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10th Meeting of the Academic Council, GCWUF

The 10th meeting of the Academic Council, Government College Women University Faisalabad was held on July 11, 2024. The meeting was chaired by the worthy Vice Chancellor, GCWUF Prof. Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli. Ms. Sarah Hayat attended the meeting, Additional Secretary, Higher Education Department, Government of Punjab, Lahore, MS. Dur-e-Shahwar Director (Curriculum), Higher Education Commission, Islamabad, Prof. Dr. Shagufta Naz, Pro- Vice Chancellor, Lahore College for Women University Lahore, Prof. Dr. Ashfaq Mahmood Qureshi, Vice Chancellor, Govt. Sadiq College Women University Bahawalpur, Prof. Dr. Mazhar Hayat, Ex-Chairman Department of English GCUF, Prof. Dr. Saima Akram,



Coordinator, Faculty of Science & Technology, GCWUF, Prof. Dr. Aysha Sameen, Coordinator, Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, GCWUF, Mrs. Rizwana Tanveer Randhawa Controller of Examination, GCWUF, Dr. Rukhsana Bibi, Coordinator, Faculty of Humanities & Languages, GCWUF, Dr. Nausheen Syed, Coordinator, Faculty of Management & Administrative Sciences, GCWUF, Dr. Mubashara Sadia, Acting Chairperson, Department of Biochemistry, GCWUF, Dr. Ayesha Younas, Acting Chairperson, Department of Physics, GCWUF, Dr. Abida Kausar, Acting Chairperson, Department of Botany, GCWUF, Ms. Misbah Bashir, Librarian, GCWUF, Dr. Aasma Khalid, Director QEC, Dr. Salma Shahid, Director Academic, GCWUF, Dr. Hira Munir, Director ORIC, GCWUF, all HODs / Incharges of the Academic departments and Mr. Asif A. Malik, Registrar, GCWUF attended the meeting.



Worthy Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Zill-i-Huma Nazli welcomed all the members of the Academic Council. Registrar GCWUF Mr. Asif A. Malik, presented the agenda items as Secretary of the meeting. Various agenda items were finalized for onward approval by the Syndicate.

Further, truly in compliance with the directions of the Honorable Chancellor, HEC, and HED, the relevant agenda items were duly deliberated and approved including several proposed/existing seats for various (ADP/BS/B.ED(1.5 years)/B.ED (2.5 years) Degree/Programs for Fall semester 2024-25 and Spring semester 2025, adoption of Governor's Secretariate letter regarding initiation of a degree of Bachelor of Homeopathic Medical Sciences (BHMS), Approval for revised Migration Rules, Minutes of Boards of faculties, adoption of HEC Undergraduate Education Policy & Internship Policy, revised Rules and Regulations of ADP/BS/B.ED (1.5 years)/ B.ED (2.5 years) M.Phil. and PhD degree/programs, rules of Attendance Shortage, Admission Policy Criteria, expert nominations of members for Board of Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, GCWUF, Criteria & SOPs for the awards of positions/merit certificate.

The Vice Chancellor in her concluding remarks appreciated the excellent work of Registrar GCWUF and his team for the smooth conduction of the 10th meeting of the Academic Council and implacable administrative arrangements to transact the business of the august forum. The Chair also applauded the exemplary contribution of Principal officers, Directorate Academics, Coordinators, Chairperson, HODs, and all the supporting staff from the administrative offices to successfully hold the meeting. Prof. Dr. Ashfaq Mahmood Qureshi Vice Chancellor, Govt. Sadiq College Women University Bahawalpur and other external members appreciated the untiring efforts, zeal, and unwavering commitment of the Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli for leading GCWUF to its phenomenal success nationally as well as internationally. The Vice-Chancellor thanked all members of the Academic Council for their invaluable guidelines for the upliftment of the Academic & research of GCWUF.



Vice Chancellor Calls on Chancellor/Governor of Punjab, Sardar Salim Haider

The Vice Chancellor of Government College Women University, Professor Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli, recently met with the Honorable Chancellor/Governor of Punjab, Sardar Salim Haider. During the meeting, Vice Chancellor informed the Chancellor about the ongoing academic and developmental projects at the university.



These projects include the approval of new subjects, the establishment of a branch of Bank Alfalah, and major construction initiatives at the university's new campus. Prof. Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli also specifically requested the Governor of Punjab, Sardar Salim Haider, to address the longstanding issue of regularizing university employees and to approve the construction of a connecting road to the new campus. The Governor assured that these issues would be resolved on a priority basis and stated that upholding merit and improving governance in universities are among his top priorities. Chancellor/Governor of Punjab, Sardar Salim Haider, praised Prof. Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli for her successful leadership of Government College Women University over the past year.

9th Meeting of Board of Advanced Studies & Research

9th meeting of Board of Advanced Studies & Research (BASR), Government College Women University Faisalabad was held on 15 August 2023. The meeting was chaired by worthy Vice Chancellor, GCWUF Prof. Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli. The meeting was attended by Prof. Dr. Nazra Sultana, Ex-Dean, Faculty of Sciences, University of Sargodha, Prof. Dr. Aqif Anwar Ch, Head of Department, IRCBM, COMSATS University Islamabad, Prof. Dr. Saima Akram, Acting Chairperson, Department of Mathematics, GCWUF, Prof. Dr. Aysha Sameen, Coordinator, Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences/ Acting Chairperson, Department of Food Science & technology, GCWUF, Mrs. Rizwana Tanveer Randhawa Controller of Examination, GCWUF, Dr. Rukhsana Bibi, Coordinator, Faculty of Humanities & Languages, GCWUF, Dr. Nausheen Syed, Coordinator, Faculty of Management & Administrative Sciences, GCWUF, Dr. Aasma Khalid, Director QEC, Dr. Salma Shahid, Director Academic, GCWUF, Dr. Hira Munir, Director ORIC, GCWUF and Mr. Asif A. Malik, Registrar, GCWUF attended the meeting.

Worthy Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Zill-i-Huma Nazli welcomed all the members of Board of Advanced Studies & Research (BASR) and thankfully acknowledged their consistent support for the academic uplift of GCWUF. Registrar GCWUF Mr. Asif A. Malik, presented the agenda items as secretary of the meeting. Various agenda items were finalised for onwards approval by the Syndicate. These included number of proposed / existing seats for M.Phil. & Ph.D. degree programs during the Fall Semester 2023-24, Changes in Rules and Regulations M.Phil. and PhD Programs, Approval of the Supervisory Committees, Title of Synopsis and abstracts of Synopsis of Various Degree Programs, Approval of Submission of Final Thesis and conduct Public Defense of the Ph.D Students and study leave cases, Minutes of different Board of faculties, etc.

At the end, the Chair during her concluding remarks thanked the honorable members of Board of Advanced Studies & Research (BASR). All members of the House appreciated the initiatives and measures taken up by worthy Vice Chancellor to enhance the quality of academics at GCWUF and ensured all necessary support in this regard to lift GCWUF for the highest academic pursuits in Pakistan and abroad.



Meeting Regarding Women Development Centres in Public Sector Universities



The Vice Chancellor of Government College Women University, Professor Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli, and Director of Student Affairs, Dr. Asma Aziz, attended a meeting regarding the Women Development Centers (WDCs) established in public sector universities. The meeting was chaired by Ms. Samira Samad, Secretary of the Women Development Center (WDC), Lahore.



The meeting discussed the completion of ongoing women welfare projects in these centers, further improvement in these projects, and other important matters. Professor Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli said that the Government of Punjab's initiative for the betterment and development of women is highly commendable and will create significant employment opportunities for women. Furthermore, Dr. Asma Aziz has also been nominated as the focal person for the WDC of GCWUF.

QS Insights for Pakistani Universities and QSWUR Award Ceremony



Vice Chancellor of Government College Women University Faisalabad, Prof. Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli, along with the Director of the Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC), Dr. Aasma Khalid, attended an event at the University of Lahore on 10th July 2024. The event, titled "QS Insights for Pakistani Universities and QSWUR Award Ceremony," was hosted by Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) and the University of Lahore, with Chairman of the Punjab Higher Education Commission, Dr. Shahid Munir, as the guest of honor.

Dr. Shahid Munir highlighted Pakistani universities' progress in the QS and Times Higher Education rankings over the past three years. He stressed the importance of focusing on both research and education. Keynote speakers included Mr. Ashwin Fernandes, Mr. Rami Awad, and Mr. Zaeem Siddiqui from QS, who discussed trends, regional performance, and data-driven decision-making in higher education. Mr. Awad noted the excellence of Pakistani universities and the recent addition of three new indicators in the QS ranking, improving its quality.

