



**DIRECTORATE OF ADVANCED STUDIES  
UNIVERSITY OF PESHAWAR**  
**ASRB Minutes FROM PROCEEDINGS OF 7<sup>th</sup> 2026 MEETING OF ADVANCED  
STUDIES AND RESEARCH BOARD HELD ON 03.06.2026**

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE 7<sup>th</sup> 2026 MEETING OF THE ADVANCED STUDIES AND  
RESEARCH BOARD (ASRB), UNIVERSITY OF PESHAWAR, DATED 03.06.2026**

A meeting of the Advanced Studies and Research Board was held on 03.06.2026 at 09:30 am in the Committee Room No.1, Administration Block, University of Peshawar.

The following attended:

**In Chair**

***Meritorious Prof. Dr. Johar Ali***  
Vice-Chancellor, University of Peshawar

**Members**

1. ***Prof. Dr. Shumaila Rauf***  
Dean, Faculty of Life & Environmental Sciences
2. ***Prof. Dr. Sajjad Ahmad Khan***  
Dean, Faculty of Management & Information Sciences
3. ***Prof. Dr. Anwar Alam***  
Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences
4. ***Prof. Dr. Rubina Shaheen***  
Dean, Faculty of Islamic & Oriental Studies
5. ***Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal***  
Dean, Faculty of Numerical & Physical Sciences
6. ***Prof. Dr. Shahida Aman***  
Department of Political Science
7. ***Dr. Sajjad Ahmad***  
Director ORIC
8. ***Dr. Sanaullah***  
Institute of Zoological Sciences
9. ***Engg. Falak Niaz***  
The Director, Directorate of Science &  
Technology/Nominee  
Government of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
10. ***Prof. Dr. Qamruz Zaman***  
Secretary, Advanced Studies

The meeting started with recitation from the Holy Quran by Dr. Shahid Iqbal, Directorate of Advanced Studies, University of Peshawar. After the recitation, the Vice-Chancellor welcomed all members of the Board.



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Thereafter, the following agenda items were taken up for consideration and decision:

**General Item. No. 1**

**Approval of minutes of ASRB-sub-committee, Faculty of Numerical & Physical Sciences held on 30.04.2026.**

**Decision:** The Board **approved** Minutes of the Meeting of the Advanced Studies and Research Board Sub-Committee, Faculty of Numerical & Physical Sciences held on 30.04.2026.

**General Item. No. 2**

**Approval of minutes of ASRB-sub-committee II, Faculty of Islamic & Oriental Studies held on 19.02.2026.**

**Decision:** The Board **approved** Minutes of the Meeting of the Advanced Studies and Research Board Sub-Committee II, Faculty of Islamic & Oriental Studies held on 19.02.2026.

**General Item. No. 3**

**Approval of minutes of ASRB-sub-committee I, Faculty of Life & Environmental Sciences held on 19.05.2026.**

**Decision:** The minutes of the meeting of the Advanced Studies and Research Board (ASRB) Sub-Committee I, Faculty of Life & Environmental Sciences, held on 19.05.2026, were placed before the Board for consideration. It was reported that a total of 32 MPhil research proposals were examined during the meeting. Of these, six proposal items Nos.5, 07, 08, 09, 12, and 18 were not recommended and were sent back to the respective GSCs for resubmission. A total of 24 proposals were found satisfactory and approved by the Sub-Committee, while the following two cases were referred to the ASRB for further deliberation:

1. Ms. Mahnoor Ali, MPhil Research Scholar, NCE in Physical Chemistry (Session 2023–24) –  
Serial No. 25
2. Mr. Abdur Rahman, MPhil Research Scholar, NCE in Physical Chemistry (Session 2023–24) –  
Serial No. 29

The Board approved the minutes pertaining to the 30 MPhil scholars whose research proposals had been recommended by the Sub-Committee. Regarding the cases of Ms. Mahnoor Ali and Mr. Abdur Rahman, the Board, after thorough discussion and deliberation, referred the matter to a committee comprising:

- i. Dean, Faculty of Life & Environmental Sciences
- ii. Prof. Dr. Qamruz zaman, Director Advanced Studies
- iii. Secretary, Sub-Committee I, Faculty of Life & Environmental Sciences



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The committee was directed to convene a meeting with the supervisors of the aforementioned scholars to discuss the issues related to their research proposals and examine the matter in detail. The committee shall submit its report, along with recommendations, to the ASRB for further consideration.

