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Research is the heartbeat of a vibrant university. It is through research that curiosity transforms into discovery, ideas evolve into solutions, and knowledge becomes a force for societal progress. At the University of Management and Technology (UMT), we believe that research is not merely an academic requirement, it is a responsibility to contribute meaningfully to the advancement of knowledge and the betterment of humanity.

Our vision is to elevate research at UMT to new heights by strengthening research governance, expanding international collaborations, promoting industry engagement, and translating research into real-world impact. Equally important is the role of young researchers and students. They are the torchbearers of the future, and their curiosity, creativity, and courage to question the unknown are essential for building a dynamic research culture. The KRSS newsletter reflects the spirit of scholarly engagement within our academic community. Each story, project, and milestone featured here represents a step forward in UMT's journey toward becoming a globally recognized research-driven institution.

As Vice Provost Research, I strongly believe that the future of UMT lies in our collective commitment to excellence in research, innovation, and knowledge creation. Together, let us continue to ask bold questions, pursue transformative ideas, and turn knowledge into meaningful impact for society.

Together, we can turn ideas into impact and aspirations into achievements



Editorial

The future of research in universities will be characterized by greater interdisciplinarity, digital transformation, international collaboration, and a stronger focus on addressing global and societal challenges. Universities are increasingly moving beyond traditional disciplinary boundaries to integrate knowledge from diverse fields, enabling more innovative and impactful solutions to complex problems such as climate change, public health, sustainable development, artificial intelligence, and social inequality. Emerging technologies, including big data analytics, machine learning, and advanced research infrastructures, will continue to reshape research methodologies, improving the accuracy, efficiency, and scalability of scientific inquiry. Furthermore, universities are expected to strengthen partnerships with industry, government, and international institutions to promote knowledge transfer, innovation, and evidence-based policymaking. Research evaluation will also shift from emphasizing publication quantity toward measuring societal impact, research integrity, and contributions to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In this evolving landscape, universities that foster supportive research environments, develop faculty competencies, encourage ethical research practices, and cultivate a culture of collaboration and innovation will be better positioned to generate high-quality research that contributes meaningfully to both academic advancement and sustainable societal development.

