



Vice Chancellor's Message



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Rawalpindi Women University, a public sector institution established to advance women's access to quality education in the region, carries a clear institutional obligation. That obligation extends beyond the conferment of degrees; it requires that the knowledge produced within the University contribute meaningfully to the national research ecosystem, inform public policy, and participate in international academic discourse. This quarter reflects measurable progress toward fulfilling this responsibility. RWU hosted the Research and Innovation Pitch Fest under the directives of the Higher Education Department (HED), Punjab. University research projects secured PKR 7 million in competitive funding, signalling the strengthening of applied research capacity and demonstrating growing competitiveness at the provincial level.

On a broader academic trajectory, the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan's (HEC) Yearly Progress Report places RWU's Quality

Enhancement Cell (QEC) evaluation score at 79.62. This figure is best understood in the context of the University's progression: 17 in 2021-22, 56 in 2022-23, and 79.62 in the current cycle. This reflects consistent improvement across teaching quality, research output, and faculty development over three years.

The University convened the 4th International Scientific Conference bringing together researchers, scientists, industrialists, and academics from Pakistan and abroad, including keynote speakers from the University of Cologne, Germany, and Universiti Malaysia Terengganu. On the following day, the 4th International Conference of Social Sciences assembled scholars, policymakers, and legislators to examine pressing global and national issues through interdisciplinary engagement. The successful execution of both events reflects the University's growing institutional capacity and its expanding engagement with international academic networks.

RWU is advancing in a structured and measurable manner toward its institutional objectives. While the additional charge I hold is administrative in nature, my sense of obligation to this institution is far deeper, shaped by a long-standing association as an alumna, which reinforces a clear responsibility to build on this progress and to guide the University toward sustained academic and research excellence. Rawalpindi Women University will continue to move forward through measurable outcomes in research, faculty development, and the professional preparedness of its graduates.

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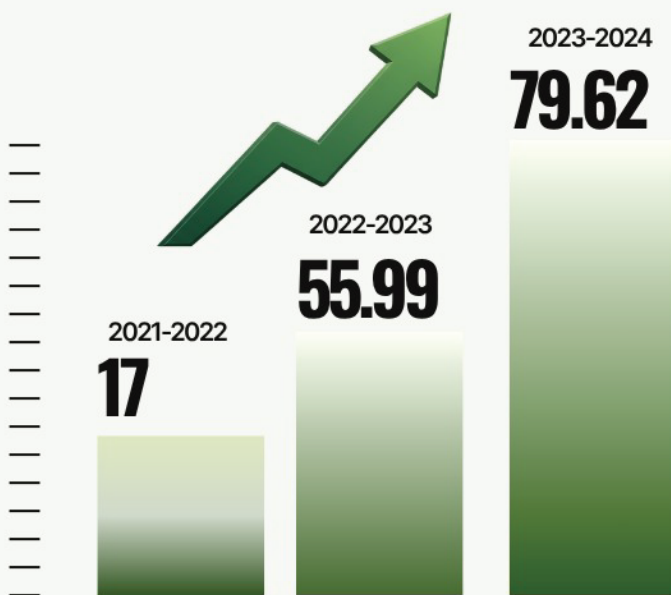
RWU QEC Score Rises from 17 to 79.62 in Latest Higher Education Commission Evaluation

Rawalpindi Women University has achieved a significant milestone in quality assurance, securing an impressive score of 79.62 in the latest Yearly Progress Report. This achievement reflects the University's sustained commitment to strengthening internal quality assurance mechanisms and institutional performance standards.

The latest evaluation marks a remarkable upward trajectory over the past three years. The QEC score has risen from 17 in 2021-22 to 56 in 2022-23, and now to 79.62, demonstrating structured progress and systematic reform. This consistent improvement highlights RWU's focused efforts toward enhancing documentation practices, implementing Self-Assessment Reports (SARs), conducting regular academic evaluations, and ensuring compliance with national quality benchmarks.

The accomplishment is the result of coordinated efforts between the QEC and all academic and administrative departments. HEC's evaluation framework serves as a critical performance indicator for higher education institutions across Pakistan, assessing governance standards, academic quality processes, and compliance mechanisms.

RAWALPINDI WOMEN UNIVERSITY QEC EVALUATION SCORE BY HEC



YEARLY PROGRESS REPORT OF QEC, RWU

HONORS & AWARDS

Nida Eman Receives Laptop from Prime Minister



October 30, 2025: Nida Eman, a talented student from the Department of Mathematics, received a laptop from the Prime Minister of Pakistan, Hon'ble Mian Muhammad Shehbaz Sharif, during the PM Laptop Distribution Ceremony at Jinnah Convention Center, Islamabad. This achievement highlights the government's support for digital learning and RWU's commitment to nurturing talented students.

Zoology Student Secures Second Position in Poster Competition at 24th Asia Conference

November 16-18 2025: Hafsa Tariq, MPhil student from the Department of Zoology, secured Second Position in the Poster Competition at the 24th ASIA Conference on Food Security, Sustainability & Biodiversity, organized by the Pakistan Academy of Sciences and the Science Council of Asia.

Her poster, "Impact of Insecticides Exposure on the Cellular and Tissue Structure of *Apis mellifera*," was supervised by Dr. Samina Qamer utilized advanced imaging at RWU's Zoology Research Lab, highlighting both her research excellence and the university's support for scientific inquiry.



Best Presenter Award at CAME 2025

November 22, 2025: Dr. Muhammad Ahsan Iqbal (IPFP) from the Department of Business Administration received the Best Presenter Award at the 2nd Conference on Accounting, Management, and Economics (CAME 2025), held virtually at Universitas Tridinanti, Palembang, Indonesia. His research abstract titled "Towards Sustainability: The Role of Waste Management, Environment, and Digitalization" was officially approved and published in the CAME 2025 Program Book, reflecting his commitment to quality research, impactful presentation, and meaningful academic engagement at the international level.



WEAVING WORDS, SHAPING WORLDS

AZKA KHAN

INTERTEXTUAL ECHOES
AND READER EVALUATION IN
PAKISTANI ANGLOPHONE FICTION

Publication of Book By Bloomsbury Publishers

Dr. Azka Khan's (Associate Professor, Department of English) book "Weaving Words, Shaping Worlds: Intertextual Echoes and Reader Evaluation in Pakistani Anglophone Fiction" was published by Bloomsbury (the renowned international publishing house behind the Harry Potter series). The book presents a groundbreaking exploration of how Pakistani Anglophone fiction employs intertextuality to shape meaning, challenges dominant narratives, and reframes cultural identities through corpus-assisted discourse analysis.

Shumaila Kiran Represents Pakistan in Blind Women's Cricket World Cup in Sri Lanka

Shumaila Kiran, a student of the Department of Psychology, represented Pakistan in the Blind Women's Cricket World Cup, held in Sri Lanka.

Shumaila had also previously represented RWU in the Pakistan-Australia Blind Cricket Series held in Australia, making the university proud on the global stage.



RWU PARTICIPATIONS

19th International Symposium on Advanced Materials (ISAM-2025)

October 27-31, 2025: Dr. Saba Ashraf, Assistant Professor, Department of Chemistry, was invited as a speaker at the 19th International Symposium on Advanced Materials (ISAM-2025), organized by the Pakistan Advanced Materials Forum. The symposium brought together leading global experts to present and discuss cutting-edge research in advanced materials and their real-world applications.



Dr. Banzeer Ahsan Abbasi Featured as Guest on PTV Home



October 29, 2025: Dr. Banzeer Ahsan Abbasi, Assistant Professor, Department of Botany, recognized among the Top 2% Scientists in the World, was invited as a guest on PTV Home. During the live broadcast, Dr. Abbasi shared her research journey, reflected on her contributions to the global scientific community, and offered guidance to young aspiring scientists, reinforcing RWU's commitment to academic excellence and research impact.

Invited Speaker at Workshop on "Data Science for Finance Using Stata, FJWU

October 29, 2025: Dr. Shahzad Hussain, Head of the Department of Business Administration, served as an Invited Speaker at a workshop on "Data Science for Finance Using Stata" held at Fatima Jinnah Women University (FJWU). The workshop provided MS and PhD scholars with hands-on training and practical insights into applying data science techniques in finance research and analysis.



