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ANOTHER REMARKABLE FEAT OF SIOVS RESIDENTS

Sindh Institute of Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences (SIOVS), Hyderabad continues to uphold its tradition of excellence as two of its candidates have successfully passed the MCPS (Ophthalmology) examination. These candidates were trained and supervised by Dr. Shahzad Memon, Associate Professor, SIOVS.

This outstanding achievement reflects the high standards of teaching and training being provided to postgraduate residents at SIOVS. The Executive Director, SIOVS, Prof. Dr. Khalid Iqbal Talpur, places great emphasis on producing highly skilled ophthalmology professionals, along with a strong commitment to quality patient care, research, and community service.

1. Dr. Hifsa
2. Dr. Aakash

These young ophthalmologists are a valuable asset to SIOVS and the community and represent a promising future for eye care. The entire SIOVS faculty, under the leadership of the Executive Director, extends heartfelt congratulations and best wishes for their continued success and a bright professional career ahead.



CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION AT SIOVS



Mr. Samuel Nazir, Christian employee of SIOVS, commemorated Christmas at the Sindh Institute of Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences (SIOVS), Hyderabad, on 24th December 2025.

On this occasion, the reception area of the Office of the Executive Director was decorated with a Christmas tree and festive ornaments. The ceremony formally commenced with a cake-cutting ceremony led by Prof. Dr. Khalid Iqbal Talpur, Executive Director, SIOVS, along with Mr. Samuel Nazir and his family, in the presence of SIOVS staff members.

SIOVS continues to encourage activities that promote interfaith harmony, inclusivity, and a culture of mutual respect within the institution.

VISIT OF DELEGATION FROM VISION TRUST AND VISION FOR EDUCATION, KARACHI

On Tuesday, December 16, 2025, a delegation from Vision Trust, Karachi, led by **Dr. Mazhar Awan, Chief Executive Officer**, visited the Sindh Institute of Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences (SIOVS), Hyderabad, Pakistan, to explore opportunities for collaboration between **SIOVS and Vision Trust**.

The delegation visited various sections and units of the Institute and observed the fully functional and busy **Outpatient Department, Paediatric Ophthalmology Clinic, Scientific Ophthalmic Research and Diagnostic Laboratory**, including the **Genetic Ocular Laboratory**, and the **Central Library at the School of Optometry**.

A detailed meeting was held with **Prof. Dr. Khalid Iqbal Talpur, Executive Director, SIOVS**, in the Conference Room. Prof. Talpur delivered a comprehensive presentation highlighting the Institute's infrastructure, equipment, human resources, and academic achievements, with special emphasis on the launch of the **five-year BS Optometry program**. He also highlighted the **community outreach eye care services** led by **Mr. Jalil Ahmed Rajper**, Deputy Director, along with his team.

On this occasion, **Mr. Nazim Rajani, President**, and **Mr. Abrar Hussain, Founding Member**, from the **Vision for Education Foundation, Karachi**, were also present at the meeting upon the invitation of Prof. Talpur.

The delegation highly appreciated **Prof. Dr. Khalid Iqbal Talpur** and his team for their dedicated efforts in developing SIOVS into a leading centre for teaching, training, research, and the provision of quality eye care services, particularly for underserved and far-flung communities across **Sindh Province**



IAPB EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN REGION (EMR) REGIONAL MEETING AND THE TRACHOMA ALLIANCE MEETING AT KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA (KSA)



Prof. Dr. Khalid Iqbal Talpur, Executive Director, Sindh Institute of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences (SIOVS), was invited at the **IAPB (International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness) Eastern Mediterranean Region (EMR) Regional Meeting and the Trachoma Alliance Meeting**, held in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, on 12th & 13th December 2025 to represent Pakistan as **National Coordinator, Prevention & Control of Blindness, Pakistan**

His presence in the Global meeting with the international delegations namely:

- . **Dr. Abdulaziz bin Ibrahim Al Rajhi, Regional Head, EMR, IAPB**
- . **Dr. M. Babar Qureshi, Chairman of the Meeting, Director, Inclusive Health Initiative (CBM), and Vice President, IAPB**
- . **Mr. Stephen Peter Holland, Chief Executive Officer, IAPB**

In his concluding remarks **Prof. Dr. Khalid Iqbal Talpur** reiterated Pakistan's strong commitment to Regional and Global Collaboration in strengthening eye health system, advancing Trachoma Elimination efforts, and preventing avoidable blindness through shared learning and collective action.

