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IBA TODAY

NEWSLETTER



**O'GALA, IBA' FOOD
MAP, ADVICE
COLUMN, AND MUCH
MORE**

**BACK TO
CAMPUS**

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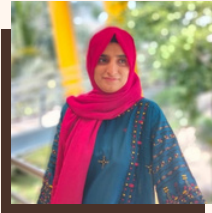
I founded IBA Today in 2019 with one goal in mind. To provide a platform where students can share and express their views and ideas and articulate their voice in our community. What started with one individual soon expanded to 1000s of people and is soon to reach 50,000+ members. With the changing dynamics every day, we believe through IBA Today not only do we provide information on what is happening on campus, but have also created a content creation culture, whether in terms of writing or in video.

MEET THE TEAM

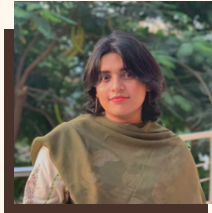
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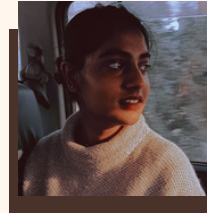
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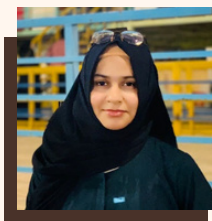
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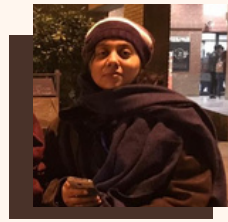
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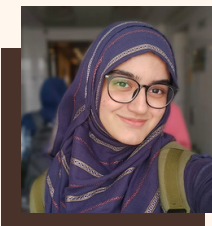
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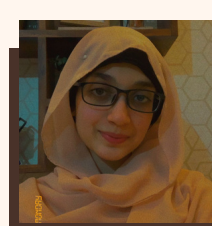
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Why are they always crashing?

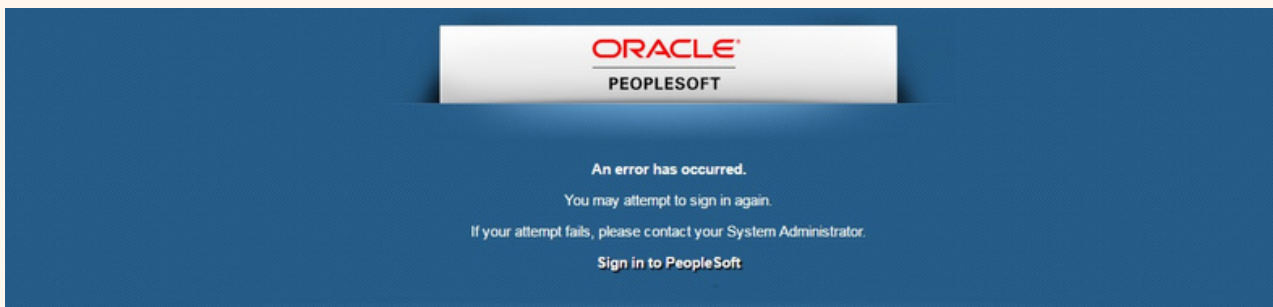
FT. CHEAT SHEET

By Hamna Inam Abro

Your ERP Portal:

The portal you were given access to upon your admission in IBA can do more than just generating your Admission letter. It can and it will crash during enrollment. (Yes, starting second semester you will have to enroll in your courses by yourself).

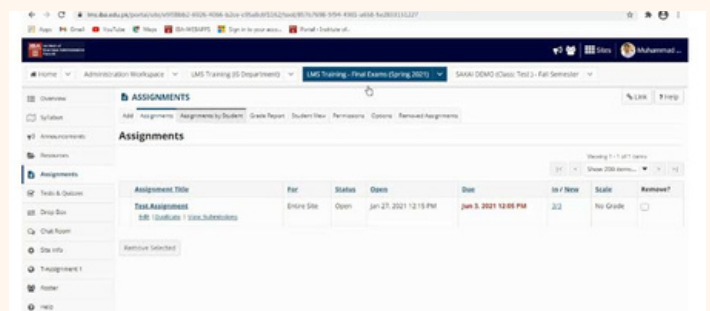
Use Portal 2. It crashes too. But might have lesser load when most of your peers are waiting for the first one to work.



