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Seerha (Peace Be Upon Him): An In-Depth Article on Islamic Studies Exploring HEC-Approved Journals in Pakistan

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Abstract

This paper offers an extensive examination of Islamic research journals approved by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Islamabad, with a particular focus on those published within Pakistani universities. It highlights the detailed introduction, prominent features, and core methodologies of these journals, with an emphasis on their contributions to scholarly discourse on Islamic teachings, especially the Prophetic Seerah (biography of the Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him). Approved by the HEC, these journals are published in Urdu, Arabic, and English, reflecting their multidisciplinary nature. This study aims to elucidate the significant role these journals play in the academic exploration and dissemination of Islamic knowledge, positioning them as crucial platforms for fostering both traditional and contemporary Islamic scholarship. The analysis underlines the journals' pivotal role in enriching the understanding of Islamic teachings, influencing diverse academic and cultural landscapes in Pakistan.

Keywords: Islamic Studies Journals, Prophetic Seerah (Peace Be Upon Him), Higher Education Commission (HEC), Multidisciplinary Islamic Scholarship, Academic Exploration in Islam

Introduction

Academic journals serve as cornerstone platforms for the dissemination of research and scholarly thought, contributing significantly to the advancement of knowledge across various disciplines. In the context of Islamic studies, journals not only uphold the tradition of rigorous academic inquiry but also play a pivotal role in interpreting, preserving, and propagating the teachings and values of Islam. These publications are instrumental in fostering a deeper understanding of Islamic teachings, responding to contemporary issues, and bridging the gap between traditional scholarship and modern academic approaches.

In Pakistan, the Higher Education Commission (HEC) has recognized the critical role of academic journals by endorsing a variety of publications that meet stringent quality and ethical standards. HEC-approved journals in Islamic studies are particularly noteworthy because they encapsulate a rich tapestry of multidisciplinary research that spans religious, cultural, social, and linguistic studies. These journals provide a platform not only for established scholars but also for emerging researchers to contribute to ongoing discussions and debates within the realm of Islamic scholarship.

The societal contributions of these journals extend beyond academia. They are instrumental in shaping public discourse on Islam, influencing educational curriculums, and providing insights that assist policymakers and community leaders in making informed decisions. By offering rigorous research and diverse perspectives, these journals help inculcate a well-rounded understanding of Islamic teachings, promoting tolerance, and intellectual engagement within and beyond Muslim communities.

This article aims to explore the spectrum of HEC-approved Islamic studies journals in Pakistan, examining their development, their contribution to both the academic and societal landscapes, and the unique role they play in maintaining the dialogue between traditional Islamic teachings and contemporary academic challenges.

Through this examination, we gain insights into how these journals not only preserve but also illuminate the scholarly legacy of Islam, hence aptly earning the title "Scholars of the Light."

Al-Azva:¹ A Trilingual Research Journal in Islamic Social Sciences

"Al-Azva," a research journal on Islamic social sciences, is published by the Sheikh Zayed Islamic Center at Punjab University, Lahore. This journal is among the few in the field of Islamic studies that have been recognized in the "Y" category by the Higher Education Commission (HEC), Islamabad. "Al-Azva" aims to publish content related to religious and contemporary Muslim world issues, although its issues often encompass articles on Qur'anic studies, Hadith sciences, Fiqh, the life of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), history, Islamic economics, sociology, da'wah and guidance, research methodology, orientalism, comparative religion, and mysticism. Due to its diverse, research-based articles that address contemporary needs and issues, the journal has become a focal point for scholars' attention. All articles in this journal are presented with comprehensive references and citations, maintaining a scholarly and academic approach. The journal was first issued in October 1990 under the editorship of Dr. Zahoor Ahmad Azhar, initially exclusively in Arabic. Under the editorship of Dr. Jameela Shaikat,

starting from the second volume, the journal began to be published in both English and Arabic on a quarterly and later biannual basis. Dr. Khalid Alvi took over as the chief editor in September 1995. However, from issue number 7, volume 6 in 1996, Dr. Jameela Shaukat resumed the responsibility of editorship and continued to publish the journal for the next ten years. During her tenure, the content quality significantly improved, and articles started being published in Urdu, Arabic, and English. As Dr. Shaukat mentions in the introductions to volumes 13 and 14, issues 20 and 21: "Al-Azva " invites scholars to submit articles in Arabic, English, and Urdu that not only explore traditional topics but also reflect upon contemporary issues and requirements, aiming to disseminate their findings and thoughts to the seekers of knowledge."

In June 2002, under "Al-Azva," volume 12, issue 17, a special edition dedicated to the life of the Prophet Muhammad was published, consisting of 25 articles and spanning 334 pages. This issue featured articles from various Islamic thinkers, including Maulana Abu al-Hasan Nadwi's "The Ummah's Delegations in the Presence of the Prophet" and Dr. Muhammad Hamidullah's "Principles of Foreign Policy in the Prophetic Era."

By June 2006, in volume 17, issue 25, Dr. Abu al-Wafa Mahmoud took over as the editor. During his tenure, high-quality paper was used for printing, and the journal's title was made visually appealing. Dr. Mahmoud encouraged contributors to select diverse topics that went beyond traditional subjects, aiming to elevate the standards of the articles published. In June 2008, the editorship was handed over to Mr. Hafiz Mahmood Akhtar.

Since July 2009, the journal has been recognized by the Higher Education Commission of Islamabad in the "Y" category and elevated to the "X" category since March 2020. It holds the International Standard Serial Number (ISSN) 1995-7904, which is prominently displayed on both the interior and exterior covers of the publication. Articles featured in the journal begin with an English abstract spanning at least half a page and at most a full page. Citations and references for each article are meticulously documented in End Note format at the end of each piece. The editorial board includes the Vice-Chancellor among its eight international and three national members, supported by a seven-member Advisory Board. Currently, the journal is under the editorship of respected Dr. Muhammad Ejaz and Dr. Hafiz Abdul Qayyum. It can be accessed online at <https://journal.aladwajournal.com/index.php/aladwa/about>.

In this research journal, the following significant articles on the life of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) have been published.²

1. Rasalat-e-Muhammadi (S.A.W) by Hafiz Salahuddin
2. Tareekhiyat by Syed Sulaiman Nadvi
3. Wa Ma Arsalnaka Illa Rahmatan Lil-Alameen by Qazi Syed Sulaiman Mansoorpuri
4. Tareekh-e-Wiladat Ba Saadat by Muhammad Karam Shah Al-Azhari
5. Nabi-e-Akram (S.A.W) Bahasiyat-e-Muallim Akhlaq by Dr. Abdul Hameed Khan Abbasi Nabi
6. Uswah Muhammadi (S.A.W) Ka Aik Safha by Maulana Abu Al-Kalam Azad
7. Rasool Allah (S.A.W) Ki Maashi Zindagi by Maulana Abdul Quddus Hashmi Nadvi
8. Ahd-e-Nabwi Ki Siyasat-e-Kharija Ka Aik Ahem Usool by Dr. Muhammad Hameedullah
9. Seerat Nabawi Ki Roshni Mein Jihad Ka Mafhoom by Maulana Abu Ammar Zahid Al-Rashidi
10. Seerat Nabawi (S.A.W) Ki Roshni Mein Jihad Ka Mafhoom by Maulana Abu Ammar Zahid Al-Rashidi
11. Nabi-e-Akram (S.A.W) Aur Ijtihad by Dr. Hafiz Abdullah
12. Uswah-e-Rasool (S.A.W) Ka Dawati Pehlu by Dr. Ishtiaq Ahmed Gondal
13. Makatib Nabawi (S.A.W) Ka Adabi Pehlu by Professor Dr. Khurshid Hasan Rizvi
14. Nabi Kareem (S.A.W) Aur Tafsir-e-Quran by Professor Hafiz Abdullah
15. Qadeem Arab Muashray Aur Tehzeebi Inqilab Uswah Hasana Ki Roshni Mein by Professor Ghulam Ali Khan
16. Akhlaqi Iqdaar Aur Ummat-e-Muslima (Seerat-un-Nabi S.A.W Ke Tanazur Mein) by Professor Dr. Ishtiaq Ahmed Gondal
17. Uswah-e-Rasool Ki Roshni Mein Inteha Pasandi Aur Dehshatgardi Ka Khatma by Professor Dr. Khaliq Dad Malik
18. Taleem o Tarbiyat Mein Hum Ahangi (Taleemat Nabvi S.A.W Ki Roshni Mein) by Professor Muhammad Abdullah
19. Mutala-e-Seerat Ki Fard Waahid Aur Mashrah Ki Tarbiyat Sazi Mein Ahmiyat by Dr. Farhat Alvi
20. Zariya-e-Abalagh Ka Kirdar Aur Zimmedariyan (Taleemat Nabvi S.A.W Ki Roshni Mein) by Professor Muhammad Abdullah
21. Secularism o Ma'bad Secularism (Secularism Ke Badalte Tasawurat Ka Taleemat Nabvi S.A.W Ki Roshni Mein Jaiza) by Professor Abdul Qayyum
22. Banaat-e-Nabi (S.A.W) Par Henry Lamsen Ke Aiterazat Ka Tehqiqi Jaiza by Dr. Khawar Sultana
23. Zat-e-Nabuwat (S.A.W) Par Aiterazat Ka Jaiza by Professor Abdul Hameed Sadiqi, Mutarajim Muhammad Iqbal Shaiq