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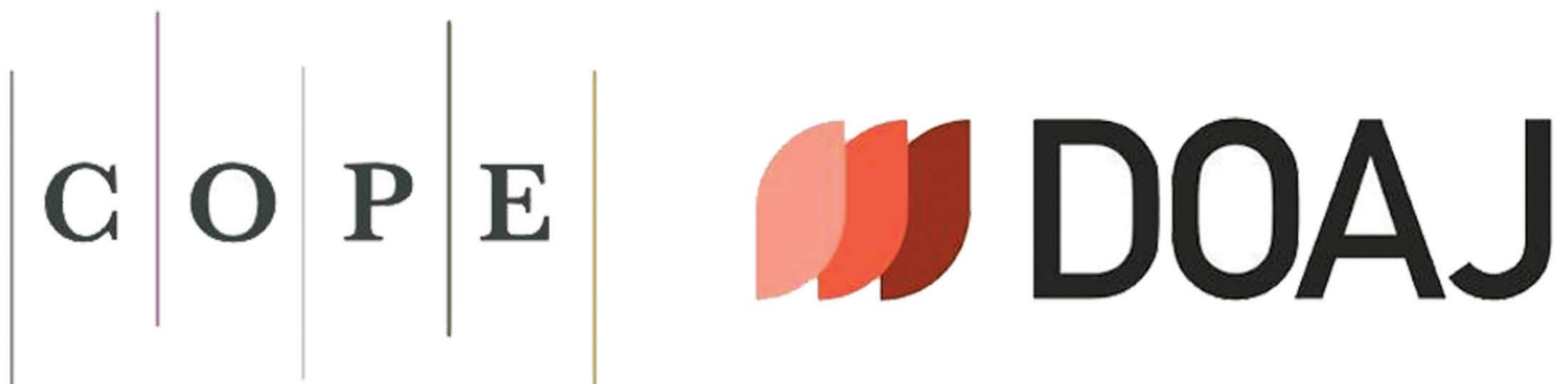
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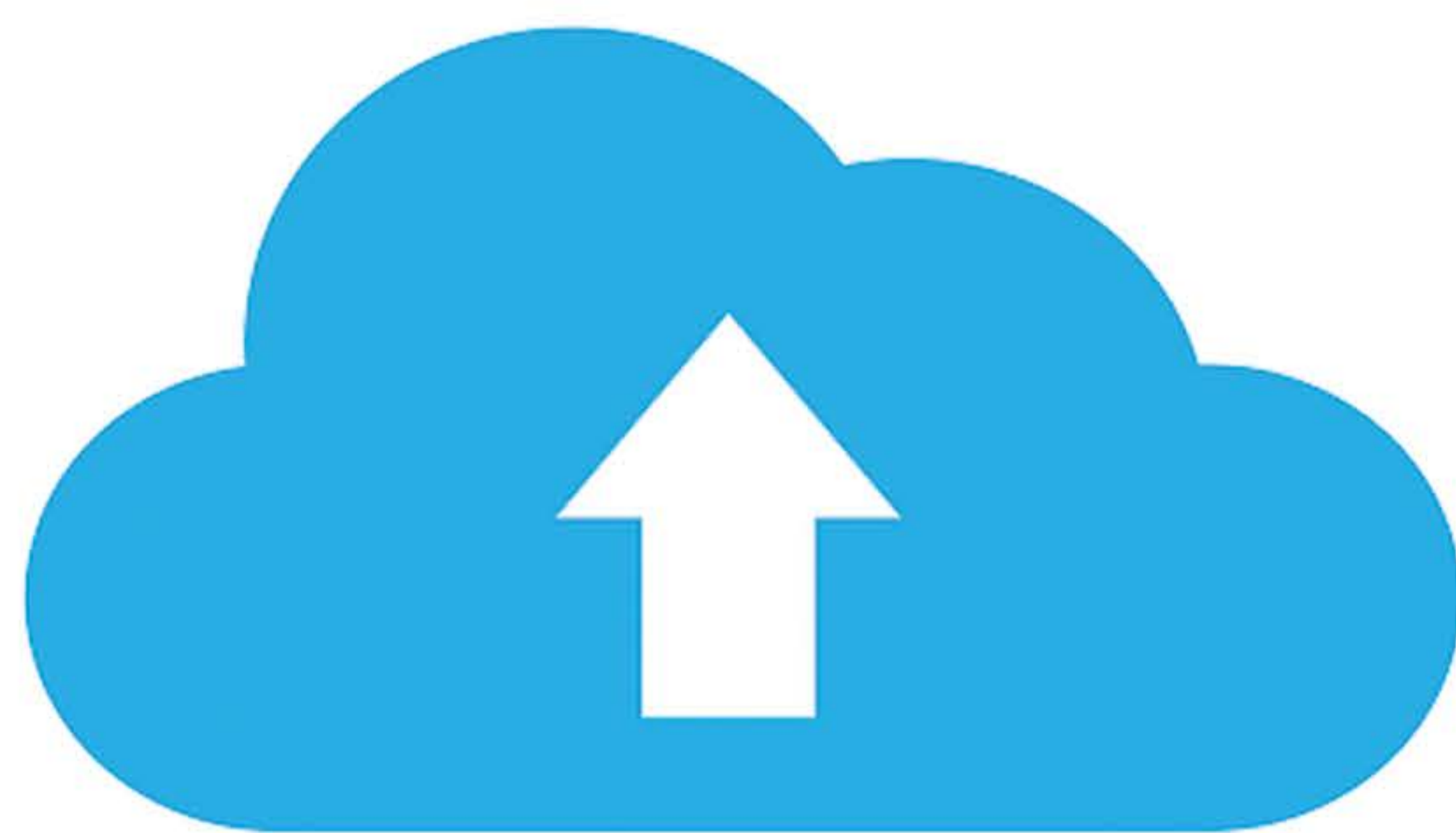
KRSS proudly reports that 23 UMT journals are now members of the Committee of Publication Ethics (COPE), and 11 journals are indexed in the Directory of Open Access Journals (DOAJ). These milestones reflect our commitment to ethical publishing and open access to knowledge.