Prof. Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli and Dr. Aasma Khalid engaged with QS representatives, highlighting GCWUF's initiatives to enhance its QS Ranking. The Vice Chancellor reaffirmed the university's commitment to continuous improvement and excellence in education.



GCWUF Vice Chancellor Participates in Closing Ceremony of the Idea Sports Program

The Vice Chancellor of Government College Women University Faisalabad (GCWUF), Prof. Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli, attended the closing ceremony of the Idea Sports Program as the Guest of Honour. The event, held with great enthusiasm on September 27, 2024, at the main campus of the University of Education, Lahore, highlighted the culmination of a transformative year-long initiative.

The ceremony was presided over by Prof. Dr. Aqif Anwar Ch., Vice Chancellor of the University of Education, Lahore. Kristin K. Hawkins, Consul General of the US Consulate Lahore, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, adding prestige to the event.



The Idea Sports Program, launched by the University of Education, Lahore, in collaboration with the US Consulate Lahore and several esteemed institutions, including Baylor University USA, the University of North Carolina Wilmington (UNCW), the University of North Carolina Pembroke (UNCP), Forman Christian College University Lahore, Kinnaird College University Lahore, and GCWUF, aimed to empower women through sports. The program provided leadership training to 28 teachers and engaged over 1,000 female students from 10 selected schools.

The initiative successfully combined education and athletics to foster leadership, confidence, and teamwork among young women, setting a benchmark for collaborative efforts in advancing gender equality through innovative programs.



GCWUF Honors Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli for 30 Years of Academic Excellence

Government College Women University Faisalabad (GCWUF) celebrated the remarkable 30-year career of its Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli, recognizing her outstanding contributions as an academician, researcher, and administrator. An accomplished alumna of the university, Dr. Nazli has been a dedicated faculty member of the Department of Chemistry, earning admiration for her expertise, commitment, and leadership.

Throughout her illustrious career, she has held key administrative roles, including Registrar, Director of Academics, Coordinator of Science and Technology, and Director of Advanced Studies. Her journey has inspired her, and the university paid tribute to her relentless efforts and achievements with a heartfelt ceremony. Faculty members from the Department of Chemistry presented her with flowers and marked the occasion by cutting a celebratory cake. The entire university community extended their best wishes to Dr. Nazli, lauding her invaluable contributions to academia and administration. They expressed hope that her unwavering passion and dedication would continue to serve as a beacon for future generations.



MOU between GCWUF and GSCWUB

Government College Women University, Faisalabad and Government Sadiq College Women University, Bahawalpur, inked a memorandum of Understanding today. Both the universities agreed to extend mutual collaboration in educational, teaching, and research domains. The MoU signing ceremony was held on 11 July 2024 in the Committee Room of GCWUF. Vice Chancellors of both the universities signed the MoU on behalf of their universities. Registrar GCWUF Mr. Asif A. Malik, Controller of Examinations, Ms. Rizwana Tanveer Randhawa, Treasurer Dr. Nosheen Sayed, Coordinator Professor Dr. Saima Akram, Coordinator Professor Dr. Ayesha Sameen, Coordinator Dr. Rukhsana Baloch, and heads of all academic departments attended the ceremony. Both Vice-Chancellors agreed on exchanging research and teaching expertise, promoting faculty exchange programs, and enhancing mutual cooperation in improving the research infrastructure. Professor Dr. Ashfaq Mahmood Qureshi, VC GSCWU highlighted the significance of this collaboration in advancing the capabilities of female students in Southern Punjab. Professor Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli expressed gratitude to the honorable guest Vice Chancellor on behalf of GCWUF.



Training on Key Performance Indicators for Enhanced Institutional Effectiveness

Vice Chancellor Government College Women University Prof. Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli attended the International Poultry Expo (IPEX) 2024, as Guest of Honour of the event. The event took place on September 26-28 at the Pakistan Expo Center in Lahore. The event was attended by 100,000 including foreign delegates and entrepreneurs from North America, Europe, China, Asia, and the Gulf Region. As Guest of Honour, Prof. Dr. Nazli emphasized the significance of collaboration between academia and the poultry industry to foster innovation and improve practices. Her participation was a source of encouragement and momentum for the poultry sector. The expo proved to be an educational and inspiring event for farmers, veterinarians, and members of the general public interested in the future of the poultry sector in Pakistan.



GCWUF Enhances Student Transportation with Addition of Two New Buses

In a significant move to alleviate transportation challenges faced by its students, Government College Women University Faisalabad has acquired two new buses on 13 July 2024. These buses are set to provide modern and comfortable travel facilities for the students, making their educational commute more convenient.

At a special ceremony today, Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Zilli-Huma Nazli handed over the keys of the buses to Transport Officer Hafiz Kaleemullah Shakir. Worthy Vice Chancellor remarked that the addition of these buses will substantially reduce the travel issues of the students, especially those commuting from remote areas. She emphasized that the new routes will be designed to cater to the needs of these students.

Equipped with modern amenities, these buses will commence operations on various routes after the summer break, ensuring that students receive the best travel facilities. To mark the occasion, a cake was cut in the presence of university faculty and staff. The event was attended by all principal officers, coordinators, heads of the teaching and non-teaching departments, and the staff of the Motorpool office.

The new transportation initiative not only promises to enhance the convenience and safety of the students' daily commute but also reflects the university's commitment to improving the overall student experience.



Inauguration of Mycotoxin Research Lab



Professor Dr. Zill-I-Huma Nazli, Vice Chancellor GCWUF, inaugurated the new Mycotoxin Research Laboratory on 13 September 2024 in the Department of Chemistry. This cutting-edge facility will soon be equipped with the latest technology to advance research in the detection and analysis of mycotoxins, which are toxic compounds produced by certain types of fungi. On this occasion, the Worthy Vice Chancellor stated, "This new facility will not only bolster our research efforts but also provide our students with invaluable hands-on experience in a critical area of study."

The inauguration ceremony was attended by esteemed coordinators, the Director ORIC, the Director Academics, the Director PnD, and faculty members from the Department of Chemistry. Faculty members expressed their excitement about the potential breakthroughs this lab could bring. The new lab aims to enhance the department's research capabilities and contribute significantly to the field of food safety and public health.



GCWUF Reopens Renovated Hostel to Accommodate 700 Students



The hostel building of Government College Women University, which had been temporarily closed for more than a year due to extensive renovations, has officially been inaugurated. The university's Engineering Cell completed the renovation work, and the hostel is now ready to accommodate students. In a formal ceremony on 13 September 2024, the esteemed Vice Chancellor, Professor Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli, cut the ribbon and offered prayers for the students' and the institution's safety and well-being.

During her address, Worthy Vice Chancellor highlighted that the hostel can house 700 female students, providing an excellent living facility, particularly for those coming from distant areas. She expressed that this initiative will enhance the academic environment and ensures a safe and comfortable living space for the students. Dr. Nazli extended her gratitude to the Engineering Cell for completing the project within the given timeframe. The event was attended by key officials, including the Coordinators, Registrar, Controller of Examinations, Chief Engineer, Director of Student Affairs, and the Chairman of the Hall Council, who were present alongside the Vice Chancellor.



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Faculty Development Program in Summer 2024



Faculty development programs are pivotal for enhancing the professional skills, personal growth, and academic proficiency of educators. In pursuit of this objective, the Department of Sociology at Government College Women University Faisalabad (GCWUF), under the umbrella of the Directorate of Faculty Development, organized a comprehensive two-phased workshop series titled "Faculty Development in Summer 2024." The workshops aimed to provide faculty members with insights into contemporary academic and life skills while promoting their holistic well-being. The sessions covered diverse themes, ranging from parenting strategies and personality development to yoga practices and self-care.

Phase I: Interactive Sessions (June 10–14, 2024)

Day 1: Parenting in Pakistani Society

The workshop commenced on June 10, 2024, with the recitation of the Holy Quran and Naat-i-Rasool Maqbool. Prof. Dr. Aysha Sameen, Coordinator of Arts and Social Sciences, delivered a welcome address, followed by an introduction of the guest speaker by Dr. Sajida Parveen, Incharge, Department of Sociology. Dr. Muhammad Luqman Khan, Associate Professor and Head of Psychology at Riphah International University, facilitated an interactive session on "Parenting in Pakistani Society." He elaborated on traditional versus modern parenting practices and offered practical solutions to parenting challenges. The session encouraged faculty to share their experiences, making the interaction dynamic and enriching.



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Day 2: Yoga Practice in Daily Life

On June 11, 2024, Mr. Naeem Yogi, Founder and President of the National Yoga Foundation, conducted a session on yoga's role in maintaining mental and physical health. Participants actively engaged in practicing yoga postures demonstrated by the speaker. Mr. Yogi also addressed the negative impact of stress and anxiety and shared yoga techniques to mitigate these issues. The session highlighted the interconnectedness of mental and physical well-being.



