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Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal

Vice Chancellor's **MESSAGE**

As I reflect on the journey that began in July 2021, when I first joined Rawalpindi Women University (RWU), I am filled with pride and a profound sense of accomplishment. I vividly recall the strong commitment I made to myself: to pursue excellence across all spheres of RWU's activities. Now, as I stand here in 2024, my heart swells with joy to witness how this institution has blossomed into a vibrant and dynamic centre of learning.

Through diligent academic governance, we have successfully aligned our curriculum and schemes of study with the latest national policies. As we welcome the incoming Batch of 2024 across all disciplines, including MS programs in ten fields, I am pleased to see a steady increase in enrollment. RWU continues to serve as a citadel of knowledge, drawing students not only from Rawalpindi but also from neighbouring areas, offering local young women the opportunity to realize their aspirations. The orientation sessions for incoming students and the farewell ceremonies for graduating students are always heartening. These moments epitomize the dedication of our mentors and supporting departments, who have worked tirelessly to nurture the professional and personal growth of these young women.

At RWU, we utilize the summer months for marketing initiatives, infrastructure development, internships, and faculty training. This year, we take pride in transforming the old library into a modern, vibrant resource hub. It now houses an extensive collection of books, online journals, databases, and digital materials, meeting the evolving needs of our academic community. We also marked a significant milestone with the inauguration of the Business Incubation Centre, aimed at fostering entrepreneurial opportunities for our students. This new facility adds to the growing ecosystem of academic and professional support available at RWU. Adding to our achievements, Dr. Banzeer Ahsan, a member of our esteemed faculty, has been recognized among the top 2% of globally most-cited researchers. This accolade brings immense pride to RWU and solidifies our standing as a rapidly emerging institution of excellence.

During this quarter, we also celebrated two significant national days with great enthusiasm. On August 14th, we proudly raised our national flag to mark the 77th anniversary of Pakistan's independence, and on September 6th, we honoured Defence Day, commemorating the contributions of our armed forces as defenders of our sovereignty. These celebrations serve as a poignant reminder of the sacrifices made for our nation's independence and inspire us to renew our commitment to its progress. Together, we pledge to embody the national spirit in our daily lives and contribute to building a brighter future for Pakistan. *Pakistan Zindabad, RWU Painsdabad!*

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RWU MILESTONES

Renovated Library Inauguration

September 02, 2024: Rawalpindi Women University (RWU) celebrated a significant milestone with the inauguration of its newly renovated library, further enhancing the university's academic resources, digital facilities, and study spaces.

The inauguration ceremony was graced by Prof. Dr. Muhammad Mukhtar, Vice Chancellor National Skills University, Islamabad. The event featured a symbolic cutting of a book-themed cake to mark the occasion.

Speaking at the ceremony, Dr. Mukhtar emphasized the critical role libraries play in promoting education, research, and lifelong learning. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor RWU, Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, encouraged faculty members to design assignments that motivate students to explore and engage with a broader range of books, underlining the library's central role in academic and research excellence.

Dr. Anila also commended Dr. Gul Naz Akhtar, Librarian, and her dedicated team for their efforts in transforming the library into a vibrant and resource-rich learning hub for students and faculty alike.



Inauguration of the Business Incubation Center (BIC)

September 30, 2024: Rawalpindi Women University inaugurated its Business Incubation Center (BIC), a significant step toward empowering student-led innovation and entrepreneurship. The BIC was inaugurated by Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, along with faculty and administrative Heads.



Students from various departments showcased their startup ideas, reflecting creativity and social impact. Projects included State Forge, offering statistical and data services; Bakht Organics, producing natural beauty products; Naturopathetic Treatment, addressing snakebite emergencies through herbal solutions; and Ova Scan-TA, focused on early detection of ovarian cancer.

Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal appreciated the students' efforts and highlighted the importance of ORIC in supporting women entrepreneurs. The launch of BIC marks a vital platform for RWU students to transform innovative ideas into real-world solutions.

MEETINGS

Renowned Clinical Psychologist visits RWU

July 12, 2024: The Department of Psychology received a visit from Dr. Uzma Masroor, CEO of Psychological Rehabilitation & Training Services, Consultant Clinical Psychologist at Shifa Psychological Services Clinic, and Chapter President of the Pakistan Association of Clinical Psychologists.

