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Vice Chancellor's Message



By the grace of Almighty Allah, as the last quarter of the year 2022 came to a close, Rawalpindi Women University achieved yet another milestone by organizing its two International Conferences in October. This academic pursuit is a giant leap for the University to set its mark on scientific research and academia arena besides being a goal that is very close to my heart on personal

count. The sixth edition of the newsletter covers the Ist International Social Science Conference titled "Contemporary World: Challenges & Transformation" and the Ist International Science Conference titled "Revamped Scientific Outlook of the 21st Century." The two conference days brought many participants, scientists, and researchers from all around the country and abroad to discuss and enlighten themselves in areas of mutual interest.

Besides the conferences, Rawalpindi Women University also participated in the 16 Days of Activism Campaign organized by the Ministry of Planning Commission Youth Wing in different Universities. This campaign was concluded by the minister Mr. Ahsan Iqbal at RWU.

In this quarter, we also welcomed the 2022 Batch of Rawalpindi Women University that would be the fourth graduating batch of the University. This time period also marks a hallmark of success for RWU as classes commenced in the Department of Sociology, and we look forward to this department being one of the strongest pillars in the academic standing of the University. I am grateful to Allah for enabling us to reach many milestones in a very short span of time, and I would like to commend the efforts of my team for their contributions in achieving these goals.

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RWU Milestones

Sociology Department Conducts Board of Studies Meeting for MS Sociology Schemes Approval

November 14, 2022: The Sociology Department of Rawalpindi Women University (RWU) conducted a successful Board of Studies (BOS) meeting for the approval of MS Sociology Schemes.

Internal members included Dr. Aisha Bhatti, in Charge Sociology at RWU and Dr. Raza Ullah, Assistant Professor at RWU. The meeting was also attended by external members, including Prof. Dr. Naimatuallah Hashmi, from the Department of Sociology at PMAS- Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi, Dr. Mazhar Bhutta, Associate Professor at PMAS- Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi, and Dr. Rabia Gul, Assistant Professor at the Department of Sociology, International Islamic University.



Board of Studies Meeting for Business Administration Department

November 15, 2022: The Department of Business Administration conducted a successful Board of Studies meeting for their Postgraduate Programs including MBA, MS (Management Sciences), and PhD (Management Sciences).

The meeting was attended by esteemed members of the Board of Studies, including the HoD, Dr. Shahzad Hussain, and other faculty members.



RWU joins United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI) as a Member

November 28, 2022: Rawalpindi Women University (RWU) gets global recognition after being formally approved as member of United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI).

Under the visionary and dynamic leadership of Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, VC, that aligns institutions of higher education with the United Nations in supporting and contributing to the realization of UN goals and mandates, including the promotion and protection of human rights, access to education, sustainability and conflict resolution.

Vice Chancellor appreciated the efforts of QEC for elevating the status of RWU in the arena of International universities. RWU is committed to further SDG goals by undertaking several activities like green campus and organizing international science conference etc.



7th Syndicate Meeting

December 26, 2022: In the 7th Syndicate meeting of RWU representatives of Higher Education Department, Finance Department, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Department of Government of the Punjab along with representative of Higher Education Commission and other renowned experts attended the meeting. Many important decisions pertaining to finance and administration were taken by the Syndicate. The members appreciated the efforts of VC for conducting two international conferences at university at it's such an earlier stage.



Meetings of Board of Faculties

December 05, 2022: The meeting of Board of Faculty for the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences was attended by the field experts. The curriculum of scheme of studies pertaining to the faculty of social sciences and humanities were recommended by the Board for approval of the Academic Council.

December 30, 2022: The meeting of Board of Faculty for the Faculty of Sciences was attended by the field experts. The curriculum and scheme of studies pertaining to faculty of sciences were recommended by the Board for approval of the Academic Council.



Honors and Awards

1st Position in Calligraphy Painting Competition

November 09, 2022: Ayesha Zahid, a student from the Fine Arts Department Semester 7th at Rawalpindi Women University, won the 1st Position and Cash Prize in the Calligraphy Painting Competition conducted by the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting. Directorate of Electronic Media and Publications held a Calligraphy Painting Competition on the theme of Allama Iqbal, and students from all colleges and universities of Rawalpindi/Islamabad were participants.



2nd position in Debate Competition

November 25, 2022: Urwa Burney, student of BS English secured second position in the Debate Competition organized by Preston University, Islamabad in collaboration with Institute of Peace & Diplomatic Studies and Centre for BRI & China Studies. Mr. Rana Ihsan and Mr. Afzal Khan were Guest Speakers.



RWU Blind Archery team wins Medals in National Competition

December 01, 2022: The Blind Archery team of RWU participated in the National Archery Competition "Awareness against Corruption through Sports" organized by Razi Sports Academy at Liaquat Bagh Rawalpindi. The RWU Blind Archery team won medals Shumaila secured the second position and was awarded the silver medal, while Bushra secured the third position and was awarded the bronze medal.



RWU receives Flood Heroes Award at Prime Minister Office

December 05, 2022: Rawalpindi Women University has been awarded the Flood Heroes Award at the Prime Minister Office on International Volunteers Day. The award was given in recognition of efforts made during the floods in the region, providing aid and support to those affected by the disaster. The joint efforts made by VC office, faculty members, officials, and students of RWU reflect the university's commitment to serve society and make a positive impact in the community.



1st and 3rd Position in Painting Competition

December 23, 2022: The Directorate of Electronic Media and Publications conducted a Painting Competition on Quaid-e-Azam Day celebrations. The competition was open to students from all colleges and universities of Rawalpindi/Islamabad. Zaneera Ghafoor, a student from semester 7, secured the 1st Position, and Shumail Amir, a student from semester 5, secured the 3rd Position amongst all the universities.



Conferences

RWU organized 1st International Science Conference “Revamped Scientific Outlook of 21st Century”

October 12, 2022: The Office of Research, Innovation & Commercialization (ORIC) under the directions of Patron in Chief; Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, Vice Chancellor RWU organized the 1st international conferences of science on “Revamped Scientific Outlook of 21st Century” at Rawalpindi Women University.

Perspectives of Chief Guest and Speakers on International Conference

Patron-in-Chief: Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal (*VC, RWU*)

Dr. Anila highlighted the importance of scientific research and collaborative efforts between academic institutes. Being the chief organizer of the first multidisciplinary conference, she addressed the need for joint work for the prosperity of the country. Her address highlighted the notion of innovative ideas and the importance of research on indigenous ideas.

