

# Rawalpindi Women University



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## Newsletter

### Vice Chancellor's Message

The last quarter of the year brought many recognitions and laurels to the University as RWU organized two international conferences again for the second consecutive year in the fields of “Humanities and Social Sciences” and “Sciences” bringing people from all walks of life to RWU to cherish the culture of collaboration and research. The concept of holding a multidisciplinary conference started last year at RWU and we look forward to carrying this legacy forward in the years to come. Instilling the culture of research would eventually be part of RWU's tradition and history. Meanwhile, incorporating HEC's new undergraduate and post-graduate policy is progressing in all the departments of the University as syllabi through the Board of Studies for onward submission to the Board of Faculty and eventually the Academic Council. This journey of establishing the University on firm footings has started to reap fruits and a reflection of this is seen in recent RWU winning second place in the “All Punjab Innovation Expo” after competing with established Universities of the region ascertaining the academic excellence of the faculty and deep learning abilities of its students.



Rawalpindi Women University has an active student body that organizes its activities through multiple clubs and societies. This year, for the very first time, the leadership of these bodies was determined through an electoral process, preparing students for future contributions to society by fostering teamwork, mutual consultation, and democratic values. The elections at RWU were conducted with great zeal and fervor, and I extend my best wishes to the newly elected leaders of each society and club for a successful and impactful year ahead. We also celebrated Eid Milad-un-Nabi ﷺ with beautiful recitals of Naat and orations by the students and faculty members and I sincerely wish the blessings to be bestowed upon all at RWU. Pakistan Zindabad and RWU Paindabad!

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## RWU Milestones

### Up gradation of Day Care Facility



**December 2023:** Rawalpindi Women University (RWU) has upgraded its Day Care Facility, under the Registrar Office's supervision, to provide a safe and stimulating environment for infants and toddlers of female employees. New toys and accessories have been added to create a healthy and innovative atmosphere.



### Inauguration of Central Lab at RWU

**November 15, 2024 :** The inauguration of the Central Lab at Rawalpindi Women University by Prof. Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed, Chairman, Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan, marked a significant milestone in the university's academic journey. Prof. Dr. Ahmed unveiled the state-of-the-art facility, symbolizing a commitment to excellence in research and education. During the event, he emphasized the pivotal role of research infrastructure in fostering innovation and academic excellence, lauding the University's initiative in establishing the Central Lab and highlighting its potential to catalyze groundbreaking research across various disciplines. The inauguration ceremony was attended by faculty members and dignitaries from academia and government sectors.



## Meetings

### Board of Studies

The departments at Rawalpindi Women University (RWU) convened their respective Boards of Studies meetings to review and update academic programs, ensuring alignment with current educational standards and industry needs.

#### Department of Statistics

**September 27, 2023:** The Department of Statistics held a meeting of the Board of Studies. Subject Experts Prof. Dr. Tahir Mehmood, Associate Professor Dr. Zamir Hussain from National University of Science & Technology (NUST), Islamabad and all the faculty members of Statistics Department RWU attended the meeting.



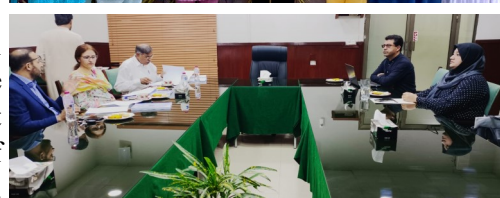
#### Department of Zoology

**September 28, 2023:** The Department of Zoology held a meeting of the Board of Studies. Prof. Dr. Irfan Zia Qureshi, Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad, Prof. Dr. Shamim Akhtar, Pir Meher Ali Shah Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi and all faculty members of the Department of Zoology RWU attended the meeting.



#### Department of Sociology

**September 28, 2023:** The Department of Sociology held a successful Board of Studies meeting, chaired by Dr. Raza Ullah, In-Charge of the Sociology Department. The meeting was attended by esteemed subject experts, including: Prof. Dr. Hazir Ullah, Director, The School of Sociology/Director, ORIC, Quaid-I-Azam University, Islamabad, Prof. Dr. Naimatullah Hashmi, PMAS-Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi and Dr. Rabi Ali, International Islamic University. The meeting facilitated a productive discussion on the department's academic matters.



#### Department of Fine Arts

**October 03, 2023:** The Department of Fine Arts successfully held meeting of the Board of Studies which was attended by Prof. M. Asif Sharif, Dean, Faculty of Architecture, Design and Fine Arts, University of Gujrat, Prof. Dr. Shahida Mansoor, Dean, Faculty of Art and Architecture, COMSATS, Islamabad, Mr. Aqeel Solangi, Associate Professor and HOD Painting and Ms. Ayesha Durrani, Associate Professor and HOD Miniature Painting, National College of Arts Rawalpindi, Mr. Shehzad Ahmed, Assistant Professor, Visual Communication Design, University of Gujrat, Mr. Anwar Ali, Assistant Professor, Visual Communication Design, COMSATS, Islamabad and as well as faculty members of Department of Fine Arts, Rawalpindi Women University.



### Department of Business Administration

**October 05, 2023:** The Department of Business Administration successfully held meeting of the Board of Studies which was attended by subject experts: Prof. Dr. Sarmad, Riphah International University, Dr. Jalil Ahmed Associate Professor, Capital University of Science and Technology and Dr. Shoaib Hassan, Assistant Professor, National University of Modern Languages as well as all faculty members of the Business Administration Department. The meeting aimed to discuss and align the department's academic programs with industry needs and best practices.



### Department of Media and Communication Studies

**October 05, 2023:** The Department of Media & Communication Studies held a meeting of the Board of Studies chaired by Dr. Noman Ansari, Department's In-Charge. The meeting was attended by esteemed subject experts: Prof. Dr. Khalid Sultan, Dean of the School of Social Sciences at National University of Modern Languages, Islamabad, and Dr. Sadia Ishtiaq, Assistant Professor at Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi along with faculty members from the department.



### Board of Faculty

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> Meeting of Board of Faculty: Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

**December 5, 2023:** The Registrar's Office conducted the 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting of the Board of Faculty for the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, convened by the Vice Chancellor, with experts Dr. Aliya H. Khan, Dr. Raja Nasim Akhtar, and Dr. Rubina Hanif. The curriculum of various degree programs under the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities was discussed and recommended for the Academic Council.



#### 3<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of Board of Faculty: Faculty of Sciences

**December 12, 2023:** The Registrar's Office conducted the 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the Board of Faculty for the Faculty of Sciences, convened by the Vice Chancellor, with experts Dr. Mohammad Gulraiz Akhter, Dr. Saqib Ali and Dr. Safia Begum. The curriculum of various degree programs under the Faculty of Sciences was discussed and recommended for the Academic Council.



## RWU Participations

### HEC Seminar on Preventing Blasphemous Material on Social Media

**October 04, 2023:** Faculty members and Registrar RWU attended a seminar on "Awareness Regarding Prevention of Blasphemous Material & Activities on Social Media" organized by the Higher Education Commission (HEC). Experts highlighted the severity of this issue, its challenges, and legal consequences.



### Rectors Conference Regional Roundtable at Quaid-i-Azam University

**October 17, 2023:** Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, Vice Chancellor, RWU, participated and contributed valuable insights to the Rectors Conference Regional Roundtable held at Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad. This conference aimed to discuss and formulate recommendations for the Rector's Conference scheduled for December 01-03, 2023. The roundtable saw participation from Vice Chancellors, Rectors, and representatives of over 20 universities.



### All Punjab Universities Innovation Expo 2023

**November 20, 2023:** Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, Vice Chancellor RWU, participated as the distinguished Guest of Honor at the All Punjab Universities Innovation Expo 2023, held at the Expo Centre in Lahore. Organized by the Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC), the expo aimed to foster collaboration between industry and academia, providing a platform for students and faculty from universities across Punjab to present their startups and innovative ideas.



## Panelist of discussion on Academia-Media Industry Partnership

**November 27, 2023:** Dr. Noman Ahmed Ansari, Head of the Media & Communication Studies Department, participated as a panelist in a discussion on "Academia Media Industry Partnership" hosted by the Department of Media Studies, Bahria University Islamabad Campus and the Peace and Development Foundation.



