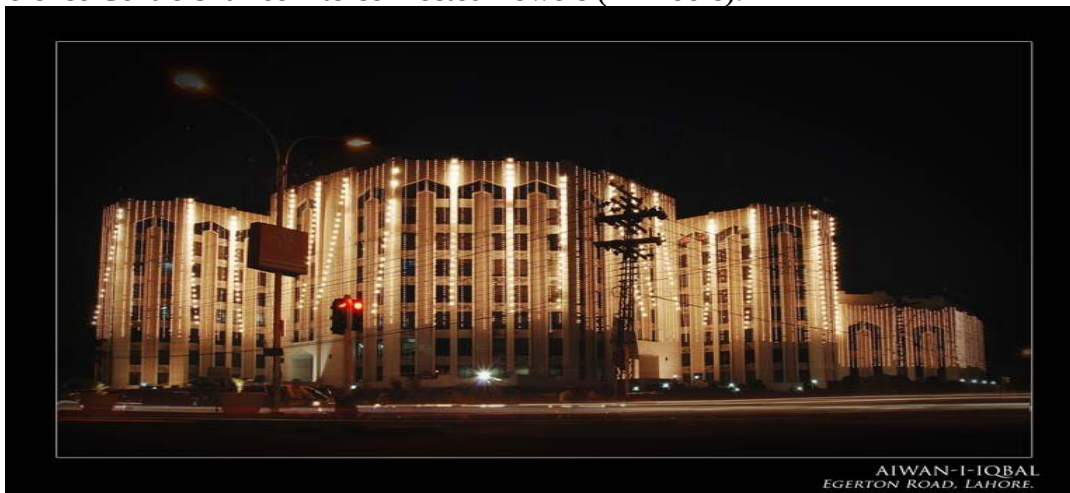


Key Achievements of AIWAN-E-IQBAL COMPLEX March 2025 to June 2026

INTRODUCTION:

- Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex Egerton road Lahore is a monumental conceived and built to pay homage to the Shair-e-Mashriq and Mufakkir-e-Islam Allama Muhammad Iqbal. The Complex is intended to serve as a center to spread his message of continuous struggle for the glory of Islam, unity of Ummah and revival of Islamic spirit.
- The total area of the Complex is 42-kannal and major components of the Complex comprise a Conference Centre & three interconnected Towers (27-floors).



- It consists mainly of a Conference Hall for 1050 persons. There is also a spacious Banquet hall for seating 250 guests. The hall can be used as a function hall also when so required. In addition, four committee rooms, wide foyers and lounges exist at different levels around the hall.
- A gallery depicting Iqbal's poems for children has also been created. Portraits of Quaid-e-Azam, Allama Iqbal and his prominent contemporaries together with those of great Muslim scholars and thinkers decorate the walls of corridors.



Conference Hall



Committee Room



Picture Gallery



Picture Gallery



Banquet Hall

23th March 2025: Pakistan Resolution Day Ceremony:

A special event was organized at Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex under the auspices of the National Heritage and Culture Division to commemorate Pakistan Resolution Day. The event was hosted by Administrator Anjum Waheed, with senior journalist Salman Ghani as the chief guest and Professor Yousaf Irfan as the guest speaker. The ceremony began with the recitation of the Holy Quran by Halima Waheed, followed by a tribute in praise of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) presented by Aleena Sagheer. The event was moderated by Young Iqbal Scholar Zaid Hussain, and witnessed a large



participation of students, teachers, and guests. In their speeches, the speakers discussed Pakistan's history, the Objectives Resolution, the struggles of national heroes, post-independence challenges, the current national situation, and most importantly, the vital role of the youth. Professor Yousaf Irfan, in his keynote address, said: "Allama Iqbal held immense love for Quaid-e-Azam and referred to him as 'Khizr of the time'. He once told Nehru with pride, 'I am a soldier of Jinnah'." He highlighted that even opponents regarded Muhammad Ali Jinnah as a principled and truthful leader. He emphasized that the Muslims of the subcontinent achieved independence through Quaid-e-Azam's unwavering determination. Professor Irfan further stated that the founding father of Pakistan was not only a promoter of democratic values but also a guardian of Indian Muslims. "Unfortunately, after achieving Pakistan, we fell into a deep slumber. We must remain awake today as well, to preserve the ideological identity of Pakistan." Salman Ghani, the guest of honor, addressed the audience by stating: "Youth are the true image of Pakistan's bright future." He recalled how, due to national shortcomings, Pakistan was split in 1971, prompting Indira Gandhi to claim that the two-nation theory had been drowned in the Arabian Sea. "But ideas can never be drowned," he stressed, noting that even in Bangladesh today, events are held in honor of Quaid-e-Azam. He added that trusted leadership wins over hearts—Quaid-e-Azam is a

and last hope. Instead of following political parties blindly, align your thinking with the vision of Pakistan. Only then will the dream of Iqbal and Jinnah come true."

April 18, 2025: "Ho mera kam ghareebon ki Himayat karna"

A commemorative event titled "Ho mera kam ghareebon ki Himayat karna" was held at Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex in observance of the death anniversary of the Poet of the East, Allama Muhammad Iqbal.



The chief guest was Dr. Fasiha Bibi. Other distinguished participants included social activist Fareed Ahmad Mustafa, Dr. Wajid Pirzada, Tahir Anjum, Dr. Babar Naseem, Aiwan-e-Iqbal Administrator Anjum Waheed, Dr. Saima Aram, Dr. Almas Khanum, Iqra Paras, as well as a large number of students.

In their speeches, the speakers highlighted the teachings of Allama Iqbal, stating that his philosophy emphasizes service to humanity and the upliftment of the underprivileged. Serving suffering humanity is the highest form of human dignity, they said, and the true purpose of life should be to support the oppressed segments of society—this is also the path to inner peace. They further emphasized that by acting upon Iqbal's teachings, we can transform our society into a truly welfare-oriented one. It is not only the government's responsibility but also every individual's duty to care for their fellow citizens so that a prosperous Pakistan can be nurtured.

April 29, 2025: Iqbal – Palestine – Ijtihad:

A thought-provoking event titled "Iqbal – Palestine – Ijtihad" was organized under the auspices of the Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex to raise awareness about contemporary issues. The title of the program was inspired by a verse from Allama Iqbal's poetry: "Carve out your own thought, for your essence remains unseen."



A large number of students from Government College University and various other institutions participated in the event. The session was presided over by retired professor and analyst, Yousaf Irfan, formerly of Government Islamia College Civil Lines, Lahore. The program commenced with the recitation of the Holy Quran by Amaamah Ashraf, whose melodious voice spiritually uplifted the audience. This was followed by a heartfelt recitation of Iqbal's famous naat "Lauh bhi tu, Qalam bhi tu" by Maryam Siddique, who captivated the audience with her beautiful tone. The keynote speaker, Sajjad Bashir—an expert in Persian language and philosophy associated with multiple institutions and the Al-Shaoor Forum—delivered a compelling talk. Drawing from Iqbal's poetry, philosophy, and prose (especially his lectures), he spoke insightfully on the themes of Palestine and Ijtihad. Next, Dr. Rabia Ali, a lecturer at Riphah University, shared her thoughts on the situation in Gaza, interpreting it through the lens of Iqbal's ideology. Her address was impactful and moving. Later, Shahroz Javed, known for his melodic voice and rhythmic style, stirred the emotions of the audience with his soulful rendition of Iqbal's poetry "Yeh Gunbad-e-Minai, Yeh Alam-e-Tanhai" ("This dome of crystal, this world of solitude"). Many in the audience were moved to tears. The session concluded with a presidential address by Professor Yousaf Irfan, who eloquently encapsulated the theme "Iqbal – Palestine – Ijtihad". His profound words left a lasting impression on the minds of the attendees. The students further enriched the session by posing thoughtful questions, making the program even more engaging and impactful. At

the end, the Administrator of the Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex, Anjum Waheed, thanked all the participants, especially the distinguished guests, for their presence, and appreciated the students for their keen interest and active engagement.

April 30, 2025: Visit of Azeem Ara Foundation Pakistan Members and Scout Students of Islamia High School, Mohni Road to Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex:



As part of the efforts to promote the ideology of Iqbal, members of *Azeem Ara Foundation Pakistan* and scout students of Islamia High School, Mohni Road, along with their respected teacher, visited Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex. Curator of Aiwan-e-Iqbal, Ms. Razia Amir, warmly welcomed the honorable guests in the Iqbal Art Gallery and gave a brief introduction to the Complex. The scouts attentively and enthusiastically toured the gallery and listened to the explanations about the artworks inspired by Allama Iqbal's poetry.

Later, a literary session was held in Committee Room No. 2 under the presidency of renowned scholar Chaudhry Muhammad Shahid from Faisalabad. The session was attended by notable personalities including Maqsood Ahmed Chughtai, Advocate Qazi Abdul Rauf Moeeni, Saba Mumtaz Bano, Aamir Bukhari, Khawar Shah, Mehmood Tarazi, Rana Ameer Ali, and others. The guests paid heartfelt tribute to Allama Iqbal through eloquent words and poetry.

During the program, the scout students captivated the audience by melodiously reciting Allama Iqbal's famous poem "*Lab pe aati hai dua ban ke tamanna meri*." In the end, the chairperson was presented with a shield on behalf of the members, and the event concluded with the national anthem.

27-05-2025 Iqbal and Bunyān-e-Marsūs:



A special event titled & quot; Iqbal and Bunyān-e-Marsūs" was held at Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex under the auspices of the National Heritage and Culture Division, in connection with Ma'raka-e-Haqq and Youm-e-Takbeer . The event was presided over by the Administrator of Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex, Anjum Waheed. Distinguished speakers at the event included Chairman of Takmeel-e-Pakistan Ittehad, Colonel (R) Muhammad Afzal Rana; Lieutenant Colonel (R) Syed Sakhawat Hussain Bukhari; renowned Iqbal scholar and President of Pakistan Muhafiz Party, Dr. Muhammad Saleem Rao; and former Accountant General Punjab and Central President of the Pakistan Qaumi Zaban Tehreek, Muhammad Jameel Bhatti. The program commenced with the recitation of the Holy Qur'an by Qari Abdul Kareem. Tributes to the Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) were presented by Muhammad Bilal Butt, while the proceedings were hosted by Young Iqbal Scholar, Zaid Hussain. During their addresses, the speakers stated that compelling a much larger enemy to retreat within a matter of hours was nothing short of a miracle. They emphasized that Pakistan's armed forces had proven that even with limited resources, the strength of faith and conviction could overcome any adversary. They reiterated that Pakistan's nuclear capability is a guarantor of its survival, just as the spirit witnessed during the creation of Pakistan and the 1965 war was again evident during Operation Bunyān-e-Marsūs. They credited divine support for Pakistan's success. Speakers further stressed the need for the nation, especially the younger generation, to acquire knowledge and skills in modern sciences and technology in order to lead Pakistan toward economic advancement. They urged the youth to overcome despair, master every field

of life, and truly become Iqbal's "Shaheen" (eagle), capable of reaching the stars. They concluded that the true essence of observing Ma'raka-e-Haqq and Youm-e-Takbeer lies in our collective pledge to ignore baseless propaganda and focus our energies on the progress and security of the nation, so that Pakistan can take its rightful place at the forefront of the Muslim world and fulfill the vision of Quaid and Allama Iqbal. The event was attended by a large number of students as well as notable social figures including Shazia Nasir, Irfan Bhatti, Professor Arshad, Professor Qamar-ul-Islam, Muhammad Ashraf, Zafar Ahmad Rana, and Murtaza Rasheed. Caption: Group photo of students with guests—Lt. Col. (R) Syed Sakhawat Bukhari, Col. (R) Muhammad Afzal Rana, former AG Muhammad Jameel Bhatti, Dr. Muhammad Saleem, and social activist Shazia Nasir—after the Iqbal and Bunyān-e-Marsūs event at Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex.

