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Vice Chancellor's MESSAGE

It is a pleasure for me to see the university progressing in all the spheres of its activities in this quarter. Rawalpindi Women University achieved a milestone during this quarter by enhancing a state-of-the-art Zoology Lab which is developed with the support of TİKA, Turkey. This will greatly enhance the infrastructure of the university, the addition of Zoological Diversity Laboratory and Animal Shelter Project has opened new avenues of research and productivity for Zoology department. This facility would now offer cutting-edge Tissue Culture and Histology Labs that would facilitate research-based learning and our postgraduate programs, as well. We are indeed grateful to the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA).

In the other realm of students activity, in order to boost the culture of innovation and entrepreneurship the first-ever IDEA-FEST 2024 was held in RWU. The event was attended by 183 teams representing 20 universities. We remain committed to building such platforms where our students become not just job seekers, but job creators. Besides our 3rd Annual Job Fair was also held during this quarter bringing together 33 leading organizations, offering job opportunities, internship opportunities to the students of RWU.

In sports RWU had the privilege of hosting the 8th All Pakistan Intervarsity Chess Championship in collaboration with HEC, where students from 19 universities participated.

RWU also had the honor to host the Prime Minister Youth Talent Hunt Judo Championship for Women, featuring teams from Gilgit, Skardu, Muzaffarabad, Mirpur, and Islamabad. Another of RWU flagship event "RWU Rising Pakistan 2024" is an inter-university event that grew from 4 universities in 2022 to 30 this year.

Alhamdulillah! it is a moment of pride for me that RWU is moving forward as a prestigious university due to the collective dedication, innovation, and excellence of all RWU administration, faculty and students.



Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal

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RWU MILESTONES

State-of-the-Art Zoology Laboratory

July 02, 2024: Rawalpindi Women University (RWU) proudly inaugurates its upgraded Zoological Diversity Laboratory and Animal Shelter Project, a milestone made possible through the generous support of the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TİKA). The initiative was formally inaugurated by TİKA Vice President, Dr. Ümit Naci Yorulmaz, and Vice Chancellor RWU, Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal.

This landmark project introduces a cutting-edge Tissue Culture Laboratory and Histology Laboratory, significantly enhancing RWU's research capabilities, particularly for MPhil students. These facilities will provide young women with hands-on experience in advanced scientific techniques, fostering a new generation of skilled researchers in biological sciences. The project reflects the dedicated leadership of Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal and efforts of Chairperson Zoology Department Dr. Samina.



RWU PARTICIPATIONS

Vice Chancellor attends S.M. Muneer Auditorium Plaque Unveiling

April 24, 2024: Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, graced the Plaque Unveiling Ceremony of S.M Muneer Auditorium at Islamabad Chamber of Commerce as the Chief Guest.

As the only female speaker among men, she inspired the audience with her remarks on women entrepreneurship and empowerment, emphasizing the significance of independent and educated businesswomen for a strong economy. The students from the Business Administration department also attended the event.



Vice Chancellor attends Quality Assurance Conference

April 30, 2024: Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, participated in the Vice Chancellors' Conference on Quality Assurance, organized by the Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) in collaboration with the Higher Education Commission, Pakistan.

The conference brought together over 75 Vice Chancellors, Rectors, Deans, and Directors from public and private sector universities in Punjab, to discuss ways to improve the quality of education in universities and colleges.

The suggestions and recommendations made at the conference will be implemented to further enhance the quality of education at Rawalpindi Women University.



Biodiversity Model Competition

May 20, 2024: Dr. Fareeha Ambreen from the Department of Zoology was invited to judge the IIUI Biodiversity Model Competition at the International Islamic University Islamabad. Students from BS Biotechnology and BS Biology showcased their impressive models on biochemical molecules and Animal Phyla.



Vice Chancellor attends 2nd Vice Chancellors Conference on Civic Education

May 21-22, 2024: Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, represented Rawalpindi Women University at the 2nd Vice Chancellors Conference on Civic Education organized by Punjab Higher Education Commission at a Hotel in Lahore. The conference brought together leading minds to discuss and promote civic education within universities. During the conference, panelists discussed integrating peace education into curriculums and activities, from specific topics to engaging extracurricular programs. Action plans were also discussed to create a more active student body engaged with their communities.

Dr. Anila not only represented RWU but also highlighted the importance of civic education. She shared the university's successful practices in empowering students to become informed and active citizens. This reflects RWU's deep commitment to fostering a strong foundation in civic education, a crucial element for a thriving democracy. engagement for women and girls in South and Central Asia.



Vice Chancellor attends Namal University Board Meeting

June 08, 2024: Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, participated in the 5th Meeting of the Board of Governors of Namal University Mianwali.

The meeting focused on key initiatives, including reporting progress and approving vital budgets, audit reports, strategic plans, and statutes for the upcoming academic year.



Vice Chancellor joins Consultation Meeting

June 27, 2024: Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, participated in a significant consultation meeting to stop Technology Facilitated Gender Based Violence (TFGBV). The event was organized by the Shoor Foundation for Education and Awareness (SFEA) in consortium with Search for Common Ground (SFCG), under the SHE LEADS (Supporting Her Empowerment: Leading Engagement and Digital Safety) project.

This consultation, brought together prominent stakeholders from academia, civil society, government, legislators, religious leaders, youth, and minority representatives. Discussions focused on pressing issues, groundwork, legislative gaps, and future directions to combat TFGBV in Pakistan. Dr. Anila's valuable feedback contributed significantly to the efforts to create safe and meaningful online engagement for women and girls in South and Central Asia.



VISITS

Vice Chancellor Congratulates PHEC Chairperson on Tamgha-e-Imtiaz

April 17, 2024: Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, Vice Chancellor RWU, extends heartfelt congratulations to Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir (T.I), Chairperson of the Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC), on being honored with the Tamgha-e-Imtiaz. His outstanding contributions to higher education and research have been instrumental in advancing academic excellence in Pakistan.



TIKA Delegation Visits RWU

April 18, 2024: The country head of Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TIKA) Islamabad, Mr. Mohsin Balci, along with the Coordinator Mr. Muhammad Annis Khan visited Rawalpindi Women University. During their visit, they engaged in a productive meeting with the worthy Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal and visited the newly upgraded laboratory in the Department of Zoology.

The state-of-the-art laboratory has been renovated and equipped through the collaborative efforts of TIKA, Islamabad, marking a significant milestone in enhancing educational resources.



Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal Congratulates Chairman HEC on Hilal-e-Imtiaz

April 20, 2024: Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, Vice Chancellor RWU, paid a visit to the Higher Education Commission (HEC) Islamabad to extend her heartfelt congratulations to Chairman HEC, Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed, on being honored with the prestigious Hilal-e-Imtiaz.