RWU Represented At ESA (RN22) Midterm Conference, Netherlands



October 29-30, 2025: Ms. Faiq Fatima Durrani, Lecturer, Department of Sociology, represented Rawalpindi Women University at the European Sociological Association, Research Network 22 (RN22) Midterm Conference 2025, held at Erasmus University Rotterdam, Netherlands. She presented her research titled "Are We Prepared? A Qualitative Inquiry into the Absence of Life-Saving Skills in the Curriculum of Government Colleges in Punjab, Pakistan", which was widely appreciated for highlighting a critical gap in Pakistan's higher education system. The conference, themed "Caring During Crisis", convened international scholars to deliberate on risk, resilience, and societal preparedness, further establishing RWU's presence in the global academic arena.

Keynote Speaker at 2nd NBS Research Colloquium, NUST



November 17, 2025: Dr. Shahzad Hussain, Head of the Department of Business Administration, was invited as the Keynote Speaker at the 2nd NBS Research Colloquium held at NUST Business School, Islamabad. He delivered an insightful address on the transformative role of FinTech and BigTech credit in driving sustainable development, highlighting emerging trends, opportunities, and future research directions in the digital finance landscape.

Invited Speaker at Training Session on "How to Invest and Trade in the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX)," NUML

November 19, 2025: Dr. Shahzad Hussain, Head of the Department of Business Administration, delivered a hands-on training session on "How to Invest and Trade in the Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX)" at NUML, Islamabad. The session equipped participants with practical knowledge of stock market mechanisms, risk assessment, and investment strategies, enabling aspiring investors to navigate Pakistan's financial markets with confidence.



Invited Speaker at Workshop on "Research Methodology in Social Sciences," IIUI



November 24, 2025: Dr. Raza Ullah, Chairperson, Department of Sociology and Political Science, served as an Invited Speaker at a workshop on "Research Methodology in Social Sciences" held at the International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI). He delivered a lecture on "Linking Sociological Theory with Research", examining how theoretical frameworks inform research design and how empirical findings advance theoretical understanding, contributing to methodological excellence across Pakistan's academic community.

RWU Delegation Visits National Incubation Centre, Islamabad

December 19, 2025: Following the successful outcomes of Pitch Fest 2025 at Rawalpindi Women University, a delegation comprising grant-winning teams, faculty members, and students, led by Dr. Motsim Billah, Director, Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC), visited the National Incubation Centre (NIC), Islamabad. The visit aimed to secure expert mentorship to accelerate startup growth and strengthen business plan maturity through structured industry exposure. Mr. Sayyed Ahmad Masood, Project Director, NIC Islamabad, commended the award-winning projects and provided strategic guidance on financial planning, business modeling, and intellectual property rights.



Participation in TDF Impact Showcasing (TIS'25), Pak-China Friendship Centre



December 30, 2025: Dr. Motsim Billah, Director, Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC), participated in the Technology Development Fund (TDF) Impact Showcasing (TIS'25), organized by the Higher Education Commission (HEC), featuring over 100 successful technology solutions. The event convened policymakers, industry leaders, academics, entrepreneurs, and development partners, who acknowledged the pivotal role of ORICs and Business Incubation Centers in advancing university-industry linkages and fostering an innovation-driven ecosystem in Pakistan.

TRAININGS & WORKSHOPS

AT RWU

Pre-Conference Workshops

The various academic departments of Rawalpindi Women University in collaboration with Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC), organized pre-conference workshops aimed at strengthening students and faculty with essential research skills, fostering academic discourse, and preparing participants for meaningful engagement in the upcoming conference.

Publishing with Impact: A Roadmap to Top Journals



October 02, 2025: The Department of Business Administration conducted a workshop on "Publishing with Impact: A Roadmap to Top Journals". Prof. Dr. Muhammad Zahid Iqbal, Director ORIC and Ex-Dean Faculty of Management Sciences, NUML Islamabad, served as the resource person and shared expert strategies for publishing in top-tier journals.

Chemistry of Cosmetics

October 08, 2025: The Department of Chemistry conducted a workshop, led by Prof. Dr. M. Zaman Ashraf, Chairperson, Department of Chemistry, and Dr. Zeeshan Rafique, CEO, A2Z Skincare and Cosmetics. The session provided insights into the science behind skincare products and the chemistry of cosmetics and inspired students to explore the intersection of chemistry and industry innovation.



Power BI Visualization



October 21, 2025: The Department of Statistics organized a workshop titled "Power BI Visualization", conducted by Prof. Dr. Tahir Mahmood from the School of Natural Sciences (SNS), National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST).

Dr. Mahmood delivered an in-depth, hands-on demonstration of data visualization techniques using Microsoft Power BI. The workshop offered participants valuable insights into transforming complex data into meaningful visual representations, enhancing analytical and decision-making skills.

Calm the Mind, Enrich the Self: Mindfulness-Based Interventions in Practice



October 22, 2025: The Department of Psychology organized a workshop titled "Calm the Mind, Enrich the Self: Mindfulness-Based Interventions in Practice". Prof. Dr. Muhammad Rizwan from the National University of Medical Sciences (NUMS), Rawalpindi, led the session aimed at introducing participants to mindfulness-based interventions and their evidence-based applications in mental health and daily life.

The Mathematics Behind Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence

October 29, 2025: The Department of Mathematics organized a workshop on "The Mathematics Behind Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence". The resource person, Dr. Naveed Ahmed, Associate Professor at HITEC University, Taxila, delivered an insightful session highlighting the mathematical principles that power AI and machine learning.



From Code to Cloud: Hands-On ML & DL Deployment with Streamlit



October 30, 2025: The Department of Information Technology organized a workshop titled "From Code to Cloud: Hands-On ML & DL Deployment with Streamlit". The session was conducted by Dr. Aamir Arsalan from Fatima Jinnah Women University. The workshop provided IT undergraduates with valuable hands-on experience in training Machine Learning and Deep Learning models, and deploying them as interactive cloud applications using Streamlit.

The Power of Multi-Tasking: Managing Time and Tasks Like a Pro

November 06, 2025: The Department of Psychology organized a workshop titled "The Power of Multitasking: Managing Time and Tasks Like a Pro". The session was facilitated by Dr. Saima Kulsoom from Bahria University, Islamabad, who talked about effective multitasking and time management by addressing common misconceptions, identifying individual productivity challenges, and introducing evidence-based strategies such as prioritization, goal setting, task scheduling, and focused attention.



Traditional Islamic Calligraphy



The Department of Fine Arts organized a hands-on workshop on "Traditional Islamic Calligraphy", led by Mr. Wasli Shahid, a renowned calligrapher, who offered an exploration of art and spirituality. Participants practiced the Thuluth style of calligraphy, learned the Gold Leaf Technique for enhancing artistic compositions, and reflected on the spiritual symbolism of "Alif", its divine unity, and its connection with Roza-e-Rasul (PBUH).

Workshop on "Basic Skills for Drama"

October 07, 2025: The Creative Arts and Dramatics Society (CADS) organized a workshop on "Basic Skills for Drama". Mr. Basharat Jaffery, Senior Producer and Instructor at PTV Academy, shared his expertise in drama, music, documentaries, and lighting direction, providing participants with insights into drama production and performance techniques.



Workshop on "Applied Data Analytics on Biological Science Using R"



October 07-08, 2025: The Department of Botany conducted a two-day workshop titled, "Applied data analytics on biological science using R". The resource person Dr. Musarrat Ijaz Assistant Professor Statistics, RWU, guided M.Phil. and Ph.D. students on how to develop the skills of advanced statistical tools for analysis of data.

Workshop on "Workplace Ergonomics: Health, Learning and Productivity"

October 21, 2025: The Department of Sociology, in collaboration with Al-Fatah Foundation, organized an informative workshop on "Workplace Ergonomics: Health, Learning & Productivity" for students and faculty. The session was led by Dr. Waleed Khan, an experienced physiotherapist from Muslim Youth University, Islamabad, who shared insights on muscle pain, its causes, prevention, and management.



Workshop on Smart PLS

November 06, 2025: The Department of Business Administration organized a workshop on Smart PLS, conducted by Dr. Shafique, Faculty Member and Program Manager MBA and Human Resource Management at SZABIST Islamabad. Dr. Shafique provided MS and PhD students with an insightful learning experience, guiding them through the practical applications and features of the SmartPLS software.