During her visit, Dr. Uzma had a meeting with Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, and visited RWU's Psychological Wellness Center with Chairperson, Dept. of Psychology, Prof. Dr. Sobia Masood, and Focal Person, Dr. Anam Khan. She provided essential recommendations to enhance our counseling services and assessment processes. As an expert in CBT, Hypnosis, NLP, Eidetic, and marital therapy, her guidance will be instrumental in establishing standardized clinical practices in psychotherapy and counseling at RWU.



Vice Chancellor meets Governor Punjab

July 23, 2024: Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, had a meeting with Governor Punjab, Hon'ble Sardar Saleem Haider Khan, to discuss key matters concerning Rawalpindi Women University. During the meeting, Dr. Anila discussed key strategies for RWU's continued growth and development.

Dr. Anila also expressed sincere gratitude to Hon'ble Governor Punjab for his time and consideration, highlighting the importance of his support in achieving the university's objectives and enhancing its academic standing.



5th Board of Studies Meeting Held for Launch of BS Economics Program

August 27, 2024: Internal members from the Department of Business Administration included Dr. Shahzad Hussain, Dr. Hafsa Rasheed, and Dr. Muhammad Tahir. Eminent external examiners included Prof. Dr. Abdul Rashid, Director General and Professor at the International Institute of Islamic Economics (IIIE), International Islamic University; Prof. Dr. Idrees Khawaja, Chief Economist (Retired) at the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics (PIDE); and Dr. Zainab Jehan, Associate Professor at Fatima Jinnah Women University. The panel held detailed discussions to make sure the new program is strong academically, relevant, and meets current economic trends and educational standards.



RWU PARTICIPATIONS

Dr. Noman Ansari joins Panel on Digital Media and Disinformation

August 15, 2024: Dr. Noman Ansari, Asst. Prof. Department of Media & Communication Studies, participated in a panel discussion organized by Peshawar University and the Coalition Against Disinformation (CAD).

The discussion focused on the rapid digital transformation of Pakistan's media landscape, exploring its opportunities and challenges. Dr. Noman presented on "Journalism Curriculum: Mapping Disinformation and AI Courses in Pakistani Universities," highlighting academia's role in tackling misinformation and adapting to digital trends. The event fostered collaboration between academia and industry to shape future media education and workforce readiness.



Vice Chancellor as Chief Guest at ICCI Business Role Model Ceremony

August 09, 2024: Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, Vice Chancellor Rawalpindi Women University, was invited as the Chief Guest at the Business Role Model Ceremony organized by the Islamabad Chamber of Commerce & Industry (ICCI).

The event paid tribute to Mr. Amir R. Paracha, Chairman and CEO of Unilever Pakistan Ltd., and former President of the Overseas Investors Chamber of Commerce and Industry (OICCI), for his outstanding contributions to Pakistan's economy.

In her address, Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal highlighted the importance of visionary leadership, innovation, and adaptability in driving economic growth. She also emphasized the role of business leaders as role models for inspiring the next generation of entrepreneurs and professionals in Pakistan.



VISIT

Vice Chancellor visits HEC to Congratulate Chairman HEC

August 09, 2024: Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, Vice Chancellor Rawalpindi Women University (RWU), visited the Higher Education Commission (HEC), Pakistan, to extend her heartfelt congratulations to Chairman HEC, Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed, on the extension of his tenure for another year.



Dr. Anila Kamal acknowledged Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed's visionary leadership and his steadfast efforts in strengthening Pakistan's higher education sector. She expressed her best wishes for his continued success in leading HEC toward greater institutional reforms, academic excellence, and innovation-driven growth. The visit underscored RWU's support for dynamic leadership committed to uplifting the higher education landscape in Pakistan.

HONORS AND AWARDS

Dr. Banzeer Ahsan Abbasi Amongst World's Top 2% Most Cited Scientists

Dr. Banzeer Ahsan Abbasi, Assistant Professor, Department of Botany, has been recognized among the world's top 2% most cited scientists for 2024, by Stanford University, USA, and Elsevier.

