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## VICE CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE

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It is both a privilege and a profound responsibility to assume the additional charge of Vice Chancellor at Rawalpindi Women University, an institution that has deeply influenced my own academic formation as an alumna. Returning in this capacity allows me to serve a university that has long been committed to empowering women through education, fostering curiosity, and encouraging leadership.

RWU is progressing with strength; expanding its academic programs, deepening its research culture, and nurturing a vibrant community of scholars. As I undertake this role, my focus is to sustain and build upon the initiatives already underway, ensuring that our institutional priorities remain clear, student-centered, and aligned with global standards of excellence.

A university's impact is defined not only by its accomplishments but by its ability to prepare its community to understand, question, and contribute meaningfully to the world. We will continue to encourage interdisciplinary inquiry and support innovation that responds to contemporary challenges with purpose.

Our faculty and students remain at the core of this mission. My commitment is to provide an environment that empowers them to think with independence, engage with confidence, and pursue knowledge with curiosity and integrity. As an alumna, I hold a deep appreciation for RWU's legacy; as Acting Vice Chancellor, my role is to steward that legacy with care while supporting the university's ongoing trajectory of excellence.

Together, we will ensure that RWU continues to stand as a place of knowledge, innovation, and empowerment, guiding the next generation of women who will shape our communities and contribute to the global academic landscape.

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## Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza (PoP, T.I.)

**August 29, 2025:** Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza (PoP, T.I.) Vice Chancellor of Fatima Jinnah Women University, assumes the additional charge of Vice Chancellor, Rawalpindi Women University.

Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza is a highly qualified and experienced academic. She previously served as Vice Chancellor of Lahore College for Women University. She earned her PhD in Plant Molecular Biology from the University of Cambridge, UK, and completed her postdoctoral research at the University of North Carolina, USA. Notably, she is also an alumna of Rawalpindi Women University (its former college phase), which makes this appointment a matter of pride for the institution.



Dr. Bushra received numerous national and international awards for her academic and research contributions, including the Pride of Performance, Tamgha-e-Imtiaz, Pakistan Academy of Sciences Gold Medal (2008), and HEC Best Young Research Scholar Award (2009). She also served as Chairperson of Biochemistry at Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad, and is currently a member of the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan, actively contributing to shaping national education policy.

The faculty and administrative heads of RWU warmly welcomed Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza and expressed their confidence that under her leadership, the university would continue to advance on the path of growth and success.

## Vice Chancellor Farewell

### Rawalpindi Women University bids a heartfelt farewell to the Founding Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal

**July 23, 2025:** The RWU community came together to celebrate the remarkable legacy of Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, whose leadership from day one shaped RWU into a dynamic, inclusive, and academically vibrant institution.

To honor her extraordinary contributions, a warm farewell luncheon and ceremony were held, filled with emotions and appreciation. The event featured the presentation of flowers, commemorative citations, and tokens of gratitude that reflected the deep respect she has earned from everyone. The highlights also included a video tribute that captured her journey and lasting influence, followed by personal messages from faculty members, administrative officers, and HED faculty members (who were serving RWU in the initial days) reflecting on the impact of her tireless efforts and commitment to empowering women through education.

Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal's humility, integrity, and leadership have left a permanent mark on RWU. Though she has stepped down from her role, her legacy will continue to guide and inspire future generations.



## RWU Becomes First Women University in SCO Countries to Join SAERIA

Rawalpindi Women University (RWU) has achieved a historic milestone by becoming the first women-only university among the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO) countries to join the Silk Road Agricultural Education and Research Innovation Alliance (SAERIA). The alliance unites leading institutions from 19 countries and 156 universities across Central Asia to promote sustainable agricultural development, scientific innovation, and regional collaboration.



This remarkable achievement highlights RWU's growing global footprint and underscores Pakistan's progress in promoting women-led research and innovation. The accomplishment was made possible under the visionary leadership of Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, Vice Chancellor, RWU, who was invited by the Silk Road Alliance and Northwest Agriculture and Forestry University (NWAUFU) to represent Pakistan at the annual SAERIA Summit held in Almaty, Kazakhstan. The summit was co-hosted by NWAUFU, China, and Kazakh National Agrarian Research University, Kazakhstan.

During the summit, Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal led the Pakistani delegation and delivered a formal pledge on behalf of Pakistan, reaffirming the nation's commitment to advancing regional cooperation in sustainable agriculture, food security, and climate resilience. She emphasized Pakistan's dedication to agricultural biotechnology, biodiversity conservation, and eco-innovative practices, while also advocating for gender equity in science and education by encouraging the participation of women researchers and students in international collaborations.

Expressing her gratitude to the Silk Road Alliance and co-host institutions, Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal appreciated the creation of a global platform where women-led universities like RWU can actively shape inclusive and forward-looking agricultural policies. Her participation not only elevated RWU's standing on the global stage but also reaffirmed the university's dedication to women-led research, inclusive academic exchange, and transformative education.