Training Session on Montessori Philosophy and Practice



December 02, 2025: The Department of Psychology, in collaboration with Abilities Ignite Educational Foundation, organized a training session on Montessori philosophy and practice. The session was conducted by Mr. Qumner Abidi (CEO, Abilities Ignite) and Mr. Nabeel Mehmood (CEO, NOVA High Montessori), who introduced core Montessori principles, essential classroom methods and the relevance of Montessori approaches in today's educational settings.

Workshop on Outcome-Based Education (OBE)

December 09, 2025: The Department of Computer Science organized a faculty development workshop on Outcome-Based Education (OBE). The session was conducted by Ms. Rida Zahra and Ms. Habiba Arshad, Lecturers from the University of Wah, who provided in-depth guidance on OBE implementation, CLO-PLO mapping, assessment strategies, and accreditation requirements.



Workshop on LaTeX Training



December 10, 2025: The Department of Computer Science organized a hands-on Workshop on LaTeX Training, conducted by Ms. Sana Haroon, Visiting Lecturer Computer Science at RWU. The session equipped students with essential skills for professional academic writing, including thesis preparation, research papers, and technical documentation.

Training Session on PREE/SAR Organized by QEC

December 16, 2025: The Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC) organized a comprehensive training session on PREE/SAR with Program Teams and Assessment Teams, aimed at strengthening the understanding of quality assurance processes and documentation standards.

During the session, Dr. Baqir Husnain, Director QEC, provided a detailed explanation of the SAR/PREE report format, highlighting key components, required evidence, and common mistakes observed during report preparation.



Workshop on “Digital Marketing and Its Impact on Global Business”

December 17, 2025: The Directorate of Student Affairs, in collaboration with PNY Trainings, organized a workshop on “Digital Marketing and Its Impact on Global Business”. The session was conducted by Mr. Salik Ameer Raja, who shared insights into modern digital marketing trends, global business strategies, and the growing role of digital platforms in today’s economy.



Workshop on “Listen & Talk for Success: Mastering Communication and Presentation Skills”



December 30, 2025: The Department of Psychology organized a skill-enhancement workshop titled “Listen & Talk for Success: Mastering Communication & Presentation Skills”, aimed at strengthening communication, interpersonal, and presentation skills among students and faculty. The session was conducted by Col. Bakhtiar Hakeem, SI (M), a master trainer and author with over 50 years of experience across military, civil, and academic institutions. He guided participants through effective listening techniques, confident public speaking, and impactful presentation strategies.

ELMS Training Session

December 31, 2025: The Office of External Linkages, in collaboration with Punjab Food Authority Training School, Rawalpindi, organized an ELMS Training Session at RWU, conducted by Punjab Food Authority trainers. The session focused on building student awareness about food safety, hygiene, and healthy nutritional practices.



OUTSIDE RWU

Faculty Training on Media Literacy and Digital Rights



October 28-30, 2025: RWU faculty members participated in a three-day “Faculty Training on Media Literacy and Digital Rights” organized by the Center for Peace and Development Initiatives (CPDI) in collaboration with the European Union at a private hotel in Islamabad.

The training provided insights into critical thinking, fact-checking, and online safety, enabling participants to effectively integrate media literacy and digital rights into their teaching and research practices. Participants included Dr. Ume Habiba and Ms. Kainat from the Department of Sociology, Mr. Umair Jalal from the Department of Political Science, and Dr. Zill-e-Huma from the Department of Media & Communication Studies.

SEMINARS & WEBINARS

Startup to Commercialization

October 07, 2025: The Department of Fine Arts organized a seminar on "Startup to Commercialization", featuring Ms. Amber Fatima, Founder of Amber Creations Studio, as the Guest Speaker. She shared insights into the challenges and rewards of entrepreneurship, motivating students to explore and pursue their own creative ventures.



How to Develop a Business Plan



October 08, 2025: The Department of Business Administration organized a seminar titled "How to Develop a Business Plan", featuring Mr. Muneeb Ajmal, a trainer and scholar, as the Guest Speaker. He emphasized how consistent, incremental efforts can lead to the realization of significant business ventures, offering students a practical and inspiring roadmap for entrepreneurial success.

Breast Cancer Awareness

October 08, 2025: The Department of Zoology organized a seminar on breast cancer awareness, aimed at promoting health consciousness and early detection among students and faculty. The Guest Speaker, Prof. Dr. Samina Naeem Khalid, Head of the Maternal and Child Health Department, Health Services Academy, highlighted the importance of awareness, prevention strategies, and timely diagnosis in reducing the growing incidence of breast cancer in Pakistan.



International Day of the Girl Child 2025



October 15, 2025: The Department of Zoology and the Directorate of Student Affairs, in coordination with the Save Our Society (SOS) Foundation, organized a seminar to commemorate the International Day of the Girl Child 2025, under the theme "The Girl I Am: The Change I Lead." Dr. Shaista Sohail, CEO, SOS Foundation, delivered the keynote address, highlighting the strength and resilience of girls and emphasizing the transformative role of education in empowering them to become active change-makers in society.

Metabolic Engineering of API Biosynthesis in Microbes: Unlocking Potential for Sustainable Solutions

October 21, 2025: The Department of Botany organized a seminar on "Metabolic Engineering of API Biosynthesis in Microbes: Unlocking Potential for Sustainable Solutions", delivered by Dr. Kumail Rizvi, Scientific Officer, NCIB, PMAS-Arid Agriculture University. Dr. Rizvi discussed the latest advancements in metabolic engineering and its role in enhancing microbial production of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) for sustainable and eco-friendly biotechnological applications.



From Idea to Impact: Building a Startup that Solves Real Problems

October 22, 2025: The Department of Business Administration organized a seminar titled "From Idea to Impact: Building a Startup that Solves Real Problems", featuring Ms. Naureen Ghaffar as the Guest Speaker. She shared insights on transforming innovative ideas into successful ventures addressing real-world challenges, covering key aspects of startup development including market identification, sustainable business modeling, and overcoming entrepreneurial barriers.



Decoding the Genome: DNA Sequencing Technologies



October 22, 2025: The Department of Zoology organized a seminar on "Decoding the Genome: DNA Sequencing Technologies", featuring Dr. Rizwana Kousar, Assistant Professor, Department of Biology, Allama Iqbal Open University, Islamabad, as the Guest Speaker. Dr. Rizwana discussed the latest advancements in DNA sequencing and its applications in molecular biology, providing students and researchers with a deeper understanding of genome analysis and its role in modern scientific research.

Quantum Computing: Next Revolution of the 21st Century

October 22, 2025: The Department of Computer Science organized a seminar titled "Quantum Computing: Next Revolution of the 21st Century", featuring Mr. Syed Hassan Shah, PhD Scholar, Riphah International University, as the Guest Speaker. He introduced students to the fundamentals, applications, and future scope of quantum computing, fostering interest in advanced research and technological innovation.



Sustainability and Green Business Practices



October 28, 2025: The Department of Business Administration organized a seminar on "Sustainability and Green Business Practices", featuring Ms. Shizra Khan, Lecturer, Supply Chain Management, Department of Management Sciences, NUML Islamabad, as the Guest Speaker. Ms. Shizra shared insights on integrating sustainable practices into business operations and emphasized the responsibility of future managers in championing environmentally conscious decision-making.

Leadership Skills for Students: How Volunteering Builds Your Resume

October 29, 2025: The Department of Zoology organized a seminar titled "Leadership Skills for Students: How Volunteering Builds Your Resume", delivered by Dr. Riffat. She highlighted leadership as an essential tool for academic success, personal growth, and professional excellence, encouraging students to actively engage in community service and volunteer initiatives.



Pakistan-Türkiye Relations: A Timeless Bond



October 29, 2025: The Departments of Political Science and Sociology organized a seminar titled "Pakistan-Türkiye Relations: A Timeless Bond" on the occasion of Türkiye's National Republic Day. Mr. G. M. Pitafi, faculty member, Department of Political Science, discussed the historical, strategic, economic, and diplomatic dimensions shaping Pakistan-Türkiye relations in the contemporary international system. Dr. Raza Ullah, Head of the Department of Sociology and Political Science, further highlighted the deep socio-cultural and religious ties that form the foundation of this enduring bilateral relationship.