## Workshop on SPSS

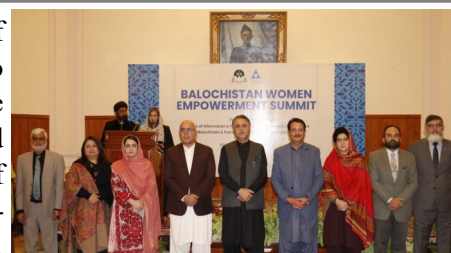
**November 27-28, 2023:** Dr. Musarrat Ijaz, Assistant Professor Department of Statistics, was invited as a resource person for a two-day workshop titled "Introduction to SPSS: Unlocking the Power of Statistical Analysis," organized for MBA students by NUST Business School, Islamabad. The workshop sought to equip students with essential SPSS skills.



## Visit to Quetta



**November 29, 2023:** In line with the vision of research, the spirit of collaboration, and dedication to higher education, Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, Vice Chancellor Rawalpindi Women University, visited Quetta upon the invitation of the University of Balochistan for a Ph.D. defense. Dr. Shafiq-ur-Rehman, Vice Chancellor University of Balochistan,



presented a distinguished shield to Dr. Anila. Additionally, Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal attended the "Balochistan Women Empowerment Summit 2023" as the Guest of Honor. The summit was organized by the Information Department of the Government of Balochistan and the Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF) at Governor House.

## Seminar on Research Methodology

**November 29, 2023:** Dr. Amber Sarwar, In-charge Department of Computer Science and Information Technology, was invited as a resource person for a seminar titled 'Modern Trends in Research Methodology: Navigating the Path to Robust and Innovative Studies' organized by Bahria University, Islamabad. The seminar focused on the latest trends in research methodology for MS (Data Science and Artificial Intelligence) and Ph.D. students.



## 4th Rectors Conference

**December 01-03, 2023:** Worthy Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, participated in the 4th Rectors' Conference organized by the Association of Private Sector Universities of Pakistan (APSUP) at COMSTECH. The theme, "Sustainable Workforce Development: HR, Innovation, and Technology in Harmony," brought together leaders from 150 universities for three days of insightful discussions. Notably, a delegation from seven OIC countries joined the conversation, fostering global collaboration. Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal's active involvement reflects our commitment to advancing education and embracing innovation.



## Seminar on Gender Reverse Change in Education

**December 11, 2023:** Dr. Raza Ullah in-charge Sociology Department was invited as a guest speaker at the seminar titled "Gender Reverse Change in Education in Pakistani Society," organized by the Department of Humanities and Social Sciences at Bahria University. During his talk, Dr. Raza discussed the phenomenon of gender reversal in education within Pakistani society.



## Collaborative Meeting against Disinformation

**December 14, 2023:** Dr. Noman Ansari, HoD Media & Communication Studies Department, attended the third collaborative meeting of the consortium against disinformation in Islamabad. The Freedom Network Representative presented the final report of the collaborative research project. Rawalpindi Women University is one of nine universities and journalism schools participating in the consortium for the Disinformation Research Project. The meeting concluded with plans to launch the research report in partner universities in January 2024, accompanied by a panel discussion on disinformation and fake news.



## 9th Syndicate Meeting of University of Chakwal

**December 29, 2023:** Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, Vice Chancellor of Rawalpindi Women University, attended the 9th Syndicate meeting of the University of Chakwal. The meeting, chaired by Hon'ble Mr. Mansoor Qadir, Minister for Higher & School Education Departments, was hosted by Prof. Dr. Mohammad Bilal Khan, Vice Chancellor of the University of Chakwal, and was held at the Civil Secretariat in Lahore.



## Honors and Awards

### 1st Position in Poster Competition at CHEMCON 23

**October 23-25, 2023:** Dr. Mehwish Huma Nasir, Department of Chemistry secured first position in the poster competition at the 21st International, 1st Inter-Islamic, and 33rd National Chemistry Conference (CHEMCON 23). The conference, which took place from October 23-25, 2023, at Quaid-i-Azam University in Islamabad, featured 400 participants from around the world and focused on "Chemical Sciences: Technology, Innovation, and Sustainability."



### 2nd Prize in the Painting Competition

**November 08, 2023:** Ayesha Aslam from the Department of Fine Arts has secured the second prize in the painting competition on the occasion of Iqbal Day under the theme 'Mojza-e-Fun' (miracle of art) hosted by the Punjab Arts Council (PAC) Rawalpindi. Among the 11 talented RWU Fine Arts students from the 7th semester who participated, Nimra Zia achieved the second runner-up position, while Umm-e-Ayman secured the third runner-up spot. The chief guests Mr. Waqar Ahmed, Director PAC, distributed the prizes among the winners.



### 2nd Position in All Punjab Innovation Expo 2023

**November 20, 2023:** Ms. Amber Kazmi, Lecturer Department of Physics, and her research students in collaboration with Office of Research, Innovation & Commercialization (ORIC) secured 2<sup>nd</sup> Position in "All Punjab Innovation Expo 2023", organized by Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC), Lahore. Out of 450 research startups from 47 universities across Punjab, RWU research team showcased their project - the "Heart Rate Monitoring System". Their innovation, using a pulse fingerprint sensor, not only accurately measures heart rate and plot graph but also outshines market- available devices in precision. On a prestigious occasion, the Hon'ble Governor of Punjab, Engineer Balighur Rehman, presented a prize of Rs. 50,000 to the RWU research team. This achievement marks a significant milestone for the university, highlighting its commitment to fostering innovation and academic excellence. The victory is a testament to the dedication of the faculty members, who mentored the students throughout their research journey. The leadership and vision of Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal played a pivotal role in driving this success, as her support and guidance enabled the team to push boundaries and achieve distinction.



### RWU's Vice Chancellor honored "Best Performance Award"

**December 14, 2023:** Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, Vice Chancellor Rawalpindi Women University, has been honored with the prestigious first "Best Performance Award" in the category of Quaid-e-Azam University's Academic Leaders in a ceremony held at Quaid-e-Azam University. Ceremony was graced by Mr. Madad Ali Sindhi, Federal Minister for

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Education and Professional Training, and Prof. Dr. Niaz Ahmad Akhtar, Vice Chancellor Quaid-i-Azam University. Dr. Anila's remarkable achievements as an accomplished faculty member have set a high standard for academic excellence at Quaid-i-Azam University.



### RWU Botany Students Shine at International Conference on Biodiversity and Medicinal Plant

**December 15, 2023:** At the International Conference on "Biodiversity and Medicinal Plants: A Way Forward to Sustainable Development," organized by PMAS Arid Agriculture University, BS Botany students achieved notable success. They secured 2nd place in the poster presentation and received distinction shields for their oral presentation. Asmaa Abid, Komal Rauf, Javeria Asif, and Durr e Nayyab from the 7th semester presented their research, which was supervised by Dr. Banzeer Ahsan Abbasi.



## International Conferences

### RWU Organized 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference of Social Sciences on "Contemporary World: Challenges and Transformation 2023"

**November 16, 2023:** The Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC) under the directions of Patron in Chief; Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, Vice Chancellor RWU organized the 2<sup>nd</sup> international conferences of social science on "Contemporary World: Challenges and Transformation (CWCT-2023)" at Rawalpindi Women University. The conference covered an array of multidisciplinary topics from the domains of English, Business Administration, Fine Arts, Media and Communication Studies, Political Sciences, Psychology and Sociology, providing a prominent forum for academicians, researchers, professionals, and representatives from industries and government agencies. Experts from various domains of social science presented and discussed their scholarly work in the form of oral and poster presentations on modern-day challenges.

#### Chief Guest and Speakers on International Conference



**Patron-in-Chief:**  
Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal  
(Vice Chancellor RWU)



**Chief Guest:**  
Prof. Dr. Shahid Mehmood Baig  
(Chairman, Pakistan Science  
Foundation, Islamabad)



**Guest of Honour:**  
Brig. Abdul Ghafoor  
(Pro-Rector, Foundation  
University Islamabad)



**Keynote Speaker:**  
Prof. Dr. Anwar-ul-Hassan  
Gilani  
(Advisor, Higher Education)

#### Concluding Session of the Conference

**Chief Guest:** Prof. Dr. Samina Malik, (Rector of the International Islamic University Islamabad)

**Keynote Speakers** A total of 18 national and international keynote speakers with expertise in various fields of social science from six different countries, including Pakistan, presented their empirical findings. The keynote speaker belongs to Pakistan, Australia, Japan, Egypt, USA and UK.