EMPOWERING INCLUSION THROUGH INCLUSIVE EYE HEALTH

On 10th December 2025, **Mr. Jalil Ahmed Rajper, Deputy Director, Ophthalmic Community Services, SIOVS Hyderabad**, represented the Sindh Institute of Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences (SIOVS), Hyderabad at the Provincial/National Consultation Meeting on the **“Alternative Report on the Status of Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Pakistan”**, organized by CBIDN Pakistan at Mehran Hotel, Karachi. **This important consultation focused on:**

- Inclusive education and employment
- Climate change and disaster risk reduction
- Advancing disability rights and strengthening inclusive systems As a leading public sector eye care institution, SIOVS is committed to ensuring accessible, high-quality, and inclusive eye health services for persons with disabilities. With an active presence across more than eight districts of Sindh, we continue working to:
- Promote inclusive eye health practices
- Empower individuals with visual impairments
- Bridge service delivery gaps for underserved communities
- Strengthen rights-based and people-centered care



At SIOVS, our mission is clear: to build a society where every individual, regardless of ability, has access to quality eye care and the opportunity to live with dignity and purpose. Together, let's keep driving inclusion, equity, and empowerment in eye health across Pakistan.

CBM PEEK VISION SEMINAR AT COAVS, KING EDWARD MEDICAL UNIVERSITY (KEMU) LAHORE.

The CBM Peek Vision Seminar was organized by the College of Ophthalmology and Allied Vision Sciences (COAVS), Lahore, at King Edward Medical University (KEMU) / Mayo Hospital Lahore. **Prof. Dr. Khalid Iqbal Talpur**, Executive Director SIOVS, serving as the National Coordinator and Chairman of the National Committee for Eye Health, was invited to deliver the welcome note and opening remarks. Prof. Talpur warmly welcomed the distinguished guests, including **Peek CEO Prof. Andrew Bastawrous**, **Peek Global Partnership Lead Ms. Farhana Rehman-Furs**, **Programme Lead Muhammad Bilal**, **Dr. Zahid Awan** from CBM, **Dr. Mazhar Awan** from Vision Trust, **Dr. Haroon Awan**, and numerous other participants. He also expressed appreciation for the efforts of **Prof. Muhamad Moin**, **Pro-Vice Chancellor and DG COAVS**, acknowledging his active role in advocacy, and in managing projects and programmes. Prof. Talpur thanked him personally for inviting SIOVS to the event. Prior to the seminar, Prof. Talpur, along with the visiting guests, was given a tour of King Edward Medical University, where he met the Vice Chancellor, Professor. Ayaz Mehmood, as well as other faculty members.

Prof. Talpur also participated as a panelist, speaking on the sustainable implementation of IPEC (**Integrated People-Centred Eye Care 2020-2030**). He discussed the model adopted by SIOVS in sustaining IPEC in Sindh, where the Health Department through SIOVS has created positions for optometrists at various levels of eye care across the province. As National Coordinator, he reaffirmed his commitment to support and facilitate similar efforts in other provinces. He further emphasized that the most effective implementation model, enabled through Peek, involves the development of PC-1s by all provinces to strengthen structured eye-health programming. In closing, Prof. Talpur expressed strong interest in scaling up Peek technology programmes across Pakistan, noting that such tools provide an essential means to reach underserved and remote communities throughout the country.



SIOVS PARTICIPATION IN THE 43RD LAHORE OPHTHALMO, 47TH NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF OSP & 3RD ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM OF POA 2025.