During the meeting, Dr. Anila Kamal also had a discussion on various key matters concerning the university.



HONORS AND AWARDS

RWU Shines at National Environmental Mela 2024

April 27, 2024: Rawalpindi Women University secured 3rd position in the Best Stall Category among 11 participating universities at the National Environmental Mela 2024, organized by the National Cleaner Production Center Foundation, at Rose and Jasmine Garden, Islamabad. The RWU stall showcased creative and innovative displays, including Recycle Mania, Posters, Paintings, Organic Products, and Models related to the theme 'It's Time for Nature.' In the speech competition category, Maryam Asif, a student of the Zoology Department secured 2nd position.



Zoology Student Wins Bronze at Prime Minister Talent Hunt Judo League 2024

May 12-18, 2024: Ayesha Ashfaq from the Department of Zoology won the bronze medal in the Prime Minister Talent Hunt Provincial Judo League for Women 2024 organized by Lahore College for Women University Lahore.

Her achievement not only showcases her individual talent but also reflects the university's commitment to nurturing talent.



Rawalpindi Women University shines at Hitec Olympiad

May 15-17, 2024: In the Olympiad organized by HITEC University Taxila, the talented students of Rawalpindi Women University brought various winning prizes in the competitions of Na'at, Drama, Paper Plane, Luddo, Dumb Charades, Cultural Show, Tug of War, Drag & Win, Disc Throw, and Crime Time Road.

Maheen Ashfaq, President Student Council, was awarded the Best Ambassador Award.



RWU Rowers Honored with Prize Money for National Championship Wins

The talented rowers of Rawalpindi Women University (RWU), who secured victories at the 36th Rowing National Championship 2023 and the 34th National Games Quetta Rowing Championship 2023, have been awarded prize money cheques by the Higher Education Commission, Pakistan.

The awardees include Ms. Sadaf Perveen (Manager & Assistant Director Sports) and students Ayesha Sherdad (Mathematics Department), Faryal (English Department), and Nazia Hassan (Computer Science Department).

Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal congratulated the winners and presented the cheques, acknowledging their dedication and bringing pride to RWU.



TRAININGS & WORKSHOPS

Workshop on Importance of Social Media

April 17, 2024: The Directorate of Student Affairs organised a workshop on Importance of Social Media for Students of Media and Communication Studies, in collaboration with PNY Group of Companies. Resource Persons, Mr. Jalal Khan, a seasoned expert in digital marketing, and Mr. Danish Ali, Assistant Branch Manager provided insights into the evolving landscape of social media and its relevance in today's world.



Hands-on Workshop on Optics

May 09, 2024: The Department of Physics organized a one-day hands-on workshop on Optics, featuring Dr. Imrana Ashraf from Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad as the guest speaker. Dr. Imrana delivered a lecture on the fundamentals of light and geometrical optics, followed by interactive experiments that transformed theoretical concepts into practical understanding. Students actively participated, engaging in discussions and posing thought-provoking questions.

The session provided a good learning experience, reinforcing RWU's commitment to experiential education. In recognition of her contributions, Dr. Irfan Qasim, Chairperson, Department of Physics, presented the guest speaker with an RWU shield as a token of appreciation.



Training Session on Institutional Repository (Calibre)

May 14, 2024: The RWU library organized a training session on the Use of Institutional Repository (Calibre), conducted by Deputy Librarian Ms. Sanila Aslam.

The session focused on the efficient management and access of the university's digital repository through Calibre, providing participants with essential skills for organizing and retrieving academic resources. Attendees learned about streamlining digital content, enhancing accessibility, and maximizing the platform's potential for academic and research purposes.



Workshop on Advanced Chemistry Software and Virtual Labs

14-15 May, 2024: The Department of Chemistry organized a two-day workshop on advanced computer software and virtual lab experimentation. Moderated by Dr. Sana Jamshaid (IPFP, RWU), the workshop was designed to enhance the technical proficiency of BS Chemistry 6th semester students by integrating modern digital tools into their learning experience.

Throughout the sessions, students engaged with state-of-the-art chemistry software and participated in virtual lab simulations, gaining hands-on exposure to techniques widely used in contemporary research and industry. The workshop aimed to bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical applications, ensuring that students are well-equipped for the evolving landscape of chemical sciences.



Short Story Writing Workshop

May 17, 2024: The Department of English organized a Short Story Writing Workshop, providing a platform for Bachelor and MPhil students to showcase their literary talents. Under the expert guidance of Dr. Saba Zaidi, participants explored the art of storytelling, refining their skills in crafting compelling narratives.



The workshop aimed to cultivate creativity and instill a deeper appreciation for storytelling. Dr. Saba's insightful session provided students with essential writing techniques and strategies to enhance their narrative craft.

Training Session on Digital Library Resources

May 21, 2024: The RWU Library Department conducted a training session on the efficient use of digital library resources. The session provided practical guidance on navigating digital repositories, improving research efficiency, and utilizing available academic resources effectively. Participants gained insights into optimizing digital tools to enhance their learning and research capabilities.

Workshop on Digital Marketing Tools

May 23, 2024: The Office of Research, Innovation, and Commercialization (ORIC) arranged a workshop on 'Digital Marketing Tools for Business Development.' A team of mentors from S&P Global mentored 45 students from the Department of Business Administration, Information Technology, and Computer Science. The Career Development and Mentoring Program (CDMP) team members included Ms. Aqsa Aamir, Mr. Huzaifa, and Ms. Mariyam Mughal, while the CDMP mentors were Mohammad Sadan Durrani, Ms. Rabia Arif, and Ms. Shiza Sohail. Our students were fully engaged and enthusiastic throughout the session, gaining hands-on experience with digital marketing tools and strategies.



Workshop on Securing Scholarships

May 24, 2024: The Department of English conducted a workshop on "How to Secure a Scholarship – Foreign and Indigenous," led by resource persons Ms. Saira Rashad and Ms. Maham Michelle Gill. The session provided students with essential guidance on exploring scholarship opportunities, browsing reliable websites, and preparing a comprehensive application pack. The speakers covered key aspects such as writing a compelling statement of interest, organizing documents for ready use, and preparing for entrance tests conducted by the HEC and other bodies. The interactive workshop equipped students with practical tools to confidently navigate the scholarship application process, ensuring they are well-prepared to seize academic opportunities.

RWU Hosts 1st International Workshop on Women in Robotics & AI

June 05, 2024: The Department of Mathematics organized the 1st International Workshop on UK-Pakistan Women in Robotics and AI under the STEM-PIE (Partnership in Equality) project. This initiative aims to empower women in STEM, encourage innovation, and strengthen academic collaboration between the UK and Pakistan.