1. Prof. Dr. Khurruam Shehzad (*Riphah International University, Islamabad*)
2. Prof. Dr. Ali Ahsan (*Torrens University, Australia*)
3. Prof. Dr. Qaiser Malik (*Foundation University Islamabad*)
4. Prof. Dr. Sadia Pasha Kamran Khan (*Roman Art Initiative, Lahore*)
5. Prof. Dr. Maimoona Khan (*Fatima Jinnah Women University Rawalpindi*)
6. Prof. Dr. Zafar Iqbal (*International Islamic University, Islamabad*)
7. Prof. Dr. Khalid Sultan (*National University of Modern Languages, Islamabad*)
8. Dr. Fatima Elzahraa M. Elsayed (*University of Cairo, Egypt*)
9. Prof. Dr. Adib-Moghaddam (*SOAS University of London, UK*)
10. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Khan (*International Islamic University, Islamabad*)
11. Dr. Sarwet Rauf (*National University of Modern Languages, Islamabad*)
12. Prof. Dr. Adnan Adil (*Govt College Women University Sialkot, Sialkot*)
13. Prof. Dr. Lawrence H. Gerstein (*Ball State University, USA*)
14. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Asir Ajmal (*GIFT, Gujranwala*)
15. Prof. Dr. Amina Muazzam (*Lahore College for Women University, Lahore*)
16. Prof. Dr. Hazir Ullah (*Quaid-e-Azam University*)
17. Prof. Tim Allender (*The University of Sydney, Australia*)
18. Dr. Taeko Takayanagi (*Waseda University, Japan*)

### **Paper Presented**

The conference included a total of 203 papers presented at the conference out of which 154 were oral and 44 were poster presentations in 18 parallel sessions. There were 3 parallel sessions of Business Administration (2 oral & 1 poster), 3 parallel sessions of Fine Arts (2 oral & 1 poster), 3 parallel sessions of Media and communication studies (2 oral and 1 poster), 3 parallel sessions of Political Sciences (2 oral & 1 poster), 4 parallel sessions of Psychology (3 oral and 1 poster) and 3 parallel sessions of Sociology (3 oral sessions), respectively.

### **Participants**

There were 800 participants including faculty members, researchers and students from different Universities/HEIs and research Organizations who participated in the conference.

### **Disciplines**

The conference covered a wide array of multidisciplinary themes related to Business Administration, Fine Arts, Media and Communication Studies, Political Sciences, Psychology and Sociology.

### **Sponsored Journals**

The conference proceedings be published in an HEC-recognized journal titled "Journal of South Asian Studies and offered with a 50% fee waiver in terms of publication charges in the "Journal of Workplace Behavior" and "Journal of South Asian Studies" (HEC-recognized Y Category journals).





## RWU hosted 2nd International Conference of Science on “Revamped Scientific Outlook of 21st Century, 2023”

**November 15, 2023:** The office of Research, Innovation, and Commercialization (ORIC) under the directions of Patron-in-Chief Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, Vice Chancellor RWU, organized the 2<sup>nd</sup> International Conference of Sciences on “Revamped Scientific Outlook of 21<sup>st</sup> Century, 2023” at Rawalpindi Women University.

### Perspectives of Chief Guest and Speakers on International Conference



**Patron-in-Chief:**

Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal  
(Vice Chancellor RWU)



**Chief Guest:**

Prof. Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed S.I  
(Chairman Higher Education  
Commission)



**Keynote Speaker:**

Prof. Dr. Mohammad Mujahid  
(Rector Pakistan Institute of  
Applied Sciences and  
Technology Haripur)



**Chief Guest Concluding Session of the Conference:**

Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza  
(Former VC Lahore College  
for Women University,  
Lahore)

### Keynote Speakers

A total of 23 National and International keynote speakers from six countries, i.e Germany, Turkey, Spain, USA, UK and including Pakistan, presented their empirical findings. The keynote speakers included:

1. Prof. Dr. Mushtaq Ahmad (*Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad*)
2. Prof. Dr. Azra Yasmin (*Fatima Jinnah Women University*)
3. Prof. Dr. Tariq Mukhtar (*PMAS-Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi*)
4. Prof. Dr. Joan Vallès Xirau (*Universitat de Barcelona, Spain*)
5. Eng. Prof. Dr. Ahmed Shuja (*International Islamic University Islamabad*)
6. Prof. Dr. Zia-ur-Rehman (*Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad*)
7. Dr. Zahoor Hussain Farooqi (*Punjab University, Lahore*)
8. Dr. Sultan B. Sengel (*Eskisehir Osmangazi University, Turkey*)
9. Prof. Dr. Tasawar Hayat (*Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad*)
10. Prof. Dr. Sohail Nadeem (*Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad*)
11. Prof. Dr. Ali Akgül (*Sirt University, Turkey*)
12. Vladimir V. Shvartsman (*University of Duisburg-Essen, Essen, Germany*)
13. Dr. Kashif Sabeeh (*Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad*)





14. Dr. Syed Khurshid Hasnain (*Committee on Scientific and Technological Cooperation, COMSTECH*)
15. Dr. M. Saifullah Awan (*National Centre for Physics, Islamabad*)
16. Prof. Jong-Min Kim (*University of Minnesota-Morris, USA*)
17. Prof. Tahir Mehmood (*National University of Science and Technology, Islamabad*)
18. Allan E. Herbison (*University of Cambridge, UK*)
19. Dr. Rashid Minhas (*University of Exeter, UK*)
20. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Jawad Hassan (*National University of Medical Sciences, Rawalpindi*)
21. Dr. Muhammad Irfan Khan (*International Islamic University Islamabad*)
22. Prof. Dr. M. Ishtiaq Ali (*Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad*)
23. Dr. Irfan Zia Qureshi (*Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad*)

### **Paper Presented**

The conference included a total of 206 papers out of which 151 were oral and 55 were poster presentations in 16 parallel sessions. There were 4 parallel sessions of Botany (3 oral & 1 poster), 3 parallel sessions of Chemistry (2 oral & 1 poster), Mathematics & Statistics (2 oral each) and 5 parallel sessions of Zoology (4 oral & 1 poster session), respectively.

### **Participants**

There were 800 participants including faculty members, researchers and students from different Universities/HEIs and research Organizations who participated in the conference

### **Disciplines**

The conference covered a wide array of multidisciplinary themes related to Botany, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics, Statistics and Zoology

### **Panel Discussion**

The panel discussion at the 2nd International Conference of Science at Rawalpindi Women University was a dynamic exchange of ideas and insights. The panelist included Prof. Dr. Mushtaq Ahmad (Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad), Prof. Dr. Ghulam Ali (National University of Science and Technology, Islamabad), Prof. Dr. Waqas Masood (COMSATS, Islamabad) and Prof. Dr. Tahir Mehmood (National University of Science and Technology, Islamabad). The Distinguished experts from various fields converged to deliberate on pressing scientific issues and trends. Topics ranged from advancements in STEM disciplines to the intersection of science with societal challenges. Engaging discussions explored interdisciplinary approaches to



tackle global issues such as climate change, healthcare, and technology innovation. Panelists emphasized the importance of fostering collaboration and innovation to address complex scientific challenges. Attendees gained valuable perspectives on the future direction of scientific research and its impact on society, inspiring a commitment to scientific excellence and societal progress.

#### **Sponsored Journal**

The conference proceedings were published in an HEC-recognized journal titled "Plant Health" and full-length papers offered a 50% fee waiver in terms of publication charges.



## **Trainings and Workshops Outside RWU**

### **RWU Faculty Members attend Three Days PHEC's Faculty Development Program**

**October 10-12, 2023:** Dr. Shahzad Hussain, Dr. Hafsa Rasheed, and Ms. Tehreem Ali from the Department of Business Administration attended a Three day Faculty Development Program (FDP) on "Advancing Teaching Excellence: Strategies for Effective Higher Education Instruction and Professional Development" organized by the Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC), at Veterinary Academy, University of Veterinary & Animal Sciences, Lahore. The program aimed to enhance teaching effectiveness and professional growth for faculty members serving at universities in Punjab.



### **Improving Gender Equality in Pakistan Higher Education Leadership and Decision Making**

**October 24, 2023:** Dr. Raza Ullah, In-Charge Department of Sociology, participated in a two-day workshop on "Improving Gender Equality in Pakistan Higher Education Leadership and Decision Making" organized by Quaid-i-Azam University and Gloucestershire University UK. As a member of the Pakistani team, Dr. Raza Ullah emphasized the significance of promoting gender equity and equality across all aspects, particularly in education, reaffirming Rawalpindi Women University's commitment to advancing equality and inclusivity in higher education.



**October 29, 2023:** In the fourth and final round of the workshop Dr. Raza Ullah emphasized that universities need to actively support gender equality in leadership and decision-making roles within higher education institutions. He stressed that, as women constitute half of the population, they deserve equal and equitable opportunities in all aspects of life, including education.