**Research Proposals**

**Item No. 01**

**Approval of Research Proposal of Ms. Mussarat Naz, PhD Research Scholar, Institute of Education & Research (Session 2022-23)**

**Research Title:** EFFECTS OF FORMATIVE ASSESSMENT FEEDBACK ON THE PERFORMANCE OF ELEMENTARY LEVEL STUDENTS IN SKETCHING AT GRADE SIX

**Decision:** The Board, after due discussion and deliberation, **approved** the research proposal and recommended the following suggestions for its further improvement and refinement. The revised proposal, after incorporating the suggestions, should be submitted by the scholar along with a 'Correction Certificate' from the supervisor within 07 days to the office of the DAS for record only. The recommendations are as follows:

- i. Section headings should be used without numbering.
- ii. The aim and objectives should be presented together under one heading.
- iii. The full stop at the end of each objective should be removed.
- iv. The study design should be incorporated into the methodology section.
- v. Provide a sound justification for selecting all Grade 6 students of Government Girls Middle School Lahore, District Swabi, as the population of the study.
- vi. Provide a clear rationale for assigning Section A to the experimental group and Section B to the control group.
- vii. The analysis section should specify the nature of the variables and justify the statistical techniques used, such as the mean, standard deviation, and paired t-test.

**Item No. 02**

**Approval of Research Proposal of Mr. Muhammad Yaqoob, PhD Research Scholar, Institute of Peace and Conflict Studies (Session 2022-23)**

**Research Title:** US-INDIA STRATEGIC BALANCE AND REGIONAL PEACE POLICY IN SOUTH ASIA WITH ITS IMPLICATIONS ON PAKISTAN (2016-2025)

**Decision:** The case was **deferred** due to the absence of the scholar.

**Item No. 03**

**Approval of Research Proposal of Mr. Muhammad Hayat Khan, PhD Research Scholar,**



**Research Title:** THE FRONTLINE FORCE IN URBAN SETTING AGAINST TERRORISM:  
OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES FOR KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA POLICE IN ACCESS TO  
TECHNOLOGIES

**Decision:** The Board, after due discussion and deliberation, **approved** the research proposal and recommended the following suggestions for its further improvement and refinement. The revised proposal, after incorporating the suggestions, should be submitted by the scholar along with a ‘Correction Certificate’ from the supervisor within 07days to the office of the DAS for record only. The recommendations are as follows:

- i. Use a uniform citation style for the same reference throughout the proposal. For example, ensure that “Gill *et al.*” is written consistently on Pages 1 and 2.
- ii. The proposal should be written as per Uniform Format of proposal writing of University of Peshawar.
- iii. All references should be formatted according to the referencing style recommended by the University of Peshawar.
- iv. All entries in the reference list must have corresponding citations in the text.
- v. The aim and objectives should be presented together under one heading.
- vi. Section headings should be used without numbering.
- vii. The qualitative analysis section should explicitly detail the number interviews conducted and provide a rigorous description of the methodological approach adopted for data analysis.

**Item No. 04**

**Approval of Research Proposal of Mr. Zarar Bin Saleem,, PhD Research Scholar,  
Department of Political Science (Session Spring-2025)**

**Research Title:** THE POLITICS OF URBAN FLOODING PROTECTION INFRASTRUCTURE IN  
CITIES: AN ANALYSIS OF STATE AND NON-STATE RESPONSES TO NOWSHERA

**Decision:** The Board, after due discussion and deliberation, **approved** the research proposal and recommended the following suggestions for its further improvement and refinement. The revised proposal after incorporating the suggestions, should be submitted by the scholar along with a ‘Correction Certificate’ from the supervisor within 07 days to the office of the DAS for record only. The recommendations are as follows:

- i. The proposal should include a clear justification, supported by appropriate references, for the use of non-state responses.
- ii. The line spacing in the reference section should be consistent and uniform throughout.
- iii. All references in the reference list should be complete and properly formatted.
- iv. Section headings should be presented without numbering to maintain consistency with the prescribed academic formatting style.



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- v. Aim of the study should be incorporated in the proposal and should have a clear definition of the overall purpose and direction of the research.
- vi. The full stop at the end of each objective should be removed.
- vii. The qualitative analysis section should explicitly detail the number of interviews conducted and provide a rigorous description of the methodological approach adopted for data analysis.