The workshop was made possible under the visionary leadership of Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, whose commitment to advancing STEM education and research at RWU has been instrumental in fostering international partnerships. The event was supported by the British Council, Cardiff Metropolitan University, and the National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST).

Prof. Dr. Saima Mustafa, Chairperson, Department of Mathematics, delivered the welcome address, while distinguished guests from NUST, including Dr. Shadan Khattak, Dr. Chow Siing Sia, Dr. Farkhanda Afzal, Dr. Ayesha Maqbool, Dr. Alina Mirza, Ms. Uzma Ehsan, Dr. Hamza Salim, and Dr. Qamar Afzal, shared insights on the project's significance and future prospects.

This workshop marks a significant step in promoting women's participation in STEM fields and enhancing global research collaborations.



Workshop on Report Writing

June 24, 2024: The Department of Psychology organized a workshop on Report Writing, led by Dr. Anam Khan (Asst. Prof. RWU) to enhance the academic and professional writing skills of students and faculty.

The session focused on practical techniques for structuring reports, improving clarity, and maintaining academic integrity. Through an interactive and collaborative format, participants actively engaged in discussions and hands-on exercises, reinforcing key writing strategies.

By equipping students with strong writing competencies, RWU continues to support their academic and career success in an increasingly competitive environment.



3rd Mathematical Computation & Simulation Workshop

June 27, 2024: The Mathematics Department hosted the “3rd Mathematical Computation & Simulation Workshop: Mastering Maple and Mathematica to Solve Differential Equations,” featuring Dr. Naveed Ahmed. With over 140 participants, the workshop focused on advanced methods like Euler, Modified Euler, Mid-point, Picard, Spectral, Collocation, and Galerkin for solving differential equations.



SEMINARS & WEBINARS

Healthy Bee, Healthy People, Healthy Planet

April 16, 2024: The Department of Zoology organized a seminar titled “Healthy Bee, Healthy People, Healthy Planet” to raise awareness about the ecological and economic significance of honey bees. The event featured Dr. Asif Aziz, Director, Institute of Agriculture, PMAS-University of Arid Agriculture, Rawalpindi, as the guest speaker.

The seminar provided students with insights into honey bee diversity in Pakistan and emphasized the role of bees in pollination, food security, and environmental sustainability.

Following the talk, an awareness walk was conducted from the Department of Zoology to the VC Secretariat in observance of World Honey Bee Day.



Plant Compounds for Drug Discovery in Modern Medicine

April 16, 2025: The Botany Department hosted a seminar titled "Exploring Plant Compounds as Nature's Pharmacopeia for Drug Screening," featuring Dr. Zarrin Basharat, Scientific Officer at Alpha Genomics. During the session, Dr. Zarrin delved into the potential of plant compounds as valuable resources for drug discovery and development. She highlighted the diverse array of bioactive molecules present in plants and their significant role in traditional medicine and modern pharmaceutical research.



Pitching Skills

April 18, 2024: A seminar aimed at providing students with the skills to pitch their ideas for the RWU's IDEAFEST-2024 was organised by the Department of Business Administration. The guest speaker, Mr. Tayyab Ali Baig from the National University of Modern Sciences Islamabad, provided practical solutions to the students on how to pitch their ideas effectively. The session included interactive activities that helped them grasp the latest ideas on presenting and pitching ideas.



Business Model Canvas

April 22, 2024: The Department of Business Administration, in collaboration with ORIC and DSA, organized a seminar on "Business Model Canvas and Value Proposition Design" as part of the mentorship sessions for IDEAFEST 2024.

The guest speaker, Dr. Zia Ur Rehman, Assistant Professor of Management Science at Arid Agriculture University, guided students in developing innovative products with value propositions and explored the revenue generation mechanisms.



Digital Literacy

April 23, 2023: The Department of Chemistry organized a seminar on "Digital Literacy: Navigating the Web for Academic Success with Ethical Awareness". The session was conducted by Dr. Sana Jamshaid (IPFP Fellow, RWU), who emphasized the importance of responsible digital navigation and ethical considerations in academic research.

The seminar provided students with guidance on leveraging digital resources effectively while maintaining academic integrity. Students from the Departments of Chemistry and Zoology actively participated, gaining essential skills for navigating the digital world with confidence.



Plant Research

April 23, 2024: The Department of Botany hosted a seminar on "CRISPR/Cas9 Technology in Plant Research". Dr. Naila Safdar, a renowned expert from the Department of Biotechnology, Fatima Jinnah Women University, highlighted how CRISPR/Cas9 offers revolutionary tools for precise genome editing in plants, enabling researchers to modify specific genes with unprecedented accuracy and efficiency. This technology opens up exciting possibilities in agriculture, including crop improvement, disease resistance, and increased yields.



Fundamental Rights, Rule of Law, and Its Societal Impact

April 24, 2024: The Department of Sociology organized a seminar on "Fundamental Rights, Rule of Law, and its Impact on Society," Dr. Sami-Ur-Rahman, Head of Shariah & law Shifa Tameer-e-Millat University, was the guest speaker. He delivered a comprehensive lecture on fundamental rights and the importance of the rule of law. He stressed that fundamental rights serve as the base for a just and equitable society. Dr. Raza Ullah expressed his gratitude to the guest.



Cybersecurity Awareness

April 25, 2024: The Department of Statistics organized a seminar on "Empowering Digital Citizens: Enhancing Cybersecurity Awareness" to highlight the growing importance of online safety in daily life.

The session featured Dr. Noshina Tariq, Assistant Professor, Department of Avionics Engineering, Air University, Islamabad, as the guest speaker. She discussed practical ways to protect personal data, recognize cyber threats, and adopt safe digital practices. Students actively participated, showing a strong interest in the topic. The seminar provided them with knowledge on staying secure in an increasingly digital world.



IoT and Networking

April 25, 2024: The Department of Computer Science and Information Technology organized a seminar on "IoT and Networking" to provide students with innovative ideas for their final-year projects.

Dr. Shariq Hussain, Associate Professor from the Department of Software Engineering at Foundation University School of Science and Technology (FUSST), shared his expertise on the recent trends and protocols being used in Internet of Things (IoT). The seminar aimed to inspire students to explore the latest developments in IoT and Networking, providing guidance on students' project ideas.



Qur'an and Modern Science

April 30, 2024: The seminar on "The Holy Qur'an & Modern Science," conducted by Dr. Fatima Bibi from the Department of Botany, delved into the remarkable parallels between scientific discoveries and teachings found in the Qur'an, dating back 1400 years.

Throughout the seminar, students were fascinated to learn how concepts and phenomena known to modern science were intricately detailed within the verses of the Holy Qur'an. Dr. Fatima skillfully elucidated these connections, demonstrating how ancient wisdom aligns with contemporary scientific understanding.