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KRSS is pleased to announce that the Open Journal System (OJS) has been successfully updated and migrated to the Cloud. This achievement was made possible through the efforts of Director KRSS Mr. Muhammad Rafiq Awan and Mr. Syed Mughees Ul Hassan (KRSS), in collaboration with the IT Department of UMT.

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OJS 3.3 LTS (Long-Term Support)

Mr. Shanawer Rafique conducted a training session titled “Organize, Manage, Cite: Mendeley for Literature & Reference Management” for UMT faculty members and research students on January 19, 2026.



Dr. Syed Ahmad Ali was invited by the Department of KRSS to deliver a specialized training session for the UMT community on “Instrument Development for Graduate Research: Design, Validation, and Implementation” on January 23, 2026.



Ms. Kainaat Yousaf was invited by the Department KRSS to train members of the UMT community on “Mediation and Moderation Analysis using SmartPLS 4” on January 24, 2026.



Dr. Noman Javed was invited by KRSS to deliver a timely session titled “Using AI for Research Productivity” for the UMT family on April 30, 2026.



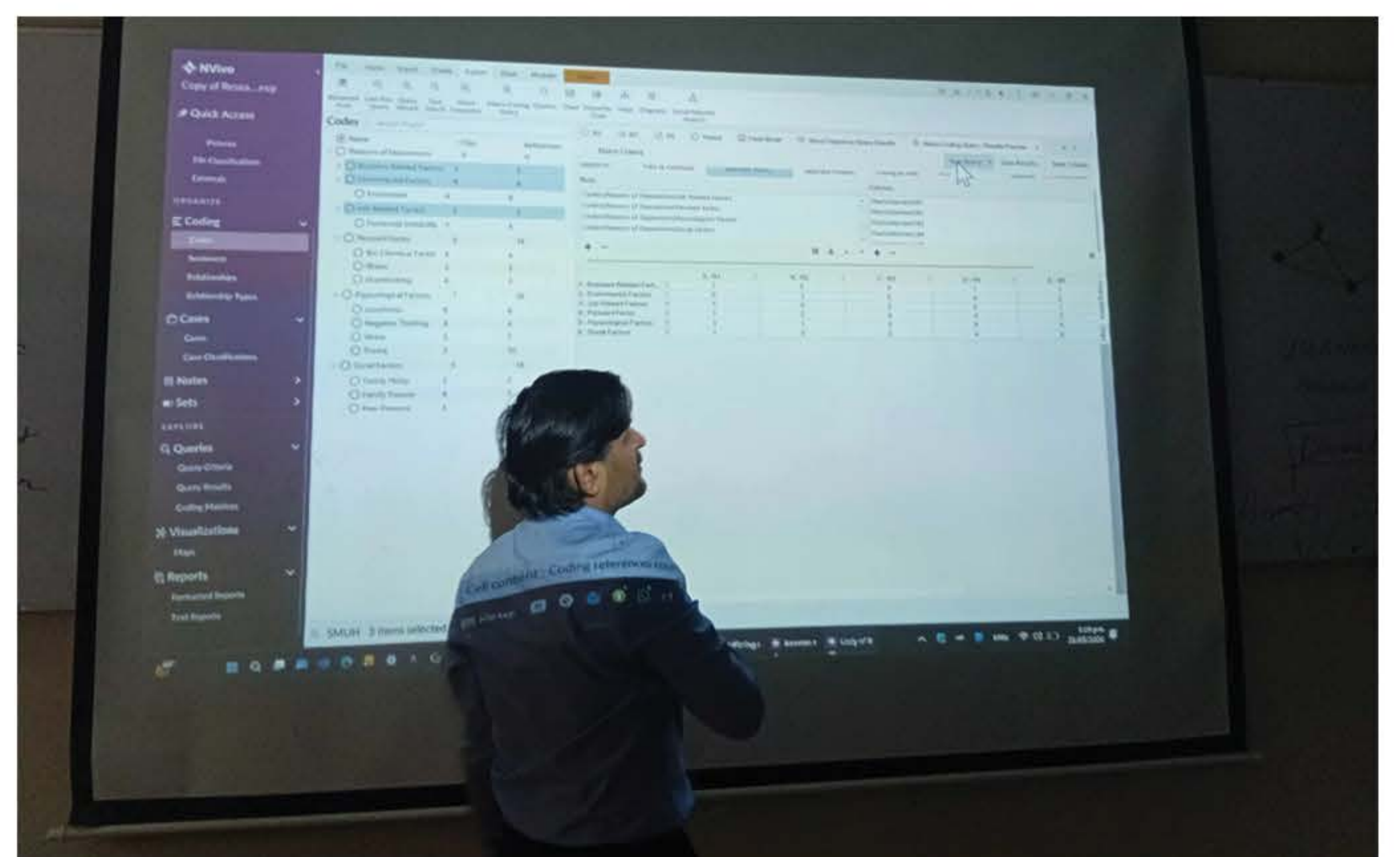
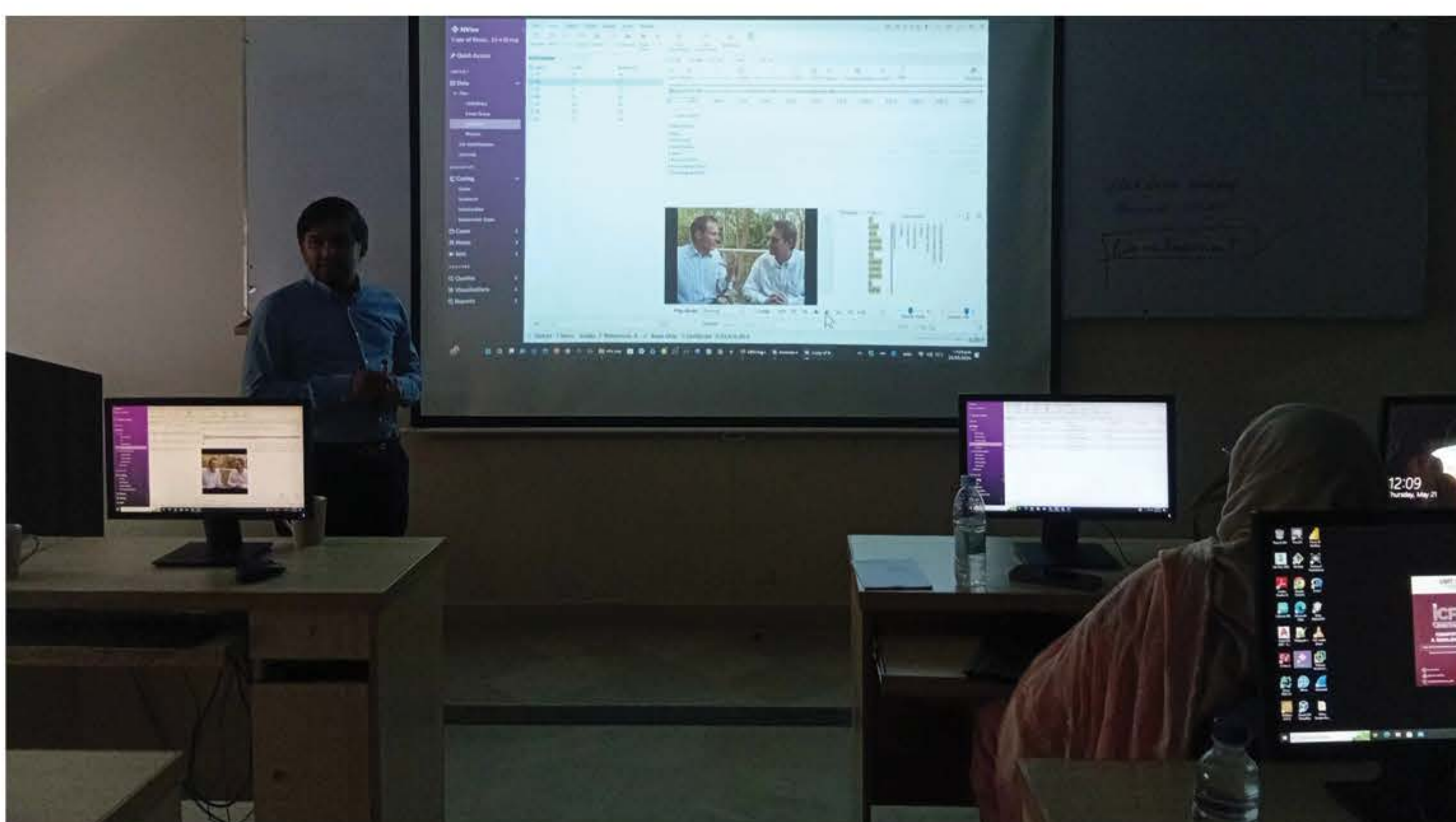
Mr. Muhammad Rafiq Awan led a training session on “Crafting Effective Problem Statements” for senior UMT students on April 09, 2026.