Day 3: Personality Assessment and Goal Setting

On June 12, 2024, Muhammad Abrar Wahad, an HRD Consultant and Career Counselor, conducted a session focusing on personality assessment and goal setting in professional and personal life. Faculty members participated in personality assessment tests and explored SMART goal-setting techniques to improve their personal and professional effectiveness.



Day 4: Nutritional Choices for Mental and Physical Health

Dr. Binish Sarwar Khan, a consultant dietitian and community nutritionist, was the speaker for June 13, 2024. Her lecture on balanced nutrition emphasized its impact on mental and physical health. The session included a discussion on dietary choices for common health challenges. Faculty members enthusiastically sought guidance on adopting a healthier lifestyle.



Day 5: Self-Care and Grooming for Working Women

The first phase concluded on June 14, 2024, with a session by Ms. Samia Khan Niazi, a beautician and trainer. She discussed topics like color selection in dressing, skincare routines, haircare tips, and the importance of body language. Participants actively engaged in discussions, seeking practical advice on self-care.



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Phase II: Advanced Learning Modules (July 8–12, 2024)

Day 1: Child Health and Nutrition

The second phase began on July 8, 2024, with a lecture by Dr. Binish Sarwar Khan on “Child Health.” The session covered child BMI, diet diversity, sleep patterns, and their behavioral impacts. Participants received practical advice on promoting healthier lifestyles for children and appreciated the interactive format.



Day 2: Yoga for Mental and Physical Balance

On July 9, 2024, Mr. Naeem Yogi revisited the theme of yoga, expanding on its role in maintaining hormonal balance, sleep regulation, and brain function. Participants practiced stress-relief yoga poses, which fostered a deeper understanding of yoga's holistic benefits.



Day 3: Advanced Parenting Strategies

Dr. Muhammad Luqman Khan conducted a follow-up session on July 10, 2024, focusing on issues like children's stubbornness, communication in parenting, and co-parenting strategies. Faculty members shared their parenting dilemmas, and Dr. Khan provided actionable solutions, making the session highly engaging and practical.



Day 4: SMART Goals and Action Plans

The workshop concluded on July 12, 2024, with an insightful session by Mr. Abrar Wahad. He emphasized the importance of SMART goals and provided an actionable framework to achieve them. Participants expressed their appreciation for the practical relevance of the session.



The “Faculty Development in Summer 2024” workshop series proved to be an enriching experience, fostering participants' personal and professional growth. The sessions empowered faculty members with practical knowledge and strategies by addressing diverse themes such as mental health, parenting, nutrition, and goal setting. The interactive approach of the guest speakers ensured active participation and meaningful learning. Faculty members commended the Department of Sociology and Directorate of Faculty Development for organizing this impactful initiative. Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli appreciated the highly productive workshop by the two departments.



Unleash Your Potential: One-Day Training Workshop

The Department of Nutritional Sciences, GCWUF in collaboration with the Directorate of Faculty Development organized a one-day training workshop on Unleash Your Potential: "Professional Grooming and Dressing Etiquettes for Faculty in Academia" on 28th August 2024 in the video conference room. The training workshop had two sessions. The first session was for teaching faculty and the second session was for non-teaching staff of the University. The resource person of the event was Mr. Hamid Saeed, an Image and Wardrobe Consultant from New York, USA. He brings decades of international expertise and local experience to deliver a tailored program for faculty members in Pakistan. He is also a resource Person for the Faculty Development Program of the Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) on professional dressing for faculty. The main objective of this event was to empower faculty members to project a professional image and confidence through appropriate dress etiquette, enhancing their academic and personal presence.



Mr. Hamid Saeed described that, the dressing etiquette is an essential aspect of professional development, enhancing credibility, and building confidence as it contributes to the development of a positive and professional image. Faculty serves as a role model for the students, and their appearance can enhance the overall learning environment. Further, he highlighted that dressing appropriately for academic settings, whether in the classroom or at formal academic events, reflects respect for the institution and the audience. He illustrated the non-verbal communication of clothing, understanding dress code, building a professional wardrobe, dressing for body type, personal style, and cultural sensitivities. He further added that grooming also plays a crucial role in conveying self-discipline and confidence, further supporting effective communication and engagement in academic settings.



Moreover, by applying the principles and tips shared in the program, teaching and non-teaching faculty will be empowered to make informed choices about their dressing style, ultimately contributing to their academic and personal success. An interactive question/answer session was also conducted to clarify the queries. At the end of the session, Dr. Madiha Ilyas, HOD, Nutritional Sciences, concluded the session with the vote of thanks by expressing her gratitude to the resource person for sharing his valuable insights among participants of the workshop. Afterwards, she presented a souvenir to the honourable speaker as a token of remembrance. The session ended with a group photo accompanied by the Worthy Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli, HODs and faculty members of the various Departments.

Awareness Seminar on Nutrition, Breast Feeding, and Child Health

The Department of Food Science and Technology organized a one-day sensitization session with the Quality Enhancement Cell under SDG-3 (Good Health and Well-being) in collaboration with the SUN Secretariat, Planning & Development Board, Government of Punjab, and UNICEF on Wednesday, 31st July 2024, in the video conference room. Faculty members from various departments were also nominated to attend the session.

The session aimed to raise awareness among students and faculty members about nutrition, the importance of breastfeeding, and early childhood development, along with activities that can be organized as part of Global Breastfeeding Week. The program began with the recitation of the Holy Quran, followed by a welcome address from Prof. Dr. Aysha Sameen, Chairperson of the Department of Food Science and Technology.

The guest speaker was Mr. Ateeq Ur Rahman, Program Coordinator of the SUN Unit at the Planning & Development Board, Government of Punjab. He presented statistics on the nutritional status and issues related to malnutrition and breastfeeding, highlighting that 80% of women in Pakistan are Vitamin D deficient and 50% suffer from iron deficiency anemia. These deficiencies contribute to stunted growth and micronutrient deficiencies in newborn infants.

Mr. Rahman also discussed various global, national, and provincial initiatives to promote and protect breastfeeding, emphasizing that exclusive breastfeeding can result in 14 times fewer deaths during the first six months of a child's life. Breastfeeding also protects children from various diseases after birth. The session concluded with remarks from Prof. Dr. Saima Akram.



Training on Microsoft PowerPoint: Enhancing Presentation Skills under SDG-9 Initiatives



The Department of Information Technology arranged a training session on "Microsoft PowerPoint" as part of its community service initiatives aligned with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 9: "Industry, Innovation, and Infrastructure." The event was organized in collaboration with the Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC) under the directions of the Ministry of Planning, Development, and Special Initiatives (MoPDSI) on September 30, 2024, in the IT Lab, BS Block.

The training aimed to impart knowledge about Microsoft PowerPoint's powerful features, helping students create impactful presentations. Key topics included dynamic slide transitions, data visualization, and techniques to enhance storytelling skills and captivate audiences. Students from various departments, including Arabic, Islamic Studies, Urdu, and IT, actively participated in the session.

At the conclusion of the training, Prof. Dr. Saima Akram, Coordinator of Science and Technology and Chairperson of the Department of Mathematics, GCWUF, commended the Department of Information Technology for organizing such a valuable and skill-enhancing activity.

HANDS-ON TRAINING ON "USE OF BIOINFORMATICS IN LIFE SCIENCE"

The Directorate of Faculty Development organized a two-day hands-on training on "Use of Bioinformatics in Life Science" on 31 July 2024. The resource person for the training was Dr. Ghulam Mustafa from GCUF. During the training, Dr. Ghulam Mustafa provided instruction on various software applications used in Bioinformatics, such as Discovery Studio, PyRx, and MOE, and also shared the software with the faculty members and students. The training was attended by faculty members and students from different departments.



Training on “Innovative Pedagogical Tools and Artificial Intelligence in Higher Education”

In collaboration with the Directorate of Faculty Development, The Department of Food Science and Technology, GCWUF organized a Day Training session on “Innovative Pedagogical Tools and Artificial Intelligence in Higher Education” on Monday, August 19th in the video conference room. Prof. Dr. Aysha Sameen, Chairperson of the Department of Food Science and Technology, inaugurated the session with her welcome address. Resource Person, Prof. Dr. Aamir Shehzad (PhD, HDR Food Science, and Agro-Industry UniLaSalle, International Campus Rouen, Normandy University, France) spotlighted the innovative pedagogies as a powerful tool to learn and prepare the lectures in audio and videos for improving the teaching outcomes. He explained that pedagogical tools are mandatory to deliver lectures and allow individuals to communicate and understand a problem generated from theory, practical activities, Flip classes, and tutorials. Furthermore, his focus on the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) in higher education has risen quickly with the development of new AI tools for instructors and learners owing to their customized prompt feedback and evaluation besides predicting their academic success. Moreover, he introduced the latest software for educators and students including Woo clap, Moodle, ICTs, AI, GPT, Copilot, Winston, Quill bot, Speechify, NOLEJ, and Fliki for project-based learning with continuous control.