The Sindh Institute of Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences (SIOVS), Hyderabad actively participated in the **43rd Lahore Ophthalmology, 47th National Conference of OSP & 3rd Annual Symposium of POA 2025**, held from 5th to 7th December 2025 at the Pearl Continental Hotel, Lahore. SIOVS faculty and Community team contributed meaningfully with distinction session chairing, moderation, and scientific presentations across multiple ophthalmic disciplines. It is worth to share that **Dr. Adnan A. Majeed** received the 2nd Prize for Best Video in the Oculoplastics Session 2025.

Prof. Khalid Iqbal Talpur Executive Director, SIOVS
Co-Chairperson Community Ophthalmology Program

Dr. Fariha Sherwali Assistant Professor

Co-Chairperson: POA IC2 Eyelid Reconstruction

Speaker: Tenzel & Cutler Beard Flap

Dr. Adnan Abdul Majeed Consultant Ophthalmologist

Moderator: PACRS IC-1 Soft Cataract Management

Speaker on topics including:

Lacrimal Tear Repair

Day-1 Corneal Clarity in Phaco Surgery

Prednisolone vs. Nepafenac 0.3%

Post-Phacoemulsification Medial Spindle

Rare Orbital Masses

Dr. Saud ul Hassan Memon Senior Registrar

Speaker: Lateral Tarsal Strip

Mr. Jalil Ahmed Rajper Deputy Director, Community Ophthalmic Services

Speaker: Eye School Screening A Pathway to Sustainable Vision Care

Mr. Ahd Hassan Program Coordinator

Speaker: Elimination of Blinding Trachoma: A Public Health Success

SIOVS remains committed to promoting excellence in ophthalmic education, clinical practice, and community eye health.

We congratulate all contributors for representing the Institute with distinction.



VISIT OF INTERNATIONAL DELEGATION FROM LONDON SCHOOL OF HYGIENE AND TROPICAL MEDICINE (LSHTM) AND PEEK VISION FOUNDATION U.K

The delegation had a detailed meeting with Prof. Dr. Khalid Iqbal Talpur, Executive Director SIOVS, at the Conference Room, where Prof. Talpur presented:

- .An overview of SIOVS operations and achievements
- .Current institutional projects
- . Areas requiring collaborative support from PEEK Vision Foundation

Prof. Andrew Bastawrous expressed PEEK's commitment to continued cooperation and long-term partnership with SIOVS in the areas of human resource development, research, and blindness control programs.

Community Eye Health Project Visit Matiari

The delegation visited project sites jointly operated by SIOVS, CBM, and PEEK Vision Foundation, where they were briefed by **Mr. Jalil Ahmed Rajper**, Deputy Director and Head of Community Ophthalmic Services, on:

- . The Heavy Vehicle Driver Screening Clinic established with the National Highway

Authority (NHA) at District Matiari. The delegation witnessed and appreciated the live screening activities for heavy vehicle drivers, including refraction and dispensing of glasses. **Visits to BHU Sekhat and RHC Khyber District Matiari**

The delegation visited the PEEK screening location at BHU Sekhat and the triage location at RHC Khyber. They also met the **Deputy Commissioner Matiari, Mr. Muhammad Yousif Shaikh**, who appreciated the efforts taken by SIOVS for prevention and control of blindness in District Matiari and across Sindh Province.

The delegation highly appreciated the efforts of Prof. Khalid Iqbal Talpur and the Community Ophthalmology team. At the end, the delegation was decorated with traditional Ajrak.



VISIT OF ALLIED HEALTH PROFESSIONAL COUNCIL(AHPC) TEAM FOR ZERO VISIT BS OPTOMETRY

On Saturday, November 29, 2025, the **Allied Health Professional Council (AHPC) Inspection Team** visited the **Sindh Institute of Ophthalmology and Visual Sciences (SIOVS), Hyderabad** for their Zero Visit to assess compliance with AHPC accreditation.

accreditation standards for the BS Optometry program.