Mr. Syed Mughees Ul Hassan conducted a training session (Part I) titled “Qualitative Data Analysis using NVivo” for UMT faculty members and research students on May 13, 2026.



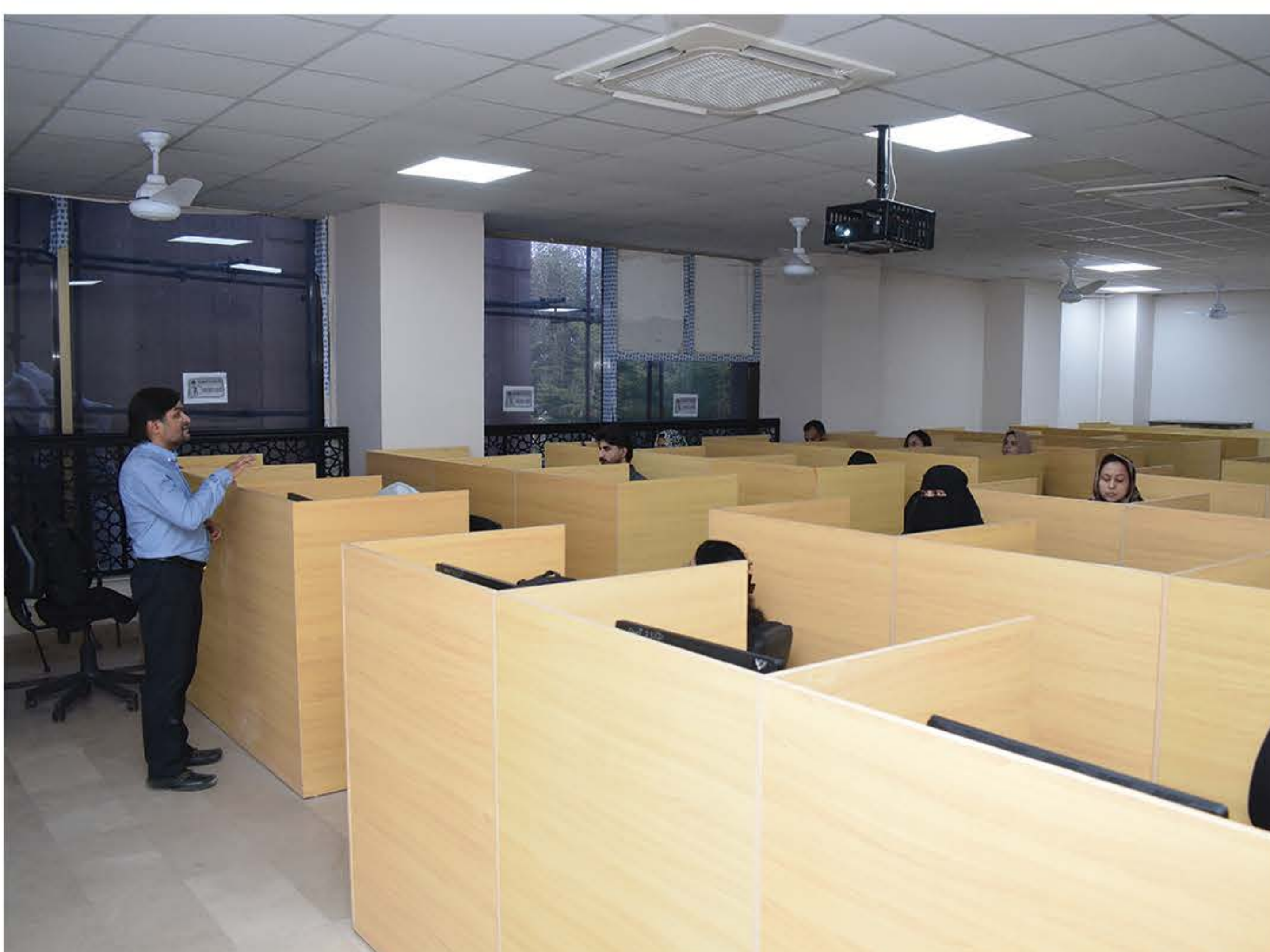
Mr. Syed Mughees Ul Hassan conducted a training session (Part II) on “Qualitative Data Analysis using NVivo” for UMT faculty members and research students on May 21, 2026.



