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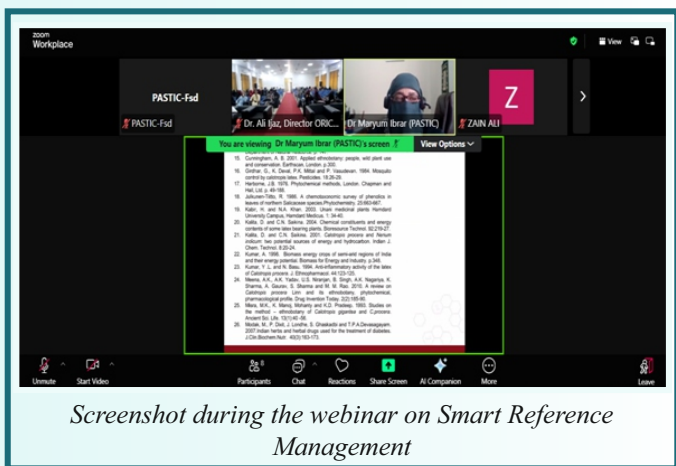
NEWSLETTER

Webinars on “LEARN SMART REFERENCE MANAGEMENT”

Two significant webinars on 'Learn Smart Reference Management' were organized by PASTIC Sub-Centre Faisalabad in collaboration with University of Kamalia and Ghazi University, Dera Ghazi Khan on March 5 and 12, 2026 respectively. Around 272 participants attended the webinar.

Muhammad Hasnain, Additional Director, PASTIC Faisalabad introduced PASTIC's services, highlighting its role in promoting scientific knowledge, research support, and access to digital resources. Dr. Maryam Ibrar, Additional Director Publication, PASTIC Islamabad, was the resource person. She delivered a session on how to search relevant data and manage it efficiently using the Mendeley tool and PASTIC resources, making it easy and concise.

Prof. Dr. Ali Ajaz, Director ORIC, University of Kamalia and Prof. Dr. Sagheer Atta, Director ORIC, Ghazi University emphasized the importance of modern research practices in diverse scientific disciplines, highlighting the role of emerging technologies in enhancing efficiency,

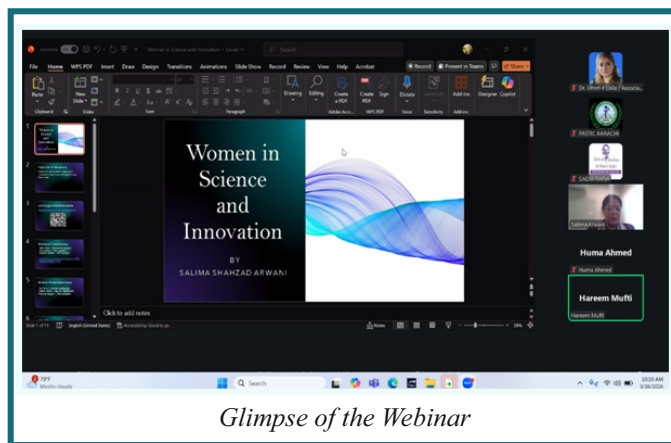


Screenshot during the webinar on Smart Reference Management

WEBINAR ON “WOMEN IN SCIENCE & INNOVATION”

PASTIC Sub-Centre Karachi organized a webinar on “Women in Science & Innovation” via Zoom on March 26, 2026. The session was conducted as part of PASTIC's ongoing efforts to promote scientific awareness, innovation, and inclusive participation in the field of science and technology. The webinar aimed to

encourage and motivate female students and professionals to pursue careers in STEM fields. The webinar witnessed active participation, with more than 45 attendees including students, educators, and professionals from various institutions.



Glimpse of the Webinar

The session commenced with a welcome address by Ms. Afsheen Tariq, Assistant Director (STI), PASTIC Sub-Centre Karachi. She introduced PASTIC and the Pakistan Science Foundation (PSF), outlining their roles in promoting scientific research, information dissemination, and capacity building across Pakistan.

The webinar featured Ms. Salima Shahzad Arwani, Manager Academics, Southern Region, Aga Khan Education Service, Pakistan, as the resource person. She emphasized the importance of empowering women through education, skill development, and equal opportunities to contribute effectively to national development.



Glimpse of the webinar by Ms. Salima Shahzad Arwani, Resource Person.



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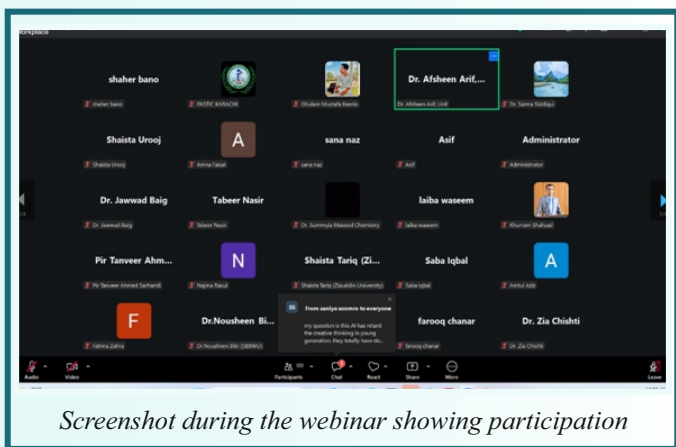
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WEBINAR ON “RESEARCH ANALYSIS & REPORT WRITING USING AI”

PASTIC Sub-Centre Karachi organized a webinar titled “Research Analysis & Report Writing using AI” on March 31, 2026 via zoom. The webinar attracted enthusiastic participation from more than 100 attendees representing universities and academic institutions from across Pakistan. The session was designed to introduce participants to the transformative role of Artificial Intelligence in contemporary research practices and to highlight its growing significance in enhancing research efficiency and quality.

