### Report of YOUNG's Initiative for Sustainable Development Goals



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#### Smog reduction tree plantation:

Tree planting is necessary to save Pakistan from the troubles of climate change and global warming, for which every citizen must play its role. Under the kind patronage of Prof. Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli, Vice Chancellor GCWUF, Department of Botany in collaboration with Green Youth Movement and Quality Enhancement Cell GCWUF, organized an in-campus plantation drive "Plant for Pakistan", on Thursday March 21, 2024, to commemorate International Forest Day.

Mr. Maqsood Ahmmad Lone CTO Faisalabad initiated the activity by planting Rubber plant in front of administration block GCWUF. Mr. Javed Shah, Deputy Director Horticulture Madina Town PHA, Mr. Asif A. Malik, Registrar, GCWUF, Prof. Dr. Saima Akram, Coordinator Faculty of Science and Technology, Prof. Dr. Aysha Sameen, Coordinator Faculty of Aarts and Social Sciences, Dr. Abida Kausar, Acting Chairperson Department of Botany, Dr. Mubshara Saadia, Acting Chairperson Department of Biochemistry, faculty members and students of Botany Department participated in this activity and planted Snake plant, Peace lily, English ivy, Golden potuor, Dracaena, and Lady palm at various points.

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#### Awareness Seminar on smog reduction and environmental sustainability:

To counter the growing environmental problems stemming from climate change, professionals have been working to find out the ways to counter this situation by various techniques and strategies. In this regard under the kind patronage of Worthy Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Zill-I-Huma Nazli, Department of Botany in collaboration with Department of Chemistry, Green Youth Movement and Quality Enhancement Cell GCWUF, organized a one-day seminar entitled "Smog Reduction and Environmental Sustainability", on Thursday March 28, 2024, in Jinnah Auditorium.

The program formally started with recitation of Holy Quran and Naat-e-Rasool-e-Maqbool (PBUH). The welcome address was delivered by Chief Organizer, Acting Chairperson, Department of Botany, Dr. Abida Kausar, who also gave an overview of the seminar. She acknowledged the support of Worthy Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Zill-I-Huma Nazli, for always being so kind and cooperative in arranging such activities.

Dr. Ghulam Mustafa, Associate Professor CABB, University of Agriculture Faisalabad gave a thoughtful lecture on Mitigating environmental challenges through scientific interventions. He systematically clarified the process of global warming and climate change by describing the various natural and anthropogenic causes of these phenomena. He explained the direct and indirect effects of climate change on plants by focusing on major environmental factors i.e. temperature, CO2 concentration, rainfall and wind. He also added that climatic changes can be mitigated by scientific interventions including development of GMOs for bioremediation and wastewater management, transgenic plants to survive harsh climate, nanostructures for environmental cleanup.

Dr. Adnan Khan Niazi, Assistant Professor CABB, University of Agriculture Faisalabad gave the second talk of the day. He comprehensively explained the history of smog, its type, reasons of smog formation, its effects and areas of life with an impact on smog formation. He emphasized on London smog with respect to Pakistan's scenario and discussed the features of plants best suited to reduce air pollution and cope with the burning issue of smog. He concluded with the statement PLANT MORE BUT PLANT WISELY.

Dr. M. Ibrahim, Professor, Department of Environmental Sciences, GCUF gave the third and last talk of the event. He enlightened the audience with importance of clean and clear air and how it is getting polluted day by day and become the world's fourth-largest risk factor for early death. Dr. M. Ibrahim explained that bad air quality is not only affecting our physical health conditions by penetrating in soft tissues of body but also causing mental health issues including hypertension and anxiety. He shared an interesting fact that domestic activities contribute towards bad air quality than industrial or other sources. His suggestion was that the only solution for this problem is a change of lifestyle like sustainable use of resources, use of public transport, recycling and reuse.

Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Zill-I-Huma Nazli, GC Women University Faisalabad extended her heartfelt gratitude to all the speakers and Department of Botany for putting together such a knowledgeable seminar. Prof. Dr. Saima Akram (Coordinator CST), Dr. Asma Aziz (Director Student Affairs) and Ms Rizwana Tanveer Randhawa (Controller of Examinations) also grace the event. The event ended by presenting souvenirs to distinguished speakers.



Awareness Walk on smog reduction and environmental sustainability:

Under the direction of Punjab Higher Education Commission and subsequently by competent authority the Department of Botany, GCWUF, in collaboration with Green Youth Movement and Quality Enhancement Cell GCWUF arranged a walk entitled "**Adopt a Tree Initiative**" on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

The walk was started with great enthusiasm and positivity in the premises of GCWUF with the kind permission of the Vice Chancellor GCWUF **Prof. Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli.**, **Dr. Ghulam Mustafa**, Associate Professor CABB, University of Agriculture Faisalabad, **Dr. Adnan Khan Niazi**, Assistant Professor CABB, University of Agriculture Faisalabad, **Dr. M. Ibrahim**, Professor, Department of Environmental Sciences, GCUF, **Prof. Dr. Saima Akram**, Coordinator Faculty of Science and Technology, **Dr. Asma Aziz** (Director Student Affairs) and **Ms. Rizwana Tanveer Randhawa** (Controller of Examinations), **Dr. Abida Kausar**, Acting Chairperson

Department of Botany, Incharges of various Departments, faculty members and students actively participated in the walk.



#### Sustainable Development Goal: The pathway to the future we want:

According to the directions of the Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives, the Quality Enhancement Cell has engaged the students of different departments for the project entitled "YOUNGs Initiative for Sustainable Development Goals". In the continuation of this project, the department of Commerce has arranged one day seminar entitled "Sustainable Development Goal: The pathway to the future we want" on April 16, 2024 with the collaboration of Quality Enhancement Cell. The Seminar was started at 11:00 am in the Video Conference Room of GCWUF. The session was started with the recitation of Holy Quran and Naate-Rasool Maqbool. Mr. Azeem Christopher, Development Practitioner and Social Entrepreneur joined the session as guest speaker. He started the session with the brief introduction of MDGs and SDGs. He described some key points that why these SDGs has been formed. In his presentation, he highlighted the importance of each SDG in our life. He said that the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) serve as a universal call to action to end poverty, protect the planet, and ensure prosperity for all. They provide a roadmap for sustainable development, fostering collaboration among nations, organizations, and individuals to address pressing global challenges and create a more equitable and sustainable world for present and future generations.

He motivated the students to actively engage themselves in the agenda of UN 2030 by explaining the role of youth in promoting the Sustainable Development Goals.

Further, he formed 7 groups of students and an exercise was given to them. In this exercise, they were given an SDG and they found the causes and effects of their assigned SDG and suggested the solutions and actions required to overcome the challenges of Sustainable Development Goals. Students showed their great interest in this activity.

The session was ended with the vote of thanks by Dr. Aisha Imtiaz, In Charge department of Commerce. She encouraged the efforts of guest speaker for his valuable session.



#### Seminar on Unlock Your Potential and Prioritize your mental health:

The Department of Applied Psychology at Government College Women University Faisalabad engaged students in the "YOUNGs Initiative for Sustainable Development Goals," specifically focusing on SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being. This initiative, directed by the Ministry of Planning, Development, and Special Initiatives, in collaboration with the Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC) at GCWUF, underscores a commitment to fostering mental wellness among students. On April 24, 2024, a one-day seminar themed "Unlock Your Potential, Prioritize Your Mental

