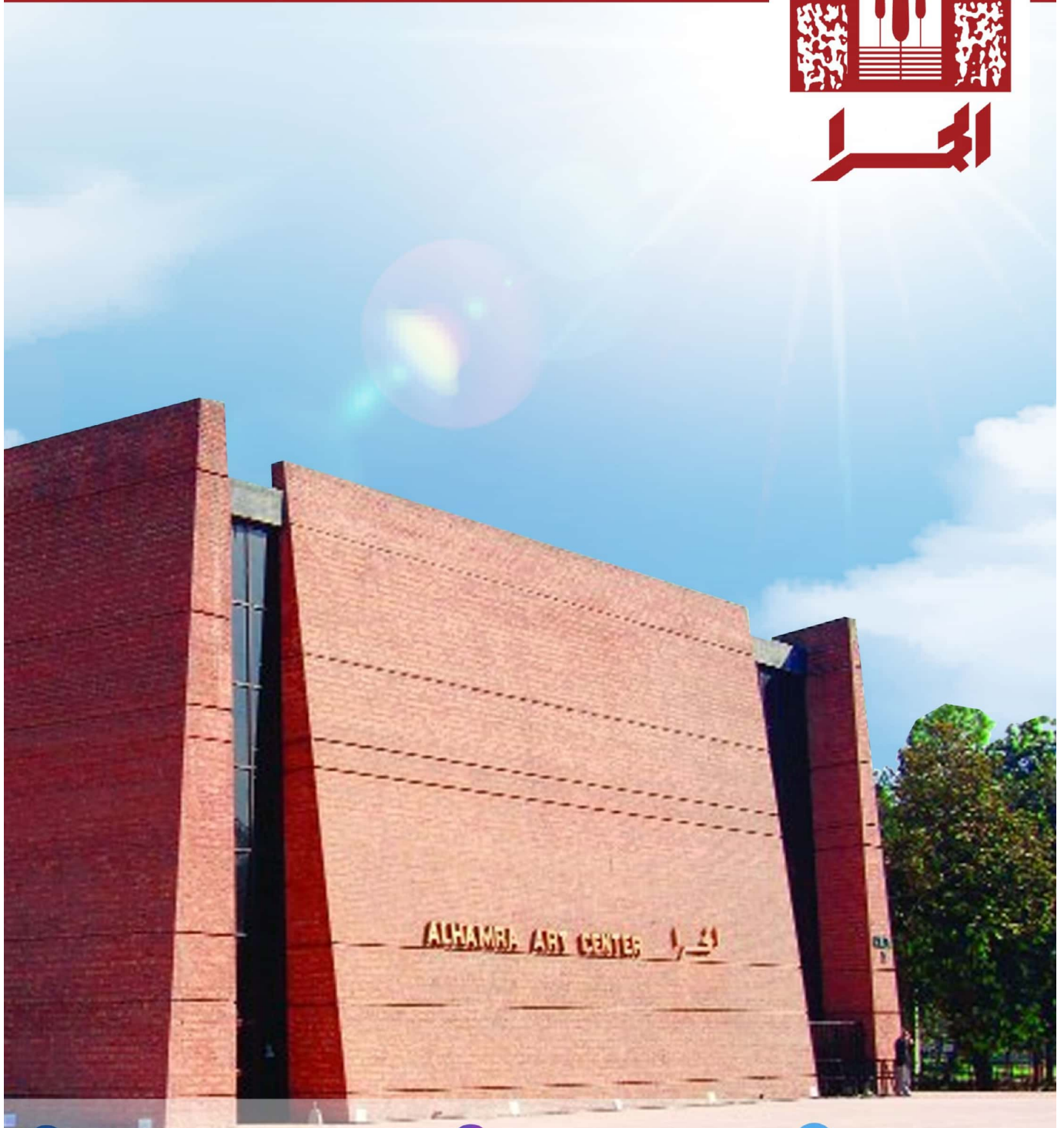





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# **Profile of**

## **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

**Ms. Farhat Jabeen**

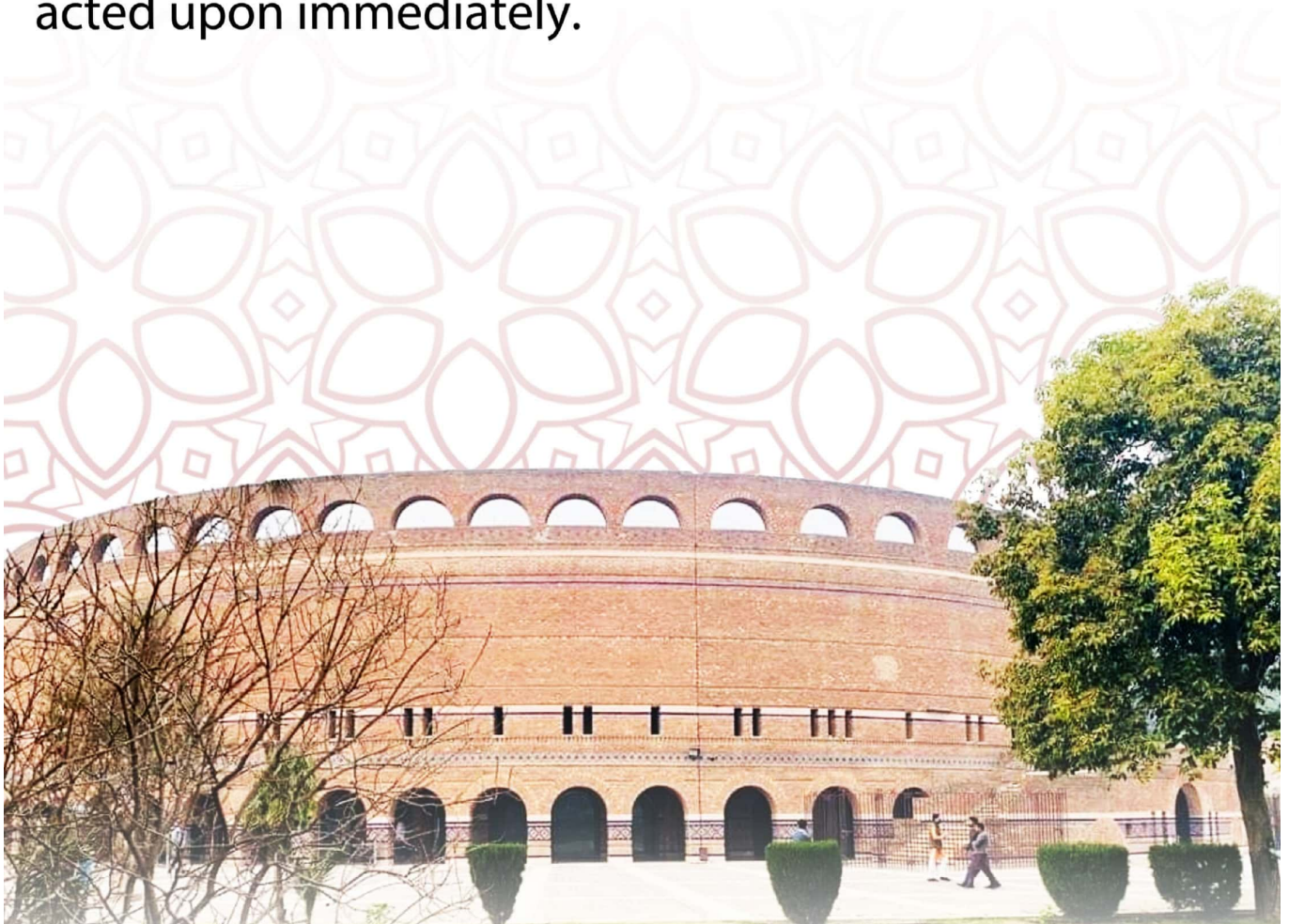


Farhat Jabeen took charge as the Executive Director of Lahore Arts Council. Farhat Jabeen also continues to fulfill her responsibilities as Additional Secretary Culture Punjab. Executive Director Alhamra. Farhat Jabeen said "Alhamra's vision, performance, and social, literary, and cultural services are commendable. I am looking forward to serving here as Executive Director and carrying on the good work already in place."



