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2nd Job Fair and Industrial Expo 2024 at GCWUF

Government College Women University Faisalabad organized a Job Fair and Expo with the aim of strengthening the academic-industry relationship. The goal is to provide students with practical training and opportunities to utilize their experiences effectively. Higher Education Commission Chairman Professor Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed participated in the online event of the second job fair of Government College Women University Faisalabad. He said that the people of Faisalabad are fortunate to have many governments and private universities in the city where industry is present for practical experience.



Professor Dr. Zulfiqar Hama Naazli said that as a women's university, we have a responsibility to provide students with education, training, and practical life skills, and to empower them to fulfill their civic duties responsibly. All these responsibilities are fulfilled by organizing this job fair so that all the students who obtain these degrees in the future do not face any difficulties and can fulfil their responsibilities in the best possible way.

Vice-Chancellor Dr. Iqrar Ahmad Khan of Agricultural University Faisalabad, Professor Dr. Muhammad Afzal, Vice Chancellor Baba Guru Nanak University, Professor Dr. Faliha Zahra Kazmi Vice Chancellor Home Economics University Lahore, Dr. Mazhar Hayat, Dr. Rana Tanveer Qasim, Dr. Nimra, Deputy Commissioner FBR, CPO Faisalabad Ali Zia, Waqas Kashif Bajwa Chief Manager SBP and others said that the debate on gender distribution should end. Women are making their mark in every field along with science and technology. The world's trillion-dollar companies are owned by women CEOs. Women have to fulfil their responsibilities as half of society. Extracurricular activities prepare students for practical life.



It is the era of artificial intelligence; we all have to light our candle. And said that we have to change our thinking, for which the role of teachers is very important. Ethics need to be worked on. Information about social intelligence is necessary to make decisions. Financial matters should also be known. Furthermore, it was said that women are God's best creation and possess the best abilities. They are related to such areas where always lead women are born.

Pictorial Glimpses of the First Technical Session of the 2nd Job Fair:

Dr Tanvir Qasim Rana, Director Coordination PHEC moderated the session. Panelists of the session included Prof. Dr. Muhammad Afzal Vice Chancellor Baba Gurunanik University, Prof. Dr. Faleeha Zahra Kazmi Vice Chancellor University of Home Economics, Prof. Dr. Mazhar Hayat Ex Chairperson Department of English GCUF, Dr. Nimra Ejaz Deputy Commissioner Income Tax, Mr. Tanvir Jabbar CEO FIEDMC, and Jahangir Ashraf SR. Reporter City 41. The session informed the students about multiple job opportunities in the field of civil services, education sector, and the Industrial sector in Pakistan.





Unveiling Opportunities in the Banking Industry



The 2nd session of the GCWUF Job Fair & Expo delved into the dynamic world of Banking featuring a panel of industry leaders who offered valuable insights and perspectives.

Representatives from various banks, including Mr. Waqas Kashif Bajwa (SBP), Mr. Moazzam Saeed (Meezan Bank), Mr. Anas (BOP), Mr. Raiz Mahmood (NBP), and others, shared their expertise on diverse career paths within the banking sector, from credit management and risk analysis to investment banking and Islamic finance.

The speakers emphasized the importance of strong analytical and communication skills, problem-solving abilities, and a commitment to ethical practices for success in the banking industry.



Moderated by Ms. Zaira Tung (Branch Manager, Bank Alfalah Islamic), the session fostered an interactive environment where students actively engaged with the panelists, asking questions about specific career paths, educational qualifications, and the evolving landscape of the banking industry. This session provided valuable insights for students interested in pursuing careers in banking, equipping them with a deeper understanding of the industry's dynamics, diverse roles, and the crucial skills and qualifications sought after by employers.

Exploring Opportunities in Law & Enforcement



The GCWUF Job Fair & Expo 2024 explored the exciting realm of Law & Enforcement during a captivating session featuring distinguished figures including Captain M. Ali Zia (CPO, FSD), Mr. Maqsood Lone (CTO, FSD), and Ms. Zainab Ayub (ASP, FSD). The panelists shared their insights and experiences from their diverse roles within law enforcement. The speakers emphasized the importance of strong analytical and problem-solving skills, integrity, critical thinking, and effective communication for success in this demanding field.