Health" took place in Room 23 of GCWUF's Fatima Block, commencing at 12:00 pm.Led by a dedicated student Farwa Batool form 6th Smester along with her team members working on SDG 3, in partnership with the QEC and spearheaded by Dr. Saira Khan from the Department of Applied Psychology, the seminar aimed to raise awareness about mental well-being. Additionally, Dr. Riffat Sadiq and Sobia Aftab from the QEC contributed as guest speakers, augmenting the discourse on mental wellness. Farwa Batool delivered a comprehensive briefing on the SDGs, highlighting the pivotal role of mental health in our lives. She also explains stress-reduction strategies, empowering students to understand and manage their mental health effectively. Dr. Saira khan facilitated a relaxation therapy session, fostering a conducive environment for mental well-being and how mental health is important for our lives. Dr.Riffat Sadiq, the Head of the Department, inspired students to actively engage with the UN 2030 agenda, elucidating how youth can champion the Sustainable Development Goals. Following the presentations, students actively participated in exercises designed to deepen their understanding of the historical context, significance, and multifaceted nature of the SDGs. This collaborative effort underscores the commitment of GCWUF towards nurturing holistic development among its students, with a particular emphasis on mental wellness and sustainable development.

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#### Seminar on Importance of Quality Education:

Department of Education GCWUF organized a one-day Seminar on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) under the direction of the Ministry of Planning and Development and a special initiative by the Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC) on Monday, 29th April 2024. The seminar aimed to raise awareness and discuss the importance of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in achieving a sustainable future for an effective Education system in Pakistan. The seminar started with a welcome and introductory note by Dr. Aminah Qayyum, focal person for SDGs in the Department of Education. The Guest Speaker Dr. Shafqat Rasool from GCUF, Department of Education highlighted the significance, targets, and progress made so far related to quality education. He talked about the best practices and challenges faced by the Primary Education System of Pakistan. His talk was followed by a panel discussion on challenges, opportunities, and potential solutions for achieving SDG's. HOD Dr. Salma Shahid, head of the Department of Education shared her perspective on establishing a working group to explore potential collaborations and projects aligned with SDGs.

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#### Clean and Affordable Energy: Challenges and Solutions:

Department of Physics, GCWUF has organized one day International Seminar on "Clean and Affordable Energy: Challenges and Solutions" at April 29, 2024 in Jinnah Auditorium to exhibit Sustainable development goal SGD-7 (Affordable and Clean energy) under the directions of the Ministry of planning & Development and Quality Enhancement Cell GCWUF. The seminar on "Clean and Affordable Energy" convened to address the pressing need for transitioning towards sustainable energy sources while ensuring affordability and accessibility. The seminar aimed to explore the latest advancements, challenges, and future prospects related to Clean and Affordable Energy in solar cell technology.

The seminar commenced with a keynote speech by international speaker Dr Babar Hussain (Xanadu Quantum Technologies, USA). He provided a comprehensive overview of recent advancements in the field of ZnO/Silicon solar cell. He presented that combining zinc oxide (ZnO) and silicon (Si) in solar cell design provides exciting opportunities to improve efficiency, reduce costs, and enhance device performance.

Another focal point of the seminar was photovoltaic technologies, with a particular emphasis on solar cells and their efficiency enhancement strategies. 2<sup>nd</sup> International speaker Dr Sikandar Aftab (Sejong University, South Korea) gave comprehensive talk on the functional nanoelectronics and photovoltaic technologies. A significant portion of the talk was dedicated to exploring the integration of nanoelectronics and photovoltaic technologies for various applications.

Our 1<sup>st</sup> national speaker Dr Hafeez Anwar (University of Agriculture, Faisalabad) delivered a keynote lecture on Dye-Sensitized Solar Cells. He presented that DSSCs provided valuable insights into a rapidly evolving field of solar energy research. By elucidating the working principles, fabrication techniques, advancements, and challenges associated with DSSCs, the talk contributed to a deeper understanding of this promising photovoltaic technology and its potential applications in diverse domains.

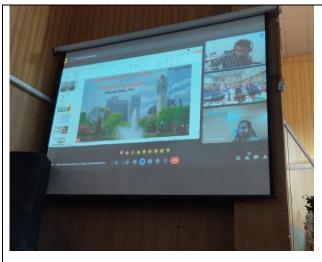
2<sup>nd</sup> national speaker Dr Sofia Akbar (GC University Faisalabad) presented on silicon based photovoltaic and PERC solar cells. With continued research and innovation, she showed that PERC solar cells hold the promise of further improving solar cell efficiency and driving the widespread adoption of solar energy as a clean and renewable power source.