During her visit, the Vice Chancellor held productive discussions with alliance representatives, including Prof. Dr. Lixin Zhang, Chairman of the Belt and Road Biohealth Agricultural Industrial Alliance. The meetings explored future collaborations in joint research, student and faculty exchange, and policy development under the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) framework.

RWU's inclusion in SAERIA opens new horizons for international collaboration. Students and faculty members will benefit from international exchange programs, full scholarship opportunities, and advanced research training with partner universities in China and Central Asia. These partnerships aim to strengthen RWU's capacity in agricultural biotechnology, biohealth, climate-smart innovation, and biodiversity conservation.



Earlier this year, RWU had laid the foundation for this collaboration by hosting a trilateral meeting with NWAUFU and Quaid-i-Azam University (QAU), Islamabad, under the theme “Strengthening Pak-China Partnerships for Agricultural Advancement and Environmental Sustainability.” The meeting focused on enhancing research cooperation, cultural exchange, and establishing a Pak-China Agro-Biodiversity Research Centre. Distinguished participants, including Prof. Dr. Mushtaq Ahmad (QAU) and Prof. Dr. Lixin Zhang (NWAUFU), appreciated RWU's proactive role in building this partnership.

Reflecting on this milestone, Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal stated,

“It is a moment of pride that a women-led university from Pakistan is now part of a powerful regional platform shaping the future of agriculture and sustainability. We are proud to be contributing to this dialogue and paving the way for our young women to learn, lead, and innovate globally.”

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## Honors & Awards

### Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal Receives Quaid-e-Azam Gold Medal Award 2025

Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, Vice Chancellor Rawalpindi Women University, has been awarded the Quaid-e-Azam Gold Medal Award 2025 by the Istehkam-e-Pakistan Foundation in recognition of her exceptional contributions to education and leadership.

During the ceremony, Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal was ceremoniously crowned and honored for her outstanding services in promoting academic excellence and women empowerment. As Chief Guest of the event, she also presented awards to fifty distinguished individuals from across Pakistan.

Her visionary leadership and commitment to advancing quality education continue to inspire a new generation of empowered and educated women.



### Dr. Banzeer Recognized Among World's Top 2% Scientists

Dr. Banzeer Ahsan Abbasi, Assistant Professor, Department of Botany, has been recognized among the World's Top 2% Scientists, as compiled by Stanford University (USA) and published by Elsevier.

This international recognition reflects Dr. Banzeer's sustained contributions to research and academic excellence.

The achievement also highlights Rawalpindi Women University's growing emphasis on fostering a strong research culture that encourages innovation, interdisciplinary collaboration, and global academic engagement.



### Chief Minister's Honhaar Scholarship

**September 30, 2025:** Nida Eman, student, Department of Mathematics, received her Chief Minister's Honhaar Scholarship cheque from the Hon'ble Chief Minister Punjab, Ms. Maryam Nawaz Sharif, during the Phase II Distribution Ceremony held at the University of Chakwal.

Along with her, seventy-five students from RWU were awarded scholarships under this initiative, marking another moment of pride and accomplishment for the university.

These recognitions reflect the academic excellence and dedication of RWU students who continue to bring distinction to the institution at provincial and national levels.



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# RWU Participations

## RWU Faculty Member Represents University at International Conference in Berlin

**July 01–03, 2025:** Ms. Kainat, Lecturer, Department of Sociology, represented the Rawalpindi Women University at the International Scientific Conference “School Wellbeing from a Child-Centred Perspective,” held at Technische Universität (TU) Berlin, Germany. She presented her research titled “Children’s Understanding of their Self-Well-Being in Pakistan,” and co-chaired a session on “School Well-being from an International Perspective.”

Ms. Kainat’s participation underscores RWU’s commitment to promoting global academic engagement and scholarly exchange. As an active member of the International Society for Child Indicators (ISCI) networking community, she continues to contribute to international dialogues on child well-being and social research.



## RWU Faculty Member Serves as Jury Member at Pakistan Wildlife Protection Awards 2025

**July 31, 2025:** Dr. Samina Qamer, Chairperson, Department of Zoology, served as a jury member for the Pakistan Wildlife Protection Awards 2025. The ceremony, organized by the Ministry of Climate Change and Environmental Coordination (MoCC&EC) in collaboration with the Snow Leopard Foundation (SLF), was held to honor individuals contributing to wildlife protection in snow leopard range areas.

The event celebrated the courage and dedication of those safeguarding endangered species in challenging and remote environments. The Minister of State for Climate Change, Dr. Shaza Mansab Kharal, commended the initiative for recognizing the contributions of Pakistan’s unsung conservation heroes.



# Participation in Focus Group Discussion on Women Empowerment in Industry 4.0

**August 19, 2025:** Dr. Motsim Billah, Director, Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC), Dr. Shahzad Hussain, and Ms. Jaweria Tariq from the Department of Business Administration participated in a Focus Group Discussion on “Women Empowerment in Industry 4.0” held at the National University of Modern Languages (NUML), Islamabad. The session was organized under the HEC-NRPU-funded project “Empowering Women Entrepreneurs in Industry 4.0.”