Lastly, Prof. Dr. Saima Akram, chairperson department of mathematics concluded the event by expressing her gratitude to the focal person for sharing his expertise and knowledge among attendees and emphasizing the implementation of the latest pedagogical tools and innovative strategies in classrooms. Afterward, she presented a souvenir to the honorable speaker as a token of remembrance. Overall, a highly informative training was going to end followed by a question-and-answer session to clarify the queries of faculty members.

Workshop on 'Lesson Framework and Teaching Strategies'

The Department of Humanities under the umbrella of Directorate of Faculty Development Program has organized a Workshop on 'Lesson Framework and Teaching Strategies' on August 8, 2024. Mr. Sheraz Ali was the Guest Speaker in the workshop. Mr. Sheraz has been serving at the University of Manchester and also holds the position of Director of Learning, Modern Foreign Languages at Eden Girls Leadership Academy in Manchester. He also collaborates with the National Institute of Teaching, provides resources and leading training sessions for Modern Foreign Languages.



He is the Author of the book 'Urdu Reading and Writing' that is part of the Urdu course at the University of Manchester. Besides other awards recently he has been honoured with an award for his exceptional performance in Urdu teaching.

During the Workshop at GCWUF, Mr. Sheraz interacted with faculty members and guided them about various teaching techniques to make their classroom engagement more effective. He also provided an insightful knowledge and material to faculty members to make their lesson plan more engaging with students. Faculty members also asked multiple questions to get information on the subject.

Dr. Unsa Jamshed, In-Charge Department of Humanities welcomed the guest at the start of the workshop while Dr. Rukhsana Baloch, Coordinator Faculty of Humanities and Languages gives concluding remarks.

At the end of the workshop Prof. Dr. Zilli Huma Nazli, Vice Chancellor GCWUF, presented souvenir to the guest speaker and she said faculty development training is essential to cope up with the contemporary challenges of teachings. She also emphasized to adopt new teaching strategies and methodologies to make the learning process more fruitful.



"Empowering Academic Excellence: Workshop on Open Access Publishing Strategies at GCWUF"

The GC Women University Faisalabad Library demonstrated its commitment to supporting scholarly communication by organizing a workshop titled "Navigating Open Access: Publishing Strategies for Minimizing Rejection with Taylor & Francis F1000" on Friday, August 30, 2024, at the Video Conference Room. Conducted by Misbah Bashir, Librarian at GCWUF, the session attracted a diverse audience of academics, researchers, and Ph.D. students, eager to explore the dynamic field of open access publishing. The workshop covered key topics, including understanding open access, leveraging Taylor & Francis F1000, developing successful publishing strategies, and minimizing rejection. By equipping participants with essential insights and practical tools, the event marked a significant step in enhancing publishing outcomes, reaffirming the library's dedication to empowering the academic community through innovative training and resources.



Seminar on "Innovative Teaching Methodologies and Outcome-Based Learning"

On 30th July 2024, The Directorate of Faculty Development organized a seminar, "Innovative Teaching Methodologies and Outcome-Based Learning". Dr. Syeda Samina Tahira from the University of Agriculture, Faisalabad was the guest speaker. She discussed how innovative teaching methodologies and outcome-based learning play crucial roles in modern education, each addressing different aspects of the learning process to enhance educational effectiveness and relevance. The training was attended by faculty members from all departments.



GCWUF and IEEE Host International Seminar on Data Security and Modern Computing

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Knowledge-Sharing Activities by The Directorate of Faculty Development

The Directorate of Faculty Development organized a knowledge-sharing activity on "The Use of Artificial Intelligence in Higher Education" on 25th July 2024. The session was led by Dr. Aminah Qayyum from the Department of Education at GCWUF who discussed various AI websites that can be used for academic pursuits. Faculty members from all departments attended the training well. Dr. Qayyum had previously attended a workshop by PHEC before conducting this knowledge-sharing activity.



A two-day interactive session for Academic Heads was conducted by the Directorate of Faculty Development on 30th and 31st July 2024. The session covered topics related to office management and various modes of official communication. The HoDs actively participated in the session. Mr. Muhammad Ayub was the resource person of the seminar. He is a former registrar of GCUF and a HEC Foreign trained master trainer.



The Directorate of Faculty Development recently organized a knowledge-sharing session talk on "COFs: Advanced Materials for Drug Delivery and Electrochemical Sensing" on 29 July 2024 in the Video Conference Room of GCWUF. During the session, Dr. Farhat Jabeen talked about "COFs: Advanced Materials for Drug Delivery and Electrochemical Sensing." This presentation, highlighted the innovative use of Covalent Organic Frameworks (COFs) in drug delivery and electrochemical sensing, emphasizing their potential to revolutionize these areas. Dr. Farhat's presentation was well-received and contributed significantly to the collective understanding of advanced materials in renewable energy and their broader applications.

GCWUF Faculty Advances Skills in Generative AI at PHEC Training Session

To enhance manifold the professional efficiency and academic advancement of the teaching faculty of Govt College Women University Faisalabad, twelve faculty members were nominated by the worthy Vice Chancellor GCWUF Prof Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli to participate in a two-day training session titled “Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence in Higher Education” from 28th August 2024 to 29th August 2024 at UVAS organized by Punjab Higher Education Commission of Pakistan. The rigorous training opened vistas of the latest knowledge, technology, and innovations for the participants and informed them about challenges in the field.

Prof Dr. Saima Akram (Mathematics), Prof Dr. Ayesha Sameen (Food Science & Technology), Dr. Abida Kausar (Botany), Dr. Nausheen Syed (Management Science), Dr. Gul Sana (Mathematics), Dr. Maryam Aslam (Chemistry), Dr. Saira Akhter (English), Dr. Saiqa Sadiq (Public Administration), Ms. Shaida Parveen (Management Science), Dr. Sadaf Naqvi (Urdu), Ms. Fehmida Ayub (Health & Physical Education) and Ms. Khadija Kanwal (Statistics) learned to integrate AI into classrooms, to make lessons more engaging & interactive and to use AI for research etc.



GCWUF Faculty Participate in Pakistan's Largest Entrepreneurial Expo 2024

Prof. Dr. Aysha Sameen, Convener of the S Industrial Linkages Committee, and Dr. Aisha Imtiaz, Incharge of the Business Incubation Center at GCWUF, attended Pakistan's largest entrepreneurial expo held on August 24, 2024, at Expo Center Lahore.

During the event, they met Chairman HEC Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed to discuss entrepreneurial initiatives and strategies for fostering innovation in universities. The Chairman commended their ideas and assured support for their future endeavors.

Punjab Education Minister Rana Sikandar Hayat also emphasized the significance of entrepreneurship in academia and promised collaboration to enhance entrepreneurial skills.

The expo showcased innovative projects by university students.

Prof. Dr. Aysha Sameen and Dr. Aisha Imtiaz explored the displays, offering valuable feedback. They also met Turkish Consul General Durmuş Bastug, who expressed interest in visiting GCWUF and promoting entrepreneurship in universities.

The event was attended by prominent leaders, including Vice Chancellors from Bahauddin Zakariya University and the University of Sargodha, who pledged collaborative efforts to advance entrepreneurial culture in academia.



Basic and Beyond: SEM using Smart PLS in Social Science Research

Dr. Riffat Sadiq and Ms. Saira Khan, Assistant Professors from the Department of Applied Psychology at Government College Women University Faisalabad (GCWUF), participated in a two-day workshop titled "Basic and Beyond: SEM using Smart PLS in Social Science Research" on August 15-16, 2024, at Government College University Faisalabad. Conducted by Dr. Faran Ali from Bahria University Islamabad, the workshop provided in-depth training on utilizing Smart PLS and AMOS software for first and second-order Structural Equation Modeling (SEM) in psychological research. Participants also explored advanced statistical techniques such as mediation, moderation, and serial and parallel mediation, equipping them with essential tools for sophisticated data analysis in social sciences.



Certificate Distribution Ceremony of a Hands-on Training Program on “The Practices and Procedures of Recordings in a Mini-Studio”

The Media Cell of Government College Women University (GCWU) successfully organized a Certificate Distribution Ceremony to mark the completion of a specialized hands-on training program on “The Practices and Procedures of Recordings in a Mini-Studio” held from 1st July 2024 to 31st July 2024 and 15 August 2024 to 15 September 2024 at GCWUF for the students of Media and Communication Studies, as well as the interns of the Media Cell. The training focused on developing an understanding of media ethics, technical aspects of video editing, control room dynamics, and tips and techniques of documentary making. The event was presided over by Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli, with Senior Producer of Radio Pakistan, Mr. Imran Hassan, and Bureau Chief of Pakistan Television News, Hafiz Muhammad Ali Abid, as guests of honor.

