

FOREWORD

The MUST Calendar (Volume-I) 2009-2014 of the Mirpur University of Science and Technology (MUST), Mirpur is being used by the stakeholders. The relevant provisions of the University Act, Statutes, Regulations and Rules are referred in running the businesses and functions of the University. The publication has largely appreciated by the office of the President of AJK/ Chancellor MUST, Judiciary, Bar Councils and relevant departments of the GoAJK besides Higher Education Commission of Pakistan.

After publication of the Calendar Volume-I, task for publication of Volume-II was assigned to Mr. Abdul Qayum Tahir, Project Coordinator. I am happy that the Volume-II of the Calendar is made to publish in a shortest period of time. While Volume-I comprises the University Act, Statutes and General Service matters, the Volume-II consists of Admissions, Registration and Examinations, Convocations, Costumes and Awards, Students Residence and Students Discipline, Hostel Rules, Sports Rules, Professional Conduct of Teachers, Library Services and Allotment of Residences, Malpractices (Eradication) Act, 1999, Unfair Means Cases Committee and Protection Against Harassment of Women at the Workplace Act, 2014.

Students and teachers are considered main stakeholders of the University. Unfortunately, students are blamed for all indisciplines in the University. They are not heard, un-necessary restrictions imposed on them and they are not allowed to challenge or even suggest. On the other hand, students blame teachers and University administration for most of the ills of the University. This imbalance creates issues, the students stage protests and try to settle the issues to their favour. Efforts are being made to balance the role of each to the satisfaction of all concerned.

The rights and duties of the major stakeholders (teacher and taught) have been institutionalized. I am convinced that this written agreement will strengthen the relationship of students and teachers and will also give birth to a new culture of mutual respect, adherence of discipline and resultantly peaceful environment for the promotion of knowledge and research cultures at the campuses.

Precisely defined admissions and examinations criteria of different disciplines being offered in the University will benefit the candidates seeking admissions in the University.

Pakistan is a developing country comprising of a patriarchal society with well defined gender specific behaviors. The general consensus in the society holds men as the dominant, powerful and superior beings, whereas, women are often considered as weak and powerless in the society. These diverse views have led to a clear distinction between the rights of men and women across all sectors of the society. Consequently, women have not been able to fully contribute towards development of the nation, as safe and protective environment is desired at workplaces. Protection Against Harassment of Women at the Workplace Act, will encourage the highly educated job seeking women to work in cordial environment. Likewise other salient features of the Calendar Volume-II will provide necessary guidance to all sections of the institution.

My wish is now a reality. Right after the assumption of charge of the Vice Chancellor second time, I under took to publish a manuscript consisting of well defined Statutes, Regulations, Rules and General Procedures accessible to all stakeholders of the University.

It is important to acknowledge that this Volume-II of the Calendar is a result of collective efforts and collaborative achievement of many and I express my appreciation to all those who have contributed towards its publication. Had the Deans, Directors, Chairpersons, Registrar, Controller of Examinations, Treasurer, Officers and Officials not cooperated, it would have not published.

I am pleased to give credit for its compilation to Mr. Abdul Qayum Tahir, Project Coordinator, Deans of Faculties, Late Prof. Muhammad Rafiq, Controller of Examinations, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Aziz Choudhary, Director Advanced Studies & Research Board, Prof. Dr. Shaukat Mahmood, Controller of Examinations, Engr. Muhammad Waris, Registrar, Mr. Zafar Iqbal, Treasurer, Chairpersons, Directors, Prof. Altaf Hussain, Officer on Special Duty (Examinations), Mr. Daud Ali Siddiqui, Senior Private Secretary to the Vice Chancellor. In particular, I acknowledge the contribution of Mr. Qaiser Razzaq, Senior Clerk, for compiling the manuscript. Infact, he understands things and has the ability and capacity to accomplish the task within given frame work of time.

Preparation of the Calendar was a difficult task. To make it error free document was my desire. I am glad that Mr. Abdul Qayum Tahir, Project Coordinator, is succeeded in making this publication as 'accurate' as possible. I acknowledge his extraordinary contribution, he brings good name to the institution, turned the dream of having two separate publications into a reality. His extraordinary efforts, dedication, insights and opinions were all extremely valuable. He has worked beyond the conditions of employment, remuneration and rewards. I am pleased to acknowledge his contribution here and then for the development of the institution.

Perfection cannot be claimed as a matter of fact, there is always a space for further improvement. Any suggestion for more improvement will be welcomed and accommodated in the forthcoming edition of the Calendar. All stakeholders are expected to make use of it, give suggestions for improvement and indicate mistake(s), if any, so that it may be improved further.

Before concluding my thoughts, I must congratulate Mr. Abdul Qayum Tahir for publication of Volume-II of the University Calendar in a shortest possible time.

May it serve the purpose.

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