### **National Security Workshop**

**09 Oct- 10 Nov, 2023:** Ms. Huma Rauf, Director Student Affairs/Addl. Registrar, successfully completed the 25th National Security Workshop organized by the Institute for Strategic Studies, Research and Analysis (ISSRA) at the National Defense University (NDU). The workshop brought together participants from various segments of society to discuss and comprehend the dynamics of national security in Pakistan.



## **Trainings and Workshops at RWU**

### **Pre-Conference Workshops**

Academic departments RWU, in collaboration with the Office of Research and Innovation (ORIC), conducted pre-conference workshops aimed at enhancing skills, sharing knowledge, and fostering collaborative learning experiences. These workshops significantly enriched academic and research endeavors, creating a conducive environment for innovation and collaboration in anticipation of the main conference.

### **Method, Theory, and Practice in Corpus Linguistics**

**September 05, 2023:** The Department of English, in collaboration with ORIC, organized a workshop titled "Method, Theory, and Practice in Corpus Linguistics" aimed at providing students with a thorough understanding of corpus linguistics and its practical applications.



## Creative Shooting and Editing

**October 04, 2023:** A hands-on training was organized by the Department of Media and Communication Studies on "Creative Shooting and Editing: Engaging Content for Social Media Ads". Mr. Abdul Sabur Zia, a creative content producer, and filmmaker with extensive experience in digital marketing was the resource person of the workshop. He enlightened the participants about the art of Ad shooting, editing, and creating motion pictures using Premiere Pro.



## Guitar Learning

**October 17, 2023:** Creative Arts and Dramatic Society (CADS) hosted a mesmerizing Guitar Learning Workshop, led by the talented musician and instructor, Mr. Hamza Ali. The event not only introduced students to the world of guitar strings and notes but also made a lasting impression with its unforgettable musical experience.



## GIS-Hands-On: Using ArcGIS & QGIS

**October 19-20, 2023:** The Department of Botany organized a two-day workshop titled "GIS-Hands-On: Using ArcGIS & QGIS." The workshop was designed to equip students and faculty with essential skills in Geographic Information Systems (GIS), focusing on practical applications using ArcGIS and QGIS software. Dr. Jabir H. Syed from COMSATS University and Dr. Rabia from Fatima Jinnah Women University, conducted the sessions, providing in-depth knowledge and hands-on training.



## Motion Graphics

**October 25, 2023:** The Department of Fine Arts organized a hands-on training workshop on "Motion Graphics." Ms. Iqra Yaqoob, a 3D artist with expertise in 3D modeling, rigging, and animation, served as the resource person for the training. She demonstrated to the students how to use Adobe After Effects for creating motion graphics.



## Qualitative Research Methodology and Data Analysis using NVIVO

**October 27, 2023:** The Department of Business Administration held a workshop led by Dr. Farooq Ahmed, Associate Professor at Fatima Jinnah Women University. Dr. Farooq trained 75 Business Administration students, along with faculty members, on "Qualitative Research Methodology and Data Analysis using NVIVO." He used riveting methods to ensure active participation throughout the session.



## Digital Referencing

**October 30, 2023:** To meet the needs of MPhil scholars and senior undergraduate students for expertise in digital referencing, the Department of English organized a workshop. Led by Ms. Harmain Rukh, Lecturer Department of English, the session covered essential techniques for citing various sources and locating relevant materials. After the lecture, students took part in a hands-on activity to reinforce their learning, and the feedback collected reflected their enthusiastic engagement.



## Digital Media Marketing

**October 31, 2023:** To equip students with the knowledge and skills necessary to navigate the digital landscape, the Directorate of Student Affairs organized a one-day workshop on Digital Media Marketing in collaboration with PNY Group of Companies.



## Graphic Design & Practical Skills

**December 05, 2023:** The Directorate of Student Affairs organized a workshop on Graphic Design & its Practical Implementation in collaboration with PNY Group of Companies. The workshop aimed to equip students with a combination of artistic and practical skills, making them well-prepared for a variety of career paths in the creative and digital industries.

## Self-Assessment Report

**December 11, 2023:** A training session on SARs preparation and quality assurance was organized by the Quality Enhancement Cell. Led by Dr. Erum Zariief Monis, a Quality Assurance expert from the National University of Medical Sciences, and enriched by insights from Mr. Humayun Awan, Deputy Director of Quality Assurance at Allama Iqbal Open University, the session aimed to illuminate the path to excellence for Assessment and Program Teams. Focused on HEC-QAA parameters, the training reinforced RWU's commitment to quality enhancement, ensuring that the university exceeds the highest education standards. Dr. Baqir Husnain, Director QEC/EL, emphasized the importance of quality assurance.



## Seminars and Webinars

### Mathematics: A Journey of Discovery and Wonder

**September 26, 2023:** The Mathematics Department organized a seminar titled Mathematics: A Journey of Discovery and Wonder". The event featured Dr. Ayesha Rafiq, Assistant Professor at the Institute of Space Technology Islamabad. The seminar explored numbers, patterns, and logic, revealing math's impact on science, tech, and art, uncovering its mysteries beyond formulas.



### Health Reporting Status & Challenges in Pakistani Media

**October 02, 2023:** The Department of Media & Communication Studies hosted a session on "Health Reporting Status & Challenges in Pakistani Media". Mr. Waqar Bhatti, Senior Health Correspondent of The News and Geo TV, shared insights on health reporting and media coverage. He also highlighted media negligence in health topics and shared his stories of COVID and Dengue outbreak for student understanding. The event concluded with closing remarks from Dr. Nauman Ansari, HoD Media & Communication Studies, followed by an engaging Q&A session.



### New Picolylamine Template Organocatalysts for Enantioselective Aldol Reactions

**October 04, 2023:** The Department of Chemistry organized a seminar on new picolylamine template organocatalysts for enantioselective aldol reactions. Dr. Muhammad Umer, Associate Professor at the University of Malakand, was the guest speaker.



### Professional Development

**October 09, 2023:** The Department of Business Administration organized a session on Professional Development, featuring Dr. Bilal Kayani from the National University of Modern Languages. He stressed the importance of self-development, highlighting key areas like skills acquisition, time management, mentorship, and positive thinking, which resonated well with the students. The session concluded with Dr. Shahzad Hussain, the department head, presenting the University shield to the guest speaker.



### Data Mining

**October 11, 2023:** The Department of Computer Science & Information Technology hosted a seminar on "Data Mining," featuring Ms. Sumbal, Lecturer at National University of Modern Languages (NUML). The presentation covered the purpose and importance of data mining in various fields, showcased real-life scenarios, addressed challenges, and discussed future trends in data mining.



### Quantitative Research: Data Analysis and Debates

**October 11, 2023:** The Department of Sociology organized a seminar on "Quantitative Research: Data Analysis and Debates" featuring Dr. Muhammad Shoaib an Associate Professor and Chairman Department of Sociology from the University of Gujrat. Dr. Shoaib's lecture covered the philosophical underpinnings and data analysis methods of quantitative research. The event drew students from diverse departments, including Sociology, Political Science, English, and Computer Science. Dr. Raza Ullah, HoD Department of Sociology, thanked Dr. Shoaib.



## Game Development

**October 17, 2023:** The Department of Computer Science and Information Technology hosted a seminar on Game Development. The resource person, Mr. Muhammad Kamran Javed from the Higher Education Department (HED), emphasized the significance of game development, focusing on essential skills, game development tools, and technology.



## Breast Cancer Awareness

**October 17, 2023:** The Department of Zoology arranged a seminar on "Breast Cancer Prevention and Control: Self Breast Examination Can Save Lives" featuring a keynote lecture by Dr. Samina Naeem Khalid, Director Reproductive Health Research Center. She emphasized students to prioritize their health and to adopt a lifestyle to prevent breast cancer. The seminar benefited the students by making them aware about the importance of timely diagnosis of breast cancer and reducing mortality ratio of women in Pakistan.



## Man-made Materials with man-like Properties

**October 17, 2023:** The Department of Physics organized a seminar titled "Man-made Materials with man-like Properties," featuring Dr. Saifullah Awan, the Chief Scientific Officer of the Nanoscience and Technical Department at the National Center for Physics (NCP), Islamabad, as the resource person. Dr. Saifullah elaborated on artificial substances designed to emulate human-like traits and qualities. Dr. Irfan Qasim, HoD Physics Department, presented a shield to the resource person.



## Anger and Stress Management

**October 24, 2023:** The Directorate of Student Affairs hosted a seminar on Anger and Stress Management, aligning with UN Sustainable Development Goal No. 3 (Good Health and Well-being). Dr. Ayesha Khalid, Clinical Psychologist, and Dr. Iqra Khalid, Medical Officer from Holy Family, presented practical tips and strategies for managing stress and anger. The interactive session concluded with a Q&A session, allowing students to engage with the experts and seek guidance.