3<sup>rd</sup> national speaker Dr Ijaz Ahmad Khan (GC University Faisalabad) delivered a lecture on electrode materials for Photoelectrochemical (PEC) Solar Devices whichprovided a thorough examination of the critical role of electrode materials in advancing the performance and efficiency of PEC solar cells.

Our last speaker Mr Shamas Mushtaq highlighted the recent researches at semiconductor Physics and Renewable energy laboratory, Gc University Faisalabad. He delivered a comprehensive lecture on perovskite solar cell and showed its optimization performance by SCAPs-1D simulations. He presented recent advancements in perovskite solar cell technology, including improvements in power conversion efficiency (PCE), stability, and scalability.

The seminar ended with sincere appreciation to speakers, and participants for their valuable contributions to the seminar, which served as a platform for meaningful discussions and knowledge exchange in the field of Clean and Affordable energy.

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Islamic Theory for Achieving Sustainable Development through Equality and its applications

A Seminar on Gender Equality entitled "Islamic Theory for Achieving Sustainable Development through Equality and its applications" was organized by Department of Islamic Studies, QEC, and Directorate of Student Affairs Government College Women University Faisalabad on 30th April 2024. Vice Chancellor GCWUF Prof Dr Zill-i-Huma Nazli convened the event. Dr. Syed Muhammad Habib Irfani Member Islamic Ideology Council was the Chief Guest whereas Prof. Dr. Mutloob Ahmed Dean Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences head of Department of Islamic Studies, The University of Faisalabad was the guest of honour. Dr. Rukhsana Bibi Coordinator Faculty of Humanities and Languages welcomed the guests and highlighted the importance of equality in Islam in her address. Later, Prof. Dr. Mutloob Ahmed highlighted the need and importance of equality for the development of the state. In his address, the Chief Guest, Dr. Syed Mohammad Habib Irfani, pointed out the economic, social and political position of women in Islam, that they have equal rights to men in every field. He said that we should establish a balance between our rights and duties so that a balanced society should be established. Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli, worthy Vice Chancellor highlighted the rights of women in Islam. She thanked all the guests in the closing address and presented complimentary souvenirs to honorable guests.

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#### Poster Competition on Life Below Water:

A poster competition to exhibit sustainable development goal 14, Life below Water (SDG-14: Life below Water) was held in the department of Zoology on 30th April 2024 under the direction of the Quality Enhancement Cell, GCWUF. The event aimed to highlight the importance of the conservation of marine life. The main focused areas were, preventing pollution, managing marine ecosystems, overfishing, ocean acidification, fisheries subsidies, small scale fisheries and ocean protected areas. The posters were patterned by capable faculty members of the zoology Department under the leadership of Dr. Tamseela Mumtaz, the Incharge Department of Zoology. The supervision of Dr Safina Kousar, Dr Ayesha Riaz, Dr Komal Umair. Dr Sumaira Aslam, Dr Yasmeen Gul and Dr Faiza Ambreen in poster formulation and display made the event successful. Worthy Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr Zill-i-Huma Nazli inaugurated the exhibition. Prof. Dr. Saima Akram, Coordinator of Science and Technology, and a team of senior faculty members evaluated the posters and announced the winning positions of winning Posters. The worthy Vice Chancellor appreciated the student's efforts in highlighting the stress faced by aquatic life and enthusiastic approach to maintaining sustainable underwater ecosystem.