This prestigious recognition highlights her outstanding research contributions and academic excellence in the field of Botany. Her work continues to enhance the research profile of RWU at the international level.

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RWU Fine Arts Graduates secure Top Ten Positions at National Art Exhibition

August 14- 23, 2024: Graduates from the Department of Fine Arts secured top ten positions at the "Hues of Pakistan" exhibition, organized by the Pakistan National Council of the Arts (PNCA) in connection with Independence Day celebrations.

Out of more than 200 submissions received nationwide, Hadia Hashmi, Haleema Aziz, Noor Fatima Qureshi, and Saman Aziz Mughal were recognized for their exceptional creativity and artistic excellence. This achievement reflects the dedication, talent, and training of RWU's Fine Arts graduates.



TRAININGS & WORKSHOPS

OUTSIDE RWU

Training for EnglishWorks!

July 22–26, 2024: Ms. Maham Michelle Gill, Lecturer, Department of English, attended the "Countrywide Training for EnglishWorks! Instructional Staff – Integrating Professional Competencies," organized by the Regional English Language Office (RELO) at the U.S. Embassy, Islamabad.

During the training, resource persons Prof. Dr. Safeer Awan, Prof. Dr. Rooh-ul-Amin, and Dr. Arshad Ali emphasized the integration of professional skills and technology into English language teaching. Hands-on sessions were conducted on using digital tools such as Kahoot, Quizlet, Quizizz, Jamboard, and Padlet to enhance classroom engagement and improve learning outcomes.



Training on Biorisk Management

July 23-25, 2024: A three-day complementary training on Biorisk Management was organized for research students of the Department of Zoology in collaboration with the Association of Biorisk Management Pakistan, held in Murree. The practical session took place at the research laboratory of the Department of Zoology, Rawalpindi Women University. Participants were trained in biorisk management practices, focusing on contamination prevention and maintaining sterility in biological laboratories.



Capacity Building Training on Climate Action Education Curriculum & Digital Learning

August 01, 2024: Ms. Huma Fawad (Registrar/Director Student Affairs, Focal Person GYM), Ms. Khadija Saeed (Addl. Dir. Student Affairs, Oversight Committee Member, GYM), and Ms. Sadia Malik (Lecturer, Botany Department, Oversight Committee Member, GYM) have successfully completed the four-day Cohort 1 Capacity Building Training on Climate Action Education Curriculum & Digital Learning for GYM Club under the PM's Green Youth Movement, organized by the Higher Education Commission.

The training equipped oversight committee members with the knowledge and skills to inspire and educate the next generation of climate-conscious youth at RWU. The Chief Guest, Mr. Rana Mashood Ahmad Khan, Chairman Prime Minister Youth Program (PMYP), distributed certificates among participants.

Our team also had the privilege to attend the "Exhibition and Launch of PMYP Initiatives" by The Rt Hon Patricia Scotland KC, Commonwealth Secretary-General, at the PM office.



Faculty Members Complete Training on Project Proposal Writing

August 05-09, 2024: Five faculty members from the Faculty of Natural Sciences and Social Sciences successfully completed a 5-day training program on Project Proposal Writing at the Akhtar Hameed Khan National Center for Rural Development (AHKNCRD).

This initiative reflects RWU's commitment to strengthening faculty capacity in research and development.



AT RWU

Session Enhances Library Management Skills at RWU

August 23, 2024: A training session was organized for library staff and interns at Rawalpindi Women University, focusing on effectively utilizing KOHA's features to enhance library operations. The session covered key modules including cataloging, circulation, and reporting, aiming to streamline workflows and improve service delivery. Participants gained hands-on experience and practical insights into maximizing KOHA's potential for efficient library management.

PRE-CONFERENCE WORKSHOPS

Data Visualization and Presentation

July 23, 2024: The Department of Botany organized a pre-conference workshop titled "Communication Catalyst: Data Visualization and Presentation." Dr. Yasir Ahmed, Head of the Department of Engineering Management at the National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST), Islamabad, conducted the workshop.

Hands-on training sessions in the computer lab focused on enhancing students' skills in data visualization and presentation. Participants from various universities joined the sessions both in-person and online. The workshop concluded with the distribution of certificates to participants and the presentation of a shield to Dr. Yasir.



