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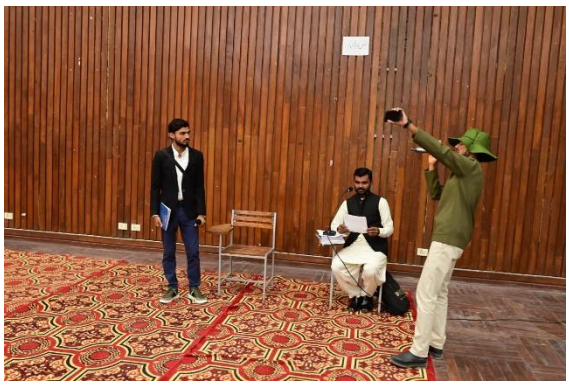
1: CUVAS Organizes Drama Competition Under "Pur-Azam, Ba-Aitmaad Pakistani" Initiative:

Cholistan University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (CUVAS), Bahawalpur, organized a Drama Competition under the theme "Pur-Azam, Ba-Aitmaad Pakistani" at the Main Auditorium to promote patriotism, confidence, creativity, and positive values among students.

Prof. Dr. Riaz Hussain, Dean, Faculty of Veterinary Science (FVS), CUVAS, encouraged the participating students and appreciated their enthusiasm and performances. He highlighted the importance of such activities in developing confidence, leadership qualities, and a strong sense of national responsibility among youth.

The initiative is being carried out under the leadership and guidance of Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Muhammad Tariq Javed, with a vision to engage students in meaningful co-curricular activities and nurture a confident, responsible, and patriotic generation.

Pur-Azam, Ba-Aitmaad Pakistani – Building a Confident and United Nation!









2: CUVAS Organizes Painting and Digital Art Competition Under "Pur-Azam, Ba-Aitmaad Pakistani" Theme

Cholistan University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (CUVAS), Bahawalpur, organized a Painting and Digital Art Competition under the theme of **"Pur-Azam, Ba-Aitmaad Pakistani"** to promote patriotism, creativity, and artistic talent among students.

The event was organized by the Office of the Senior Tutor, CUVAS, under the leadership of Prof. Dr. Muhammad Tariq Javed, Vice Chancellor, CUVAS. Students participated with great enthusiasm, showcasing impressive paintings and digital artworks reflecting their love for Pakistan, national unity, and an optimistic vision for the country's future.

The Vice Chancellor appreciated the students' creativity and artistic contributions and encouraged them to actively participate in such constructive activities. He highlighted the important role of youth in promoting national unity and building a confident and prosperous Pakistan.

CUVAS – Promoting Creativity, Patriotism, and Confidence Among Youth!





3: **CUVAS Upgrades Day Care Center to Promote a Supportive Workplace and Women's Empowerment**

Cholistan University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (CUVAS), Bahawalpur, inaugurated its upgraded Day Care Center under the leadership of Worthy Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Muhammad Tariq Javed. The center provides a safe, hygienic, and nurturing environment, featuring dedicated sleeping, playing, and early learning areas, trained caregiving staff, and CCTV surveillance to ensure children's safety and security.

In line with the Vice Chancellor's vision of promoting an inclusive and supportive workplace, this initiative marks an important step towards strengthening women's participation in professional and academic activities while facilitating work-life balance. The facility caters to the childcare needs of female faculty members, staff, students, and the wider university community.

During his visit, the Worthy Vice Chancellor appreciated the efforts of Ms. Tahreem Asad, Convener, Day Care Center, and the committee members for their dedication and commitment to upgrading the facility with modern, safe, and child-friendly amenities.







4: CUVAS Organizes Talk Show, Quiz Competition and Documentary Screening Under "Pur-Azam, Ba-Aitmaad Pakistani" Initiative:

Cholistan University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (CUVAS), Bahawalpur, organized a series of activities, including a Talk Show, Quiz Competition, and Documentary Screening, under its initiative "Pur-Azam, Ba-Aitmaad Pakistani" to promote patriotism, national awareness, confidence, and a sense of responsibility among students.

The event was organized by the Senior Tutor Office, CUVAS, under the leadership of Prof. Dr. Muhammad Tariq Javed, Vice Chancellor, CUVAS. Students participated enthusiastically in the competitions and activities, demonstrating their knowledge, confidence, creativity, and passion for the country.

The Vice Chancellor appreciated the active participation of students and the efforts of the organizers, emphasizing the importance of such activities in nurturing responsible, confident, and patriotic young citizens.

The initiative reflects CUVAS's commitment to the positive development of students alongside academic excellence.