Al-Qalam³: A Scholarly Research Journal

This scholarly and research journal is published by the Department of Islamic Studies, University of Punjab, Lahore. It is a peer-reviewed journal that caters to national and international experts in Islamic studies and contemporary Islamic thought. The journal includes a variety of articles that cover different aspects of Islamic sciences such as Quranic studies, Hadith studies, Fiqh, the life of the Prophet, history, Orientalism, and preaching and guidance. Additionally, it features articles on global political and social contexts, the history of Pakistan, and Iqbaliyat (studies related to Allama Iqbal). The journal adheres to the standards and regulations set by the Higher Education Commission (HEC), ensuring high quality and maintaining a scholarly and research-oriented approach.

This research journal was initiated by Dr. Jamila Shaukat in February 1993. In reality, this journal is a continuation of the research journal 'Light of Islam' which was first published in 1966 by the Department of Islamic Studies and was initiated by Allama Alauddin Siddiqui. However, due to various unavoidable reasons, it could not continue for long. Consequently, Dr. Jamila Shaukat revived this project and resumed publication under the new title.

In the inaugural remarks of the journal "Al-Qalam," Dr. Jamila Shaukat highlights the consensus reached by the editorial staff on the name of the journal. She notes that the journal, initially published annually until June 2009 and subsequently on a semi-annual basis, will include articles in Urdu, the national language, as well as Arabic, the language of the Quran and the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), and English to cater to contemporary requirements. The articles will cover significant topics such as the Quran, Hadith, Islam and Science, Education, and Economics. Dr. Shaukat mentions that research and innovation are critical functions of universities, and the publication of this journal by Punjab University is a valuable and significant addition to these efforts. She expresses her desire for the journal to attain high standards and to be recognized as a credible scholarly and research publication in Pakistan, with regular issuance maintained.

In line with the noble aspirations of Vice Chancellor Dr. Munir ud Din Chughtai and through the diligent efforts of its editors, the research journal "Al-Qalam" has progressively advanced. Initially comprising only 221 pages in its June 2009 volume, the journal expanded to 505 pages, reflecting significant growth. The finest paper was used for its printing, and the title was designed to be visually appealing.

Each issue of the journal features the first verse of Surah Al-Qalam on its title page: "Nun. By the pen and what they inscribe," which clarifies the reason behind the journal's name. The current editors, Professor Dr. Muhammad Hammad Lakhvi and Associate Editor Dr. Ehsan ur Rahman Ghauri, have elevated it to the highest standards of quality. The Higher Education Commission (HEC) included this journal in its list of approved journals in June 2009. Its International Standard Serial Number (ISSN) is 2071-8283, and it is abstracted and indexed by Index Islamicus.

The journal was initially approved in the "Y" category by the HEC in June 2009 and upgraded to the "X" category by March 2020. It includes English abstracts at the beginning of each article and detailed endnotes and references at the end. Detailed guidelines for contributors are provided in English on the official website of the journal, accessible at the following link: <https://www.alqalamjournalpu.com/index.php/Al-Qalam>. This ensures that the journal maintains a rigorous academic standard and serves as a valuable resource for researchers and academics.

This research journal has published the following important articles on the biography of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).⁴

1. Nubuwwat ki Haqiqat aur Hikmat-e Ba'athat, Dr. Shabir Ahmad Mansoori
2. Daur-e Nabvi (SAW) ke Ma'akhaz Qanoon, Dr. Abdul Qadus Sahib
3. Ta'alluqat Bahami ke Liye Bain al-Madhahib Mukalma ki Zarurat aur Ahmiyat (Uswa-e Hasana ka Mutala), Dr. Muhammad Abdullah
4. Ifta aur Istifta Seerat Tayyiba ki Roshni Mein, Dr. Muhammad Saad Siddiqi
5. Aslub Da'wat ki Ahmiyat Ta'leemat Nabvi ki Roshni Mein, Dr. Muhammad Ikram Waraq
6. Sirat Sayyara Rasool Akram - Hikmat aur Thamarat Asr Hazir Mein, Dr. Muhammad Saad Siddiqi
7. Mas'ala-e Ta'aleem Ta'leemat Nabvi Aliha al-Salat wa al-Salam ki Roshni Mein, Dr. Tahir Raza Bukhari
8. Hayat-e Rasool Ami "Ek Nazar Az Asim Naeem", Khalid Masood Par, Muqaddas Asim
9. Ummat-e Muslima ke Mojooda Masail dar Paish Challenges aur Unka Tadarak (Seerat Tayyiba se Rehnumai), Dr. Hamidullah Abdul Qadir
10. Rasool Akram ke Mua'ahideen aur Ahl-e Dhimmah ke Khilaf Tadibi Iqdamat, Dr. Syed Haider Shah
11. Ahd-e Nabvi SAW aur Ulum al-Quran, Muhammad Farooq Haider
12. Da'wat o Tabligh ki Hikmat Amali Ta'leemat Nabvi SAW ki Roshni Mein, Dr. Muhammad Abdullah Abid
13. Ahd-e Risalat aur Khulafa-e Rashideen Mein Arab aur Hind ke Ta'alluqat, Dr. Ehsan ur Rahman
14. Halaf al-Fudul aur Qabl az Nabuwat Waqiat Sirat se Hukm Sharai par Istidlal, Usman Ahmed
15. Anhazoor Salay al-Tam bihtiyat Da'i Aman Alam. Uswa-e Hasana, Dr. Abdul Qadus Sahib
16. Waqia Sha'b Abi Talib ki Tareekhi Haisiyat, Janab Usman Ahmed
17. Ahd-e Nabvi ki Siyasi Kharija (Sulah Hudaybiyyah ke Ahwal ki Roshni Mein), Dr. Bashir Ahmad Rand
18. Waqiat Sirat Mein Ahl-e Kufr se Riwayat ki Sharai Haisiyat, Usman Ahmed
19. Sirat al-Nabi SAW se Mutalliq Sabiq Kutub Samawiya se Istidlal Rahmatul Lil Alamin (Qazi Muhammad Sulaiman Salman Mansoori ka Tehqiqi Mutalia), Hafiza Saba Munir
20. Sirat Rasool SAW ki Roshni Mein Yateemon ke Huqooq (Kafalat Yateem), Abdul Rahim
21. Mutalaat Sirat se Fiqhi Ahkam ka Istibat (Fiqh al-Sirah) Zad al-Ma'ad ka Khasoosi Mutalia, Dr. Humayun Abbas Shams
22. Fikri Intishar ki Wajohat Uske Natayej aur Uswa Nabvi ki Roshni Mein: Aman Alam ka Qiyam, Dr. Muhammad Baqir Khan Khakwani
23. Taleem Niswan: Irshadat Nabwiya ki Roshni Mein, Dr. Hafiz Hassan Madani
24. Ismat Rasool Akram SAW par Masihi Ulama ke Aitrazat: Tehqiqi wa Tanqidi Jaiza, Professor Dr. Abdul Rauf Zafar Sahib

Jihad al-Islam⁵: Dimensions of Islam

"Jihad al-Islam" is an academic and research journal published by the Faculty of Islamic Studies at the University of Punjab, Lahore. This trilingual publication (Urdu, Arabic, and English) serves as the voice of the faculty, offering a platform for national and international experts to discuss various facets of Islamic studies. The journal's current editors are Professor Dr. Tahir H Basharat and Dr. Mohammad Abdullah. "Jihad al-Islam," which translates to "Dimensions of Islam," was aptly named to reflect the comprehensive representation of different Islamic sciences and arts. The inaugural issue was released in July 2007, and the publication continues to this day, approved by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Islamabad under the "X" category. Its ISSN is 1998-4472. The journal encompasses a board of 28 international and national professors and doctors and maintains a consultative panel of seven members. It also provides detailed guidelines for contributors under the section "A few requests from article writers."