Molecular Genomic Techniques

July 30, 2024: The Department of Zoology organized a workshop on "Molecular Genomic Techniques" as part of a series of pre-conference workshops. Renowned scientists Dr. Shaheen Shahzad and Dr. Ifrah Shafqat from International Islamic University, Islamabad, led the workshop. Participants from Rawalpindi Women University and some other universities including Quaid-i-Azam University, Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi, COMSATS University Islamabad, International Islamic university Islamabad, Margalla institute of health sciences, Abassyn University, Islamabad, and Kohsar Homeopathic Medical College joined the workshop. The workshop focused on genomic techniques including DNA extraction, Primer designing and PCR. Lab oriented sessions were also performed along with presentations in the working sessions of the workshop.



Statistical Data Analysis for Natural Sciences

July 31, 2024: The Department of Zoology, in collaboration with ORIC, organized a workshop on “Statistical Data Analysis with Applications in Natural Sciences” as part of a pre-conference workshop series. Dr. Ammara Nawaz Cheema from Air University, Islamabad, led the session. Participants from Rawalpindi Women University and other esteemed institutions, including Armed Forces Institute of Cardiology, Ministry of Defense, Margalla Institute of Health Sciences, International Islamic University Islamabad, and PMAS Arid Agriculture University, attended the workshop, with some joining online. The workshop covered statistical concepts and the use of tools like SPSS, MS Excel, Eviews, and Minitab for data analysis in natural sciences. Participants were provided the opportunity to use SPSS, MS Excel, Eviews and Minitab software and apply stats on a certain set of data.



Enhancing Research Writing Skills Using APA-7

August 12, 2024: The Department of Psychology organized a workshop titled "How to Improve Your Research Writing Skills Using APA-7" by Prof. Dr. Sobia Masood, Chairperson Department of Psychology. The workshop aimed to enhance participants' research writing skills, focusing on the 7th edition of the American Psychological Association (APA-7) style guide, widely used in psychology, social sciences, and other academic fields.



Enhancing Research Article Structure

August 16, 2024: The Department of Psychology hosted a workshop titled “Refining the Structure of Your Research Article.” Led by Dr. Anam Khan and Umm Eman Syed, faculty members from the Psychology Department, the hands-on session focused on providing participants with practical techniques to improve the organization and clarity of their research articles, essential for effectively communicating findings to the academic community.



Data Analysis and Manipulation through Python

August 19, 2024: The Department of Business Administration conducted its 3rd Pre-Conference Hands-on Workshop titled "Data Analysis and Manipulation through Python."

Dr. Aamir Arsalan, Assistant Professor, Department of Computer Sciences, Fatima Jinnah Women University, served as the resource person.

He guided participants through practical applications of Python for data analysis and manipulation, providing essential skills for research and industry needs. The session concluded with an interactive discussion, reflecting strong participant engagement.



Advanced Data Analysis Through SPSS and Reporting

September 05, 2024: The Department of Psychology held its third pre-conference workshop on "Advanced Data Analysis Through SPSS and Reporting".

Dr. Humaira Jami, Assistant Professor at the National Institute of Psychology, Quaid-e-Azam University Islamabad, guided

participants about advanced data analysis and reporting skills using SPSS. This workshop not only prepared participants for upcoming conferences but also enhanced their research skills.



Advanced 3D Animation

September 23, 2024: The Department of Media and Communication Studies conducted a pre-conference workshop on "Advanced 3D Animation" on Led by Mr. Afzaal Ahmed, Senior 3D Artist & Non-Linear Editor RWU.

A large number of students attended the workshop and gained practical experience in 3D animation tools and techniques. Dr. Noman Ahmed Ansari presented shields and certificates to the resource person and participants in the concluding session.



SEMINARS & WEBINARS

International Seminar on Research Opportunities

August 09, 2024: The Department of Chemistry organized an international seminar featuring Dr. Ayaz Khan, Assistant Professor of Radiology at Northwestern University, USA.