**Item No. 05**

**Approval of Research Title and Proposal of Mr. Noor Ahmad Sahar, PhD Research Scholar, Department of Political Science (Session 2020-2021).**

**Research Title:** DEMOCRATIC STATE BUILDING PROCESS IN AFGHANISTAN (2001- 2021)

**Decision:** The case was **deferred** due to the absence of the scholar.

**Item No. 06**

**Approval of Research Title and Proposal of Ms. Naila, PhD Research Scholar, Department of Mathematics (Session 2024-25 Fall).**

**Research Title** STABILITY, CONTROLLABILITY AND SYNCHRONIZATION OF  $(k, \varphi)$ -HILFER FRACTIONAL STOCHASTIC DIFFERENTIAL SYSTEMS

**Decision:** The Board, after due discussion and deliberation, **approved** the research proposal and recommended the following suggestions for its further improvement and refinement. The revised proposal, after incorporating the suggestions, should be submitted by the scholar along with a 'Correction Certificate' from the supervisor within 07 days to the office of the DAS for record only. The recommendations are as follows:

- i. A proper explanation of order  $\alpha$  and Type I error ( $\alpha$ ) mentioned in Equation 1 should be provided.
- ii. The study design should be incorporated into the methodology section.
- iii. The plan of work should be incorporated into the Proposal.

**Item No. 07**

**Approval of Research Title and Proposal of Ms. Urooj Tariq, PhD Research Scholar, Department of Pharmacy (Session 2023-2024).**

**Research Title:** EVALUATION OF NEUROPROTECTIVE EFFECTS OF 3'- HYDROXY-6-METHYL FLAVONE AND 3'-METHOXY-6-METHYLFLAVONE IN VALPROIC ACID INDUCED COGNITIVE DEFICITS

**Decision:** The Board, after due discussion and deliberation, **approved** the research proposal and recommended the following suggestions for its further improvement and refinement. The revised proposal, after incorporating the suggestions, should be submitted by the scholar along with a 'Correction Certificate' from the supervisor within 07 days to the office of the DAS for record only. The recommendations are as follows:



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- i. Bullet points should be used in place of numbered listings for the research objectives.
- ii. The full stop at the end of each objective should be removed.
- iii. A clear and appropriate justification for the inclusion of 78 male mice in the study should be provided.
- iv. A clear and methodologically sound justification for the inclusion of 13 experimental groups in the study design should be provided.
- v. A clear rationale for the selection of a 21-day treatment duration should be provided.
- vi. The statistical analysis procedures should be explained in detail to ensure clarity on data handling and interpretation.

**Item No. 08**

**Approval of Research Title and Proposal of Ms. Khaista Rehman, PhD Research Scholar, Department of Pharmacy (Session 2022).**

**Research Title: PHARMACOLOGICAL EVALUATION OF NEW HYDRAZONE SCHIFF BASE COMPOUNDS FOR THERAPEUTIC POTENTIAL IN ALZHEIMER'S DISEASE**

**Decision:** The Board, after due discussion and deliberation, **approved** the research proposal and recommended the following suggestions for its further improvement and refinement. The revised proposal, after incorporating the suggestions, should be submitted by the scholar along with a 'Correction Certificate' from the supervisor within 07 days to the office of the DAS for record only. The recommendations are as follows:

- i. The aim and objectives should be presented under a single heading.
- ii. The study design should be included in the methodology section for clarity.
- iii. A clear and methodologically justified rationale for the inclusion of nine experimental groups in the study design should be provided.
- iv. A clear and methodologically sound justification for the allocation of six animals per group should be provided.
- v. The statistical analysis procedures should be described in sufficient detail to ensure clarity regarding data handling, analytical methods, and interpretation of results.
- vi. A uniform font size should be used throughout the proposal to ensure consistency in formatting.
- vii. The references should be cited in the form [13,16] rather than [13], [16] to ensure consistency with the prescribed referencing style.
- viii. The aim and objectives should be presented under a single heading.