# Executive Director Visits Alhamra Cultural Complex

The Executive Director of Lahore Arts Council, Farhat Jabeen, visited Alhamra Cultural Complex, Gaddafi Stadium where Deputy Director Cultural Complex Naveed Ul Hassan Bukhari welcomed her. During the meeting, Bukhari briefed Executive Director, Alhamra on various issues. Jabeen visited Alhamra Art Museum, classrooms, halls, open-air, and other areas and inspected the current construction situation of the administration block. Jabeen issued instructions to resume the construction work of the admin block. Deputy Director Admin Aftab Ahmed Ansari was also present and assured her that the instructions would be acted upon immediately.



With  
(Dr. Sughra Sadaf)

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The Lahore Arts Council invited DG PILAC, Dr. Sughra Sadaf, as a guest speaker **ONLINE** of KYKB to shed some light on her career. Dr. Sughra has rendered innumerable services for promoting and developing the Punjabi language. She is also a columnist and a woman who is moved by her love for Punjabi. During the program, Dr. Sughra shared her personal life and artistic journey with the audience. Sadaf said that she was fascinated with art from the beginning because writing is also an art, so she joined the field and continually strived to develop her mother tongue in this artistic journey spanning many years. She said that she did consider her job as a hobby. "That is why many destinations have become easier, because when a person has that motivation Allah provides ways and means, which is what happened to me. And by the grace of God, this journey of mine continues successfully".





# Alhamra Summer Camp Activities Begin

The Lahore Arts Council is organizing summer camp activities in calligraphy, music, acting, drawing, and painting at Alhamra Arts Center, the Mall. Executive Director Alhamra Farhat Jabeen inaugurated the summer camp and encouraged young artists. Teachers and young artists attended the opening ceremony of the short courses. The purpose of these short courses is to provide opportunities for young artists to learn various forms of art during the summer holidays. Youth aged 10 to 25 from all over the country are registered for short courses during the summer camp. Alhamra Academy of Performing Arts is performing its services under the umbrella of (experienced teachers) in 12 fields of Fine Arts.





## Right to Information

The Lahore Arts Council organized an awareness session on Right to Information with women groups in Sheikhpura under the RASAI campaign, supported by GIZ Pakistan and the Punjab Information Commission. The Chief Information Commissioner Punjab, Mr. Mehboob Qadir Shah, briefed women participants on RTI law and how it empowers citizens, ensuring transparency and good governance, thus building trust in public institutions. During the session, the Chief Information Commissioner responded to questions about the RTI law. An Awareness Session with Sheikhpura Press Club Members The Lahore Arts Council Alhamra organized an awareness session on RTI with members of Press Club Sheikhpura under the RASAI campaign, supported by GIZ Pakistan and the Punjab Information Commission. General Secretary Sheikhpura Press Club Rana Usman was the event chief guest. The Chief Information Commissioner Punjab, Mr. Mehboob Qadir Shah, briefed journalists on RTI law. He shared that the press/media can play a vital role in ensuring the public welfare by asking for relevant information from public bodies, making them accountable. The Chief Information Commissioner



responded to the questions from participants about the RTI law. An Awareness Session on RTI & with Members of Bar Council Sheikhupura The Lahore Arts Council organized another awareness session on Right to Information with members of Bar Council Sheikhupura under the RASAI campaign. District and Session Judge Sheikhupura Ms. Shahida Saeed was the chief guest, while President Bar Council Sheikhupura Mr. Khuram Shehzad Virk was the guest of honor. The Chief Information Commissioner of Punjab, Mr. Mehboob Qadir Shah, briefed participants on RTI law and its working. During the session, the role of members bar council was acknowledged in making this law more helpful for citizens; the Chief Information Commissioner responded to questions about the RTI law.