Raman Spectroscopy in Identifying Counterfeit and Substandard Medicines

November 04, 2025: The Department of Zoology organized a seminar on "Raman Spectroscopy in Identifying Counterfeit and Substandard Medicines", delivered by Dr. Madeeha Chaudhry, Assistant Professor, Department of Biological Sciences, Virtual University of Pakistan, Rawalpindi Campus. She highlighted Raman Spectroscopy as a powerful analytical tool for the rapid detection of chemical compositions, ensuring the quality, safety, and authenticity of medicines in the market.



Empowering Women to Design the Future with Technology & Purpose



November 04, 2025: The Department of Information Technology organized a seminar titled "Empowering Women to Design the Future with Technology and Purpose", featuring Mr. Salman Farooq, Chief Strategy Officer, Global Connect Synergy, as the Guest Speaker. The session celebrated women's contributions to STEM, explored digital empowerment and inclusivity, and provided participants with insights into building purposeful, innovation-driven careers.

From Atoms to Quarks

November 05, 2025: The Department of Physics organized a seminar titled "From Atoms to Quarks", featuring Prof. Dr. Shamona Fawad Qazi from Quaid-i-Azam University, as the Guest Speaker. Dr. Shamona illuminated the journey of modern physics from the atomic to the subatomic scale, deepening students' understanding of particle and high-energy physics.



Fikr-e-Iqbal and the Youth of Pakistan



November 06, 2025: A seminar titled "Fikr-e-Iqbal and the Youth of Pakistan" was organized to commemorate Iqbal Day. Mr. Faizullah Firaq, Spokesperson of the Government of Gilgit-Baltistan, delivered an inspiring keynote address highlighting Allama Iqbal's message of self-discovery, moral strength, and purposeful action for Pakistan's youth. Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza (PoP, T.I.) reaffirmed the university's commitment to nurturing students through academic excellence and character-building rooted in Iqbal's vision.

Purpose-Driven Living: Finding Meaning in Work and Study

November 17, 2025: A seminar titled "Purpose-Driven Living: Finding Meaning in Work and Study", was hosted by the Department of Business Administration. Begum Asya Amer, a renowned educator and trainer led the session, encouraging students to look beyond routine academic tasks and connect with the deeper purpose behind their scholarly and professional pursuits.



How to Write an Effective Synopsis: From Research Idea to Structured Proposal



November 19, 2025: The Department of Mathematics organized a seminar titled "How to Write an Effective Synopsis: From Research Idea to Structured Proposal", conducted by Dr. Shazia Shams, Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology, RWU. She provided practical guidance on transforming research ideas into well-structured, academically sound proposals, equipping students with essential research writing skills.

Climate Change and Flood Vulnerability in Pakistan: Causes, Consequences, and Pathways to Resilience

November 19, 2025: The Department of Sociology organized a seminar on "Climate Change and Flood Vulnerability in Pakistan: Causes, Consequences, and Pathways to Resilience", featuring Dr. Tassawur Khanum, Assistant Professor, Environmental Sciences, University of Chakwal, as the Guest Speaker. She delivered an insightful address on rising flood risks in Pakistan, their social impacts, and evidence-based strategies for building national resilience.



Practical Application of EMDR Therapy in Working with Trauma



November 27, 2025: The Department of Psychology organized a webinar titled "Practical Application of EMDR Therapy in Working with Trauma", featuring Ms. Ames Seghers, an experienced trauma-informed practitioner from the United Kingdom, as the Guest Speaker. She explained core concepts of Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) therapy, including the Adaptive Information Processing (AIP) Model, the eight phases of EMDR, bilateral stimulation, case formulation, and key considerations such as safety, emotional regulation, and attachment patterns.

Career Development

December 02, 2025: The Department of Business Administration organized a seminar on "Career Development", featuring Dr. Adnan Shabbir, Head of the Department of Management Sciences, Iqra University, Islamabad, as the Guest Speaker. Dr. Shabbir offered practical guidance on setting clear career goals and achieving personal and professional growth, simplifying complex concepts into actionable strategies appreciated by students.



Human Trafficking: Risks, Prevention & Reporting



December 07, 2025: The Department of Sociology, in collaboration with the Directorate of Student Affairs, organized an awareness seminar on "Human Trafficking: Risks, Prevention & Reporting". Guest Speaker Mr. Syed Kausar Abbas, Executive Director, Sustainable Social Development Organization (SSDO), delivered an insightful presentation covering forms of trafficking, risk factors, prevention strategies, legal frameworks, and reporting procedures. Dr. Raza Ullah, Chairperson, Department of Sociology and Political Science, emphasized that human trafficking is not only a criminal act but a profound social issue rooted in poverty, gender inequality, and lack of education, and acknowledged the support of the Punjab Higher Education Commission and Government of Punjab in promoting such awareness initiatives.

Mastering the Art of Job Interviews

December 10, 2025: The Department of Business Administration organized a seminar titled "Mastering the Art of Job Interviews", featuring Dr. Numair Sulehri, Associate Professor and Researcher, Department of Business Administration, Foundation University Islamabad, as the Guest Speaker. He shared practical strategies and real-world examples that helped students build confidence and develop a thorough understanding of excelling in professional interviews.



How Quantum Principles are Transforming Physics and Driving the Future of AI



December 16, 2025: The Department of Computer Science organized a seminar titled "How Quantum Principles Are Transforming Physics and Driving the Future of AI", delivered by Mr. Ahmad Rauf, PhD Scholar, University of Wah. He explored the intersection of quantum physics and artificial intelligence, highlighting emerging research directions and future technological advancements shaping the digital landscape.

The Psychologist's Legal Toolkit: Bridging Science and Justice

December 19, 2025: The Department of Psychology organized a seminar titled "The Psychologist's Legal Toolkit: Bridging Science and Justice", aimed at enhancing students' and professionals' understanding of the legal dimensions of psychological practice. The session was delivered by Mr. Khudayar Mohla, Advocate High Court, who provided insights into ethical practice, the role of psychologists in the criminal justice system, relevant legal statutes, expert evidence, and courtroom responsibilities.



Dukhtaran-e-Pakistan Seminar on Strengthening Cyber Security Resilience



December 23, 2025: In collaboration with the National Commission on the Status of Women (NCSW), an awareness seminar on "Strengthening Cyber Security Resilience" was organized under the Dukhtaran-e-Pakistan initiative, addressing emerging digital threats and the imperative for a safer, more responsible cyberspace. Ms. Wajiha Qamar, Minister of State for Federal Education and Professional Training, graced the event as Chief Guest, while Ms. Zaheema Iqbal, Assistant Director Capacity Building, National Cyber Emergency Response Team (CERT), delivered the keynote address on safe digital practices, protection against cyber threats, and responsible social media use. Ms. Wajiha Qamar commended the collaborative efforts of all organizing partners, emphasizing women's role as both defenders and leaders in cyber security. Registrar Dr. Huma Rauf reaffirmed the university's commitment to empowering students through awareness and capacity-building initiatives.

Sustainable Development

December 23, 2025: The Department of Business Administration organized a seminar on Sustainable Development, aimed at enhancing students' understanding of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and preparing them to become responsible leaders and global change-makers. The session was conducted by Dr. Muhammad Ahsan Iqbal, NAHE Certified Trainer and IPFP-HEC Assistant Professor, who connected the UN SDGs with contemporary career pathways, professional growth, and future opportunities for business students.



Islamic Banking and Financial Inclusion and Development



December 24, 2025: Students of the Department of Business Administration, serving as State Bank of Pakistan Ambassadors, organized two seminars in collaboration with the Department of External Linkages. The first session on "Islamic Banking" featured Mr. Zulqarnain Haider, Vice President, Shari'ah Compliance Department, Meezan Bank, who delivered a comprehensive talk on the principles, practices, and growing significance of Islamic banking in Pakistan's financial system. The second session on "Financial Inclusion and Development" was delivered by Mr. Hassan Ali Khan, Bank Manager, Bank Alfalah, who highlighted the role of financial inclusion in driving economic growth, particularly in emerging economies.

Mathematics: Past, Present & Future

December 26, 2025: The Department of Mathematics organized a seminar titled "Mathematics: Past, Present & Future", delivered by Prof. Dr. Muhammad Sajid from International Islamic University, Islamabad. The seminar traced the historical evolution of mathematics and examined its present-day applications across science, engineering, data analysis, and technology, while exploring its future role in driving research and innovation.



