors, human-health risk indices, microplastic abundance and morphology, and FTIR-based polymer characterization. These publications establish a growing CUVAS research-data footprint for the Indus Basin, making underlying research data internationally discoverable, accessible, citable and reusable, alongside conventional peer-reviewed publications.

4. CUVAS Successfully Holds 8th Selection Board Meeting

Bahawalpur, August 15, 2026: Cholistan University of Veterinary & Animal Sciences (CUVAS), Bahawalpur, successfully conducted its 8th Selection Board today under the chairmanship of Prof. Dr. Muhammad Tariq Javed, Vice Chancellor, CUVAS. The Selection Board conducted interviews for three positions in the fields of Veterinary Microbiology, Veterinary Medicine, and Veterinary Theriogenology. The interviews were conducted successfully in a transparent and professional manner.

The Selection Board comprised distinguished academic and professional members, including Prof. Dr. Shazia Anjum, Vice Chancellor, Government Sadiq College Women University, Bahawalpur; Prof. Dr. Furkhanda Manzoor, Ex-Vice Chancellor, Lahore College for Women University, Lahore; Mr. Najam Waheed, Member, Punjab Public Service Commission, Lahore; Dr. Rana Muhammad Tariq Khan, Director, Shamim Group of Industries, Bahawalpur; and Mr. Salman Mirza, Registrar, CUVAS, Bahawalpur, serving as Secretary of the Selection Board.

Mr. Najam Waheed and Dr. Rana Muhammad Tariq Khan participated in the Selection Board proceedings online, while the remaining members attended physically at CUVAS.



5. IUB Professors Extend Congratulations on Key Appointments at CUVAS

A delegation of faculty members from The Islamia University of Bahawalpur (IUB) has extended heartfelt congratulations to Mr. Salman Mirza on assuming charge as Registrar, Cholistan University of Veterinary & Animal Sciences (CUVAS), Bahawalpur, and to Prof. Dr. Riaz Hussain on joining as Professor and Dean, Faculty of Veterinary Sciences (FVS), CUVAS. The IUB faculty members expressed their best wishes to both distinguished academicians and prayed for their success in their new responsibilities. They appreciated their professional services and expressed hope that their expertise and leadership would contribute significantly to the academic and administrative development of CUVAS.

The faculty members extending congratulations include: Prof. Dr. Samar Fahd — Department of Applied Psychology, Dr. Noveen Javed — Department of English Literature, Dr. Mariam Abbas Soharwardi — Department of Economics, Dr. Maleeha Arif — Senior Medical Officer, Medical & Health Division, Dr. Amna Ashraf — Department of Artificial Intelligence, Ms.

Noreen Asghar — Department of English Literature, Ms. Saima Gill — Speech Therapist,
Medical & Health Division



6. CUVAS Holds 15th Syndicate Meeting

Bahawalpur, August 21, 2026: The 15th Meeting of the Syndicate of Cholistan University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (CUVAS), Bahawalpur, was held at the Vice Chancellor Secretariat under the chairmanship of Prof. Dr. Muhammad Tariq Javed, Vice Chancellor, CUVAS. The meeting was attended by Syndicate members both physically and online. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Khalid Mansoor, Mr. Qaisar Javed and the Registrar/Secretary of the Syndicate were physically present, while other members participated online.

Various agenda items were discussed, and almost all agenda items were approved by the Syndicate. Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Muhammad Tariq Javed thanked all Syndicate members for their valuable participation and support. The members highly appreciated the rapid pace of progress at CUVAS during the approximately four months of his tenure as Vice Chancellor.

The Syndicate members particularly appreciated the strengthening of the University's academic and administrative structure, including the appointment of four Professors and regular appointments of Registrar and Controller. They noted that such progress had not been witnessed during the previous several years and appreciated the Vice Chancellor's efforts for the institutional development of CUVAS.

The members expressed their continued support and confidence in the Vice Chancellor's leadership for further academic and administrative progress of the University.



7. CUVAS and Thal University Sign MoU to Strengthen Academic and Research Collaboration

Bahawalpur, August 22, 2026: Prof. Dr. Muhammad Tariq Javed, Vice Chancellor, Cholistan University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (CUVAS), Bahawalpur, welcomed Prof. Dr. Syed Ahmad Buzdar, Vice Chancellor, Thal University, during his visit to CUVAS. During the visit, CUVAS and Thal University signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to promote academic, research and educational collaboration, particularly in the field of veterinary sciences. The MoU will facilitate academic linkages, exchange of knowledge and experiences, and opportunities for students and faculty members of both universities to interact and learn from each other.

Under the collaboration, students from Artificial Intelligence and other relevant disciplines will have opportunities for academic visits and mutual learning, while veterinary-related academic and research collaboration will also be promoted between the two institutions. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Tariq Javed also accompanied Prof. Dr. Syed Ahmad Buzdar during a visit to the Veterinary Teaching Hospital, Diagnostic Laboratory, Small Animal Practice Unit, Semen Production Unit (SPU), and Animal Farm of CUVAS. The visiting Vice Chancellor was briefed about the university's teaching, diagnostic, research and practical training facilities.