Mr. Syed Mughees Ul Hassan conducted a session on “Unlocking Insight with NVIVO-A Hands-On Workshop” during the Research Carnival by School of Liberal Arts on June 20, 2026.



Mr. Shanawer Rafique and Mr. Syed Mughees Ul Hassan conducted training sessions “Referencing using Mendeley” and “SPSS for Inferential Statistics” respectively for research scholars organized by SLA on June 4, 2026.

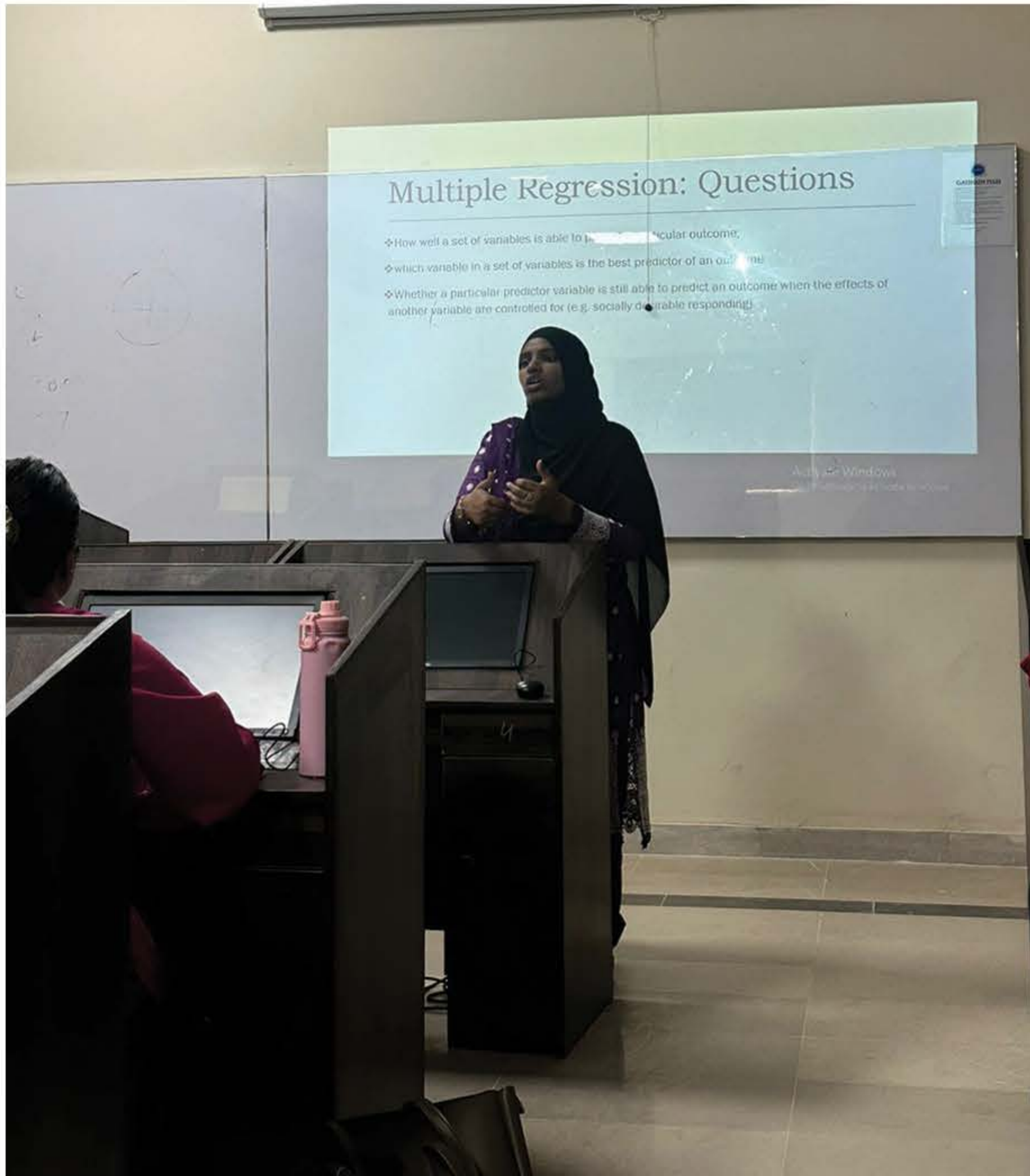


Dr. Khawar Sultana delivered a guest lecture titled “Understanding the Role of Theoretical Framework in Research” at the School of Media and Communication Studies (SMCS), UMT, on January 30, 2026.



Ms. Sadaf Lal Din delivered a class session titled “Format Your Research: An Overview of APA Style” at the Department of Clinical Psychology, School of Professional Psychology (SPP), UMT, on January 02, 2026.

Ms. Sadaf Lal Din was invited by the Department of Clinical Psychology to conduct a class session titled “Regression Analysis: Theory and Practice” at the School of Professional Psychology, UMT, on June 09, 2026.



Ms. Sadaf Lal Din was invited by two classes of the Department of Clinical Psychology to conduct class sessions titled “Chi-Square and Spearman Correlation” at the School of Professional Psychology, UMT, on May 06 and May 21, 2026, respectively.



Beyond university-level research training programs and formal classroom instruction, members of the KRSS family remain consistently committed to supporting both national and international students through individual and group-level academic guidance whenever requested. From January to June 2026, Mr. Muhammad Rafiq Awan, Dr. Khawar Sultana, and Ms. Sadaf Lal Din provided mentorship and guidance to students who sought assistance on a range of research-related topics.