In her address, Vice Chancellor Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli emphasized the importance of practical training to enhance students' capabilities and enable them to perform effectively professionally. She highlighted that GCWU students excel in various fields, and such hands-on training programs will further polish their skills.

Dr. Amara Javed, Add'l Director of Press Media and Publication GCWUF thanked the Vice Chancellor for her support in organising the course and appreciated course trainer, Mr. Mudassir Majeed, for his dedication as a trainer. Videos produced by the students during the training were showcased, receiving high praise from the Vice Chancellor for their creativity and effort.

The ceremony was also attended by Prof. Dr. Saima Akram, Coordinator of Science and Technology, Dr. Rukhsana Bibi, Coordinator of Humanities and Languages, and Dr. Sadaf Naqvi, Head of the Urdu Department.

This event marked a significant milestone for the students, providing them with valuable exposure to the practical world of media and communication.



PhD Public Defence by Department of Chemistry



The Department of Chemistry at Government College Women University Faisalabad successfully conducted its third PhD defense on July 29th, 2024. Worthy Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli welcomed the guests. Ms. Kalsoom Sarwar (2017-GCWUF-0007) defended her dissertation, "Impact of ZnO or CuO Nanoparticles and Biochar on Growth and Biosorption Potential of Leafy Vegetables." Her research was supervised by Prof. Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli (Supervisor-I), Dr. Hassan Munir (Supervisor-II, Associate Professor, Agronomy, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad), Dr. Maryam Aslam (Member-I, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, GCWUF), and Dr. Nusrat Shafiq (Member-II, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, GCWUF).



External examiners for this public defense were Prof. Dr. Muhammad Zuber, Controller of Examination, Riphah University Faisalabad, and Prof. Dr. Islam Ullah Khan, Vice Chancellor, Mianwali University. The event was also attended by Deputy Controller of Examination Mr. Ehsan Lodhi, Coordinator Science and Technology Prof. Dr. Saima Akram, Director Academics Dr. Salma Shahid, Director ORIC Dr. Hira Munir, and faculty members of the Department of Chemistry. MPhil and PhD research students participated in the open house defense.

Finally, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Zuber, Prof. Dr. Islam Ullah Khan, Prof. Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli, and Prof. Dr. Saima Akram congratulated Dr. Kalsoom Sarwar on her successful defense.



GCWUF Faculty Achieves Academic Milestones

Government College Women University Faisalabad (GCWUF) is proud to announce the successful completion of PhD degrees by three of its esteemed faculty members.

·Ms. Saira Akhter, Incharge of the Department of English

Ms. Saira Akhter, Incharge of the English Department has successfully defended her PhD thesis titled "Socio-Cultural Representation and Politics of Exclusion: A Comparative Cultural Critique of Human Rights in Egyptian and Pakistani Fiction." Prof. Dr. Mazhar Hayat, ex-chairman of the Department of English at GCUF supervised her research. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ayub Jajja and Prof. Dr. Ahsan Bashir were the examiners of her public defense. We heartily congratulate Dr. Saira Akhter on this remarkable achievement.



·Ms. Amara Javed, Additional Director of Press Media and Publication

Ms. Amara Javed, Additional Director of Press Media and Publication and Assistant Professor of English has also achieved a significant milestone by defending her PhD thesis titled "Cultural Transrelation: A Comparative Critique of Transcultural Contact Zone in Native American and Diasporic Pakistani Fiction." Her research was guided by Prof. Dr. Ghulam Murtaza. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ayub Jajja and Prof. Dr. Sheeraz were the examiners of the public defense. We heartily congratulate Dr. Amara Javed on this remarkable achievement.



·Ms. Tuba Najam, Incharge of the Department of Art and Design

Ms. Tuba Najam, Incharge of the Department of Art and Design has successfully defended her PhD research on "Stylization; a Key Source of Expression in Pakistani Paintings." Dr. Samina Nasim supervised her research. Dr. Rafya Tahir and Dr. Muhammad Hameed were the evaluators of the research. Dr. Masooma Abbas, Head of Visual Arts LCWU also attended the defence.



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•Dr. Saddaf Naqvi, Incharge of the Department of Urdu



Government College Women University Faisalabad (GCWUF) extends heartfelt congratulations to Dr. Sadaf Naqvi, Head of the Urdu Department, on successfully completing her postdoctoral research at the International Islamic University, Islamabad.

Dr. Sadaf Naqvi's research focused on the comparative study of mystical elements in the poetry of Yunus Emre and Baba Farid, titled "Sufi Elements in the Poetry of Yunus Emre and Baba Farid: A Comparative Study in the Context of the Poetic Tradition of Mysticism in Asian Languages."

Her research was supervised by Dr. Kamran Abbas Kazmi, while the external examiner was Prof. Dr. Khalil Toqar, Head of the Urdu Department at Istanbul University and Country Director of the Yunus Emre Institute in Turkey (Pakistan).

GCWUF takes pride in Dr. Naqvi's remarkable academic achievement, which reflects her dedication to advancing research in Urdu literature and comparative studies.

The university extends its heartfelt congratulations to these accomplished faculty members on their remarkable achievements. Their dedication to academic excellence and research has brought honor to GCWUF and the field of education.

Protest Rally on Youm E Istehsal-e-Kashmir

The Department of Political Science and International Relations with the collaboration of the Directorate of Student Affairs arranged a walk to show solidarity with Kashmiris observing Youm E Istehsal-e-Kashmir on 5th August 2024.

On August 5, 2019, the Indian government stripped the Muslim-majority territory of its special status by repealing Article 370 of the constitution, splitting the former state into two territories directly ruled by New Delhi.



The move allowed people from the rest of India to acquire property in India-occupied Kashmir (IoK) and settle there permanently. Kashmiris, as well as critics of India's Hindu nationalist-led government, saw the move as an attempt to dilute the demographics of Muslim-majority Kashmir with Hindu settlers.

Worthy Vice Chancellor GCWUF Prof. Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli led the walk. Coordinator Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Prof. Dr. Ayesha Sameen, Coordinator of Science and Technology Prof. Dr. Saima Akram, Coordinator of Humanities and Languages Dr. Rukhsana Baloch, Director Students Affairs Dr. Asma Aziz, Controller of Examinations Mrs. Rizwana Tanveer Randhawa, Registrar Mr. Asif A. Malik, Incharge Department of Political Science and IR Dr. Tayba Anwar, Incharge Department of Sociology Dr. Sajida, Incharge Department of English Dr. Saira, and Incharge Department of Public Administration Dr. Saiqa, among other Chairpersons and Faculty members, joined the rally.



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Celebrations on the 77th Independence Day of Pakistan



The Department of Arabic at Government College Women University Faisalabad (GCWUF) organized a Quran Khwani on 13 August 2024 to commemorate the sacrifices of Pakistan's martyrs and pray for the stability and prosperity of the nation.

The event was graced by the presence of Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli, Dr. Rukhsana Baloch, Coordinator, Dr. Imrana Shehzadi, In-charge of the Department of Arabic, Dr. Saeeda Bano, along with heads of various departments, faculty members, and students from MPhil and BS Arabic programs.

In her concluding remarks, worthy Vice Chancellor led a heartfelt prayer, seeking stability for Pakistan and blessings for the progress and well-being of the university's employees, faculty, and students.

Government College Women University Faisalabad (GCWUF) celebrated the 77th Independence Day with great zeal and enthusiasm on 14 August 2024. The Vice-Chancellor, Professor Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli, attended the event as the Chief Guest, while former MNA Mian Abdul Manan and MPA Uzma Raja participated as Guests of Honor. The event was hosted by the Directorate of Student Affairs, GCWUF.

The event commenced with the flag-hoisting ceremony led by the Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli. Mian Abdul Manan, Uzma Raja, Registrar Mr. Asif A Malik, Controller Examinations Ms. Rizwana Tanveer Randhawa, all coordinators, directors, heads of teaching and non-teaching departments, and a great number of faculty members participated in the ceremony.

A special prayer was offered for the safety and protection of the nation. The University Guard Squad presented a salute to the national flag, followed by an impressive march-past. The ceremony was further highlighted by an Independence Day walk. In their special messages, the Vice-Chancellor and the Guests of Honor reflected on the significance and value of freedom, drawing attention to the current situation in Palestine. They emphasized that Pakistan's independence was achieved through the sacrifices of our ancestors, and we must cherish and protect it.