This interactive discussion session was moderated by Inspector Gulnaaz Incharge Tahaffuz Markaz Faisalabad and the session fostered an engaging environment where students actively engaged with the speakers, inquiring about educational requirements, training processes, the realities of the job, and the challenges and rewards associated with careers in law enforcement.



Closing Ceremony of the 2nd Job Fair and the Industrial Expo 2024



“The youngsters rely on the information available on internet sources without confirming its authenticity. Teachers should nurture not only the culture of research in institutions, but they should also diligently kindle a sense of responsibility and respect for basic human values and social ethics”, says Prof. Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad in the closing ceremony of the 2nd Job Fair and the Industrial Expo 2024 in the Government College Women University Faisalabad. Honourable Chairman HEC Prof. Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad graced the ceremony as Chief Guest. Commissioner Faisalabad Ms. Silwat Saeed was the guest of honor in the closing ceremony.

The ceremony showcased a video compilation of short clips of the opening ceremony and technical sessions held on day 1 of the Job Fair. In his speech, Chairman HEC emphasized promoting the research culture among students. He advised the teachers to educate students on practicing ethical values so that the education sector may produce good human beings alongside educated individuals. He declared that students are the real future of Pakistan. No matter what the national conditions are, we are all responsible for improving them as positive and contributory citizens. He congratulated Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli on arranging the successful job expo.



Commissioner Faisalabad Ms. Silwat Saeed accompanied on the stage. The commissioner praised initiatives like the expo and encouraged the participants. The worthy Vice Chancellor exchanged words of gratitude with the Chairman HEC and the Commissioner Faisalabad. At the closing ceremony of the expo, internships and limited job announcements were made for female students by the Wirsa Agricultural Farms and Green Circle. At the closing ceremony, students, HoDs of all teaching and non-teaching departments, and representatives of companies and institutions setting up stalls in the expo participated.

3rd Vice Chancellors Conference

Worthy Vice Chancellor Government College Women University Faisalabad Prof. Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli attended the 3rd Vice Chancellors Conference at Faletti's Hotel, Lahore on 5th March 2024. The theme of the conference was "Equitable, Inclusive, and Sustainable Future". Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir (T.I), Chairman of the Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) addressed the inaugural ceremony of the conference. He explained the overarching objective of the conference: to foster meaningful dialogue and collaboration among vice-chancellors and policymakers in the higher education sector to delve into strategies that can help promote equitable access, inclusivity, and sustainability within our educational institutions. He acknowledged the contribution of Pakistani minorities in the development of the country.



Vice Chancellor GCWUF explained the key initiatives of the university in achieving equitable opportunities for marginalized and minority groups in Pakistan. She particularly talked about environmental issues and special admission policy for minorities. The conference was jointly organized by the Punjab Higher Education Commission and Bargad Organization for Youth Development. Vice Chancellors of thirty universities in Punjab, technocrats, bureaucrats, scholars, IT experts, scientists, and representatives of minority groups in Pakistan attended the conference.

QEC: Self-Assessment Meeting

The Quality Enhancement Cell at GCWUF successfully hosted Self-Assessment Meetings for six departments in the university's Video Conference Room on February 27, 2024. The self-assessment reports adhered to the provided template by the Quality Assurance Agency, HEC. An External Assessment Team (AT) was invited to conduct thorough inspections and engage in comprehensive discussions, including question-answer sessions with the respective Chairpersons of the Departments and their Program Team Members. The evaluators submitted their findings and program-related recommendations to the Director of QEC.



External team members, including Prof. Dr. Muhammad Abid Rashid, Prof. Farzana Hashmi, Prof. Dr. Zahira Batool, Dr. Bashir Ahmad, Prof. Dr. Hafiz Abdul Qadeer, and Prof. Dr. Syed Jawwad Hussain, attended the meeting. Dr. Aasma Khalid, Prof. Dr. Saima Akram, Prof. Dr. Aysha Sameen, Dr. Rukshana Bloch, and Dr. Nousheen Syed, along with two Program Team Members from each department, were also present. Dr. Aasma Khalid conveyed sincere thanks to all internal and external members for their valuable feedback and the time they dedicated to the university.