5: CUVAS Organizes Anti-Smog Awareness Seminar to Promote Environmental Protection

The Directorate of Student Affairs, Cholistan University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (CUVAS), Bahawalpur, organized an Anti-Smog Awareness Seminar at the Vice Chancellor's Secretariat on November 5, 2026, to raise awareness about the causes of smog, its harmful effects on human health, and preventive measures.

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Tariq Javed, Vice Chancellor, CUVAS, attended the seminar as the Chief Guest and shared valuable insights into the causes and consequences of smog. He also highlighted the importance of environmental protection, public awareness, and collective efforts to combat air pollution.

Dr. Maryam (Assistant Professor), Head of the Department of Environmental Sciences, Government Sadiq College Women University, Bahawalpur, delivered the keynote address, emphasizing the adverse health effects of smog and practical measures to prevent it.

The seminar reflected CUVAS's commitment to promoting environmental awareness and social responsibility among students and encouraging their active role in environmental protection.







6: CUVAS Green Youth Movement Club Organizes TAYAR Training Session to Empower Youth

The Green Youth Movement (GYM) Club, Cholistan University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (CUVAS), Bahawalpur, in collaboration with the Roots Revival Society, CUVAS, successfully organized a training session under the theme of **"TAYAR – Training Adolescents and Youth for Action & Resilience."**

The session was organized under the supervision of Dr. Qudrat Ullah, Chairman, Department of Surgery, and Focal Person for the initiative.

The training session was graced by the presence of Worthy Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Muhammad Tariq Javed as the Chief Guest. His presence and support encouraged the participating students and organizing teams.

The training was conducted by Muhammad Saad, Captain, GYM Club, CUVAS, and Ali Ghaffar, Vice-Captain, GYM Club, CUVAS. The session focused on strengthening youth capacity, leadership, preparedness, resilience, and meaningful participation in community-based initiatives.

The initiative reflects CUVAS's commitment to youth empowerment, leadership development, and resilience building, while preparing students to take an active role in addressing community challenges and making meaningful contributions to society.







7: CUVAS Organizes Guest Speaker Talk on Creation of New Provinces: Opportunities and Challenges

Cholistan University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (CUVAS), Bahawalpur, organized a Guest Speaker Talk on the topic “Creation of New Provinces: Opportunities and Challenges” at the Syndicate Room, Vice Chancellor Secretariat.

The session was delivered by Dr. Aamir Nazir, Associate Professor and Head, Department of Political Science, NCBA&E Al-Hamra University, Bahawalpur. During his talk, he highlighted the political, constitutional, administrative, economic, and governance-related aspects of creating new provinces in Pakistan. He elaborated on the potential benefits of new provinces, including improved governance, effective administration, balanced development, better public service delivery, and greater representation of people in decision-making.

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Tariq Javed, Vice Chancellor, CUVAS, also shared his views on the subject and strongly emphasized the need for the creation of new provinces. He highlighted that the establishment of new provinces could bring administrative convenience, accelerate regional development, ensure equitable distribution of resources, and improve access to public services for people in different regions.

Both the speaker and the Vice Chancellor stressed that the creation of new provinces could play a significant role in strengthening governance and promoting balanced socio-economic development in the country.

The event was organized by the Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC), CUVAS, to encourage academic discussion and awareness of important national and constitutional issues.






8: CUVAS ORIC Newsletter Approved for Fortnightly Publication

The Worthy Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Tariq Javed, has approved the fortnightly publication of the ORIC Newsletter on the official website of Cholistan University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (CUVAS), Bahawalpur, vide Ref. No. ORIC-716.

The newsletter will be published every 15 days to highlight significant developments and achievements across the university's research and academic community. It will cover recent research developments, scientific breakthroughs, faculty publications, upcoming and concluded workshops, seminars and training sessions, research grants, innovation opportunities, industry collaborations, and notable achievements of students and faculty members in research and commercialization.

The initiative aims to promote research visibility, encourage innovation, strengthen academic collaboration, and provide a regular platform for showcasing the university's research contributions.

9: Open Defense of PhD Scholar Muhammad Faizan

Open defense of the PhD thesis of scholar, Muhammad Faizan was successfully conducted at the Department of Zoology, Cholistan University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (CUVAS), Bahawalpur. His research was supervised by Prof. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar & Dr. Khizar Samiullah (co-supervisor) in addition to Dr. Santosh Kumar and Dr. Tariq Abbas as members of the supervisory committee. His thesis, titled **"New Fossil Remains of Artiodactyla from the Drebh Locality Near Sakhi Sarwar, Sulaiman Range and their Connection to Fossils in other Continents"** was evaluated by external examiners Dr. Qigao Jiangzuo, Associate Professor, University Chinese Academy of Sciences, China and Dr. Sergi Lopez-Torres, University of Warsaw, Poland- proceeding the open defense by Dr. Saima Naz, Associate Professor/Chairperson Department of Zoology, Government Sadiq College Women University, Bahawalpur, and Dr. Muhammad Khalid Javed, Associate Professor of Zoology, The Islamia University of Bahawalpur.

