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Launch of the Model Assessment Framework (MAF): A Milestone in Pakistan's Education

What Does MAF 2024 Aim to Achieve?

1. Standardized assessments aligned with national curriculum goals.
2. Training programs for master trainers and board staff across all provinces.
3. Use of digital proctoring systems and other tech innovations for exam management.
4. Emphasis on continuous improvement through systematic post-exam analysis and feedback.

Expected Outcomes

1. Trained master trainers capable of cascading knowledge within their regions.
2. Improved assessment techniques to foster deeper learning.
3. A unified and equitable examination system across all regions of Pakistan.

In a historic stride towards advancing Pakistan's education system, the Inter Boards Coordination Commission (IBCC) introduced the Model Assessment Framework (MAF) on November 19, 2024, in Islamabad. This great initiative is set to reshape educational assessment practices nationwide, ensuring uniformity and excellence. The launch event, held with great distinction, welcomed Prof. Ahsan Iqbal Chaudhary, Federal Minister for Planning, Development, and Special Initiatives, as the Chief Guest. Alongside him, the ceremony was graced by the participation of Dr. Ghulam Ali Mallah, Executive Director IBCC, chairpersons of all Boards of Intermediate and Secondary Education (BISEs), and notable education and assessment experts. The MAF is the result of extensive deliberations involving provincial education departments, board officials, policy experts, and assessment specialists.

With the MAF's implementation, Pakistan is poised to set a benchmark in educational reforms, paving the way for generations of learners to thrive in a more equitable and standardized academic environment. It is not merely a framework but a transformative step towards an inclusive and future-ready education paradigm for Pakistan.



National Curriculum Summit 2024: Pioneering Curriculum Reforms for a Progressive Pakistan

The **National Curriculum Summit 2024**, hosted by the Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training, Government of Pakistan in collaboration with the National Curriculum Council (NCC), took place at Allama Iqbal Open University (AIU), Islamabad, on November 26-27, 2024. This landmark event brought together policymakers, educators, curriculum experts, and thought leaders to discuss transformative reforms in Pakistan's education system.

The summit was inaugurated by Federal Secretary Mr. Mohyuddin Ahmad Wani. In his address, Mr. Wani emphasized the government's commitment to aligning educational policies with global standards while addressing local needs. He highlighted the rapid six-month review of the existing schemes of study and assured that recommendations from the summit would be integrated into future reforms.



Keynote speaker Prof. Ahsan Iqbal Chaudhary, Federal Minister for Planning, Development, and Special Initiatives, outlined the government's vision for an education system that combines academic rigor with cultural relevance. Advocating for "Urduish," a blend of Urdu and English as the medium of instruction, he underscored the importance of fostering both global connectivity and cultural identity. He further announced the establishment of a Teaching Training Centre to equip educators with advanced pedagogical skills and modern teaching techniques. Executive Director IBCC, Dr. Ghulam Ali Mallah, in his address lauded the Ministry's visionary leadership and initiatives, including new academic streams and subjects at the SSC and HSSC levels. He stressed that these reforms reflect a forward-thinking approach aimed at empowering students and preparing them for contemporary challenges.

Panel discussions during the summit explored critical themes such as integrating skills and IT into curricula, promoting entrepreneurship and financial literacy, and redefining assessments using technology. Other key topics included environmental literacy, digital citizenship, space sciences, and fostering mental well-being in education.



180th Meeting of the IBCC Forum

A Collaborative Effort Towards Educational Excellence

The Inter Boards Coordination Commission (IBCC) convened its 180th meeting at the Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education (FBISE) in Islamabad on November 18-19, 2024. Chaired by Syed Junaid Akhlaq, National Coordinator of the IBCC Forum and Chairman FBISE, alongside Executive Director IBCC, Dr. Ghulam Ali Mallah, the meeting brought together chairpersons from all educational boards and key stakeholders in education and assessment.



