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Visit of the U.S. Consul General to Government College Women University Faisalabad

A delegate of the US Embassy led by Ms. Kristin Hawkins, U.S. Consul General in Lahore visited Government College Women University Faisalabad on 12 December 2023. The members of the delegate included Public Engagement Officer Ms. Monica Brinn, and English Program Regional Manager Dr. Muhammad Iqbal. Vice Chancellor GCWUF Prof. Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli warmly welcomed the honorable guests to the university.



The U.S. Consul General had a detailed meeting with the Vice Chancellor about academic activities, and various university programs related to skill development and entrepreneurship, women empowerment, community services, and social outreach. The delegate visited the University Health Unit, the Art Gallery in the Department of Art & Design, the Unit of Textile and Clothing in the Department of Home Economics, and the e-Rozgar Skill Development Centre. The Consul General appreciated the creative, technical, and artistic skills of the students of the university.

The delegate had an interactive session with the core team of the university including the Registrar, Treasurer, Controller of Examinations, Director of Planning & Development, Add'l Director of Press Media & Publication, all Faculty Coordinators, teachers, and students of the university. The Consul General enthusiastically interacted with the students especially and listened to their experiences of personal growth, their contribution to social development, and their plans regarding future professions. She appreciated the entrepreneurial activities of the students and advised them to seek mentorship from American instructors through online platforms such Massive Online Open Courses (MOOC) as well as





Regional English Language Office (RELO) through the official website and social media pages of the U.S. Consulate General Lahore. She said that these platforms provide free of cost mentorship to Pakistani students even after completion of their degrees. Students informed the Consulate General about establishing the first AI Coaching Academy where they train learners on the use of AI in blogging and video editing. Another group of students shared their experience of running a successful language proficiency course where she tutors more than a hundred learners of language development. The Public Engagement

Officer Monica Brinn appreciated the excellent communication skills and confidence of the students that enabled them to interact with the delegate boldly and explicitly. The Registrar Mr. Asif A Malik informed the guests about the social outreach programs run by various departments, particularly that of the Community Teaching Practices run by the Department of Education. Dr. Nousheen Syed, Coordinator Faculty of Management and Administrative Sciences shared success stories of university students in establishing their businesses under the Business Incubation Centre.

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Prof. Dr. Saima Akram told the guests about her association with a US organization named Women of Mathematics under whose umbrella she has initiated a plan of activities engaging 300 participants from various schools and colleges across the city. Prof. Dr. Ayesha Sameen, Director of International Linkages paid homage to the Consul General for visiting the university and inculcating confidence among all university stakeholders to look forward to a collaborative future working relationship with the US Embassy. Worthy Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli briefed the delegate on the training of six

hundred university students on self-examination of the breast to counter impeding breast cancer among Pakistani women. They are the torchbearers in society now to help women diagnose this disease at an early stage and save countless lives.

In the end, the members of the delegate had a group photo with the university officials. The students clicked selfies with honorable guests to cherish the moments of this highly interactive meet-up. The visit of the US Consul General is an initiation of prospects of broad-level opportunities for students and staff of the university in terms of women empowerment and engagement in the socio-economic growth of the country. It will open up vistas of multiple student and faculty exchange programs, career opportunities, and entrepreneurial ventures.

Certificate Distribution Ceremony for the Students, Faculty, and Women outside the University who Received Training in Riding a Motorcycle

With the collaboration of the Salman Sufi Foundation, the Directorate of Student Affairs GCWUF organized the certificate distribution ceremony for the students, faculty, and women outside the university who received training in riding a motorcycle under the Interloop-sponsored Women on Wheels project. The certificate distribution ceremony was presided over by Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli. The worthy Vice Chancellor expressed her gratitude to the Salman Sufi Foundation for rendering excellent training to the learners during their training camp. The training not only enabled the girls to ride a motorcycle but also inculcated in them courage and a sense of self-reliance. She was happy about the fact that now our students can avoid any nuisance in public convenience by further saying that this is a good initiative and it will be taken forward so that more and more female students can benefit from this training program and be empowered.







Chief Traffic Officer Maqsood Ahmad Lone said that school and college students and working professionals are suffering from traffic problems. They have to depend on others to reach their destination. This training will make it easier for them to become self-reliant. He said that the training program of the Salman Sufi Foundation is a good initiative for the women of Faisalabad. It should continue to create a better society. He advised the drivers not to drive without a license, and that they should follow the traffic rules completely. He informed the audience about the initiation of the online system of application for driver's licenses.