## Career Counseling

**October 26, 2023:** The Department of Business Administration organized a seminar on Career Counseling. The guest speaker Mr. Ahmad Osama Tahir, Executive Member of the Islamabad Chamber of Small Traders and Small Industries, and Founder of Realtor Advertising, shared his rich industry experience and provided guidance to students on 'Career Counseling'. The students gained a practical perspective through his intriguing insights.



## Professional Communication

**October 30, 2023:** The Department of Business Administration arranged a seminar on professional communication. The professional trainer, Mr. Muhammad Ahmed, a corporate trainer at a Singapore-based firm, discussed the power of communication within organizations as a crucial tool to combat various managerial and organizational challenges.



## Cloud Computing

**November 01, 2023:** The Department of Computer Science and Information Technology organized a seminar on "Cloud Computing" featuring Ms. Tabassum Kanwal from National University of Modern Languages, Rawalpindi, as resource person. She emphasized the significance of Cloud development, focusing on skills, cloud development Models, and technology. The interactive session was well-received by students.



## Debunking Nutritional Myths

**November 01, 2023:** The Department of Chemistry in collaboration with ORIC hosted a seminar on "Debunking Nutritional Myths". Dr. Abdul Momin and his expert team from National University of Medical Sciences (NUMS) delivered insightful talk on the topic.



## Introduction to Project Management

**November 02, 2023:** A seminar on "Introduction to Project Management: A Practical Life Approach" was organized by the Department of Business Administration. Mr. Hateem A. Ghafoor, Director of Projects and Communication at HY-GEN Corp USA and SAP HCM Certified Project Management Professional, highlighted the importance of project management, relating it to better leadership, planning, and the ability to manage projects within time and budget.



## Banking on Equality, NBP Student Loan Awareness, and Female-Specific Products

**November 07, 2023:** The External Linkage Department conducted an awareness session titled "Banking on Equality, NBP Student Loan Awareness, and Female-Specific Products" by the State Bank of Pakistan. The guests from State Bank included Ms. Syeda Asma Aziz, Senior Deputy Manager, Ms. Naila Mehboob, Assistant Chief Manager, and Mr. M. Waqar Hussain, Senior Officer. Students actively participated in this informative event.



## Environmental Applications of Nanomaterials

**November 07, 2023:** The Department of Chemistry hosted a seminar on the environmental applications of nanomaterials. Prof. Dr. Manzar Sohail from National University of Science and Technology provided an in-depth explanation of the importance of nanomaterials.



## Synthesis and Biological Applications of Imidazole based Pd(II) complexes

**November 22, 2023:** The Department of Chemistry RWU arranged a seminar on "Synthesis and Biological Applications of Imidazole based Pd(II) complexes". Dr. Haseeba Sadaf, IPFP from the Chemistry department explained the importance of metal complexes in biological systems as therapeutic agents. It was very informative and helpful especially in providing real life examples.



## Seminar on 'Renewable Energy and Solar Cells'

**November 08, 2023:** The Department of Physics organized a seminar titled "Renewable Energy and Solar Cells". Dr. Irfan Qasim, Head of Department Physics, provided insightful explanations on various renewable energy resources and delved into the workings of solar cells belonging to different generations. Dr. Qasim also shared details about his ongoing research on solar cells, shedding light on the latest trends in renewable energy and their production rates.



## The Impact of Mainstream Media on Society and Culture

**November 22, 2023:** The Department of Sociology organized a seminar titled "The Impact of Mainstream Media on Society and Culture," with Dr. Majid Ali Shah, Head of Media Science at Iqra University Islamabad, as the guest speaker. Dr. Majid delivered an in-depth lecture on the profound effects of media on society and culture, discussing both its positive and negative dimensions. He underscored the media's role as a vital agent of socialization that cannot be ignored.



## Prevention Strategies of Diabetes Mellitus: A Pandemic in the 21st Century

**December 05, 2023:** The Department of Chemistry organized a seminar on prevention strategies for diabetes mellitus. The invited speaker, Prof. Dr. Hajra Ahmed, Chairperson, Department of Nutritional Sciences



and Environmental Designs at Allama Iqbal Open University, delivered a lecture on diabetes prevention. At the end, Chairperson Chemistry Department, Prof. Dr. M. Zaman Ashraf, presented a shield to the guests.

### How Life Began on Earth



**December 13, 2023:** The Department of Chemistry hosted a seminar on the origins of life on Earth, titled "Zindagi Ki Kahani." The invited speaker, Prof. Dr. Pervez Amirali Hoodbhoy, a Pakistani nuclear physicist,



author, media commentator, and social activist, delivered a lecture on the beginning of life on Earth. A large number of students from the Chemistry and other departments attended the seminar. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, presented a shield to the guest.

### Benign by Design: Design Properties of Nanomaterials for Catalysis and Sustainable Development

**December 19, 2023:** The Department of Chemistry organized a seminar titled "Benign by Design: Design Properties of Nanomaterials for Catalysis and Sustainable Development." The seminar conducted by Dr. Awais Ahmed (top 2% of scientists) highlighted the role of nanotechnology in catalysis and sustainable development. A large number of students from various departments participated. Prof. Dr. M. Zaman Ashraf, HoD Chemistry department, presented a shield to the guest as a token of appreciation.



### Graphene and 2D Materials in Space

**December 19, 2023:** The Department of Chemistry hosted a webinar titled "Graphene and 2D Materials in Space," featuring Dr. Yarjan Abdul Samad, Assistant Professor Aerospace at Khalifa University. Dr. Samad illustrated the significance of nanotechnology in space exploration.



### Islamic Banking Professional Program

**December 20, 2023:** The External Linkage Department, in collaboration with the State Bank of Pakistan, conducted a seminar on the "Islamic Banking Professional Program." The guests from State Bank included Ms. Safia Hammad, Deputy Chief Manager, and Mufti Hafiz Sammiullah Daud, Sharia Scholar. Students from the BBA Department actively participated in the event.



### Empowering Women through Knowledge: Understanding the Anatomical Basis of Female Health

**December 20, 2023:** The Department of Physics organized a seminar titled "Empowering Women through Knowledge: Understanding the Anatomical Basis of Female Health." Dr. Abdullah Qamar, Associate Professor of Anatomy at Army Medical College, was the guest speaker and addressed obesity-related factors affecting women, their consequences, and preventive measures. The interactive session was attended by BS and MPhil Physics students. Dr. Irfan Qasim, HoD Physics Department, presented a university shield to Dr. Qamar.



### Preparation of Functional Nano Materials for Biofuel Production

**December 24, 2023:** The Department of Botany held a seminar titled "Preparation of Functional Nano Materials for Biofuel Production." Dr. Awais Ahmed, a leading scientist from Universidad de Cordoba, Spain, who is ranked in the top 2% of scientists, was the guest speaker. He highlighted the significance of green nanotechnology and its role in biofuel production.



### Future Trends of ICT & FYP Conduction

The Department of Computer Science arranged a seminar titled "Future Trends of ICT & FYP Conduction." Dr. Sharik Hussain, Associate Professor, and Mr. Umer Mehmood, Assistant Professor, from Foundation University illustrated the importance of future trends in Information and Communication Technology, including advancements in artificial intelligence, 5G technology, Internet of Things (IoT), edge computing, and quantum computing. A large number of students from the Department of Computer Science & IT participated in the seminar. Dr. Amber, In-charge Department of Computer Science, presented a shield as a token of appreciation to the invited speakers.



## Industrial and External Linkages

The Department of External Linkages organized several Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) to strengthen collaboration and expand educational opportunities.

### PNY Trainings

**October 10, 2023:** Rawalpindi Women University (RWU) and PNY Training have partnered through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to equip RWU students with in-demand skills in areas like Digital Marketing, E-Commerce, FinTech, Digital Art & Design, Web Development, Cyber Security, and more. The agreement was signed by Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, Vice Chancellor RWU, and Mr. Wahab Yunus, CEO PNY Training.



### Temar Diagnostics

**October 13, 2023:** Rawalpindi Women University (RWU) and Temar Diagnostics have partnered to advance UN Sustainable Development Goal No. 3, which focuses on Good Health and Well-being. The collaboration aims to promote health and wellness within the campus community, forging a path toward a healthier future. The partnership signed by Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, Vice Chancellor RWU, and Mr. Arsalan Tariq, Senior Executive Director Temar Diagnostics, offers exclusive healthcare discounts to RWU students, faculty, administration, and their families.