"Jihat al-Islam" publishes articles across various disciplines including Quranic studies, Hadith, Islamic jurisprudence (Fiqh), Islamic history, the Prophet Muhammad's biography (Seerah), comparative religion, culture and civilization, Islamic economics, and more, in three languages. The special issue on the Seerah of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) (Volume 4, Issues 1-2) was awarded the Presidential Award by the Federal Ministry of Religious Affairs, Government of Pakistan, in January 2013. The contributors to this journal include distinguished scholars from Pakistan as well as from Egypt, India, Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Iraq, Bangladesh, Malaysia, and Africa. The journal also features a regular book review section, reviewing one or two books in each issue. This journal can be accessed online through the following link: <https://jihat-ul-islam.com.pk/journal/index.php/jihat-ul-islam>.

In this research journal, the following significant articles on the biography of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) have been published:⁶

1. Ba'asat se qabl Asmat-e-Nabvi by Professor Muhammad Yasin Mazhar Siddiqi
2. Nabuwat-e-Muhammadi (PBUH) ki Afāqiat: Aghāz, I'lān aur Ta'in by Professor Muhammad Yasin Mazhar Siddiqi
3. Tazkiyah o Taleem ka Nabvi Aslub: Ahad-e-Hazir ke Taqazay by Hafiz Muhammad Saeed Ahmed Atef
4. Nabuwat aur Risalat ki Zaroorat aur Risalat-e-Muhammadi (PBUH) Zulm ka Saboot (Hazrat Mujaddid Alf Thani (Afkar ka Mutala) by Doctor Muhammad Humayun Abbas Shams
5. Ghazwat o Saraya ke Muhakat (Ba'z Eitrazat ka Jaiza) by Muhammad Shamim Akhtar Qasmi
6. Muashrat Nabvi (PBUH) Beeswin Sadi Mein Seerat Nigari ka Ahem Rujhan by Doctor Muhammad Abdullah
7. Adam Bardasht: Qaumi aur Bain al-Aqwami Rujhan (Taleemat Nabvi (PBUH) ki Roshni Mein) by Tahir Raza Bukhari
8. Aaili Zindagi aur Us ke Masail ka Hal (Seerat-un-Nabi (PBUH) ki Roshni Mein) by Hafiz Muhammad Saadullah
9. Mansab Nabuwat ka Tashree'i Muqam by Doctor Abdul Rauf Zafar / Maimoona Tabassum
10. Da'wat Nabvi (PBUH) Marahil o Manhaj (Seerat Nigari ka Ahem Asri Rujhan) by Hafiz Muhammad Sajjad
11. Nawab Siddique Hassan ki Seerat Nigari by Muhammad Yasin Mazhar Siddiqi
12. Hazrat Musa (Alaihissalaam) ki Manind Ek Nabi (PBUH) by Doctor Ehsan-ul-Rahman Ghauri
13. Asma-e-Rasool Allah ﷺ ki Ma'naviyat (Ahadith wa Aqwal Sahaba ki Roshni Mein) by Muhammad Tahir Mustafa
14. Tahaffuz-e-Namoos-e-Risalat Aalami Ijtihadi Idaroon ki Araye ka Tajziyah by Altaf Hussain Langrial
15. Islah-e-Muashirah ki Nabvi Manhaj by Doctor Abdul Rauf Zafar
16. Ghazawat Nabvi Mein Khawateen ki Shirkat: Ek Tajziati Mutalia by Muhammad Yasin Mazhar Siddiqi
17. Al-Rawd al-Anif Lisahili Manhaj wa Aslub by Hafiz Muhammad Ibrahim
18. Al-Mawāhib al-Ladunniyya lil-Qastallani Manhaj wa Aslub by Shameenah Sadiyah
19. Seerat Halabiyah ke Mabadi Seerat Nigari par Asarat by Naveed Ahmed Shahzad
20. Syed Sulaiman Nadwi Ek Rujhan Saz Seerat Nigar by Nigar Sajjad Zahir
21. Rasool Akram ﷺ ki Siyasi Zindagi (Doctor Hameedullah ki Kitaab ka Tajziati Mutalia) by Nisar Ahmed
22. Hinduo ki Seerat Nigari ka Naqadānā Jaiza (Rawayat Seerat ke Tanazur Mein) by Hafiz Muhammad Naem
23. Seerat-un-Nabi ﷺ ki Nashr o Isha'at (2001-2007 Ma'booda Kutub ka Tajziyah) by Hafiz Muhammad Naem
24. Seerat-un-Nabi ﷺ aur Qadeem o Jadeed Istishraqi Afkar: Ek Jaiza by Hafiz Muhammad Naem
25. Ahad Risalat Mein Sardaran-e-Yahood ke Khilaf Khufiya Tadbiryati Karwai (Wajuh wa Asbab ka Tajziati Mutala) by Muhammad Akram Wirk
26. Seerat-un-Nabi ﷺ aur Qadeem o Jadeed Ishraqi Afkar: Ek Jaiza by Doctor Muhammad Shahbaz Munajjid

Peshawar Islamics⁷: A Research Journal

The semi-annual research journal "Peshawar Islamics," organized under the auspices of Peshawar University and edited by Professor Dr. Muhammad Salim, was first published in 2010. Professor Dr. Qibla Ayaz refers to "Peshawar Islamics" as a continuation of JOSFISA, stating: "It is a matter of great pleasure that the first issue of 'Peshawar Islamics' is before you. This issue continues the legacy of the former journal of the Faculty of Islamic Studies & Arabic (JOSFISA), which was discontinued due to unavoidable reasons."

The journal has a patron-in-chief, a guardian, an associate editor, a 13-member editorial board, and a 6-member advisory council. The guardian of the journal outlines its primary objectives in the following terms:

"Our aim is to synthesize and advance the scholarly and interpretative efforts made so far in Islamic studies, to further develop this approach, and to conduct scholarly examinations of prevailing views on various topics and issues related to social sciences, particularly Islamic law, presenting alternative perspectives. This journal also provides an effective platform for intellectuals, scholars, and researchers who wish to disseminate their creative capabilities and intellectual prowess."

The journal under discussion is trilingual (Urdu, Arabic, English), with the Urdu section generally encompassing more pages. This journal was approved by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Islamabad in the "Y" category from February 2013 and has been included in the "X" category since December 2017. It carries the International Standard Serial Number (ISSN) 2305-154X, which is listed on the front cover of each issue. Suggestions for authors regarding the publication of articles are provided in both Urdu and English in each issue. Reviews of books and scholarly journals related to Islamic and Arabic studies are also published. The esteemed editor of Peshawar Islamics articulates the journal's standard, stating, "Our focus is on maintaining and enhancing the high standard of research. We do not want 'Peshawar Islamics' to be just another traditional research journal but aspire for it to be a benchmark in the field of knowledge and research, adorned with modern methodologies and topics. We continually urge our professors and research students to take up the pen and present scholarly and thoughtful solutions to unique contemporary issues from an Islamic perspective in a research-oriented manner."