NASA's Artemis Program: "Return to the Moon and Onwards to Mars"

May 03, 2024: The Department of Physics organized a seminar titled "Return to the Moon and Onwards to Mars! NASA's Artemis Program", highlighting the latest advancements in space exploration.

The session featured Mr. Mansoor Ahmed, Associate Director at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center, Greenbelt, Maryland, as the resource person. He provided in-depth insights into NASA's Artemis program, emphasizing the technological, physiological, and psychological challenges associated with future human missions to Mars. The interactive session enhanced students' understanding of space exploration missions. Dr. Irfan Qasim, Chairperson Physics Department, presented Mr. Mansoor with an RWU shield.



Laws of Blasphemy and Our Social Responsibilities

May 08, 2024: The Directorate of Student Affairs, in collaboration with the Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC), organized a seminar titled 'Laws of Blasphemy and Our Social Responsibilities.' The seminar aimed to educate attendees about blasphemy laws and their implications on social responsibilities, particularly in the context of social media usage. Dr. Rana Tanveer Qasim, Director Coordination PHEC, provided a comprehensive overview of blasphemy laws, emphasizing their legal framework and historical context. He shed light on the sensitivity surrounding issues of blasphemy and the legal consequences of violating these laws.



Plants as Organic Cosmetopia

May 08, 2024: Dr. Maimona Munir, Asst. Prof. Department of Botany, led a seminar on "Plants as Organic Cosmetopia: Opportunities and Challenges", exploring the benefits and uses of plants in cosmetics. The session delved into the healing properties of botanical extracts, sustainable sourcing methods, and the integration of organic alternatives into the cosmetics industry.



Cinema & Social Change

May 10, 2024: MPhil students of Media & Communication Studies hosted a seminar on "Cinema & Social Change" under the supervision of Dr. Yasmin Jamali. Mr. Ghulam Maaz Jan from Bahria University Islamabad served as our guest speaker, who shed light on the powerful role of cinema in driving societal transformation.



Sampling Methods by Gallup Pakistan

May 14, 2024: The Department of Statistics hosted a seminar on "Sampling Methods Applied by Gallup Pakistan and International Gallup". The seminar featured Dr. Ijaz Shafi Gillani, the founder of Gallup Pakistan, who shared his expertise from his work in public opinion research.

Students learned about various sampling techniques, including probability and non-probability methods, their advantages, and limitations. Dr. Saba Riaz, Head of the Department, presented a shield to Dr. Ijaz.



Dos and Don'ts of Good Skin Care

May 15, 2024: The Department of Psychology organized an informative seminar titled "Dos and Don'ts of Good Skin Care", aimed at educating students on effective skincare practices.

The session was led by Dr. Huma Umar, CEO of Farid Family Hospital, Rawalpindi, who provided expert insights into maintaining healthy skin through proper routines and lifestyle choices. She emphasized the significance of informed skincare habits in enhancing overall well-being, self-esteem, and confidence among young women.

The interactive session reflects RWU's commitment to holistic education, equipping students with essential life skills that extend beyond academics.



Resilience and Personal Growth

May 15, 2024: The faculty of Islamic Studies and RWU Character Building Society hosted a motivational seminar. Mr. Tuaha Ibn Jalil, Regional Director & Country Head of Youth Club, captivated a full house with his dynamic insights on resilience, character building, and personal growth. His relatable anecdotes and engaging style resonated deeply with the enthusiastic students, fostering active participation.



Digital Literacy Skills

May 16, 2024: The Department of English organized a seminar on Enabling Participants to Develop Digital Literacy Skills aimed at equipping students and educators with essential competencies for navigating today's technology-driven academic landscape.

The seminar featured Ms. Saira Akhtar, Lecturer, Department of Educational Sciences, National University of Modern Languages (NUML), Islamabad, as the guest speaker. The session focused on enhancing participants' understanding of digital literacy and providing practical strategies for integrating digital tools in teaching and learning environments. Participants gained practical knowledge on leveraging digital platforms for academic growth and professional development. Prof. Dr. Rooh ul Amin, Chairperson, Department of English, presented a shield and letter of appreciation to the guest speaker in recognition of her contribution.



21st-Century Teaching Skills

May 16, 2024: The Department of English organized a seminar to provide prospective teachers with a strong understanding of the four essential 21st century skills: communication, critical thinking, creativity, and collaboration, which are key competencies for effective modern educators. The guest speaker, Mr. Shahid Alam, Program Coordinator and Lecturer at the Department of Educational Sciences, National University of Modern Languages (NUML), Islamabad, was the guest speaker. The seminar aimed to enhance participants' understanding of 21st-century skills, introduce practical teaching strategies, and promote reflective practice for continuous improvement in educational settings.

The session provided an interactive platform for aspiring educators to explore innovative approaches in teaching and learning. At the end, Prof. Dr. Rooh ul Amin, Chairperson, Department of English, presented a shield and an appreciation letter to the guest speaker in recognition of his contribution.



Biodiversity of Honey Bee in Pakistan

May 21, 2024: The Department of Zoology organized a seminar titled "Biodiversity of Honey Bee in Pakistan" to enhance students' understanding of the diverse species of honey bees and their ecological significance. The seminar featured Dr. Asif Aziz, Director, Institute of Agriculture, PMAS-University of Arid Agriculture, Rawalpindi, and Mr. Navid Qureshi from Mr. Bee Honey Farms as guest speakers. They shared in-depth knowledge about honey bee species, their role in pollination, and the importance of sustainable beekeeping practices.

Students actively participated in the session, engaging with experts to explore the challenges and opportunities in honey bee conservation.



The Sunnah & Modern Science

May 21, 2024: Dr. Fatima Bibi from the Department of Botany conducted a seminar titled "The Sunnah & Modern Science". The seminar captivated students with its intriguing exploration of ancient wisdom and contemporary scientific validation. The session provided a bridge between the teachings of our Holy Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) from over 1400 years ago and the discoveries of modern science.

The students were fascinated by the manifold benefits of adhering to the Sunnah, showcasing how practices and sayings of the Prophet (PBUH) are now being corroborated by scientific research. It was a revelatory experience, leaving attendees with a deeper appreciation for the timeless wisdom embedded within the Sunnah and its relevance in today's world.



Seminar on Applied Statistical Learning

May 21, 2024: The Department of Statistics hosted a seminar on Applied Statistical Learning, featuring Dr. Muhammad Younas Majeed from Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission (PAEC), Islamabad. Dr. Younas' presentation covered practical applications of statistical learning, showcasing real-world examples and case studies. He emphasized the importance of statistical modeling in data analysis and decision-making, highlighting its significance in various fields, including science, engineering, and social sciences. Dr. Saba Riaz, Head of the Department, presented a shield to Dr. Younas in appreciation.