22-07-2025: Iqbal and the Unity of the Ummah:



A special event titled "Iqbal and the Unity of the Ummah" was organized at Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex under the auspices of the National Heritage and Culture Division. The program aimed to promote the philosophy of Allama Iqbal among the younger generation. The keynote speaker for the event was Lt. Col. (R) Syed Sakhawat Hussain Bukhari, while the event was hosted by the Administrator of Aiwan-e-Iqbal, Anjum Waheed.

The core theme of the event was derived from Iqbal's famous verse: "Be united as Muslims to safeguard the sanctity of the Haram." Previously, Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex had also held ceremonies to express gratitude and national unity on the occasion of the remarkable success of Operation Bunyān Marsūs, highlighting the military strength and bravery of the Pakistan Army. Now, the focus has shifted to familiarizing the youth with their collective role as part of one unified Ummah.

A large number of female students attended the event. The program commenced with the recitation of the Holy Qur'an by Kinza Fareed, followed by a tribute in praise of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ by Atiqah Noor. Iqbal's poetry was beautifully presented by Hadiya Asif and Laiha Asif.

In his address, Lt. Col. (R) Syed Sakhawat Hussain Bukhari discussed the rise and fall of the Islamic Ummah, emphasizing the importance of unity. He noted that Allah sent approximately 124,000 prophets to spiritually guide humanity. The completion of religion was perfected by the final Prophet, Muhammad ﷺ, whose exemplary leadership united the Sahaba (RA), enabling them to achieve remarkable victories. It was through this profound training that the rightly guided caliphs and companions were able to establish Islamic dominance across vast territories.

He stressed that the foremost condition for unity in the Ummah is moral training and character-building. As Muslims, we must be united not only culturally but also in collective thought and action. He pointed out that the current fragmentation of the Ummah stems largely from the absence of visionary leadership and from our indulgence in petty sectarian and meaningless differences. To revive the true spirit of Islam, he said, the Ummah must come together and think as one global community.

The event was also attended by Dr. Muhammad Saleem Rao, Madam Anila Faisal, Muhammad Ashraf, and other distinguished guests. Administrator Anjum Waheed thanked the honorable guests, teachers, and students, and distributed shields and certificates among the participants.

August 9, 2025: Speech Competition:



A speech competition titled "Speak for Hussain" was organized at the Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex in collaboration with the Lahore Chapter of "Jinnah Ka Pakistan." The purpose of the event was to spread the message of Imam Hussain (RA), highlight the battle between truth and falsehood, the spirit of sacrifice, and the struggle for Pakistan's independence. Nearly 50 students from various educational institutions of Lahore expressed their thoughts in both Urdu and English. The distinguished guests included Anjum Waheed (Administrator, Aiwan-e-Iqbal), Hafiz Shaf Ali (Central Governor, Jinnah Ka Pakistan Foundation), and Umair Rafiq (Central Vice President, Jinnah Ka Pakistan). The panel of judges comprised Usama Gujjar and Hafsa Khalid for Urdu speeches, and Abdullah Sultan Arabi for English speeches. The students delivered their speeches with great devotion, passion, and enthusiasm, focusing on the sacrifice of Imam Hussain (RA), the relevance of Independence Day, and the theme

of “Marka-e-Haq.” At the conclusion, the honorable guests appreciated the winners and conveyed a message to the young generation to embrace the spirit of Hussainiyat and promote justice, brotherhood, and the values of sacrifice in society.

13 August 2025: “Marka e Haq” and Independence Day Programme:



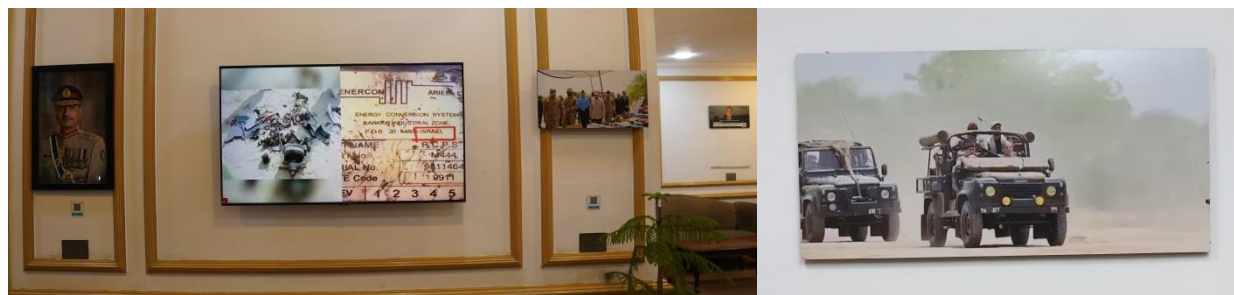
There is no greater blessing than freedom. Celebrating Independence Day is a pledge of loyalty to Pakistan. We must value our country, or our fate could be like that of the Muslims of Palestine and Kashmir. The “Marka e Haq” has elevated Pakistan to a prominent place in the global arena, compelling world powers to recognize its importance. The Pakistan Movement was fueled by the unshakable passion of youth. These views were expressed by speakers at a ceremony organized by the Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex in collaboration with NUML Lahore Campus to mark the “Marka e Haq” and Independence Day. The event, hosted by Aiwan-e-Iqbal Administrator Anjum Waheed, was presided over by Chairman of the Prime Minister’s Youth Programme, Rana Mashhood Ahmad Khan, while the chief guest was former Governor of Punjab, Lieutenant General (Retd.) Khalid Maqbool. Senior journalist Salman Ghani, Dean of the Faculty of Arts at Punjab University Dr. Mahboob Hussain, and NUML Regional Director Brigadier (Retd.) Humayun Zia also addressed the audience. The recitation of the Holy Qur’an was undertaken by Professor Qari Munir Ahmed, while Muhammad Ajmal offered

tributes in praise of the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him). The duties of compering were performed by Zaid Hussain and Zaheer Hussain. The conference hall was packed with students, teachers, and other participants. On this occasion, the students also presented a national song, and their remarkable performance greatly stirred and inspired the audience. In his speech, chief guest Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Khalid Maqbool said the War of Independence of 1857 laid the foundation for the Pakistan Movement, as Muslims in the subcontinent came to realize that after British rule, they would face even harsher subjugation under Hindus. He noted that Quaid-e-Azam was a charismatic leader around whom people naturally gathered, and it was by the special grace of Allah that the Muslim nation was blessed with leadership like Allama Iqbal and Quaid-e-Azam, which ultimately led to the creation of Pakistan. He observed that although Pakistan's Muslim population is smaller than India's, Muslims in India are neither free to offer prayers nor perform sacrificial rites. Similar dire conditions exist in Palestine, Kashmir, Syria, Iraq, and other countries. "We must value our homeland and play an active role in its progress. Pakistan's future is bright, and its youth will be its driving force. The new generation must acquire modern education, avoid despair, and face challenges with courage," he emphasized. Presiding over the ceremony, Chairman Rana Mashhood Ahmad Khan said that the Pakistan Movement was driven by the zeal of the youth. "Opponents said Pakistan would never be created, but our forefathers proved them wrong. Pakistan exists and will endure until the end of time," he said. He added that while fifth-generation warfare has affected many countries, during the "Marka e Haq" the Pakistani nation stood united like a solid wall and defeated the enemy's designs. "Our youth, through modern technology, outperformed India on every front. When India initiated hostilities, the world remained indifferent, but after Pakistan inflicted a decisive defeat on its eternal enemy, other nations began calling for mediation," he said. Quoting Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, he recalled, "If India blocks our rivers, we will strike inside its territory." He affirmed that Pakistan's political and military leadership is determined that if India harbors any malicious intent, this time the war will end on Pakistan's terms. "Those who criticize our security forces should be ashamed," he remarked. He further said that it is a positive sign for students to go abroad for higher education and employment, but taking wealth out of Pakistan is wrong. "Our youth should move forward—the government will provide the necessary facilities," he assured. Senior journalist Salman Ghani said it was a moment of joy to reaffirm commitment to Pakistan on Independence Day. He praised the country's military leadership for humiliating India during the "Battle of Truth," leaving Prime Minister Modi in a state of shock. "This year's Independence Day is unlike previous years because Pakistan has achieved a clear victory over India. Even a superpower like the United States has started appreciating Pakistan's leadership," he said. Before the "Marka e Haq," there was political tension in the country, but when a national crisis arose,

the entire nation stood like a fortified wall. “No one can defeat an army whose commander climbs onto a tank shouting ‘Allahu Akbar.’ General Asim Munir has made history, ensuring India will think twice before repeating such actions,” he added. He noted that while criticizing politicians is easy, it was politicians who initiated and completed Pakistan’s nuclear program. “Challenges will never disappear; we must always be prepared to face them. Pakistan must become an economic hub, Gwadar must be made fully operational, and we must continue fighting terrorism. Politicians must stand firmly behind the army that sacrifices for the nation,” he said. National days, he stressed, are for unity, not division, and politicians should teach the nation—especially the youth—the value of solidarity. “It is the youth who change the destiny of nations. Iqbal is not just a person but a spirit that lives within the new generation. By following the teachings of Quaid-e-Azam and Allama Iqbal, we can become economically strong. A nation cannot hold a nuclear bomb in one hand and a begging bowl in the other. Quaid’s Pakistan will be one where the poor can cook in their homes, industries thrive, and life prospers. Without Pakistan, there is nothing,” he said. Dr. Mahboob Hussain said that Quaid’s life was one of continuous struggle. “When we see the condition of Muslims in Kashmir and Palestine, we feel proud of our independence. The Pakistan Army’s decisive victory over our eternal enemy in the ‘Marka e Haq’ has added new glory to our Independence Day celebrations,” he remarked. The event began with a welcome address by NUML Regional Director Humayun Zia, and concluded with Anjum Waheed thanking the guests and participants.

Chairman PM Youth Programme Rana Mashhood Ahmad Khan and former Punjab Governor Lt. Gen. (Retd.) Khalid Maqbool addressing the “Marka-e-Haq” and Independence Day ceremony at Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex; Administrator Anjum Waheed, senior journalist Salman Ghani, Humayun Zia, and Dr. Mahboob Hussain seated on stage.