The discussion brought together over 30 participants from academia and the corporate sector. The Principal Investigator and Co-Principal Investigator emphasized the importance of enhancing entrepreneurial competencies, addressing digital skill gaps, and developing a future-oriented curriculum to strengthen women’s participation in Pakistan’s entrepreneurial ecosystem.



# RWU Faculty Member Represents University at the Royal Statistical Society International Conference 2025

**September 01–04, 2025:** Dr. Saba Riaz, HoD, Department of Statistics, represented the Rawalpindi Women University at the Royal Statistical Society (RSS) International Conference 2025, held in Edinburgh, Scotland. The conference brought together leading statisticians, researchers, and data scientists from across the globe for keynote sessions, technical discussions, and exchanges on emerging developments in statistics and machine learning.

Founded in 1834, the Royal Statistical Society is one of the world’s most respected organizations championing the power of data to inform understanding, shape policy and drive decisions for the public good. Its over 12,000 members span academia, industry and government, united by a shared commitment to statistical excellence and evidence-based thinking.

During the conference, Dr. Saba presented her research titled “Machine Learning for Early Alzheimer’s Disease Prediction on High-dimensional Multimodal Data,” highlighting RWU’s engagement in advanced data-driven research that addresses critical health and societal challenges.



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# Trainings & Workshops

## Outside RWU

### Training on Project Proposal Writing

*September 15–19, 2025:* RWU faculty members successfully completed a five-day training program on Project Proposal Writing at the Akhtar Hameed Khan National Centre for Rural Development, Islamabad. The training aimed to strengthen participants' competencies in designing and developing effective project proposals aligned with contemporary development and research needs.

The sessions covered essential components of proposal development, including rationale formulation, needs assessment, stakeholder analysis, and project design frameworks. Participants also received in-depth guidance on results-based management, budgeting, proposal formatting, and strategies for writing competitive proposals. The workshop further emphasized the integration of IT and AI-based tools to enhance proposal efficiency and impact.

RWU faculty members who attended the training included Dr. Amber Sarwar & Dr. Javeria Amin (Assistant Professors, Department of Computer Science), Ms. Tehreem Ali (Lecturer, Department of Business Administration), Ms. Kainat (Lecturer, Department of Sociology), Ms. Tabassum Kanwal (Lecturer, Department of Information Technology).



## RWU Faculty Participate in Training Workshop on Generative AI in Higher Education

**September 29-30, 2025:** Rawalpindi Women University faculty members participated in a specialized workshop titled “GenAI in Action: Empowering Higher Education Faculty”, held in Murree under the UK-Pakistan Generative AI Nexus for Higher Education (UPGAIN) project. The workshop aimed to strengthen faculty capacity in emerging technologies and enhance teaching and research excellence.

The RWU participants included Dr. Hashmat Ali (Assistant Professor, Mathematics), Dr. Adnan Mustafa Cheema (Assistant Professor, Information Technology), and Dr. Summayya Munib (Assistant Professor, Computer Science).

The workshop was jointly organized by Queen’s University Belfast (QUB), UET Taxila, National University of Modern Languages, and Punjab Higher Education Commission, with funding support from the British Council. Sessions focused on equipping participants with the knowledge and practical skills required to integrate Generative AI into teaching, research, and academic practice.

Chief Guest Dr. Umar Shahzad, HoD Mechatronics at CEME–NUST and Project Director at National Centre of Robotics and Automation, highlighted the transformative impact of Generative AI on the future of higher education.

## Workshop on “Data Analysis with Python” at the University of Wah

**July 28-29, 2025:** Dr. Saba Riaz, HoD, Department of Statistics, served as a resource person for a two-day hands-on workshop on “Data Analysis with Python” at the University of Wah. The workshop equipped faculty, researchers, and students with practical skills in data handling with Pandas, visualization with Matplotlib and Seaborn, statistical testing, and an introduction to machine learning applications.

Delivered through interactive lectures, live demonstrations, and coding exercises, the sessions engaged participants in working with real datasets to strengthen problem-solving and analytical skills. Participants appreciated the workshop for promoting collaborative learning, skill development, and awareness of computational approaches in data science.



## Android Development in Flutter Training Program

**July 14 to August 22, 2025:** The Department of Information Technology in collaboration with ORIC successfully completed the six-week Android Development in Flutter training program.

This initiative aimed at equipping our students with modern mobile application development skills, enabling them to design and build powerful cross-platform apps using Google Flutter.

The program reflects RWU's continuous commitment to empowering young women in the field of emerging technologies and preparing them for the global IT industry.



## Training Workshop on Biosafety and Biosecurity

**July 16, 2025:** The Department of Zoology organized a Training Workshop on Biosafety and Biosecurity, in collaboration with the Association for Biorisk Management (ABM), Pakistan.