Mr. Talha Shafique published a research article titled “Fungal Fuel Cells: An Environmentally Friendly Approach to Addressing Heavy Metal Pollution and Electricity Production” in the *Journal of Frontiers in Microbiology* (Q1), 17, e1825368, (2026).



Dr. Khawar Sultana submitted a research article titled “How Ethical Leadership Drives Implicit Institutionalization via Moral Potency, Identity, and Voice” which has been accepted for presentation at the 86th Annual Meeting of the Academy of Management, Pennsylvania, USA.



Ms. Syeda Saira Iqbal published a research article titled “Density Dependent Growth Performance of *Catla catla* and *Labeo rohita* under Cage Culture” at Syphon Headworks, Punjab, Pakistan, in the *Pakistan Journal of Zoology*, 58(2), 2026.

Ms. Safia Iqbal hosted 2nd International Conference and Expo on Future-Ready Universities on April 16, 2026 organized by Office of the Provost.



Ms. Safia Iqbal hosted a session on Introducing the Teachings of Allama Muhammad Iqbal to Youth on March 13, 2026 organized by the Sitara-o-Hilal Foundation in collaboration with the University of Management and Technology (UMT) and with key support from the Center for Teaching and Learning (CTL).



Ms. Safia Iqbal hosted a session on the Teachings of Allama Muhammad Iqbal delivered by Mr. Muneeb Iqbal on April 9, 2026 organized by Director AI and Dean Undergraduate Studies.



Ms. Safia Iqbal hosted Achievers' Gala 2026 organized by Hope of Pakistan in collaboration with Volunteers Leading Governance, Sitara-o-Hilal Foundation, Al-Khidmat Foundation, and Pakistan Citizen Alliance, on May 22, 2026.