“August 13–14, 2025: ‘Marka e Haq ’ Two-Day Photo Exhibition:





Under the auspices of the Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex, a two-day photo exhibition on the theme of ‘Marka e Haq’ was organized, which was inaugurated on August 13. Students and other participants showed great interest in the exhibition, remarking that such activities not only highlight patriotism but also pay tribute to the sacrifices of the Pakistan Armed Forces. The exhibition comprehensively portrayed the ‘Marka e Haq,’ and the images of children and other martyrs brought tears to the eyes of the visitors. Although it was originally planned as a two-day event, due to the overwhelming interest of the public, it was extended to four days.

August 14, 2025: Independence Day Celebration:



The 79th Independence Day of Pakistan was celebrated with great national spirit and enthusiasm at the Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex. The ceremony began with the hoisting of the national flag to the tune of the national anthem, followed by spirited chants of “Pakistan Zindabad” from the participants, expressing their deep love for the homeland.

In connection with the celebrations, a cake-cutting ceremony was also held. The chief guest of the event was Brigadier (R) Muhammad Akram Khan, father of Shaheed Wing Commander Noman Akram. Participants paid tribute to the sacrifices of the martyrs and renewed their commitment to safeguarding Pakistan's sovereignty and contributing to its progress. They emphasized the importance of unity, discipline, and dedication for national development in the true spirit of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah's vision. On this occasion, the chief guest, Brigadier (R) Muhammad Akram Khan, shared reflections on his military career and the valiant sacrifices of his martyred son, Wing Commander Noman Akram. The event was attended by Chairperson of the Chief Minister's Inspection, Surveillance & Monitoring Directorate Brigadier (R) Babar Alauddin, Brigadier (R) Waheed Uz Zaman, Brigadier (R) Humayun Zia, Aiwan-e-Iqbal Administrator Anjum Waheed, staff members, and other distinguished guests.

The ceremony concluded with a special prayer for the prosperity, peace, and stability of Pakistan.

August 21, 2025: Visit of Member of Iqbal Adbi Forum:



Visit of Iqbal Adabi Forum to Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex, Lahore

The members of the Iqbal Adabi Forum paid an educational and literary visit to Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex, Lahore, with the objective of gaining a deeper understanding of the life, philosophy, and intellectual legacy of Allama Muhammad Iqbal. The visit was organized to acquaint participants with Iqbal's message of selfhood (Khudi), unity, education, and national awakening, while highlighting the role of Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex in preserving and promoting his thought.

Upon arrival, the delegation was warmly received by the officials of Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex and given an overview of the institution's history, objectives, and ongoing activities. The participants were informed that the Complex serves as a national cultural and intellectual center dedicated to the promotion of Iqbal's philosophy through seminars, conferences, literary gatherings, exhibitions, youth engagement programs, and educational activities.

The delegation visited the galleries of Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex, where they viewed rare photographs, historical documents, manuscripts, paintings depicting different stages of Allama Iqbal's life and his invaluable contribution to the intellectual and ideological foundation of Pakistan.

During the guided tour, experts explained the fundamental concepts of Iqbal's philosophy, including Khudi (self-realization), spiritual awakening, the importance of education, character-building, youth empowerment, and the pursuit of knowledge. The visitors actively participated in discussions and appreciated the relevance of Iqbal's teachings in addressing the contemporary social, educational, and moral challenges facing society.

A literary and interactive ceremony was organized following the gallery visit. The ceremony commenced with the recitation of the Holy Quran, followed by a welcome address by the representative of Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex. Speakers highlighted the universal message of Allama Iqbal and emphasized the responsibility of the younger generation to understand and implement his philosophy in their personal and professional lives.

Members of the Iqbal Adabi Forum presented their views on the significance of Iqbal's poetry and philosophy. Selected verses from Iqbal's poetry were recited, and participants shared their reflections on the enduring relevance of his ideas for national development, social harmony, and moral leadership. An interactive question-and-answer session enabled students and participants to engage directly with the speakers and deepen their understanding of Iqbal's intellectual contributions.

The visit concluded with a group photograph and a renewed commitment by the participants to study, promote, and disseminate the philosophy of Allama Muhammad Iqbal for the intellectual and moral development of future generations.

August 26, 2025: Penal Discussion on “Marka-e-Haq”:





A penal discussion on Marka-e-Haq and Independence Day was organized at the Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex, attended by a large number of teachers and students. The event, hosted by Aiwan-e-Iqbal Administrator Anjum Waheed, featured addresses by young scholar and Iqbal expert Zaid Hussain, microbiologist and gold medalist Dr. Maryam Akbar, Director General of Youth Parliament Pakistan and clinical psychologist Hafsa Khalid, educationist Bushra Bashir, and writer and social activist Zunaira Gul.

The session began with the recitation of the Holy Qur'an by Hafiz Ehtesham Ramzan, while Ayesha Manzoor presented Iqbal's poetry in melodious style.

In his address, Zaid Hussain stated that the battle of truth against falsehood has been continuing since eternity and will remain so until the end of time. Just as water and fire can never merge, truth and falsehood can never coexist. Truth always prevails, while falsehood is ultimately defeated. He further remarked that although the neighboring country launched a treacherous attack, our armed forces and people stood united like a Bunyan un Marsus, countered it with valor, and secured a historic victory. Marka-e-Haq, he said, stands as a beacon of light for future generations.

Dr. Maryam Akbar said that Marka-e-Haq is an important chapter of history and will continue to play a role in shaping the future. She pointed out that the younger generation perceives the sacrifices for freedom as mere tales or television dramas, whereas the true value of independence can only be understood by those who struggled to attain it. She emphasized that today we are enslaved by social media—a modern form of bondage that we must break free from. While the new generation may not fight on the battlefield, it must spread authentic news through social media. Every piece of information should be verified, for disseminating truth is also a form of Jihad. She added that celebrating

independence does not mean making noise or indulging in disorder, but offering prayers of gratitude and strengthening unity. The mentality of servitude must be abolished.

Hafsa Khalid, in her remarks, paid tribute to the martyrs whose sacrifices enabled us to live in freedom and enjoy its blessings. She said that the geography of a nation and the experiences of its elders deeply shape national psychology. The sacrifices made during the migration at the time of Pakistan's creation are beyond the capacity of historians to fully record. Marka-e-Haq has steered us towards seriousness and reflection. Migrants carried almost nothing with them—some children brought only their schoolbags. Unless we remain firmly connected to the ideology of Pakistan, we will not truly value the sacrifices of independence. She further said that Field Marshal, Army Chief General Hafiz Asim Munir, during Marka-e-Haq, uplifted the morale of the nation. Pakistan is and will remain a secular state where every individual enjoys freedom to worship according to their faith. The spirit born of Marka-e-Haq must be remembered and preserved. Protecting the geographical and ideological frontiers of the country is not only our responsibility but also an article of our faith.

In her address, Zunaira Gul saluted the nation which, in every era, raised the voice of truth and paved new paths. She said Marka-e-Haq was not merely a display of military strength, but a manifestation of national unity. The steadfastness of the people was the true sign of courage and cohesion. She stressed the need to ensure that no rifts emerge in our ranks, and urged the youth to think about the progress and betterment of the country.

Educationist Bushra Bashir remarked that Marka-e-Haq is not a new struggle—it has always existed throughout history. It is also a battle fought within hearts and minds. Firm faith is the foundation of unity and strength. To establish the supremacy of truth, ranks must be aligned, and unity maintained. The conflict between truth and falsehood keeps reappearing in different forms in every age, and the future belongs to those who command knowledge.

August 25, 2025: The Pakistan-Saudi Arabia defence agreement:



Senior journalist Salman Ghani addressing the ceremony on the Pakistan-Saudi Arabia Defence Agreement at Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex, with Prof. Yousaf Irfan, Chaudhry Shehbaz Hussain and Dr. Muhammad Saleem Rao seated on stage.



“Ek Hon Muslim Haram Ki Pasbani Ke Liye”

The Pakistan–Saudi Arabia Defence Agreement is a new milestone for the Muslim Ummah, the effects of which will be felt not only across the Islamic world but also globally. The dream of the Poet of the Nation is being realized after a hundred years, and the time is near when the entire world will unite under the banner of Islam. As Pakistanis, we must avoid any negative activities in Saudi Arabia. The fundamental reason behind the Pakistan–Saudi Arabia Defence Agreement is the prevailing situation in the Middle East.

These views were expressed by the speakers at a special ceremony titled “Ek Hon Muslim Haram Ki Pasbani Ke Liye” organized at the Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex to mark the Pakistan–Saudi Arabia Defence Agreement. The ceremony, hosted by Aiwan-e-Iqbal Administrator Anjum Waheed, was addressed by senior journalist Salman Ghani, Professor Yousaf Irfan, Dr. Muhammad Saleem Rao, and prominent businessman based in Saudi Arabia, Chaudhry Shehbaz Hussain.

In his address, Salman Ghani said that while India has a history of backstabbing, Pakistan acts openly in the light of day. He recalled that international media had declared the Pakistan Air Force as the “Queen of the Skies.” Prime Minister Modi, once full of boastful rhetoric, is now in a state of shock. During Marka-e-Haq, alongside Pakistan’s efforts, the divine support of Allah was also present. He added that today Pakistan is respected in the United States and at the United Nations because of that historic victory.

Salman Ghani further said that decades ago, Zulfikar Ali Bhutto declared that Pakistan would build a

nuclear bomb even if it had to eat grass. He also championed Muslim unity, for which he was executed, yet his vision lived on. Ultimately, in 1998, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif responded to India's nuclear tests with six nuclear explosions of his own. He noted that the current defence agreement with Saudi Arabia is another turning point for the Muslim Ummah with far-reaching consequences. He highlighted that in May this year, Pakistan's political and military leadership demonstrated to India that their previous actions were merely a trailer, and the full battle was yet to come—where not only India but also Israel faced defeat.

He recalled that when India attacked, several Islamic countries advised Pakistan not to retaliate; only China, Türkiye and Azerbaijan stood by Pakistan. But when Israel attacked Qatar, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif personally went to Doha and conveyed solidarity, proving that Pakistan stood by its allies regardless. The attack left the Arab world shaken, and even though the largest American military base is located in Qatar, the U.S. failed to defend it. These developments, he said, prove that it will be Pakistan that eventually curbs Israel's aggression.

Salman Ghani stressed that the Muslim world once relied on America, only to be betrayed. He lamented that although protests erupted worldwide against Israeli atrocities in Gaza, the Muslim Ummah restricted itself to mere resolutions. Until October 7, 2023, normalization with Israel was under discussion, but Hamas's attack overturned those plans. He encouraged the youth not to lose hope, reminding them that Pakistan must rise according to the vision of Quaid-e-Azam and Allama Iqbal. He warned against the misuse of social media platforms against Pakistan, its army, and its institutions, stressing that ultimate victory comes when the nation stands firmly behind its soldiers. The final war, he said, is against terrorism, and Pakistan must stand shoulder to shoulder with its army to defeat it. He urged that the foreign funds coming through the Pakistan–Saudi Arabia Defence Agreement should be invested in the country's youth, paving the way for a prosperous and stronger Pakistan.

