

## THIRTIETH ANNUAL PASSING OUT CEREMONY OF THE PAKISTAN FOREST INSTITUTE PESHAWAR (October 5, 1978)

The thirtieth annual passing out ceremony of the Pakistan Forest Institute, Peshawar was held on 5th October, 1978. Mr. M. Habib Khan, Adviser to M.L.A. Zone 'B' for Food and Agriculture presided over the function and gave away the degrees, medals and prizes. The proceedings started with the recitation of Holy Quran. After that Dr. G.M. Khattak, Director General, Pakistan Forest Institute, welcomed the Chief Guest and other guests:

“Mr. Habib Khan, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I welcome you all to the 30th Passing Out Ceremony of the Pakistan Forest Institute. Today we are privileged to have amongst us the most eminent forester of the country who has not only richly contributed to furthering the cause of forestry but has also made his mark on the entire field of agricultural and even on overall regional development.

This function adds 11 M.Sc. and 25 B.Sc. workers to the ranks of our foresters, total: 250 M.Sc. and 649 B.Sc. level workers trained by this Institute since its inception in 1947. These classes are passing out on the threshold of a new era in forestry—the era of energy forestry. After a century we have come full circle: We started raising forest plantations for the production of firewood, then switched to timber, aesthetics, environment, and must again concentrate on raising forests to provide energy. The contribution that forestry can make to meeting our energy needs is evident from the massive programmes of developed countries for raising biomass plantations. For example, more than half of Canada's new 490 million dollars energy programme for the next decade comprises of forestry, the rest being devoted to the development of nuclear and other sources. Since we are not technologically as far advanced as the developed countries, forestry must in our case, bear a much larger share of the burden of this crucial responsibility.

Trees are excellent converters of solar energy requiring minimal inputs and maintenance and with no hazardous waste disposal problems. The product is nicely packaged, is convenient to handle and can be converted into an array of products whose variety is





limited only by our ingenuity. Even today the uses of wood are legend. But all these will be completely dwarfed in magnitude with the dawn of the era of biomass plantations and biomass conversion into chemical and liquid fuels.

Pakistan must therefore greatly intensify its programmes of afforestation. Fortunately the N.W.F.P. and Azad Kashmir have already launched large scale programmes for this purpose and we are glad that the majority of our current year's alumni will shoulder these new responsibilities. In this audience we also have the participants of an in-service course which we are running to acquaint serving foresters with the concepts of intensive forestry.

To meet this new challenge effectively we must consider a number of new factors: Most future afforestation will be on private land, and a lot of this land will have such productivity constraints as steep slopes and shallow soils in the mountains and low precipitation and soil salinity in the plains. Moreover the job will have to be done efficiently so that industry can afford the cost of the wood produced. The new forester must therefore equip himself with several skills which his predecessor lacked in order to communicate effectively with people, to motivate them and to raise maximum possible biomass with the minimum possible cost at each site.

Though the task is new, the qualities needed for its successful implementation are the same which have sustained human civilizations through the ages: Dedication, diligence, ingenuity, grit. And these are the qualities which we try to inculcate in our students besides introducing them to a few technical concepts. This is because there are no cut and dried solutions to the problems of forestry—each problem has its own unique solution. What we therefore teach is the capacity to analyse problems and test different alternatives to solve them. But before you reach the site of a forestry problem, you must walk, sometimes long distances. So we spend a lot of time in making you fit and we don't want to see you grow fat and lazy. Remember, we are immensely proud of you and it hurts us to hear adverse comments on your performance, just as we are overjoyed when we hear of your successes. By virtue of your training you are bound to us by an unbreakable bond. Whatever you do with your life either adds or detracts from our prestige as your alma mater.

The profession of forestry is a mission. You have to dedicate your life entirely to attaining its goals, keeping back nothing, desiring nothing for yourself. For you are charged with the sacred task of maintaining and increasing the productivity of God's earth so that the present and future generations of mankind may live in prosperity. Goodbye and best of luck.

And now I request you Sir, to kindly give away the degrees and prizes”.