**Item No. 09**

**Approval of Research Title and Proposal of Ms. Kiran Firdos, PhD Research Scholar, Department of Pharmacy (Session 2024-2027).**

**Research Title: ASSESSMENT OF CLINICAL PROFILE AND QUALITY OF LIFE OF PATIENTS WITH POLYENDOCRINE METABOLIC OVARIAN SYNDROME AND EVALUATION OF ITS TREATMENT WITH ANTI-OBESITY MEDICATIONS**

**Decision:** The Board, after due discussion and deliberation, **approved** the research proposal and



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recommended the following suggestions for its further improvement and refinement. The revised proposal, after incorporating the suggestions, should be submitted by the scholar along with a 'Correction Certificate' from the supervisor within 07 days to the office of the DAS for record only. The recommendations are as follows:

- i. References should be written using square brackets [ ] instead of parentheses ( ) in accordance with the prescribed referencing style.
- ii. Bullet points should be used instead of numbers inserted for the research objectives.
- iii. The full stop at the end of each objective should be removed.
- iv. The study design should be explicitly included and clearly described within the methodology section to enhance clarity and coherence of the research framework.
- v. A clear and appropriate justification for the use of the sample size formula should be provided.
- vi. The statistical analysis methods should be described in adequate detail to clearly explain data handling, analytical approaches, and result interpretation.

**Item No. 10**

**Approval of Research Title and Proposal of Mr. Muhammad Irshad, PhD Research Scholar, National Centre of Excellence in Physical Chemistry (Session 2022-2023).**

**Research Title: INVESTIGATION AND OPTIMIZATION OF LEVULINIC ACID PRODUCTION FROM SUGARCANE BAGASSE BIOMASS USING ZEOLITIC (SAP-34) BASED ACID CATALYSTS**

**Decision:** The Board, after due discussion and deliberation, **approved** the research proposal and recommended the following suggestions for its further improvement and refinement. The revised proposal, after incorporating the suggestions, should be submitted by the scholar along with a 'Correction Certificate' from the supervisor within 07 days to the office of the DAS for record only. The recommendations are as follows:

- i. The research objectives should be presented with bullet points instead of numbers.
- ii. The heading "Flow Chart of the Recent Study" should be replaced with "Plan of Work."
- iii. The proposal should be written as per Uniform Format of proposal writing of University of Peshawar.
- iv. The methodology section should include a clear description of the study design.
- v. The proposal should include the approximate time period for the collection of sugarcane bagasse biomass.
- vi. The proposal should also specify the expected quantity of sugarcane bagasse biomass.
- vii. All equations should be presented in a consistent format and centered properly.

**Item No. 11**

**Approval of Research Title and Proposal of Ms. Salma Zaman, PhD Research Scholar, Department of Environmental Sciences (Session 2024-2026).**

**Research Title: CLIMATE CHANGE VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENT AND ADAPTATION STRATEGIES FOR SWAT VALLEY**



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**Decision:** The Board, after due discussion and deliberation, **approved** the research proposal and recommended the following suggestions for its further improvement and refinement. The revised proposal, after incorporating the suggestions, should be submitted by the scholar along with a 'Correction Certificate' from the supervisor within 07 days to the office of the DAS for record only. The recommendations are as follows:

- i. The aim and objectives should be combined under a single heading.
- ii. The research objectives should be presented with bullet points instead of numbers.
- iii. All equations should be centrally aligned within the text for consistency and proper formatting.
- iv. The statistical analysis procedures should be explained in detail to ensure clarity on data handling and interpretation.
- v. The qualitative analysis section should explicitly detail the number of focus group discussions (FGDs) and interviews conducted and provide a rigorous description of the methodological approach adopted for data analysis.
- vi. All in-text citations should correspond exactly to the references listed.
- vii. All entries in the reference list must have corresponding citations in the text
- viii. Replace 'Youseaf *et al.* 2025' with 'Yousaf *et al.* (2025)' on pages 1 and 2 to correct the spelling and citation formatting.

**Item No. 12**

**Approval of Research Title and Proposal of Mr. Mujeebullah, PhD Research Scholar, Department of Environmental Sciences (Session 2024-2025).**

**Research Title: ENVIRONMENTAL FLOW EVALUATION OF UPPER KABUL RIVER BASIN (UPKRB) UTILIZING THE HYDROLOGICAL INDEX METHOD**

**Decision:** The Board, after due discussion and deliberation, **approved** the research proposal and recommended the following suggestions for its further improvement and refinement. The revised proposal, after incorporating the suggestions, should be submitted by the scholar along with a 'Correction Certificate' from the supervisor within 07 days to the office of the DAS for record only. The recommendations are as follows:

- i. The section titled 'Aim and Objectives of the study' should be retitled as 'Aim and Objectives'.
- ii. Bullet points should be used instead of numbers inserted for the research objectives.
- iii. The analysis procedures must be explained in detail to ensure clarity on data handling and interpretation.
- iv. All references should be written in a uniform style in accordance with the University of Peshawar referencing guidelines.