Professor Yousaf Irfan, in his speech, described Pakistan as a miracle born through national unity. He said Pakistan was created by those who upheld right-wing ideals, and they alone can safeguard it. The core reason for the Pak–Saudi defence pact lies in the conditions of the Middle East. In war, he remarked, passion is more decisive than technology. If Pakistan's society and politicians unite wholeheartedly, “we can march all the way to Delhi.” He recalled that India was forced to sue for peace after its army faltered, prompting President Trump to announce a ceasefire. With this new defence agreement, he said, Pakistan could now monitor Israel closely “from its very neck.” This bold move, he argued, will make India, Israel, and other hostile countries tremble, while compelling Israel to act with caution. He envisioned Muslims from both the Arab and non-Arab world's uniting

as one Ummah to safeguard the Haramain Sharifain. Quoting Allama Iqbal, he said Europe's downfall is rooted in materialism, while Quaid-e-Azam envisioned Pakistan as the leader of the Muslim world.

Dr. Muhammad Saleem Rao remarked that the dream of the Poet of the Nation is coming true after a hundred years. He called on the youth to dream big, as true visions eventually find realization. He said the dream of Muslim unity began to take shape with the Battle of Bunyān-e-Marsūs. The Pakistan–Saudi Arabia defence pact, he added, has further broken India's back, and it will eventually collapse under its own weight. He emphasized that the secret of raising the flag of Tawheed and Risalat lies in brotherhood and strength born of unity—now in motion and bound to grow stronger. “The day is near,” he said, “when the entire world will unite under the flag of Islam.”

Chaudhry Shehbaz Hussain stressed that Pakistanis must uphold their national dignity in Saudi Arabia and prove through their actions that they are one of the best nations of the world. He said: “Today, we are witnessing a historic moment of which not only the people of Pakistan and Saudi Arabia, but the entire Muslim Ummah can be proud. This is the moment of the great Pakistan–Saudi Arabia Defence Agreement, which gives our relations new strength, new direction, and new spirit. It is a partnership that opens a new chapter for the entire Muslim Ummah.”

He emphasized that this agreement is not just about defence cooperation, but a comprehensive partnership. The professional experience of Pakistan's armed forces combined with Saudi Arabia's advanced weaponry and resources will create a formidable strength capable of countering every threat. He added that Pakistan and Saudi Arabia now stand side by side to uproot the menace of terrorism. The agreement will play a pivotal role in promoting peace, balance of power, and stability in the region. Above all, it sends a strong message that when Islamic countries unite, they can emerge as a great global force.

Finally, he highlighted those millions of Pakistani workers are employed in Saudi Arabia. This agreement will not only enhance their protection but also broaden investment and trade relations between the two countries.

27 August to 30 September 2025: National Moon Soon Plantation Campaign





August 26: National Monsoon Tree Plantation Campaign 2025

As part of the National Monsoon Tree Plantation Campaign 2025, a plantation drive was launched at the Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex. The event was actively participated in by young scholars, teachers, and students. Alongside Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex Administrator Anjum Waheed, participants planted various types of saplings in the courtyard of Aiwan and thoroughly enjoyed the activity.

On this occasion, Principal of Ilm-o-Hunar College Sundar Qamar Basheer, Iqbal Scholar Zaid Hussain, Microbiologist Dr. Maryam Akbar, Writer Zunaira Gill, Deputy General Secretary of Youth Parliament Pakistan Hafsa Khalid, Lecturer Bushra Basheer, Lecturer Ayesha Manzoor, and several others were also present.

10 September 2025: Milad-un-Nabi ﷺ Gathering for Women:



A special meeting of Bazm-e-Iqbal (Women's Wing) was held in connection with Eid Milad-un-Nabi ﷺ. The committee room was beautifully decorated with flower petals and lights. A large number of women participated, adding radiance to this blessed gathering. The program commenced with the recitation of the Holy Qur'an, rendered by Salma Noor. The proceedings were conducted by Shireen

Gul Rana, who also recited a Hamd. The gathering included the recitation of Allama Iqbal's na'atiya verses, as well as accounts from the life of the Holy Prophet ﷺ. Madam Kishwar presented an article highlighting the 23 years of the Prophet's ﷺ blessed life, while Rubina Tariq spoke on the virtues of Durood Sharif in the light of the Qur'an and Hadith. Several participants also expressed their love for the Prophet ﷺ by reciting naats. The naat khawans included Dilshad Suhail, Farkhanda Kardar, Salma Noor, Shireen Gul Rana, Shahneela Naseeb, and Parveen Shanawar. All participants collectively recited Salaam, after which Salma Noor offered the concluding dua. The gathering ended with the national anthem.

18 September, 2025: Milad-un-Nabi ﷺ Gathering for Women:



A Mehfil-e-Milad-un-Nabi (Peace Be Upon Him) for Women was organized at Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex, Lahore, in which a large number of distinguished women from various walks of life, as well as female students from schools and colleges, participated with great enthusiasm and reverence.

The ceremony commenced with the recitation of the Holy Qur'an, which was graciously performed by Dr. Hafiza Tahira H. Malik from Government Postgraduate College for Women, Cooper Road, Lahore.

This was followed by a soulful presentation of Naat in praise of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him) by Suraiya Adnan, Mah Noor Asif, Noor-e-Khadija, Zakira Tariq, Aroosa Muhammad

Ali, Hifza Tauheed, Urwa Jamal, and Fauzia Qaiser, who offered their heartfelt tributes in the blessed court of the Holy Prophet (Peace Be Upon Him).

Renowned scholars and speakers including Dr. Zaib-un-Nisa Sarvia, Arifa Iftikhar, Sabahat Ramzan Sialvi, Dr. Rizwana Khalil, Dr. Safia Mushtaq, Safia Ishaq, Fariha Naz, Tasneem Kausar, Saba Mumtaz Bano, and Shamaila Azam delivered enlightening addresses on various aspects of the blessed life (Seerat-un-Nabi) of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him). The speakers highlighted his exemplary character, compassion, teachings, and guidance for humanity.

The gathering was marked by deep devotion, spiritual reflection, and respect for the Holy Prophet (Peace Be Upon Him). The event concluded with prayers for the peace, prosperity, and progress of Pakistan and the Muslim Ummah.

October 10, 2025: Milad-un-Nabi ﷺ Gathering for Women:



Theme: “Ki Muhammad se Wafa Tu Ne To Hum Tere Hain”

Under the auspices of Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex, a spiritually uplifting and graceful Milad-un-Nabi ﷺ gathering for women was held on October 10, 2025, under the theme “Ki Muhammad se Wafa Tu Ne To Hum Tere Hain”.

A large number of women participated in the blessed event, expressing their deep love and devotion to the Holy Prophet ﷺ. The proceedings of the gathering were conducted with great elegance by Ms. Rukhsana Bashir. The program commenced with the recitation of the Holy Qur'an and its translation, presented by Ms. Sarwat Atta Bari. The melodious recitation filled the hall with spiritual serenity and illuminated the hearts of the audience with faith and devotion. This was followed by Hamd (praise of Almighty Allah) and Naat (tributes to the Holy Prophet ﷺ), beautifully rendered by Ms. Shehnaz Azhar and Ms. Iqra. Their soulful voices and heartfelt expressions of devotion deeply moved the audience. During the gathering, various aspects of the Seerat-e-Tayyiba (blessed life) of the Holy Prophet ﷺ were highlighted. Special emphasis was laid on the Prophet's exemplary conduct toward women, his role as an intercessor for sinners, and the message that true love for Allah lies in following the Sunnah of the Prophet ﷺ. In her address, Ms. Rukhsana Bashir remarked that the teachings of the Holy Prophet ﷺ are a beacon of salvation for all humanity. She stated that

whoever follows the Prophet ﷺ attains the love and closeness of Allah Almighty. She also offered scientific explanations of some of the Prophet's miracles, which were both enlightening and faith-strengthening for the audience. Later, Ms. Maryam Arshad recited a moving Manqabat in praise of the Ahl-e-Bait (Family of the Prophet ﷺ) and Hazrat Ghaus-ul-Azam (RA), adding further spiritual grace to the gathering. The program concluded with Salat-o-Salam upon the Holy Prophet ﷺ, followed by a heartfelt supplication (Dua). Prayers were offered for the unity of the Muslim Ummah, the progress and prosperity of Pakistan, and for peace and harmony across the Islamic world. Thus, this blessed gathering, filled with love for the Prophet ﷺ, concluded in an atmosphere of deep spirituality and devotion.

November 10, 2025: Program regarding with Yom e Iqbal:





Iqbal is not merely a personality but a state of mind and a powerful emotion. The ideology and spirit of Iqbal played a vital role in the independence of Central Asian states and the disintegration of the Soviet Union. It is the youth's movements that change the destiny of nations.

These views were expressed by the speakers while addressing a speech competition organized under the auspices of Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex in collaboration with NUML Lahore Campus in connection with Iqbal Day. The Chief Guest of the ceremony was Federal Secretary, National Heritage & Culture Division, Mr. Asad Rehman Gilani, while the Guest Speaker was senior journalist Salman Ghani. The event was jointly hosted by Administrator Aiwan-e-Iqbal, Anjum Waheed, and Regional Director NUML, Humayun Zia. Addressing the ceremony, Federal Secretary Asad Rehman Gilani said that witnessing the passion and enthusiasm among students today gives him hope that the country's future is bright and that Iqbal lives on in the new generation. He added that Iqbal's admirers are not confined to Pakistan and India — they are found in Iran, Tajikistan, and many other countries. In Iran, people memorize Iqbal's poetry, while Tajikistan proclaimed its independence from Russia in 1989 with Iqbal's verses. He emphasized that it is through the spirit and vigor of youth that nations transform. "If you look around," he said, "you'll see how Generation Z has reshaped the destinies of Bangladesh, Nepal, and the Middle East. Iqbal was never disappointed with his barren field. Standing among you today, I feel the same hope and peace that Iqbal felt for the youth of his nation. He taught us that no matter how difficult times may be, as long as hope lives in our hearts and the passion for hard work endures, a nation can never perish. You are the soil, and this fertility will emerge from your knowledge, your character, and your effort. The homeland will flourish only when you take charge of its future." In his address, senior journalist Salman Ghani said that Iqbal is not just a person but a feeling, an awakening of thought and consciousness that appears once in centuries and rules hearts for generations. When the Muslims of the subcontinent were in confusion and despair, it was Allama Iqbal who invited Quaid-e-Azam and convinced him that he alone could lead the Muslims and secure a separate homeland for them. Iqbal awakened a revolutionary spirit among the Muslims of India, and

the essence of his thought was rooted in the Holy Qur'an. He urged the youth not to lose hope, as good often emerges from adversity. He further said that during the recent struggles of truth and justice, the State and Government adopted a policy that produced positive results. "Our enemies know that the people and youth of Pakistan have mastered the art of surviving difficult times. The real strength of this nation lies in its youth — a force that even political leadership fears. We must move forward and build our country according to the vision of Quaid-e-Azam. I see a strong, energetic, and vibrant Pakistan in its youth — the future is bright, and there is no room for despair."