1. Seerat Nigari Ka Tareekh Pas Manzar: Muntakhib Ma'azir Ki Roshni Mein, Az Dr. Ata-ur-Rehman⁸

2. Jangi Akhlaqiat, Seerat Nabvi aur Fiqh Islami Ki Roshni Mein, Az Dr. Muhammad Mushtaq Ahmed⁹

"Al-Idah"¹⁰: A Trilingual Journal of Sheikh Zayed Islamic Center, University of Peshawar

"Al-Idah" is a semi-annual academic and research journal published by the Sheikh Zayed Islamic Center (SZIC) at the University of Peshawar. It was inaugurated in September 1993. Initially published exclusively in Arabic and renowned as an international Arabic journal, "Al-Idah" has since evolved into a trilingual publication. The founding editor and the Editor in Chief for its first ten issues was Professor Dr. Miraj ul Islam Zia. The journal is managed under a formal administrative body, editorial board, and an advisory council.

"Al-Idah" is a semi-annual scholarly and research journal published under the aegis of the Sheikh Zayed Islamic Center (SZIC), University of Peshawar. Despite experiencing various ups and downs and periods of inactivity, the journal has seen significant improvements in its standards and continuity of publication since coming under the stewardship of Professor Dr. Azmat Hayat Khan. Today, "Al-Idah" is noted for its attractive cover design and high-quality paper. The current patron of the journal is Professor Dr. Muhammad Rasul Jan, with Professor Dr. Rashad Ahmad Saljooq as the editor, and Dr. Muhammad Anwar as the deputy editor. The journal focuses on publishing high-quality research articles on crucial Islamic topics that are pertinent to contemporary needs. It has been recognized by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Islamabad, moving from category "Y" between October 2010 and August 2011 to category "X" since September 2011. The International Standard Serial Number (ISSN) for "Al-Idah" is 2075-0307, which is displayed on the journal's cover. The editor-in-chief, in an editorial, commends the HEC for setting high research standards and regulations that have significantly elevated the quality of research in Pakistan. "Al-Idah" strictly adheres to these guidelines, ensuring the selection and publication of articles align with the HEC's policies. Each article begins with an abstract in English, providing readers with a quick understanding of the article's objectives and content, and concludes with endnotes containing relevant references and citations. The journal can also be accessed online at the following link: <https://www.al-idah.pk/index.php/al-idah>.

The research journal has published the following significant articles on the life of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH):¹¹

- 1- Namus-e-Risalat aur Tauheen-e-Risalat ka Ilmi aur Tareekhi Jaiza, Dr. Dost Muhammad Khan
- 2- Aaj ke Sulagte Masail ka Hal: Mohsin Insaniyat ki Seerat Tayyiba ki Roshni Mein, Prof. Dr. Dost Muhammad Khan
- 3- Makateb-e-Rasool ﷺ aur Arabi Khat Navesi, Marsal Farman
- 4- Mashhoor Masadir-e-Seerat ke Asalib ka Ilmi Jaiza, Dr. Muhammad Alam Khan
- 5- Al-Bidayah wal-Nihayah ka Ek Mutala: Masadir-e-Seerat ke Hawale se, Dr. Ata-ur-Rahman
- 6- Sarkari Munasibat o Zaraayi Ka Zimmedari Isti'maal: Ta'aleemat-e-Nabwi ki Roshni Mein, Dr. Khadija Aziz, Dr. Hashmat Beg

Fikr-o-Nazar¹²: The Oldest Scholarly and Research Journal of the Institute of Islamic Research

"Fikr-o-Nazar," the oldest scholarly and research journal of the Institute of Islamic Research at the International Islamic University in Islamabad, has been continuously published since August 1, 1963, corresponding to the 10th of Rabi-ul-Awwal, 1383 AH. Initially launched in Karachi and temporarily published from Rawalpindi, the journal's office was later moved to Faisal Mosque. The significance of this research journal is evident from the objectives outlined in its first issue, which emphasize a broad and rational interpretation of Islam in accordance with its fundamental principles.

- The journal is committed to elucidating Islam based on its fundamental principles, with a broad and rational perspective. It aims to clarify Islam's core objectives such as global brotherhood, tolerance, and social justice, among other matters.
- The journal aims to interpret Islamic teachings in a manner that highlights Islam's distinctiveness in the context of modern world's intellectual and scientific progress.
- It strives to research and document Islam's contributions to thought, science, and culture in such a way that Muslims can regain their eminent and superior position in these fields.
- The journal endeavors to foster organized and systematic research in Islamic history, philosophy, law, and principles of jurisprudence, promoting and advancing research, documentation, and scholarship in these areas.

consequently, the publication of the journal was initiated with these objectives in mind. As a result, the scope of "Fikr o Nazar" has been expanded to include publishing articles on a wide range of subjects from the perspectives of the Qur'anic sciences and Hadith, jurisprudence (Fiqh), theology (Kalam), and mysticism (Tasawwuf), to the history of Islam, education, teaching, philosophy, comparative religion, science, literature, economics, sociology, politics, culture and civilization, and the law and principles of law from an Islamic viewpoint. The journal supports freedom of expression within the bounds of Islamic limits, although the publication of an article does not necessarily imply that the institution agrees with the ideas and opinions presented therein. Each issue contains essential guidelines under the title "Instructions to Contributors" on the inside back cover, adherence to which is mandatory for the authors.

In the past, the editorial responsibilities of the journal "Fikr o Nazar" were handled by individuals such as Muhammad Sarwar, Abdul Rahman Tahir Surti, Dr. Sharafuddin Islahi, Dr. Aminullah, Rashid Ahmad Jalandhari, Muhammad Masood, Abdul Qudoos Hashmi, and Sahibzada Sajidur Rahman during different periods. Muhammad Saghbir Masoomi, Mazharuddin Siddiqui, Dr. Abdul Waheed Halepota, and Mahmood Ahmad Ghazi also served as editors in various phases. Currently, the journal is edited by Professor Dr. Zia ul Haq and Assistant Editor Syed Mateen Ahmad Shah.

Over its 57-year history, the journal has published several special issues. Notably, Volume 36, Issue 3-4, June 1999, was a special publication on the study of the Quran in the Indian subcontinent, featuring 16 articles spanning 395 pages. Additionally, a special issue dedicated to Dr. Hamidullah was published in Volumes 40-41, from April to September 2003, highlighting various

aspects of his personality. Furthermore, two special issues have been published on the topic of the Prophet's biography, enriching the discourse on his life and teachings.

Since its inception in August 1963, the journal "Fikr o Nazar" was initially published monthly until Mahmood Ahmad Ghazi's tenure as editor, during which it became a quarterly publication. Ghazi significantly improved the scholarly and research standards of the journal. Subsequent editors, including Sahibzada Sajidur Rahman, continued to advance the journal's development. High-quality paper and an attractive, visually appealing title design have been used in its printing. In 2009, the Higher Education Commission (HEC) included it in its list of approved journals under the ISSN 4055-0430 in the "X" category, and since 2015, it has been included in the "Y" category, and in July 2019, it was moved to the "X" category.

Each article published in the journal begins with an English summary that spans a page, with citations and references noted at the bottom of each page in the form of footnotes. At the end of each issue, a detailed and useful Translation Table in English is provided, under the title "Table of Phonetic Effects/Transliteration for Urdu, Arabic, and Persian Terms", which assists authors in preparing English abstracts of their articles. The journal also publishes introductory advertisements and detailed reviews of new publications by the Islamic Research Institute (IRI). Recognizing its significance, the Ministry of Education, Government of Pakistan, has approved "Fikr o Nazar" for educational institutions and libraries, and IRI has also published an index of this research journal. This journal has published research articles on various topics related to the life of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).