Seminar on Leadership and HR Management

May 22, 2024: The Department of Business Administration organized a seminar on 'Learn to Follow then Lead: Triumph for the HR-Manager.' The seminar aimed to enhance leadership abilities among students, which are crucial in their careers as HR Managers. The Resource Person, Ms. Wajeeha Ghias from National Defence University and an International Trainer, shared her expertise with our students, highlighting the importance of understanding organizational dynamics and employee needs to become effective HR Managers.



Fascination of Plants Day

May 22, 2024: The seminar on "Fascination of Plants Day," led by Dr. Shamim Akhtar from the Department of Botany discovered the wonders of plants. From exploring plant diversity to understanding its ecological importance, attendees learned about the fascinating roles plants play in sustaining life on Earth.



Education and Employment Abroad

May 29, 2024: The Department of Botany hosted a seminar on "Education and Employment Abroad: Opportunities and Prospects". Dr. Saghir Abbas, CEO of SUSI EXPERT, served as the keynote speaker. Dr. Abbas offered practical advice on how to navigate the complexities of international education and employment and highlighted various opportunities and prospects available overseas. Dr. Yamin, HoD Botany Department, presented a shield to the guests.



Fifth Generation Warfare & Propaganda

May 29, 2024: The Department of Political Science hosted a seminar on "Fifth Generation Warfare & Propaganda in Pakistan". Mr. Ghulam Murtaza Pitafi, Lecturer, delved into the complexities of modern warfare, highlighting the role of non-traditional tactics and digital strategies.

The seminar further explored how propaganda is crafted and disseminated in the digital age, impacting public opinion and global dynamics. Participants engaged in discussions on recognizing and countering sophisticated forms of propaganda and misinformation.



INDUSTRIAL & EXTERNAL LINKAGES

The Office of External Linkages expands RWU's industry collaborations by signing several key Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) to enhance academic and professional opportunities for students.

Enablers Pakistan

April 03, 2024: Rawalpindi Women University has partnered with Enablers Pakistan to provide subsidized tech courses and collaborative projects beyond e-commerce. This initiative aims to bridge the gap between academia and industry, ensuring that RWU students gain practical skills aligned with modern job market demands. By setting new standards in excellence, innovation, and inclusivity, this partnership marks a transformative step forward for RWU students.



Rawalpindi Chamber of Small Traders and Industries

April 04, 2024: Rawalpindi Women University and the Rawalpindi Chamber of Small Traders and Industries (RCSTSI) partnered to foster collaborative research projects, entrepreneurial activities, and knowledge exchange. The agreement, signed by Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, Vice Chancellor RWU, and Mr. Tariq Khan Jadoon, President RCSTSI, encourages participation of RCSTSI members in RWU's professional events. This partnership aims to enhance students' academic and entrepreneurial experiences while strengthening ties with the business community.



Save Our Society Foundation

June 10, 2024: RWU has signed an MoU with Save Our Society (SOS) Foundation, marking a significant collaboration focused on student empowerment and community engagement. The MoU, signed by Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, Vice Chancellor RWU, and Dr. Shaista Sohail, CEO of SOS Foundation, paves the way for training sessions, educational campaigns, and outreach programs. This partnership aligns with RWU's mission to equip students with valuable skills and cultivate a strong sense of social responsibility.



EXTRA AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Department of Psychology Hosts Poster Competition on Women Empowerment

April 09, 2024: The Department of Psychology organized a Poster Competition on Women Empowerment, aimed at enhancing the exposure, expertise, and knowledge of undergraduate students. By encouraging students to research, create, and present their work on the topic, the competition not only sharpened their academic skills but also raised awareness of crucial gender issues.



External Linkages' Outreach Session in Collaboration with Cambridge Assessment

April 17, 2024: The Office of External Linkages, in collaboration with Cambridge Assessment, organized an outreach session to introduce students to Cambridge English Qualifications and Assessments. These globally recognized assessments provide credible proof of English proficiency, a crucial requirement for students pursuing higher education abroad or advancing in their academic journeys. This session provided valuable insights into enhancing English language skills for career and educational growth.



Gender Inequality in Pakistan Media houses

April 24, 2024: The Media & Communication Studies department, in collaboration with the Women Journalist Association of Pakistan, organized a report launching ceremony and academic discussion on the topic "Unequal Newsrooms: A gender report of Pakistan Media Organizations".

Senior journalists and media development experts discussed the 'Gender Blind' policies and procedures of media organizations. Dr. Noman Ansari, Assistant Professor, moderated the discussion, which was attended by faculty members and students.

The President of the Women Journalist Association, Ms. Fauzia Kulsoom Rana, presented the newly published report on gender inequality in Pakistan Media houses to the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal. Shields were presented by the honorable VC to the guests.



3rd Annual Job Fair

April 25, 2024: The 3rd Annual Job Fair at Rawalpindi Women University, organized by the Directorate of Student Affairs, served as a dynamic hub of opportunities for aspiring women professionals. The event featured 33 leading organizations, offering a platform for networking, recruitment, and career development.

The job fair was graced by Chief Guest Mr. Sohail Altaf, Chief Business Advisor, Federal Tax Ombudsman, and Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal. In his address, Mr. Soahil Altaf underscored the critical underrepresentation of women in the workforce, despite comprising over 50% of the population. He emphasized the need for entrepreneurial ventures and export-driven initiatives to generate sustainable job opportunities.

Dr. Anila Kamal highlighted the importance of bridging the gap between academia and industry. She also emphasized that RWU strives to ensure students are not only self-sufficient but also contribute meaningfully to the economy.

The event featured on-the-spot interviews, career counseling sessions, and interactive discussions. The Vice Chancellor and Chief Guest visited company stalls, engaging with industry representatives and students. The job fair concluded with shields distribution, recognizing the participating organizations for their role in empowering future professionals.



Department of Physics Organizes Recreational Tour for MPhil and BS Students

April 27, 2024: The Department of Physics organized a recreational tour for MPhil and BS-8th semester students to Saidpur Village and Lake View Park. Students and faculty members enjoyed a day filled with scenic landscapes, team-building activities, and unforgettable memories.



BMD Testing Camp

April 30, 2024: To prioritize health and wellness, the Department of Media and Communication Studies collaborated with Wattle Health to arrange a free Bone Mineral Density (BMD) testing camp on our campus. A total of 250 students and faculty members benefited from the opportunity.



Labour Day Through Art

May 02, 2024: The Department of Fine Arts, in collaboration with the Directorate of Student Affairs presented an art exhibition in connection with Labour Day.