Laser and its Applications



December 30, 2025: The Department of Physics organized a seminar titled "Laser and its Applications", featuring Dr. Mushtaq Ahmed, former Director, National Institute of Lasers and Optronics (NILOP), as the Guest Speaker. Dr. Mushtaq provided students with a deeper understanding of atomic and molecular physics through a compelling discussion on the diverse applications of laser technology, inspiring academic curiosity among both BS and M.Phil. students.

INDUSTRIAL & EXTERNAL LINKAGES

RWU inked an MoU with Helping Hand for Relief and Development (HHRD)



November 28, 2025: Rawalpindi Women University inked a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Helping Hand for Relief and Development (HHRD), a global humanitarian organization dedicated to emergency relief and long-term development work.

The MoU signed by Dr. Baqir Husnain, Director QEC & External Linkages, and Mr. Wasim Saleem, Director Programs, HHRD-Pakistan aimed to promote youth engagement in community service by offering RWU students meaningful volunteer, internship, and leadership opportunities, along with participation in events and awareness activities that foster active citizenship and societal contribution.

RWU inked an MoU with Abilities Ignite Educational Foundation (AIEF)



December 10, 2025: Rawalpindi Women University signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Abilities Ignite Educational Foundation (AIEF) to advance inclusive education, student capacity building, and collaborative research initiatives. Under this partnership, both institutions will jointly conduct awareness campaigns, leadership development programs, internships, research projects, and co-organized events, enabling RWU students to actively participate in advocacy and community development initiatives.

The MoU was signed by Dr. Baqir Husnain, Director QEC & External Linkages, and Ms. Arooj Mujeeb, Director Research, AIEF.

MEETINGS

4th Meeting of Institutional Quality Circle (IQC)

November 11, 2025: The 4th meeting of the Institutional Quality Circle (IQC) was convened at Rawalpindi Women University, chaired by Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza (PoP, T.I.) at the VC Secretariat. Heads of academic and administrative departments participated, while Dr. Baqir Hussnain, Director QEC/IQAE, presented updates on key quality assurance initiatives.

The meeting reviewed progress on the Yearly Progress Report, program accreditation, digitalization of Outcome-Based Education (OBE), RIPE implementation, upcoming Program Reviews, and the proposed establishment of RWU-SCALE (Student Council for Academic Learning and Enhancement). The University's recent achievement of a 79.6 score in the Higher Education Commission Yearly Progress Report was also acknowledged. The Vice Chancellor underscored the importance of proactive planning, timely accreditation, digital transformation, and alumni engagement to further consolidate RWU's quality assurance ecosystem.



RWU Hosts Audit of Chief Minister's Honhaar Undergraduate Scholarship



November 28, 2025: The Directorate of Student Affairs hosted an audit of the Chief Minister's Honhaar Undergraduate Scholarship conducted by Mr. Waqas Ahmad, Assistant Director/Research Officer (Linkages) from the Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC). The audit involved a detailed review of scholarship documentation and compliance procedures to ensure transparency and proper implementation. In addition to RWU, audits for Fatima Jinnah Women University, PMAS-Arid Agriculture University, and Rawalpindi Medical University were also conducted at the University.

Fine Arts 4th Board of Studies (BoS) Meeting

December 04, 2025: The Department of Fine Arts conducted its 4th Board of Studies (BoS) meeting, chaired by Prof. Dr. Rooh Ul Amin.

The meeting was attended by external experts; including Prof. Asif Sharif, Director School of Art, Design & Architecture, Dr. Faisal Arjumand, Director, Gallery 6, Mr. Aqeel Solangi and Ms. Ayesha Durrani from National College of Arts, along with departmental faculty members. The discussion focused on updating the BS Fine Arts curriculum in line with HEC 2025 guidelines, ensuring academic relevance and quality enhancement.



EXTRA & CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Mehfil-e-Milad-un-Nabi ﷺ



October 01, 2025: RWU's Character Building Society, in collaboration with Directorate of Student Affairs, organized a soulful Mehfil-e-Milad-un-Nabi ﷺ to mark the blessed birth of Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. The event was graced by the presence of Member Provincial Assembly Ms. Tahira Mushtaq and the wife of Acting Vice Chancellor RWU, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Inayatullah Khan.

The program began with the recitation of the Holy Qur'an, followed by Naats and Darood Sharif by students guided by Ms. Javeria Tariq. Ms. Saima Bashir spoke on Seerat-un-Nabi ﷺ, emphasizing brotherhood and living according to the Prophet's teachings.

Welcome & Orientation Sessions

October 06, 2025: The Department of Mathematics held a welcome session for incoming BS, MPhil, and PhD students, introducing them to the department, faculty members, and program coordinators.

October 07, 2025: RWU Library conducted an introductory session for new students, familiarizing them with available print and digital resources, borrowing procedures, and access to online databases.

October 07, 2025: The Department of Business Administration welcomed its new BBA, MS, and PhD students through an orientation session. Head of Department Dr. Shahzad Hussain briefed students on departmental policies and academic guidelines, while faculty members introduced themselves and outlined their support for students' academic journey.



Mental Health Week 2025

October 20-24, 2025: The Department of Psychology, in collaboration with Pakistan Youth Change Advocates (PYCA), organized Mental Health Week 2025. The week included awareness walks, mindfulness workshops, radio talks, counseling camps, and seminars focused on mental health in emergencies.

Punjab Minority Scholarship 2025 Orientation

October 24, 2025: The Directorate of Student Affairs organized an orientation session for minority students regarding the Punjab Minority Scholarship 2025.

Mr. Jibran Masih Gill (Divisional President, PPP Minority Wing), Mr. David Paul (Executive Director, Agape Together), Ms. Faria Arrel (Advocate, High Court), and Ms. Nasreen Joseph Gill provided guidance on application procedures and educational rights to support the students' academic journeys.



Kashmir Black Day

October 27, 2025: To mark Kashmir Black Day, the RWU Literary and Debating Society, in collaboration with the Directorate of Student Affairs, organized a session titled "Kashmir Issue and Pakistani Youth." The event condemned the illegal occupation of Jammu & Kashmir by Indian forces on October 27, 1947.



The guest speaker, Dr. Waleed Rasool (Academic and Research Convener, HEC), highlighted the historical injustices, the ongoing humanitarian crisis, and the enduring resilience of the Kashmiri people. The session concluded with a solidarity walk, reaffirming Rawalpindi Women University's commitment to the Kashmiri struggle for self-determination.

RWU Celebrates Turkish National Day

October 29, 2025: Rawalpindi Women University joined the global celebrations for Turkish National Day, showcasing the deep-rooted cultural ties between Pakistan and Türkiye. Students enthusiastically participated in a series of engaging activities, including the display of the Turkish flag on campus, setting up Turkish food stalls, and a Turkish movie screening at PNCA.



RWU Media Club Visits Radio Pakistan Museum



October 29, 2025: Under the supervision of Ms. Khadeeja Saeed (Addl. Dir. Student Affairs), Ms. Saba Jabeen Kayani (Asst. Dir. Media) and, Ms. Maliha Masood (Asst. Registrar), Media Club members visited the Radio Pakistan Islamabad. Students explored the preservation of Radio Pakistan's historical instruments and archives, gaining a unique understanding of the evolution of broadcasting.

The visit also provided students with exposure to radio production, transmission, and modern broadcasting technologies, enhancing their practical knowledge and appreciation for the media's role in cultural exchange and international cooperation.

Blood Donation Camp

November 04, 2025: The Directorate of Student Affairs, in collaboration with the Jamila Sultana Foundation, organized a Blood Donation Camp at RWU. Students, faculty, and staff participated enthusiastically, contributing to this noble cause.

This initiative aligns with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) 3: Good Health and Well-being, highlighting the vital role of voluntary donation in saving lives and strengthening national health systems.



RWU Student Leadership Takes Oath



November 05, 2025: The Directorate of Student Affairs (DSA) organized an oath-taking ceremony for newly selected student leaders. Appointment holders from the Student Council, Societies, Clubs, Proctors, and SCALE took their oaths with commitment and pride.

Dr. Huma Rauf, Director Student Affairs, administered the oath and awarded sashes to the leaders. The ceremony was attended by the DSA team and society focal persons, reaffirming the university's dedication to student engagement and leadership development.