The following important articles on the life of the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) have been published in this research journal.¹³

- 1- Ma'asaq Madinah ki Ahmiyat aur Afadiyat, Dr. Amanullah
- 2- San Hijri ki Ibtida, Maulana Abul Kalam Azad
- 3- 'Ismat Ummat aur 'Ismat Anbiya, Dr. Ahmad Hasan
- 4- Arabi Na'at ka Daur-e-Awwal, Irshad Shakir Awan
- 5- Istiqlam Pakistan Seerat ki Roshni Mein, Syed Az Kia Hashmi
- 6- Ta'aleemate Nabvi (SAW) Mein Scienci Muhrakaat, Prof. Imtiaz Ahmed
- 7- Na'at Rasool Kareem SAW, Amir Khusro
- 8- Zikr-e-Rasool SAW Balochi aur Barohi Adab ke Aaine Mein, Dr. Inam ul Haq Kausar
- 9- Hazoor ki Maashi Zindagi, Dr. S.M. Zaman
- 10- Hazoor ka Jalal o Jamal, Dr. S.M. Zaman
- 11- Hadi A'zam SAW, Dr. Bashir Ahmad Siddiqi
- 12- Seerat-un-Nabi SAW ke Ilmi Taqazay, J.A. Haq
- 13- Rasool Akram SAW ka Tareeq-e-Da'wat aur Wufud-e-Arab, Hafiz Muhammad Sajjad
- 14- Rasool Allah SAW ka Difai Nizam, Hafiz Muhammad Younis
- 15- Jamal Mustafa SAW, Hafiz Muhammad Younis
- 16- Islami Nizam-e-Maeeshat aur Kifayat-e-Aamah mein Zakat ki Ahmiyat, Dr. Hafiz Muhammad Thani
- 17- Rasool Allah SAW ki Maashi Ta'aleematein, Dr. Khalid Alvi
- 18- Shama'il Nabwi SAW ka Irteqai Jaiza, Dr. Malik Khalid Dad
- 19- Makateeb Nabwi ka Adabi Pehlu, Khursheed ul Hassan Rizvi
- 20- Seerat-un-Nabi SAW ke Chand Gose, Abdul Rehman Tahir Sorti
- 21- Arabi Masadir Seerat, Dr. Sahil Hassan
- 22- Mohsin Insaniyat aur Insani Huqooq, Dr. Sahil Hassan
- 23- Fun-e-Seerat Nigari par Ek Nazar, Syed Dr. Abdullah
- 24- Rasool Akram SAW ke Seerat Nigar, Dr. Syed Anayatullah
- 25- Seerat-un-Nabi SAW ki Ibtedai Kitaben aur Unke Mo'allefeen, Sharaf ud Din Aslahi
- 26- Seerat-un-Nabi SAW ki Chand Ahem Zaroori Tareekhain, Sharaf ud Din Aslahi
- 27- Islami Falahi Riyasat "Aswa-e-Hasna ki Roshni Mein", Sher Muhammad Zaman
- 28- Khawateen ke Huqooq o Faraid Seerat Tayyiba ki Roshni Mein, Tahira Kaakab
- 29- Seerat Nigaroon ke Ibtedai Marahil, Dr. Ali Asghar Chishti
- 30- Rasool Allah SAW ka Hamsayon se Sulook, Ghulam Murtaza Azad
- 31- Ba'sat-e-Muhammad Maki aur Halaqat Qaisar o Kisra, Ghulam Mushtaq Qasmi
- 32- Paighambar Islam Tareekh ke Pas Manzar aur Pesh Manzar Mein, Kausar Niazi
- 33- Mohsin A'zam SAW, Muhammad Akhtar Muslim
- 34- Ahad Nabwi ka Nizam Taleem, Dr. Muhammad Hameedullah
- 35- Bani Kareem SAW Ghair Musalmano ki Nazar Mein, Dr. Muhammad Khalid Masood
- 36- Wa Ma Arsalnaka Illa Rahmatan Lil-'Alamin, Dr. Muhammad Khalid Masood
- 37- Hazrat Risalat Maab SAW ke Makateeb, Dr. Muhammad Riyaz
- 38- Uswa-e-Rasool SAW aur Tareeq Taleem o Tarbiyat, Dr. Muhammad Saleem
- 39- Taleemate Nabvi Mein Scienci Muhrakat, Dr. Muhammad Saud
- 40- Rasool Akram SAW ki Tashreehi Zindagi, Muhammad Sharif Sialvi
- 41- Adiyya Masthoora Adabi Mahasin, Dr. Muhammad Tafheem
- 42- Uswa-e-Hasna ki Roshni Mein Qazi ke Faraid, Dr. Muhammad Tafheem
- 43- Tasdeeq Risalat ke Chand Aqli Pehlu, Dr. Muhammad Al-Ghazali, Translator Azar Nasim Farooqi
- 44- Bani Kareem SAW Bahesiyat Mualim Akhlaq, Muhammad Karam Shah Azhari
- 45- Urdu Zaban Mein Chand Ahem Kutub Seerat, Dr. Muhammad Miyan Siddiqi
- 46- Ahad Risalat aur Khilafat Rashida Mein Taqseem Daulat ka Nizam, Dr. Muhammad Yousaf Gauraya

- 47- Seerat Al-Mustafa SAW Taaruf, Muhammad Yaseen Butt
- 48- Rasool Allah SAW Bahesiyat Ek Mudabbir, Dr. Mahmood Ahmad Ghazi
- 49- Ahad Nabwi aur Uske Baad Daur Mein Musalmano ka Nizam Taleem, Mukhtar Hussain Siddiqi
- 50- Bani Nau Insan ka Moallim A'zam SAW, Dr. Muhammad Sagheer Hussain Masoomi
- 51- Seerat Tayyiba ki Roshni Mein Ajar o Mazdoor ke Tanaza ka Hal, Dr. Noor Muhammad Ghafari
- 52- Seerat Tayyiba ka Mutala, Syed Maulana Abdul Qadus Hashmi
- 53- Seerat Tayyiba ka Mutala, Maulana Abdul Qadus Hashmi
- 54- Azim Tareen Moallim Insaniyat Hazrat Muhammad Mustafa ki Afaki Khasosiyat, Dr. Abdul Wahid Halepota
- 55- Inqilab Nabwi SAW, Dr. Abdul Wahid Halepota

Ma'arif Islami¹⁴: Islamic Insights

The scholarly and research journal "Ma'arif Islami" has been published biannually since 2001 by the Faculty of Arabic and Islamic Studies at Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad. The Vice Chancellor of the university serves as the patron of the journal. The Chief Editor is Dr. Professor Ali Asghar Chishti, with Professor Dr. Abdul Hameed Khan Abbasi as the Editor, Professor Dr. Mohiuddin Hashmi overseeing the English section, Dr. Hafiz Muhammad Sajjad for Urdu, and Qari Muhammad Rafiq Sadiq for Arabic. This research journal encompasses articles in three languages: Urdu, Arabic, and English. The thematic scope of the published articles includes the Quranic sciences, Hadith, the biography of the Prophet, jurisprudence and its principles, theology, mysticism, comparative religion, Islamic history, education, notable Muslim figures, and Islamic topics, as well as book reviews and introductions. The journal also covers philosophy, science, literature, economics, sociology, politics, culture, and legal studies. Strict guidelines mandate that articles must include references and citations, and submissions without references will not be accepted.

Due to its high standards of research and significant academic contributions, the research journal was approved in December 2006 by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) under the "Y" category. Since March 2020, it has been included in the "X" category. The journal's International Standard Serial Number (ISSN) is 1992-8556. It features an editorial board and advisory board consisting of professors and high-profile academic and research personalities from both domestic and international spheres. The editor-in-chief writes the editorial under the title "Isharaat." Now, the selection and publication of articles adhere strictly to the policies set by the HEC. Unlike other journals that include English abstracts at the beginning of each Urdu and Arabic article, this journal writes its abstracts separately under the section titled "Abstracts," often dedicating its English section solely to these summaries. Each volume of the journal comprises two issues, and to date, numerous volumes have been published.