Cultural Festival Meray Rang..Sab Apne Report November 2025:





In the soul-stirring ambience of the Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex, the vision of a dream has taken form—a dream woven from the hues of national harmony, mutual accord, and the wondrous diversity of our cultural tapestry. “*Meray Rang... Sab Apne*” is not merely a programme; it is a resolute endeavor to bind hearts, dispel distances, and string together the living spirit of Pakistan in a single radiant

thread—an endeavor that deepens relationships through colours, refines emotions through music, and broadens intellect through meaningful dialogue.

Behind this symphony of cultural harmony lies a noble purpose: that students arriving from various universities across the country may learn to understand one another's cultures, inhale their fragrance, and through conversation cast away the weight of long-settled misunderstandings.

The first phase of this grand undertaking concluded on 17 November with such splendors that the air of Aiwan-e-Iqbal remained long perfumed with those moving and unforgettable moments. Bright-eyed youth from renowned universities of Azad Kashmir, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, and Gilgit-Baltistan, accompanied by their honourable teachers, arrived in Lahore as ambassadors of knowledge, culture, and refinement—carrying with them the stories of their regions, the scent of their mountains, the pulse of their rivers, and the music of their valleys.

The warmth with which Administrator **Anjum Waheed** and the staff of Aiwan-e-Iqbal welcomed these guests coloured the very beginning of the journey with the hues of affection. Every arrangement—whether the morning at the hotel or the evening dinner at the Complex—stood as a living testament to the luminous tradition of hospitality.

Throughout this journey, the efforts of many shone like steadfast stars—**Dr. Imtiaz Ahmed**, Dean Veterinary Department (University of Poonch, Rawalakot, AJK), **Dr. Muhammad Abrar**, Deputy Director Student Societies (University of Peshawar), and **Dr. Qamar Abbas** (Karakoram International University). Equally admirable was the gracious consent of the honourable Vice Chancellors—**Professor Dr. Johar Ali**, **Professor Dr. Zakria Zakir**, and **Professor Dr. Attaullah Shah**—whose encouragement testified to their unwavering faith in the youth and in the future of cultural harmony. Yet the true story began on 14 November 2025, when the winds of the North and the South, the East and the West, descended upon Lahore carrying their colours within their folds. When the caravans of the University of Poonch, University of Peshawar, and Karakoram International University arrived at the Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex, a gentle fragrance filled the air—the fragrance of youthful smiles and awakening hopes.

Participating Universities and Delegations

Karakoram International University, Gilgit-Baltistan

Faculty:

- Dr. Jafar Aman (Chairman, Department of Sociology) *Students:* Shahab-ur-Rehman, Muhammad, Ali Kawash, Muhammad Nawaz, Hasnat Ali, Aalyanullah Baig, Alhan Musa, Ali Habib, Hunaid Alam, Hira Anwar, Sapna Afsheen

University of Peshawar, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa

Faculty:

- Lecturer Shah Saud Khan

Students: Waseemullah Khan, Muhammad Sajjad Afridi, Zia-ur-Rehman Wazir, Muhammad Shamim, Kainat Sabir, Warisha Akbar, Palwasha Noor, Hafiz Muhammad Bilal, Syed Umer Abbas, Owais Ahmad, and (from Lahore) Zulqarnain Kakar, Habib Azizi, Faisal Nisar, Qayum Haramzai, Musa Dawood, Jawad Mehsud, Wajid Marwat, Waqas Mehsud, Qaiser Jalali

University of Poonch, Rawalakot (Azad Kashmir)

Faculty:

- Dr. Kashif Awan (Director Students' Affairs)
- Dr. Sadaf Razzaq

Students: Hira Kamal, Mah Parah Amjad, Saman Sadiq, Zaina Shafiq, Rida-e-Fatima, Laraib Waseem, Aroosha Shabbir, Momin Raouf, Ahmed Hasan, Mubashir Sharif, Huzaifa Khan, Hamza Shamrez, Ibtisam Zahidi, Waqas Sadiq, Muhammad Tanzil, Syed Ali Gardezi

On the morning of 15 November, as soft sunlight descended into the courtyard of Aiwan-e-Iqbal, the colourful realm of cultural stalls awakened. The cool breeze of Gilgit, the gracious warmth of Peshawar, and the silent musicality of Kashmiri valleys—each stall narrated a tale of its own.

Citizens thronged toward them: some purchasing the famed Chitrali cap, others admiring the pearl-like dried fruits of Hunza, and still others enchanted by Kashmiri artisans sketching rose-hued motifs with quiet mastery.

The students radiated their colours not only through their attire but also through the delicate insights they shared with television channels about their heritage. The overwhelming public interest testified that this festival had become more than a spectacle—it had become a cultural experience.

By afternoon, as dusk had not yet fully deepened, the Conference Hall of Aiwan-e-Iqbal bloomed with colour and light. When evening fell, the hall bathed in radiance, and the cultural programme ignited every heart. The students of Poonch University performed a spellbinding dance to the soft melody of a Kashmiri folk song—as though the fragrance of valleys, the mist of mountains, and the ripples of lakes had gathered in a single moment.

Then came the traditional martial art **Gatka**, displaying the vigour of bravery; and from the students of the University of Peshawar, the enchanting rhythm of *Chitrali dance*, the circular grace of the *Pashtun Attan*—and with the very first beat of the dhol, the entire hall swayed as one. It felt as though the echo of Khyber's streets had reached Lahore itself, casting a spell of collective ecstasy.

When the students of Karakoram International University struck the notes of Hunza's traditional music *Hareep*, the sound of the rabab and the dhol sank deep into the hearts of the listeners. The stirring pulse of *Kata Ghani* perfumed the gathering, and their contemporary music, too, won every heart.

At the conclusion of the programme, Administrator Anjum Waheed presented shields to the students and teachers—each shield a memory, a tribute, a token of affection. After dinner, the guests were escorted to the hotel, where in the tender silence of the night, every heart was content and every face aglow.

On the following morning, 16 November, Lahore unfolded its heritage before the guests:

The National History Museum, Minar-e-Pakistan, Shahi Qila, Baradari, Badshahi Mosque—each site seemed to whisper,

“I am Pakistan, and these are my stories.”

The recitation of Fatiha at the mausoleum of Allama Iqbal wrapped the journey in a veil of spirituality.

The luncheon at the Shahi Qila echoed with laughter, new friendships, and lively tales. By evening, the aroma of barbecue and the gentle waves of music revived the gathering once more. The presence of Provincial Minister for Minority Affairs Sardar Ramesh Singh Arora, along with senior journalists Salman Ghani, Naveed Chaudhry, and Azam Chaudhry, gave the conversations thoughtful depth. Students posed questions, and the distinguished guests responded with grace, emphasizing the power of dialogue. This was not merely conversation—it was illumination for the architects of tomorrow.

And then—when at the final hour of the night the youth bid farewell to one another—there glimmered a quiet moisture in some eyes. Perhaps of joy, perhaps of parting, perhaps of having witnessed the fulfilment of a dream that brings hearts closer.

On the morning of 17 November, the hour of departure arrived. Lahore bestowed its gifts of love upon them, and they left for their respective cities. Yet in their hearts, the streets of Lahore, the lights of Aiwan-e-Iqbal, and the fragrance of this journey shall forever remain alive.

And this, indeed, is the true message of the programme—

Meray Rang... Sab Apne.

In the second phase of “**Meray Rang... Sab Apne**”, this voyage of colours shall journey further—reaching the universities of Punjab, Sindh, and Balochistan, where students shall be invited with open hearts to partake in this beautiful expedition of love, harmony, and cultural unity.

18-December-2025 “Pakistan Main Aap Sab Azad Hain”:



ایوان اقبال کمپلیکس کے زیر اہتمام یوم قائد کے حوالے سے تقریب بعنوان "پاکستان میں آپ سب آزاد ہیں" سے ڈاکٹر راغب حسین نعیمی، بشپ مجید ناز عاشق، امر ناتھ رندھاوا، سردار بیشن سنگھ اور ڈاکٹر محمد سلیم راؤ خطاب کرتے ہوئے



Pakistan is like a bouquet whose beauty lies in the diversity of religions practiced by its people. The coming together of representatives of all faiths at one place is the greatest expression of freedom. Wherever Sikhs live in the world, their hearts beat for Pakistan. The promotion of religious tourism in our country is a true manifestation of freedom. All religions preach love and peace. These views were expressed by the speakers while addressing a Quaid’s Day ceremony titled “**Pakistan Main Aap Sab Azad Hain**” organized by the Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex.

The event was hosted by Administrator Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex, **Anjum Waheed**. The Chief Guest was **Dr. Raghib Hussain Naeemi**, Chairman, Council of Islamic Ideology. Guest speakers included Christian leader **Bishop Majeed Naz Ashiq**, Hindu leader **Amarnath Randhawa**, Sikh leader **Sardar Bishan Singh**, and **Dr. Muhammad Saleem Rao**.

In his address, **Dr. Raghib Hussain Naeemi** stated that people belonging to 12 religions, including Jews, live in Pakistan, and the country’s beauty lies in this religious diversity. He emphasized that minorities in Pakistan are free citizens of the state. He said that if any wrongdoing occurs against a minority in Pakistan, Muslims also raise their voices against it, unlike the situation in India. He further said that Islam places great emphasis on *Huqooq-ul-Ibad* (rights of people), with clear examples found in the Qur’an and Sunnah, and that the Holy Prophet (ﷺ) set clear standards for the protection of minority rights and came to liberate people from all forms of bondage. He added that

without the supremacy of the Constitution, the fruits of freedom cannot be achieved. Institutions must function within their constitutional limits, and only the rule of law can ensure that people receive their legitimate rights.

Bishop Majeed Naz Ashiq said that the gathering of representatives of all religions at one platform is the greatest freedom. He stressed that promoting positive thinking among the youth should be a top priority. According to the Constitution, followers of all religions are free and are enjoying its benefits. He added that the Christian community prays for all humanity at the conclusion of its worship services and that followers of all religions made sacrifices for the creation of Pakistan.

Sardar Bishan Singh, in his address, said that the land of Pakistan is extremely sacred for Sikhism as it hosts important holy sites. He reiterated that wherever Sikhs live around the world, their hearts beat for Pakistan. He said that the sacrifice of Shaheed-e-Azam Bhagat Singh is also part of the struggle for the creation of Pakistan. He described the green passport and shalwar kameez as symbols of national identity and stated that Sikhs receive the greatest love in Pakistan, whereas there is no religious freedom in India. He cited the incident involving Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar pulling the veil of a Muslim woman doctor as a clear example, and also referred to Indian atrocities in occupied Kashmir. He said that while Allama Iqbal and Quaid-e-Azam gave us Pakistan, it is now our responsibility to work for the country's progress and peace. Pakistan, he added, is a shared home for all—national identity comes first, religion and belief later.