YOUNG's Initiative for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

On 4th March 2024, The Quality Enhancement Cell conducted a project-based learning activity of students of YOUNG's Initiative for the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) under the umbrella of Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives. The event started at 10:00 am in Video Conference Room GCWUF. According to the theme of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), students explored problem-solving, tackling issues ranging from environmental sustainability to social inequality.



Ms. Aqsa Parveen, student of Food Science & Technology briefed the participants about SDG-02 i.e., Zero Hunger. She elaborated the reasons of droughts and the solutions to overcome the shortage of food. Ms. Rida Shahid, student of Department of English presented the SDG-05 i.e., Gender Equality. She said that there is no honor of transgenders in our community. She suggested that an awareness campaign should be started to increase gender equality in our society. Ms. Irsa Zubair, student of Chemistry department elaborated the SDG-06 i.e., Clean Water and Sanitation. She highlighted some points of wastage of water and their solutions.

Ms. Ayesha Kanwal, student of department of Physics explained the SDG-07 i.e., Affordable and Clean Energy. Ms. Umaira, student of Nutritional Sciences gave a brief presentation on SDG-12 i.e., Sustainable Cities and Communities. All the students participated actively and presented their ideas with supporting material. The Director QEC, Dr. Aasma Khalid appreciated the efforts of the students and encouraged them to work with great enthusiasm in order to make our community more sustainable.

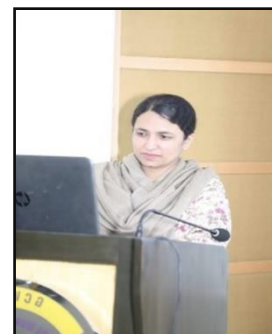


Challenges for Post-Graduate Programs in Education for Sustainable Development



The Higher Education Commission has enforced new Graduate and Undergraduate Education Policy fall 2023 in all DAIs / Universities across Pakistan. To train the faculty members of GCWUF, the Quality Enhancement Cell of GCWUF organized a Workshop entitled "Challenges for Post-Graduate Programs in Education for Sustainable Development" on March 01, 2024 i-e Friday from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm in the Video Conference Room. The Focal Person for Undergraduate Education Policy (UEP 2023) and Graduate Education Policy (GEP 2023) of GCWUF, Dr. Salma Shahid, Assistant

Professor/Director Academic Department of Biochemistry briefed all faculty member regarding the implementation of Undergraduate Education Policy (UEP 2023) and Graduate Education Policy (GEP 2023) in the university. She briefed about the new framework, requirements and structure of all undergraduate and graduate degree programs. She provided the guidelines on the indicators and parameters to redesign the curricula according to the HEC Graduate and Undergraduate Policy. The primary objective of this workshop is to spread awareness among the faculty regarding the GEP and UEP that these Policies are to promote education success, applied knowledge, balance between breadth & depth and emphasis on creativity. She also emphasized on all the departments to merge the new Undergraduate Education Policy (UEP 2023) and Graduate Education Policy (GEP 2023) in their scheme of studies.



The Q/A session was also conducted at the end the session where faculty asked very relevant questions to the focal person. The Focal Person for GEP and UEP appreciated the efforts of the Dr. Aasma Khalid, Director Quality Enhancement Cell and QEC team for putting such a valuable contribution in implementing towards HEC Policies. The workshop was concluded with the vote of thanks to everyone

GCWUF Organized a Walk and a Seminar to Celebrate International Women's Day

Trust women and make them confident to empower them”, says Silwat Saeed. Government College Women University Faisalabad organized a walk and a seminar to celebrate International Women's Day on 8th March 2024. Commissioner Faisalabad Ms. Silwat Saeed was the Chief Guest of the event. Vice Chancellor GCWUF Prof. Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli welcomed her to the campus. She led the walk and later addressed a huge audience of students and faculty of the Women University. He led the walk and later addressed a huge audience of students and faculty of the Women University. All Coordinators, Directors, Heads of teaching departments, and many students participated in the walk and the seminar.



