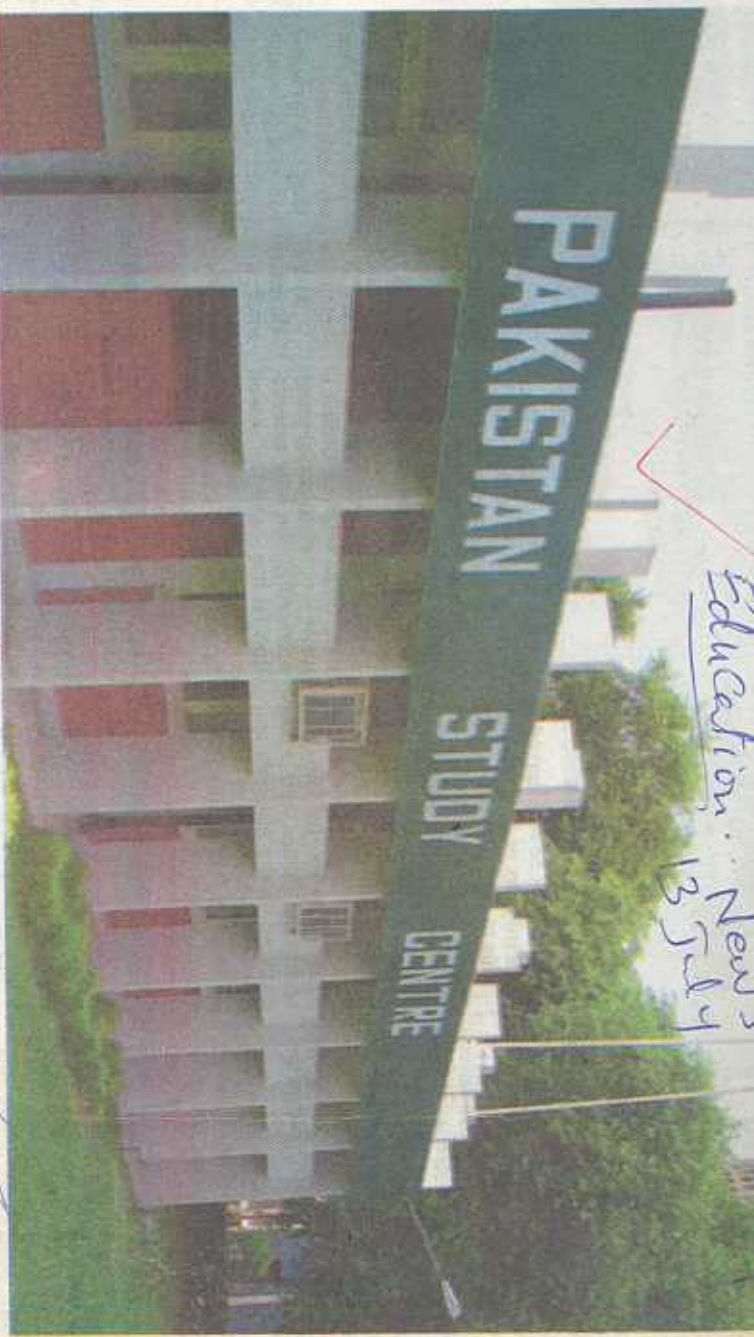


The Centre of Pakistan Studies at Punjab University's New Campus has recently been given a new building and administration to go with it. With such an investment going into a subject few people take seriously, many are questioning the utility of the centre.

Detractors of the centre ask that when the institute has been unable to show any positive results for the 24 years of its quiet hibernation, what is the point of allowing it further and renewed investments? Is it just a collection of a few chairs or something concrete comes out of the centre? Is this yet another effort at face lifting the institute or a real change is in the offing?

Dr Musarrat Abid, the recently appointed administrator, believes the centre will soon be a hub of constructive intellectual activity to prove and justify its existence. During the last four months a number of steps have been taken; the library has been catalogued for the first time and new books have been added; a PhD thesis on life and works of Maulana Shabbir Ahmed Usmani is in the printing process; and another popular research work (Last Fifty Days of the Quaid) is being republished.

According to Dr Musarrat,



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# Centered approach

## Do we need an institute solely dedicated to Pakistan Studies?

was one of the pioneering members of Bahaudin Zakria University, Multan. "A modern auditorium is also under construction to facilitate seminars

VC presided over the session. Students with diversified educational backgrounds such as economics, history, political science and sociology etc

local language. M Phil classes leading to PhD are also to commence in a couple of months. The centre is all too willing to carry out research

There are few qualified teachers available therefore classes on elective basis cannot be started and since there is a dearth of learning opportunities available in the area, we have decided to have an