The journal "Maarif-e-Islami" has published a special edition titled "Seerat Number" in Volume 8, Issue 2, July 2009. Additionally, a special issue in memory of Dr. Mahmood Ahmad Ghazi was published under Volume 10, Issue 1. This issue, comprising approximately 480 pages and nineteen articles, chronicles the varied contributions of Mahmood Ghazi to academic journals and highlights his scholarly, political, and research efforts. Another special issue dedicated to Dr. Muhammad Hamidullah has also been published, titled "In Memory of Dr. Hamidullah." "Maarif-e-Islami" can be accessed online via the following link: <https://ojs.aiou.edu.pk/index.php/jmi/about>

The research journal has published the following important articles on the biography of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him).¹⁵

- 1- Seerat-e-Rasool Allah ﷺ ki Roshni Mein Jadeed Riyasat ka Tasawwur, Professor Dr. Muhammad Al-Ghazali
- 2- Misali Muashra ki Raah Mein Haail Rukawatein aur Seerat Tayyiba Mein Unka Tadarruk, Professor Dr. Tajuddin Al-Azhari
- 3- Khutoot-e-Nabwi ki Asliyat Par Mushtaqeen ke Aitrazat, Dr. Muhammad Hameedullah ke Jawabat, Professor Dr. Muhammad Akram Rana
- 4- Namwar Seerat Nigar Muhammad bin Yusuf Al-Salahi Al-Shami ke Ahwal o Asar: Tehqiqi Maqala, Hafiz Muhammad Muaz
- 5- Maqam Muhammad ﷺ: Quran Kareem ki Roshni Mein, Dr. Hafiz Muhammad Thani
- 6- Muahadah Hudaibiya: Fiqahi Mutala, Dr. Shah Mu'eenuddin Hashmi
- 7- Dawat-e-Nabwi ﷺ ka Mukalimati Usloob, Professor Dr. Hafiz Muhammad Sajjad
- 8- Khassaas-e-Nabwi par Asri Tasneefi Aslatiati ka Tehqiqi Jaiza, Dr. Mohsina Munir
- 9- Huqooq Mustafa ﷺ: Azayat aur Riwayat ki Roshni Mein Ek Jaiza, Professor Dr. Ali Asghar Chishti
- 10- Iqzaya-e-Rasool: Ibn al-Talha ka Tehqiqi Jaiza, Professor Dr. Muhammad Idris Lodhi
- 11- Balaghat-e-Nabwi ki Fanni Khasosiyat wa Imtiyazat, Professor Dr. Fazlullah
- 12- Seerat Nigari Mein Imam Ali Halbi ka Usloob, Naweed Ahmed Shahzad
- 13- Taaleemate Rasool ﷺ aur Aalami Tazeeb ka Tasawwur, Aamna Sadiqi
- 14- Khutoot-e-Nabwi ﷺ ki Asliyat Par Mushtaqeen ke Aitrazat: Dr. Hameedullah ke Jawabat, Dr. Muhammad Akram Rana
- 15- Nabi Akram ﷺ ki Azwaji Zindagi Par Mushtaqeen ke Aitrazat ka Tehqiqi o Tanqeedi Mutala, Dr. Manzoor Ahmad

Pakistan Journal of Islamic Research (PJIR)¹⁶: The semi-annual "Pakistan Journal of Islamic Research (PJIR)," hosted by the Islamic Research Center (IRC) at Bahauddin Zakariya University in Multan, has been published continuously since 2008. The chief patron of this research journal is Professor Dr. Syed Khawaja Alqama, the chief editor is Dr. Abdul Qudoos Sohaib, and the associate editors include Dr. Muhammad Aurangzeb Lodhi and Professor Dr. Muhammad Abu Zar Khalil. This trilingual journal features articles in Urdu, Arabic, and English.

Articles in this research journal cover a broad range of topics including Quranic studies, Islamic jurisprudence, Islamic theology, comparative religion, the biography of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), Islamic history, Islamic thought, Islamic

economics, sociology, Islamic politics and international law, education and training, Orientalism, Islamic mysticism, the history of Pakistan and India, biographies, literature, Iqbaliyat, and other areas from an Islamic perspective. The journal adheres to the academic and research-oriented guidelines set by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Islamabad. It was approved in the "Y" category from December 2010 to July 2011 and has been in the "X" category since August 2011. The journal's International Standard Serial Number (ISSN) 2070-0326 is listed on the cover of each issue. It is also noted on the cover that the journal is Abstracted & Indexed by Index Islamicus. The editorial board of the journal includes 14 national and international researchers. Each article starts with an English abstract and concludes with footnotes and references. The journal can be accessed online at the following link: <https://pjr.bzu.edu.pk/website/>.

The research journal has published the following important articles on the biography of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him):¹⁷

1. Maasharti istehkam ke liye rahnama asool: Ta'aleemat Nabvi ki roshni mein, Dr. Humayun Abbas Shams
2. Uswa-e-Hasna taleemi, da'awati aur intizami manhaj ka mutala, Muhammad Yousuf Farooqi
3. Bar Sagheer mein seerat nigar kaarwa duraanah usloob 1857-1947 (Hinduon aur Sikho ki kutub seerat ki roshni mein), Hafiz Muhammad Naem
4. Falah o khidmat insaniyat aur seerat-e-Nabvi ﷺ, Dr. Abdul Rauf Zafer
5. Maulana Maududi bahaas seerat nigar, Dr. Muhammad Javaid Asghar
6. Asr-e-Hazir mein mehnat o ajrat ka tasawwur: Ta'aleemat Nabvi ki roshni mein taqreeqi jaiza, Mahmood Sultan Khokhar
7. Daur-e-Risalat mein aabi wasail ki mansooba bandi, Muhammad Iqbal
8. Ahad-e-Nabvi ﷺ aur Ahad-e-Siddiqi mein qanoon saazi ki bunyadon ka taqreeqi mutala, Abdul Qadir Bazdar
9. Seerat al-Nabi ﷺ ke baaz pehluon par mastaishrikeen ke aitrazat, Dr. Dost Muhammad Khan
10. Seerat Nabvi ﷺ par mastaishrikeen ke aitrazat (Hissa Dovum), Dr. Dost Muhammad Khan

The Islamic Culture¹⁸: A Rigorous Academic Semi-Annual Journal by the Sheikh Zayed Islamic Center, University of Karachi

"The Islamic Culture" is the official publication of the Sheikh Zayed Islamic Center (SZIC) at the University of Karachi, which has been in publication since 2004. Initially a quarterly journal, it transitioned to a semi-annual format in April 2012. The cover of each issue prominently displays the journal's name, followed by the phrase: "A rigorous academic semi-annual journal issued by the Sheikh Zayed Islamic Center, University of Karachi."

The journal under review has published more than 32 issues so far and features a 6-member editorial board and a 9-member advisory board. It is a trilingual publication presenting articles in Urdu, Arabic, and English, and publishes guidelines for authors. Each article is required to have an abstract that spans half to a full page, and, in line with other academic research journals, citations and references are provided at the end of each article. An index covering issues 1 to 20 has been compiled, encompassing a subject-wise, author-wise, and issue-wise summary spanning 34 pages.

The chief editor of the journal is Dr. Abida Parveen, while the editorial duties are performed by Dr. Muhammad Mehrban Barvi and Muhammad Irfan. In the past, scholarly figures such as Professor Dr. Khalil ur Rahman and Professor Dr. Noor Ahmad Shahtaz have been associated with the journal's editorial board. The journal has been approved by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) in category "Y" since March 2020. Its ISSN number is 1813-775X. The journal also published a special issue in 2007 titled "International Conference on Religious Tolerance and Harmony among Sects". The published issues of the journal can be viewed on the website at: <https://theislamicculture.com/index.php/tis/introduction>.