The thought-provoking exhibition, curated by Ms. Nabiha Muzzafar, Lecturer Department of Fine Arts, featured stunning artworks created by our talented students, shedding light on the struggles and challenges faced by workers and laborers in our society.

Our students' perspectives on labor rights, worker exploitation, and social justice were highly praised by our Worthy Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal.



Development Communication Projects

May 06, 2024: The 6th-semester students of Media and Communication Studies, under the guidance of Dr. Yasmin Jamali, carried out impactful projects in Development Communication. Their initiatives included raising awareness about personal hygiene among sanitary staff and students and staging a compelling street theatre performance on the importance of education and parental involvement. These efforts made a meaningful impact on the community, showcasing the power of media in driving social change.



BS Zoology Students Explore Margalla Hills for Wildlife Studies

May 07, 2024: Students from the 6th and 8th semesters of BS Zoology visited Margalla Hills as part of their Wildlife Studies course. Under the guidance of Dr. Samina Qamer and faculty members, students explored the heart of wildlife habitat and got first-hand information on the fauna of Margalla Hills.



In addition to field observations, students took part in a cleanliness drive, reinforcing the importance of conservation and responsible environmental practices. This hands-on experience allowed them to apply theoretical knowledge in a real-world setting, enhancing their research skills and ecological awareness.

Sustainability Practice Poster Competition

May 07, 2024: The Department of Chemistry organized the Sustainability Practice Poster Competition, providing a platform for students and researchers to showcase innovative ideas promoting sustainability. The judges, Dr. Humaira Nadeem (Professor & HOD, Pharmaceutical Industry) and Dr. Saima Nasir (Additional Director, ORIC), evaluated the participants' creative solutions to environmental and societal challenges. They commended the insightful contributions and emphasized the need to integrate sustainability into academic and industrial practices.



Rising Pakistan

May 07-08, 2024: Rawalpindi Women University organized Rising Pakistan 2024 (Inter-University Competitions), providing students with a platform to showcase their creativity and skills. The event saw participation from 30 universities across Punjab and Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, with students competing in 29 diverse categories, ranging from Qirat and drama to sports.

The event was graced by Members Provincial Assembly Ms. Tahseen Fawad and Ms. Shazia Rizwan as chief guests. Ms. Tahseen Fawad praised Chief Minister Maryam Nawaz's dedication to youth empowerment and assured support for resolving university challenges as a Syndicate member while Ms. Shazia Rizwan encouraged students to continue striving for success, emphasizing that hard work always pays off.

Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal highlighted RWU's commitment to fostering both academic excellence and extracurricular engagement, recognizing the growth and diversity of Rising Pakistan over the years. She emphasized the event's success, with participation expanding from 4 universities in 2022 to 30 in 2024.

Director Student Affairs, Ms. Huma Fawad, presented a detailed report, reinforcing RWU's vision of holistic student development. She appreciated all participating universities and acknowledged the judges' impartial evaluations.

The event concluded with the distribution of cash prizes, shields, and certificates to the winners. PMAS Arid Agriculture University was awarded Best University, while HITEC University Taxila got the Best Ambassador Award.



RWU Hosts 8th All Pakistan Intervarsity Chess Competition

May 08-16, 2024: Rawalpindi Women University, in collaboration with the Higher Education Commission (HEC), successfully hosted the 8th All Pakistan Intervarsity Chess Championship. A total of 19 university teams from across Pakistan competed, showcasing strategic thinking and competitive spirit. Rawalpindi Women University in its commitment to academic and extracurricular excellence, provided a platform for fostering intellectual sportsmanship. The championship concluded with the University of Karachi securing 1st place, followed by the University of Lahore and the University of Punjab in 2nd and 3rd positions, respectively.



Prime Minister's Youth Sports Talent Hunt Judo Women Provincial League

May 09-11, 2024: Rawalpindi Women University in collaboration with the Higher Education Commission hosted the Prime Minister's Youth Sports Talent Hunt Judo Women Provincial League. The chief Guest of the Opening Ceremony, Member National Assembly, Mr. Anjum Aqeel, emphasized the importance of technology and education, announcing government plans to provide laptops to students. Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal praised the participants and reiterated the university's commitment to empowering women through education and sports. Five regional teams from Gilgit, Skardu, Muzaffarabad, Mirpur, and Islamabad participated in the event. Students demonstrated their impressive throwing techniques of Judo, showcasing their skills and talent. The chief guest, Prof. Dr. Sobia Masood, Chairperson Department of Psychology, graced the closing ceremony and awarded prizes to the winning teams. The Gilgit Team stood first, the Islamabad Team secured second position, and the Muzaffarabad Team came third.



English Students Enchant Audience with "A Shakespearean Nightmare"

May 13, 2024: The 8th-semester students of the Department of English at Rawalpindi Women University captivated the audience with their performance on the original play, "A Shakespearean Nightmare". This unique performance was part of their coursework for Modern Drama under the expert guidance of Ms. Zainab. As the play unfolds, Aristotle, the ancient Greek philosopher, finds himself astonished by the concept of a tragedy devoid of any death, a stark contrast to the dramatic conventions of his time. Shakespeare, on the other hand, experiences a tempest of emotions, chief among them being incandescent rage, as he witnesses the transformation of his beloved tragedy. The performance received overwhelming appreciation, with the audience applauding the students' creative vision and theatrical skills.



Business Administration Students Attend 'Dialogue on Business Expo' in Islamabad

May 15, 2024: The students from the Department of Business Administration accompanied by Dr. Fatima Abrar and Dr. Tahir attended the "Dialogue on Business Expo" organized by Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce at a hotel in Islamabad. The event brought together professionals from various industries, providing students with an opportunity to engage with business leaders, explore market trends, and



Chemistry Students Gain Hands-On Industry Experience Through Educational Tours

May 16, 2024: The Department of Chemistry organized three educational tours for 6th-semester students, offering them first hand exposure to industrial practices at Andrew Paints, Islamabad, and Shaigan Pharmaceuticals, Rawalpindi. These visits provided students with a deeper understanding of real-world applications of analytical techniques, bridging the gap between theoretical knowledge and industrial implementation. Led by Dr. Sana Jamshaid, instructor for Applied Chemistry, and accompanied by faculty members, the tours also served as networking opportunities. Students interacted with industry professionals, gaining insights into career pathways, skill development, and potential internship opportunities in the chemical and pharmaceutical sectors.



Learn and Earn with MS Office

May 21, 2024: In line with the university's commitment to provide students with the skills they need to succeed in an ever-evolving world, the Directorate of Student Affairs arranged a session on "Learn and Earn with MS Office" in collaboration with PNY Group of Companies. The session, led by Mr. Rao Asad Abbas, aimed to enhance students' productivity and employability by mastering Microsoft Office. Ms. Huma Fawad, Director Student Affairs/Additional Registrar, presented a shield to Mr. Asad as a token of appreciation.