### Chaaye Khana

**October 20, 2023:** Rawalpindi Women University (RWU) and Chaaye Khana 6th Road have joined hands by signing an Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). The MoU signed by Dr. Baqir Husnain, Director QEC/External Linkages RWU, and Mr. Raja Raad Sulheria, General Manager Chaaye Khana 6th Road Rawalpindi promises to provide exclusive discounts for faculty, administration and students of RWU. The event was also graced by the presence of Vice Chancellor RWU Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal.



### Punjab Council of the Arts Rawalpindi Division (PUCAR)

**October 30, 2023:** Rawalpindi Women University (RWU) and Punjab Council of Arts Rawalpindi (PUCAR) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to foster collaboration in the realms of Fine Art, Culture, Literature, and more. The MoU signed by Vice Chancellor RWU, Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, and Mr. Waqar Ahmed, Director PUCAR, signifies an alliance to explore mutual interests, cultural exposure, and learning opportunities, opening avenues for internships for RWU students.



### Quaid-e-Azam University Islamabad

**December 14, 2023:** Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, Vice Chancellor RWU, led a delegation, including the Registrar, Director QEC/ External Linkages, and faculty members, for the MoU signing with Prof. Dr. Niaz Ahmad Akhtar S.I, Vice Chancellor Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad. Discussions included future collaboration, joint research, inter-library sharing, lab collaboration, internships, projects, joint funding in various fields of mutual concern and collaboration in establishing the first women's botanical garden.



### Rawalpindi Chambers of Commerce and Industry

**December 22, 2023:** Rawalpindi Women University (RWU) and Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce & Industry(RCCI) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to support the economic development and growth of the local community by leveraging the strengths of both the academic institution and the business community. The MoU was signed by Vice Chancellor RWU, Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal and Senior Vice President of RCCI, Mr. Hamza Sarosh. Representatives from both organizations were also present on the occasion.



## Extra and Co-Curricular Activities

### Students Participation in Independence Day Speech and Painting Competition

**August 29, 2023:** Students took part in a Speech and Painting Competition celebrating Independence Day, organized by Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad, under the guidance of Asst. Prof. Dr. Azka Khan. Ayesha Zaheer and Zarlish Abbasi from the Department of English competed in the English speech category, while Noor Fatima participated in the Urdu speech category. Ayesha Bibi from the Department of Fine Arts displayed her artistic skills in the painting competition.



### First-Ever Student Body Elections

**October 03, 2023:** The Directorate of Student Affairs organized the first-ever Student Body Elections, featuring an Open Public Address for candidates to present their visions and goals.

**October 07, 2023:** RWU held its Student Body Election 2023, where students voted enthusiastically to elect leaders for Societies and Clubs, shaping the future of extracurricular activities.

**October 25, 2023:** The Directorate of Student Affairs conducted interviews of President, Vice President and General Secretary of the Student Council 2023-2024, with a panel comprising Dr. Baqir Husnain, Ms. Khadija Saeed, and Ms. Zerish Gulbaz.



### Mehfil-e-Milad

**October 04, 2023:** Rawalpindi Women University (RWU) celebrated Eid Milad-un-Nabi (SAW) with a heartfelt Milad ceremony. The event was graced by the Vice Chancellor of Fatima Jinnah Women University, Dr. Saima Hamid, as the chief guest. Lecturer Javeria Tariq, along with students, presented beautiful tributes in the honor of the Prophet Muhammad (SAW). Lecturer Saima Bashir delivered an inspiring talk, shedding light on the life of the Prophet (SAW) and emphasizing the importance of patience and resilience in the current times. Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, congratulated the organizers.



### Blood Donation Camp for Thalassemia Patients

**October 10, 2023:** In line with its tradition of supporting humanitarian causes, Rawalpindi Women University, in collaboration with the Jamila Sultana Foundation, hosted a one-day voluntary blood donation camp for Thalassemia patients. Dedicated students and staff donated blood with enthusiasm to help save human lives. The university expresses sincere gratitude to all donors for their selfless contributions, which will help save precious lives.



### RWU hosts Delegation to Discuss Women's Empowerment through Education

**October 10, 2023:** Rawalpindi Women University (RWU), as a member of the All Pakistan Women Universities Consortium (APWUC), hosted a delegation from United States Agency for International Development (USAID), National Rural Support Program (NRSP), and Fatima Jinnah Women University (FJWU). The discussion, led by RWU Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, focused on women's empowerment through education, exploring collaborative initiatives and partnerships. The meeting highlighted the transformative potential of women's universities in shaping future generations and reaffirmed RWU's commitment to women's education and empowerment.



### Clean & Green RWU

**October 11, 2023:** The Department of Psychology organized a Plant Day in collaboration with the Clean & Green Pakistan Foundation. The drive was led by Ms. Sidra Akhtar, a Clinical Psychologist at the Sidra Akhtar Foundation Drug & Psychological Rehabilitation Center, Islamabad.



### Outreach Session with Harvard's Aspire Team

**October 11, 2023:** The Office of External Linkages organized an outreach and orientation session in collaboration with Harvard University's Aspire Institute to host an outreach and orientation session. The Aspire team, comprising Ms. Nishat Maryam, Mr. Adnan Ali, and Mr. Habib Ali, presented the Aspire Leadership Program (ALP), offering RWU students a chance to receive training from Harvard professors and connect with global citizens. Over 100 students attended, eager to learn about the ALP's benefits, including personal and professional growth opportunities.



### Educational Trip to Natural History Museum

**October 19, 2023:** A study trip was organized to the Pakistan Museum of Natural History for the 5th-semester BS Zoology students. During the visit, the students conducted a project focused on Biodiversity, Ecology, and Economic Zoology by examining the diversity of samples displayed at the museum in Islamabad.



### Solidarity Walk for Palestine

**October 20, 2023:** RWU students joined Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce for a solidarity walk for Palestine.

### Awareness Session on Eliminating Smog, Promoting Cleanliness, and Preventing Dengue

**October 24, 2023:** Rawalpindi Women University (RWU) collaborated with Rawalpindi Waste Management Company (RWMC) to host an awareness session on eliminating smog, promoting cleanliness, and preventing dengue. RWMC Chairman, Mr. Saqib Rafiq, encouraged RWU students to become ambassadors for cleanliness and follow preventive measures against dengue and smog. Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal assured RWU's support and announced plans to implement a waste segregation strategy for effective disposal. The session concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Motsim Billah and an awareness walk participated by a large number of students, promoting the anti-smog awareness campaign.



### Black Day against India's Usurpation of Jammu and Kashmir

**October 27, 2023:** To stand in solidarity with Kashmir, Rawalpindi Women University observed Black Day against India's usurpation of Jammu and Kashmir on October 27, 2023. Guest of Honor Mr. Altaf Hussain Wani, Chairperson Kashmir Institute for International Relations, informed students about the importance of this day and emphasized the deep connection between the people of Kashmir and Pakistan. A special documentary by the RWU Media Club was showcased, and students sang the touching Kashmiri song " Mere Watan Teri Jannat Mai Ayen Gay Aik Din". The event was hosted by the RWU Literature and Debating Society.



### RWU Students Showcase Talent at EconFest-2023



**October 28-29, 2023:** Rawalpindi Women University (RWU) students showcased their talents at two-day Economy Festival "EconFest- 2023" hosted by Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) at Pak-China Friendship Centre in Islamabad.



They displayed artwork, scientific projects, and entrepreneurial endeavors, and participated in interactive economic sessions, accompanied by faculty members Ms. Jaweria Tariq, Dr. Fatima Abrar, and Ms. Maham Michelle Gill.

### Solidarity Walk for Gaza

**October 30, 2023:** The Department of Psychology, under the supervision of Dr. Sobia Masood, Head of the Department, organized a Free Gaza walk to express unity with Palestine. Students participated enthusiastically, highlighting their support for the Palestinian cause and raising awareness about the ongoing humanitarian crisis.





## Movie Day

**October 31, 2023:** The Directorate of Student Affairs organized Movie Day to provide students with a pleasant and relaxing break from their academic routines.

## Character Day

**October 31, 2023:** The Department of Fine Arts celebrated "Character Day" where interesting characters from all university departments showcased their creativity.

## Pillars Painting in the Department of Fine Arts

**November 01- December 15:** In the Department of Fine Arts, eighteen pillars were adorned with artwork reflecting various cultures and festivals. This project, engaging students from 5th semester, was guided by Ms. Sahrish Jamil and Ms. Aleena Azhar as part of their Drawing-II and Painting-III courses. The murals featured themes from Chinese, Turkish, Korean, Japanese, Gutta Mala, Mexican, American, and Indo-Pakistani cultures and festivals.