#### Poster Competition on Climate Action:

A poster competition to exhibit Sustainable Development Goal 13, Climate Action (SDG-13: Climate Action) was held by the department of Biochemistry on May 07, 2024 in collaboration with Quality Enhancement Cell, GCWUF and Ministry of Planning and Development. The event aimed to create awareness how the Climate Action is affecting the life and to device the policies to reduce reducing carbon emissions, implementing energy-efficient practices, adopting renewable energy sources, reuse of the resources etc. to protect the all types of life on earth and our environment. The posters/charts and models were prepared under the supervision of focal person Dr. Sumera Shaheen. Students of different semesters of department of Biochemistry participated in the competition. Prof. Dr. Saima Akram, Coordinator Science & Technology and Prof. Dr. Aysha Sameen Coordinator Arts & Social Sciences inaugurated the Poster Competition along with Chairperson Dr. Mubashra Sadia, Coordinator of Management Sciences and Coordinator

Linguistics. Head of different departments and faculty members also grace the event. A panel of judges including Dr.Abida Kausar, Dr.Tamsela Mumtaz, Dr.SaimTehseen and Dr.Madiha Ilyas evaluated the posters. Cash prize was distributed for first 03 positions by Prof. Dr. Saima Akram, she extended heartfelt appreciation to students for their hard work.



#### Seminar on Career Opportunities in Foreign Countries:

In connection with "Young Initiative Program" the department of Sociology organized a seminar on 7th May 2024 to provide awareness to students regarding career opportunities in foreign countries. The event was held in the Jinnah Auditorium in collaboration with QEC. The event started with recitation of Holy verses of Quran followed by Naat-i-Rasool Maqbool.

Prof. Dr. Aysha Sameen, Coordinator of Arts and Social Sciences delivered welcome note. Mr. Saddaqat Ali, a senior member from 'Future Advisors' gave an overview of their consultancy agency and guided the students regarding available career opportunities for them in foreign countries. Mr. M. Bilal, the CEO of 'Future Advisors' gave a brief lecture on educational facilities provided by his consultancy agency. Ms. Hudabia and Mr. Zain from the agency gave details on agency, s services available for preparation of IELTS, TOFEL, PTE and Oxford. Mr. Ahmad hosted a question answer session with the students and all members answered the questions asked by students. The consultancy representatives distributed gifts to the students also. At the end, Dr. Sajida Parveen, Incharge Department of Sociology thanked all the guests and participants.

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## Poster Competition on SDG 12- Responsible Consumption and Production and Nutritional Camp:

The Department of Nutritional Sciences at Government College Women University Faisalabad (GCWUF) organized a Poster Competition and Counselling Camp on May 7th, 2024. The event aimed to showcase Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 12: "Responsible Consumption and Production" in collaboration with the Quality Enhancement Cell, GCWUF, under the guidance of the Ministry of Planning and Development.

The event was divided into two segments: a Poster Competition and a Counselling Camp. The poster competition focused on key areas including Reduce, Reuse & Recycle, Sustainable Lifestyles, and Minimizing Food Losses and Utilization of Wastes. Students designed the posters under the supervision of faculty members, led by Dr. Madiha Ilyas, Incharge of the Department of Nutritional Sciences.

The Counselling Camp centered on sustainable food systems, recycling, and responsible waste management. Innovative models were showcased, and brochures were distributed to raise awareness among the general public.

The exhibition was inaugurated by Prof. Dr. Saima Akram, Coordinator of Science and Technology, along with Coordinators from the Faculty of Social Sciences, Faculty of Management Sciences, and Faculty of Humanities and Languages, as well as Heads of various Departments. A panel of senior faculty members

evaluated the posters and announced the winners, recognizing the efforts of the faculty and students in emphasizing the importance of sustainable consumption and production patterns.

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#### Poster Competition on Gender Equality:

The Department of English arranged a poster competition on Sustainable Development Goal 5 (Gender Equality) on 7th May 2024 in collaboration with Quality Enhancement Cell, GCWUF. The event aimed to foreground the significance of equal rights for both genders in all walks of life.

The main focused areas were: equal rights for education, equal job opportunities, prevention of domestic violence, shared household responsibilities, and safe & secure working environment for females. The posters were patterned by capable students of the English Department under the leadership of Incharge Ms Saira Akhter.