Chief Guest: Prof. Dr. Masoom Yasinzai (*Rector-International Islamic University Islamabad*)

Dr. Yasinzai highlighted the potential of nanotechnology for the future. He said nanotechnology would hold a market of 34 billion US dollars by 2030. His talk elaborated on the linkage of research with Islam and women empowerment.

Guest Speakers

Prof. Dr. Safia Ahmed (*VC-Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University Peshawar*)

Dr. Safia said that microbiology can reap many benefits from nature and many diseases can be treated with therapeutic treatment with microbes.

Prof. Dr. Akram Sheikh (*DG-PASTIC*)

Dr. Akram shared his views and experience in the areas of sustainable natural resources, mitigation of natural hazards and the impact of climate change particularly for Pakistan. He stressed the importance of joint innovative research for minimizing the impact of climate change related issues.

Prof. Dr. Zabta Khan Shinwari (*Former VC Kohat University of Science and Technology*)

Dr. Shinwar emphasized the role of synthetic biology in various fields of life and highlighted how numerous companies around the world are generating profits through its applications.

Concluding Session of the Conference

Chief Guests

Prof. Dr. Habib Ali Bukhari (*VC Kohsar University Murree*)

Dr. Bukhari comprehensively elaborated on the themes being addressed during the conference and appreciated Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal; Vice Chancellor for organizing such a successful event to gather a galaxy of scientists at one forum. He was optimistic to mention that the conference will be very fruitful in opening new avenues of research and development for academic collaborations with research organizations and industry.

Prof. Dr. Mukhtar Ahmad (*VC National Skills University Islamabad*)

Dr. Mukhtar underscored the importance of scientific events and the outcomes in the form of collaborations and success stories of innovations. He mentioned that the success of Nation is directly connected with entrepreneurial skills and their application in true spirit.

Keynote Speakers

A total of 13 keynote speakers from the USA, France, Canada, Bermuda and Pakistan participated in the conference. The keynote speakers included:

Prof. Dr. Mary Barkworth
(Utah State University, USA)

Prof. Dr. Gisèle Bronner
(University Clermont Auvergne, France)

Dr. Leocadio Blanco-Bercial
(Bermuda Institute of Ocean Sciences, Bermuda)

Prof. Dr. Jahangir Mirza
(York University, Toronto, Ontario, Canada)

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naveed Aslam
(Islamia University Bahawalpur, Pakistan)

Prof. Dr. Farzana Latif Ansari
(Quaid-i-Azam University, Pakistan)

Prof. Dr. Abdullah Shah
(COMSATS University, Pakistan)

Prof. Dr. Shamim Akhtar
(PMAS-Arid Agriculture University, Pakistan)

Prof. Dr. M. Ishtiaq Ali
(Quaid-i-Azam University, Pakistan)

Prof. Dr. Mushtaq Ahmad
(Quaid-i-Azam University, Pakistan)

Prof. Dr. Mudassir Iqbal
(National University of Science & Technology, Pakistan)

Prof. Dr. Shamsul Qamar
(COMSATS University, Pakistan)

Dr. Asghar Shabbir
(COMSATS University, Pakistan)

Paper Presented

A total of 124 papers were presented at the conference out of which 66 were oral presentations and 58 were poster presentations in a total of 12 parallel sessions. There were 4 parallel sessions of Botany (3 oral & 1 poster), 3 parallel sessions of Chemistry (2 oral & 1 poster), 2 parallel sessions of Mathematics and 3 parallel sessions of Zoology (2 oral & 1 poster session), respectively.

Participants

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

The conference proceedings were published in HEC recognized journal titled "World Journal of Biology and Biotechnology" and full-length papers were offered a 70% fee waiver in terms of publication charges.

Disciplines

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

Botany

Chair & Co-Chair for Oral Sessions

The oral parallel sessions of Botany were chaired & Co-chaired by:

Muhammad Ramzan Khan
(Principal Scientific Officer, NIGAB)

Prof. Dr. M. Qasim Hayat
(National University of Science & Technology, Islamabad)

Prof. Dr. Azra Yasmin
(Chairperson/Dean, Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi)

Dr. Noshin Ilyas
(Associate Prof. PMAS-Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi)

Prof. Dr. Abida Akram
(PMAS-Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi)

Dr. Hassan Waseem
(MY University, Islamabad)

Poster Judges for Poster Presentations

Prof. Dr. Rehmatullah Qureshi
(PMAS Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi)

Dr. Mubin Mustafa Kiyani
(Associate Prof. Shifa Tameer E Millat University, Islamabad)

Dr. Zaffar Hashmi
(COMSATS University, Islamabad)

Dr. Yamin Bibi
(Assistant Professor, Department of Botany, PMAS Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi)

Chemistry

Chair & Co-Chair for Oral Sessions

Prof. Dr. Humaira Masood Siddiqui
(Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad)

Prof. Dr. Naveed Janjua
(Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad)

Prof. Dr. Sher Jamal Khan
(IESE, National University of Science & Technology, Isbd.)

Dr. Safeer Ahmed
(Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad)

Poster Judges for Poster Presentations

Prof. Dr. Ishrat Jabeen
(National University of Sciences and Technology, Islamabad)

Dr. Faroha Liaqat
(Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad)

Mathematics

Chair & Co-Chair for Oral Sessions

Prof. Dr. Tasawar Hayat
(Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad)

Prof. Dr. Sohail Nadeem
(Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad)

Prof. Dr. Fariha Hasan
(Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad)

Prof. Dr. Sohail Nadeem
(Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad)

Dr. Ahmed Zeeshan
(International Islamic University Islamabad)

Dr. Hina Sadaf
(College of EME, NUST, Islamabad)

Zoology

Chair & Co-Chair for Oral Sessions

Prof. Dr. Fariha Hasan
(Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad)

Dr. Ibrar Ahmed
(CEO, Alpha Genomics, Islamabad)

Dr. Naveeda Akhtar
(Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad)

Dr. Farha Masood
(COMSATS University, Islamabad)

Poster Judges for Poster Presentations

Prof. Dr. Irfan Zia
(Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad)

Dr. Tariq Mahmood
(PMAS University of Arid Agriculture Rawalpindi)

Dr. Muhammad Sajid Nadeem
(PMAS University of Arid Agriculture Rawalpindi)



RWU hosted 1st International Social Science Conference “Contemporary World: Challenges and Transformation”

October 13, 2022: The Office of Research, Innovation & Commercialization (ORIC) under the directions of Patron-in-Chief; Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, Vice Chancellor RWU organized the 1st international conference of social science on “Contemporary World: Challenges and Transformation” on 13th October, 2022 at Rawalpindi Women University.