Dr. Khalid Latif, Master Trainer at ABM, conducted an insightful session on Biorisk Management and Donning & Doffing of PPE. Students actively participated, gaining practical knowledge on essential safety protocols and laboratory precautions critical for working in biological sciences.

This workshop is part of the continuous efforts under the MoU between RWU and ABM, aimed at equipping students with modern lab safety skills and responsible research practices.



## Training of Trainers (ToT) Session

**September 02, 2025:** The Office of External Linkages hosted the Training of Trainers (ToT) session in collaboration with WWF, Pakistan under the Australia-Pakistan Water Security Initiative (APWASI). The program was aimed at empowering students and teachers to become champions of water stewardship in their communities. It focused on strengthening scientific understanding of water conservation, equipping students and teachers with tools to promote water-wise behaviors, and guiding schools in establishing student-led Water Clubs. RWU students along with teachers from various institutions of Rawalpindi and Islamabad participated in this city-wide training, gaining knowledge and strategies to integrate sustainable practices into their schools. Through this initiative, RWU reaffirms its commitment to quality education, environmental awareness, and shaping a generation of water-wise citizens.



## Research Support Services Series

**July 09, 2025:** The RWU Library organized a training session titled "Citation Management Tool: Utilizing EndNote." Conducted by Ms. Sanila Aslam, Additional Librarian, the session aimed to strengthen the research skills of M.Phil scholars through hands-on guidance in reference organization, citation formatting, and bibliography generation using EndNote. The training enabled students to streamline their research processes and enhance the quality of their academic writing.



**September 03, 2025:** The Library conducted a session titled "Enhancing Academic Research and Writing through Access to HEC Digital Resources." Led by Ms. Sanila Aslam, Additional Librarian, the workshop introduced M.Phil scholars to key HEC digital platforms, research databases, and scholarly tools vital for literature review and academic writing.

**September 17, 2025:** The Library held an informative session under its Research Support Services Series, titled “From Basic to Expert: Enhancing Research Productivity through Advanced Google Searching Skills.”

Tailored for M.Phil students, the session focused on advanced search operators, research filtering techniques, and strategies to locate credible academic sources. Through such workshops, the Library continues to empower scholars with practical digital research competencies essential for academic excellence.



## Pre-Conference Workshops

The academic departments organized pre-conference workshops in collaboration with the Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC).

### Workshop on “Inside the Lived Experiences: Mastering Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis (IPA)”

**August 27, 2025:** The Department of Psychology organized a workshop titled “Inside the Lived Experiences: Mastering Interpretative Phenomenological Analysis (IPA)”. The session was conducted by Dr. Aliya Abdul Hayee, Assistant Professor at SZABIST, Islamabad.

The workshop provided participants with a comprehensive understanding of the foundations, design, and application of IPA in qualitative research. Attendees gained practical, step-by-step guidance on conducting and analyzing phenomenological data, enriching their qualitative research skills and interpretative insight.



## Workshop on “Quantitative Research: Analysis and Debate”

**September 29, 2025:** The Department of Sociology organized a workshop on “Quantitative Research: Analysis and Debate.” Dr. Muhammad Shoaib, Associate Professor from University of Gujrat, conducted the session, focusing on key statistical tests, their applications, and interpretations in research. The workshop provided participants with practical insights into essential tools for data analysis and academic debate.

The session concluded with closing remarks and a vote of thanks by Dr. Raza Ullah, Incharge Sociology Department, appreciating the speaker’s thought-provoking contribution.



## Workshop on “Principles of Biosafety, Biosecurity and Risk Management in Biomedical Research

**August 27, 2025:** The Department of Zoology organized a Workshop on “Principles of Biosafety, Biosecurity and Risk Management in Biomedical Research”. Dr. Nazir Ahmad from National University of Medical Sciences served as the resource person.

The workshop provided participants with essential training on biosafety and biosecurity practices, focusing on preventing both accidental and intentional release of biological agents and ensuring safe biomedical research practices.



### Seminar on “Transforming into Digital Business”

**September 24, 2025:** The Department of Business Administration organized a seminar on “Transforming into Digital Business”. The guest speaker, Mr. Shayan Ali, expert in digital business transformation, discussed emerging trends, strategies for online platforms, and the role of digital innovation in business success.

Through discussions and practical examples, he explained how businesses can adapt and grow in a changing digital environment. The seminar gave participants the opportunity to learn about digital business transformation from an experienced professional.



### Seminar on “Role of Youth in the Use of Social Media in the Light of Seerat-un-Nabi ﷺ”

**September 24, 2025:** Rawalpindi Women University organized a Seminar on Seerat-un-Nabi ﷺ, titled “Role of Youth in the Use of Social Media in the Light of Seerat-un-Nabi ﷺ.” The session offered students and faculty deep insights into the life and teachings of the Holy Prophet ﷺ, emphasizing the importance of positive and purposeful use of social media in today’s world.

The event was graced by the presence of Dr. Riaz Ahmed Saeed (HoD, Department of Islamic Studies, National University of Modern Languages, Islamabad) and Ms. Zahida Saleem (Regional Director, Al-Noor International), whose valuable guidance made the seminar truly impactful and memorable.