The Chief Guest distributed the degrees, medals and prizes to the following successful candidates:



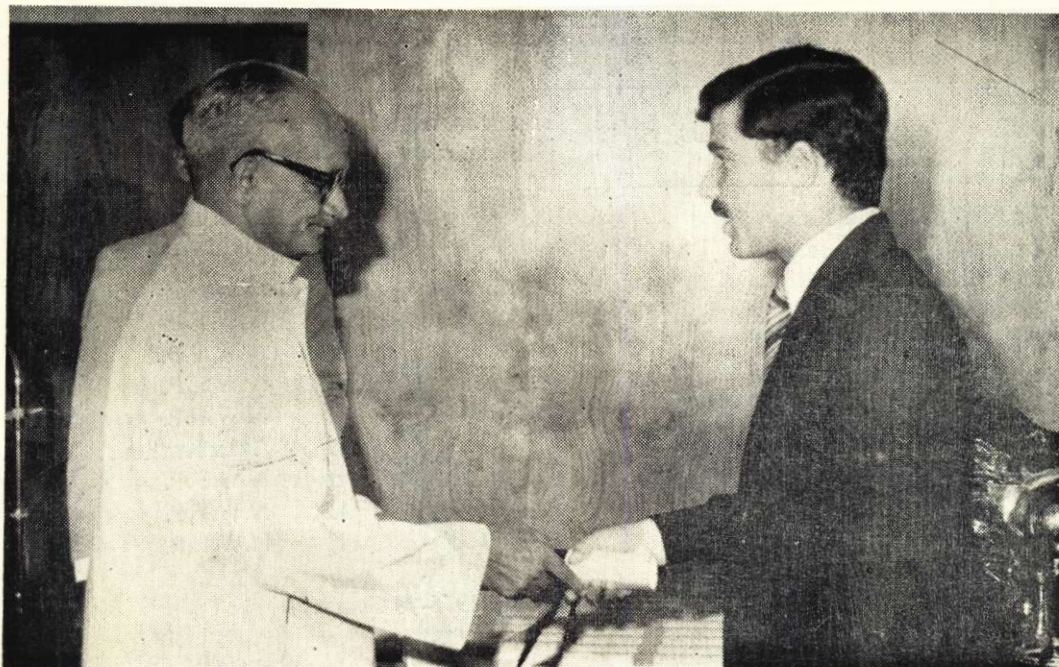
**Merit List of M.Sc. Forestry 1976-78 Course**

Order of merit	Name of Student	Total Marks obtained	Division	Province
1.	Mohammad Rafiq	2114	I	N.W.F.P.
2.	Manzoor-ul-Haque	2069	I	Azad Kashmir
3.	Shamshad Khan	2053	I	N.W.F.P.
4.	Ali Asghar	1955	I	N.W.F.P.
5.	Gul Mohammad	1950	I	N.W.F.P.
6.	Haider Zaman	1871	II	N.W.F.P.
7.	Syed Abrar Ali Shah	1848	II	N.W.F.P.
8.	Mohammad Farooq Khan	1767	II	Azad Kashmir
9.	Haider Ali	1750	II	N.W.F.P.
10.	Ehsanullah	1691	II	N.W.F.P.
11.	Mohammad Ilyas Khan	1633	II	N.W.F.P.

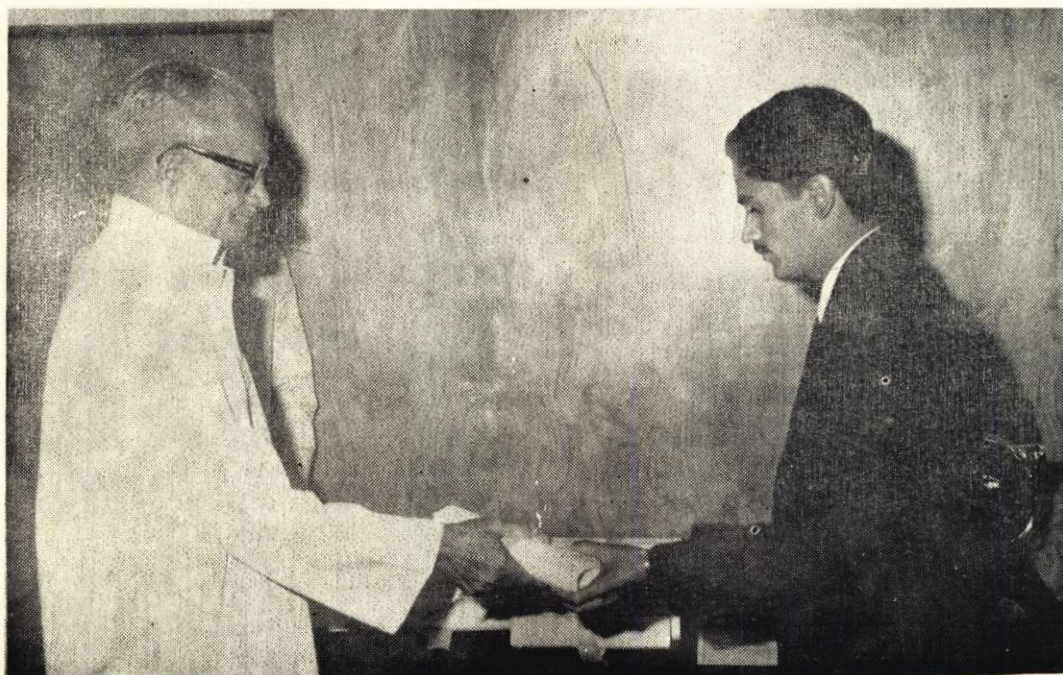
**Merit List of B.Sc. Forestry 1976-78 Course**