The conference aimed to initiate discussions on core social issues that have been overlooked in the era of rapid progress. It was a multi-disciplinary event covering various themes related to social issues, providing a premier platform for researchers, practitioners, and scholars across different disciplines to share their experiences, observations, and reflections in the fields of Art and Aesthetics, Political Science, English Literature and Language, and Psychology. The conference intended to foster discourses on innovations, trends, and concerns, as well as practical challenges encountered and solutions adopted in the contemporary world.

Perspectives of Chief Guest and Speakers on International Conference

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

Dr. Anila said that the conference is an effort to promote the research culture amongst youth which is a dire need for the future progress of the country. The purpose of the conference aimed to build linkages and professional development among practitioners, researchers and scholars across the globe. She shared her vision to promote interdisciplinary research and counter future challenges in the country.

Chief Guest: Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir (*Chairman Punjab Higher Education Commission*)

Dr. Shahid admired the efforts of Vice Chancellor RWU in organizing the conference to support research culture.

Guest Speakers

Prof. Dr. Anis Ahmed (*Vice Chancellor Riphah International University*)

Dr. Anis highlighted the role of Artificial Intelligence in the modern world and what we need to be more vigilant and practical in our daily lives. He emphasized the role of women education and also suggested the inculcation of Islamic values in academics.

Prof. Dr. Jahanzaib Khan (*Vice Chancellor FATA University*)

Dr. Jahanzaib shed light on the problems of female education in far-flung areas. He said that half of our population is comprised of females and it is of utmost importance to increase the percentage of females in education and research.

Ms. Sidra Saeed (*Program Manager, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung Pakistan*)

Ms. Sidra discussed that building leadership skills and critical thinking, fostering political knowledge, and meaningfully engaging the youth of Pakistan in decision-making can make a great impact towards the prosperity of Pakistan.

Concluding Session of the Conference

Chief Guest: Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ali (*VC, Quaid-i-Azam University Islamabad*)

Dr. Ali enlightened the event with possible solutions to the social challenges in the present era of dismay and disappointment due to the modern mechanized world. He discussed matters related to family dynamics, pluralism, climate change and global governance. He appreciated the vision of Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal for organizing a platform for the scientific community to collaborate and interact for research and development.

Dr. Anila delivered the vote of thanks to all the participants, keynote speakers and dignitaries for being an active part of the International Conference at Rawalpindi Women University and actively engaging in this new horizon of collaboration and linkage for a betterment and innovative research future.

Keynote Speakers

A total of 08 keynote speakers from the UK, Malaysia and Pakistan participated in the conference. The keynote speakers included:

Prof. Dr. Peter K. Smith
(*Goldsmith, University of London, UK*)

Prof. Dr. Asiah Abdul Rahim
(*International Islamic University, Malaysia*)

Prof. Dr. Rubina Hanif
(*Quaid-i-Azam University, Pakistan*)

Prof. Dr. Zafar Iqbal
(*International Islamic University, Pakistan*)

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Khan
(*International Islamic University, Pakistan*)

Prof. Dr. Munazza Yaqoob
(*International Islamic University, Pakistan*)

Prof. Dr. Shaukat Mehmood
(*University of the Punjab, Pakistan*)

Prof. Dr. Naseem Akhtar
(*Abasyn University, Pakistan*)

Paper Presented

A total of 125 papers were presented out of which 78 were oral and 37 were poster presentations in 10 parallel sessions of which 08 were oral sessions and 02 were poster sessions.

Participants

There were 850 participants including faculty members, researchers and students from different Universities/HEIs and research Organizations who participated in the conference.

The conference full-length papers were provided with a 100% fee waiver in publication charges for publication in HEC-recognized journals viz. "Human Nature Journal of Social Sciences" and "Online Media and Society".

Disciplines

The conference covered multiple themes placed under the umbrella of humanities and social sciences. It provided an interdisciplinary forum for participants to present their latest research results, ideas, developments and applications.

The parallel sessions were comprised of 4 parallel sessions from Psychology (3 oral & 1 poster), 3 parallel sessions of English (2 oral & 1 poster), 2 oral parallel sessions of Fine Arts and 1 oral session of Political Science respectively.

Fine Arts

Chair & Co-Chair for Parellel Oral Sessions

Dr. Asiah Abdul Rahim
(International Islamic University Malaysia)

Prof. Dr. Mamoona Khan
(Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi)

Dr. Sumera Jawad
(College of Art & Design, University of the Punjab, Lahore)

Prof. Dr. Kanwal Khalid
(Punjab Archives and Libraries, Lahore)

English

Chair & Co-Chair for Parellel Oral Sessions

Prof. Dr. Sarwet Rasul
(Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi)

Prof. Dr. Shaheena Ayub Bhatti
(Fatima Jinnah Women University Rawalpindi)

Dr. Akifa Imtiaz
(Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi)

Dr. Umar Farooq
(Capital University of Science and Technology, Islamabad)

Poster Judges for Poster Presentations

Dr. Rabia Aamir
(National University of Modern Languages)

Dr. Henna Qureshi
(National University of Science and Technology)

Dr. Rashida Imran
(Allama Iqbal Open University)

Psychology

Chair & Co-Chair for Parellel Oral Sessions

Prof. Dr. Tahir Khalily
(Shifa Tameer-i-Millat University, Islamabad)

Brig. Prof. Dr. Tanvir Akhtar
(Foundation University School of Science and Technology Rawalpindi)

Brig. Dr. Shoaib Kiani
(Chief Psychologist, GHQ Rawalpindi)

Prof. Dr. Anis-ul-Haque
(National University of Modern Languages, Islamabad)

Dr. Sobia Masood
(Quaid-i-Azam University Islamabad)

Dr. Jamil A. Malik
(Quaid-i-Azam University Islamabad)

Poster Judges for Poster Presentations

Dr. Shakira Huma
(National University of Modern Languages, Islamabad)

Dr. Nazia Iqbal
(International Islamic University, Islamabad)

Dr. Rabina Hanif
(Riphah International University, Islamabad)

Political Science

Chair & Co-Chair for Parellel Oral Sessions

Prof. Dr. Nazeer Hussain
(University of Wah, Wah Cantt.)

Prof. Dr. Amna Mehmood
(International Islamic University Islamabad)

Prof. Dr. Syed Qandil Abbas
(Quaid-i-Azam University, Islamabad)



RWU Vice Chancellor Speaks on Mental Health Issues at International Symposium on Post COVID Higher Education Challenges

December 09, 2022: Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, VC RWU, participated as a guest speaker in an International Symposium on "Post COVID Higher Education Challenges and Way Forward" at COMSTECH headquarters, Islamabad.