The research journal has published the following important articles on the biography of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him):¹⁹

1. Tehreek Istishraq aur Allama Shibli Nomani ki Kitab "Seerat un Nabi Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam" ki Imtiazi Khasosiyat ka Tehqiqi Mutala, Hafiz Muhammad Yasin Butt
2. Barkat-e-Nabwi Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam, Dr. Munir Ahmad Niazi, Dr. Abrar Mahi al-Din
3. Moasir Tabligh ka Islam mein Tareeq-e-Kar Seerat-un-Nabi Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam ki Roshni Mein, Shaziya Ramadan, Aini Rubab
4. "Jawami al-Kalam" Hazoor Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam ka Nadir Namuna Kalam, Muhammad Iqbal
5. Muhammad Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam Bihaisiyat Rahmat al-Alameen, Professor Dr. Abdul Rauf Zafar
6. Gaddagari ke Khatma ke Liye Nabi Kareem Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam ki Taaleemat, Dr. Muhammad Humayun Abbas Shams
7. Seerat Tayyiba Iman aur Aqal ki Roshni Mein, Professor Jameela Khanum
8. Al-Raheeq Al-Makhtum ke Asloob ka Tehqiqi Jaiza, Professor Dr. Hafiz Abdul Ghani
9. Ahad-e-Risalat Mein Nizam-e-Zakat, Dr. Abdul Qadus Sahib
10. Insani Hayat aur Taqwim-e-Nafs Taleematein Nabvi ki Roshni Mein, Dr. Muhammad Khan Malik
11. Ish'at-e-Islam ke Liye Rasool Allah Sallallahu Alayhi Wasallam ke Istemal kiye gaye Zariye Iblagh, Dr. Ismat Ara
12. Ahad-e-Risalat ke Madaris ka Mukhtasar Tareekh, Dr. Atiqullah Amjad

Al-Ehsan²⁰: The Biannual Academic and Research Journal

The Biannual Academic and Research Journal "Al-Ehsan," representing the Center for the Study of Sufism, Department of Islamic and Arabic Studies at GCU University Faisalabad, was established in 2014. The journal is multilingual, featuring articles in Urdu, Arabic, and English on topics related to Sufism, spirituality, and Ihsan. The chief editor is Professor Dr. Humayun Abbas Shams, and the editor is Dr. Iftikhar Ahmad Khan, with assistant editors Umairana Shehzadi and Hafiz Asif Ali Raza.

It has been approved by the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan, Islamabad (HEC) under the category "Y" since March 2016. Its ISSN number is 2410-1834. Published issues can be viewed on the Government College University Faisalabad's website. Al-Ehsan is published with the cooperation of Khwaja Muhammad Yaar Trust, Rahim Yar Khan. This link is the website link of Al-Ehsan: <https://alehsan.gcu.edu.pk/index.php/alehsan>.

The research journal has published the following important articles on the biography of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him):²¹

1. Maktubat Hazrat Imam Rabbani Mein Mubahis Seerat, Professor Dr. Mahfuz Ahmad
2. Khwaja Ghulam Fareed Ki Shayari Mein Hub-e-Paighambar, Professor Dr. Tariq Mahmood Hashmi
3. Miyani Muhammad Bukhsh Sahbatiyat Seerat Nigar, Dr. Muhammad Tariq Mahmood
4. Sufiyana Adab Mein Seerat Nigari Ke Rujhanat, Professor Dr. Muhammad Humayun Abbas Shams

Zia-e-Tahqiq²²: Journal Overview

The research journal "Zia-e-Tahqiq" is a publication of the Faculty of Islamic Studies at Government College University Faisalabad (GCUF), established in 2011. The chief patron is Professor Dr. Zakir Hussain, with Professor Dr. Humayun Abbas Shams as the chief editor, Dr. Umar Hayat as the editor, Professor Dr. Tahir Tanveer (Tamgha-i-Imtiaz) as the honorary editor, and Yasir Arafat Awan as the assistant editor. The journal's mission, as articulated by the editorial team, is to uphold the research standards set by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan, ensuring that its articles are recognized and validated as credible scholarly contributions. This endeavor reflects the academic departments' commitment to aligning their research publications with the requisite quality standards to gain official recognition and accreditation. The name of the journal is inspired by the Quranic verse: "He is the one who made the sun a shining light and the moon a derived light" (Quran 10:5), which is also inscribed on its cover.

The trilingual (Urdu, Arabic, and English) research journal "Zia-e-Tahqiq" from the Faculty of Islamic Studies at Government College University Faisalabad (GCUF) was launched in 2011. The journal is approved in the "Y" category by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan since 2018. The ISSN for "Zia-e-Tahqiq" is 2225-613X. Alongside the chief editor, the journal is supported by an eight-member advisory council, which includes both national and international scholars. The editorial, titled "Jestju" (Quest), is written by the editor-in-chief. The journal insists on English abstracts for all articles, and citations and references are provided at the end of each page in the form of endnotes. "Zia-e-Tahqiq" has achieved notable recognition, securing second place at the National Seerat Conference organized by the Ministry of Religious Affairs, Government of Pakistan, in 2015 under the category of journals. All issues of the journal are available on the university's website at <https://ziaetahqeeq.gcu.edu.pk/index.php/ziaetahqeeq/about>.

The research journal has published the following important articles on the biography of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him):²³

1. Maxim Roaderson Bihaisiyat Seerat Nigar: Ek Tajziyati Mutala, Muhammad Akram Sajid
2. Bain ul Aqwami Ta'alluqat ke Usool, Hudood aur Taqazay: Seerat Tayyiba ki Roshni Mein, Doctor Muhammad Akram Wark
3. Pakistan ke Nazam-e-Mahsulat ka Seerat un Nabi Sallay Aleihi Wasallam ki Roshni Mein Jaiza, Saadiyah Gulzar
4. Tafheem-e-Deen Mein Rasool Allah ﷺ ke Jismani Tassurat ka Izhar, Hafiz Muhammad Asghar
5. Siyasi Dakhalah o Kharajah ke Nabvi ﷺ Usool, Hafiz Muhammad Naeem
6. Bihaisiyat Mahir Maashiyat: Seerat Rasool Allah ﷺ ka Roshan Pehlu Insidat Ghurba, Muhammad Abdul Rahman Naseer
7. Tehzeebi o Tamaduni Masail aur Seerat Mubarakah Batour Usool Muashirat, Hafiz Muhammad Naeem
8. Rawadari ka Tasawwur aur Hudood (Uswa-e-Rasool ki Roshni Mein), Doctor Akhtar Hussain Azmi, Maulim aur Mutaalim ki Zimmedariyan (Nabvi Taaleematain ki Roshni Mein), Doctor Mumtaz Ahmad Sadeed
9. Seerat un Nabi ﷺ ka Taqwimi Mutala, Doctor Naila Safdar
10. Seerat un Nabi ﷺ ki Alamgiriyyat, Professor Doctor Abdul Rauf Zafar
11. Mutala Seerat Nabwi ke Maqasid o Maarif, Hafiz Muhammad Naeem
12. Hazrat Muhammad ﷺ Batoor Khatam al-Nabiyyin, Doctor Ghazala Butt
13. Professor Doctor Ihsan Mazhar Siddiqui ki Seerat Nigar (Manhaj o Usloob), Doctor Muhammad Abdullah
14. Seerat Muhammad Rasool Allah ﷺ - Asri Zaroorat, Hafiz Muhammad Asghar, Doctor Umar Hayat

Hazara Islamics²⁴: A Scholarly Exploration in Islamic Studies

The research journal "Hazara Islamics," published by the Department of Islamic and Religious Studies at Hazara University, Mansehra, is a testament to scholarly work in the field of Islamic studies. This trilingual journal, publishing articles in Urdu, Arabic, and English, has been continuously released since January 2012. Overseen by Professor Dr. Syed Sakawat Shah and edited by Dr. Mursil Furman, with assistance from Dr. Mohammad Riaz Khan Al-Azhari and Dr. Sajid Mahmood, Hazara Islamics adheres to the scholarly standards set by the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan (HEC), achieving approval in the "Z" category in 2013 and the "Y" category since 2016. The journal's ISSN is 2305-3283.

Hazara Islamics covers a broad range of topics including Qur'anic studies, Hadith, jurisprudence, Islamic theology, Sufism, comparative religion, and more, reflecting a rigorous academic methodology. It includes a formal advisory board composed of three international and three national scholars, as well as an analytical and review board consisting of five international and five national members. Each issue typically comprises around 140 pages, beginning with editorial notes that guide contributors

and readers alike. Hazara Islamics is committed to enhancing and upholding high research standards, gradually improving to meet and exceed the minimal benchmarks set by the HEC.