**Item No. 13**

**Approval of Research Title and Proposal of Mr. Asif Azam, PhD Research Scholar, Area Study Centre (Session 2023-2024 Fall).**



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**Research Title:** DEBT CONTRACTS UNDER CPEC AND ROLE OF POLITICAL ELITES: A  
CASE STUDY OF LAHORE ORANGE LINE METRO TRAIN SYSTEM

**Decision:** The Board, after due discussion and deliberation, **approved** the research proposal and recommended the following suggestions for its further improvement and refinement. The revised proposal, after incorporating the suggestions, should be submitted by the scholar along with a 'Correction Certificate' from the supervisor within 07 days to the office of the DAS for record only. The recommendations are as follows:

- i. The aim and objectives should be combined under a single heading.
- ii. The full stop at the end of each objective should be removed.
- iii. The qualitative analysis section should explicitly detail the number of interviews conducted and provide a rigorous description of the methodological approach adopted for data analysis.
- iv. A proper justification for the use of purposive and snowball sampling procedures should be provided.
- v. Several references in the reference list are incomplete.
- vi. Use the standard referencing style for in-text citations; for example, 'Waqas Ahmad S.M., 2025' should be written as 'Waqas, 2025.'
- vii. All entries in the reference list must have corresponding citations in the text.
- viii. All in-text citations should correspond exactly to the references listed.

**Item No. 14**

**Approval of Research Title and Proposal of Mr. Inam Ullah, PhD Research Scholar, Department of Urdu (Session 2024-2027).**

**Research Title:**

اردو رومانوی افسانے میں ناسائٹلجیا قاضی عبدالغفار، مس عبدالقادر، مجنوں  
گورکھ پوری، حجاب امتیاز علی تاج کے افسانوں کی روشنی میں

**Decision:** The Board, after due discussion and deliberation, **approved** the research proposal and recommended the following suggestions for its further improvement and refinement. The revised proposal, after incorporating the suggestions, should be submitted by the scholar along with a 'Correction Certificate' from the supervisor within 07 days to the office of the DAS for record only. The recommendations are as follows:

- i. Add relevant literature to the proposal.
- ii. The aim and objectives should be consolidated under a single, unified heading.
- iii. Bullet points should be used instead of numbers inserted for the research objectives.
- iv. The full stop at the end of each objective should be removed.
- v. The research methodology should be revised in detail.

**Item No. 15**

**Approval of Research Title and Proposal of Mr. Wasim Afzal, PhD Research Scholar, Department of**



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Urdu (Session 2022-2023 Fall).

**Research Title:**

مخدوم محی الدین کی شاعری میں فرد کے مسا ئل کی عکاسی کا تجزیاتی  
مطالعہ

**Decision:** The Board, after due discussion and deliberation, **approved** the research proposal and recommended the following suggestions for its further improvement and refinement. The revised proposal, after incorporating the suggestions, should be submitted by the scholar along with a 'Correction Certificate' from the supervisor within 07 days to the office of the DAS for record only. The recommendations are as follows:

- i. Colons at the end of section headings should be removed to ensure conformity with the prescribed formatting guidelines.
- ii. The aim and objectives should be consolidated under a single, unified heading.
- iii. Bullet points should be used instead of numbers inserted for the research objectives.
- iv. The full stop at the end of each objective should be removed.