Dr. Anilas' insightful presentation shed light on the mental health challenges faced by students in the wake of the pandemic and the strategies that can be adopted to address these challenges.



Trainings and Workshops Outside RWU

RWU participation in All Punjab Universities' Innovation Expo 2022

Dr. Nazia Asghar, IPFP fellow Department of Chemistry presented her innovative idea at All Punjab Universities' Innovation Expo 2022 organized by Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC). The idea was admired by Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir; Chairman Punjab Higher Education Commission. 259 projects were displayed from 37 public and private sector universities across Punjab in eight categories encompassing Social Sciences, Business, Economics, Engineering, Computer Sciences and Information Technology, Agriculture, Health and Medicine. Participants included Dr. Motsim Billah, Addl. Dir. ORIC and Dr. Nazia Asghar, IPFP fellow Department of Chemistry.



Training on "Research Innovation, and Commercialization"

Dr. Motsim Billah, Addl. Dir. ORIC, attended training titled, "Research Innovation, And Commercialization" for all Punjab Universities' Directors ORICs organized by Punjab Higher Education Commission Lahore. Different models were discussed to promote Offices of Research, Innovation and Commercialization in different Universities followed by a discussion session



about different issues being faced by Directors ORICs related to research and development. The guest speaker was Dr. Hammod-ur-Rehman; Director Research, NUST Islamabad.

Prof. Dr. Shahid Munir; Chairman, PHEC and Raja Yassir Humayun Sarfraz; Minister for Higher Education, Punjab also addressed the participants for the betterment of their respective departments and promote research culture in their Universities.

Faculty Development Workshop on Language Proficiency Testing and Evaluation

October 10, 2022: Dr. Azka Khan (Asst. Prof), Dr. Abida Ayesha (Asst.Prof), Ms Saira Rasheed (Lecturer) of English Department attended a workshop on Language Proficiency Testing and Evaluation organized by Women Writing and Resource Person, Fatima Jinnah Women University. The Guest Speaker for the occasion was Prof. Kanwal Bashir.

Training Session on English for Teachers and Educators

December 5-10, 2022: Ms. Fatima Seerat of English Department attended the Training session on District Subject Experts for English as a Subject for Teachers and Educators (EaSTE)-Module 1 organized by British Council, Pakistan & QAED Lahore.

Trainings and Workshops at RWU

Workshop on Kitchen Gardening

October 19, 2022: The Green Youth Movement club organized a workshop on "Awareness of Kitchen Gardening". Dr. Shazia Rehman's (from Botany Department) talk on methods, strategies and foundational knowledge necessary for successful kitchen gardening. The goal of this session was to teach the basics of kitchen gardening so that attendees could start cultivating their own fresh fruits and vegetables in any available space, whether in a backyard, balcony, or front yard.

Hand on Workshop on Identification and Preservation of Plants on Herbarium Sheets

November 2, 2022: The workshop was conducted at Botany Department by Dr. Mamoon Munir, Incharge Botany department and Dr. Benazir Ahsan Abbasi. The workshop enabled students to identify and preserve the plants on Herbarium sheet.

Bust Making Workshop on Sculpture

November 01, 2022: Rawalpindi Women University's Fine Arts Department held a Bust Making Workshop on Sculpture, conducted by a sculptor Raheel Arshad. The students learned the art of clay wedging, constructing an armature for a portrait sculpture (using wood, nails, and metal net wire) and modeling a human portrait in clay. It helped students enhance their sculpting skills and knowledge in the field of fine arts.



Fostering Critical Thinking and Entrepreneurial Skills in Young Women for Gender Inclusive Socio-Economic Development for faculty members of RWU

November 3, 2022: External Linkages Department RWU, in collaboration with Shaor Foundation for Education and Awareness (SFEA), organized a capacity enhancement training session on November 3, 2022, for its faculty members. The session was about Women in Learning and Leadership through fostering Critical Thinking and Entrepreneurial Skills in Young Women for Gender Inclusive Socioeconomic Development and it covered the modules of Critical Thinking (Along with Critical Thinking Circle initiative), Social Inclusion and Gender, Peace Building, Gender Equality and Conflict Resolution. 30 female faculty members attended the session which will further lead towards the training session of 100 students from the University to foster the same skills.



Training Session on How to Get Published in High Impact Journals

November 15, 2022: The RWU Library organized a training session on "How to get publish in high impact factor journal" for faculty. The session was conducted by Dr. Munaza Jabeen, Assistant Professor from AIOU, who shared valuable information on publications related tools, guidelines, journal selection, impact factors, h and g indexes, and HEC journal Recognition System.

Hands-on Training on EndNote Software

November 16, 2022: The Department of Chemistry organized a hands-on training workshop on "EndNote," a popular reference management software. The workshop aimed to familiarize students with the software's features and its use in research writing. Dr. Jaweria Shamshad conducted the training session which was attended by students interested in research writing.

Workshop on Demystifying Critical Analysis, Carrying your argument to the end

December 6, 2022: A workshop of Critical and Argumentative writing was conducted by Ms. Zainab Shahid. Students of BS English and RWU in general participated in the program.

Hands-on training on TV program production

November 18, 2022: The Mass Communication Department organized a hands-on training workshop on TV program production under the course of 'TV News Reporting & Production.' The training provided final year students with practical experience in the production process, enabling them to work with different equipment like sound mixers and switchers. Course Incharge Mr. Waqas Awan and Dr. Noman Ansari gave a brief presentation on the production process, followed by hands-on practice for the students.

Capacity Building Training

December 6, 2022: Capacity Building Training on Self-Assessment Reports was arranged by the Quality Enhancement Cell. The Guest speaker was Prof. Dr. Riaz Ahmed. Dr. Azka Khan, Dr. Abida Ayesha, Ms. Hermain Rukh and Ms Saira Rashed were the participants of the Session.

Training Session on APA 7th Formatting and Writing Style in Research

December 7, 2022: The RWU library organized a training session for students and faculty on "APA 7th formatting and writing style for research papers. Ms. Sanila Aslam, Deputy Librarian, served as the resource person. The purpose of the session was to train participants on the correct use of APA writing style in their research papers.

Training session on "Developing Entrepreneurs for Future"

December 08-10, 2022: A three day training session on "Developing Entrepreneurs for Future" for the Faculty Members of Public and Private sector Universities in Punjab was organized by Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC) at Arfa Software Technology Park, Lahore. Ms. Tehreem Ali and Dr. Hafsa Rasheed from the Department of Business Administration of RWU attended the training. The training was conducted by Prof. Dr. Shahid Qureshi, Rector of Gift University Gujranwala, and Prof. Dr. Sumaira Rehman, Rector of Superior University.