Dr. Ayaz shed light on Ph.D. and Postdoctoral opportunities in the United States, covering key topics such as application procedures, funding options, and avenues for research collaborations. The seminar drew participation from students, researchers, and faculty members, providing a platform for academic learning and professional networking.

E-certificates were awarded to participants in recognition of their engagement. The event concluded with Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal presenting a shield to Dr. Ayaz.



INDUSTRIAL & EXTERNAL LINKAGES

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

RWU signs MoU with MYU to Enhance Academic and Social Collaboration

July 04, 2024: Rawalpindi Women University (RWU) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Muslim Youth University (MYU) to enhance collaboration and support academic and social objectives.

The MoU, signed by Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, Vice Chancellor RWU, and Prof. Dr. Saeed ul Hassan Chishti, Vice Chancellor MYU, will facilitate academic exchanges, joint research projects, faculty and staff development, student exchanges, and technology transfer. This partnership promises to offer valuable opportunities for both institutions and their communities.



MoU signed Between RWU and AEO for International Opportunities

July 05, 2024: Rawalpindi Women University (RWU) has partnered with the Australian Education Office (AEO). The agreement, signed by Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, Vice Chancellor RWU, and Mr. Sajid Rashid Awan, General Manager AEO Islamabad, opens doors for our students to foreign universities with scholarships guided by AEO and subsidized IELTS rates. This collaboration enhances students' academic and career opportunities while strengthening international educational ties.



RWU signs MoU with MilKar Pakistan to Empower Women and Promote Social Development

July 25, 2024: Rawalpindi Women University signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with MilKar Pakistan to enhance educational opportunities and promote social development. This partnership, signed by Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, Vice Chancellor RWU, and Syed Kashf Ahmed, Project Director MilKar, is focused on empowering women and fostering community growth.

As part of this partnership, RWU students have already collaborated with WWF and MilKar to paint inspiring murals in five FG schools in Islamabad. The beautiful and inspiring murals have not only brightened the schools but also spread positive and encouraging messages. Their efforts were recognized during the MoU ceremony, where the Vice Chancellor awarded them certificates of appreciation.



RWU partners with NCHD and SOS Foundation to Promote Literacy and Education

August 23, 2024: Rawalpindi Women University (RWU) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the National Commission for Human Development (NCHD) and Save Our Society (SOS) Foundation to promote literacy and education. The MoU was signed at NCHD

Headquarters by Ms. Huma Fawad, Registrar RWU, Mr. Nasir-ud-Din Mashood Ahmed Mirza, Director General NCHD, and Mr. Abdus Salam, Director, SOS Foundation.

This partnership aims to expand the "Each One Teaches One" (EOTO) initiative, enrolling illiterate individuals in education programs. The collaboration highlights the commitment of RWU, NCHD, and SOS Foundation to increase literacy, empower marginalized communities, and strengthen social bonds. Ms. Huma also visited the NCHD library and expressed her appreciation for the available resources.



RWU and FUI signed MoU for Academic Collaboration

August 29, 2024: Rawalpindi Women University (RWU) hosted an MoU signing ceremony, marking the start of a partnership with Foundation University Islamabad (FUI). The agreement was signed by Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, Vice Chancellor RWU, and Maj. Gen. Muhammad Kaleem Asif, HI(M), Rector FUI.

This MoU aims to strengthen cooperation between the two universities, focusing on joint initiatives in language courses, research projects, and academic services at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels. The Rector FUI emphasized the importance of women education, while Vice Chancellor RWU expressed confidence that the collaboration would enhance opportunities for both institutions. The ceremony concluded with an exchange of souvenirs.



RWU signed MoU with SI- UK for Global Education Opportunities

September 02, 2024: Rawalpindi Women University (RWU) has signed an MoU with Study In UK (SI-UK) Pakistan, marking a significant step toward broadening educational horizons for its students. The MoU was signed by Dr. Baqir Husnain, Director of QEC & External Linkages at RWU, and Mr. Waqas Abbassi, Country Manager of SI-UK Pakistan.

This collaboration will offer RWU students expert guidance on applying to top international universities, enhancing their global perspectives and boosting academic and career prospects. It reflects RWU's dedication to empowering students with the resources and support needed for future success.