**Item No. 16**

**Approval of Research Title and Proposal of Mr. Khalid Khan, PhD Research Scholar, Institute of Education & Research (Session 2022-2023 ).**

**Research Title: CAUSES AND CONSEQUENCES OF DECLINING ARTS SUBJECTS IN THE SECONDARY SCHOOLS OF PESHAWAR**

**Decision:** The Board, after due discussion and deliberation, **approved** the research proposal and recommended the following suggestions for its further improvement and refinement. The revised proposal, after incorporating the suggestions, should be submitted by the scholar along with a 'Correction Certificate' from the supervisor within 07 days to the office of the DAS for record only. The recommendations are as follows:

- i. Bullet points should be used instead of numbers inserted for the research objectives.
- ii. The aim and objectives should be consolidated under a single, unified heading.
- iii. A clear and academically appropriate distinction between the primary and secondary populations should be explicitly articulated on page 7.
- iv. The qualitative analysis section should explicitly detail the number of focus group discussions (FGDs) and interviews conducted and provide a rigorous description of the methodological approach adopted for data analysis.
- v. The section titled 'Work Plan' should be revised and presented as 'Plan of Work.'
- vi. All entries in the reference list must have corresponding citations in the text.
- vii. All in-text citations should correspond exactly to the references listed.
- viii. The citation 'Creswell (2017)' should be presented consistently and accurately throughout the proposal.



**Item No. 17**

**Approval of Research Title and Proposal of Ms. Zubaida, PhD Research Scholar, Institute of Education & Research (Session 2020-2021).**

**Research Title: CHALLENGES FACED BY VISUALLY IMPAIRED STUDENTS AT UNIVERSITY OF PESHAWAR CAMPUS**

**Decision:** The Board, after thorough discussion and deliberation, recommended that the proposal be revised and **resubmitted**. The scholar is required to incorporate the major revisions suggested by the Board and submit the revised proposal for consideration at the next meeting of the ASRB. The recommendations are as follows:

- i. The scholar should be adequately prepared to defend the research proposal and demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of the proposed study.
- ii. Section headings should be used without numbering.
- iii. The aim of the study should be explicitly stated.
- iv. The research objectives should be presented with bullet points instead of numbers.
- v. Explain the quantitative research design in detail, providing appropriate justification for the selection of the sampling procedure, sample size, and other relevant methodological aspects.
- vi. The section titled 'Time Frame' should be revised and presented as 'Plan of Work.'
- vii. All entries in the reference list must have corresponding citations in the text.
- viii. All in-text citations should correspond exactly to the references listed.

**Item No. 18**

**Approval of Research Title and Proposal of Mr. Muhammad Saeed, PhD Research Scholar, Department of Journalism & Mass Communication.**

**Research Title: TELEVISION NEWS AGENDA AND PUBLIC AGENDA ON NATIONAL ISSUES IN THE POLARISED POLITICAL ENVIRONMENT OF PAKISTAN**

**Decision:** The Board, after due discussion and deliberation, **approved** the research proposal and recommended the following suggestions for its further improvement and refinement. The revised proposal, after incorporating the suggestions, should be submitted by the scholar along with a 'Correction Certificate' from the supervisor within 07 days to the office of the DAS for record only. The recommendations are as follows:

- i. The aim and objectives should be consolidated under a single, unified heading.
- ii. Section headings should be written without including a colon.
- iii. All entries in the reference list must have corresponding citations in the text.
- iv. All in-text citations should correspond exactly to the references listed.
- v. Provide a brief description of the use of quantitative and qualitative research methods with respect to your proposal.
- vi. A brief justification for the use of the simple random sampling technique should be provided.
- vii. The procedures for both quantitative and qualitative analyses should be revised in detail.



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- viii. The research methodology section should be condensed to improve clarity and conciseness.
- ix. The proposal should rigorously follow the University of Peshawar's Uniform Format of Proposal, provided on the university website.

**Item No. 19**

**Approval of Research Title and Proposal of Mr. Atif Rahim, PhD Research Scholar, Department of Environmental Sciences (Session 2024-2025).**

**Research Title: INTEGRATED ASSESSMENT OF GROUNDWATER RESOURCES AT DISTRICT HANGU**

**Decision:** The Board, after due discussion and deliberation, **approved** the research proposal and recommended the following suggestions for its further improvement and refinement. The revised proposal, after incorporating the suggestions, should be submitted by the scholar along with a 'Correction Certificate' from the supervisor within 07 days to the office of the DAS for record only. The recommendations are as follows:

- i. The study title requires revision because it is overly long and uses two colons. A more concise title with a simpler structure is recommended.
- ii. The proposal should conform precisely to the University of Peshawar's officially approved Uniform Format of Proposal, as provided on the university's website.
- iii. The study's aim should be included in the proposal to clarify its overall purpose and direction.
- iv. The research objectives should be presented with bullet points instead of numbers.
- v. It is recommended that the fourth objective be removed and that the remaining objectives be renumbered accordingly.
- vi. The methodology section should include a clear description of the study design.
- vii. The analysis procedures must be explained in detail to ensure clarity on data handling and interpretation.
- viii. All equations should be written using the Equation Editor and numbered.
- ix. The variables and parameters used in Equation 1 should be explained in detail.
- x. Several references cited in the text are missing from the reference list; these should be added to ensure accuracy, completeness, and consistency in documentation.