Hand on Kitchen Gardening training

December 14, 2022: A kitchen gardening workshop was arranged by GYM Club of RWU. In the beginning the focal person Dr. Shazia from botany department and Dr. Jaweria Shamshad from Chemistry department enlightened the students and members of GYM club about kitchen gardening, its benefits and how we can grow our vegetables and fruits at home. The purpose of this activity is to train students to learn growing things at their own to fight increasing inflation. That is in a close tie with SDG Goal 6.

Fostering Critical Thinking and Entrepreneurial Skills in Young Women for Gender Inclusive Socio-Economic Development for students of RWU

December 20-23, 2022: The External Linkages Department, in collaboration with Shaor Foundation for Education and Awareness (SFEA), conducted a 4-day training/workshop from December 20 to 23, 2022 for 53 students of different departments on "Fostering Critical Thinking and Entrepreneurial Skills in Young Women for Gender Inclusive Socio-Economic Development" for capacity building of students. This training session was to inspire students towards entrepreneurship and to develop critical consciousness in young women in universities. The modules covered in the session were Social Inclusion and Gender, Critical Thinking, Gender Equality, Peace Building and Conflict Resolution, and Entrepreneurship. The students were also given an exposure trip to industry.

Workshop on leaf shape identification

December 12, 2022: Botany Department conducted a one-day workshop to enable participants to identify the in the fundamentals of plant identification in particular with respect to conservation processes in a variety of regions. Dr. Mamoona Munir, In charge, Botany Department and Dr. Benazir Ahsan Abbasi, Assistant Professor talked on the topic, the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) call for a reduction in extreme poverty by the year 2030.

Hands-on Photography training/workshop for students by NIKON, Pakistan

December 13, 2022: The External Linkages Department in collaboration with NIKON, Pakistan organized a Photography training/workshop for students of Mass Communication Department, RWU, on December 13, 2022. The training/workshop session was conducted by the expert trainers of NIKON.



Workshop on "Basics of Data Analysis for Business Graduates."

December 13, 2022: The Department of Business Administration organized a workshop on "Basics of Data Analysis for Business Graduates." The workshop was conducted by Dr. Hafsa Rasheed, lecturer in the department.

Trainings organized by the External Linkages Department

October to December 2022: Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, The Vice Chancellor, Rawalpindi Women University has entrusted the External Linkages Department for capacity building training of Faculty and Administration (BS 17- BS 20). In this backdrop, following officers and officials of Rawalpindi Women University attended the below mentioned training conducted by the External Linkages Department in coordination with Management and Professional Development Department, Government of Punjab.

Advanced IT for Officers 10.10.2022 to 14.10.2022	Yasir Mumtaz <i>Database Administrator</i> Fozia Khan <i>Assistant Controller of Exam</i> Saria Amjad <i>Assistant Registrar</i>	Iraj Munawar Gill <i>Assistant Director</i> Noor Ul Ain <i>Financial & Scholarship Officer</i>
Office Management for Officials (BS 11- BS 16) 17.10.2022 to 21.10.2022	Sidra Kausar <i>Assistant</i> M. Umer Abbassi <i>Assistant Accounts</i> Aqib Qayyum Jr <i>Computer Operator</i>	Muhammad Hassan Jr <i>Computer Operator</i> Arsalan Khaliq Jr <i>Computer Operator</i> Khushnood Abbas <i>Assistant</i>
Planning and Management for Officers 24.10.2022 to 28.10.2022	Farrukh Aftab <i>Project Director</i> Naveed Ashraf <i>Additional Treasurer</i>	Saad Sohail Qureshi <i>Assistant Director</i> Subhan Saeed <i>Assistant Engineer Civil</i>
Communication Skills for Officers 07.11.2022 to 11.11.2022	Abdul Khaliq <i>Additional Director</i> Khadija Saeed <i>Additional Director</i> Rida Munir <i>Medical Officer</i>	Shezaib Sadaqat <i>Assistant Controller of Exam</i> Sadaf Parveen <i>Assistant Director</i> Amber Zaheer <i>Assistant Director</i>
Procurement for Officers 14.11.2022 to 16.11.2022	Sadia Shahbaz <i>Additional Registrar</i> Al Murtaza Turabi <i>Additional Director</i>	Khadija Saeed <i>Additional Director</i> Tanzeel ur Rehman <i>Network Administrator</i>
Financial Management for Official (BS 11- BS 16) 21.11.2022 to 25.11.2022	Fareeha Waqar <i>Assistant</i> Arsalan Khaliq Jr <i>Computer Operator</i>	Mariam Khan <i>Assistant</i> Muhammad Arif <i>Assistant Auditor</i>
Reading & Comprehension of Budget for officers 29.11.2022	Sadia Shahbaz <i>Additional Registrar</i> Javed Hassan Awan <i>Additional Director</i> Motsim Billah <i>Additional Director</i> Naveed Ashraf <i>Additional Treasurer</i>	Baqir Husnain <i>Additional Director</i> Abdul Khaliq <i>Additional Director</i> Kashif Ali <i>Assistant Treasurer</i>
Emotional Intelligence for Officers 05.12.2022 to 09.12.2022	Dr Mamoona Munir <i>Assistant Professor</i> Dr Noman Ahmed Ansari <i>Assistant Professor</i> Sadaf Parveen <i>Assistant Director</i>	Iraj Munawar Gill <i>Assistant Director</i> Saria Amjad <i>Assistant Registrar</i> Muhammad Usman <i>Assistant Director</i>
Public/Private Partnership 19.12.2022 to 21.12.2022	Javed Hassan Awan <i>Additional Director</i> Motsim Billah <i>Additional Director</i>	Khadija Saeed <i>Additional Director</i> Iraj Munawar Gill <i>Assistant Director</i>

Seminars and Webinars

Seminar on Biodiesel by Department of Botany

October 10, 2022: Dr. Mamoona Munira, Incharge Botany department presented a session on biodiesel's significance, she briefly described the extraction and purification of biodiesel from plants and its significance to use as renewable energy and among the available possibilities, biofuels have emerged as a potential alternative to lessen our reliance on fossil fuels.

Department of Fine Arts Hosts Successful International Seminar on Art & Architecture

October 11, 2022: Department of Fine Arts organized international seminar on "Art and Architecture" in collaboration with the Office of Research, Innovation, and Commercialization (ORIC).

The seminar was graced by the presence of the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal as Chief Guest. Ms. Maryam, Director of Visual Arts at PNCA, was also a guest at the seminar.