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Milli Nagma Competition

To celebrate the 77th independence day of Pakistan, the Department of Humanities organized a Mili Nagma Competition on August 12, 2024, in the Video Conference Room. The competition had two segments; one was for students and the other for faculty members. Students and faculty members enthusiastically participated in the competition. The competition started with the National Anthem of Pakistan followed by the recitation of the Holy Quran. Among the faculty members Dr. Amara Javed, Assistant Professor, Department of English secured 1st position, Mis Qaria Aziz from Public Administration stood 2nd while Dr. Bushra Naz, Department of Education got 3rd position. Among students, Mehwish Suhail, Department of English, got 1st position, Sadia Tufail, Department of Computational Physics 2nd, and Amna Javaid from the Department of English 3rd position.

Prof. Dr. Zilli Huma Nazli, Vice Chancellor GCWUF and the Chief Guest of the event appreciated all participants and distributed certificates among the winners and organizers of the competition.

Dr. Unsa Jamshed, In-Charge Department of Humanities thanks all the participants for their active participation in making the event successful. She also extended her gratitude to Dr. Shahzia Adnan, In-Charge Department of Islamic Studies, and Dr. Saira Akhtar, In-Charge the Department of English for their serving as Judges for the competition.



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Bilingual Speech Competition Showcasing National Pride

To celebrate the 77th Independence Day of Pakistan, a bilingual speech competition was organised by Departments of Urdu and English on August 13, 2024 at video conference room. A number of students from various departments participated enthusiastically. Dr Rukhsana Bibi, Coordinator Faculty of Arts & Social Sciences, highlighted the significance of the event. In Urdu speech competition, Amna Zahid (Urdu Department) scored 1st position, Saba Pervaiz & Mariam Ramzan (Urdu Department) achieved 2nd position, and Tooba Sarwar (Urdu Department) won third position. In English Speech competition, Amna Javaid (English Department) scored 1st position, Rida Shahid (English Department) got 2nd position, and Rija Ali (English Department) secured 3rd position. Dr. Sadaf Naqvi Incharge Urdu Department and Dr Saira Akhter Incharge English Department extended their gratitude to judges for Urdu speeches Ms Bazgah Qandeel and Dr. Bushra Illum Din from Urdu department and judges for English speeches Dr. Amara Javed and Ms Aqdas Khanam. Prof. Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli, Vice Chancellor Govt. College Women University Faisalabad, the Chief Guest of the event, appreciated all the participants, gave her valuable remarks and distributed the certificates among the winners, judges & organisers of the event. The event was hosted by Ms. Mariyum Siddiq from English department.



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Qur'an Recitation and Naat Competition in Celebration of Independence Day



The Department of Islamic Studies at Government College Women University, Faisalabad, organized a Qur'an Recitation and Naat Competition on August 13, 2024, to commemorate Pakistan's Independence Day. The event was held in the university's video conference.

Dr. Rukhsana Bibi, Faculty of Humanities and Languages Coordinator, warmly welcomed all esteemed guests. A total of 20 students from various academic departments participated in the competition. The judging panel consisted of Dr. Imrana Shahzadi (Incharge, Department of Arabic), Ms. Zujajah (Department of Islamic Studies), and Ms. Durkhshan Kanwal (Department of Zoology). Ms. Saima Anwar from the Department of Islamic Studies hosted the event.

The competition was divided into two segments: Qur'an Recitation and Naat. The participants captivated the audience with their melodious and heartfelt recitations, enhancing the spiritual ambiance of the event.

In the Qur'an Recitation segment, Tayyaba Batool (MPhil Botany) secured first position, followed by Hafiza Saman (MPhil Islamic Studies) in second place, and Hafiza Alisha (BS Islamic Studies) in third place. In the Naat competition, Sana Rehmat (BS Chemistry) claimed first place, Tayyaba Batool (MPhil Botany) took second place, and Amna Javed (BS English) secured third place. The position holders received certificates from worthy Vice Chancellor GCWUF Prof. Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli.

Dr. Shazia Adnan, Incharge of the Department of Islamic Studies, expressed her gratitude to all the guests and participants in her closing remarks. She explained that the competition aimed to celebrate Independence Day through positive activity and to instill a spirit of love for Pakistan and Islam among the students.

GCWUF Celebrates 77th Independence Day with an Inspiring Poster Competition

To mark the 77th Independence Day of Pakistan, an interdepartmental poster competition was organized on August 14, 2024, at Government College Women University Faisalabad (GCWUF). The event, held in the gallery of the Department of Art and Design, aimed to foster creativity, patriotism, and national pride among participants. The display was inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Zilli Huma Nazli, accompanied by esteemed guests, including ex-MNA Mr. Manan, MNA Ms. [Name], Coordinator Arts and Social Sciences Prof. Dr. Ayesha Sameen, Coordinator Management Sciences Dr. Nausheen, Coordinator Science and Technology Prof. Dr. Saima Akram, and Coordinator Humanities Dr. Rukhsana Baloch. The dignitaries evaluated the posters, appreciating the participants' efforts and selecting the best designs that captured the essence of Pakistan's spirit and values.

Students from various departments, including Art and Design, Education, Economics, and Business Administration, actively participated in the competition, making it a resounding success. The themes explored by the participants included Pakistan's Struggle for Independence, National Heroes, Cultural Heritage, Progress and Development, and Patriotism.

The posters were critically judged on creativity, originality, relevance to the theme, visual appeal, and technical craftsmanship. The winners were:

- 1st Place: Fatima Anwar (Department of Art and Design)
- 2nd Place: Umme Abeeha (Department of Art and Design)
- 3rd Place: Hafsa and Asma (Department of Economics)

The competition showcased the remarkable talent and creativity of GCWUF students, leaving a lasting impression of patriotism and pride on this significant national occasion.



In-Campus Plantation Activity by Botany Department



As per vision of the Chief Minister of Punjab for a Green Punjab, the Department of Botany GC Women University Faisalabad celebrated the 77th Independence Day of Pakistan as Plantation Day and arranged an in-campus plantation activity and walk. The Guest of Honour, former MNA Mian Abdul Manan and MPA Uzma Raja initiated the activity by planting Amaltas and Croton plants respectively. The Chief Guest, Vice Chancellor GCWUF Prof. Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli, also took part in this noble activity by planting a Croton plant and prayed for the stability and prosperity of Pakistan as well as for the success of this noble cause.

Mr. Asif A Malik (Registrar), Mrs. Rizwana Tanveer Randhawa (Controller of Examination), Dr. Saima Akram (Coordinator Faculty of Science and Technology), Dr. Ayesha Sameen (Coordinator Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences), Dr. Nousheen Syed (Coordinator Faculty of Management and Administrative Sciences), Dr. Rukhsana Baloch (Coordinator Faculty of Humanities and Languages), Dr. Abida Kausar (Acting Chairperson, Department of Botany) and heads of various teaching departments also graced the event with positive participation.



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Azadi Cup Table Tennis Competition

The Department of Health and Physical Education organized an exhilarating Azadi Cup Table Tennis Competition in celebration of Independence Day. The event was honored by the esteemed presence of our Vice Chancellor, Professor Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli, who served as the chief guest. Professor Dr. Aysha Sameen, Coordinator of Arts and Social Sciences, along with Ms. Sumeira Rajab, Incharge of the Department of Health and Physical Education, warmly welcomed the Vice Chancellor and other distinguished guests.

The program commenced with the recitation of the Holy Quran, setting a reverent tone for the day. The Vice Chancellor then inaugurated the competition with an inspiring opening ceremony. The table tennis match featured a thrilling face-off between the Green Team and the White Team, with the Green Team emerging triumphant and claiming first place. The Vice Chancellor commended both teams for their outstanding sportsmanship and teamwork, praising their enthusiasm and dedication to the sport. The event concluded with a cake-cutting ceremony, followed by a memorable group photo with the Vice Chancellor, faculty members, and students to commemorate the Azadi Cup on this significant day.



GCWUF Commemorates Pakistan Defence Day with Patriotic Zeal

The Directorate of Students Affairs and the Media Cell at Government College Women University Faisalabad (GCWUF) organized a ceremony on September 6, 2024, to honor Pakistan Defence Day. The event was graced by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Zill-i-Hum Nazli, as the chief guest. In her address, Dr. Nazli highlighted the significance of September 6 in Pakistan's history, paying homage to the martyrs who sacrificed their lives to safeguard the nation's freedom and sovereignty during the 1965 war. She emphasized the role of educators in fostering patriotism and preparing the younger generation to contribute to the country's defense and progress, urging them to instill a deep understanding of history and culture in students.