### Seminar on “Understanding Linear Equations and Linear Operators”

**September 24, 2025:** The Department of Mathematics organized a seminar titled “Understanding Linear Equations and Linear Operators”.

The session was led by Dr. Maliha Rashid, Assistant Professor at the International Islamic University, Islamabad, who explored the concepts, historical background, and real-life applications of linear equations and linear operators. The talk highlighted their significance in solving problems across science, engineering, and data science, inspiring students to connect theoretical knowledge with practical applications.





## Seminar on Fractals

**September 30, 2025:** The Department of Mathematics organized an engaging seminar on Fractals, delivered by Dr. Amna Kalsoom from International Islamic University. The talk highlighted the mathematical beauty of fractals and their real-life applications; from patterns in nature such as trees, leaves, snowflakes, and coastlines, to art and design, as well as their use in technology and science, including image compression, computer graphics, and modeling complex systems.

The session served as an inspiring example of how fractals bridge mathematics and the real world.

## Seminar on “Say No to Begging”

**September 30, 2025:** The Department of Sociology, in collaboration with the Directorate of Student Affairs (DSA) and the Faculty of Islamic Studies, RWU, organized a seminar titled “Say No to Begging”.

The guest speaker, Dr. Mohsin Zia Qazi, Director, Institute of Islamic Studies, Muslim Youth University, Islamabad, shed light on the social, economic, and religious dimensions of begging. He stressed the role of education, awareness, and collective action in reducing dependency and promoting dignity.

Faculty members and students actively engaged in the discussion, making the session both meaningful and impactful. The seminar concluded with a vote of thanks by Dr. Raza Ullah Incharge, Sociology appreciating the speaker and all contributors for the successful event.



## Seminar on “Empowering Women in STEM: Reshaping the Future”

**September 30, 2025:** The Department of Botany hosted a seminar on “Empowering Women in STEM: Reshaping the Future”, delivered by Dr. Mamoonah Munir. The seminar helped in capacity building among female participants, equipping them with valuable insights and skills to excel in STEM fields. Expert guidance and interactive discussions enabled attendees to develop a deeper understanding of STEM concepts and their applications. The seminar fostered a supportive community, encouraging women to pursue careers in STEM with confidence.



## RWU Department of Fine Arts Signs MoU with COMSATS University Department of Art and Design

**July 08, 2025:** The Fine Arts Department, Rawalpindi Women University (RWU), and the Department of Arts and Design, COMSATS University Islamabad (CUI), have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding to foster academic and creative collaboration in the field of fine arts.

This partnership aims to facilitate the joint organization of art exhibitions, competitions, and festivals; conduct collaborative workshops, seminars, and training sessions; support student and faculty exchange programs; and encourage research initiatives in fine arts and the creative industries. Additionally, the MoU seeks to expand networking opportunities for students and faculty, laying the groundwork for meaningful and sustained academic engagement between the two institutions.

The MoU was signed by Dr. Baqir Husnain, Director QEC & External Linkages, RWU, and Dr. Shahida Mansoor, Dean, Architecture and Design, CUI.



## RWU Signs MoU with Pakistan Youth Change Advocates (PYCA)

**July 25, 2025:** Rawalpindi Women University signed an MoU with Pakistan Youth Change Advocates (PYCA) to establish a strategic partnership aimed at fostering youth engagement and community development.

The MoU was signed by Dr. Baqir Hussnain, Director QEC & External Linkages, RWU, and Ms. Areeba Shahid, Executive Director, PYCA. This collaboration will enable RWU students to participate in PYCA's thematic programs, which focus on critical areas such as health and nutrition, education, youth engagement, and media advocacy.



Through this partnership, both institutions aim to leverage their expertise and platforms to promote youth-led initiatives, volunteerism, and mutual participation in seminars, training programs, and community-based activities, ultimately contributing to meaningful change at both institutional and societal levels.

## RWU signs MoU with Society for Access to Quality Education (SAQE)

**July 08, 2025:** Rawalpindi Women University signed an MoU with the Society for Access to Quality Education (SAQE) to build a collaborative partnership focused on empowering students through capacity building, policy advocacy, and experiential learning. The MoU was signed by Dr. Baqir Hussnain, Director QEC & External Linkages, RWU, and Ms. Kaneez Zehra, Executive Director, SAQE.

This partnership aims to bridge the gap between academic learning and real-world challenges by involving students in awareness campaigns, leadership initiatives, internships, research collaborations, and joint events. Under SAQE's Young Education

Changemakers Network (YECN), RWU students will be provided with opportunities to develop advocacy skills, contribute to education policy discourse, and engage in civic and social impact.