The keynote speaker of the seminar was Prof. Dr. Asiah Abdul Rahim, from the Department of Architecture at Kulliyah of Architecture and Environmental Design (KAED), International Islamic University Malaysia (IIUM). Other speakers included Prof. Dr. Mamoona Khan, Chairperson of Fine Arts at Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi, and Ms. Attia Abrar, Acting In-Charge of the Department of Islamic Art & Architecture at the International Islamic University Islamabad. The seminar provided a platform for the exchange of ideas and the exploration of new perspectives on art and architecture.



Spectroscopic Method in Organic Chemistry

October 18, 2022: RWU Science Society arranged a seminar on “Spectroscopic Method in Organic Chemistry”. Dr. Abdul Bais and Dr. Kaleem Ur Rehman from chemistry department, presented the four common and most important spectroscopic techniques i.e IR, UV, NMR and MS spectroscopy in great detail and answered student’s question at the end of the session.



Visit to PNCA and Lok Virsa to explore Pakistan's Art and Cultural Heritage

October 12, 2022: As part of Prof. Dr. Asiah Abdul Rahim’s visit, she was given a tour of the Pakistan National Council of the Arts (PNCA) and the Lok Virsa Museum to explore the art of Pakistan. The tour was organized by RWU's Department of Fine Arts and was aimed at providing an opportunity for Prof. Rahim to appreciate the unique cultural heritage of Pakistan.

Seminar on How to Earn Money as a Freelancer

October 25, 2022: The Department of Business Administration under the leadership of Dr. Shahzad Hussain organized a seminar on "How to Earn Money as a Freelancer". Dr. Imran Bashir Dar, Assistant Professor at Foundation University Islamabad, Post Graduate Program Coordinator National Business Education Accreditation Council (HEC), Advisor Startups Mentor, Skill Development Trainer, SDGs Advocate and Motivational Speaker, was the resource person for the event. He shared



multiple techniques of earning money online through various mediums and highlighted the importance of freelancing as the latest paradigm shift that represents the future of earning money from the comfort zones.

The Worthy Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal and Mr. Baqir Hussain Additional Director QEC were invited as special guests to grace the occasion.

Seminar on Scholarship

October 28, 2022: The Scholarship and Financial Aid Office of Directorate of Student Affairs organized a seminar to provide students with detailed information on the various scholarships available. The students were briefed on local, national, and international scholarships offered by the university.

Seminar on “Breast Cancer & Mental Health”

November 02, 2022: In pursuance to the decision taken during Vice Chancellors Conference 2022 for all public sector universities to collaborate under “Paradigm Shift in Higher Education- Hackathon Planning for Future” Rawalpindi Women University (RWU) in collaboration with Faisalabad Medical University (FMU) organized an awareness seminar on “Breast Cancer & Mental Health”. This seminar was arranged in RWU addressing four major issues Mental Health, Breast Cancer, Drug Abuse and Character Building.

Dr. Zafar Ali Choudry, Vice Chancellor FMU, Prof. Dr. Imtiaz Ahmad Dogar, President Pakistan Psychiatric Society and Chairman Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences FMU, Dr. Tooba Obeer, and Consultant Psychiatrist in Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences FMU were the speakers.

Dr. Zafar Ali Choudry, Vice Chancellor FMU, shed light on the menace of breast cancer and stressed the importance of inter-university linkages. Prof. Dr. Imtiaz Ahmad Dogar, President Pakistan Psychiatric Society, spoke about the importance of mental health and wellbeing, while Dr. Tooba Obeer, Consultant Psychiatrist, discussed different factors of drug abuse and preventive measures. Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, Vice Chancellor RWU, emphasized the importance of social skills and presented the shield to Dr. Zafar Ali Choudry. RWU faculty, administration, and students marked their attendance on the occasion.



Seminar on Lab Safety

November 02, 2022: Department of Chemistry organized a seminar on the Lab Safety. Dr. Sadia Batool described the importance Lab Safety in the Basic and multidisciplinary sciences. The speaker Engr. Dr. Ali Raza (Asst. Prof. Faculty of Agriculture Engineering and Technology, PMAS-Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi) delivered presentation on lab Safety spanning basics, incidents, precautionary practices and finally emphasizing the importance of Lab Safety courses. Attendees were shown how to practice lab safely using appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE) to avoid any possible bad incident. Dr. Motassim Billah (Addl. Dir. ORIC RWU), chief guest, presented shield to the guest.



World Kindness Day



November 15, 2022: The Department of Psychology organized a seminar on World Kindness Day to promote kindness in the community. Mr. Shakeel Ahmad, Incharge Edhi Homes, as the resource person motivated the students to work for humanity and shared his life experiences to highlight the importance of kindness.

Seminar on the Significance of Local Government in Pakistan

November 16, 2022: Department of Political Science arranged a seminar on "The Significance of Local Government in Pakistan". Mr. Rai Yasir Farhad, Deputy Secretary, Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs was the guest speaker. He highlighted Article 140A and threw light on the background of local government in context of Pakistan. He also discussed about 18th amendment (2002-LFO-2010) and Local Government Acts in Pakistan from (1979-2021). He deeply discussed functions, powers and mode of elections of local governments. He also enlightened students about neighborhood councils and village councils.



Seminar on Green Chemistry and Entrepreneurship

November 29, 2022: The Department of Chemistry organized a seminar on "Green Chemistry and Scientific Entrepreneurship." The guest speaker, Dr. Rizwana Mustafa, discussed the role of scientific practices in an entrepreneurial context. Dr. Naheed Kaukab encouraged the training of students to meet the challenges of the 21st century.

Seminar on Project Submission Procedures



November 29, 2022: A contingent of RWU attended an awareness seminar on project submission procedures for the 4th call for proposals related to The Technology Development Fund (TDF) organized by Higher education Commission Islamabad in collaboration with Air University Islamabad. Dr. Ghulam Sarwar; Coordinator TDF, HEC Pakistan as resource person discussed the project submission procedures for the 4th call for proposals related to TDF and provided information for researchers who are seeking funds to commercialize their innovative ideas. Dr. Hina Naeem, Assistant Professor Chemistry, Dr. Fareeha Ambreen, Lecturer Zoology, Ms. Tehreem Ali, Lecturer BBA, Ms. Quratulain, Lecturer CS & IT, Ms. Nabihah Muzffar, Lecturer Fine Arts, Dr. Ghulam Safdar, Assistant Professor Mass Communication, Dr. Bushra Parveen, Assistant Professor Physics, Dr. Rehana Rahim, Assistant Professor Mathematics and Dr. Motsim Billah, Additional Director ORIC participated in the seminar.