The research journal has published the following important articles on the biography of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him):²⁵

1. Seerat-e-Rasool ﷺ ki Roshni mein Dawat o Tabligh mein Mustamil Adabi Asnaaf ka Tehqiqi Mutala "Khutbat-e-Nabvi" Namood-e, Dr. Mursil Furman
2. Taleematein Nabvi ﷺ aur Aalmagir Tehzeeb ka Tasawwur, Saadiyah Jabeen
3. Ghair Musalmanon se Akhlaqi aur Samaji Taaluqat (Seerat Tayyiba ki Roshni mein), Dr. Syed Abdul Ghaffar Bukhari
4. Mustaqbil ke Challenges mein Talba ka Kirdar Seerat Tayyiba ki Roshni mein, Dr. Noor Hayat Khan

Research Journal Ulūm-e-Islāmiya²⁶: A Scholarly Platform of the Faculty of Islamic Learning at Islamia University Bahawalpur

The "Islamic Studies Journal," emanating from the Faculty of Islamic Learning at Islamia University Bahawalpur, has been a platform for scholarly discourse since its inception in 1975. The journal is overseen by the university's Research and Publications Cell, with current editorial duties led by Dr. Iftikhar Ahmed. Over the years, the journal has faced intermittent publication due to administrative changes and varying levels of interest from authorities. Since its rejuvenation in 2011, the journal has committed to maintaining high standards in alignment with the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan's requirements. It publishes in three languages—Urdu, Arabic, and English—though occasionally issues are exclusively in Urdu, like the special "Translations of the Quran" issue. Each article begins with an abstract in English, adhering to HEC's editorial policies. The journal also maintains a strong advisory board, contributing to its academic rigor. It is approved by the HEC in the "Y" category, and its ISSN is 2073-5146. Issues of the journal are available online at <https://journals.iub.edu.pk/index.php/Ulum-e-Islamia/index>.

The research journal has published the following important articles on the biography of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him):²⁷

1. Adl-e-Ijtima'i ka Tasawwur aur Ahmiyat Taleemat Nabvi ki Roshni Mein, Dr. Syed Abdul Ghaffar Bukhari
2. Adl-e-Ijtima'i ka Tasawwur aur Ahmiyat Taleemat Nabvi ki Roshni Mein, Dr. Hafiz Muhammad Abdul Qayyum
3. Fehm-e-Seerat aur Seerat Nigari, Chand Fanni aur Takneeki Umur, Dr. Shahid Hasan Rizvi / Dr. Altaf Hussain Langrial

Acta Islamica²⁸: A Scholarly Voice from Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University Sheringal

The semi-annual journal "Acta Islamica," published since January 2013, serves as a scholarly voice from the Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University Sheringal, Upper Dir, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. Accredited by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan in the "Z" category initially and upgraded to the "Y" category by March 2020, the journal holds an ISSN number of 2411-7315. Under the editorial leadership of Dr. Sami ul Haq, with past editors including Dr. Mohammad Naeem, Dr. Karim Dad, and Dr. Aftab Ahmad, this tri-lingual journal (Urdu, Arabic, English) encompasses a wide range of subjects. The topics published in Acta Islamica span from Tafsir, Quranic and Hadith Sciences, Seerah, Fiqh, Principles of Fiqh, and both national and international laws, to philosophy, science, literature, economics, sociology, politics, culture and civilization, comparative religion, modern economics, and journalism and communication, all presented from an Islamic perspective.

The research journal has released several significant articles concerning the biography of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him):²⁹

1. Seerat Tayyiba Se Mutaliq Israili Riwayat Aur Bible Ki Peshangoiyan, Dr. Abadur Rahman
2. Islam Aur Tahaffuz Namus-e-Risalat: Ek Tehqiqi Jaiza, Karim Dad
3. Chori Ki Saza Ke Mutaliq Nabi Kareem ﷺ Ke Faislo Ka Tehqiqi Jaiza, Dr. Abzahir Khan
4. Riyasat Madinah Ka Falahi Tasawwur: Taleematein Nabvi Ki Roshni Mein

Al-Basirah³⁰ Journal of Islamic Studies at NUML

The academic and research journal "Al-Basirah" is the official publication of the Department of Islamic Studies at the National University of Modern Languages (NUML) in Islamabad. This semi-annual journal has been in continuous publication since June 2012. Al-Basirah was categorized under the "Y" category by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) in 2015, and upgraded to the "X" category in 2018. The current editor of the journal is Dr. Syed Abdul Ghaffar Bukhari. The ISSN for Al-Basirah is 2222-4548. The journal is published in three languages: Urdu, Arabic, and English. The title "Al-Basirah" is inspired by the Quranic verse: "Say, 'This is my way; I invite to Allah with insight, I and those who follow me'" (Quran 12:108), which is prominently displayed on the journal's cover. For more information and access to published issues, visit the Al-Basirah website at: <https://albasirah.numl.edu.pk/index.php/alb>.

The research journal has published the following important articles on the biography of the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him):³¹

1. Afraad Sazi mein Khasoosi Dilchaspion aur Rujhanat ki Raiyat (Seerat Tayyiba ki Roshni mein) by Ali Tariq
2. Aman ke Liye Ilmi Markaz Rukawatein aur Hal (Seerat Tayyiba ki Roshni mein) by Doctor Muhammad Riaz
3. Ahd-e-Nabawi mein Zaraa'il-e-Iblagh ke Aslaib (Asr-e-Hazir ke Nojawanon ke liye Mashal Raah by Doctor Syed Abdul Ghaffar Bukhari

4. Ahd-e-Nabawi mein Nojawan Sahaba Karam ka Batoor Moallim Taqarrur aur Islah-e-Muashra mein unka Kirdar by Doctor Abdul Ghaffar
5. Pakistani Nojawan Fikri Inhiraf: Asbab aur Sadd-e-Baab Uswa-e-Hasna ki Roshni mein by Doctor Abdul Hai Al-Madani
6. Ahd-e-Nabawi mein Sahabiyat ki Maashi Sargarmiyān, Asr-e-Hazir ki Khawateen ke liye Mashal Raah by Doctor Hafiz Rao Farhan Ali
7. Rasool Allah ﷺ ke Isharat: Ma'nawi aur Sooratfi Tafhim by Doctor Shah Mayeenuddin
8. Nabi Kareem ﷺ ka Manhaj Islah (Makki Daur ke Tanazur mein) by Syed Muhammad Shahid Tirmizi
9. Sulh Hudaybiyyah: An Hazrat ki Siyasi, Maashrati aur Difai Hikmat Amali by Brigadier (R) Doctor Fazal Rabi
10. Aman ke Hawale se Islam par Kiye Jane walay Aitrazat ka Jaiza by Professor Doctor Abdul Rauf Zafar
11. Umat-e-Rasool ﷺ aur Mastaishqeen by Doctor Abdul Wahab Jan Al-Azhari

Conclusion:

This study provides a thorough exploration of the Islamic studies journals approved by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan, reflecting on their significant role within the academic community. These journals serve as crucial platforms for disseminating research on various aspects of Islamic teachings, particularly the Prophetic Seerah. By operating in Urdu, Arabic, and English, they reach a diverse readership, facilitating a broader exchange of ideas and enhancing the scholarly dialogue across different cultural contexts.

The analysis underscores the journals' multidisciplinary approach, which not only enriches Islamic studies but also integrates contemporary issues and traditional Islamic scholarship. This duality ensures that the discourse remains relevant to modern challenges while rooted in classical wisdom. The sanctioned journals have notably contributed to elevating the academic standards and intellectual rigor within Islamic scholarship in Pakistan.

By focusing on these journals, the research highlights their pivotal role in shaping a nuanced understanding of Islam, fostering an environment of academic rigor, and promoting a comprehensive examination of the Muslim heritage and its contemporary applications. The commitment to maintaining high scholarly standards and adherence to HEC guidelines illustrates the journals' dedication to excellence and their impact on the academic landscape in Pakistan.

In conclusion, these HEC-approved Islamic studies journals are not only preserving the rich Islamic intellectual tradition but are also pivotal in advancing the study of Islam to meet the needs of the contemporary world, thereby acting as bridges between the past and the present, and between traditional scholarship and modern academic inquiry.

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