



CIRCULAR

Subject: **CONDUCT OF YOUTH THINK RESEARCH PAPER COMPETITION-2026**

This is with reference to the Government of Balochistan, Colleges, Higher & Technical Education Department (HED), letter No. SO (Acad:)4-17/MISC/2026/365-66 dated June 10, 2026.

It is to circulate for general information of all concerned that the Government of Balochistan, Colleges, Higher & Technical Education Department (HED), is conducting the "Youth Think Research Paper Competition- 2026" with the objective of harnessing the intellectual capital of faculty members and students of public sector Universities in Balochhistan, promoting evidence-based policymaking in higher education institutions, providing an academic and policy research platform for youth engagement on critical provincial issues and key socio-economic and governance challenges, and generating pragmatic policy recommendations for the Government of Balochistan. The BUET, Khuzdar has been officially assigned the topic titled: "**Renewable Energy Opportunities and Energy Security in Balochistan**"

The top-ranking panelists will be awarded case prizes from Rs. 0.25 million upto Rs. 0.3 million. Cash prizes of top 05 panels will be given by Chief Minister Balochistan. The research papers will submitted to via email to **hedbalochistan@gmail.com & gobhighereducation@gmail.com** by or before **31st July, 2026**.

For further modalities for conduct of the "**Youth Think Research Paper Competition-2026**", including the prescribed format, evaluation criteria, submission mechanism, timeline, and prizes for top-performing faculty members and students, please visit the University's official website i.e. **www.buetk.edu.pk**. The following officers of the University are nominated for coordination with students, faculty members and government of Balochistan. For any assistance, please feel free to contact them:

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CC:

- PS to the Vice Chancellor, BUET, Khuzdar
- PS to the Pro Vice Chancellor, BUET, Khuzdar
- The Deans of Faculties, BUET, Khuzdar
- Mr. Salahuddin, Under Secretary, Government of Balochistan, Higher & Technical Education, Department, Quetta with reference to his above referred letter.
- All HoD's/Director PGS for **dissemination on notice boards of their respective departments.**
- The D.G ORIC, BUET, Khuzdar.
- P/File



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Dated Quetta the 10th June, 2026

To,

The Vice Chancellor

Balochistan University of Engineering and Technology (BUET),
Khuzdar.

Subject: **CONDUCT OF YOUTH THINK RESEARCH PAPER COMPETITION-2026.**

Dear Sir,

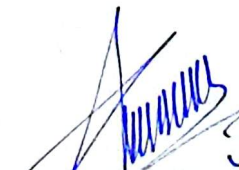
The undersigned is directed to refer to the subject cited above and to state that the Government of Balochistan is conducting the “**Youth Think Research Paper Competition-2026**” with the objective of harnessing the intellectual capital of faculty members and students of public sector universities in Balochistan, promoting evidence-based policymaking in higher education institutions, providing an academic and policy research platform for youth engagement on critical provincial issues and key socio-economic and governance challenges, and generating pragmatic policy recommendations for the Government of Balochistan.

2. The BUET, Khuzdar has been assigned the topic titled “**Renewable Energy Opportunities and Energy Security in Balochistan**”.

3. The modalities for conduct of the “**Youth Think Research Paper Competition-2026**”, including the prescribed format, evaluation criteria, submission mechanism, timelines, and prizes for top-performing faculty members and students are enclosed herewith as Annexure-I.

4. Foregoing in view, it is requested that the above-mentioned topic may kindly be circulated among the interested faculty members and undergraduate and postgraduate students of the University for submission of research papers in accordance with the enclosed modalities.

Encl: Annexure-I


(SALA HUD DIN)
Under Secretary (Academics)

CONDUCT MODALITIES – YOUTH THINK RESEARCH PAPER COMPETITION -2026

1. **General Description.** Inter-University Research Paper Competition is being institutionalized in 2026 at provincial level to engage faculty members and students in structured academic research on key issues in Balochistan, their causes, and remedial measures.
2. **Aim.** To harness intellectual capital of academia both faculty and students for informed analysis, credible research, and formulation of practical policy recommendations on social, economic, developmental and security related challenges of Balochistan.
3. **Scope.**
 - a. Participation will be invited from **recognized public universities** of Balochistan.
 - b. Research Paper topics will address contemporary, **security, political economy, strategic affairs, conflicts & governance issues** of Balochistan.
 - c. Selected research papers will be published in renowned magazines of National Reputation.
4. **Eligibility & Research Criteria.**
 - a. University faculty members.
 - b. Students (**under-graduate and post-graduate**)
 - c. Research paper may be submitted in **English or Urdu**.
 - d. Participants shall maintain academic **coherence, clarity and professional expression** in the selected language.
 - e. Research paper shall be based on **APA 7th Edition** (American Psychological Association) 7th Edition.
 - f. Research paper must be original, un-published, independently authored and free from plagiarism and Artificial intelligence in all forms.
5. **Salients.**
 - a. Research paper competition will be held at provincial level.
 - b. Selected research topics will be circulated to all universities/ sub-campuses of Balochistan.
 - c. Topics allotted to main campuses will be used by sub campuses of respective universities.