## Iqbal Day

**November 01, 2023:** Rawalpindi Women University marked Iqbal Day with a thought-provoking seminar titled "Significance of Iqbal in Contemporary Times," hosted by the Literary and Debating Society of RWU. The seminar aimed to emphasize the relevance of Iqbal's philosophy in today's world. Prof. Dr. Ravish Nadeem, Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities at Govt. Post Graduate College, Satellite Town, Rawalpindi, was the guest speaker. Dr. Nadeem explored the profound aspects of Iqbal's philosophy, revealing its continued significance in modern times. The engaging Q&A session allowed students to further explore the topic and expand their understanding.



## Global Entrepreneurship Week

**November 11, 2023:** Students of Business Administration Department, led by Dr. Fatima Abrar, attended the closing ceremony of Global Entrepreneurship Week and a session on "Leveraging Climate Change for Entrepreneurship" at the Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce & Industry gaining insights on sustainable business models and eco-friendly innovations.



## Oath Taking Ceremony

**November 04, 2023:** Directorate of Student Affairs organized an oath-taking ceremony for the newly elected Student Council, Societies, and Clubs' office bearers. Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal administered the oath ceremony and congratulated the new office bearers. She advised the students to work with responsibility and honesty while upholding the positions with integrity.



## Road Safety Awareness Session

**November 08, 2023:** The Directorate of Student Affairs organized an awareness session on 'Road Safety' in collaboration with the Education Wing, City Traffic Police, Rawalpindi. Dr. Asif Kamal, DSP Traffic HeadQuarters, Mr. Umair Satti, Educational Officer, Dr. Shafaq Zahir, Inspector, and Mr. Ali Jibran, Incharge Education Wing were the key speakers. Students and faculty members were also provided the facility of issuance and renewal of Driving Licenses within the university premises.



## Financial Literacy

**November 13, 2023:** The Office of External Linkages, in collaboration with the State Bank of Pakistan, organized a session to empower students with financial literacy. Topics like banking equity, SME loan schemes, and women-focused banking products were covered. National Bank of Pakistan representatives also shared insights into their services supporting women's financial empowerment. Dr. Baqir Husnain, Director of QEC & External Linkages, highlighted the importance of financial inclusivity for women in banking.



## Inter-Departmental Singing Competition

**November 14, 2023:** The Creative Arts and Dramatic Society (CADS) organized RWU Inter-Departmental Singing Competition. Led by Ms. Jaweria Tariq (Lecturer, Department of Business Administration) saw participation from eight departments. Tabeer from Fine Arts, Kashaf from English Department, and Pakeeza from Fine Arts secured 1st, 2nd and 3rd position respectively. Judges included Mr. Hamza Ali, a singer and guitarist, and Ms. Sahrish Jamil Lecturer Fine Arts Department. Dr. Baqir Hussnain, Director QEC, awarded shields and certificates to the winners.



## RWU and TiKA Discuss Collaborations in Research, Student Exchange, and Women Empowerment

**November 22, 2023:** Rawalpindi Women University received a visit from Mr. Muhsin BALCI, the Country Coordinator of TiKA (Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency), for a productive meeting with Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal and her team. The meeting centered on potential collaborations in research, student exchange programs, and women empowerment, emphasizing the significance of joint efforts in driving positive change. Mr. Muhsin also explored the university campus during his visit and expressed heartfelt appreciation for the remarkable efforts led by Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal in advancing the progress of RWU.



## Panel Discussion on Radio's Role in Public Service Broadcasting

**November 22, 2023:** The RWU Media Club organized a panel discussion on the "Role of Radio in Public Service Broadcasting." The panelists included Mr. Umer Shabbir, Broadcaster at Bahria University Islamabad; Mr. Baber Iqbal, In-charge of Campus Radio at the National University of Modern Languages, Islamabad; Mr. Amer Raza, Producer at Campus Radio, Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad; and Ms. Amna Malik, RJ at Radio Pakistan. The discussion highlighted the crucial role of radio in reaching remote areas of Pakistan.



## Participation in International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD 2023):

**December 03, 2023:** A delegation of RWU Student Council attended a dialogue entitled 'United in action to rescue and achieve SDGs for, with and by persons with disabilities' on International Day of Persons with Disabilities (IDPD 2023) organized by Potohar Mental Health Association in collaboration with Human Rights Cell Pakistan Peoples Party.



## Winter Clothes Collection Drive

**December 05, 2023:** To mark International Volunteer Day, the Directorate of Student Affairs in collaboration with Akhuwat Foundation conducted a Winter Clothes Collection Drive. This initiative supported the UN Sustainable Development Goals of eradicating poverty and reducing inequality, while also promoting a sense of unity and compassion within our community.



## RWU Library Hosts Resource Awareness Session for Psychology Students

**December 06, 2023:** The RWU library held a session for Psychology students, introducing them to its extensive collection of books and digital resources to support their academic pursuits.



## Fossil Expedition Trip

**December 9, 16 and 23, 2023:** The Department of Zoology at Rawalpindi in collaboration with Prof. Dr. Muhammad Wajid, Vice Chancellor University of Okara, organized three successful fossil expeditions for BS and MPhil students. These field visits provided hands-on experience in paleontology and evolutionary studies.

The first expedition took place on 9th December at Dhoke Amir Bun Khatoon in Chakwal District under the supervision of Dr. Shazia Shamas and Dr. Nadia Fatima. The team discovered fossils from the Miocene era (approximately 13.82 million years ago), including complete turtle shells, a pig skull, and a rhinoceros skull. The findings highlighted evolutionary trends, such as a reduction in the number of teeth in modern animals compared to the 44 teeth observed in the discovered skulls.

The second expedition, conducted on 16th December, under the supervision of Dr. Rabea Ejaz and Dr. Humaira Aziz, explored Phedre, Jhelum. Fossils from the Miocene era (11.63 million years old) were uncovered, including crocodile skulls and teeth.

The third expedition, held on 23rd December at Tatrot, Jhelum, was led by Dr. Fareeha Ambreen and Ms. Sayyeda Nimra. The team discovered fossils from the Pleistocene era (approximately 2.5 million years ago), including an elephant tooth, crocodile skin, and teeth. The elephant tooth was specially gifted to the Zoology Department at RWU, marking a significant addition to its collection.



## Walk and Poster Competition on Preventing Violence against Women and Girls

**December 01 & 08, 2023:** The Department of Psychology organized a walk and poster competition themed "UNITE: Invest to Prevent Violence Against Women and Girls," under the supervision of Dr. Anam Khan. The event aimed to educate participants about the impacts of violence against women and girls and to emphasize the need for preventive measures.



## Visit to PTV News

**December 07, 2023:** Students from the Department of Media and Communication Studies experienced an engaging visit to Pakistan Television Network Islamabad. The trip, organized by Dr. Yasmin Jamali and Dr. Zil-e-Huma, provided them with firsthand experience and a comprehensive understanding of media operations.

## Students attends closing ceremony of 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence

**December 11, 2024:** A delegation of RWU students led by Directorate of Student Affairs officers attended closing ceremony of 16 Days of Activism against Gender Based Violence followed by National Trade Fair organised by the National Commission on the Status of Women (NCSW) in collaboration with UN-Women at Jinnah Convention Center. The session aimed to underscore the need of investing in initiatives, policies and programs that aim to prevent violence against women. Ms. Nilofar Bakhtiar, Chairperson NCSW, Ms. Sharmeela Rassool, Country Rep UN-Women, Mr. Jamal Shah, Federal Minister for National Heritage and Culture, and Mr. Khalil George, Federal Minister for Human Rights were the key speakers.



## Guest Lecture on Broadcast Reporting

**December 12, 2023:** The Department of Media and Communication Studies hosted a guest lecture on "Television Journalism and Court Reporting." Mr. Muhammad Imran, a Senior Correspondent at Dunya News, provided students with insights into the essential aspects of broadcast reporting. The lecture was highly informative, allowing students to learn from the experiences of an active journalist and deepen their understanding of court reporting.



## Guest Lecture on Digital Media Tools

**December 13, 2023:** The Department of Media and Communication Studies hosted a guest lecture on utilizing digital media tools effectively in research. Ms. Durre-Shehwar, Assistant Professor in the Arts and Media Department at Foundation University, Islamabad, provided students with insights into innovative research tools. The event aimed to equip students with the skills and knowledge necessary for employing various digital media tools in communication and research.