LMS:

LMS stands for Learning Management System, and this is where all of your teachers will be uploading their teaching material (slides, books etc.) and assignments. Like ERP, LMS might crash when your entire batch is trying to submit an assignment at 11:59 PM. In which case, this might come in handy:

Don't submit assignments 2 minutes before the deadline.



Shuttles:

I will not traumatize you by telling you the Shuttles crash. But the 40-minute commute between campuses in this heat will definitely crash your will to live. But what's worse is having to stand during this ride. A scene that emerges quite often in the 3:45 PM shuttle from Main Campus to City. If you want to avoid that, remember this:

Always be at the gate before the shuttle arrives. And once it does, run for your life and stomp anyone in the way.

<https://www.iba.edu.pk/transport.php>

Shuttle Schedule: Fall 2023



ID Card and Car Sticker:

This is something your senior batches secretly hate you for. Hogging up the PO lines during Facilitation Week for ID Cards. But you did the right thing. The ID Card has always been mandatory for entering either of the campuses.

But new rules won't let your car enter KU without the Gate Pass. If you cannot manage to keep the car sticker with you at all times, I would suggest you do this: ➡

Ditch home and live in the Hostel. Hostelites don't need the car sticker.

Follow this link and file for a car sticker asap:

<https://ibaapps.iba.edu.pk/barrierpass/>



IBA Personality Quiz

By Asna Mukhtar

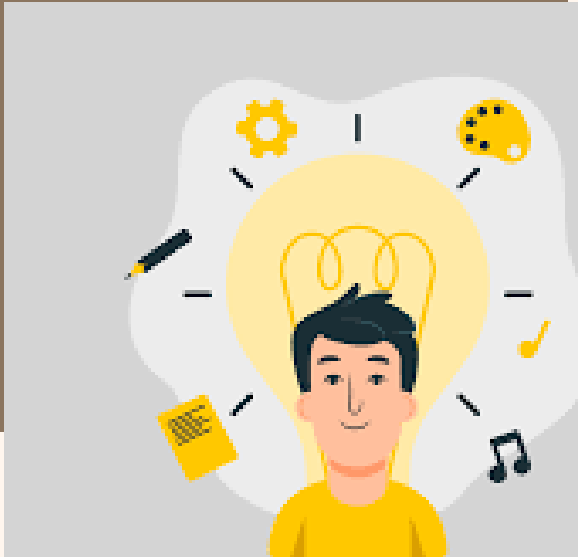
1. Choose your secret IBA superpower

- A.** The ability to be in multiple places at once (+3 points for multitasker)
- B.** Mind-reading for acing group project dynamics (+2 points for mind-reader)
- C.** Teleportation for exploring Karachi during lunch breaks (+1 point for wander luster)
- D.** Time manipulation for extending deadlines (+4 points for time-bender)

Buckle up for a roller coaster of fun and self-discovery! Answer these offbeat questions to unveil your inner IBA persona.

2. Your favorite part of an IBA event?

- A.** Networking like a pro (+3 points for social butterfly)
- B.** Checking out quirky event booths (+2 points for curious explorer)
- C.** Engaging in intellectual discussions (+1 point for thinker)
- D.** Organizing and coordinating behind the scenes (+4 points for orchestrator)



3. Choose your IBA sidekick:

- A.** A caffeinated squirrel (+3 points for energetic companion)
- B.** A map with adventure routes (+2 points for exploratory guide)
- C.** A wisdom-dispensing owl (+1 point for scholarly companion)
- D.** A multitasking octopus (+4 points for organized helper)

4. In class and your stomach growls, what's your move?

- A.** Pull out a secret stash of snacks and share them (+3 points for snack sharer)
- B.** Distract everyone with a funny comment (+2 points for witty diverter)
- C.** Give a knowing smile, it's tikka biryani time after class (+1 point for biryani lover)
- D.** Calmly sip water and wait for the class to end (+4 points for composed craver)



IBA ENROLLMENT SUCKS!