RWU Pays Tribute to Allama Iqbal

November 11, 2025: To honor the vision and literary brilliance of Allama Muhammad Iqbal, the Literary & Debating Society (LDS) organized a tribute event. Chief Guest Dr. Mahmood ul Hassan Rana (Head of Urdu Department, NUML) delivered an insightful talk on Iqbal's philosophical contributions to Urdu literature. A highlight of the program was the Taht-ul-Lafz Competition, where Eman Esha (Chemistry) secured first position, followed by Esha Mubashir (Business Administration) in second, and Isha Aslam (Computer Science) in third. The ceremony, which opened with a welcome note by Ms. Sanila Aslam (Focal Person, LDS), concluded with remarks by Dr. Raza Ullah (Head of Sociology & Political Science).



RWU Hosts All Pakistan Intervarsity Women Rowing Championship 2025-26

November 14, 2025: Rawalpindi Women University hosted the Managers' Meeting for the All Pakistan Intervarsity Women Rowing Championship, chaired by Mr. Muhammad Rizwan, Incharge Sports HEC, and attended by Mr. Muhammad Asif, Assistant Director HEC, Dr. Safdar, Director Sports QAU, Mr. Rizwan Ul Haq Razi, Chairman Pakistan Rowing Federation, and Ms. Sadaf Parveen, Assistant Director Sports RWU. Managers from 21 universities participated which is the highest number in the championship's history.



November 15, 2025: The championship commenced with players from 21 universities across Pakistan competing across five events: 2000m Open Weight Single, 1000m x2 Pair Lightweight, 500m Open Weight Single, 500m x4 Lightweight Relay, and 1000m x2 Pair Open Weight. The opening day saw intense competition, with rowers displaying exceptional skill, endurance, and teamwork.



November 16, 2025: The championship concluded with the University of Lahore clinching the Gold Medal and Trophy, Punjab University finishing second, and Lahore Garrison University third.



Chief Guest Ms. Mishaal Hussain Malik, Chairperson of the Organization for Peace and Culture, praised Pakistani women's talent in sports and commended RWU for hosting the event, noting that rowing builds discipline, teamwork, resilience, and confidence in young athletes.

Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza (PoP, T.I) congratulated the winning teams, reaffirming RWU's commitment to fostering critical thinking, leadership, and a healthy competitive spirit. Dr. Huma Fawad, Additional Registrar, thanked HEC, the Pakistan Rowing Federation, all participating teams, and Organizing Secretary Ms. Sadaf Parveen for making the event a success.

Shields were presented to guests, the Director Sports, and organizers at the closing ceremony, marking a landmark event in women's sports in Pakistan.

Fine Arts Students Visit PNCA

November 19, 2025: Faculty and students from the Department of Fine Arts visited the Pakistan National Council of the Arts (PNCA) to attend "Aatish," an exhibition by renowned ceramic artist Nabahat Lotia. The collection, inspired by nature, reflected over three decades of artistic exploration and collaboration with traditional potters across Pakistan. The exhibition captured the transformative beauty of fire through clay.

The visit provided students with a valuable opportunity to explore professional ceramic techniques and artistic evolution.



Annual Funfair

December 03, 2025: The Directorate of Student Affairs (DSA) organized the Annual Funfair 2025 bringing students together for a vibrant celebration of student creativity and holistic education. The event was inaugurated by Prof. Dr. Rooh ul Amin, Prof. Dr. Sobia Masood, and Dr. Huma Rauf (Director Student Affairs/Additional Registrar).

Featuring colorful departmental food stalls, artisan crafts, and joyful rides, the fair transformed the campus into a festive hub. Dr. Huma emphasized that such co-curricular activities are essential for fostering confidence and social harmony.



NAVTTTC Free Training Registration

December 05, 2025: Rawalpindi Women University, in collaboration with Mature Resources Global Technologies (MRGT), organized an on-campus registration drive for NAVTTTC free training programs. The initiative provided students access to industry-relevant training and international certifications in high-demand tech fields.



Two registration desks were established where the MRGT team briefed students on courses including Advanced Python, AI (ML/DL), Cyber Security (CEH), Full Stack Development (MEAN/MERN), and IT Infrastructure. The activity received an overwhelming response, with 149 students registering on the spot, demonstrating a strong commitment to professional skill development.

RWU Secures PKR 7 Million Seed Funding at Pitch Fest 2025



December 08, 2024: Rawalpindi Women University (RWU) hosted the Research & Innovation Pitch Fest 2025. Organized by ORIC-RWU in collaboration with Fatima Jinnah Women University (FJWU), the event aligned with the vision of Minister for Higher Education Punjab, Mr. Rana Sikandar Hayat, to empower women through a robust startup culture.

The fest awarded a total of PKR 9 million in seed funding, with PKR 7 million secured by RWU and PKR 2 million by FJWU. Out of 70 innovative projects presented by 350 participants, a jury of industrial experts shortlisted 20 finalists, ultimately selecting 7 outstanding projects for industrial support and funding.

Chief Guest Mr. Syed Aun Shah Muhammad, Program Lead, Overseas Placement & Commercialization Initiative Punjab, emphasized that the initiative, under Minister Rana Sikandar Hayat, prepares Punjab's students for the global market by providing both startup financing and expert guidance.

Dr. Motsim noted that the fest reflects the vision of the Chief Minister, enabling students to transform prototypes into practical solutions for societal challenges.

The speakers, including Dr. Amjad Iqbal (Director Colleges), Dr. Huma Rauf (Director Student Affairs), and industry experts from IBM and Kinetic Network, shared insights on digitalization and global career opportunities. The event concluded with the distribution of cheques to the winning faculty and students.

Awareness Session on “Virtual Violence Against Women”

December 09, 2025: The Directorate of Student Affairs organized an awareness session on “Virtual Violence Against Women”, to educate students about the growing challenges women face in digital spaces.

Ms. Rizwana Bashir, from the District Women Protection Centre, Rawalpindi, highlighted cyber harassment, online stalking, blackmail, and misuse of digital platforms, along with available legal protections and support services for victims.



Emergency Mock Drill



December 16, 2025: In compliance with the directives of the Home Department, Government of Punjab, an Emergency Mock Drill was conducted at Rawalpindi Women University by the Security Office, RWU, in coordination with the local police, Elite Force, and Rescue 1122.

The drill aimed to enhance emergency response readiness, strengthen coordination among concerned agencies, and ensure the safety and security of the university community.

Launch of “Dil Ki Baat (Heart’s Talk)”

December 16, 2025: The Directorate of Student Affairs launched “Dil Ki Baat (Heart’s Talk)” under the Student Mentorship Program to provide students with a safe, empathetic space for sharing experiences and fostering personal growth.

The inaugural session featured differently-abled students, with Ms. Sahrish Jamil, Lecturer Fine Arts, as guest speaker and Ms. Khadija Saeed, Addl. Dir. Student Affairs as host. Registrar Dr. Huma Rauf

appreciated the initiative. Discussions focused on disability, self-acceptance, and inclusive practices. The session concluded with a strong commitment to student well-being and inclusivity.



World Science Day Exhibition

December 17, 2025: The Department of Zoology marked World Science Day with models and posters aligned with the theme “Trust, Transformation, and Tomorrow: The Science We Need for 2050.” Students presented work on biodiversity, environmental protection, and research techniques, promoting scientific awareness and sustainability.

Robo Fiesta Achievement

December 17-19, 2025: RWU students under the supervision of the Directorate of Student Affairs secured a winning position in the Adventure Quest Module at Robo Fiesta (HITEC University). Hamna Pirzada, Vice President Creative Arts & Dramatic Society, also received the Best Ambassador Award.



Coffee Morning Workshop Participation



December 18, 2025: RWU Student Council led by Ms. Khadija Saeed, Additional Director Student Affairs, attended a workshop by Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI). The workshop was titled “Empowering Women Through Wellness, Healthy Lifestyle Management, Glowing Skin & Effective Stress Control”, and featured Dr. Shaista Lodhi, Founder & Director of The Aesthetics Clinic, as the guest speaker. Dr. Shaista shared insights on women’s wellness, self-care, healthy living and stress management.