The Forum reviewed progress on the Model Assessment Framework (MAF), which seeks to harmonize assessment practices across the country, and commended the endorsement of a Digital Question Item Bank to support standardized evaluation systems. A key highlight of the meeting was the approval of policies to promote inclusivity in education. The Forum endorsed waivers for registration and examination fees for orphan students and introduced the inclusion of an orphan status column in registration forms to ensure these learners receive appropriate support. In alignment with efforts to streamline academic calendars, all provinces agreed to synchronize examination schedules with university admissions, particularly for medical and dental colleges. Examinations will now commence in March/April, with results announced by June/July, ensuring smoother transitions for students pursuing higher education.



The Forum also prioritized capacity-building initiatives for teachers and assessment staff by approving structured training and certification programs under IBCC's mandate. Additionally, the Inter Boards Sports Committee- IBSC was commended for its role in organizing successful national and international sports events, with plans to further strengthen its operations. Participants shared innovative examination models, reaffirming a collective commitment to excellence, inclusivity, and standardization in education. The 180th IBCC meeting emphasize on unified vision to modernize and harmonize Pakistan's education system.



IPESC Meeting: Standardized Academic Calendar to Streamline Admissions in Pakistan



In a progressive move to modernize Pakistan's educational framework, the Inter-Provincial Education Secretaries Committee (IPESC), chaired by Federal Secretary Mr. Mohyuddin Ahmed Wani, has approved a unified academic calendar. Convened at the request of the Inter Boards Coordination Commission (IBCC), the meeting on November 4, 2024, laid the foundation for a synchronized national examination and result schedule.

Dr. Ghulam Ali Mallah, Executive Director IBCC, highlighted the transformative potential of this reform, stating, "By standardizing the academic calendar, we are addressing long-standing challenges and ensuring that students face fewer obstacles in pursuing their academic and professional goals. This structure promotes uniformity and efficiency, benefiting both students and educational institutions nationwide."

The standardized calendar addresses critical issues arising from misaligned examination and admission cycles, which have historically caused delays and confusion for students. This unified approach reflects a commitment by the Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training, IBCC, and provincial boards to create a student-centric education system that prioritizes fairness, accessibility, and modernization. This milestone is a testament to the government's dedication to fostering an education system that encourages students and supports the country's educational institutions.



Executive Director IBCC participates in the Islamabad Literature Festival (ILF), 2024



Dr. Ghulam Ali Mallah, Executive Director, IBCC, represented the Commission as a panelist at the Islamabad Literature Festival (ILF) 2024. His participation underscored IBCC's unwavering commitment to academic excellence and the promotion of cultural and intellectual dialogue.

Dr. Mallah's insights highlighted the integral role of education in fostering critical thinking and national development, aligning with IBCC's vision of enriching academic discourse on prestigious platforms. By engaging in meaningful discussions, IBCC reaffirmed its dedication to advancing educational innovation and nurturing a culture of knowledge exchange across Pakistan.



Parliamentarians visit IBCC Secretariat, Islamabad

The IBCC Secretariat had the privilege of hosting eminent Parliamentarians, MNA Dr. Shazia Sobia Soomro and MNA Ms. Musarrat Mahesar. During their visit, they toured the IBCC Secretariat, interacted with the dedicated staff and interns, and participated in valuable discussions on research initiatives and collaborative efforts among educational departments facilitated by the IBCC. Their positive feedback on the progress made was both encouraging and greatly appreciated.

To commemorate their visit, Dr. Ghulam Ali Mallah, Executive Director IBCC, presented a shield of appreciation to the Parliamentarians, commitment to the field of education.



Student Delegation from QAU visits IBCC

A delegation of enthusiastic Bachelor of Public Administration (BPA) students from Quaid-i-Azam School of Management Sciences (QASMS), Quaid-i-Azam University (QAU), Islamabad, visited the Inter Boards Coordination Commission- IBCC, Islamabad.

The students were given an insightful briefing on IBCC's various departments and initiatives. The Executive Director IBCC warmly welcomed the delegation, sharing his vision for IBCC's transformative, tech-enabled solutions designed to enhance student facilitation and streamline processes. The participants expressed appreciation for these initiatives, highlighting the positive impact on students across Pakistan.

A souvenir was presented to the accompanying faculty member as a token of appreciation from IBCC. The delegation extended heartfelt thanks to the IBCC administration for this enriching visit.