Amarnath Randhawa said there is no doubt that people are free in Pakistan. He noted that the major cause of class divisions in the subcontinent was lack of education, whereas religion itself does not promote such discrimination. He said that the Constitution of Pakistan grants complete freedom and that Pakistan is the only state actively working to promote religious tourism. He added that the Hindu community is serving in all walks of life. While the Hindu population in Punjab is around 700,000, he pointed out that they lack representation in the assemblies and should be given the right to directly elect representatives from their community. He emphasized the need for systemic reforms and affirmed that all are Pakistanis, will remain Pakistanis, and will protect the country.

Dr. Muhammad Saleem Rao said that all religions teach love. He remarked that while people are free, unchecked freedom needs reconsideration. True freedom, he said, lies in directing every breath towards progress. For genuine freedom, knowledge and skills must be promoted so that the nation can become economically strong and prosperous and truly benefit from freedom.

Earlier, the ceremony began with the recitation of the Holy Qur'an by **Qari Muhammad Saad Afzal**, followed by the recitation of Naat-e-Iqbal by student **Maryam Bukhari**. The duties of stage secretary were performed by Young Iqbal Scholar **Zaid Hussain**.

25 December 2026: Cake-Cutting Ceremony to Commemorate the Birth Anniversary of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah:



Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex organized a dignified **cake-cutting ceremony** to commemorate the **birth anniversary of the Founder of Pakistan, Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah**. The event was held to pay tribute to the Quaid's invaluable services to the nation, his visionary leadership, and his unwavering struggle for the creation of Pakistan.

The ceremony was attended by **Brigadier (Retd.) Waheed-uz-Zaman Tariq**, senior journalist **Ms. Saima Nawaz**, **Mr. Anjum Waheed**, **Administrator, Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex**, and other distinguished guests. The participants jointly cut the commemorative cake and paid rich tribute to Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah for his remarkable contributions to the establishment of Pakistan and his enduring legacy.

Speaking on the occasion, the participants observed that the Quaid's guiding principles of **Unity, Faith, and Discipline** continue to serve as a beacon of inspiration for the nation. They emphasized that the younger generation should draw guidance from his vision, exemplary character, integrity, commitment to the rule of law, and spirit of selfless public service, and play a constructive role in the progress, prosperity, and stability of Pakistan.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the participants reaffirmed their commitment to promoting the vision and ideals of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, strengthening national unity, and contributing with honesty, dedication, and patriotism towards building a strong, progressive, and prosperous Pakistan.

January 29, 2026: Visit of Grow Talent Forum:



Visit of Grow Talent Forum to Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex

A delegation from the Grow Talent Forum visited Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex, Lahore, with the objective of gaining insight into the life, philosophy, and enduring legacy of Allama Muhammad Iqbal. The visit was organized as part of the Forum's efforts to promote intellectual growth, leadership development, and character building among young people.

During the visit, the participants toured the various galleries and facilities of Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex, where they were introduced to different aspects of Allama Iqbal's life, literary contributions, philosophical vision, and his role in inspiring the Pakistan Movement.

An interactive session was held in which representatives of Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex highlighted the institution's mission of preserving and promoting the philosophy of Allama Iqbal through educational, literary, cultural, and youth-oriented activities. The participants were encouraged to adopt Iqbal's teachings of self-realization (Khudi), unity, discipline, moral values, and dedicated service to the nation.

Members of the Grow Talent Forum actively participated in discussions on youth empowerment, leadership, and the importance of education in shaping responsible citizens. They appreciated the role of Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex as a national institution dedicated to nurturing intellectual excellence and patriotic values among the younger generation.

The delegation expressed its gratitude to the management of Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex for the informative visit and the warm hospitality extended to them. They acknowledged that the visit significantly enhanced their understanding of Allama Iqbal's vision and inspired them to contribute positively to society by embracing the principles of ethical leadership, innovation, and national development.

The visit concluded with a group photograph and a renewed commitment by the participants to uphold the ideals of Allama Muhammad Iqbal and play an active role in building a progressive, enlightened, and prosperous Pakistan.

10 February 2026: Maulana Rumi–Konya Seminar:



Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex, in collaboration with the **Yunus Emre Institute and Turkish Cultural Centre, Türkiye**, organized the "**Maulana Rumi–Konya Seminar**" on **10 February 2026** at Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex.

The **Consul General of Türkiye in Lahore, Mr. Mehmet Emin Şimşek**, graced the occasion as the **Chief Guest**, accompanied by his wife. The welcome address was delivered by **Dr. Khalil Tokar, Director, Yunus Emre Institute**, while the concluding remarks were presented by **Mr. Anjum Waheed, Administrator, Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex**.

The seminar featured insightful presentations by **Dr. Saadat Saeed, Dr. Shagufta Firdous, Dr. Muhammad Naeem**, and **Mr. Eren Miyashoğlu, Deputy Director, Yunus Emre Institute Turkish Cultural Centre, Lahore**. The speakers highlighted the enduring friendship between Pakistan and Türkiye, the spiritual teachings of **Maulana Jalaluddin Rumi**, the philosophy of **Allama Muhammad Iqbal**, and the profound influence of **Maulana Shams Tabrizi**. Their thought-provoking presentations were highly appreciated by the audience.

The seminar was attended by a large number of teachers, students, scholars, intellectuals, and members of the general public, reflecting the growing interest in the shared cultural and spiritual heritage of Pakistan and Türkiye.

10 February 2026: Maulana Rumi–Konya Photographic Exhibition:





A **Maulana Rumi–Konya Photographic Exhibition** was organized at **Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex**, showcasing the rich cultural heritage of the historic city of **Konya, Türkiye**. The exhibition featured a captivating collection of photographs depicting Konya's historical landmarks, magnificent Islamic architecture, the **Mausoleum of Maulana Jalaluddin Rumi**, the centuries-old tradition of the **Whirling Dervishes (Sema Ceremony)**, and the city's unique spiritual and cultural identity.

The exhibition received an enthusiastic response from visitors. A large number of teachers, students, scholars, intellectuals, and members of the general public visited the exhibition and expressed keen interest in the displays. Participants observed that such cultural exhibitions play a vital role in promoting intercultural dialogue, enhancing mutual understanding, and strengthening people-to-people contacts. They further remarked that initiatives of this nature make a valuable contribution to fostering the longstanding historical, cultural, and educational relations between **Pakistan and Türkiye**.

February 12, 2026: Cultural and Social Dimensions of Türkiye-Pakistan Relations Seminar:



A seminar on "**The Dimensions of Pakistan–Türkiye Cultural and Social Relations**" was organized at **Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex** in collaboration with the **Yunus Emre Institute** and

Turkish Cultural Centre, Lahore, Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex, and the Dost Pakistan–Türkiye Friendship Forum. The Consul General of Türkiye in Lahore, **Mr. Mehmet Emin Şimşek**, graced the occasion as the **Chief Guest**, while the seminar was presided over by the renowned journalist **Mr. Mujeeb-ur-Rehman Shami**.

The speakers delivered comprehensive presentations on the longstanding Islamic brotherhood and historic friendship between Pakistan and Türkiye, highlighting the close economic, defence, cultural, educational, and social ties between the two countries. The audience highly appreciated the informative discussions and observed that such events provide an excellent platform for enhancing mutual understanding and promoting awareness of each other's culture, literature, and intellectual heritage.

Among those who addressed the seminar were **Mr. Mehmet Emin Şimşek, Consul General of Türkiye in Lahore; Mr. Mujeeb-ur-Rehman Shami; Prof. Dr. Khalil Tokar, Country Director, Yunus Emre Institute; Mr. Anjum Waheed, Administrator, Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex; Mr. Eren Miyashoğlu, Director, Yunus Emre Institute, Lahore; Dr. Farooq Adil, Chairman, Dost Pakistan–Türkiye Friendship Forum; Prof. Dr. Naveed Elahi, Dean, National School of Public Policy; Prof. Dr. Muhammad Kamran; and Prof. Dr. Saadat Saeed.**

The proceedings were conducted by **Dr. Sadaf Naqvi, Chairperson, Department of Media and Communication Studies**, who served as the master of ceremonies.

February 14,15,2026: Leadership Symposium 2026:



Leader Ship Symposium

Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex, Lahore, in collaboration with Hope Society Pakistan, successfully hosted the Leader Ship Symposium2026. The Symposium brought together a distinguished group of talented and aspiring youth leaders from educational institutions across Pakistan with the objective of promoting leadership, community engagement, and positive social change.

The event served as an interactive platform where participants shared innovative ideas, exchanged experiences, and discussed practical solutions to the social and developmental challenges facing the country. Through insightful presentations and group discussions, the students highlighted the significance of visionary, ethical, and service-oriented leadership in building a progressive and prosperous Pakistan.

The speakers emphasized that effective leadership is based on integrity, responsibility, teamwork, compassion, and a commitment to public service. They encouraged young people to become active contributors to society by participating in community development initiatives and demonstrating leadership in their respective fields.

The Symposium also provided an excellent opportunity for networking among promising youth leaders from different regions of Pakistan, enabling them to build meaningful connections and collaborate on future social initiatives. The interactive sessions enhanced the participants' communication, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills while inspiring them to become agents of positive change.

Speaking on the occasion, the representatives of Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex reiterated the institution's commitment to promoting intellectual development, youth empowerment, and the philosophy of Allama Muhammad Iqbal, which encourages self-confidence, character building, and visionary leadership among the younger generation.

The event concluded with a renewed pledge by the participants to work collectively for the betterment of society and to utilize their leadership abilities in serving their communities and contributing to the progress and development of Pakistan.

23 March 2026: Pakistan Day Ceremony:





In line with the **Prime Minister of Pakistan's vision of austerity, Aiwan-e-Iqbal**

Complex commemorated **Pakistan Day (23 March)** with a simple yet dignified ceremony, reflecting the spirit of patriotism and national pride. The event commenced with the **national flag-hoisting ceremony**, during which tribute was paid to the martyrs of the Pakistan Movement, **Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah, Allama Muhammad Iqbal**, and other national leaders whose vision and sacrifices led to the creation of Pakistan.

The flag-hoisting ceremony was attended by **Mr. Shehzad Amin, Mr. Zaid Hussain, Mr. Muhammad Ashraf, Mr. Murtaza Rashid**, and other officers and staff members of Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex. Following the hoisting of the national flag, the participants sang the national anthem and offered special prayers for the peace, progress, prosperity, and stability of Pakistan.

A brief yet meaningful ceremony was held afterwards, during which **Young Iqbal Scholar Mr. Zaid Hussain** addressed the audience. He highlighted the historical significance of the **Pakistan Resolution**, the vision and philosophy of **Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah** and **Allama Muhammad Iqbal**, and the objectives behind the creation of Pakistan. He stated that **23 March** serves as a reminder of the enduring principles of **Unity, Faith, and Discipline**, inspiring every Pakistani to strengthen national unity and fulfil their responsibilities towards the development and prosperity of the country.