The AHPC Inspection Team comprised of:

1.**Mr. Muhammad Ismail Jiskani** Vice President & Chairman, Zero Visit Inspection Team, AHPC

2.**Dr. Muhammad Imran** Member, Zero Visit Inspection Team, AHPC

3.**Mr. Ashfaq Ali Soomro** Member, Zero Visit Inspection Team, AHPC

During the inspection, the team thoroughly visited all sections and units of the institute.

The team had a detailed meeting with **Prof. Talpur, Executive Director, SIOVS**, in the Conference Room of SIOVS, where Prof. Talpur presented a detailed overview highlighting the institute's infrastructure, equipment, and human resources supporting the BS Optometry program. On this occasion, **Ms. Noor ul Huda, Principal of the School of Optometry**, also presented an overview of the BS Optometry program.

The AHPC team highly appreciated **Prof. Dr. Khalid Iqbal Talpur** and the faculty for their dedicated efforts in developing SIOVS as a leading centre for teaching, training, and research in ophthalmology across Sindh Province.



INAUGURATION & VISIT OF INTERNATIONAL DELEGATION AT SIOVS

On 19th November, 2025, SIOVS, Hyderabad had the honor of hosting a distinguished international delegation from the International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) and CBM International for a full day of institutional activities and engagements. The delegation included:

- **Dr. M. Babar Qureshi** Director, Inclusive Health Initiative CBM & Vice President IAPB
- **Mr. Stephen Peter Holland** CEO, IAPB
- **Mr. Abony Maurice Oduor** Program Manager, IHI CBM
- **Ms. Fehmida Hassan** Country Head, CBM Pakistan
- **Mr. Asfand** CBM International
- **Dr. Zahid Awan** Senior Manager Programmes, Inclusive Eye Health, CBM Pakistan

The delegation was invited by **Prof. Dr. Khalid Iqbal Talpur**, Executive Director SIOVS, to inaugurate the newly renovated ICT Cell and Central Library.

Inauguration of ICT Cell

The renovated ICT Cell, featuring a spacious Communication & Data Processing Centre, was inaugurated by **Dr. M. Babar Qureshi**, accompanied by **Mr. Stephen Peter Holland** and **Prof. Dr. Talpur** along with international delegates. At this occasion, **Mr. Irfan Memon**, Deputy Director and Head of ICT Cell, briefed the delegation regarding ongoing:

- Implementation progress of the Hospital Management Information System (HMIS)
- The upgradation of the Firewall Server, donated by CBM International

Inauguration of Central Library

The Central Library of SIOVS has been named “Dr. M. Babar Qureshi Central Library,” acknowledging his lifelong contributions to Community Ophthalmology and Vision Sciences. The central library was inaugurated by Mr. Stephen Peter Holland, accompanied by Dr. M. Babar Qureshi, Prof. Dr. Talpur, and the visiting delegation. The delegation also visited the School of Optometry, observed ongoing BS Vision Sciences classes, and appreciated the efforts of the faculty and Principal Ms. Noorul Huda. Strategic Meeting with Executive Director The delegation had a detailed meeting with Prof. Dr. Khalid Iqbal Talpur, Executive Director SIOVS, at the Conference Room, where Prof. Talpur presented:

- An overview of SIOVS operations and achievements,
- Current institutional projects,
- Areas requiring collaborative support from CBM and IAPB

Dr. Babar Qureshi expressed CBM International's commitment to continued cooperation and long-term partnership with SIOVS.

Community Eye Health Project Visit Matiari & Hala

The delegation visited project sites jointly operated by SIOVS and CBM, where they were briefed by Mr. Jalil Ahmed Rajper, Deputy Director & Head of Community Ophthalmic Services, on:

- The Heavy Vehicle Driver Screening Clinic established with the National Highway Authority at District Matiari
- I've screening activities for heavy vehicle drivers, including refraction and dispensing of glasses Visits to THQ Hala included observations of Eye OPD services and cataract surgeries in progress. The delegation also met the:
- Medical Superintendent THQ Hala Dr. Fareed Memon, • Eye Surgeon Dr. Abdul Latif Channa

The efforts of Prof. Khalid Iqbal Talpur and the Community Ophthalmology team were highly appreciated.