1.	Mohammad Tahir Laeeq	1944	I	P.F.I.
2.	Mohammad Ayub	1876	I	N.W.F.P.
3.	Shafirullah Wazir	1825	I	P.F.I.
4.	Saeed-uz-Zaman	1798	I	N.W.F.P.
5.	Saeed Akhtar	1795	I	N.W.F.P.
6.	Qazi Abdul Jalil	1709	I	N.W.F.P.
7.	Farooq Ahmad	1701	I	Punjab
8.	Abbas Ali	1680	I	N.W.F.P.
9.	Liaqat Ali	1646	II	Sind
10.	Maazullah Khan	1594	II	N.W.F.P.
11.	Muqarrab Shah	1578	II	N.W.F.P.
12.	Fazli Mabud	1577	II	N.W.F.P.
13.	Shaukat Hayat Khan	1572	II	N.W.F.P.
14.	Tahir Nasim	1560	II	N.W.F.P.
15.	Zafar Hussain	1532	II	Punjab
16.	Qur Hassan Khan	1527	II	N.W.F.P.
17.	Niaz Ahmad	1519	II	Sind
18.	Asaf Jah	1503	II	P.F.I.
19.	Bahader Sher Khan	1494	II	N.W.F.P.
20.	Ashfaque Ahmad	1481	II	Punjab
21.	Mohammad Sadiq	1478	II	Sind
22.	Arshad Naeem	1456	II	N.W.F.P.
23.	Habib Alam Shah Gilani	1428	II	Punjab
24.	Mohammad Rafique	1393	II	Sind
25.	Mohammad Jamil Shah	1331	II	N.W.F.P.