Seminar on Talent Management for Skill Development

November 30, 2022: The Department of Business Administration organized a seminar on "How to develop your Skills through Talent Management". Ms. Jaweria, Lecturer of the department, shared various techniques and strategies that can be used for talent management and skill development.



Seminar on Analytical tools



November 30, 2022: The Department of Chemistry organized a seminar on “Analytical Techniques in Chemistry”. It covered working principle, instrumentation and application of different analytical techniques available in Pakistan institute of nuclear science and technology (PINSTECH). The students and faculty members were also provided with links and contacts for their future research collaboration.

Seminar on Protection of Women Rights in the Legal System of Pakistan

December 7, 2022: Office of the External Linkages and Women Development Centre, RWU conducted a seminar on “Protection of Women Rights in the Legal System of Pakistan” in connection to the “16 Days of Activism on Gender Based Violence” being observed globally by the United Nations. Dr. Nadia Khadam, key speaker, shed light on protection of women’s property rights, Harassment at work place/public places, prevention of Electronic Crimes Act, Letter of Administration & Succession Certificates, Criminal Law amendments, Anti Rape Laws, Zainab Alert Response Recovery Act and other recent updated laws.



Seminar on "Personal and Professional Development"

December 07, 2022: The Department of Business Administration organized a seminar on "Personal and Professional Development". Ms. Tehreem Ali, Lecturer Business Administration, highlighted the importance of personal and professional development to achieve success.



Current Global Trends in Chemistry and Current Softwares

December 27, 2022: A seminar was conducted by Chemistry Department regarding current global trends and softwares. The speaker Dr. Kaleem, apprised the students in depth about the latest research trends around the word in the field of chemistry including other interdisciplinary fields.

Seminar on Applications of Chemical Sensors

December 7, 2022: The Department of Chemistry organized a seminar on “Applications of chemical sensors”. Dr. Nazia Asghar explained that how the chemical sensors facilitates the human beings in different fields of life and guided students of BS Chemistry that they can adopt this field as research and entrepreneurship.



Seminar on "Forensic DNA Technology; Opportunities & Challenges"

December 27, 2022: The Office of Research, Innovation & Commercialization (ORIC) in collaboration with the Department of Botany and Zoology RWU organized a seminar titled "Forensic DNA Technology; Opportunities & Challenges". Dr. Ahmad Farooq, Asst. Prof., Department of Molecular Biology, Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Medical University (SZABMU) Islamabad was the guest speaker. Different aspects of the technology were discussed related to forensic science and its applied nature in every sphere of life. Potential of interdisciplinary research in forensic science to formulate indigenous solutions to the problems were also the part of discussion.



Seminar on Developing an Entrepreneurial Mindset

December 28, 2022: The Department of Business Administration arranged a seminar on "How to Develop an Entrepreneurial Mindset: The First Step towards Success." Ms. Saleha Ali, the Head Incubator at Extreme Commerce Islamabad Campus, resource person, shared guidelines on how to develop an entrepreneurial mindset.



Seminar on Industry Trends and importance of Freelancing

December 28, 2022: The Department of Information Technology organized an interactive panel discussion on emerging trends in freelancing. The event featured speakers from Creative IT Park (a multinational software solutions provider). The discussion focused on freelancing and helped students enhance their skills and grow their own business.



Seminar on "Introduction to Research Journals Launching and Indexing"

December 29, 2022: The Office of Research, Innovation & Commercialization (ORIC) under the directions of Patron in Chief; Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, Vice Chancellor RWU organized a seminar titled "Introduction to Research Journals Launching and Indexing". The objective of seminar was to provide preliminary knowledge related to the launching and indexing process of research journals under the guidelines of the Higher Education Commission. Dr. Amjad Shahzad Gondal, Asst. Prof., Department of Plant Pathology, Bahauddin Zakariya University Multan and Dr. Ghulam Safdar, Assistant Professor, Dept. of Mass Communication, RWU were the guest speakers. Participants included nominated focal persons working on the research journal launching from Rawalpindi Women University.

Seminar on Scopes of all fields of Chemistry

December 28, 2022: Department of Chemistry organized a seminar on "Scopes of all fields of Chemistry". The guest speaker Dr. Saima Kalsoom discussed the importance of Chemistry in different fields and jobs related to Chemistry.



Industrial and External Linkages (MoUs)

MoU signed between Rawalpindi Women University (RWU) and Shaor Foundation for Education and Awareness (SFEA)

October 04, 2022: The External Linkages Department facilitated an MoU signing between Rawalpindi Women University and Shaor Foundation for Education and Awareness (SFEA). The collaboration aims to enhance gender-inclusive socio-economic development, boost women's presence in the entrepreneurial ecosystem, and enhance critical thinking and leadership skills.



MoU signed between Rawalpindi Women University (RWU) and Pakistan Girls Guide Association

October 30, 2022: Rawalpindi Women University (RWU) signed an MoU with Pakistan Girls Guide Association (PGGA) to implement "Project Stay Safe" and empower young girls at RWU.



MoU signed between Rawalpindi Women University (RWU) and Jamila Sultana Foundation (JSF)

November 30, 2022: Directorate of Student Affairs initiated an MoU signing between Rawalpindi Women University and Jamila Sultana Foundation (JSF) to join hands in the noble cause of prevention of Thalassemia and to support Thalassemia patients.



Meetings

Meeting with Mr. Mehmet Kiraz, Turkiye's Education Counsellor at Embassy of Turkiye, Islamabad

December 8, 2022: The External Linkages Department and the Mass Communication Department of RWU conducted a meeting with Mr. Mehmet Kiraz, Turkiye's Education Counsellor at the Embassy of Turkiye Islamabad. Representatives from RWU, including Mr. Javed Hassan Awan, Dr. Nauman Ahmed Ansari, Dr. Baqir Husnain, and Ms. Iraj Munawar Gill, met with Mr. Mehmet Kiraz to explore collaboration opportunities between RWU and Turkish universities. The discussion focused on empowering women through education, strengthening academic ties through exchange programs and joint research opportunities, and providing scholarship opportunities for female students.