5. Your strategy when the enrollment begins:

- A.** Rallying friends for a group effort at the PO (+3 points for collaborative strategist)
- B.** Strategically preparing with lightning-fast reflexes for enrollment (+2 points for quick planner)
- C.** Seeking advice from seniors and mentors (+1 point for guidance seeker)
- D.** Crafting a well-researched plan with backup options (+4 points for strategic executor)

6. Your go-to IBA spot:

- A.** The bustling courtyard for collaborative energy (+3 points for brainstorming dynamo)
- B.** The tranquil library corner for focused thinking (+2 points for creative thinker)
- C.** The faculty office, seeking mentor guidance (+1 point for mentor seeker)

D. The student center, where ideas flow over conversations (+4 points for social thinker).

7. If you could add one thing to the IBA campus, it would be:

- A.** A coffee shop that never closes (+3 points for caffeine lover)
- B.** A rooftop garden for peaceful escapes (+2 points for nature enthusiast)
- C.** An open mic corner for spontaneous creativity (+1 point for expressive)
- D.** A time management workshop room (+4 points for planner)

8. our spirit emoji during a tough IBA week:

- A.** 🦊 (+3 points for the determined)
- B.** ☀️ (+2 points for the optimist)
- C.** 📖 (+1 point for the scholar)
- D.** 📊 (+4 points for the strategist)

SCORES

- ◆ 8- 13: You're the IBA Dynamo! Sparking energy and enthusiasm everywhere.
- ◆ 14- 19: You're the IBA Maverick! Embarking on bold journeys with flair.
- ◆ 20-26: You're the IBA Sage! Inspiring wisdom and thoughtful perspectives.
- ◆ 27-32: You're the IBA Captain! Guiding with precision, flair, and vision.



By Zainab Rehman

FOODMAP TO IBA

A must-have for an IBA foodie.

Imagine this. You arrive on campus at 8am on a Monday morning. You can barely open your eyes and in this state Calculus will be hell. You have just enough time for a cup of tea and what better place to get it than the Gatorade Cafe. Situated just by the roundabout, a before class chai at **Gatorade** is a need for every IBA student. Pro tip: tell them to keep the sugar low!



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5 hours of classes later, it's time for lunch and you're absolutely famished. You head on over to the **SC cafe** with your friends for lunch and some of that incredible white sauce pasta.

Or maybe you're craving something a bit more desi, and of course nothing can satisfy such cravings better than good old daal chawal at **Pepsi cafe**.



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Fast forward, a 3 hour study session at the library later, and you're craving an evening snack. Nothing fits the bill better than a chicken panini at **Woke**.

Or maybe you could walk on back to Gatorade for a scrumptious Chatni Roll before you head home!



"INNOVATION UNLEASHED"

Exploring the Latest Breakthroughs at IBA

BY ANUSHA RANDHAWA &
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1. Powering a Greener Tomorrow at IBA

As the Solar Power Project at IBA shines bright, we are producing a staggering 4000kWh of energy daily. The vision of IBA extends beyond, with plans to amplify energy generation in the next phase, at City Campus, the hostels, and the Staff Town. The campus is now a pulsating hub of renewable energy, where the sun's rays are harnessed to power our dreams of a greener planet.

Did you know?

Radiating sustainability, our Main Campus enjoys a remarkable 33% drop in yearly electricity bill, all thanks to solar power!

2. Discover New Language Horizons at IBA

As the world becomes more interconnected, the need for multilingual individuals continues to grow.

The addition of Italian and Spanish language courses at IBA is a testament to its commitment to providing its students with the skills and knowledge they need to excel in a globalized society. Learning a new language not only allows communication with a wider range of people, but also opens doors to new cultures, perspectives, and opportunities. By immersing in the rich cultures of Italy and Spain through language, students will not only enhance their linguistic abilities but also gain a deeper understanding of the traditions, history, and art of these countries

Did you know?

With these recent additions, IBA now has a diverse selection of six languages! That's right – you can now choose from French, German, Arabic, Chinese, Italian, and Spanish.

3. Building an inclusive community at IBA

Office of Diversity, Accessibility & Inclusion (DAI) – an empowering initiative within the IBA community, has been established with the mission to ensure that every student's educational journey is seamless, regardless of their unique needs.



With a strong foundation of supportive infrastructure, accessible services, cutting-edge assistive technologies, and a staff dedicated to fostering inclusivity, our institute is reshaping the educational landscape, to embrace diversity in every sense.

4. Enhanced Living, Elevated Experience: New Hostel Facilities at IBA

The hostel facilities at Boys Hostel have currently undergone significant enhancements, aiming to provide students with a better living experience. These upgrades have made a substantial increase in space, comfort, and availability, with the addition of 106 rooms.

Did you know?