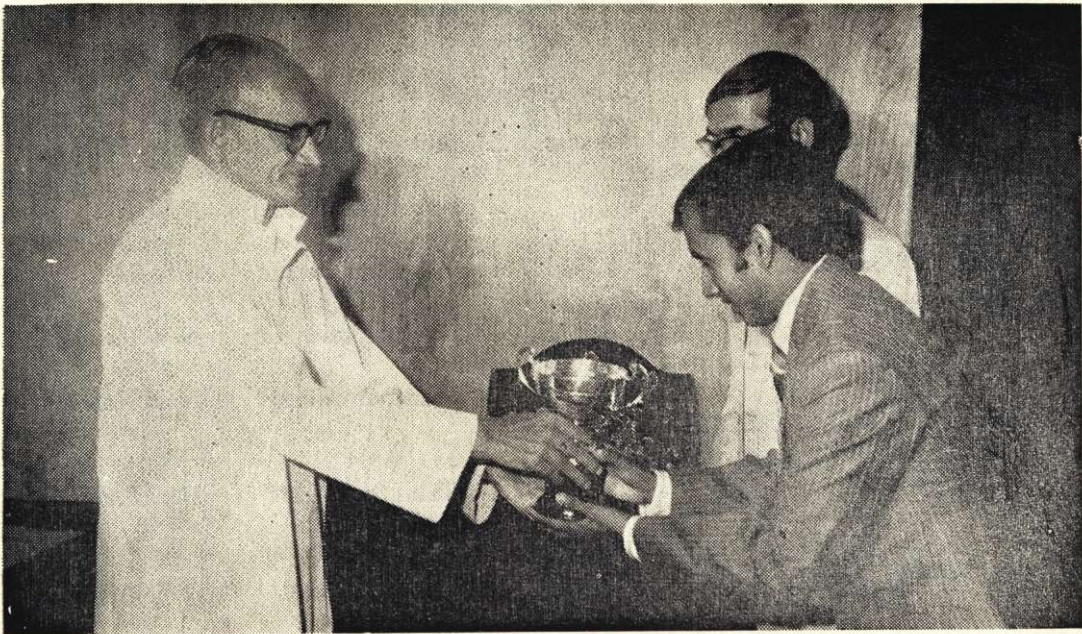


Mr. Mohd. Rafique receiving prize for standing first in M.Sc. Forestry



Tahir Laeeque receiving prize for standing first in B.Sc. Forestry





Shams-ud-Din from Bangladesh receiving Cricket Trophy for D.F.E's eleven



A view of sack race



## ACADEMIC PRIZES

## M.Sc. Forestry

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| 1. Gold Medal for standing first in the class                                    | .. Mohammad Rafiq | N.W.F.P.     |
| 2. Silver Medal for standing first in Forestry subjects                          | .. Mohammad Rafiq | N.W.F.P.     |
| 3. Bronz Medal for standing first in subsidiary subjects                         | .. Mohammad Rafiq | N.W.F.P.     |
| 4. Gold Medal for the Best Practical Forester                                    | .. Mohammad Rafiq | N.W.F.P.     |
| 5. Silver Madal for standing first in Working Plan                               | .. Manzoor-ul-Haq | Azad Kashmir |
| 6. Silver Medal for standing first in Watershed Management and Soil Conservation | .. Shamshad Khan  | N.W.F.P.     |

## B.Sc. Forestry

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| 1. Gold Medal for standing first in the class                                    | .. Mohammad Tahir Laeeq | P.F.I.   |
| 2. Silver Medal for stand.ing first in Forestry subjects                         | .. Mohammad Tahir Laeeq | P.F.I.   |
| 3. Bronz Medal for standing first in subsidiary subjects                         | .. Mohammad Tahir Laeeq | P.F.I.   |
| 4. Silver Medal for standing first in Silviculture                               | .. Mohammad Ayub        | N.W.F.P. |
| 5. Silver Medal for standing first in Watershed Management and Soil Conservation | .. Saeed-uz-Zaman       | N.W.F.P. |
| 6. Gold Medal for the Best Practical Forester                                    | .. Saeed-uz-Zaman       | N.W.F.P. |

## SPORTS PRIZES

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| 1. Foot Ball   | Institute Eleven                                | Jahangir Khan               |
| 2. Cricket (Director General's eleven Vs Director Forest Education eleven) | Director Forest Education eleven                | Shamsud Din from Bangladesh |
| 3. Lawn Tennis (Doubles)   | 1. Ch. Mohammad Ismail, Forest Entomologist and |                             |
|  | 2. R.M. Ashfaque, Reader in Forestry            |                             |
| 4. Annual Marathon Race  | Tahir Qayum                                     |                             |



After the distribution of degrees and prizes, the Chief Guest delivered his address:

"Ladies and gentlemen,

I must thank the Director General, Pakistan Forest Institute for providing me this opportunity to preside over this 30th annual passing out ceremony of the Pakistan Forest Institute. I feel at home in the Forest Institute with which I have long associations and where I often get opportunity to meet my old friends. The passing out students must have had many lectures on forestry and other subjects but on occasions like this some words of advice and caution from an old forester could be helpful. Frankly speaking, you must focus on down-to-earth realities and not permit yourselves to be beguiled by platitudes. Times have now changed. The premises on which the early foresters of the sub-continent developed the management pattern for coniferous forests are obsolete in the present day context of technological developments especially in view of the increased and diversified demands for wood and wood products. So are the long rotations and quality timber concepts. The need is largely for the production of the maximum quantity of cellulose. Forests provide us versatile raw materials like wood, fuel, food, vitamins, hormones and in this respect their importance is probably next to petroleum products. Forestry the world over has ceased to be the producer of wood only. Now we require the services of technicians and specialists in various disciplines that constitute the wherewithal to manage efficiently the fascinating biological complex called forests.

You are entering a challenging and exciting career which will not be glamorous but will nevertheless be highly rewarding. You should adopt this profession as a hobby and not for material returns. The times have changed. Instead of acting like a 'Bara Sahib', you have to change your attitudes towards your sub-ordinates and all those you come in contact with. Here you have been exposed only to the rudiments of knowledge. To be successful in your career, you will have to learn a lot more through experience and practice. Forests are under constant and increasing pressure. The extent of strain on the forests could be judged from the fact that in 1872 when the first land settlement was taken up in Hazara the area under forests was five times as much as it is now. This process has not only to be halted but reversed. Thus conservation and further development of forests is a big challenge and on this depends so much for so many.

