

## 2020: The Year of COVID-19 Pandemic

The year 2020 will be remembered as the year of COVID-19 Pandemic. December of 2019, the first case of coronavirus (SAR-COV2) was reported in Wuhan City, China and subsequently World Health Organization (WHO) designated this as COVID-19 and declared a global pandemic.

The First case of COVID-19 in Pakistan was reported in February 2020. By the end of 2020 the global number of reported cases was more than 81 million and about 2.0 million died due to COVID-19 infection. The figures for Pakistan by end of 2020 were 0.5 million cases and over 10,000 deaths. The pandemic changed the world where wearing of masks, social distancing, hand sanitization and work from home became a norm in most businesses. The medical profession however remained at the forefront to care for the multitude of people suffering from the virus.

SIUT-maintaining its philosophy of "Free with dignity" established a Corona Virus Clinic and



### COVID 19 Global Statistics 2020

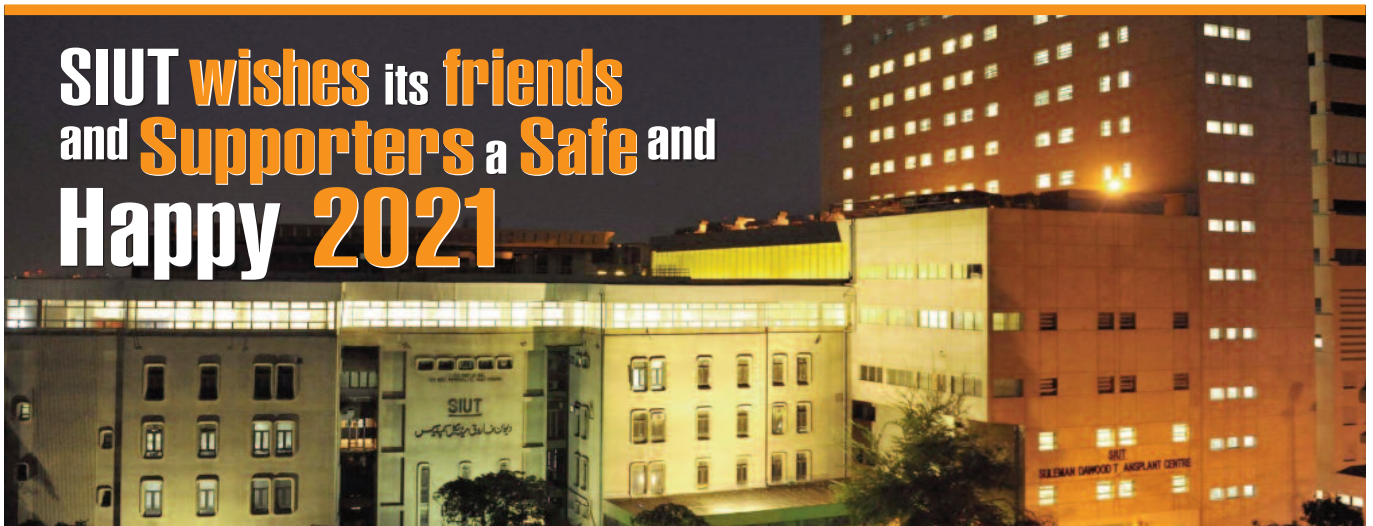
Global Cases	81,485,119	
Global Deaths	1798154	
Pakistan Cases	482,179	
Pakistan Deaths	10,176	

### Provincial Statistics

	Cases	Deaths
Punjab	162875	4994
Sindh	252719	4183
Balochistan	18916	197
KPK	69164	1980
GB	4929	102
AJK	9359	279
Islamabad	42401	483

inpatients facilities in March 2020 to help the general population and its own patient with testing and admission facilities. Over 20,000 patients were screened in the clinic in 2020 and the laboratory performed over 25,000 tests for COVID-19 by PCR where the overall positivity was 23%. More than 6000 patients were treated successfully and 1649 were admitted in ICU and High Dependency Unit (HDU). The overall death rate in admitted patients was 20%, mostly patients with renal failure and on dialysis.

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SIUT front line workers bravely worked in the Clinic, ICU and wards however with all the precautions and SOP's 430 staff members got infected and one staff nurse "**Ambreen Khalid**" unfortunately died of COVID-19. During the pandemic SIUT continued its regular dialysis services with over 1500 dialysis each day and also Transplant OPD and inpatient services. Emergency services worked round the clock as usual.