The seminar began with a welcome note by the Director Student Affairs Dr. Asma Aziz. In her address, Ms. Silwat Saeed encouraged society to show trust in the capabilities of women, as an empowered woman can conquer the world. Women have marked their potential in every field of life. They should keep moving forward while holding their social traditions intact. Addressing the students, she said that courage and hard work never go in vain. Girls should set new standards of courage and success for others to follow them as role models.



Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli thanked Commissioner Faisalabad for her arrival. Addressing the audience, she added that women constitute more than 50% of the population in our country. They are the future of Pakistan. So, they should make their parents, country, and nation bright with hard work and steadfastness. She further said that if the rights given by Islam are fulfilled, there is no need for any other right. Advising the students, she emphasized that girls should pay back to their parents through hard work and success in their academics.



Students of the English Department presented a documentary and staged a presentation of eminent and vibrant women in various fields in Pakistan. The chief guest appreciated the documentary and the confidence of all the performers. At the end of the ceremony, Vice Chancellor and Commissioner Faisalabad distributed certificates among the students and teachers. The event was a collaborative effort of the DSA and the English Department.

Alternative Epistemes and Counter-Narratives Indigenizing Knowledge in Arts and Humanities



Ms Saira Akhter, Head of English Department GCWUF along with Ms Fauzia Amin and Ms Amani Sharif, Lecturers in the Department of English GCWUF attended two-day International Conference on "Alternative Epistemes and Counter-Narratives Indigenizing Knowledge in Arts and Humanities" at National University of Modern Languages Islamabad on 21-22 February 2024. The conference aimed to explore the diverse perspectives in inclusive academic discourse. The presenter Ms Fauzia Amin presented her paper (co-authored by Ms Saira Akhter) and emphasized the importance of indigenizing knowledge production. The

presentation was lauded for its productivity and intellectual depth, offering valuable insights into diversifying academic discourse. The conference provided invaluable intellectual enrichment, fostering professional growth and knowledge exchange within the academic community.



Nutrition Festival at GCWUF



The Department of Nutritional Sciences, GCWUF organized Nutrition Festival on 7th March 2024, at GCWUF on the theme of National Nutrition Month 2024 i.e. "Beyond the Table". It is celebrated globally in the month of March every year. The aim of the festival was to enhance the skills of the Nutrition & Dietetics students needed to convey information about nutrition to the population. The festival had four components 1. Nutrition Awareness Walk 2. Nutrition Camp 3. Cake Cutting ceremony 4. Display of Food and Nutraceutical stalls.

Worthy Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli, Coordinator, Faculty of Science & Technology, Prof. Dr. Saima Akram, Director Students Affairs, Ms. Asma Aziz, Coordinators of all Faculties, Heads of Administration and Teaching Departments, Dr. Madiha Ilyas Convener/ Incharge, Department of Nutritional Sciences, faculty members and students of different Departments participated in the festival. Nutrition Camp and Food stalls were inaugurated by the Worthy Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli along with dignitaries and nutrition awareness walk and cake cutting ceremony was held on the celebration of National Nutrition Month.



A variety of stalls were set up by the students covering topics from plant-based eating and healthy eating on a budget, to portion sizes focusing on health and wellbeing, in a bid to educate staff and fellow students. Functional Foods and Nutraceuticals were prepared for the maintenance of good health and well-being, which attracted a large number of festivity lovers. Nutrition festivals are an excellent platform to explore various healthy food products, to check their acceptability by consumers and tests for future ideas and meals for entrepreneurship. Worthy Vice Chancellor appreciated the efforts of the HOD: Dr. Madiha Ilyas, Faculty members and students of the Department of Nutritional Sciences for organizing such a wonderful event.

Exhibition: Waqt Ki Qaid Main



On the 5th of March 2024, the Department of Art and Design at GCWUF presented a captivating group show at Rene Art Space. Titled "Waqt Ki Qaid Main," the exhibition focused on the empowering narratives of resilience and strength from the perspective of five talented female faculty members: Tooba Najam, Nadia Zafer, Sadia Mehmood, Zain Manzoor, and Iqra Akram.

The show was visited by worthy Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Zille Huma Nazli, Coordinator Arts and Social Sciences Prof. Dr Ayesha Sameen, Coordinator Science and Technology Prof Dr Saima Akram, Incharge English Department Ms Saira and the whole faculty of Art and Design of GC Women University Faisalabad.