## Literacy Session

**December 13, 2023:** The RWU Library successfully conducted a literacy session for BBA students, with the aim of enhancing their awareness of library resources. The session covered key topics such as navigating OPAC, utilizing academic databases, and maximizing reference materials. The interactive discussions facilitated a deeper understanding of how these resources can significantly contribute to their academic pursuits.



## Audio-visual Editing

**December 18, 2023:** The Department of Media and Communication Studies hosted "Beyond the Frames: Unleashing the Power of Audio-Visual Editing," featuring Mr. Musharraf Javed, a media production expert with 15 years of experience. Mr. Javed shared insights into advanced audio-visual editing techniques, inspiring creativity and innovation among participants.



## Bilingual Speech Competition

**December 19, 2023:** The Literary and Debating Society organized a bilingual speech competition, providing students with a platform to showcase their public speaking skills. Participants presented diverse topics, reflecting their unique interests and perspectives, while the judges offered constructive feedback.



## Awareness and Research Support Session

**December 19, 2023:** A comprehensive Library Awareness and Research Support Services Session was conducted at the RWU library for the students of M.Phil Psychology, Zoology, and Chemistry departments. The session aimed to enlighten students about the vast resources available and enhance their research capabilities, serving as a gateway to a world of knowledge beyond textbooks and allowing students to explore the depth of academic research.



## Guest Lecture on "Ethical Considerations of Media in the Digital Age"

**December 22, 2023:** The Department of Media and Communication Studies hosted a guest lecture titled "Ethical Considerations of Media in the Digital Age," featuring Mr. Rahul Basharat, a journalist from PTV World. The interactive session provided students with valuable insights as they engaged with Mr. Basharat on topics such as responsible reporting, fact-checking, privacy concerns, and the influence of social media on journalism.



## Short Film Competition

**December 22, 2023:** The RWU Media Club organized a Short Film Competition with the theme "Influence of Social Media on Youth." The event was judged by Mr. Qasim Raza, a renowned documentary producer and filmmaker. Zainab, a 3rd semester Psychology student, won 1st prize, while Aima Malik, a 1st-semester student from the Media and Communication Studies Department, secured the runner-up position.



## Interfaith Harmony

**December 24, 2023:** Vice Chancellor RWU Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal joined in the Christmas cake-cutting ceremony, standing in unity with Christian employees to promote interfaith harmony. Dr. Anila extended her congratulations on the festive occasion, and the Christian employees expressed their gratitude for her



involvement and encouragement during the Christmas celebrations. The Additional Registrar and Additional Treasurer were also in attendance.

### Presentation on Culture, exploring its Emergence, Role, and Power in Society

**December 26, 2023:** The RWU Literary and Debating Society (LDS) organized a presentation on the subject of Culture. The event was a blend of intellectual discourse and musical elegance, offering attendees an in-depth look into the emergence, role, and power of culture in society.



Mr. Arie Azhar, a renowned musician and producer known for his innovative interpretations of Sufi poetry and his notable contributions to three seasons of Coke Studio, was the guest. The event covered key topics, including the evolution of culture, its role in shaping societies, and the power dynamics influenced by cultural norms. Participants actively shared their views on culture's influence on society. Shields were distributed among the participants.

### Entrepreneurship Gala

**December 26, 2023:** The Department of Business Administration held an Entrepreneurship Gala, where students presented their entrepreneurial ideas under the guidance of Ms. Jaweria Tariq and Dr. Fatima Abrar. They showcased business plans, set up stalls, and learned effective selling techniques. The event was inaugurated by Prof. Dr. Sobia Masood and Prof. Dr. Rooh ul Amin, who praised the alignment of the products with UN Sustainable Development Goal #8 (Decent Work and Economic Growth). Dr. Shahzad Hussain, HoD Business Administration Department, commended the students' efforts and encouraged them to pursue careers in entrepreneurship.



### Study Tour

**December 27, 2023:** A study tour was organized for MPhil Zoology students to National Institute of Health, Islamabad (NIH) laboratories, supervised by Dr. Fareeha Ambreen. The students visited the Public Health Division, Animal House, Food and Nutrition Division, and Biological Production Division, exploring research facilities and available instruments at NIH.



### World Science Day 2023

**December 28, 2023:** The Department of Zoology celebrated World Science Day for Peace and Development (WSDPD) in line with the theme for 2023, "Building Trust in Science." Established by UNESCO in 2001, the day highlights the importance of science in addressing global challenges. As part of the celebration, BS and MPhil Zoology students showcased scientific models and posters. The models illustrated the physiological and pathophysiological aspects of human body systems and various diseases, while the posters highlighted different scientific research techniques.



### Tech Insights with Huawei & ITS

**December 28, 2023:** The Department of Computer Science & Information Technology organized an event in collaboration with the Office of Information Technology Services and Huawei, attracting enthusiastic participation from students and educators.



Representatives from Huawei shared valuable insights into the latest trends and technologies. The company also offered free certifications, providing a significant opportunity for students. In addition, Huawei distributed various gifts, fostering a positive environment and promoting education within the community.

### Recording of HUM News Morning Show

**December 31, 2023:** The Department of Media & Communication Studies organized a program recording of HUM News Morning show "Subah sy Agay," which focused on the "Scope & Challenges of Sports for Women in Pakistan." The program featured notable women sports personalities and provided valuable insights into the industry. The engaging discussion enhanced the participants' understanding of the challenges faced by women in sports, contributing significantly to their academic and intellectual growth. The event was well-attended by a large number of students and faculty.



## Alumni and Student Corner

### Alumni

#### Dr. Unaiza

*(Graduate of 1987)*

It was a pleasant surprise to be invited to the Rawalpindi Women University for a meeting in July this year. As I entered the gate, it seemed to me like a trip down memory lane. The lawns were green and lush, and the old buildings much the same as I remembered them. I had studied at this very campus, but at that time, it was the Government College for Women, Rawalpindi. I joined the college after matriculation, and graduated in 1987. Almost all of my schoolmates and friends opted for the CB college, but my foremost reason for joining this college was that it was a mere two minute walk from my home. This was a decision I never regretted. I found the environment conducive to learning. We got a chance to study with excellent teachers who were not just knowledgeable, but also very dedicated.



The college offered pre-engineering, pre-medical, and general science programs in FSc. The general science option was not so well known, since most of the students took admission in pre-engineering or pre-medical. I took the bold step of choosing the general science option, in which we studied Math, Physics and Statistics. I topped the Rawalpindi Board in the FSc exam. I enjoyed my subjects so much that I continued the same subjects in BSc as well, and topped amongst the female candidates in the Punjab University.

Statistics and Mathematics were very helpful in my subsequent Masters degree in Computer Science from the Quaid-i-Azam University. I went on to get a PhD in Computer Science in 2006, being the first female to obtain a PhD in the subject from the Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS). I am now a full professor at the Computer Science department at the Quaid-i-Azam University. I headed the department for six years, and as per a study conducted in 2022, was the most cited female researcher in the IT field in Pakistan.

I want to take this opportunity to pay tribute to all my teachers at the college. They were all so good at teaching their subject, so very dedicated, and so very kind. They would check our work, point out mistakes, scold us where needed, and encourage us all the time. It was not just their subject, but we learnt so much from them even otherwise. I remember a mathematics teacher's lecture on how we should behave and dress when in public. I remember giving notes that I had prepared to our visually impaired Pakistan Studies teacher for review. Her impairment did not stop her from providing very useful feedback on what I had written. I remember how one of our teachers wrote an equation on the blackboard and asked 'what do you see'? This is how she opened our eyes to the magical world of mathematics. I do so wish that this message of thanks reaches my teachers.

When I entered the Vice Chancellor's conference hall for the meeting, I saw portraits of Principals. Many of them were known to me. All of them seem to me to be beacons who have illuminated and continue to illuminate the way for so many. I wish this University all the best. May it achieve great heights.

### Student Review

#### Maheen Ashfaq

*President Student Council (2023-2024)*

I'm Maheen Ashfaq, and it's an honor to serve as President of the Student Council while pursuing my BS in Physics at RWU. RWU has been truly transformative for me. The highly qualified faculty has not only guided my academic journey but also inspired me profoundly. Beyond academics, the vibrant societies and clubs have helped me grow into a confident and well-rounded individual. I absolutely love the breathtaking winter views of the campus. I've built lifelong friendships, shared beautiful memories and found constant support in this welcoming environment. RWU feels like a second home. Hosting events from the podium at Fatima Hall has been one of the most cherished experiences of my time here. Oh! I also can't forget how much I enjoy the mango shakes and sandwiches from our cafe. This university holds a special place in my heart.