I am glad that the World Bank aided conservation and re-afforestation projects in Hazara are showing good results. You would be glad to know that satisfied with our performance the World Bank have allocated Rs. 70 crores for similar operations to be undertaken in Swat and Dir.

Character is a rare commodity these days. You should demonstrate strength of character come what may. We have some good examples among our foresters who performed honourably against heavy odds and did not succumb to insistent fervours. Resist temptation to benefit materially or through influence. You must inculcate in you a sense of responsibility, even more than your counterparts in other services, in view of vital role forests have in national economy and keep the call of duty uppermost.





Mr. M. Habib Khan, Adviser to M.L.A. Zone 'B' for Food and Agriculture delivering the passing out address



I congratulate the students who have successfully completed their studies and wish them best of luck and success in their careers. I again thank the Director General, Pakistan Forest Institute and his staff for inviting me to participate in to-day's function."

The function was concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. A.M. Khattak, Inspector General of Forests, Ministry of Agriculture, Cooperative and Land Reforms, Government of Pakistan.

"Mr. Habib Khan, Ladies and Gentlemen,

You are aware that Pakistan Forest Institute had a very modest start at Upper Topa, then Abbottabad and finally it shifted to Peshawar and acquired the position which is at present before you. This is entirely due to the dedicated efforts of the staff, foresters and all individuals connected with this Institute. I have travelled various countries of the world and seen various Forestry Institutes, and I can say with pride that the Pakistan Forest Institute is no less than any of the forestry Institutes in the world.

You are aware that this is the only Institute in Pakistan which caters to the requirements of training personnel for the management of renewable natural resource. There is also demand from Middle-East countries to train their employees. This adds to the prestige of the Institute, which is rising. Because of this, several countries have offered to assist the Institute. The Institute, in addition to offering long term courses, also imparts in-service training. At our request it has arranged several in-service training courses. A four week course on intensive forestry in the coniferous forests is at present under way which is being attended by ten and six employees of N.W.F.P. and Azad Kashmir respectively.

The Institute has also arranged seminars on forestry industries, range management, watershed management and silviculture. This goes entirely to the credit of the staff of the Institute. The last of the series was Watershed Management seminar and I can myself testify to its high standard and the very good arrangements made. The Federal Government is aware of the activities of the Institute and it wants to develop it and the renewable natural resource of Pakistan. In the next 5-year Plan the Government has allocated Rs. 1428 million for the management of renewable natural resource and out of this Rs. 120 million will be spent for the development of the Institute.





I thank Mr. M. Habib Khan for his kindness in taking the trouble to preside over this function and the Director General and the staff for making this function a success and also thank all the participants who have made this function a success."

The annual sports day was celebrated on 3rd October, 1978. Dr. G.M. Khattak, Director General was the Chief Guest. Mr. R.M. Ashfaq, Incharge Sports presented the following report:

"Respected Director General, Ladies and gentlemen:

It is my proud privilege to welcome you Sir, for having consented to preside over the 30th annual sports day inspite of your busy programme.

During the year sports activities were at the lowest ebb on two occasions, once at the repatriation of Mr. S.K. Khanzada and secondly on the untimely death of Mr. M.A. Qureshi. Both were excellent sportsmen.

All the students competed to their best in all the indoor and outdoor games. Once again the annual cricket match played between D.G.'s eleven and D.F.E's eleven was highly thrilling and ended in three runs victory for D.F.E's eleven.

Lawn Tennis lagged behind all the sports. In order to popularize and promote this game, for the first time D.G.'s trophy for tennis double (open) has been introduced from this year. It is also planned to give proper coaching to students starting with emphasis on wall practice.

The year 1977 would remain a memorable year in the history of Pakistan as it was officially declared "the Year of Allama Iqbal" and hence required to be celebrated in befitting manner. The Forest College celebrated the birth centenary of Allama Iqbal with great fervour to enlighten the philosophy and struggle for the achievement of objectives. In Allama Iqbal's poetic verse meant for all times

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حیات ذوق سفر کے سوا کچھ اور نہیں

It is my great pleasure to thank you on behalf of staff and students of the college for providing excellent green courts for out door games. These green carpets are due to your untiring efforts, which came to reality for the first time since the existence of this





college. In the end, I extend my heartfelt thanks to you for taking trouble to grace this occasion. I also thank to the staff and the students of the college to work hard in the successful accomplishment of this function. Thank you all.