Chief Development Officer Salman Sufi Foundation Mohsin Salman Bhatti said that the Salman Sufi Foundation has provided bike riding training to thousands of women so far and it will continue. Miss Gul Naz, In-charge Protection Center, SHO Women Police Station Faisalabad said that the difficulty of riding a bike in Faisalabad has ended now. She advised the bikers to be vigilant towards all precautions before driving. She encouraged them to set good examples for all other girls through this training so that this trend continues. The Director of Student Affairs Dr. Asma Aziz



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delivered the vote of thanks. The ceremony ended with certificate distribution. The ceremony was attended by all coordinators, departmental heads, and students of the university. It is noteworthy that more than sixty percent of learners of this program are students and faculty members of Women University. A considerable number of female police also received this training.

A Seminar on ''Quaid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah: The Charismatic Leader''

The Department of Humanities organized a Seminar titled "Quaid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah: The Charismatic Leader" on December 14, 2023, in the Jinnah Auditorium. This seminar was a tribute to the founding father of Pakistan. Vice Chancellor GCWUF Prof Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli was the chief guest of the event and Prof. Dr. Farhat Mehmood, former Chairperson of the Department of History, at Government College University, Lahore, graced the occasion as a guest speaker. Dr. Rukhsana Baloch, Coordinator Faculty of Humanities and Languages formally welcomed the guest speaker. Worthy Vice Chancellor, in her address, stressed the audience to act upon Jinnah's maxim of "Work, Work and Work". She said that dedication, determination, and hard work are key to success. She appreciated the poster display of Jinnah by students.





The guest speaker shared his personal experience of meeting with the founding father of the nation, Quaid-i-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah and Miss Fatima Jinnah. He showed the autograph taken from Quaid-i-Azam and Miss Fatima Jinnah to the department's students. Students of various departments asked questions regarding the life of Jinnah and Miss Jinnah and the guest speaker answered them with his personal experience and insight knowledge. The event ended with a souvenir distribution ceremony and group photo.



An Awareness session on "Banking on Equality Policy"

An awareness session on "Banking on Equality Policy" was conducted by the DSA at GCWUF in collaboration with the State Bank of Pakistan under the patronage of Prof. Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli, Vice Chancellor, GCWUF. Ms. Quratulain, Deputy Chief Manager, SBP Faisalabad was the guest speaker. She shared facts, statistics, and features of the 'Banking on Equality Policy' of Islamic Banking to the audience.



Talking about the background of the policy, she talked about the World Economic Forum's (WEF) Global Gender Gap Report 2023, that ranked Pakistan at 142 position among 146 countries — with a 57.5 percent gender parity — the highest since 2006- 'Banking on Equality Policy' is a landmark by the State Bank of Pakistan (SBP), to reduce the gender gap in financial



inclusion by bringing a shift towards women-friendly business practices in the financial sector. These pillars include gender diversity, product and service design, facilitation of women customers by appointing at least one 'Women Champion' in each branch, increasing female participation in the SME, agriculture, and microfinance sectors, and constituting a high-level policy forum on gender and finance. Prof. Dr. Zill-i-Huma appreciated the efforts of the State Bank of Pakistan and said that women's institutions can play a very important role in reducing this gender equality gap. The seminar ended in a question-answer session.

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Workshop on "Research Integrity in the Age of Artificial Intelligence"

Library, GC Women University Faisalabad organized a workshop on "Research Integrity in the Age of Artificial Intelligence" for the research community of GCWUF on December 07,2023. This workshop was arranged in the supervision of Worthy Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli. Resource person was Mrs. Misbah Bashir, Librarian GCWUF.

The session aimed to deepen participants' understanding of the ethical dimensions inherent in the integration of AI technologies into research practices. It encouraged discussions and reflections on the challenges and best practices for maintaining integrity in the evolving landscape of AI-driven research. The resource person succeeded in providing a platform for meaningful discussions on the intersection of AI and research integrity. Participants left with enhanced awareness of ethical considerations and a commitment to integrating responsible practices in their AI research endeavors.







The session was attended by more than fifty participants including Coordinator Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Prof. Dr. Ayesha Sameen, Director Advanced Studies Dr Salma Shahid, and nominated faculty members from all teaching departments.

International Seminar on "Significance of Arabic Language and Culture"



Government College Women University in Faisalabad hosted a vibrant international seminar at its Arabic Department to celebrate the International Day of Arabic. The event, inaugurated by Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Zhal Hamza Nazli, served as a platform to showcase the accomplishments of the Arabic Department.



The seminar commenced with a recitation of the Holy Quran, and participants, including the Vice-Chancellor, coordinators, faculty members from the Arabic Department, professors from various departments, and students, engaged in a spirited rally to mark the significance of the International Day of Arabic. Dr. Rukhsana Baloch, Coordinator Faculty of Humanities and Languages, warmly welcomed distinguished guests. In a comprehensive address, Associate Professor Dr. Asif Raza underscored the importance of the Arabic language, delving into synonyms and the profound richness of meanings.



Dr. Atef Mohsin shed light on employment opportunities in Arabic in Egypt, presenting a positive outlook. Professor Dr. Munir Azhari discussed the compelling necessity of learning Arabic in the contemporary context.