Cultural Visit

The program concluded with a visit to the historic Ghulam Shah Kalhora Tomb, located near SIOVS Eye Hospital.



AWARNESS SESSION ON WORLD DIABETES DAY 2025

On the occasion of World Diabetes Day, an awareness session was organized on 15th November 2025 at the Lecture Hall, O.T. Complex SIOVS. A lecture titled “Beyond the Eye: Systemic Control as the Foundation of Retinal Health” was delivered by Guest Speaker **Dr. Sania Bashir**, Consultant Diabetologist (UK) and CEO/Founder of Diabetes TeleCare. Additionally, **Dr. Abdul Wahid Sakrani** Chief Medical Officer, SIOVS, also presented a lecture on “Effect of Diabetes from Head to Toe.” At the end of the session, **Prof. Dr. Khalid Iqbal Talpur**, Executive Director SIOVS Hyderabad, shared his expert opinion, emphasizing the importance of early detection, systemic control, and coordinated care in preventing diabetes-related eye complications.



COMMITMENT TO ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Three outstanding candidates from **Sindh Institute of Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences (SIOVS), Hyderabad** have successfully passed the prestigious postgraduate examinations. This achievement is a testament to the world-class teaching and training provided at SIOVS and highlights its commitment to maintaining international standards in ophthalmology education and training. The **Executive Director SIOVS, Prof. Dr. Khalid Iqbal Talpur**, is dedicated to developing high-quality human resources at all levels. Alongside exceptional patient care, research, and impactful community service, SIOVS remains at the forefront of excellence in ophthalmology, setting benchmarks in teaching, training, research, and patient care.

Heartiest congratulations to the successful candidates:

- **Dr. Reena Ladhani FCPS-II**
- **Dr. Sandeep Kumar FRCS Part II, Royal College of Physicians & Surgeons of Glasgow, UK**
- **Dr. Saif Ali Memon FRCOphth Part I, The Royal College of Ophthalmologists, UK**

These talented individuals represent the future of our community and are a source of pride for SIOVS. The entire SIOVS team, especially the Executive Director, extends their best wishes for their future careers.



FACULTY PARTICIPATION AT LUMINA RETINA 2025 TÜRKIYE



Dr. Rafeen Talpur, Assistant Professor of Ophthalmology at Sindh Institute of Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences (SIOVS), Hyderabad, recently attended the **LUMINA Retina 2025 Conference**, held at the International Hotel, Istanbul, Türkiye, from 31st October to 2nd November 2025. The conference focused on **Vabysmo (Faricimab)**, a next-generation anti-VEGF therapy, and served as an excellent platform for engaging with leading retinal specialists from around the world. Renowned expert **Dr. Nancy Holkam** presented the latest clinical data, real-world evidence, and evolving treatment protocols, offering valuable insights into optimizing retinal care and improving patient outcomes. Dr. Rafeen's participation reflects SIOVS's commitment to academic excellence, continuous learning, and international collaboration in advancing ophthalmic science and patient care.

SIOVS REPRESENTATION AT MEOM DUBAI 2025

Sindh Institute of Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences (SIOVS), Hyderabad, is proud to share that **Dr. Adnan Abdul Majeed**, Consultant Ophthalmologist at SIOVS, represented Pakistan at the **Middle East Ophthalmology Meeting (MEOM) 2025 in Dubai** as part of the global delegation of Young Ophthalmologists, alongside colleagues from Pakistan, France, Thailand, India, Kazakhstan, and other regions. Dr. Adnan had the honor of moderating a scientific session at the conference, a role that highlighted the academic strength and international engagement of SIOVS in advancing ophthalmic education and professional collaboration. He also presented his research titled "Comparative Anti-Inflammatory Effect of Nepafenac 0.3% vs. Prednisolone Acetate 1% after Phacoemulsification and IOL Implantation," offering important insights for improving postoperative care and enhancing visual outcomes for cataract patients. During the conference, Dr. Adnan engaged in several productive meetings and interactions with distinguished international ophthalmologists, strengthening global professional linkages for SIOVS:

- **Dr. Nihal Hassan**, Head of Ophthalmology, Cairo University & Senior Official, Egyptian Ophthalmology Society
 - Meetings with the **Presidents of the Thailand and France Young Ophthalmologist Societies**
 - Interaction with **Indian Young Ophthalmologist Society officials**
 - Meeting with **Dr. Aziz Jan Bashir**, President, Pakistan Society of Young Ophthalmologists
 - Meeting with **Dr. Fahimullah Shaikh**, Consultant Ophthalmologist, Dubai Hospital (Ex-Faculty Member & Alumni of SIOVS/Eye Hospital)
 - Interaction with **Dr. Aniya Kuderinov**, renowned Oculoplastic Surgeon from Kazakhstan
- Prof. Dr. Khalid Iqbal Talpur**, Executive Director and Faculty of SIOVS, congratulates Dr. Adnan on his meaningful contributions and for showcasing Pakistan's and SIOVS's commitment to excellence in research, innovation, and global collaboration.



MEETING WITH BERKELEY VISION AND CBM REPRESENTATIVES

On 23rd October 2025, a meeting was held at **Sindh Institute of Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences (SIOVS)**, Hyderabad, between the **Executive Director SIOVS, Prof. Dr. Khalid Iqbal Talpur**, and representatives from **Berkeley Vision and CBM Pakistan**, including **Mr. Zill-i-Ehsan, Director Programs, Berkeley Vision**, and **Dr. Zahid Hussain Awan, Senior Manager Programmes, Inclusive Eye Health, CBM Pakistan**.

During the meeting, Mr. Zill-i-Ehsan presented an overview of the first pilot project “**Every Child Sees One School at a Time Pakistan 2025**,” initiated in collaboration with SIOVS and CBM and implemented under Berkeley Vision. The project focuses on child eye screening in District Jamshoro. As part of this initiative, Berkeley Vision will provide support in the form of equipment and human resources to strengthen child eye health services in the district.



Later, Mr. Zill-i-Ehsan visited various sections and wards of SIOVS, including the Research Laboratory, Pediatric Ophthalmology Department, Outpatient Department (OPD), Academic Department, and the ICT Cell. He highly appreciated the efforts of Prof. Dr. Khalid Iqbal Talpur, Executive Director SIOVS, and his team for their dedication and commitment toward eliminating avoidable blindness in Pakistan.

ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF SIOVS IN WORLD SIGHT DAY 2025 CELEBRATION AT MÖVENPICK, KARACHI



The Sindh Institute of Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences (SIOVS), Hyderabad, actively participated in the **World Sight Day 2025** celebration organized by **Vision Trust, Karachi**, on 10th October 2025 at **Hotel Mövenpick, Karachi**.

Mr. Syed Sardar Ali Shah, Honorable Minister for Education & Literacy Department, Government of Sindh, was invited as **Chief Guest**. **Prof. Dr. Khalid Iqbal Talpur, Executive Director SIOVS, National and Provincial Coordinator, Prevention & Control of Blindness, and Chairman, National Committee for Eye Health, Pakistan**, was invited as **Guest of Honor** by **Dr. Mazhar Awan, CEO Vision Trust, Karachi**.

At this occasion, **Mr. Syed Sardar Ali Shah** formally launched the **Provincial School Health Working Group, Sindh**, with **Prof. Dr. Khalid Iqbal Talpur** and **Dr. Mazhar Awan**.

Prof. Dr. Khalid Iqbal Talpur and **Dr. Mazhar Awan** appreciated the presence of **Mr. Syed Sardar Ali Shah** and the collaborative efforts of the **Education & Literacy Department** in advancing equitable and accessible eye care for children through a coordinated, system-based approach initiated by **Vision Trust**.