The supervision of Dr Zahida Hussain in poster formulation and display made the event successful. The event was inaugurated by Dr Rukhsana Bibi, Coordinator of Humanities and Languages, Prof. Dr. Saima Akram, Coordinator of Science and Technology, and Prof. Dr. Ayesha Sameen, Coordinator of Arts and Social Sciences. They evaluated the posters and announced the winners of the competition. The students' efforts to highlight women's essential role in society and their enthusiastic approach to maintaining Gender Equality for a balanced ecosystem on the planet earth were lauded by the worthy guests and faculty members of the department.



#### Poster Competition on SDG 02- Zero Hunger:

The Department of Food Science and Technology, GCWUF organized a Poster Competition On 8<sup>th</sup> May, 2024 under the theme of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG 2); Zero Hunger in collaboration with Quality Enhancement Cell and Ministry of Planning, Development and Special Initiative. The event aimed to spotlight the policies to reduce hunger and ensure food security for improved nutritional outcomes among individuals. Likewise, the purpose of competition was to devise the measures for enhance productivity of food crops and increase the incomes of cottages scale producers by adopting resilient agricultural practices. These initiatives focused the market dynamics for delivery of safe and nutritious food commodities to masses on adequate time. Prof. Dr. Aysha Sameen (Chairperson, Department of Food Science and Technology) along with Coordinators and Heads of various disciplines including Prof. Dr. Saima Akram (Chairperson, Department of Mathematics), Dr. Nousheen Syed (Coordinator Faculty of Management Sciences, Dr. Aasma Khalid (Director QEC), Dr. Madiha Ilyas (Head Department of Nutritional Sciences), Ms Ayesha Hussain (Head, Department of Home Economics) visited the venue and appreciated the efforts of students. A panel of faculty members evaluated the posters and selected best for prize distribution.

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#### IT Projects Display:

Department of Information Technology arranged "IT Projects Display" to exhibit sustainable development goal (SGD-9) Industry, Innovation and Infrastructure of United Nations on 10th May 2024 at 10:00 am in IT Lab, BL-9 in collaboration with the Quality Enhancement Cell, GCWUF and Ministry of Planning and Development Special Initiative.

Worthy Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Zill-i-Huma Nazli inaugurated the event and evaluated students projects. Prof. Dr. Saima Akram, Chairperson Department of Mathematics, Dr. Abida Kausar, HoD Department of Botany, Dr.Riffat Sadiq, HoD Department of Applied Psychology, and Dr. Madiha Ilyas, HoD Department of Nutritional Sciences visited the projects.

The IT projects were designed by students under the supervision of Ms. Suneeza Hamid, Incharge IT, and Ms. Madiha Kanwal Lecturer IT. In this event IT students presented projects under the categories of Python Games, Desktop Applications, Android Applications, Websites, Database Projects and AI Media Tools.

"IT Projects Display" event was ended with the appreciation by the Worthy Vice Chancellor for students and faculty of IT Department.

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#### Seminar on Peace, Justice and Strong Institution:

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ظلم رہے اور امن بھی ہو کیا ممکن ہے تم ہی کہو حبیب جالب

ڈاکٹر طارق ہاشمی نے اپنی گفتگو میں کہا کہ جنگ کی بڑی وجہ اُن وسائل پر قبضہ ہے جو امن کے بقا کو داؤ پر لگاتے ہیں اُنہوں نے کہا کہ شاعری بذات خود امن کا استعارہ ہے اور ہم ان جنگوں کی وجہ سے تیزی سے اس زمین کا حُسن اور زرخیزی کھو رہے ہیں

سیمینار کے اختتام پہ ڈاکٹر رُخسانہ بلوچ کو آرڈینیٹر ہیومینٹیز اینڈ لینگویجز نے امن کی بقا پر زور دیا اور معزز شرکا کا شکریہ ادا کیاڈاکٹر صدف نقوی ،صدر شعبہ اُردُو جی سی ویمن یونیورسٹی نے بھی مختلف اشعار کا حوالہ دیتے ہوئے بقائے امن پر زور دیا۔ سیمینار کی نظامت کے فرائض بازگاہ قندیل نے انجام دئیے۔

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