## Department of Media and Communication Studies Holds 7th Board of Studies Meeting

**July 02, 2025:** The Department of Media and Communication Studies conducted its 7th Board of Studies (BoS) meeting on July 02, 2025. The core agenda of the meeting was to revise the BS curriculum in line with HEC Policy 2025. The meeting was chaired by Dr. Ghulam Safdar, In-Charge of the department. External experts Prof. Dr. Saqib Riaz and Dr. Shahid Hussain from Allama Iqbal Open University attended as academic reviewers.

Key discussions focused on updating course codes, titles, and content, with valuable input from departmental faculty and subject specialists. The board aimed to ensure the revised curriculum reflects current academic developments and meets market demands.



## Department of Psychology Holds Board of Studies Meeting

**September 02, 2025:** The Department of Psychology, Rawalpindi Women University, held its Board of Studies meeting at the VC Secretariat. The meeting brought together faculty members and academic experts to review and strengthen the curricula of both BS and M.Phil. Psychology programs.

Key discussions included the revised BS curriculum, credit hour allocations, capstone thesis format, and updates to Clinical and Counseling Psychology lab courses. At the postgraduate level, members deliberated on the revised M.Phil. curriculum, degree nomenclature (M.Phil. vs. MS Psychology), internship and supervision mechanisms, and thesis credit hour structure.

The meeting reflected RWU's ongoing commitment to academic excellence, ensuring that psychology programs remain aligned with emerging trends, research standards, and professional competencies.



## Fine Arts Students and Faculty Visit COMSATS Islamabad

**July 11, 2025:** The students and faculty of the Department of Fine Arts visited COMSATS University, Islamabad, to see the Thesis Display of Fine Arts and Design, gaining valuable insight into contemporary art practices, innovative design approaches, and presentation techniques. This visit broadened the students' creative perspectives and understanding of the evolving trends in fine arts and design



## Fine Arts Students Thesis Presentation

**July 14 and 17, 2025:** The students of BS Fine Arts (Semester VIII) presented their final thesis projects in Miniature Painting and Painting, marking the culmination of their academic journey. The thesis jury sessions offered students an opportunity to showcase their creative exploration and technical skills.

The jury included renowned artists and academic professionals: Mr. Aqeel Solangi, Head of Department, Painting & Sculpture; Mr. Zahid ul Haq and Ms. Rashda Faridi from the National College of Arts, Rawalpindi; and Ms. Sidra Ashraf, Head of Department, BCA, Fatima Jinnah Women University.



## Plantation Drive

**July 15, 2025:** In commemoration of Turkish Democracy and National Unity Day, the Chairperson of the Department of Zoology, along with faculty members and students of Rawalpindi Women University (RWU), participated in a plantation drive organized by the Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency (TİKA) at Fatima Jinnah Park, Islamabad.

The event was graced by H.E. Irfan Neziroğlu, Ambassador of the Republic of Türkiye to Islamabad; Mr. Naeem Akbar Raja, Federal Secretary for Law and Justice of Pakistan; Pakistani government officials; representatives of civil society organizations; members of Turkish institutions in Islamabad; and numerous Turkish citizens. A total of 253 saplings were planted.



## Fine Arts Students Thesis Exhibition

**July 21, 2025:** The Department of Fine Arts, in collaboration with the Rawalpindi Arts Council, organized a vibrant exhibition featuring the annual thesis projects of its graduating students. The exhibition was inaugurated by Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, while Mr. Muhammad Shakoor, Director Arts Council, graced the event as guest of honor.

A total of 36 students presented their creative works, including 10 miniature paintings and 26 diverse art pieces, developed under the supervision of the Fine Arts faculty. The exhibition drew an enthusiastic audience of students, faculty members, and art enthusiasts.

Addressing the event, Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal highlighted that fine arts reflect a society's cultural identity and intellectual depth. She praised the students for bringing fresh artistic perspectives and appreciated the Arts Council's continued collaboration in providing a professional platform for emerging artists.

Director Arts Council, Mr. Muhammad Shakoor, expressed gratitude for the partnership and reaffirmed the Council's commitment to supporting young artists through meaningful opportunities to showcase their talent.

Chairperson Fine Arts Department, Dr. Rooh-ul-Amin, commended the students' work for not only displaying creativity but also engaging deeply with important social themes.

The ceremony concluded with the distribution of certificates, as attendees lauded the exhibition as an inspiring display of creativity, skill, and artistic vision.



## STEM Feed Launch Event

**August 04, 2025:** A delegation of RWU Student Council members attended the STEM Feed Launch Event held at the Pak-China Friendship Center, Islamabad.

The event was organized by the Ministry of IT & Telecom in collaboration with TikTok. The launch was graced by Ms. Shaza Fatima Khawaja, Minister of IT & Telecommunication, and Ms. Wajiha Qamar, Minister of State for Federal Education, who highlighted the importance of digital platforms in advancing education. Mr. Fahad Mohammad Khan Niazi, Head of Public Policy and Government Relations, emphasized the platform's role in nurturing STEM talent.

The newly launched STEM feed aims to promote science and technology education through engaging and inclusive digital content.