**Item No. 20**

**Approval of Research Title and Proposal of Mr. Hidayatullah, PhD Research Scholar, Department of Environmental Sciences (Session 2024-2025).**

**Research Title: IMPACT OF THE BILLION TREE AFFORESTATION PROJECT (BTAP) ON MITIGATING CLIMATE CHANGE IN KHYBER PAKHTUNKHWA PROVINCE, PAKISTAN**

**Decision:** The Board, after due discussion and deliberation, **approved** the research proposal and recommended the following suggestions for its further improvement and refinement. The revised proposal, after incorporating the suggestions, should be submitted by the scholar along with a 'Correction Certificate' from the supervisor within 07 days to the office of the DAS for record only. The recommendations are as



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follows:

- i. Change the heading to 'Aim and Objectives' instead of 'Aim and Objectives of the Research'.
- ii. The aim and objectives should be consolidated under a single, unified heading.
- iii. The proposal lacks page numbering. Please insert page numbers throughout the document to facilitate review and referencing.
- iv. The section titled 'Work Plan for the Proposed Study' should be revised and presented as 'Plan of Work.'
- v. Several references in the reference list are incomplete and need to be fully
- vi. All references in the reference list must be cited within the text.
- vii. All in-text citations should correspond exactly to the references listed.

**Item No. 21**

**Approval of Research Title and Proposal of Mr. Furqan Khan, PhD Research Scholar, Department of Environmental Sciences (Session 2024-2025).**

**Research Title: GREEN ADSORBENTS FOR REMOVING MICRO- AND NANO-PLASTICS FROM WASTEWATER IN PESHAWAR: CIRCULAR ECONOMY APPROACH**

**Decision:** The Board, after due discussion and deliberation, **approved** the research proposal and recommended the following suggestions for its further improvement and refinement. The revised proposal, after incorporating the suggestions, should be submitted by the scholar along with a 'Correction Certificate' from the supervisor within 07 days to the office of the DAS for record only. The recommendations are as follows:

- i. The full stop at the end of each objective should be removed.
- ii. The proposal should conform precisely to the University of Peshawar's officially approved Uniform Format of Proposal, as provided on the university's website.
- iii. The section titled 'Work Plan of Research Study' should be revised and presented as 'Plan of Work.'
- iv. The methodology section should be thoroughly
- v. All references in the reference list must be cited within the text.
- vi. All in-text citations should correspond exactly to the references listed.

**Item No. 22**

**Approval of Research Title and Proposal of Mr. Shakir Naseer, PhD Research Scholar, Department of Archaeology (2018-2019).**

**Research Title: ARCHEOLOGICAL SURVEYS IN NORTH EAST RAKHSHAN, BALOCHISTAN: A STUDY OF PROTO-HISTORIC SETTLEMENTS**

**Decision:** The Board, after due discussion and deliberation, **approved** the research proposal and recommended the following suggestions for its further improvement and refinement. The revised proposal,



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after incorporating the suggestions, should be submitted by the scholar along with a 'Correction Certificate' from the supervisor within 07 days to the office of the DAS for record only. The recommendations are as follows:

- i. Bullet points should be used instead of numbers inserted for the research objectives.
- ii. Section headings should be used without numbering.
- iii. The proposal should conform precisely to the University of Peshawar's officially approved Uniform Format of Proposal, as provided on the university's website.
- iv. The chapter-wise breakdown of the dissertation section should be removed from the research proposal.
- v. Research Methodology should be revised, wherever needed, for clarity and accuracy.
- vi. The in-text reference "(BCS, 2000: 5)" cited on page 1 should be adequately explained and its relevance to the discussion clearly articulated.
- vii. All entries in the reference list must have corresponding citations in the text.

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*(Prof. Dr. Qamruz Zaman)*

Director/Secretary, Advanced Studies & Research Board

**Confirmed & Approved by:**

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*(Meritorious Prof. Dr. Johar Ali)*

*Vice-Chancellor*

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