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Expressing gratitude to the guests, Dr. Imrana Shahzadi, Head of the Arabic Department, commended their support. Female students from the Arabic Department creatively set up stalls, showcasing Arabic culture and diverse cuisines. Engaging in various activities, they presented soulful Qawwalis, beautifully emphasizing the importance of the Arabic language. The event culminated with a captivating fashion show featuring cultural dresses.



The organizational responsibilities were efficiently managed by Dr. Syeda Banu, Associate Professor. In a gesture of appreciation, Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Zhal Hamza Nazli presented souvenirs to the guests on behalf of the Arabic Department. The seminar successfully brought together academia, students, and enthusiasts to celebrate and promote the significance of the Arabic language and culture.

Free Eye Camp at GCWUF



Analytical, Health and Diagnostic Services at Health Unit, GCWUF organised an eye camp for all students and employees of the university on thursday, 14 December 2023. A team of doctors led by Dr Hassan (laser eye surgeon) with Dr Tabinda, Dr Sana and Dr Amna stayed the whole day and checked the eye related problems of students and staff. Dr Salma Shahid and Dr Naila with Staff Yasmeen organized the camp. University Health Unit remains active in arranging free camps and awareness sessions on diseases to make the GCWUF community healthy and well-aware.



Quran Khwani in Commemoration of the APS Martyrs



In commemoration of the APS martyrs, students of GCWUF under DSA held Quran Khwani in the university Masjid. In a terrorist attack in the Army Public School Peshawar, on December 16, 2014, 150 people were killed, of whom at least 134 were students. The Vice Chancellor GCWUF, in her special message stated that our thoughts and prayers are with the families, friends and loved ones of all the victims. We pray for the safety of all institutions and the people of Pakistan.

Wall of Kindness



The Faculty of Management and Administrative Sciences, in collaboration with students and faculty, has generously established a Wall of Kindness. This collective effort exemplifies SDG 1 (No Poverty), SDG 2 (Zero Hunger), and SDG 10 (Reduced Inequalities). Encouragingly, this noble cause welcomes anyone, extending an open invitation for widespread community participation in fostering kindness and addressing societal needs.



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Stellar Performances in National Championships

At the 5th National Junior and Youth Championship, Khadija Mehreen and her team claimed an impressive 5 golds and 1 silver. Meanwhile, in the 51st National Senior Athletic Championship, Khadija continued to shine with bronze and silver, while Amina Saeed and others showcased their prowess with top-five finishes. These outstanding displays highlight the promising future of our athletes.

The recent National Championships showcased incredible talent and determination, with athletes making their mark across categories.

5th National Junior and Youth Championship (Dec 4th - 6th, 2023):



Khadija Mehreen demonstrated outstanding prowess, securing gold in the Shot Put, Javelin Throw, and Discus Throw. Amina Saeed and Minahil Jabeen also claimed gold medals in the 100m Hurdle Race and Javelin Throw, respectively. The collective effort resulted in an impressive haul of 5 golds and 1 silver.





51st National Senior Athletic Championship (Dec 6th - 8th, 2023):



Khadija Mehreen continued her success, earning a bronze in Shot Put, silver in Javelin Throw, and securing the 5th position in Discus Throw. Amina Saeed placed 4th in the 400m Hurdles. Maleeha Saleem, Minahil Jabeen, and Noor-ul-Eman displayed their skills, securing the 5th position in Hammer Throw and Pole Vault respectively.





These remarkable achievements underscore the talent and dedication of our athletes across junior and senior categories, signalling a bright future for our nation in athletics.

Ph.D. Defence

Department of Chemistry, Government College Women University Faisalabad successfully conducted its First Ph.D. defence on December 14th, 2023. Ms Farah Yasmin (2014-GCWUF-0095) defended her dissertation entitled

"Theoretical and experimental studies of Hibiscus Rosa-Sinensis and Salvia Rosamarinus varieties for their biological potentials" supervised by Prof. Dr. Zilli-Huma Nazli (Supervisor), Dr. Nusrat Shafiq (Member-1) Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, GCWUF and Dr. Maryam Aslam (Member-2), Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry GCUF. External members for this public defence were Prof. Dr Shazia Anjum, Dean Faculty of Chemical and Biological Sciences from The Islamia University of Bahawalpur and Prof. Dr Farooq Anwar, University of Sargodha. Controller of Examination Ms Rizwana Tanveer Randhawa, Director Academics Dr Salma Shahid, Director ORIC Dr







Hira Muneer, Coordinator of Science and Technology Dr Saima Akram and faculty members of the Department of Chemistry, honoured the house with their presence. The M.Phil. and PhD research students also participated in the open house defence. Lastly, Prof. Dr. Shazia Anjum and Prof. Dr. Farooq Anwar congratulated Ms. Farah Yasmin, on her successful thesis defence.

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