During the event, **Mr. Jalil Ahmed Rajper, Deputy Director, Community Ophthalmic Services, SIOVS**, accompanied **Prof. Dr. Khalid Iqbal Talpur**, representing the institute's continued dedication to comprehensive eye health advocacy in the community.

CELEBRATING WORLD SIGHT DAY WITH PROF. DR. IRFAN JEEVA



On October 8, 2025, the: **Sindh Institute of Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences (SIOVS), Hyderabad**, celebrated **World Sight Day** in the esteemed presence of **Prof. Dr. Irfan Jeeva, Visiting Professor at SIOVS**, who was warmly welcomed by **Prof. Dr. Khalid Iqbal Talpur, Executive Director, SIOVS**. As part of his visit, **Prof. Dr. Irfan Jeeva** conducted a full-day surgical workshop for the faculty and postgraduate residents. Participants gained invaluable knowledge from his expertise, practical insights, and demonstrations of advanced surgical techniques. The **World Sight Day 2025** celebration was organized in line with the official theme of the **International Agency for the Prevention of Blindness (IAPB) "Love Your Eyes."** The day serves as a global call to action to raise awareness about vision impairment, promote eye health, and encourage people to prioritize regular eye examinations.

Prof. Dr. Khalid Iqbal Talpur emphasized the importance of celebrating World Sight Day and highlighted the valuable international contributions of Prof. Dr. Irfan Jeeva in ophthalmology and vision sciences. He also expressed sincere gratitude to Prof. Jeeva for sharing his expertise with the SIOVS community. The celebration was attended by **Prof. Dr. Jan Muhammad Memon**, Founding Vice Chancellor of Liaquat University of Medical & Health Sciences (LUMHS), Jamshoro, along with other distinguished dignitaries, faculty members, and officers of SIOVS. Later, a meeting was held in the Conference Hall, where Prof. Dr. Khalid Iqbal Talpur presented SIOVS's vision, ongoing initiatives, and future plans. In conclusion, Prof. Dr. Khalid Iqbal Talpur and Prof. Dr. Irfan Jeeva reaffirmed their shared commitment to advancing eye health through education, innovation, and service excellence.

MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND INAUGURATION OF SCHOOL OF OPTOMETRY BS VISION SCIENCES (5-YEAR DEGREE PROGRAM) SIOVS

On 2nd October 2025, the **Honorable Secretary Health, Government of Sindh / Chairman, Board of Directors (BOD), SIOVS, Mr. Rehan Iqbal Baloch**, chaired the 18th Meeting of the Board of Directors at the **Sindh Institute of Ophthalmology & Visual Sciences (SIOVS), Hyderabad**. He was accompanied by **Dr. Waqar Mehmood Memon, Director General, Health Services, Sindh**, who attended the meeting as an invited guest. The meeting was well attended by notable members of the Board of Directors, including **Prof. Dr. Khalid Iqbal Talpur, Executive Director SIOVS & Secretary, Board of Directors SIOVS;**

Prof. Anwar Ali Shah, Vice President, Board of Directors SIOVS, Hyderabad; Mr. Zuhaib Hassan Shaikh, Member, Additional Secretary (Technical), Health Department, Government of Sindh



- .Dr. Hadi Bux Jatoi, Member, Board of Directors SIOVS, Hyderabad;**
- .Mr. Nazim Rajani, Member, Board of Directors SIOVS (attended online);**
- .Dr. Bashir Ahmed Khaskheli, Member, Board of Directors SIOVS, Hyderabad;**
- .Dr. Shahzad Memon, Associate Professor, SIOVS & Member, Board of Directors SIOVS, Hyderabad.**

In addition to the board meeting, the Chairman of the Board / Secretary Health inaugurated the **School of Optometry BS Vision Sciences Program at SIOVS**. A White Coat Ceremony was also held, during which the Secretary Health, as Guest of Honor, and Dr. Waqar Mehmood Memon, Director General, Health Services, Sindh, distributed white coats among the newly admitted students of the program.