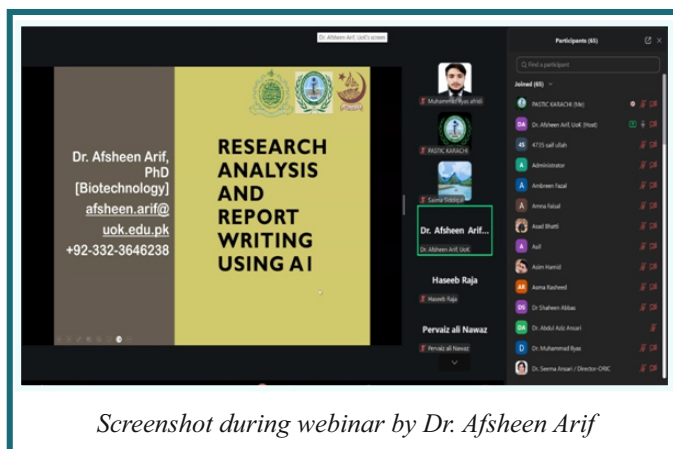
The session commenced with a welcome address by Ms. Afsheen Tariq, Assistant Director (STI), PASTIC Sub-Centre Karachi. She introduced the PASTIC and the Pakistan Science Foundation, services and emphasized their key roles in promoting scientific research, facilitating access to information, and strengthening capacity-building initiatives nationwide.



Screenshot during the webinar showing participation

The technical session was conducted by Dr. Afsheen Arif, Assistant Professor at the Karachi Institute of Biotechnology & Genetic Engineering, University of Karachi. She delivered a comprehensive and insightful presentation on the application of AI-powered tools in research processes. The session covered key aspects such as data analysis, literature review, interpretation of findings, and the development of well-structured research reports. Through practical demonstrations and real-world examples, participants were guided on how AI can significantly enhance accuracy, efficiency, and overall productivity in academic

work. The session concluded with an interactive discussion, during which participants shared their perspectives and posed thoughtful questions to the resource person. This exchange added considerable value to the learning experience and further deepened participants' understanding of the subject.



Screenshot during webinar by Dr. Afsheen Arif

EVENT / WEBINAR / MEETING ATTENDED

- a. Ms. Afsheen Tariq, Assistant Director (STI), PASTIC Sub-Centre Karachi, attended a hybrid lecture titled “Infrastructure Development under CPEC: Progress and Challenges” on March 03, 2026 via Zoom organized by the L.E.J. National Science Information Center, ICCBS, University of Karachi.
- b. Dr. Maryam Ibrar, Additional Director (STI) and Ms. Afsheen Tariq, Assistant Director (STI), PASTIC Sub-Centre Karachi, attended the online session titled “Short Talks, Big Impacts – Asia-Pacific Region (Women Scientists, Powerful Research)” held via Zoom on March 11, 2026. The session provided an international platform for women scientists from the Asia-Pacific region to present their research through concise and impactful three-minute presentations.
- c. Dr. Maryam Ibrar, Additional Director (STI) attended a webinar on “Mastering the Art of Writing for Peer-Reviewed Publications – Pakistan” organized by Springer in collaboration with HEC on March 26, 2026



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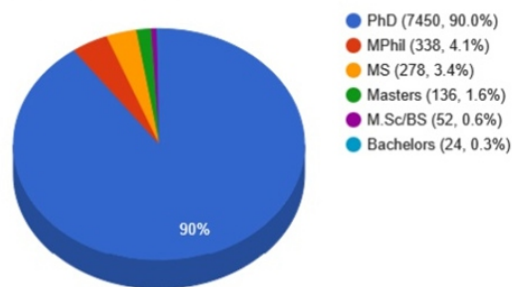
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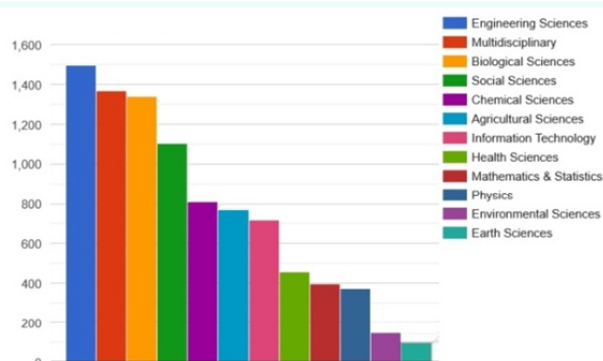
INFOGRAPHICS: PASTIC NATIONAL SCIENTISTS DIRECTORY

PASTIC has launched the National Scientist Directory, an online platform designed to build a comprehensive database of scientists and researchers in Pakistan. Scientists can obtain National Registration Certificates by registering their professional information, update their profiles on this platform and promote their professional visibility, collaboration, and recognition while supporting national scientific planning and development. The database is steadily growing, with 9,318 registered scientists and more than 543,600 visitors since its launch in April 2025, reflecting increasing national engagement and wider outreach. Whereas organizational affiliations reflect strong participation from national R&D institutions such as PARC, PAEC, PCSIR, NCP, NARC, PSF, AARI, and the Higher Education Department.

URL: <https://pastic.gov.pk/scientists.aspx>



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