The research explored the diversity and evolution of ancient hoofed mammals that lived in the Sulaiman Range of Pakistan millions of years ago. During fieldwork, 53 fossil specimens representing 14 species from five mammalian families were collected and studied. Through detailed examination and comparison of fossilized teeth, jaws and skull remains, the study identified different mammal groups and documented important new fossil findings. It also investigated the age of these fossils, compared them with similar discoveries from other geographical regions, and explored what they reveal about ancient environments and animal movements between Asia, Europe and Africa. The findings provide new knowledge about Pakistan's prehistoric mammalian fauna and highlight the importance of the Sulaiman Range in understanding the evolution, distribution and environmental history of ancient mammals. The research also resulted in a significant publication based on this material:

Faizan, M., Ghaffar, A., Samiullah, K., Kumar, S. and Abbas, T. 2026. Artiodactyla fossil remains from a new locality, Drebh, Sulaiman Range, South Punjab, Pakistan, and their relation with other continental deposits. *Historical Biology*, pp1-35

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



10: Open Defense of PhD Scholar Muhammad Shehzad

Open defense of the PhD thesis of scholar, Muhammad Shehzad was successfully conducted at the Department of Zoology, Cholistan University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (CUVAS), Bahawalpur. His research was supervised by Prof. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar (Supervisor) and Dr. Khizar Samiullah (Co-Supervisor) in addition to Dr. Syed Qaswar Ali Shah and Dr. Tariq Abbas as members of the supervisory committee. His thesis, titled **"Family Equidae from Sulaiman Range and its Age Correlation with Siwaliks"** was evaluated by external examiners Dr. Yangheshan Yang, Associate Professor, East China Normal University, China and Prof. Dr. Benjamin F. Dattilo, Purdue University Fort Wayne, USA. The open defense was subsequently conducted by Dr. Saima Naz, Associate Professor/Chairperson Department of Zoology, Government Sadiq College Women University, Bahawalpur, and Dr. Ahmad Ali, Associate Professor of Zoology, The Islamia University of Bahawalpur.

The scholar investigated a relatively understudied paleontological region in the Sulaiman Range, resulting in the discovery of 112 fossil specimens from the Gazlope locality, near Sakhi Sarwar, District Dera Ghazi Khan, South Punjab. The material represents six species belonging to three genera: *Sivalhippus*, *Hipparion* and *Cremohipparion*. The genus *Sivalhippus* includes *S. nagriensis*, *S. theobaldi*, *S. perimensis*, *S. anwari*, while The genus *Cremohipparion is* represented by *C. antelopinum*, and The genus *Hipparion* is represented by *Hipparion* sp. small. These new findings provide additional details on faunal palaeodiversity

and stratigraphy of this group. The study also investigated the age of these fossils, compared them with similar discoveries from the Siwaliks and other deposits of the same age, and explored what they reveal about ancient environments. The findings show that the Gazlope assemblage resembles the Middle Siwaliks fauna and suggests an environment dominated by open grassland with limited tree cover. The work provides new knowledge about Pakistan's prehistoric mammalian life and highlights the importance of this region in understanding the evolution, distribution and environmental history of these hipparionines, with a significant publication purely based on these materials:

Shahzad, M., Ghaffar, A., Samiullah, K., Shah, S. Q. A. and Abbas, T. 2026. Hipparionine Fossils from a New Locality Gazlope, Sakhi Sarwar, Sulaiman Range, South Punjab, Pakistan. *Geological journal,* 1-22

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11: Research Excellence at CUVAS: Scholarly Publications of Prof. Dr. Abdul Ghaffar

a) **The Largest Bone-Cracking Hyaenid Evolved in the Northeastern Border of Tibet**

Jiangzuo, Q., Niu, K., Liu, J., Ghaffar, A., Sun, G., Liu, B., Wang, G., Ma, B., Li, S., Fu, J., Zhang, Y., Ilyas, M., Wang, S., and Deng, T. (2026). *The largest bone-cracking hyaenid evolved in the northeastern border of Tibet.* Palaeontology, 69(6), e70091, 1–18.

b) **Mammalian Fossils from Drebh, Sulaiman Range: A New Locality in South Punjab, Pakistan**

Ghaffar, A., Yasin, R., Iqbal, S., Samiullah, K., and Faizan, M. (2026). *Mammalian Fossils from Drebh, Sulaiman Range: A New Locality in South Punjab, Pakistan.* **Geological Journal**, 1–32. https://doi.org/10.1002/gj.70452