- d. The research paper will be written based on own time work.
- e. Research paper will be submitted to evaluation committee, which will shortlist best research paper and return it to the respective panel with observation for further submitting at provincial level.
- f. Results will be announced and published through media and prize distribution ceremony will be organized by Government of Balochistan.
- g. Top 3 research papers will be presented to the Government of Balochistan.
- h. Top 10 research papers will be forwarded for publication at various academic/ media forums.

6. **Submission, Evaluation and Assessment Mechanism.**

a. **Submission Regularities**

- (1) **Word Limit.** Maximum 2500 words.
- (2) **Reference Style.** APA 7th Edition (American Psychological Association)
- (3) **Plagiarism Threshold.** Maximum 20% similarity (excluding references).
- (4) **Single Source Similarity.** Not more than 3%.
- (5) **Font.** Times New Roman, 12 points.
- (6) **Line Spacing.** 1.5
- (7) AI Chatbots use is strictly prohibited.
- (8) **Structured Format**
 - (a) Abstract (250 words).
 - (b) Problem statement.
 - (c) Research question.
 - (d) History contemporary facts.
 - (e) Analysis.
 - (f) Key findings.
 - (g) Policy inputs.
 - (h) Conclusion.

b. **Evaluation Criteria & Weightage (Marking Rubric - 100 Marks)**

- (1) Relevance to the topic - 15 marks.

- (2) Clarity of problem - 10 marks.
 - (3) Theoretical/ conceptual framework - 10 marks.
 - (4) Evidence/ factual data use - 15 marks.
 - (5) Analytical department – 20 marks.
 - (6) Policy feasibility/ relevance - 20 marks.
 - (7) Structure & coherence - 5 marks.
 - (8) Academic writing and language – 5 marks.
- c. The verdict of the evaluation committee will be final and not subject to appeal.

7. Supervision and Submission Mechanism.

- a. The competition will be conducted under the overall supervision and administrative control of Government of Balochistan Colleges, Higher & Technical Education Department.
- b. The research papers will be submitted to hedbalochistan@gmail.com & gobhighereducation@gmail.com during the given timeline.

8. Conduct Modalities. The competition will be conducted in 2 phases. Details are as under:

a. Phase 1 - Division Level

- (1) **Responsibility.** Respective divisions of Balochistan.
- (2) **Timeline.** 10th June, 2026 to 31st July, 2026.
- (3) **24 universities/ sub campuses** will participate.
 - (a) **4x panels** from each university (44x panels) & **2x panels** from each sub campus (26x panels) will participate.
 - (b) **Panel Composition**
 - (i) **2 to 4** students per panel.
 - (ii) **1xfalulty member** per panel.
 - (c) A total of **70x panels** will participate in the competitions.
- (4) **24x Best research paper** will be shortlisted.
- (5) All panels will be **awarded participation certificates**; Prize distribution ceremonies to be **organized by respective university with participation of**

Deputy Commissioners and concerned education department representatives.

- (6) **Top 24 research papers** will be returned to the respective panels for refinement with due input of evaluation committee and further submission for phase 2.

b. Phase 2 - Provincial Level

- (1) **Responsibility.** Government of Balochistan Colleges, Higher & Technical Education Department.
- (2) **Timeline.** 1st August 2026 to 31 August 2026.
- (3) Best panel from each university/ sub campus will participate (total 24x panels).
- (4) Evaluation Committee will select **top 10 research papers**.
- (5) Fee of 24 panels to be **waived off by Government of Balochistan**.
- (6) Cash prizes for **top 5x panels** to be given by Chief Minister Balochistan / Government of Balochistan.
- (7) Top 3x panels will present the conclusions, key findings and policy input to the Government of Balochistan.
- (8) **Top 10 research papers** of Balochistan will be published in magazines of National reputation. Nomination of magazine, timeline and procedure to be streamlined after conclusion of phase-2.

DETAILS OF UNIVERSITIES MAIN/ SUB CAMPUSES

Ser	Uni	Main Campus	Sub Campus	
1.	University of Balochistan	Quetta	a.	Pishin
			b.	Kharan
			c.	Mastung
			d.	Qilla Saif Ullah
2.	Balochistan University of Information Technology, engineering and management sciences, Quetta	Quetta	a.	Zhob
			b.	Muslim Bagh
3.	Sardar Bahadur Khan University, Quetta	Quetta	a.	Pishin
			b.	Khuzdar
			c.	Naushki
4.	Balochistan University of Medical & Health Sciences, Quetta	Quetta		
5.	Balochistan University of Engineering & Technology Khuzdar	Khuzdar	a.	Uthal
			b.	Turbat
6.	Lasbella University of Agricultural, Water & Marine Sciences	Utthal	a.	Dera Murad Jamali
			b.	Wadh
7.	University of Turbat	Turbat	-	
8.	University of Loralai	Loralai	-	
9.	Mir Chakar Khan Rind University	Sibbi	-	
10.	University of Gwadar	Gwadar	-	
11.	University of Makran	Panjgur	-	

PRIZES

Positions	Prizes Phase 1	Prizes Phase 2
1 st	Appreciation certificate will be awarded to all participants	Rs 0.25 Million
2 nd		Rs 0.2 Million
3 rd		Rs 0.15 Million
4 th		Rs 0.1 Million
5 th - 10		Rs 0.3 million (Rs 0.05 Million each)

Rs 50,000/- Honorarium for each member of the Evaluation & Assessment Committee