# Alhamra Celebrates World Music Day

On World Music Day, the Lahore Arts Council arranged an evening with the music teachers and assistants of the Alhamra Academy of Performing Arts to pay tribute to music at Alhamra Arts Center on the Mall. This day celebrates encouraging music and the services of the people associated with it. Alhamra has been playing an exemplary role in promoting and developing the field of music. Celebrating this day aims to ensure access to music for the general public.





# Hajj Training Program for Women

The Lahore Arts Council organized a Hajj Training Program for Women at Alhamra Arts Center, the Mall. Alhamra has already held a Hajj training session for men. Master Trainer Hajj Rifat Naz, Nabira Andaleeb and Farhat Sahiba gave lectures to the participants. They informed about the objectives of Hajj, administrative matters, method of Hajj-o- Umrah, application of Hajj, and other issues. The participants in the Hajj training workshop appreciated the initiative of Alhamra.





With  
(Malik Aslam )

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**ONLINE**

In the latest episode Alhamra invited Malik Aslam of Azad Theatre as a guest speaker. During the program, Aslam shared his personal life and various experiences of his artistic life with the viewers. He said that he started his career in street theater where he used to do theater with some of his friends on various issues of the area, Aslam said that despite his many years of experience, he had not started separate theater productions. Still, in 2010 when terrorism was on the rise, people avoided all kinds of festivals and other outside activities. At that time, he and his friends laid the foundation of Azad Theater. Aslam continued that we are artists, and we want to see Pakistan as a peaceful and cultural country where there is peace and happiness. We thought that not only Stage Theater but also street theater should be revived and we should go to the streets to make people aware of the problems. Azad Theater has so far produced more than 4,000 theater performances. Finally, Aslam said, "I believe that theater should have government patronage and should be continued so that the younger generation as well as their parents are





# Alhamra Auctioned Commercial Dramas on Eid-ul-Adha

The Lahore Arts Council Alhamra auctioned commercial dramas on Eid-ul-Adha. Executive Director Alhamra Farhat Jabeen completed the auction process of commercial theatres under her supervision at Alhamra Arts Center, the Mall. Sakhi Sarwar production won the bid of Alhamra Mall Complex Hall 1. Producer Usman Butt won Alhamra Culture Complex Gaddafi Stadium highest bid for Hall 1 .Omar Ayub gave the highest bid for Alhamra Hall No. 2 Cultural Complex.







# Alhamra Art Museum

Qaddafi Stadium, Lahore



# ALI AZMAT

Ali Azmat was born in Multan in 1973. His innate skills were inexplicable to his early years in an agricultural society, but eventually led him to the Punjab University where he earned a M.F.A. as a Gold Medalist in 1998. Since then the artist has shown his work in solo exhibitions and group displays, earning awards in the process. Ali Azmat's talents were soon recognized by way of awards. He won second prize from the Lahore Art's Council annual art student's exhibition held in 1996, and an award of excellence from the Punjab Artist's Association at their 14th annual exhibition in 1999. Ali Azmat paintings are mostly in figurative style. His object of paintings are usually women. At Alhamra Art Museum you will find a unique painting of the early work of Ali Azmat. In 2003, he was the recipient of a National Award of Excellence conferred by the Pakistan National Council of the Arts. Currently a faculty member of the Punjab University, the artist's work has been shown nationally and internationally to great acclaim.

Ali Azmat  
'Drawing'  
Pencil on Paper  
54.5 x 76 cm