He further emphasized that the younger generation should draw guidance from the vision of the Founding Fathers and the ideology of Pakistan by dedicating themselves to education, research, character building, and patriotism, thereby contributing to the emergence of a strong, progressive, and prosperous nation.

At the conclusion of the ceremony, the participants reaffirmed their commitment to utilizing their abilities and resources for the progress, stability, and prosperity of Pakistan, while continuing to uphold and promote the country's ideological, national, and democratic values with dedication and patriotism.

20 April 2026: Seminar on "Iqbal and the Contemporary World":



As part of the **Iqbal Day (Death Anniversary)** commemorations, **Aiwan-e-Iqbal**

Complex organized a special seminar titled "**Iqbal and the Contemporary World**" on **20 April 2026**. The seminar was presided over by **senior journalist and analyst Mr. Salman Ghani** and hosted by **Mr. Anjum Waheed, Administrator, Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex**. The keynote speaker was the distinguished **Iqbal scholar, Dr. Nadeem Ishaq Khan**. The speakers emphasized the importance of adopting the teachings and philosophy of **Allama Muhammad Iqbal** in addressing the challenges of the contemporary world. They urged the younger generation to draw inspiration from Iqbal's vision and incorporate his ideals into their personal and professional lives.

In his address, **Dr. Nadeem Ishaq Khan** delivered a comprehensive lecture on **Iqbal's philosophy**, examining it from the perspectives of history, politics, geography, psychology, and biographical studies. He highlighted the enduring relevance of Iqbal's thought in understanding contemporary social, intellectual, and political issues. Speaking on the occasion, **Mr. Salman Ghani** reflected on the relevance of Iqbal's ideas in the context of present-day national and global challenges. He emphasized that Iqbal's message continues to provide intellectual and moral guidance for building a progressive, self-reliant, and united society. The seminar was attended by **Mr. Nauman Chishti, Ms.**

Kishwar Malik, Ms. Aneela Faisal, Dr. Safia Sabri, and a large number of teachers, students, scholars, and members of the public, who highly appreciated the insightful discussions.

April 21,2026: Visit to Mizar-e- Iqbal:



Visit of the Federal Minister for National Heritage and Culture to the Mausoleum of Iqbal Along with Delegation

Federal Minister for National Heritage and Culture Aurangzeb Khan Khichi, along with senior journalist Salman Ghani and a delegation, visited the Mausoleum of Iqbal on the occasion of Iqbal Day and laid a floral wreath there. The smartly turned-out Rangers guards presented a salute. The Federal Minister and the delegation also offered Fateha at the mausoleum.

After recording his impressions in the visitors' book, Federal Minister Aurangzeb Khan Khichi said that Pakistan came into existence as a result of the vision of Allama Muhammad Iqbal. He stated that Iqbal's poetry played a significant role in awakening the Muslims of this region and the Middle East. He further remarked that whenever ambassadors and officials from the states that gained independence from Russia meet them, they acknowledge that during their freedom movements, the poetry of Allama Iqbal was widely recited and his slogans were passionately raised.

He further said that the present political and military leadership is making tireless efforts to steer the country out of crises, the results of which can also be seen in Pakistan's mediation efforts aimed at stopping the conflict between the United States and Iran. He emphasized that in order to make the country truly sovereign, it is essential to follow the thoughts and philosophy of Allama Iqbal.

On this occasion, Administrator of Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex Anjum Waheed, Vice President of Iqbal Academy Pakistan Dr. Shahzad Qaiser, Director of Iqbal Academy Dr. Abdul Rauf Rafiqi, Nauman Chishti, Shahzad Amin, Muhammad Faheem, and others were also present.

May 07,2026: Photographic Exhibition on Marka -e- Haq:





To commemorate the Marka-e Haq, Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex organized a special three-day photographic exhibition, which was inaugurated on 7 May 2026. The exhibition vividly portrayed the various phases of the Battle for Truth, highlighting the nation's unwavering resolve, the professionalism of Pakistan's Armed Forces, national unity, and the enduring sacrifices of the country's martyrs through a compelling collection of photographs.

The exhibition attracted a large number of students, teachers, intellectuals, and members of the general public, who expressed great appreciation for the initiative. Visitors observed that such activities not only promote patriotism, national consciousness, and the spirit of unity among the younger generation, but also serve as a meaningful tribute to the unparalleled sacrifices made by Pakistan's Armed Forces and the martyrs who laid down their lives in the service of the nation.

The exhibition comprehensively covered all significant aspects of the Marka-e Haq. In particular, photographs depicting the sacrifices of the martyrs, innocent children, and scenes illustrating the human impact of the conflict deeply moved the visitors, leaving many with tears in their eyes.

Although the exhibition was initially planned as a three-day event, the overwhelming public response and exceptional level of interest prompted the organizers to extend it for an entire week, enabling a much larger number of citizens to visit and benefit from the exhibition.

May 5, 2026: “Marka-e-Haq” Tableau Program:





Under the auspices of Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex, a tableau program titled “Marka-e-Haq” was organized to pay tribute to the remarkable success and bravery of Pakistan’s valiant armed forces in response to Indian aggression “Pahalgam False Flag Operation 2025.” Renowned poetess, writer, and columnist Rubina Shaheen attended the event as the Chief Guest, while the duties of Stage Secretary were performed by Curator of Aiwan-e-Iqbal, Razia Amir. Students from La Salle School System, Himayat-e-Islam Public Girls High School, and Government Sheikh Sardar Girls Higher Secondary School presented tableaux, speeches, and national songs to express their love, admiration, and solidarity with the Pakistan Armed Forces. At the conclusion of the program, certificates were distributed among all participating students by Aiwan-e-Iqbal in recognition of their performances.

07-May-2026 Marka-e-Haq Bunyān-un-Marsoos Seminar:



ایوان اقبال کمپلیکس میں معرکہ حق کی تقریب سے گورنر پنجاب سردار سلیم حیدر خطاب کرتے ہوئے، وفاقی سیکرٹری اسد رحمان گیلانی، سینئر صحافی سلمان فنی، ایف این ٹی جزل ریٹائرڈ غلام مصطفیٰ، انجم وحید، ڈاکٹر محمد سلیم رانا اور ڈاکٹر قلیو زہرا کا علمی سنجہ پر پیشے ہیں



After Marka-e-Haq, the entire world is listening to Pakistan; today is a day of pride for us. Marka-e-Haq has elevated Pakistan’s stature among the nations of the world. Wars are not fought

by armies alone, but by entire nations. These views were expressed by the speakers while addressing the Marka-e-Haq Bunyān-un-Marsoos ceremony organized by Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex.

The ceremony was presided over by Sardar Saleem Haider Khan, while the Guest of Honour was Asad Rehman Gilani and the host was Administrator Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex Anjum Waheed. The ceremony was also addressed by Lieutenant General (Retd.) غلام مصطفی, senior journalist Salman Ghani, Dr. Muhammad Saleem Rao, and Dr. Faliha Zahra Kazmi.

Governor Punjab Sardar Saleem Haider Khan, in his address, congratulated President Asif Ali Zardari, Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, Field Marshal Syed Asim Munir, the political and military leadership, as well as all martyrs and veterans on the completion of one year of Marka-e-Haq, saying that it was due to their sacrifices that Pakistan had achieved such honour. He stated that today the entire world is listening to and acknowledging Pakistan. He remarked that India has always been Pakistan's eternal enemy and that Israel is no less hostile, yet Allah has given Pakistan the strength to confront them courageously. He pointed out that although India ranks among the top ten countries in defence spending, it was outmatched by a country not even included in that list.

He further said that one of the major achievements of Marka-e-Haq was that Pakistan fought the battle on its own strength, with its own aircraft and pilots. The Governor added that the 250 million people of Pakistan would never bow before anyone, and that the people themselves stand like an army ready to fight shoulder to shoulder with the security institutions. He stated that India no longer has the courage to attack Pakistan. He further remarked that the world does not stand with those who carry begging bowls, yet Allah has granted Pakistan a distinguished place among nations even in difficult circumstances.

Federal Secretary Asad Rehman Gilani, in his speech, said that the day was a source of great pride for the nation. Marka-e-Haq had given Pakistan pride, confidence, and hope. After Operation Bunyān-un-Marsoos, Pakistan's stature among the nations of the world had risen significantly. He said it was also a matter of pride that important global decisions were now being discussed in Islamabad. Although Pakistan might be smaller than the enemy in terms of population and military resources, it remained superior in spirit and capability. He warned that whenever the enemy attempted aggression, it would face humiliation.

He emphasized that the nation's hope lies in its younger generation. When the youth uphold honesty, integrity, and truthfulness, they will be capable of leading the world. He pledged that the nation would dedicate its wealth, energy, and lives for the progress and development of Pakistan.

Lieutenant General (Retd.) غلام مصطفی stated that wars are fought not only by armies but by nations. He remarked that Marka-e-Haq had in fact begun when Islam first arrived in the region, and that it

still continues because India has never accepted the existence of Pakistan. He said Allah granted victory to Pakistan through the collective role of the nation, particularly its youth.

Senior journalist Salman Ghani said that Marka-e-Haq is not merely an idea or a thought but the name of a continuous struggle. Through Marka-e-Haq, Pakistan had demonstrated to the world that it is an unconquerable nation. He said that despite internal differences, the people of Pakistan unite as one nation against India. After Marka-e-Haq, not only had this smaller country emerged stronger, but even the oppressed people of Gaza were now looking toward Pakistan with hope. He stated that India's history is based on deceitful attacks, whereas Pakistan responds openly and decisively. He added that Allah has elevated Pakistan to such a position that even the United States and Iran look toward Pakistan for mediation and reconciliation, while the eyes of the global media remain focused on Pakistan. He stressed that Pakistan cannot dominate militarily while remaining economically dependent, and that if the country truly wishes to follow the vision of Quaid-e-Azam and Allama Muhammad Iqbal, it must break the begging bowl forever.

Dr. Muhammad Saleem Rao said that Pakistan had created history by defeating a country five times larger than itself within just a few hours during Marka-e-Haq. Dr. Faliha Zahra Kazmi stated that the armed forces protect not only borders but also national ideology. She said that when people stand united under one flag and one leadership, they transform from a crowd into a nation. She urged the younger generation to stand behind the armed forces and institutions like a “Bunyān-un-Marsoos” — a solid and united structure.

The ceremony was moderated by young Iqbal scholar Zaid Hussain, while the recitation of the Holy Qur'an was performed by Qari Nadeem-ur-Rehman and naat and Iqbaliyat were presented by Muhammad Ajmal Dar. A large number of teachers, male and female students attended the ceremony.

May 19, 2026: Seminar on Pakistan–Iran Relations (Reconstruction of Muslim Civilization)



Under the auspices of Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex, a special event on the Islamic, historical, and cultural relations between Pakistan and Iran was held. The Chief Guest was the Consul General of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Lahore, Mehran Moohdfar, while the Guest of Honour was DG Khana-e-Farhang Iran Lahore, Dr. Asghar Masoodi. The event was hosted by Administrator Anjum Waheed and also featured speeches by senior journalist Salman Ghani and Dr. Muhammad Saleem Rao.