Chemistry Model Exhibition

May 22, 2024: Dr. Sana Jamshaid, IPFP fellow from the Department of Chemistry organized the Chemistry Model Exhibition. The event showcased innovative student projects in green chemistry, nanotechnology, and sustainability, with a focus on practical solutions to global challenges such as water purification, alternative energy, and biodegradable materials.

Through live demonstrations and poster presentations, students highlighted the transformative role of chemistry in addressing real-world problems. The chief guest, Dr. Shamim Ahmad, CEO of Andrew Paints, Kahota Road, Islamabad, evaluated the models and engaged in interactive discussions with the presenters. He also awarded the best models with cash prizes and certificates.



Department of Zoology Hosts Memorable Party for Students

May 22, 2024: A departmental party was arranged for the students of the Department of Zoology, with enthusiastic participation from students across all semesters. The event provided a delightful opportunity for students to connect and create lasting memories with their peers. The occasion was especially meaningful for the graduating batches, offering them a chance to cherish their time at university.



Department of Botany Celebrates International Day for Biological Diversity

May 22, 2024: The Department of Botany celebrated the International Day for Biological Diversity with an enthusiastic walk led by Chairperson Dr. Yamin Bibi and accompanied by Associate Prof. Dr. Shamim Akhtar. BS and MPhil students actively participated, carrying banners and posters emphasizing the importance of biodiversity conservation. The walk commenced from the Botany Department and concluded at the Vice Chancellor's Secretariat. Throughout the event, students disseminated vital information about the importance of biodiversity and the urgent need for its conservation, highlighting its critical role in maintaining ecological balance and supporting life on Earth.



Department of Zoology Organizes Fun-Filled Trip to Harnoi Amusement Park

May 25, 2024: The Department of Zoology organized an exciting trip to Harnoi Amusement Park for its students. The trip, led by Dr. Fareeha Ambreen, was an adventurous and enjoyable experience for all participants. The trip provided students with a refreshing break from the hectic routine of their semester while offering an opportunity to connect with nature.



Department of Physics Organizes Study Tour to Saidpur Village and Lake View Park

May 25, 2024: The Department of Physics organized a study tour for BS final year students to Saidpur Village, Islamabad, and Lake View Park. The students were accompanied by Chairperson Dr. Irfan Qasim and faculty members. The tour provided students with a valuable learning experience, combining education with exploration of the scenic beauty and historical significance of the locations.



RWU participation in EconFest 2024

May 25-26, 2024: RWU students and faculty made a mark at EconFest 2024, organized by the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE) and focused on "Sustainable Economic Growth and Development", held in Islamabad.

Accompanied by Ms. Jaweria Tariq and Ms. Tehreem Ali from the Department of Business Administration and Dr. Sadia from the Office of Research Innovation and Commercialization, students from various departments, including Business Administration, Chemistry, Fine Arts, Mathematics, Political Science, and Psychology, displayed creative projects that resonated with the theme.

The event brought together leading academics, policymakers, and industry experts to address critical issues such as climate change, technological advancements, and policy reforms.



Study Trip to Pakistan Bureau of Statistics

May 28, 2024: The Department of Statistics organized a study trip to the Pakistan Bureau of Statistics (PBS) for students, accompanied by Dr. Saba Riaz, Dr. Musarrat Ijaz, and Ms. Khadija Saeed.

PBS officials, including Dr. Sarwar Gondal and Dr. Naeem-uz Zafar, shared insights into data management, digital census, and practical applications of statistics.

The university representatives expressed gratitude, sought training sessions for faculty, and internships for students, and proposed a memorandum of understanding (MOU) to formalize the collaboration.



Perovskite Solar Cells and DAAD Scholarships

May 29, 2024: The Department of Chemistry organized a lecture by Dr. Maria Zafar on Perovskite Solar Cells: Challenges and Future Perspectives, along with valuable guidance on DAAD scholarship opportunities.

Dr. Maria discussed the unique properties of perovskite materials, their potential in next-generation solar energy applications, and the key challenges hindering their stability and commercialization. She highlighted advancements in lead-free perovskites, hybrid materials, and innovative device architectures aimed at improving efficiency and sustainability. Emphasizing the role of interdisciplinary research and international collaboration, she encouraged students to explore global academic opportunities through DAAD scholarships.



Business Administration Department Guides Graduates Toward Career

May 31, 2024: To prepare students for the professional world, the Department of Business Administration organized a career counseling session. The session provided insights into job market trends, resume building, interview strategies, and career planning, ensuring that soon-to-be graduates have the skills and confidence to pursue their goals.

Faculty members shared expert advice, guiding students on how to navigate career challenges and seize professional opportunities. Class representatives were also recognized with certificates of appreciation for their outstanding contributions.



Punjabi Mushaira

May 31, 2024: Rawalpindi Women University, in collaboration with the Punjab Institute of Language, Art and Culture, hosted "Punjabi Mushaira". The event was presided over by internationally renowned poet Prof. Anwar Masood.

Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal highlighted the importance of culture and language in preserving our identity and keeping our past alive. She expressed concern about the declining use of Punjabi among Punjabis and emphasized the need to promote the language.

Director General of the Punjab Institute of Language, Art, and Culture, Ms. Beenish Fatima Sahi, also spoke at the event, stressing the importance of the mother tongue and the need to protect it in the age of artificial intelligence. She thanked Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal for providing space for Punjab Rang FM 99.4 on the university campus and for organizing the event.

The Mushaira featured renowned poets from Pakistan, including Dr. Inaamul Haq Javed, Mr. Syed Salman Gilani, Mr. Murli Chauhan, Mr. Muhammad Arif, and Dr. Aziz Faisal. The audience, comprising faculty, staff, and students of Rawalpindi Women University, enjoyed the lively performances.



BS Physics 6th Semester Students Host Farewell Party for Batch 2020-2024

June 04, 2024: The BS Physics 6th semester students organized a heartfelt farewell party for the graduating batch of 2020-2024. The event was a memorable occasion, allowing the students to celebrate their time together and bid farewell to their peers.



World Environment Day

June 05, 2024: The Department of Botany marked World Environment Day with a tree-planting ceremony led by Chairperson Dr. Yamin Bibi. The event was graced by Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, along with faculty members and distinguished guests, including Dr. Chow Siing Sia and Dr. Shadan Khattak (Cardiff Metropolitan University, UK), Dr. Farkhanda Afzal, Dr. Alina Mirza, Dr. Ayesha Maqbool, and Mrs. Uzma Ehsan (National University of Science and Technology, Pakistan). The initiative reinforced RWU's commitment to environmental sustainability and a greener future.