## RWU Observes Youm-e-Istehsal-e-Kashmir

**August 05, 2025:** Rawalpindi Women University observed Youm-e-Istehsal-e-Kashmir to express solidarity with the oppressed people of Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK). The day marks the illegal revocation of Article 370 by the Indian government in 2019, stripping Kashmir of its special status and intensifying human rights violations in the region.

To commemorate the day, The Directorate of Student Affairs, faculty members and students of RWU actively participated in a solidarity rally held at the Rawalpindi Arts Council. The rally aimed to raise awareness about the plight of the Kashmiri people and to highlight the international community's responsibility to support their right to self-determination. In addition to the rally, the Rawalpindi Arts Council also organized an art exhibition showcasing powerful visual depictions of the Kashmiri struggle. The artwork portrayed themes of resistance, pain, resilience, and hope, effectively amplifying the voices of those silenced under occupation.



## Participation in Pakistan Minority and Youth Day

**August 12, 2025:** A delegation from the Directorate of Student Affairs along with members of the RWU Student Council proudly participated in the Pakistan Minority and Youth Day celebration held at Jinnah Convention Center.

The event was graced by the honorable Prime Minister of Pakistan, Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif, and Chairman of the Prime Minister's Youth Program (PMYP), Mr. Rana Mashhood Ahmed Khan.



## Participation in National Song Competition

**August 12, 2025:** Students from Rawalpindi Women University participated in the National Song Competition held at the Pakistan National Council of Arts (PNCA), Islamabad. The event was organized as part of Independence Day celebrations.



## Independence Day

**August 14, 2025:** Rawalpindi Women University commemorated Pakistan's 78th Independence Day with great patriotic fervour. The ceremony began with the recitation of the Holy Quran, followed by the national flag being hoisted to the tune of the national anthem, accompanied by a ceremonial guard of honour. Patriotic chants of "Pakistan Hamesha Zindabad" reverberated through the campus.

This year's celebration also carried a deeper significance resonating with the nation's recent triumph in Marka-e-Haq, the "Battle of Truth", symbolizing resilience, justice, and national unity. Students performed national songs, and a special prayer was offered for the country's continued progress.

The campus was adorned with green and white lights, reflecting the patriotic fervour. The ceremony culminated with a cake-cutting, attended by faculty, staff, and students, who embraced the spirit of freedom with collective pride.



## Entrepreneurship Project Display

**August 27, 2025:** The students of BS Chemistry (6th semester) organized an Entrepreneurship Project Display under supervision of Ms. Jaweria Tariq, Lecturer, Department of Business Administration, aimed at fostering an entrepreneurial mindset. The event showcased six innovative ideas aligned with the UN Sustainable Development Goals, SDG 8 (Decent Work & Economic Growth), SDG 9 (Industry, Innovation & Infrastructure), and SDG 12 (Responsible Consumption & Production).

The projects featured organic soaps, oils, shampoos, and food items, reflecting creativity, sustainability, and entrepreneurial spirit. Students not only presented innovative products but also earned profit, demonstrating women entrepreneurship in action.

The event was inaugurated by Prof. Dr. Zaman Ashraf, Chairperson Department of Chemistry, who appreciated the students' dedication, hard work, and innovative thinking.



## Internship Completion at FM Punjab Rung 99.4

**August 29 2025:** Eleven students from the RWU Department of Media & Communication Studies successfully completed their internships at FM Punjab Rung 99.4. To mark this achievement, a certificate distribution ceremony was held, where Addl. Registrar/DSA Dr. Huma Rauf and Additional Director Student Affairs Ms. Khadija Saeed presented certificates to the interns.



The event was graced by distinguished guests, including Ms. Beenish Fatima Sahi (DG, Punjab Institute of Language, Art & Culture), Mr. Shafat Abbas Baloch (Deputy Director, Punjab Arts & Culture Block), Mr. Nasir Ahmad (Station Incharge, Radio FM 99.4) along with other senior personnel, who applauded the students' efforts and encouraged them to continue excelling in the media industry.

## Defence Day

**September 03, 2025:** Rawalpindi Women University observed Pakistan Defence Day with great zeal and patriotic fervor by organizing an event titled "History & Significance of Pakistan Defence Day". The program was arranged to honor the courage, sacrifices, and unwavering spirit of the armed forces and the people of Pakistan during the 1965 war.

Mr. Muhammad Shozab Askari, Lecturer, Pakistan Studies, delivered a comprehensive talk on the historical background of Defence Day, highlighting the unity and determination that safeguarded the nation's sovereignty.



The session also highlighted the severe impacts of recent floods across various regions of Pakistan, drawing attention to the loss of lives, displacement of communities and damage to infrastructure. The program concluded with a call for collective responsibility towards national defense and humanitarian support for affected populations.

## Ashra Rehmat ul lil Alameen Panel Discussion

**September 09, 2025:** The Character Building Society (CBS) RWU organized a thought-provoking panel discussion on "سوشل میڈیا کے مفید استعمال کی تعلیم و تربیت میں ریاستی ذمہ داریاں سیرت النبی ﷺ کی روشنی میں" under the Ashra Rehmat-ul-Lil-Alameen ﷺ.