RWU partners with Ihsan Trust to provide Financial Assistance for Students

September 26, 2024: Rawalpindi Women University (RWU) inked partnership with Ihsan Trust to provide financial assistance to deserving students facing difficulties in covering their university fees. The MoU was signed by Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, Vice Chancellor RWU, and Mr. Fayyaz Ur Rehman Khan, General Manager Ihsan Trust.



This partnership is a significant step towards ensuring that no deserving student is left behind in pursuing their dreams. RWU and Ihsan Trust are dedicated to empowering the next generation through education and making higher learning accessible to all.

RWU and Iqra University signs MoU for Enhanced Collaboration

September 26, 2024: Rawalpindi Women University (RWU) and Iqra University (IU) signed an MoU to strengthen collaboration and foster mutual growth. The agreement, signed by Dr. Baqir Husnain, Director Quality Enhancement Cell & External Linkages, RWU, and Mr. Khizer Ahmed Zaki, Director Student Affairs & External Linkages, IU, aims to open new opportunities for innovation and shared learning.



RWU signs MoU with She Means Work to Boost Education and Skill Development

July 03, 2024: Rawalpindi Women University (RWU) signed an MoU with She Means Work (SMW), signed by Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, Vice Chancellor RWU, and Ms. Lubna Bhayat, Chief Executive Officer (SMW). The partnership aims to advance higher education, research, and skill development, supporting RWU's Business Incubator, offering internships and job opportunities, and helping students fulfill community service requirements.



EXTRA & CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Internship with the Embassy of Indonesia

July 15, 2024: Students from various departments of Rawalpindi Women University (RWU) have successfully completed an online internship with the Embassy of Indonesia Islamabad, organized through the Office of External Linkages.

The internship offered students a valuable opportunity to enhance their skills, gain international exposure, and strengthen Pakistan-Indonesia relations. Throughout the program, students participated in a variety of cultural and educational activities, making significant contributions to their personal and professional development.



Independence Day Celebration

August 14, 2024: With hearts full of national pride, the RWU community gathered to mark the momentous Independence day. Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal proudly hoisted the national flag followed by the national anthem and security guards presented a Guard of Honor.

Dr. Anila extended her heartfelt Independence Day greetings, emphasizing that our youth (65% of the population) are the nation's bright future. She stressed the crucial role of teachers in shaping this future, highlighting the importance of skill development alongside education.

The event was graced by Mr. Murtaza Noor, National Coordinator of the Inter-University Consortium, who reminded us of our responsibility to protect minority rights, nurture our youth, and contribute to a greener Pakistan.

Special prayers were offered for the nation's prosperity, trees were planted, and fruit plants were distributed. Our students added to the spirit with a captivating medley of national songs and an impressive judo performance. The campus glowed with lights, reflecting love for Pakistan.



Art Exhibition at Rawalpindi Art Council

August 14, 2024: The Department of Fine Arts organized an Art Exhibition showcasing the stunning miniature and painting work of RWU' freshly graduated students. The exhibition was inaugurated by worthy Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal.

Dr. Arjumand Faisal, a renowned art curator, was the chief guest of the event. Mr. Sajjad Hussain, Director Rawalpindi Art Council, facilitated the exhibition and provided students with a platform for jury and exhibition. Executive Director of Punjab Arts Council, Mr. Ghulam Sagir Shahid, and Member of Punjab Assembly, Ms. Shazia Rizwan, also visited the exhibition and appreciated students. DG Punjab Arts Council, Mr. Sagir, announced certificates and cash prizes for the top three.



Youth Literature Festival 2024

August 14-16, 2024: Students from the Department of English, in collaboration with the Literary and Debating Society of RWU, participated in the 3-Day Youth Literature Festival 2024, organized by the Pakistan Academy of Letters, Islamabad, and were awarded certificates for their outstanding performance.

They successfully completed workshops in Creative Writing, Translation, Literary Editorship, Prosody, and Intellectual Property Rights, gaining invaluable skills.