Study Tour to National Centre for Physics

June 26, 2024: The Department of Physics organized a study tour to the National Centre for Physics (NCP) to enhance M.Phil students' research skills. Accompanied by Dr. Irfan Qasim, Dr. Naveed ul Haq, and Dr. Bushra Parveen, students explored advanced laboratories and characterization equipment. They showed keen interest in materials characterization, nanoscience, laser spectroscopy, high-energy physics, and computational research. Dr. Irfan Qasim, Chairperson, expressed gratitude to the NCP administration for their support in facilitating the visit.



RWU HOSTS 1ST IDEA-FEST 2024: A CELEBRATION OF INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

May 14, 2024 : The Department of Business Administration, in collaboration with Office of Research Innovation and Commercialization and Directorate of Student Affairs, organized Rawalpindi Women University's first-ever IDEA-FEST 2024. The event attracted 183 teams from 20 universities across Pakistan, providing a dynamic platform for young innovators and entrepreneurs to showcase their groundbreaking ideas.

The event was graced by the esteemed presence of Mr. Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari, President of the Islamabad Chamber of Commerce and Industry (ICCI), and Mr. Zafar Bakhtawari, former President of ICCI, as the guests. The competition featured diverse projects from 12 academic disciplines including Business Administration, Mathematics, Statistics, Psychology, Physics, Media & Communication Studies, Political Science, Zoology, Botany, Chemistry, Computer Science, Information Technology and Fine Arts.

Fatima Jinnah Women University's "Heavenly Desserts" won first place and National University of Modern Languages Rawalpindi's "Pure Desi" secured the runner-up position. The winning teams received cash prizes, while shields were presented to the judges, organizers, and focal persons in recognition of their contributions.

The event was judged by 30 esteemed professionals, including Dr. Abdul Wahab (FAST NUCES Islamabad), Ms. Kainat Shahid (CEO, Little Blossoms), and Ms. Palwasha Nawaz (CEO, Palwasha's Kitchenette).

In his address, Mr. Ahsan Zafar Bakhtawari commended RWU for making history by hosting its first Business Idea Fest. He emphasized that overcoming Pakistan's economic challenges is impossible without equipping women with essential skills. He encouraged students to research industrial challenges and contribute to solutions that could enhance Pakistan's global exports. Congratulating the winners, he invited them to the Islamabad Chamber of Commerce, where they would have the opportunity to connect with potential investors. Additionally, he provided guidance on securing business loans on easy installments and leveraging e-commerce to sell products internationally.

Former ICCI President Mr. Zafar Bakhtawari highlighted the importance of women education and skill development in building a diligent and honest society. He noted that in the modern era, one can start a business with just a laptop, without the need for land or large capital investments.

Vice Chancellor RWU, Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, reiterated the university's commitment to empowering students, stating, "Our goal is to ensure that when our students graduate, they are not just job seekers but job creators." She stressed the significance of skill development and financial independence for women and assured that the Idea Fest would be organized annually. She also extended her gratitude to the distinguished guests.

The successful execution of the All Pakistan Inter-University Idea Fest marks another milestone in RWU's journey towards fostering innovation, entrepreneurship, and women empowerment in Pakistan.



QUALITY ASSURANCE

Self-Assessment and Audits

May 15-17, 2024: The Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC) conducted a comprehensive audit to evaluate educational and research standards across multiple departments. Conducted by Dr. Baqir Husnain (Director, QEC) and Ms. Iraj Munawar Gill (Assistant Director External Linkages/QEC), along with an External Assessment Team, the audit aimed to identify key strengths and areas for improvement.

The review covered postgraduate and undergraduate programs in Botany, Zoology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Statistics, Communication and Media Studies, English, Psychology, Business Administration, Political Science, and Fine Arts.

This process aims to guide faculty in elevating educational and research standards. Through regular evaluation of our programs, policies, and procedures, RWU ensures continuous growth and maintains academic excellence.



PostGraduate Program Review (PGPR)

June 25-26, 2024: The Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC) conducted a Postgraduate Program Review (PGPR) to assess the academic and research outcomes of postgraduate programs across 10 departments. These departments included Botany, Zoology, Chemistry, Physics, Mathematics, Statistics, Media and Communication Studies, English, Psychology, and Business Administration. A dedicated PGPR committee members and the QEC team evaluated curriculum effectiveness, research quality, faculty performance, and student achievements. The review ensured that RWU's postgraduate programs meet high academic standards.



ALUMNI AND STUDENT CORNER

Student Corner

Tehreem Farima Sultan

President of Creative Arts and Dramatic Society (CADS)

My name is Tehreem Fatima Sultan, President of Creative Arts and Dramatics Society (CADS). I feel proud to be a part of Rawalpindi Women University. The university has provided me with many incredible platforms to lead and organize impactful initiatives, including performing dramas on different issues to raise awareness. Additionally, the university has always accommodated us to show off our talent.

Beyond CADS, the university has allowed me to share my management skills at multiple events by providing me with leading roles, and I will continue doing it. It is truly an honor to be a part of such an evolving and fast paced institute, and I am grateful to the university for the exposure provided to me.



Alumni

Prof. Dr. Naila Rabbani
(Graduate of Post Graduate College)
(1981-1983)

My journey from Post Graduate College for Women, 6th Road, Satellite Town, Rawalpindi to becoming a renowned leader in the world of scientific research is a testament to the power of education, dedication, and perseverance. Graduating from college in 1983 with an FA in Statistics, Economics, and Mathematics, I fondly recall my time at the college as the bedrock of my future academic achievements. "My years at Post Graduate College for Women were not just about acquiring knowledge—they shaped my approach to problem-solving and inquiry, which have been instrumental in my career".



With a strong foundation in the core subjects of statistics, economics, and mathematics, I moved on to pursue a BSc in Biological and Medicinal Chemistry in 1998 and PhD in Disease Mechanisms and Therapeutics in 2001 at the University of Essex, U.K. During my PhD studies I developed state of the art technology named AGEomics – a technique developed for assessment of quality of the proteome and to identify and quantify endogenous damage. I was awarded the British Heart Foundation Intermediate Fellowship award in 2006. I have published 137 peer-reviewed articles and 9 patents; h-factor 61 with over 12000 citations. I relocated to Qatar University in 2020. Currently I am working as Director GloVitality Ltd, Director Glocentrica Ltd and Executive Director iDiagnostix Ltd, Co-President of IMARS (2024-2027). I believe that a strong foundation and the motivation of teachers during my college days at Post Graduate College for Women, 6th Road, Satellite Town helped me where I am today.

I am both honored and humbled that Ms. Khadija Saeed, Additional Director of Student Affairs, reached out to me to be part of this newsletter. I hope my story will inspire the young women of this university.



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