Quaid Day Commemoration

December 24, 2025: Rawalpindi Women University marked Quaid Day with a ceremony that brought history to life through a special guest lecture by renowned human rights activist and Council Member of the Human Rights Commission of Pakistan (HRCP), Ms. Nasreen Azhar. Organized by the Directorate of Student Affairs and the Literary and Debating Society, the event offered students a rare opportunity to engage with a living witness of the Pakistan Movement.

Ms. Nasreen Azhar, who belongs to a family that actively participated in the Pakistan Movement and is among the few living witnesses of the historic session of the Pakistan Resolution at Minto Park, Lahore, shared her experiences, including her childhood meeting with Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah. In her address, she highlighted the personality, vision, and leadership of Quaid-e-Azam, while recalling the historic circumstances that led to the creation of Pakistan.

The Registrar, Dr. Huma Rauf, expressed gratitude to the distinguished guest and remarked that interacting with such personalities provides younger generations with an authentic understanding of Pakistan's creation and Quaid's legacy.

The ceremony was attended by a large number of students who showed keen interest and actively participated through a question-and-answer session. At the conclusion of the ceremony, Ms. Nasreen was presented with a shield of appreciation by the Registrar.

Creative Tribute: The Department of Fine Arts added an artistic dimension to the celebrations with a captivating student art exhibition showcasing exceptional creativity. Inaugurated by senior faculty members and the Registrar, the display featured a diverse array of works: oil paintings, miniature paintings, stencils, and innovative wool-thread compositions. Each piece thoughtfully captured different facets of Quaid-e-Azam's personality and key moments from Pakistan's history. Visitors and participants lauded the students' talent, emphasizing how such initiatives play a vital role in nurturing awareness of national history, identity, and core values among youth.



RWU Hosts Dialogue on Inclusive Governance & Youth Engagement

December 30, 2025: The Office of External Linkages, in collaboration with Accountability Lab, held a session under the Integrity Innovation Lab initiative. The session titled "Dialogue on Inclusive Governance & Youth Engagement" featured esteemed speakers including Ms. Javeria Masood (Development Practitioner, UNDP), Mr. Ghulam Ali Mallah (Executive Director, IBCC), and Mr. Mukhtar Paras (Joint Secretary, Cabinet Division, Government of Pakistan).

Discussions centered on the role of youth in governance, civic engagement, and ethical public service, with practical approaches such as Design Thinking and Human-Centered Governance shaping the conversation. Students walked away with sharper perspectives on public policy and what responsible leadership looks like in practice.



4TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF SCIENCES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

RWU HOSTS 4TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE OF SCIENCES ON “REVAMPED SCIENTIFIC OUTLOOK OF 21ST CENTURY, 2025”

November 12, 2025: The Office of Research, Innovation & Commercialization (ORIC), under the leadership of Chief Organizer and Patron-in-Chief, Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza (P.o.P, T.I), Vice Chancellor RWU, successfully organized the 4th International Conference of Sciences on “Revamped Scientific Outlook of 21st Century, 2025” at Rawalpindi Women University.

Perspectives of Chief Guest and Speakers on International Conference

Patron-in-Chief: Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza (P.o.P, T.I)

In the opening remarks, Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza (PoP, T.I) emphasized that research culture is the foundation of a true university, highlighting the importance of multidisciplinary collaboration and strong academia-industry linkages.

Chief Guest: Prof. Dr. Shahid Mahmood Baig, Head of Life Sciences Department at Health Services Academy (HSA)

Chief Guest Prof. Dr. Shahid Mahmood Baig, Head of Life Sciences Department at Health Services Academy (HSA), appreciated RWU's role in promoting research culture in Pakistan and stressed the need to strengthen applied scientific research to address real-world challenges and ensure that science serves society.

Guest of Honour: Prof. Dr. Hassan Sher, Vice Chancellor, University of Swat

Guest of Honour Prof. Dr. Hassan Sher, Vice Chancellor, University of Swat, congratulated Dr. Bushra Mirza and the organizing team on the success of the conference, and remarked that in this century of digital transformation, it is crucial to align research and education with emerging technologies, especially artificial intelligence.

Keynote Speakers

A total of 45 keynote speakers, including 16 international and 29 national experts, participated in the science conference. The international speakers represented a diverse range of countries, including Türkiye, Germany, Chile, Oman, Malaysia, Poland, Brazil, Sweden, the United Kingdom, the Republic of Korea (South Korea), Saudi Arabia, Botswana, and Kazakhstan. Notable speakers included Prof. Dr. Axel Klein from the University of Cologne, Germany, and Prof. Dr. Norma Alias from Universiti Malaysia Terengganu (UMT).

Conference Participation and Sessions

In the Conference, scientific sessions comprised 274 oral presentations and 36 poster presentations, conducted across 24 parallel sessions covering a wide range of disciplines, including Botany, Chemistry, Computer Science, Information Technology, Mathematics, Statistics, and Zoology. Academic quality and effective session management were ensured by 37 session chairs, while 5 expert poster judges from Botany, Zoology, and Chemistry evaluated the poster presentations. The conference hosted participants from 58 National and 19 International Universities, reflecting its strong national and global academic outreach.

Disciplines Covered

The conference explored following disciplines:

Botany: Plant Biodiversity and Conservation, Plant Physiology, Climate Resilience, Sustainable Agriculture and Environmental Stewardship

Chemistry: Functional Materials, Polymers, Smart Materials for Energy Solutions, Medicinal Chemistry, Green and Clean Technologies

Computer Science: AI solutions for Social Good, Climate Conscious for Sustainable, Green Computing, Cyber Resilience and Digital Trust

Information Technology: Cybersecurity, Privacy, Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning, Cloud Computing, Edge Computing, Human-Computer Interaction (HCI) and Internet of Things (IoT)

Mathematics: Applied and Pure Mathematics for Sustainable Development, Mathematical Analysis, Computational Mathematics, Mathematical Modeling and Simulations for Global Health

Statistics: Design of Experiments, Multivariate Analysis, Survey Sampling, Data Science/Machine Learning

Zoology: Biodiversity Conservation, Ecosystem Sustainability, Aquatic Zoology, Animal Physiology and Reproduction

Panel Discussion

The conference also included a thought-provoking panel discussion, titled "Future Frontiers in Science: Sustainable Solutions for Global Challenges". The panelists included Prof. Dr. Muhammad Mushtaq (T.I.), QAU, Islamabad, Prof. Dr. Sumaira Kausar, BU, Islamabad, Dr. Muhammad Adnan, Air University, Islamabad, Dr. Abdul Hameed, PAEC, Islamabad, Dr. Farkhanda Afzal, NUST-MCS, Islamabad, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Aslam Asadi, BZU, Multan and Prof. Dr. Naeem Tariq Narejo, UoB, Skardu.

Concluding Session of the Conference

Chief Guest: Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akmal, Chairman, Pakistan Science Foundation, highlighted the importance of translating academic research into practical outcomes through hands-on training, effective funding mechanisms, and stronger implementation frameworks. He pointed out that while institutions are producing a growing number of graduates and PhD scholars, their potential is not being effectively utilized for national development.

Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza (PoP, T.I) thanked the guests, keynote speakers and all the participants, while praising the presentations. She reaffirmed RWU's commitment to scientific advancement and collaboration.



RWU Hosts 4th International Conference of Social Sciences on “Contemporary World Challenges and Transformation, 2025”

November 13, 2025: The Office of Research, Innovation, and Commercialization (ORIC), under the leadership of Chief Organizer and Patron-in-Chief Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza (P.o.P, T.I), Vice Chancellor RWU, successfully organized the 4th International Conference of Social Sciences on “Contemporary World: Challenges and Transformation, 2025” at Rawalpindi Women University. The conference provided a platform for critical engagement with global challenges and fostered a culture of problem-based applied research across academia and industries.

Perspectives of Chief Guest and Speakers on International Conference

Patron-in-Chief: Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza (P.o.P, T.I)

In her welcome address, Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza underscored the importance of interdisciplinary research in addressing the complex social and scientific issues of the modern world. She remarked that while the sciences drive innovation, social sciences remain essential for inclusive progress, both together forming the foundation for achieving the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Chief Guest: Ms. Tahira Mushtaq, Member Provincial Assembly (Punjab)

Chief Guest, Ms. Tahira Mushtaq, Member Provincial Assembly (Punjab), highlighted that women’s education and empowerment are the cornerstones of social progress. She appreciated RWU’s contributions to advancing women’s higher education and emphasized the need to ensure equal opportunities for women to contribute meaningfully to national development.