Celebrating a Legacy of Excellence

IBCC arranged a farewell ceremony to honor one of its officials, Mr. Muhammad Ikhtiar Abbasi (LDC), who got retired after 41 years of dedicated service. Having joined IBCC in January 1983, Mr. Abbasi's unwavering commitment, sincerity, and professionalism have been an inspiration to colleagues and a source of pride for the institution.

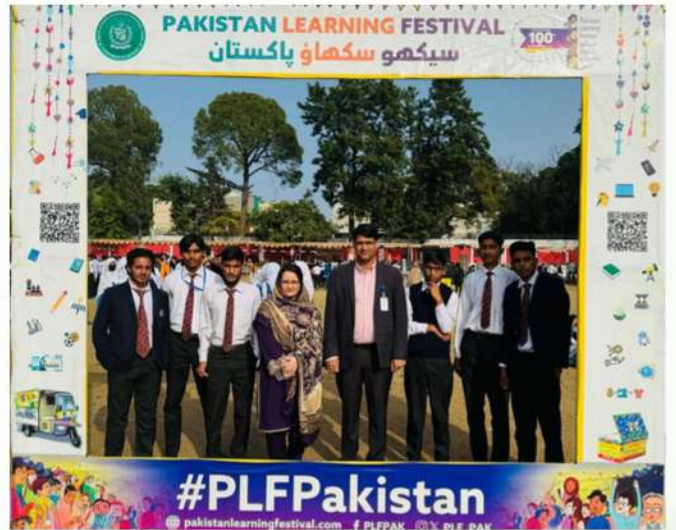
Presided over by Dr. Ghulam Ali Mallah, Executive Director the farewell ceremony was an overwhelming occasion, marked by shared memories, gifts, and warm wishes from the IBCC staff. IBCC extends its gratitude to Mr. Abbasi for his outstanding contributions and wishes him a joyous and fulfilling retirement.



IBCC participates in the Pakistan Learning Festival (PLF), 2024

Dr. Ghulam Ali Mallah, Executive Director, IBCC, participated in the Pakistan Learning Festival (PLF) 2024, held from November 15-17 at Islamabad College for Boys (ICB), G-6/3. On directives of Dr. Ghulam Ali Mallah, Executive Director, IBCC officials, Dr. Shahzad Ali Gill, Director, Planning Research & Quality Assurance and Ms. Sadia Naz, Deputy Director, Capacity Building & International Linkages, participated in the Pakistan Learning Festival 2024, on 2nd and 3rd Day (November 16-17, 2024) of the event. It was a vibrant platform celebrating education and innovation, was organized by the Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training in collaboration with Idara-e-Taleem-o-Aagahi (ITA).

The festival's inaugural ceremony was graced by Federal Minister Prof. Ahsan Iqbal Chaudhary that has brought together policymakers, educators, and organizations to discuss transformative educational practices. Dr. Mallah applauded the efforts of Federal Minister Dr. Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui and Federal Secretary Mr. Mohyuddin Ahmed Wani for championing initiatives that empower learners and educators. He commended the organizers for fostering collaboration and innovation in education.



IBCC Chalks Out Implementation Plan for Model Assessment Framework (MAF) 2024

In a quest to redefine the educational assessment landscape in Pakistan, the IBCC Secretariat convened a strategic meeting to deliberate on the implementation of the Model Assessment Framework (MAF) 2024. Chaired by Dr. Ghulam Ali Mallah, Executive Director IBCC, along with participants from the National Curriculum Council (NCC), Pakistan Institute of Education (PIE), Punjab Examination Commission, Federal Board of Intermediate & Secondary Education (FBISE), Chairman BISE Abbottabad and officials from IBCC, the meeting marked a significant milestone in the journey toward creating a fair, standardized, and innovative assessment system that aligns with national curriculum goals and international benchmarks.



Key areas of discussion included capacity-building programs aimed at equipping teachers, examiners, and board staff with the tools needed to design and execute modern assessments, the integration of advanced digital technologies to streamline assessment processes, and the adoption of strategies to eliminate regional disparities in educational evaluations. This forward-thinking framework is set to revolutionize Pakistan's assessment system by prioritizing higher-order skills over rote memorization and leveraging digital tools such as proctoring systems for exam management and real-time evaluation. The phased implementation plan includes provincial and board-level workshops to prepare a cadre of master trainers who will lead the transformation at the grassroots level.