Dr. Shahid Tirmizi from Bahria University, Islamabad and Dr. Hafiz Abdul Rasheed from Federal Urdu University, Islamabad shared insights on the positive and responsible use of social media in the light of Seerat-un-Nabi ﷺ.

Faculty and staff members actively participated in the dialogue, making the session impactful and deeply engaging.



## Orientation Fall 2025

**September 24, 2025:** The Directorate of Student Affairs organized the Orientation Session for the Fall 2025 batch, where new students were warmly welcomed and introduced to life at RWU. The session aimed to familiarize students with the university's academic environment, facilities, policies, and support services, setting the tone for their exciting journey ahead.

The welcome note was delivered by Dr. Huma Rauf (Additional Registrar/Director Student Affairs), Prof. Dr. Saima Mustafa (Faculty of Sciences), and Prof. Dr. Sobia Masood (Faculty of Social Sciences), who extended their best wishes to the new entrants and assured them of RWU's continuous guidance and support.

As part of the program, informative presentations were given on the roles, facilities, and services offered by various administrative departments, including the Registrar Office, Examination Office, Directorate of Student Affairs, Quality Enhancement Cell, Library, Hostel, and the Psychological Wellbeing Center. Students were also sensitized about RWU's Anti-Drug and Tobacco Policy, Anti-Harassment Policy, and the university's discipline rules and regulations to ensure a safe, inclusive, and supportive learning environment.

The session concluded with students taking an oath administered by Ms. Khadija Saeed, Additional Director Student Affairs, pledging to abide by the university's rules and regulations and uphold the values of RWU.



## Poster Competition for Importance of Polio-Free Future

**September 30, 2025:** The Department of Fine Arts, RWU, in collaboration with the Department of Computer Arts, Fatima Jinnah Women University and Emergency Operation Center for Polio Eradication, organized a poster competition highlighting the importance of a polio-free future. The event was aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3, Good Health and Well-being, aimed at encouraging youth participation in promoting public health and addressing challenges such as polio eradication. The event was inaugurated by Prof. Dr. Rooh-ul-Ameen (Chairperson, English & Fine Arts, RWU), while Dr. Ihsan Ghani, Chief Executive Officer of the District Health Authority Rawalpindi, graced the occasion as the guest of honor. Addressing the ceremony, Dr. Ihsan emphasized that polio vaccines are completely safe and reaffirmed efforts to vaccinate 650,000 children this year as part of the national eradication campaign.

Out of 27 shortlisted entries, the winners were:

1st Position – Fatima Naveed (FJWU)

2nd Position – Javeria Aqleem (RWU)

3rd Position – Iman Asif (RWU)

### **Aruba Aurangzeb Mughal** **Department of Chemistry (2019–2023)**

I, Aruba Aurangzeb Mughal, Gold Medalist, Department of Chemistry, Rawalpindi Women University, wish to express my heartfelt gratitude to Allah Almighty, Hazrat Muhammad (S.A.W), my parents, my teachers, and this prestigious institute.

The first thing I noticed on my Convocation Day was weight. Not the weight of the robe or cap, but the weight of the Gold Medal resting on my chest. It was heavier than I expected, and at that moment, I understood why. That medal carried the weight of sleepless nights, failed experiments, long lab hours, and the unwavering encouragement of mentors who never let me give up.

As I held it, I realized it was not just a symbol of achievement; it was a catalyst. A reminder that every setback was part of a greater learning curve, and that growth often hides behind the very things that once felt impossible.

My journey through this remarkable institute has been one of discovery and transformation. I was given the opportunity to engage in research at the BS level, something that not only strengthened my technical skills but also deepened my curiosity. The Department provided specialized training sessions and access to advanced analytical equipment, where I learned to operate instruments like the UV Visible spectrometer with confidence and precision.

But beyond the labs and lectures, what I cherish most is the spirit of inquiry that this place instilled in me. Every teacher, every lab session, every shared discussion contributed to shaping me into the person I am today.

That day, as the medal caught the light, I realized this: it was not just gold I had earned, it was growth. For that, I will always be proud to call myself a student of this extraordinary institute.



### **Saba Fatima** **Department of Information Technology**

Choosing Rawalpindi Women University for my BS in Information Technology has been a life-changing decision. What began as a practical academic choice soon became a journey of discovering my true passion i.e., mobile and web development. Through hands-on projects and continuous guidance from supportive faculty, I gained strong technical skills and the confidence to apply them in real-world settings.

Exposure to industry through webinars, seminars and conferences helped me stay connected with current tech trends and build valuable professional networks. These experiences, along with practical learning, enabled me to secure six internships and develop fully functional websites and mobile applications.

Beyond academics, RWU's strong commitment to women empowerment, co-curricular activities and sports has strengthened my confidence. I am proud to be part of an institution that not only teaches skills but shapes empowered professionals ready to make an impact.