The group show was curated by Zain Manzoor. The exhibition as a whole was a celebration of women's empowerment, capturing the essence of their resilience in the face of life's challenges. The title, "Waqt Ki Qaid Main," aptly encapsulated the temporal nature of struggles and the inherent strength that emerges over time.



Through the artistic expressions, the audience was invited to contemplate the diverse challenges women face and the empowering spirit that defines their journey. The exhibition stood as a testament to the enduring strength of women and the power of art to convey profound messages of empowerment. The show is continued for three days, till 7th march 2024 till 8pm

The 8th Annual Sports Day

The 8th Annual Sports Day at GC Women University Faisalabad (GCWUF) showcased the prowess of female athletes through various sports competitions under the theme "Invest in Women: Accelerate Progress." Vice Chancellor GCWUF Prof. Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli was the Chief Guest of the festival. Prof. Dr. Ayesha Sameen, Coordinator of the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences convened this colorful and vibrant event. The event started with a welcome note by Prof. Dr. Aysha Sameen. Director Sports Miss Fehmida Ayub proudly highlighted the previous accomplishments of GCWUF athletes. In her address, the Vice Chancellor stressed the holistic advantages of sports, urging students to emulate the achievements of past champions.



The event commenced with a vibrant march past by students of all four faculties, with the Faculty of Humanities & Languages securing the top position. From exhilarating races such as the chati race, musical chair, 500m race, and tug of war, to engaging activities like the sac race and 100m race, along with mesmerizing performances of "Heer Ranjha" and a captivating Pakhtoon culture play, the day was brimming with entertainment and intense competition.

The winners were honored with prizes by Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli. The event concluded with dignitaries and focal persons receiving tokens of appreciation, signifying the end of a memorable day characterized by sportsmanship and camaraderie.



Unconventional Paths to Entrepreneurship Excellence



The "Unconventional Paths to Entrepreneurship Excellence" information desk of Zindigi Prize, sponsored by "Interloop", has been organized by the Department of Home Economics at Government College Women University Faisalabad and spearheaded by Ms. Ayesha Hussain and Campus Director Amina Tehseen Asghar. With the invaluable support of Vice Chancellor "Zill-i-Huma Nazli", the information desk of Zindigi Prize aimed to broaden perspectives on entrepreneurship by showcasing non-traditional routes to success.

Through engaging activities including panel discussions, workshops, networking sessions, and an entrepreneurship fair, participants were equipped with valuable insights and practical knowledge to explore diverse avenues for entrepreneurial endeavors. The information desk inspired attendees to embrace creativity, innovation, and resilience and facilitated networking opportunities, mentorship connections, and support systems crucial for entrepreneurial growth. With 30 teams registering from the information desk of Zindigi Prize, it was evident that the initiative had struck a chord with the entrepreneurial community, signaling a promising future for unconventional entrepreneurship at the university.



How to Improve Self Image



We are glad to share that Dr. Riffat Sadiq, Head of the Department of Applied Psychology has published a self-help booklet titled "How to Improve Self Image". The book serves two functions: it chalks out certain domains of the self-image for its readers, and it helps in maintaining balance among the physical, emotional, social, and spiritual self.



There are several books to Dr. Riffat's credit, such as "Deen-e-Islam aor Zehni-o-Jazbati Sehat" and "Helping Families of Drug Abusers".

We heartily congratulate her on this commendable achievement.

Distinction



It is a great honor to inform that Ms. Ayesha Jabeen of the 8th Semester from the Department of Art and Design has secured 1st position in the district-level competition in All PUNJAB Painting Competition 2024. The topic selected for painting was "پاکستان میں غربت". The competition was an initiative of the Information and Culture Department Punjab



Dr. Sadaf Naqvi Represents GCWUF at International Urdu Literary



Dr. Sadaf Naqvi, Head of the Urdu Department at GC Women University Faisalabad, participated as a delegate in the third International Urdu Literary Symposium, hosted by Minhaj University, Lahore. The theme of the first session was "Naat Recitations by Women Poets," where representatives from across the country took part.