This monumental effort underscores IBCC's unwavering commitment to leading the charge in reshaping education and assessment practices for the better. With the implementation of MAF 2024, IBCC is not just transforming assessments but also laying the foundation for a brighter and more equitable future for education in Pakistan. Together, we are reimagining the way we measure learning, ensuring every student has the opportunity to succeed in an ever-changing world.



Member Boards

Pakistan Inter Boards Girls Cricket and Tennis Championship 2024



Inter Boards Coordination Commission (IBCC), in collaboration with BISE Peshawar, proudly participated in the grand inauguration of the “Pakistan Inter Boards Girls Cricket and Tennis Championship 2024”. Held at the state-of-the-art BISE Peshawar Sports Complex, the event commenced on November 9, 2024, and continued till November 13, showcasing the talent and determination of young female athletes from across Pakistan.

Executive Director IBCC, Dr. Ghulam Ali Mallah graced the opening ceremony as the chief guest, underscoring IBCC’s dedication to promoting sports as a vital part of education. In his keynote address, Dr. Mallah praised the young athletes, their families, and coaches, emphasizing the role of sports in complementing academics by fostering essential life skills, confidence, and resilience.

Prof. Nasrullah Khan Yousafzai, Chairman of BISE Peshawar, extended a warm welcome to participants, commending IBCC’s support in elevating inter-board sports. Prof. Yousafzai highlighted BISE Peshawar’s support to sports, including the development of a modern gymnasium and the provision of full accommodation and meals for participants.

Secretary IBSC, Ms. Fouzia, announced an exciting sports calendar featuring 26 national competitions, culminating in a grand Sports Gala hosted by Inter Boards Coordination Commission and Inter Board Sport Committee in Islamabad in December 2024.

This championship not only provides a platform for young athletes to excel but also marks a milestone in empowering female students through sports, reflecting IBCC and BISE Peshawar’s shared vision for better student development.

Under the guidance of Dr. Ghulam Ali Mallah, officials Dr. Shahzad Ali Gill and Mr. Suhail Ahmad represented Inter Boards Coordination Commission-IBCC at the prize distribution ceremony of the IBCC/ISC Inter-Boards Girls Cricket and Tennis Competitions 2024. The Chief Minister Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Sardar Ali Amin Khan Gandapur, graced the event as the Chief Guest, in the company of the Education Minister Mr. Faisal Khan Tarakai.

IBCC congratulates Prof. Nasrullah Khan Yousafzai, Chairman of BISE Peshawar, and his well-deserved dedicated team for their impeccable organization and warm hospitality.



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FBISE Highlights Holistic Growth Through Naat Competition



The Federal Board of Intermediate and Secondary Education- FBISE showcased the importance of spiritual and academic growth during its Naat Competition, part of the ongoing Academic Week and co-curricular activities. Mirza Ali, Director Research and Academics, FBISE, emphasized the role of such events in student's good physical and mental development. Certificates and cash prizes were presented to winners at both SSC & HSSC levels, recognizing their talent and dedication.

Winners included Syeda Maimoona Zahid (FG Public School) and Zeeshan (IMCB, H-9), among others. FBISE's initiative exemplifies its devotion to nurture spiritual and academic excellence of students.

FBISE Organizes Workshop for Sports Officers at IBSC Forum

FBISE's Sports Department has hosted a three-day workshop for sports officers under the IBSC forum from 30th November, 2024 - 2nd December, 2024. The event was chaired by Chairman IBSC/FBISE, attended by dignitaries including Chairmen BISE Abbottabad and BISE Peshawar, alongside senior IBCC management.



The workshop focused on critical topics such as team dynamics, mental health in sports, self-defense, injury prevention, and sports nutrition. This great initiative earned appreciation from participants and dignitaries for its well-organized format, engaging content, and thoughtful distribution of certificates and gift hampers. Congratulations to FBISE's Sports team!



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