Director of Students Affairs, Dr. Asma Aziz, provided an Islamic perspective on national defense, underlining Islam's principles of peace and the responsibility to safeguard one's country. The ceremony featured a range of activities, including speeches, national songs, and a documentary honoring the Pakistan Armed Forces. A special prayer for the nation's safety and prosperity was also offered. The event was hosted by Dr. Amara Javed, Add'l Director, Press, Media, and Publications, with enthusiastic participation from faculty, coordinators, in-charges, and students.



First Alumni Meet-Up at GCWUF

Government College Women University Faisalabad (GCWUF) organized the 1st Annual Alumni Reunion under the gracious patronage of the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli, on September 6, 2024. The event was a resounding success, bringing together distinguished alumni from various generations.

The Convener of the Alumni Management Committee, Prof. Dr. Aysha Sameen, warmly welcomed the attendees to an evening of reminiscing, networking, celebration, and reconnecting with old friends and faculty members. The reunion was graciously hosted by Prof. Shahida Rai, Former Principal of Government College for Women, Samanabad, Faisalabad.

Dr. Sadaf Naqvi, Head of the Department of Urdu, GCWUF, engaged the alumni with various activities and games, adding vibrancy to the evening with her witty remarks.

Prof. Dr. Aysha Sameen also presented the objectives of the Alumni Association, outlining its plans to contribute to the growth and development of the institution. In her address, the esteemed Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli, highlighted the crucial role of alumni in supporting their alma mater and inspired attendees with her own accomplishments. She further praised the efforts of the Alumni Committee, including Prof. Dr. Aysha Sameen, Prof. Rashida Zafar, Prof. Farzana Hashmi, Prof. Shahida Rai, Prof. Yaldez Shah, Mr. Tariq Shahzad, Dr. Sadaf Naqvi, Ms. Saher Hussain, and Dr. Saira Akhter, for successfully organizing the reunion.

The overwhelmingly positive feedback from attendees, coupled with the high level of participation, underscored the event's success.



GCWUF Organizes Naat Competition in Celebration of Shan-e-Rahmat-ul-lil-Alameen Week

The Department of Islamic Studies, in collaboration with the Directorate of Students Affairs, Government College Women University Faisalabad (GCWUF), organized a Maqabla-e-Husn-e-Naat on September 16, 2024, as part of the Shan-e-Rahmat-ul-lil-Alameen Week celebrations. The event took place in the university's Video Conference Room under the esteemed patronage of Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli.

Dr. Rukhsana Bibi, Coordinator Faculty of Humanities and Languages, welcomed the distinguished guests. A total of 18 students from various university departments participated in the competition, presenting heartfelt Naat recitations in their unique styles, enriching the spiritual atmosphere of the gathering.

The judging panel included Ms. Qurat-ul-Ain from the Department of Psychology and Dr. Ghazala Bashir from the Department of Islamic Studies. The event was skillfully hosted by Ms. Saima Anwar of the Department of Islamic Studies.

According to the unanimous decision of the judges, the top positions were awarded to:

- 1st Position: Saba Firdous (Department of Physical Education)
- 2nd Position: Iman Fatima (Department of Nutritional Sciences)
- 3rd Position: Tayyaba Batool (Department of Botany)

Certificates were distributed among the winners to recognize their outstanding performances. The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Dr. Shazia, In-charge of the Department of Islamic Studies, who expressed gratitude to the guests and participants for making the event a success.



Islamic Calligraphy Exhibition Celebrates Art and Spirituality at GCWUF

In celebration of Eid Milad-un-Nabi, the Department of Art and Design organized an Islamic Calligraphy Painting Exhibition on September 20, 2024, at the Departmental Gallery. The event was inaugurated by Ms. Rashida Zafar, former Coordinator and Dean of Arts and Social Sciences, in the presence of Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli. Other notable attendees included Coordinator of Arts and Social Sciences Prof. Dr. Ayesha Sameen, Director Media Cell Ms. Amara Javed, and Incharge of Art and Design Ms. Tuba Najam, along with faculty members Ms. Zain Manzoor, Ms. Omaira, Ms. Nimra, Ms. Rabia, Ms. Kaneez, and Ms. Fizza.

Faculty from various colleges and students from university departments also attended the exhibition, enhancing its significance. The exhibition showcased an impressive collection of Islamic calligraphy paintings by talented students, reflecting the rich cultural and religious heritage of this ancient art form. The intricately designed pieces captivated the audience with their beauty and precision, highlighting the creative talents of the students.

Visitors explored the historical and cultural aspects of Islamic art, making the exhibition both educational and inspiring. It emphasized the importance of preserving and promoting Islamic art in contemporary times.

The event drew a large audience and received widespread appreciation, celebrating the artistic expression of faith while fostering a sense of community. It also reinforced the Department of Art and Design's commitment to nurturing artistic talent and preserving the heritage of Islamic art through learning and public engagement.



Annual Mehfil-e-Milaad Mustafa (PBUH)



In connection with the celebration of Eid Milad-un-Nabi (peace be upon him), a gathering of Milad-e-Mustafa (peace be upon him) was held at Government College Women University, Faisalabad by the Directorate of Student Affairs. The event was presided over by the Vice Chancellor GCWUF Prof. Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli. A large number of ex faculty and staff members, university alumni, Coordinators of all faculties, heads of all teaching departments, faculty members, and students in great number attended the gathering. The students presented Naat and drood-o-salaam to the Holy Prophet Muhammad PBUH.

Vice-Chancellor Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli said that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) declared the acquisition of education as an equal duty for men and women so that they can participate equally in the development of society. She said that the life of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) is a beacon for people from all walks of life.

At the end of the event, a prayer was also offered for the development of the country and the nation.



“Bridging the Gap: Associate Degrees, Lateral Entry, and Exit Routes in Higher Education”: A Training Session on the Undergraduate Education Policy 2023

The Directorate of Quality Enhancement Cell, GCWUF successfully arranged one-day Training Session on Undergraduate Education Policy-2023 with the title “Bridging the Gap: Associate Degrees, Lateral Entry, and Exit Routes in Higher Education” in the Video Conference room on Friday, 27 September 2024. Dr. Salma Shahid Assistant Professor/Director Academic Department of Biochemistry GCWUF briefed on this training to all HoDs regarding the implementation of Undergraduate Education Policy (UEP 2023) in the university. The object of this training was to impart knowledge to redesign the curricula according to Undergraduate Education Policy 2023.



The structure of Associate Degrees and lateral entry in BS/equivalent programme discussed in detail in order to implement as per the new enforced HEC Policy. She also briefed the policy item related to Exit from four-year degree programmes in the form of Associate Degree under certain circumstances. The participants understood the new framework, requirements and structure of all undergraduate degree programs. The Undergraduate Education Policy (UEP 2023) had been framed according to the National Education Policy. Dr. Salma Shahid shared the primary objective of Undergraduate Education Policy to promote education success, applied knowledge, balance between breadth and depth. She discussed the General education requirements of new UEP comprise of Art and Humanities, Natural Science, Social Science, Expository Writing, Quantitative Reasoning and entrepreneurship and community engagements. She also emphasized that all departments would implement and merge the new Undergraduate Education Policy (UEP 2023) in their scheme of studies in true letter and spirit. She ended with the advice that all department should study the National Qualification framework and start ADP programs after taking all necessary measures. At the end of this training Dr. Aasma Khalid Director QEC thanked to Dr. Salma Shahid for her briefed and impactful shared knowledge.



Promoting Health and Nutrition: GCWUF's Awareness Camp at The Educators School

The Department of Nutritional Sciences at Government College Women University Faisalabad (GCWUF), in collaboration with QEC and under the guidance of the Ministry of Planning, Development, and Special Initiatives, organized a Nutrition Awareness Camp at The Educators School (Al-Hadi Campus), Faisalabad, on September 27, 2024. The event, aligned with SDG-3: "Good Health and Well-being," aimed to promote nutrition awareness and healthy eating habits among the community, engaging approximately 400 participants, including students, parents, and teaching faculty.

The camp featured three segments: Nutritional Assessment, Nutrition Counseling, and Awareness Lectures. Faculty members began with an introductory session on healthy eating, followed by assessments of students' height, weight, clinical signs, and dietary patterns to identify growth trends and nutritional deficiencies. Participants completed food frequency questionnaires, and personalized dietary guidelines were provided, emphasizing fresh and nutritious meals over processed foods. Mothers were encouraged to prepare healthier meals, while students were motivated to increase their intake of fruits, vegetables, and dairy.

Awareness lectures covered topics like balanced diets, child nutrition, and managing micronutrient deficiencies. A short quiz and interactive Q&A session engaged participants, and gifts, healthy notes, and informative brochures were distributed. The session concluded with the Head of The Educators School praising the Department of Nutritional Sciences for their efforts in promoting health awareness and education.