Prof. Dr. Syed Ahmad Buzdar appreciated the academic and practical facilities available at CUVAS and expressed his commitment to further strengthening collaboration between the two universities. On the occasion, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Tariq Javed said that such inter-university collaborations provide students and faculty with valuable opportunities for academic and research development and help strengthen institutional linkages. He reiterated CUVAS's commitment to promoting meaningful academic, research and training partnerships



8. CUVAS Delegates Participate in SEE Global Economic Entrepreneurship & Investment Readiness Forum

Islamabad, August 2026: Cholistan University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (CUVAS), Bahawalpur, was represented by Prof. Dr. Muhammad Tariq Javed, Vice Chancellor, CUVAS, and Dr. Amjad Islam Aqib, Director ORIC, at the SEE Global Economic Entrepreneurship & Investment Readiness Forum held in Islamabad. The forum was jointly organized by the U.S. Embassy in Islamabad and the Association of Private Sector Universities of Pakistan (APSUP), bringing together representatives from academia, entrepreneurship, business and investment sectors.

The forum provided an important platform for promoting entrepreneurship, innovation, investment readiness and stronger linkages between academia and the business community. Discussions focused on creating opportunities for young entrepreneurs, encouraging innovation and strengthening collaboration among universities, industry and

international partners. The participation of the CUVAS delegation reflects the University's commitment to promoting entrepreneurship, innovation, research commercialization and industry-academia linkages, while providing students and researchers with greater exposure to national and international opportunities.

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Tariq Javed emphasized the importance of fostering an entrepreneurial culture within universities and creating an enabling environment where research and innovation can contribute meaningfully to economic and societal development.



9. Message of the Vice Chancellor on the Occasion of Eid Milad-un-Nabi ﷺ

On the auspicious occasion of **Eid Milad-un-Nabi** ﷺ, I extend my heartfelt greetings and best wishes to all faculty members, officers, staff, students, and their families. The blessed birth of **Hazrat Muhammad** ﷺ is a moment of immense significance for the entire Muslim Ummah. The life and teachings of the Holy Prophet ﷺ provide us with an everlasting example of compassion, justice, honesty, patience, tolerance, and service to humanity. His ﷺ noble character teaches us to promote peace, brotherhood, mutual respect, and kindness in every aspect of our lives.

As members of an academic community, we should strive to reflect the values of the Seerat-un-Nabi ﷺ through our conduct, scholarship, professional responsibilities, and service to society. Our pursuit of knowledge should be accompanied by integrity, humility, compassion, and a strong sense of responsibility towards humanity and our country.

On this blessed occasion, I pray that **Allah Almighty grants us the strength and wisdom to follow the teachings and Sunnah of the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ**, blesses our university with continued progress and excellence, and grants peace, prosperity, and unity to our beloved Pakistan.

Eid Milad-un-Nabi ﷺ Mubarak to everyone.

10. CUVAS Vice Chancellor Visits China-Pakistan Agri-Tech & Poultry Innovation Forum

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Tariq Javed, Vice Chancellor, Cholistan University of Veterinary & Animal Sciences (CUVAS), Bahawalpur, visited the South Punjab Agri-Tech & Poultry Innovation Forum held at Muhammad Nawaz Sharif University of Agriculture, Multan. The forum featured the visit of a Chinese delegation comprising representatives from the poultry and livestock sectors, veterinary medicines and vaccines, as well as manufacturers of cold-chain vehicles designed for the safe transportation of vaccines and other temperature-sensitive products. The forum focused on strengthening China-Pakistan cooperation in modern agriculture, poultry and livestock, with particular emphasis on research, innovation, technology transfer and collaboration between academia and industry.

During his visit, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Tariq Javed interacted with members of the Chinese delegation and discussed opportunities for collaboration in veterinary sciences, livestock, poultry, vaccines, veterinary medicines and modern agricultural technologies. Senator Rana Mahmood-ul-Hassan, Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Senate, was also present on the occasion. The participation of the CUVAS Vice Chancellor in the forum reflects the University's commitment to strengthening international linkages, research-industry collaboration and innovation for the development of Pakistan's livestock, poultry and agricultural sectors



11. CUVAS Announces Allotment of University Residential Houses for Employees

Bahawalpur: The Cholistan University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (CUVAS), Bahawalpur, has announced the allotment of university residential houses to eligible employees in accordance with the approved rules and regulations of the University. The University administration has invited applications from eligible faculty members, officers, and other employees for the allotment of available university residential accommodation. Interested employees are advised to carefully review the eligibility criteria, available categories of houses, and terms and conditions mentioned in the official advertisement.

Applicants are required to submit their applications along with the necessary supporting documents within the prescribed deadline. Applications received after the due date or without the required information/documents may not be considered. The allotment process will be carried out by the University in a transparent and merit-based manner in accordance with the applicable University rules and the approved house allotment policy. Employees interested in applying are advised to obtain the prescribed application form from the concerned office and submit their applications within the specified time. The University administration encourages all eligible employees to avail themselves of this opportunity and ensure timely submission of their applications.