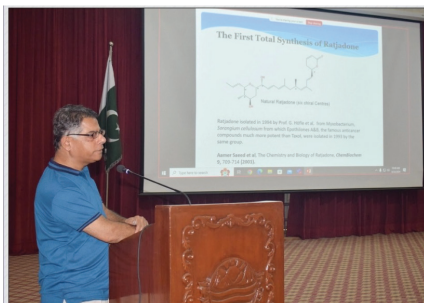
The festival provided an excellent platform for students to connect with literary professionals, enhance their abilities, and engage in enriching discussions with fellow writers and scholars from across the country.



2nd International Symposium on Innovations in Chemical Synthesis.

August 22, 2024: The 2nd International Symposium on Innovations in Chemical Synthesis, organized by department of chemistry at Rawalpindi Women University (RWU) showcased significant advancements and fostered valuable networking opportunities. Esteemed guests including Prof. Dr. Mariusz Mojzych (Poland), Prof. Dr. Aamir Saeed Bhatti (Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad), Prof. Dr. Muzaffar Abbas (Capital University of Science & Technology, Islamabad), and Dr. Jalifah Latip (Malaysia) shared their pioneering research, shared groundbreaking research, setting new benchmarks in chemical synthesis.

The symposium facilitated robust research collaboration, highlighting the Department of chemistry, RWU's commitment to academic excellence and innovation. Attendees engaged with distinguished scholars and explored potential partnerships that could drive future research endeavors. The event underscored RWU's role as a leading institution in advancing scientific knowledge and provided a platform for building professional networks within the global research community. The successful exchange of ideas and expertise reflects the symposium's role in strengthening academic and research connections.



Nutrition Awareness Session

August 29, 2024: A session on the "Importance of Complete & Balanced Nutrition for a Healthy Life" was organized in collaboration with Abbott Nutrition International, Islamabad for RWU faculty and staff. The event included BMI calculation services, handgrip strength tests, and complementary distribution of Ensure nutritional products to participants.



Guest Lecture on International Journalism

August 29, 2024: In an effort to connect students with international experts and enrich their academic experience with real-world insights, the media wing of the Directorate of Student Affairs hosted a guest lecture on international journalism practices.

Mr. Montaser Marai, Manager of Media Initiatives at Al Jazeera Training Institute, Doha, Qatar, led the session. He explained the shift from traditional to new media, offering students a glimpse into emerging trends, challenges, and opportunities in the evolving media landscape, drawing from his extensive experience. The interactive session saw lively participation from Media and Communication Studies and Political Science students. Mr. Abdulrahman Matar, Bureau Chief of Al Jazeera Media Network in Pakistan, also shared his perspective.

Ms. Khadija Saeed, Addl. Director Student Affairs, concluded the event with a vote of thanks and presented a souvenir to the guest.



Defence Day

September 06, 2024: A special lecture titled "Defence of Pakistan and Our Responsibility" held at Rawalpindi Women University to commemorate Defence Day.

The lecture, delivered by Mr. Muhammad Shozab Askari from the Pakistan Studies Department, highlighted the bravery of our martyrs and the pivotal role of the Pakistan Armed Forces in safeguarding our nation.

Dr. Rooh-ul-Amin, the chief guest and Chairperson of the English Department, emphasized the importance of protecting both our geographical and ideological borders. Faculty, students, and administration actively participated, making the event a meaningful occasion in fostering national unity and awareness.



Certificate Distribution Ceremony for Media & Communication Studies Interns

September 19, 2024: Rawalpindi Women University hosted a certificate distribution ceremony for the students of the Department of Media and Communication Studies who successfully completed their internships at FM Punjab Rung 99.4.

The event was graced by the Honorable Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, whose leadership and vision continue to inspire students.

Ms. Shazia Rizwan, Parliamentary Secretary for Information and Culture and Member of the Provincial Assembly, attended the ceremony as Chief Guest and awarded certificates to the interns.

Distinguished guests including Ms. Beenish Fatima Sahi, Director General Punjab Institute of Language, Art and Culture, Mr. Sajjad Hussain, Director Punjab Arts Council Rawalpindi, and senior journalist Mr. Harmeet Singh also participated, encouraging students to pursue excellence in the field of media and communication.



