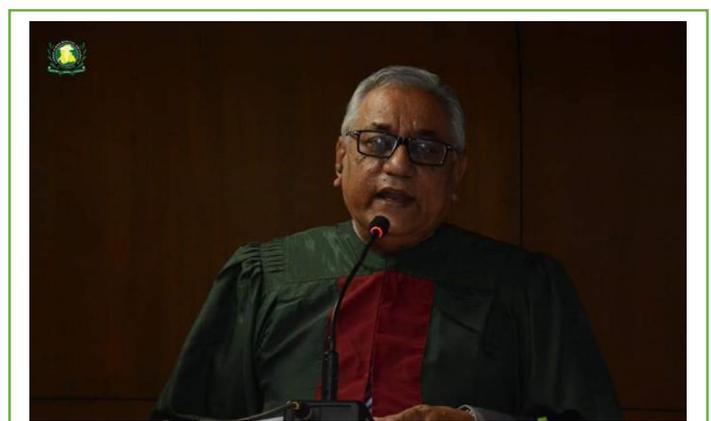
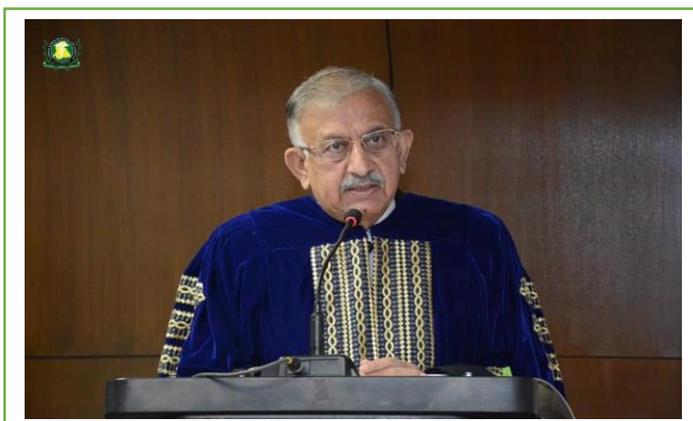


SMDC will be formed with stakeholders 'consultation Dr Azra Pechuhu

'Sindh Medical and Dental Council is being formulated and it will be presented for consultation with all stakeholders,' Dr Azra Pechuhu, Sindh Minister for Health said this while addressing the Jinnah Sindh Medical University's fourth senate meeting.

Dr Azra, who is also the Pro-Chancellor of the University, said that the Pakistan Medical Commission bill is under study to point out the lacunae that SMDC will seek to fill. 'It will be covering a lot of other areas also like universities and medical colleges' affiliations and recognitions, curriculum, and studies, like PMDC used to. We cannot bypass federal legislation under which MD-CAT has been done, but we can try and put some sort of authority with the SMDC to reduce the difficulties in registration etc.' She appreciated the services of the Founding Vice Chancellor Prof Syed Muhammad Tariq Rafi and said that he had been an asset who worked hard to take the university from one institute to ten in his tenure.



Earlier, Professor Tariq Rafi presented an overview of the past two years of the university's performance. He described the university's efforts to grant advantages to its contract employees in the form of paid leaves, increments, and leaving benefits in order to attract human resource. The Minister especially appreciated the move and asked for it to be presented in the cabinet.



Vice Chancellor Prof Tariq Rafi also shared that JSMU was generating 60 percent of its budget from its own resources as the government grant was reducing steadily. He presented the university budget of Rs 1.9 billion with the deficit of Rs 490 million which he was confident of overcoming with austerity measures and the government's grant. He posed the question of the status of University's faculty as the federal government assumes control of Jinnah Postgraduate Medical Center which is Sindh Medical College's teaching hospital. Minister Dr Azra Pechuhu termed it a problem and said that her ministry was constantly working to find out a solution of faculty status after the institution's transfer to federal control.

Dean of Basic Medical Sciences and Principal SMC Professor Ghulam Sarwar Qureshi hosted the meeting

