



Institute of Regional Studies

Shireen Mazari visits IRS



Islamabad January 6, 2021: Shireen Mazari, Federal Minister for Human Rights visited the institute on Wednesday. President IRS, Ambassador Nadeem Riyaz gave her a detailed briefing on the functioning of the Institute. The visiting Minister was apprised about the scope of IRS research, its internship program, and IRS publications. She was informed about the new vision of IRS and the recent national and international collaborations which the Institute has signed in the last three months.

The visiting Minister interacted with the researchers and engaged in frank and cordial discussions. She was happy to know that IRS has stated focusing on its original mandate to hold in-depth research on India and the neighborhood. She shared her own experiences of heading a think tank. She was of the view that researchers must be sent abroad to study the language of the countries they are doing research on. Language proficiency added value to research as one could access more sources. She stressed that state-centric research in the think tanks must be dispensed. She urged researchers to undertake research on non-traditional domain (especially the role of women) as it has been grossly neglected in the past.

Dr. Mazari visited the Library of IRS before departure and recorded her comments in the visitor's book.