GCWUF's Green Initiatives: Successful Plantation Drives Foster Environmental Sustainability

Government College Women University Faisalabad (GCWUF) conducted three successful plantation drives from August to September 2024, championing environmental sustainability under the visionary leadership of Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Zilli-Huma Nazli. These drives, organized by the Department of Botany in collaboration with the Estate Department, aligned with the Chief Minister of Punjab's vision for ecological conservation and greener communities.

The concluding drive in this series took place on September 26, 2024, at GCWUF's new campus, where faculty members from various departments actively participated by personally contributing plants. Their engagement not only beautified the new campus but also underscored the university's commitment to environmental awareness and sustainability.

The plantation drives aimed to expand green spaces, promote ecological conservation, and contribute to a healthier campus environment. GCWUF's future plans include organizing similar activities regularly to ensure the growth and maintenance of these green areas.

By spearheading these initiatives, GCWUF not only strengthens its environmental commitment but also sets an example for other educational institutions, emphasizing the importance of conservation, sustainability, and the collective responsibility to protect the planet.



Fostering Moral Development: A Two-Day Community Service Initiative

The Department of Education, in alignment with SDG 4: Quality Education successfully organized a 2-day community service initiative in elementary schools, in collaboration with QEC, focusing on moral development and character building. The initiative, held from 25 to 26 Sep 2024, aimed to foster empathy, kindness, improve self-awareness, self-discipline, develop ethical, moral values, promotes positive values and character traits among Islamic Science Foundation school students.



The outcome was overwhelmingly positive, with students demonstrating enhanced moral values and empathy. The initiative also had a positive impact on school culture and community. The Department of Education expresses gratitude to the participating schools, teachers, and volunteers for their dedication and support. In the end focal person Dr. Aminah Qayyum recommended for future initiatives include sustaining momentum through regular workshops and integrating moral development into school curricula. Next steps include evaluating the long-term impact and expanding the initiative to other schools.

Empowering Women and Promoting Gender Equality: A Collaborative Initiative

On September 28, 2024, students from the Department of English, GCWUF, in collaboration with the Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC), organized impactful community outreach activities to promote Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) #5: Gender Equality.

The first activity was an Interactive Awareness Session at Punjab Grammar School, engaging grade 7 students. The session covered various topics, including the Sustainable Development Goals, gender equality, violence against women, and inheritance rights. The enthusiastic participation of students and their insightful questions reflected the session's success in raising awareness.

In another initiative aligned with SDG#5, SDG#1 (No Poverty), and SDG#2 (Zero Hunger), the students conducted a charity drive for Dar-ul-Aman, a local women's shelter. They personally delivered charity goods, provided lunch for approximately 50 women, and spent quality time interacting with them. The students also highlighted women's equal rights and societal responsibilities, aiming to empower these underprivileged women.

Both activities showcased the students' commitment to fostering a more equitable society and advancing gender equality while addressing poverty and hunger. These initiatives, directed under the Young's Initiative for Sustainable Development Goals by QEC, GCWUF, left a lasting impact on the community and reinforced the importance of collective action for sustainable development.



Promoting Clean Water and Sanitation: Awareness Activities for SDG 06

On September 26, 2024, the Department of Chemistry, GCWUF, under the leadership of Dr. Rehana Naseer and in collaboration with the Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC), conducted a series of community service activities to advance SDG 06: Clean Water and Sanitation.

The first activity was an awareness session at American Lyceum School, Canal Road Campus, Faisalabad. Student Ambassadors Irsa Zubair and Manahil Farhat delivered presentations on the significance of water conservation, personal hygiene, rainwater harvesting, and disease prevention through cleanliness. The session engaged students from grades 1 to 9 in two segments, each concluding with an interactive Q&A round. The participants enthusiastically embraced the initiative, demonstrating a keen understanding of water conservation and hygiene practices.

The second activity introduced the SINOW Kit, a tool for detecting microbes in contaminated water, emphasizing water quality monitoring. Kits were distributed to the school and nearby water filtration plants to promote safe drinking water practices and community involvement.

These initiatives effectively raised awareness about water conservation, hygiene, and the importance of clean water, marking significant progress in advancing SDG 06 within the community.



GCWUF Youth Ambassadors Drive SDG Awareness and Community Empowerment

Students from various teaching departments at Government College Women University Faisalabad (GCWUF), acting as Youth Ambassadors for the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), organized impactful activities and community services to foster environmental awareness and empower local communities for a sustainable future

- Department of Biochemistry: Climate Action Campaign (SDG-13): In collaboration with the Ministry of Planning, Development & Special Initiatives (MoPDSI) and the Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC), the Biochemistry Department spearheaded a multifaceted campaign under SDG-13: Climate Action. Key components included:
 - Awareness Sessions: Engaging presentations on climate change, renewable energy, water conservation, and eco-friendly practices.
 - Distribution Drives: Cloth bags to reduce plastic pollution and seeds to encourage tree plantation.
 - Community Engagement: Students, led by Dr. Sumera Shaheen and Youth Ambassadors like Miss Noor ul Huda, conducted activities in public and private institutions to inspire sustainable practices.
 - The campaign emphasized collective responsibility and showcased government initiatives such as Pakistan's Climate Change Act, motivating participants to become climate ambassadors and adopt sustainable lifestyles.



- Youth Ambassadors' Door-to-Door Campaign: From August 26-28, 2024, Youth Ambassadors Ms. Ayesha Mazhar and Ms. Hina Afzal led door-to-door campaigns in Satyana Road and Madina Town residential blocks. Objectives included raising awareness about:
 - Energy conservation
 - Water economy
 - Local ecosystem preservation
 - Decomposition timelines of waste materials
- Department of Zoology: School Awareness Activities: In September 2024, under the MoPDSI and QEC initiative, the Zoology Department conducted awareness activities in five schools across Faisalabad. The focus was on educating schoolchildren about sustainable practices and their role in environmental conservation.
- Department of Botany: Community Service Initiatives: The Botany Department launched community-centered activities addressing SDG-13 (Climate Action) and SDG-15 (Life on Land). Highlights included:
 - Educational Campaigns: Raising awareness in local communities about the detrimental effects of environmental negligence.
 - Plantation Drives: A successful plantation initiative at Community Model School Tehsil in Minchinabad, Bahawalnagar, showcasing the transformative potential of community-driven environmental efforts.
- These initiatives fostered environmental stewardship, encouraging individuals to adopt sustainable lifestyles and contribute to combating climate change. Through collective efforts, GCWUF Youth Ambassadors highlighted the power of education, awareness, and community action in creating a resilient and sustainable future for Pakistan.



Community Services by Students of the Department of Sociology

Students of the Department of Sociology joined the Eliya Care Foundation for 15 days. They have closely observed the working of the foundation and also participated in those activities. They have presented their conclusions. Across the group of 15 students, significant progress has been observed thanks to the personalized care provided by the 5-member team at Eliya. Each student presented unique challenges, ranging from severe motor skill delays to emotional and behavioral struggles.

Through a combination of tailored physiotherapy sessions, educational support, and behavior management strategies, these children have been able to overcome major developmental barriers. Many of them are now walking with support, speaking more clearly, and engaging in day-to-day tasks that previously seemed out of reach. Emotional regulation has improved across the board, with students showing better control over frustration and a greater willingness to engage with caregivers and peers.

The efforts of the team have not only transformed these children's abilities but have also offered hope to their families, as the children continue to work toward a future where they can live more independently.



Achievement in Sports and Co-Curricular Activities

GCWUF Represents Pakistan in 6th Indoor Asian Women Athletics Championship in Thailand

We are absolutely delighted to announce that two of our talented athletes, Ms. Amna and Ms. Khadija from the Department of Physical Education, have been selected to represent Government College Women University Faisalabad (GCWUF) at the prestigious 6th Indoor Asian Women Athletics Championship 2024 in Thailand.

This remarkable achievement is a moment of immense pride for the entire GCWUF family. It signifies the dedication and talent nurtured within our institution, and its ability to shine internationally.

Our heartfelt congratulations go to the Worthy Vice Chancellor for her unwavering support. May the success of our players inspire countless others to pursue excellence within and beyond GCWUF!



Ms. Taiba Batool's 3rd position in All Pakistan Inter universities Naat Competition

We are excited to share that our brilliant Qaaria and Naat Khuwaan Ms. Taiba Batool, a student of M. Phil Botany, 4th semester, has secured 3rd position in All Pakistan Inter universities Naat Competition held in Green International University Lahore on 27 September 2024. She received a certificate of appreciation and a cash prize of PKR 15000/- for her excellent skill of Naat khwaani in the competition.

GCWUF congratulates Ms. Taiba Batool and the Naat & Qiraat Society under the DSA on this success.



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