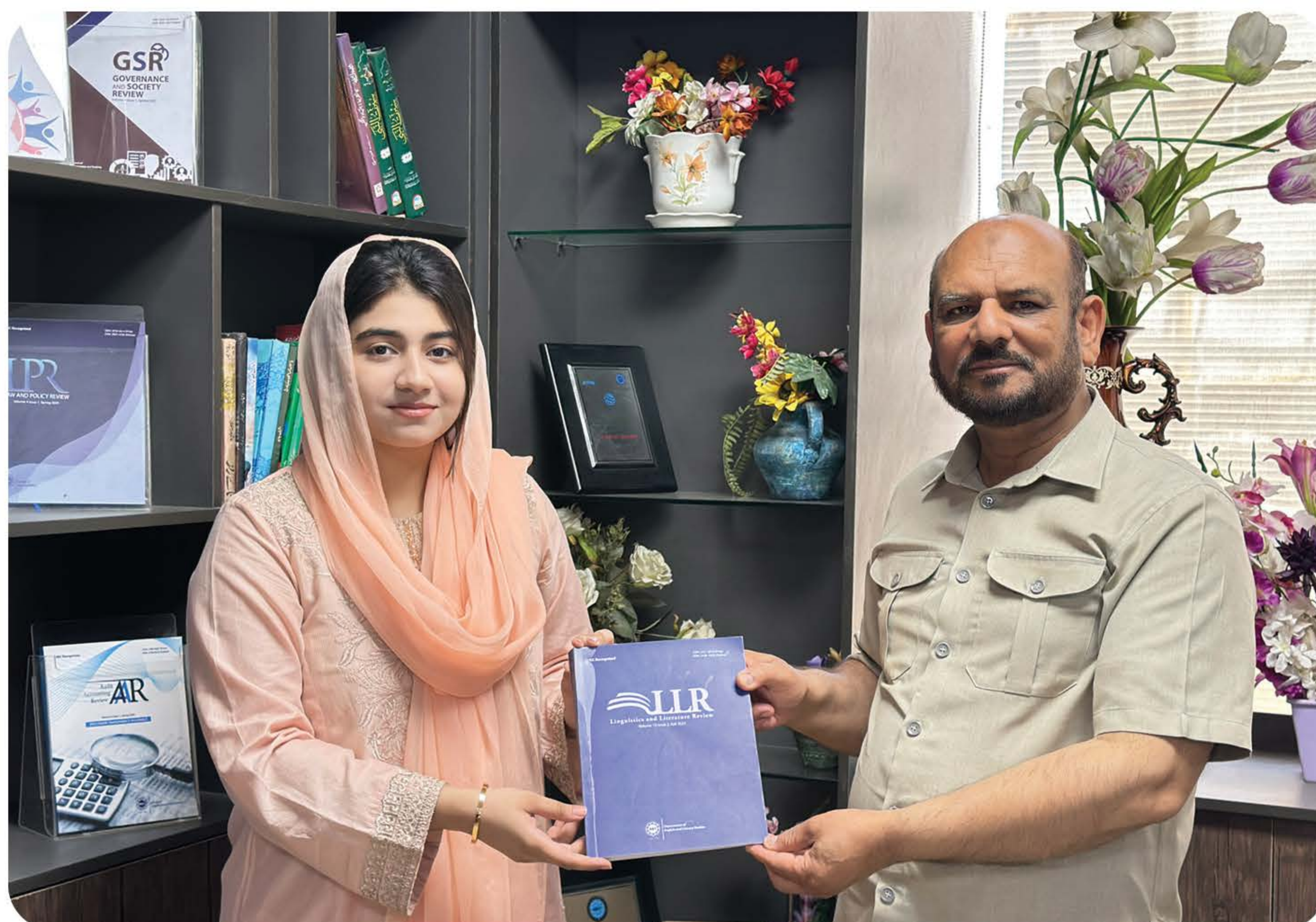


The Department of KRSS hosted a farewell for Ms. Asma Amanatullah. She served for four years at the Department of KRSS as Senior Officer Publications.



Welcome on Board





We are pleased to welcome Ms. Alisha Anjum to the Department of Knowledge and Research Support Services (KRSS) for the position of Publications Officer.



Alisha Anjum
(Officer Publications)

“O you who believe, stand firm for justice
even against your own selves”

(Surat An-Nisa 4:135)

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