Guests of Honor: Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, Vice Chancellor, Women University Bagh:

Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, Vice Chancellor, Women University Bagh and founding Vice Chancellor of RWU, shared that visiting RWU felt like “coming home”. She described the university as a symbol of women’s empowerment and stressed the importance of inter-university collaborations in fostering intellectual growth and policy-relevant research.

Prof. Dr. Rafia Rafique, President of Pakistan Psychological Association & Director of Institute of Applied Psychology:

Prof. Dr. Rafia Rafique also graced the event as a Guest of Honor and talked about “Silent Feeds, Lonely Hearts: The Hidden Psychological Cost of Social Media Usage” at the conference.

Keynote Address:

Prof. Dr. Tahir Khalily, Vice Chancellor, Khushal Khan Khattak University:

The keynote address was delivered by Prof. Dr. Tahir Khalily, Vice Chancellor, Khushal Khan Khattak University, Karak, who focused on the challenges being faced by the new generation and the role of religion in addressing the issue through harmony, peace and the divine forces.

Keynote Speakers:

The conference featured a total of 23 keynote speakers, comprising 11 distinguished international experts and 12 eminent national speakers. The international keynote speakers represented a diverse array of countries, including Malaysia, the United Kingdom, Egypt, Uganda, Poland, the United States of America, and Indonesia, thereby reflecting the global engagement and collaborative spirit of the event.

Conference Participation and Sessions:

The program included 98 oral presentations and 40 poster presentations, conducted across 12 parallel sessions. Academic rigor was maintained through the involvement of 24 session chairs and 9 poster judges from the disciplines of Fine Arts and Psychology. Scholars from 54 National and 14 International Universities actively participated in the social sciences conference.

Disciplines Covered:

Business Administration: Sustainable Business Models, Gig and Platform Economy, Influencer Marketing, Social Commerce, Business and Climate Change

Fine Arts: Art, Technology, Innovation, Cultural Identity, Heritage, Sustainability and Eco-Conscious Design

Psychology: Addiction and Psychosocial Rehabilitation, Vulnerability, Crisis, and Wellbeing, Learning, Development, and Equational Equity, Environmental Psychology and Behavioral Change

Political Science: Governance, Rule of Law & Institutional Reforms, Global Diplomacy and Multilateralism in Changing World, The Political Economy of Poverty and Inequality

Sociology: Structural Poverty and Women's Economic Marginalization, Gender, Health, and Structural Inequalities in Pakistan, Gender-Sensitive Curriculum and Pedagogy

Panel Discussion:

The social sciences conferences included an insightful panel discussion, titled "Future Frontiers in Social Science: Sustainable Solutions for Global Challenges". The panelists included Dr. Muhammad Shafiq, SZABIST, Islamabad, Mr. Ayub Wali, NCA, Dr. Mehdi Taheri, Iranian Culture House, Rawalpindi, Dr. Humaira Jami, QAU, Islamabad and Prof. Dr. Muhammad Bilal, FJWU, Rawalpindi.

Concluding Session of the Conference

Chief Guest: Ms. Noor Amna Malik, Managing Director of the National Academy of Higher Education (NAHE), lauded RWU for its consistent academic contributions. She emphasized that social sciences are directly linked to societal issues and their solutions, and therefore, there is a need to move beyond discussions and focus on practical measures and collaborative research. Citing Iran's model of sociological resilience, she encouraged young researchers to pursue actionable and community-oriented studies.

Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza thanked all participants and highlighted RWU's efforts to inspire societal transformation through education and research. She acknowledged all presentations and encouraged continued collaboration to build a better society.

The conference concluded with Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza and Ms. Noor Amna Malik presenting honorary shields to distinguished national and international guests in recognition of their valuable contributions.



EVENTS IN BRIEF



Students register at a desk set up by the Directorate of Student Affairs (DSA) for Alkhidmat Foundation's free Bano Qabil IT Courses. (October 7, 2025)



Ms. Sanila Aslam, Additional Librarian, presents strategies for selecting peer-reviewed open-access journals to RWU researchers. (October 29, 2025)



Participants attend an RWU Library session on accessing digital research and learning resources through the Calibre Repository. (November 5, 2025)



Students and staff view a UNICEF awareness video on water conservation, screened by the Directorate of Student Affairs (DSA) in collaboration with UNICEF. (November 19, 2025)



A promotional and informational stall arranged by the Directorate of Student Affairs (DSA) in collaboration with REVVOO. (December 2-3, 2025)



Students participate in an anti-drug and anti-corruption awareness session, organized by the Character Building Society in collaboration with the Directorate of Student Affairs (DSA). (December 9, 2025)



A group photo of the Faculty, Staff and Students on the occasion of certificates distribution to RWU students recognised for participating in Fareezah School's Cross-University Art Exhibition open call, organised by the Department of Fine Arts. (December 10, 2025)



RWU students pose with awards from the Ludo and Musical Chair competitions at HITEC Business Idea Summit 3.0, held at HITEC University, Taxila. (December 10-11, 2025)



Students from the Sociology and Chemistry departments display their entrepreneurial projects at a gala supervised by Mr. Kashif Ali, Visiting Lecturer, Department of Business Administration.



RWU Student Ambassadors participate in a Training of Trainers (TOT) session by the State Bank of Pakistan, BSC Rawalpindi, under the Banking on Equality- Student Ambassador Program (FY 2025-26).



RWU Student Council members display campaign materials promoting water conservation within the university premises, under the supervision of the Directorate of Student Affairs (DSA). (December 2025)



RWU players pose among the team ahead of their participation in the 35th National Games, representing the Karachi Rugby team.

ALUMNI & STUDENT CORNER

Haleema Khatoon,

My Journey at Rawalpindi Women University (2019-2023)

My name is Haleema Khatoon and I have done BS Mathematics at Rawalpindi Women University from 2019 to 2023. Becoming a gold medalist is not just a personal milestone—it is the fulfillment of my parents' dream.

During my second semester in 2020, I lost my beloved father. It was the most difficult time of my life, but his dream of seeing me succeed kept me going. Despite the emotional challenges, I remained focused on my studies and worked hard with patience and faith with the help of my friends and respected teachers.

Living in the university hostel throughout my degree shaped me both academically and personally. The hostel life taught me independence, time management, and how to stay focused on my goals despite being away from home. RWU gave me more than just a degree—it gave me resilience and the passion to pursue excellence. It has been a second home, a place that shaped my personality, built my confidence, and helped me discover my true strength. I will always carry the values and lessons I learned here with pride and gratitude.

I am especially grateful to my Mathematics teachers, whose constant encouragement, deep knowledge, and commitment to their students made a lasting impact on me. Their way of teaching not only helped me build strong academic foundations but also made me fall in love with the subject. Their belief in my potential motivated me to aim higher and push through every challenge.

This achievement is a tribute to my late father and the unwavering support of my family, teachers, and friends. I hope my journey inspires others to stay strong in difficult times and never give up on their dreams.



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"University Isn't Just a Place You Study- It's a Place You Grow"

When I first stepped into university life, I expected lectures, assignments, and exams. What I didn't expect was how much I would learn about people, about situations, and honestly, about myself.

Academics, of course, remain at the core of this experience. But what has genuinely shaped my journey runs deeper than a syllabus. Serving as the Director of Graphics in the Media Club has been one of the most defining parts of my time here. From designing visuals to collaborating with a team that shares a passion for creativity, it has taught me things no classroom alone could do, it taught leadership, deadlines, and the confidence to stand behind your own ideas.

What makes this environment truly work, though, is the people within it. Our Head of Department sets a tone of encouragement rather than pressure, where students are pushed to be better without being made to feel lesser. The faculty, similarly, go beyond simply delivering content. They take an active interest in student development, consistently motivating us to step outside our comfort zones and engage with opportunities beyond the lecture hall.

The university's commitment to co-curricular growth is equally visible. Events are organized with genuine intent to give students a platform for not just to participate, but to lead, compete, and discover strengths. One thing I've personally observed over time is that this institution doesn't stand still. The facilities, the environment, the systems, there is a clear and ongoing effort to improve, and as a student, it feels meaningful to be part of a place that evolves alongside the people within it. In this journey, every semester I leave slightly more capable, slightly more aware, and a little closer to the person I want to become.