Fine Arts Graduates Shine at "Hues of Pakistan" Exhibition

The talented Fine Arts graduates have made it to the top ten at the "Hues of Pakistan" art exhibition, organized by the Pakistan National Council of Arts (PNCA) in celebration of Independence Day. Among the 200 artworks submitted nationwide, Hadia Hashmi, Haleema Aziz, Noor Fatima Qureshi, and Saman Aziz Mughal secured positions in the top ten for their outstanding creativity and artistic brilliance.



ALUMNI AND STUDENT CORNER

Alumni

Safrana Bibi**(Batch 2022- 2024, BS Botany)**

My experience at Rawalpindi Women University (RWU), where I completed my Bachelor of Science in Botany at Rawalpindi Women University (RWU) from 2022 to 2024. It was a journey of profound transformation. My time in the Botany Department was not merely about academic learning. It was a period of discovery and innovation that ignited my passion.

Inspired by the profound knowledge I gained about plant life, I began experimenting with natural ingredients, leading to the formulation of various plant-based skincare products. This passion blossomed into entrepreneurship, and I launched my own brand, Bakht Organics. This venture is an evidence to the strong foundation I received at RWU.

This would not have been possible without the steadfast support of my teachers. Their encouragement and guidance were instrumental in my success. Specifically, Dr. Shamim Akhter from my department consistently supported me and nurtured my botanical curiosity, and Ma'am Khadija Saeed from the DSA, who first recognized the potential in my work and encouraged me to take it to the next level. She was the one who initially directed me towards the Office of Research, Innovation, and Commercialization (ORIC).

The ORIC at RWU played a pivotal role in my entrepreneurial journey. Under the guidance of Dr. Motasim Billah, the director of ORIC, I navigated the complexities of starting and running a business. His consistent and persistent guidance opened doors to various institutes, significantly increasing my exposure and network. Ma'am Amber Kazmi, with her gentle support, helped me find the best vendors, a crucial step in establishing Bakht Organics.

My parents provided constant support, a reliable source of strength from the beginning. Their belief in me fueled my determination.

The university's proactive approach to fostering practical skills was evident in the opportunities we were given to participate in various expos. These events provided valuable exposure and allowed me to connect with industry professionals, significantly boosting my confidence and business acumen.

Beyond the academic and entrepreneurial aspects, I cherished the vibrant community at RWU. While every day at RWU holds cherished memories, the Business Idea Fest competition stands out as a particularly impactful experience. Witnessing fellow students present such innovative and well-articulated business concepts was truly inspiring.

Today, I am running my own business, Bakht Organics, a direct result of the nurturing environment and consistent support I received at Rawalpindi Women University. I am deeply grateful for the education, mentorship, and opportunities that RWU provided, which have empowered me to turn my passion into a thriving reality. I encourage current students to leverage the resources and support available at RWU, as they are invaluable in shaping future success. Remember, with dedication, the right guidance, and the reliable support of loved ones, your dreams can indeed materialize into remarkable achievements.



Student Corner

I am Hamail Habib currently serving as the President of the Science Society at Rawalpindi Women University (RWU). My journey with the Society began as Vice President, a role that laid the foundation for the leadership experiences I have gained at RWU. Throughout my tenure in these positions, I have not only strengthened my leadership abilities but also learned the importance of time management, organization, and prioritization.

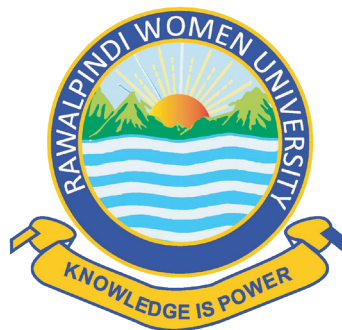
These experiences have allowed me to effectively lead teams, manage multiple tasks, and ensure the smooth execution of various events. The opportunities I've had to plan and organize student activities have given me the chance to apply my skills in real-world settings, enhancing my personal growth.

I would like to express my gratitude to Rawalpindi Women University for providing such a dynamic and supportive environment where students are encouraged to take on leadership roles and develop their full potential. The guidance and resources offered by the university have contributed in shaping my leadership and organizing capabilities.

As I continue my journey, I am excited to build on the skills I've gained and look forward to contributing further to my community and exploring new challenges. I am confident that the foundation RWU has provided will allow me to succeed in future endeavors.



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