Now I request you Sir, to kindly distribute the prizes".

The Chief Guest then distributed the prizes and delivered a short address giving out the importance of sports.

### ANNUAL SPORTS OF THE PAKISTAN FOREST INSTITUTE, PESHAWAR

The following prizes were awarded in the Annual Sports Function held on 3-10-1978

S.No.	Item	Winner	Runner
1.	100 m final	Amanullah	Habib Alam Gilani
2.	Discuss throw	Tahir Qayum	Saeed-uz-Zaman
3.	200 m Race	Tahir Qayum	Mohd. Ali
4.	Shot put	Saeed-uz-Zaman	Tahir Qayum
5.	Long Jump	Tahir Qayum	Habib Alam
6.	800 m Race	Farooq	Saiful Islam
7.	High Jump	Saeed-uz-Zaman	Tahir Qayum
8.	Obstacle Race	Mohd. Ali	Tahir Qayum
9.	100 m Worker's Race	Cash Prize: 1. 15/- 2. 10/- 3. 5/-	Yunus Multan Walayat
10.	400 m Relay Race	1. Tahir Qayum 2. Usman Yusuf 3. Gul Amin 4. Mohd. Aleem	
11.	Officer's Handicap Race	A. Aleem	
12.	Sac Race	Ali Asghar	Khurshid Anwar
13.	Three Legged Race:	1. Tahir Qayum 2. Usman Yusuf	1. Mohd. Ali 2. Khurshid
14.	Javelian Throw	Mohd. Farooq (M.Sc.)	Tahir Qayum
15.	Marathon	1st Tahir Qayum 3rd Mohd. Ali	2nd Gul Amin
16.	Children's Race:		
	Ist Group upto 5 years.	Aejaz	Sohni
	2nd Group 6-10 years.	Abid	Haroon
	3rd Group 10-15 years.	Aleem	Sareer Ahmad



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| 17. Tennis Singles                                    | Ali Asghar                           | Abrar Ali Shah         |
| 18. Badminton Singles                                 | Arshad Naeem                         | Naveed Ismail          |
| 19. Badminton Doubles                                 | Ch. Ismail & Ch. Iqbal               | Tahir Laeeq & Partner. |
| 20. Table Tennis Singles                              | Ayyaz Mahmood                        | Amanullah              |
| 21. Table Tennis Doubles                              | Ayyaz Mahmood & Gul Amir             | Ali Asghar & Rafiq     |
| 22. Carrom Singles                                    | Said Badshah                         | Ashfaq Ahmed           |
| 23. Carrom Doubles                                    | Ashfaq & Farooq                      | Said Badshah & Ikram   |
| 24. Draft   | Shafiqur Rehman                      | Arshad Naeem           |
| 25. Chess   | Taslim Ahmad                         | Ikram                  |
| 26. Tug of war  | Dr. M.N. Malik                       |                        |
| 27. Sports Secretaries                                | S.F.S. (Ali Asghar)                  | Degree (Tahir Laeeq)   |
| 28. Umpires   | 1. S.M.A. Rizvi                      | 2. I.A. Rajar          |
| 29. Proctors for the year (1977-78)                   | 1. S.F.S. (Mr. Shamshad)             |                        |
|   | 2. Degree (Saeed-uzman) Certificates |                        |
| 30. ALLAMA IQBAL'S BIRTH CENTENARY: CERTIFICATES      |                                      |                        |
| 1. Bait Bazi  | 1. Shamshad                          | 2. Mumtaz              |
| 2. Extempore Urdu Debate                              | 1. Asaf Jah                          | 2. Shamshad            |
| 3. English  | 1. Mohd Rafiq                        | 2. Shamshad            |
| 4. Best Participation                                 | Shamshad                             |                        |
| 31. COLLEGE COLOUR FOR CRICKET — 1977-78: Tahir Laeeq |                                      |                        |
| 32. Best athlete for the year 1977-78 (Certificate):  |                                      | Tahir Qayum            |
| 33. Special Prize                                     | 1. Dr. G.M. Khattak                  |                        |
|   | 2. Mehr Badshah                      |                        |