

Islamia College University observed Pashto Day

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PESHAWAR, Thousands years and has produced more than 3000 poets and writers both male and female who have contributed to Pashtun's society. Pashtun's art and culture advocate peace, harmony, brotherhood and sanctity of woman. Khyber Students Societies literary wing organized an intra- campus event of Pashto Day. These views were expressed by senior Pashto writer and poet Prof Dr Yar Mohammad Maghmoom who was the chief guest on the occasion. He said it was very encouraging that Pashtun youngsters were so enthusiastic about their mother tongue. Students of Islamia College University (ICUP) won the Pashto both the Pashto declamation and poetry recital contests.

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She said Pashto and all other languages spoken this province should be given their due status so that people speaking different languages could work in complete unison for the welfare and peaceful co-existence of the society. "Khyber Union Hall has given birth to many great poets, writers, intellectuals, politicians, bureaucrats and scientists. I was in grade-3 when I made a maiden speech in this hall and now I am 70 –year old again to stand up at the rostrum, today's youth is more energetic, full of strength and resourceful, they can do wonders once given a chance," Bano suggested while recalling glorious traditions of the ICUP.

The Khyber Students Societies' literary wing arranged an intra campus function to observe Pashto Day in two sessions, in the first session a Pashto declamation contest titled Science Da Meenay Qaatil De (Science is the killer of Love) while the second session was devoted to Da Campus Shair (Poet of the Campus) recital competition. Students both girls and boys from University of Engineering and Technology (UET) , Agriculture University , Khyber Medical College University (KMCU) and Peshawar University participated in the event.

In the Pashto declamation contest, 20 students took part in which Kashif Sahil, Wagma Ayoub clinched the first and second positions while Umer Iqbal and Ikramul Haq shared the third position. In the poetry recital competition 18 students participated in which Jalal Khalil, Kashif Sahil and Miss Sabawoon received first , second and third slots respectively. Usra Mohammad Baig and Maria Iqbal were given consolation prizes.

The chief organizer of the 'Khyber Students Societies' presented a traditional shawl and turban to Zaitoon Bano and Dr Yar Mohammad Maghmoom. Abaseen Yousafzai conducted the function , large number of students and teachers attended the event.