In the initial period general OPD's were curtailed, however by June 2020 OPD's, surgical procedures and renal transplants were started maintaining proper SOP's. By the end of the year 87 Renal Transplants were performed at SIUT. It is hoped that 2021 will see the curtailment of this virus as mass scale vaccination has started globally and Pakistan will also join the rest of the world in this program. ■

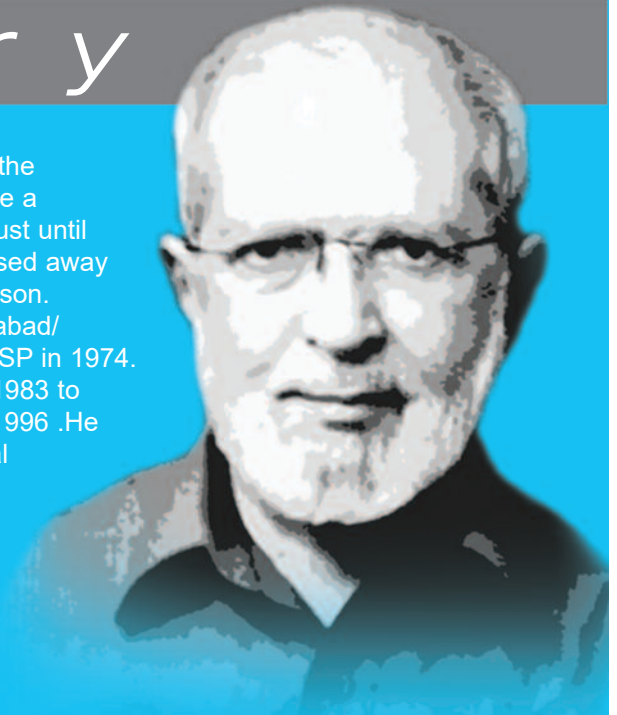
## O b i t u a r y

**P**rofessor Noor Ahmed Baloch was Chief Controller of Examinations at Sindh Institute of Medical Sciences the teaching wing of SIUT, from 2008 – 2014. He became a Trustee of SIUT Trust from 2005 and served the SIUT Trust until his very last breath. Professor Noor Baloch, recently passed away in Toronto, Canada, where he had shifted to live with his son.

He did his MBBS from Liaquat Medical College, Hyderabad/Jamshoro in 1992 and FCPS (General Surgery) from CPSP in 1974. He served as Principal, Chandka Medical College, from 1983 to 1984 and Head of Department of Surgery, from 1983 to 1996. He also served as Medical Superintendent, Chandka Medical Hospital, Larkana from 1989 to 1990, and again from 1994 to 1996. He remained Professor of Urology, Chandka Medical College, Larkana from 1990 to 2001.

Professor Noor Baloch was instrumental in executing the challenging and notable task of setting up a speciality in Urology at Chandka Medical College, the first of its kind in Sind. He had also extended his substantial contribution in setting up Center of Urology in Larkana, equipped with Lithotripters, again happened to be the first such facility in the interior of the province.

SIUT offers its sincerest condolences to the family and friends of Professor Noor Ahmed Baloch. He was respected as a caregiver, as a mentor and as a friend to many and his legacy will continue to be felt far into the future. May Allah rest his soul in peace and grant him the best place in Jannah. ■



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Baloch*

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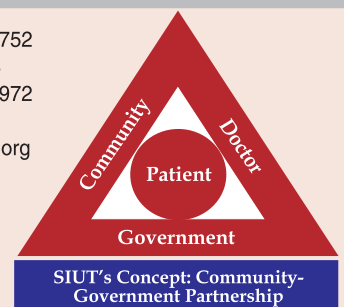
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# World Diabetic Day Observed at SIUT

The theme for World Diabetic Day 2020 was "The Nurse and Diabetes". The campaign aims to raise awareness around the crucial role that nurses play in supporting patient with diabetes. Globally 1 in 10 people are living with diabetes. Unlike the previous years the public screening program was cancelled and a one day seminar was held at SIUT to mark this day.

The seminar was attended by nurses and hospital staff. They were informed that Globally 463 million people suffer from Diabetes and this figure is to rise to 700 million by 2045. Dr. Sobia Naheed informed of the prevalence and risk factors for Diabetes and Dr. Fauzia Mushtaq detailed the types of diabetes and their treatment. ■



Dr. Fauzia Mushtaq



Dr. Sobia Naheed



## Patient Volumes for the year 2020

Out Patient	368253
Admission	65000
Dialysis Sessions	393920
Lithotripsy Session	4790
Emergency	140000
Radiology Tests	545095
Surgical procedures	105609
Lab Tests	9.2 million
Renal Transplants	87

## MIR ZAFARULLAH KHAN JAMALI – A Friend and Supporter of SIUT

The former Prime Minister of Pakistan Mir Zafarullah Khan Jamali died on 29 November 2020 due to cardiac illness at Armed Forces Institute of Cardiology, Rawalpindi. Mr. Jamali was a great friend and supporter of Prof. Adib Rizvi and SIUT. He took keen interest in the progress of SIUT and always wanted to be informed of its activities. He often visited SIUT to get first hand information and lauded the efforts of the Institute for the care of patients with End Stage Renal Disease. Prof. Rizvi in a condolence message to the bereaved family paid rich tribute to the late Prime Minister for his contributions and help to SIUT. ■



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