With the expansion to accommodate 221 more students, the boys' hostel can now house a total of 469 students.

The rooms are decked out with smart wardrobes, study tables with drawers, and single beds with extra storage compartments. These improvements will offer students an ideal environment to study, relax, and make the most out of their time at IBA.



5. IBA Teams Up with BHive for Innovative Start-Up Exchange

This groundbreaking collaboration between IBA and BHive is set to create an innovative ecosystem that propels aspiring entrepreneurs towards success. The program offers aspiring entrepreneurs the opportunity to access invaluable resources, receive top-notch training, and participate in game-changing networking opportunities. After the initial half-year of perks and no payments, start-ups will benefit from pocket-friendly charges to continue their journey towards success.



O'GALA: ONE THAT WAS NEVER DONE BEFORE

BY MARYAM BINTE KASHIF

Batch of 2027 kicked off their academic journey with a four day extravaganza. This year's O'Gala (or Orientation Gala for those who don't know) consisted of new activities and initiatives that weren't just new for the freshmen but the whole student body as well!

**ADDRESS BY THE DEAN,
AKBAR ZAIDI**

**MEETING THE FACULTY
WITH PARENTS**

**ICEBREAKING: ZORB
BALLS AND MORE**

"I did not even know what a credit hour was and was being told how many I needed to pass the course. I wish we had been told the basics of the IBA experience." - Aleezay Masood, Freshman.



Students lined up for Main Campus tour

The first two days unfolded on the Main Campus, the life and heart of IBA. An address by Akbar Zaidi and the rest of the faculty was customary but a new aspect of O'Gala this year was the inclusion of parents, which made it easier for students to transition to an entirely new place. This was one of the many opportunities that the Batch of 2026 had missed out on.

However, as all aspects of an university itself can be very overwhelming, there was still some confusion left.



Painting of I'Shop: IBA's very own merch store near Student Centre.

Ice Breaking sessions such as artsy poster making, scavenger hunts and jamming sessions (although very tiring) are always the O'Gala special but new activities such as Zorb ball games, bouncy castle football, and sumo wrestling stole the show

Perhaps the most exciting of all was the introduction of I' Venture and I'Shop, two new initiatives taken by IBA. I' Venture showcased the entrepreneurial spirit of our students by spotlighting current startups within the IBA community.

I'SHOP: IBA'S VERY OWN MERCH SHOP

I'VENTURE AND I'BAZAAR: STARTUP FAIRS FOR IBA

OPEN MIC: TALENT SHOW

"The experience was great! I never thought I would have the energy to socialize with so many people. The event was exciting not just in the monetary aspect but also because of the overwhelmingly positive and encouraging response." – Adeen Raja, Co-founder of Tippy Totes.

The excitement extended to two more days on the City campus with the launch of I'Bazaar where around 50 new startups came to show and sell their products. It was like a startup fair where people mingled, networked, and got a taste of real-world business action – all the while enjoying the strong City Campus breeze!

MEHFL-E-SAMA: QAWALI NIGHT

O'Gala seemed like a dream came true for Sophomores who could not have an experience like this. Despite all this, stepping into a new scene with a bunch of strangers can be overwhelming, no matter how exciting the events are. If you felt like you didn't dive headfirst into the O'Gala excitement, it's alright! You've got a whole four years stretched out in front of you to seize!

"The Qawali night was a little loud, to be honest, but spending the time with new friends made the day!" – Muhib Uddin, Freshman

INTRODUCING

Nani fanny

A beloved 70 year old, with too many grandchildren who recently retired from her favorite job: being young.

Since osteoporosis laid its claim on her bones, Nani Fanny spends most of her time in the armchair sharing intimacy with her pastime lovers: Faiz Ahmed Faiz and writing. Quirky, fierce and deeply romantic in her youth, Nani has an undying love for ghazals and a heartache (in lieu of her late husband) which compels her to write wisdomous advice for those who need it.

(If you ask properly, she may discreetly acknowledge she also writes poetry, for the soul you know).



Trust her with your maddest dilemmas.

Nani Fanny is here for you to confide in.

Send us what bothers you; no problem is too petty, from not finding the right course teacher to dealing with (a ton of) toxic boyfriends, believe us when we say Nani has been through all.

So, go ahead, conjure the coolest of anonymous names and DM us your questions, predicaments or simple rants to Nani and we will feature you in our newsletter's upcoming edition.



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