In his keynote address, the Iranian Consul General highlighted the importance of Allama Iqbal's Persian poetry, stating that it forms a strong intellectual and cultural bridge between Pakistan and Iran. He emphasized Iqbal's philosophy as a source of inspiration, courage, and awakening for the youth, and also spoke about shared architectural influences and civilizational heritage. He further remarked on Iran's readiness and resilience in the face of global pressures, stressing national strength and resolve.

DG Khana-e-Farhang, Dr. Asghar Masoodi, discussed the deep cultural and intellectual ties between Pakistan and Iran, stating that the continuity of Persian language is linked with Iqbal's intellectual legacy. He highlighted Iqbal's message of resistance against colonialism, unity of the Muslim Ummah, and shared religious and cultural foundations of both nations.

Senior journalist Salman Ghani discussed regional and global political dynamics, noting the rapidly changing balance of power and stressing stronger Pakistan–Iran cooperation for safeguarding national interests. He emphasized that global influence now depends not only on military strength but also on economic and diplomatic stability.

Dr. Muhammad Saleem Rao underlined that Allama Iqbal and Iranian poets have enriched a shared civilizational and intellectual heritage, promoting awareness, unity, and cultural continuity between the two countries.

19 May 2026: Iranian Cultural and Civilization photographic exhibition:



A photographic exhibition showcasing the rich cultural heritage, historical landmarks, architectural masterpieces, and centuries-old civilization of the Islamic Republic of Iran was organized. The exhibition presented a captivating visual journey through Iran's

renowned historical sites, cultural traditions, artistic heritage, and iconic monuments, offering visitors a deeper understanding of the country's history and cultural identity.

The exhibition received an enthusiastic response and was widely appreciated by the participants. Teachers, students, intellectuals, scholars, and members of the general public expressed keen interest in the displays, describing the exhibition as both informative and inspiring. Visitors noted that such cultural initiatives play a significant role in promoting mutual understanding, strengthening people-to-people contacts, and fostering cultural and educational ties between Pakistan and Iran.

21-May, 2026: Flag-Hoisting Ceremony to Commemorate the 75th Anniversary of Pakistan–China Diplomatic Relations:



On the occasion of the **75th anniversary of diplomatic relations between Pakistan and China**, a **flag-hoisting ceremony** was held at **Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex** to commemorate the enduring friendship and strategic partnership between the two countries. The ceremony was attended by **Mr. Anjum Waheed, Administrator, Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex**, along with **Mr. Murtaza Rashid, Mr. Chaudhry Nazir, Mr. Mehboob Ahmad, Mr. Muhammad Ashraf**, and other distinguished officials and staff members. The participants paid tribute to the longstanding Pakistan–China friendship and reaffirmed their commitment to further strengthening the bonds of mutual cooperation, goodwill, and people-to-people relations between the two brotherly nations.

Following the flag-hoisting ceremony, the participants were shown a **special documentary** highlighting the **75-year journey of Pakistan–China relations**, their historic

friendship, and the extensive cooperation between the two countries in diverse fields, including trade, education, culture, science and technology, and infrastructure development. The documentary was watched with great interest and appreciation by the audience, further reinforcing the significance of the enduring strategic partnership between Pakistan and China.

3 June 2026: Program on Pakistan–Kyrgyzstan Cultural, Educational and Tourism Relations:



A special program on Pakistan–Kyrgyzstan Cultural, Educational, and Tourism Relations was organized by Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex. The Chief Guest on the occasion was Mr. Meher Kashif Younis, Honorary Consul of the Kyrgyz Republic. The event was also addressed by Dr. Ashraf Nizami, CEO of the Honorary Consulate of the Russian Federation, and senior journalist Salman Ghani. The program was hosted by Mr. Anjum Waheed, Administrator, Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex. During the event, documentaries highlighting the culture, history, and development of Punjab and Kyrgyzstan were screened. In his address, Mr. Meher Kashif Younis spoke about the historical ties, cultural affinities, and friendly relations between Pakistan and Kyrgyzstan. Dr. Ashraf Nizami highlighted opportunities for medical education in Kyrgyzstan and shared valuable information for students interested in pursuing higher studies there. Salman Ghani, in his speech, emphasized the importance of education and encouraged students to devote themselves wholeheartedly to their studies if they wished to achieve success in life. The recitation of the Holy Quran was performed by Mubashira Tanveer, while Maiza Tanveer presented a Naat in praise of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). Maham Bukhari presented selected verses from the poetry of Allama Muhammad Iqbal. A large number of students, teachers, and distinguished guests attended the program, making it a memorable and informative event that further strengthened cultural and educational understanding between Pakistan and Kyrgyzstan.

3 June 2026: Cultural exhibition on Heritage of the Kyrgyz Republic:



A cultural exhibition highlighting the rich heritage, centuries-old traditions, vibrant customs, handicrafts, traditional attire, and breathtaking natural landscapes of the Kyrgyz Republic was organized at Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex as part of the Pakistan–Kyrgyzstan Cultural, Educational and Tourism Relations Program. The exhibition presented a fascinating visual and cultural portrayal of Kyrgyzstan's history, nomadic traditions, folk arts, and national identity, providing visitors with an opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the country's unique cultural heritage and civilization.

The exhibition attracted a large number of teachers, students, scholars, intellectuals, and members of the general public, who showed keen interest in the displays and highly appreciated the initiative. Visitors observed that such exhibitions serve as an effective platform for promoting intercultural dialogue, enhancing mutual understanding, and strengthening people-to-people contacts between Pakistan and Kyrgyzstan. They further remarked that cultural exchanges of this nature play a significant role in fostering friendship, educational cooperation, tourism, and bilateral cultural relations between the two brotherly countries.

4 June 2026: Pakistan–Kazakhstan Cultural, Educational and Tourism Relations

Programe:





Students are the true ambassadors of any nation, representing their country through their knowledge, character, and professional competence. To earn international respect, dignity, and sustainable progress, it is essential for a nation to achieve economic stability while placing special emphasis on education, research, and the advancement of modern knowledge. Pakistan occupies a strategic position in South Asia, while Kazakhstan serves as an important commercial and cultural gateway between Central Asia and Europe. These views were expressed by the speakers at a program on Pakistan–Kazakhstan Cultural, Educational and Tourism Relations, organized by Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex.

The event was hosted by Mr. Anjum Waheed, Administrator, Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex. The Chief Guest was Mr. Babar Shafi, Executive Director, Kazakhstan House Lahore, while renowned senior journalist Mr. Salman Ghani also addressed the gathering as a distinguished speaker. The program was attended by a large number of students, teachers, scholars, intellectuals, and individuals from various walks of life.

In his keynote address, Mr. Babar Shafi stated that the friendly relations between Pakistan and Kazakhstan continue to grow stronger with the passage of time. He noted that the two countries share close religious, cultural, and historical ties and enjoy immense potential for cooperation in diverse fields, particularly education, trade, tourism, and cultural exchange. He highlighted that the increasing number of Pakistani students enrolled in Kazakh universities reflects the strengthening educational partnership between the two countries and expressed confidence that these students would play a significant role in further enhancing bilateral relations in the future.

He further emphasized that the younger generation must equip themselves with modern education, technological expertise, and professional skills to take advantage of emerging global opportunities. He added that expanding people-to-people contacts between Pakistan and Kazakhstan would not only promote mutual understanding and goodwill but would also create new avenues for economic and commercial cooperation.

Addressing the audience, senior journalist Mr. Salman Ghani observed that, in the prevailing global environment, the importance of regional cooperation has become greater than ever before. He stressed that Pakistan should continue to strengthen its relations with the countries of Central Asia. Describing the youth as Pakistan's greatest national asset, he urged them to devote themselves to education, research, and character building. He remarked that Pakistani students studying abroad serve as the country's unofficial ambassadors, projecting a positive image of Pakistan through their conduct, academic achievements, and professional excellence.

He further emphasized that economic stability, quality education, and national unity are indispensable prerequisites for national development. He stated that Pakistan must emerge not only as a strong military power but also as a robust economic power, enabling its citizens to fully enjoy the true benefits of independence and sustainable prosperity.

On the occasion, the participants, particularly the students, were also shown a documentary film highlighting the history, culture, natural beauty, and development of Kazakhstan.

The proceedings commenced with the recitation of the Holy Qur'an by Ms. Laiba Aneeb, while Ms. Noreen Khadim presented a Naat and recited the poetry of Allama Muhammad Iqbal.

Future Strategy: Engaging Youth Across Pakistan through "Koi Qabil Ho To"

As part of its commitment to promoting the philosophy of Allama Muhammad Iqbal and nurturing the intellectual and creative potential of Pakistan's youth, Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex is embarking on a nationwide student engagement initiative. The objective of this initiative is to inspire young

minds, encourage talent, and cultivate leadership, creativity, and critical thinking through meaningful educational and literary activities.

Under this vision, Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex is launching a flagship youth engagement programme titled "Koi Qabil Ho To" on 29 July 2026. Inspired by the teachings and vision of Allama Muhammad Iqbal, the programme aims to discover, encourage, and celebrate the talents of students while fostering a deeper understanding of Iqbal's message of self-realization (Khudi), patriotism, character building, and service to the nation.

The inaugural event of the series will feature "Muqabla Bait Bazi – Kalam-e-Iqbal," in which students from leading schools, colleges, and universities of Lahore will compete by reciting and interpreting the poetry of Allama Iqbal. The competition is designed not only to promote literary excellence but also to strengthen students' appreciation of Iqbal's philosophy and its relevance to contemporary society.

The "Koi Qabil Ho To" initiative will subsequently be expanded to educational institutions throughout Punjab and, in the next phase, to all provinces of Pakistan. Through partnerships with schools, colleges, universities, and educational organizations, Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex aims to establish a vibrant national platform for student participation and intellectual exchange.

The programme will comprise a series of competitions and activities, including:

- Muqabla Bait Bazi (Kalam-e-Iqbal)
- Speech and declamation contests
- Essay-writing competitions
- Quiz competitions on the life, works, and philosophy of Allama Iqbal
- Poetry recitation and literary sessions
- Art and painting competitions inspired by Iqbal's thought
- Leadership symposiums and youth dialogues

- Innovation and talent showcases
- Cultural performances reflecting Pakistan's rich heritage

This nationwide initiative is expected to engage thousands of students from diverse educational backgrounds, providing them with opportunities to demonstrate their abilities, exchange ideas, and develop confidence and leadership skills. It will also strengthen national integration by bringing together talented youth from all regions of the country on a common platform inspired by the ideals of Allama Iqbal.

Through "Koi Qabil Ho To," Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex envisions creating a sustainable national movement that identifies emerging talent, promotes academic and cultural excellence, and prepares a new generation of enlightened, responsible, and visionary citizens capable of contributing to Pakistan's future. The programme will become a signature annual initiative of Aiwan-e-Iqbal Complex, reinforcing its role as a leading national institution dedicated to preserving Iqbal's legacy and empowering the youth of Pakistan.