Financial Assistance to Students

Sr. No.	Name of Scholarship	No. of students	Amount per student	Total Amount	Current Status
1	Ehsas Pakistan Phase II	131	PKR 100,000/- for science student & 97,000/- for Arts & Humanities student	12,914,000	Disbursed
2	PEEF	64	60,000	3,840,000	Disbursed
3	Rehmat ul lil Almeen	31	~25,000	775,000	Disbursed
4	Bait ul Maal	67	Full Tuition Fee Coverage	~ 2,144,000	Disbursed
5	Bait ul Maal	28	Full Hostel Fee Coverage	~1,120,000	Disbursed
6	Khubaib Foundation	07	Full Tuition Fee & Full Hostel Fee Coverage	504,000	Disbursed
7	Diya Pakistan	02	24,000	48,000	Disbursed
8	AMS	01	25,000	25,000	Disbursed
9	Ehsas Pakistan Phase III	15	3,211,500 /-	3,211,500	Disbursed
10	AMS	06	Amount variable based on student CGPA	In Process	In Process
11	DIYA	100	Amount variable based on student CGPA	In Process	In Process

Total Amount Disbursed Under the scholarship till December 2022: 24,581,500/

Extra and Co-Curricular Activities

Cleanliness Drive

October 5, 2022: The RWU Green Youth Movement (GYM) club organized a cleanliness campaign and awareness walk to educate young people about their responsibilities in preventing littering and promoting proper use of waste bins.

October 18, 2022: The RWU Social Sciences Society organized a "Cleanliness and Self Hygiene Walk" to encourage everyone to contribute towards maintaining a clean and green university. The participants, including Sociology department students and faculty, also attended a seminar highlighting the significance of cleanliness and self-hygiene for a healthy environment.



Books Display on Seerat-un-Nabi (PBUH)

October 7, 2022: The RWU library organized a book display on Seerat-un-Nabi (PBUH) to commemorate the life and teachings of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). The event aimed to raise awareness and emphasize the significance of studying the Prophet's (PBUH) life. The display featured a diverse collection of books on Seerat-un-Nabi (PBUH), encouraging students to engage with and gain a deeper understanding of the teachings of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH).



Orientation Session of batch of 2022

Administrative Orientation: Directorate of Student Affairs organized an orientation session for the incoming batch of 2022. Students were given a warm welcome and various administrative departments (Registrar, Student Affairs, Library, Examination, IT, Treasure, Medical, Hostel and E-Rozgar) provided a comprehensive overview of the university's policies, procedures, and resources of their respective departments.



Academic Orientation: The academic orientation was conducted by Fine Arts, Sociology and Business Administration Departments. The heads of the respective departments provided students with information on academic requirements.

“Taleem Aur Hunar Sath Sath” Orientation Drive

October 17, 2022: The Punjab Information Technology Board organized orientation drive of “Taleem Aur Hunar Sath Sath” at Rawalpindi Women University. Former Federal Minister for Planning, Development, Reforms & Special Initiatives Asad Umar and Punjab Information Technology Minister Dr. Arslan Khalid graced the event as chief guests. PITB DG e-Governance Sajid Latif and RWU Vice-Chancellor Dr. Anila Kamal joined as Guest of Honor.



The guests emphasized the need for youth to learn new digital skills to uplift Pakistan's economy. Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal appreciated the efforts of PITB in training students. Freelancing Guru Hisham Sarwar, Pakistan Software Houses Association (P@SHA) Secretary General Hira Zainab, Impact Dynamics Founding Director Maryam Arshad shared their experiences about online earning through social media and e-commerce.



Food Festival

October 25, 2022: The Chemistry Department organized a food festival on 'World Food Day' under the umbrella of RWU Science Society. Students from the Chemistry Department set up various food stalls, accompanied by games competitions and informative food awareness charts.



Read Pakistan Competition

October 26, 2022: The Read Pakistan Competition was organized under the supervision of Dr. Asma Zahoor. Ms. Khadija Saeed, Additional Director of Students Affairs, graced the event as the Guest Speaker. Students presented their book reviews for the second round of the competition. The finalists will have the opportunity to participate in the Final round, where they will compete against students from universities across Pakistan.

Ashra-e-Rahmat-ul-Aalamin

October 26, 2022: Character Building Society and Islamic Studies department of RWU celebrated "Ashra-e-Rahmat-ul-Aalamin" to honor the teachings of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) in the Holy month of Rabi-ul-Awal. Students and teachers recited well-prepared 'Naat's in praise of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) and delivered speeches on Prophet's Uswa e Husna and Ba'ast-e-Rasool. The closing of the Milad was marked with a beautifully recited 'dua.'



Medical Session on Nutrition and Injury Management for Athletes

October 28, 2022: Ms. Sadaf Parveen, Asst. Dir. Sports, arranged a medical session with medical officer RWU, Dr. Rida Munir who emphasized the importance of a balanced diet, including essential nutrients and minerals, to maintain the overall health and fitness of athletes. Moreover, the session also discussed the management of injuries and the best practices to prevent them.

Panel Discussion on Emerging Trends in Computing

November 01, 2022: The Department of Information Technology organized an interactive panel discussion with the team members of Creative IT Park (a multinational software solutions provider). The aim of the discussion was to highlight the emerging trends in computing and software engineering which helped students in the selection of their final year projects.

Symposium on Mechanics of Dissertation Writing

November 1, 2022: Department of English organized a Symposium on Mechanics of Dissertation delivered by Dr. Azka Khan and Dr. Abida Ayesha. The Students of English Department (5th and 7th Semester) participated in the Activity.

Guest Lecture on TV News Production

October 28, 2022: The Mass Communication department organized a guest lecture on 'How to make a Good TV News Package'. Mr. Usman Khan, a senior print and TV journalist and Special Correspondent at SAMAA TV, shared his expertise on the technical and editorial aspects of creating a successful TV news package.



Talk on Health and Well Being

November 2, 2022: A talk was conducted by Dr. Shazia Rehman, Chemistry Department, to provide basic concepts of cleanliness procedures of contaminated water, insufficient sanitation, and poor hygiene habits.

RWU Athletics and Boxing Team Participates in Inter-University Championship

November 21, 2022: The Athletics and Boxing teams of RWU participated in the "All Pakistan Inter-University 44th Athletics Championship and First Boxing Championship" held at Lahore College for Women University.



Plantation Drive with Gym Members

November 29, 2022: The GYM club members of the Physics Department conducted a plantation drive with an aim to promote a green and healthier environment.

Walk for Awareness of Gender Based Violence

November 30, 2022: To raise awareness about Gender-Based Violence during the global observance of the 16 Days of Activism (Nov 25 - Dec 10), Dr. Anam Khan (Asst. Prof. of Psychology) and Farhat Sana (Asst. Prof. of Psychology and Focal Person of Women Development Centre RWU) organized a walk. Faculty members joined the walk, while students created banners and posters to promote awareness about Gender-Based Violence.

RWU Hockey Team Participates in Prime Minister Youth Sports League Trials

November 23, 2022: The hockey team of RWU participated in the "Prime Minister Youth Sports League Hockey Trials" organized by Fatima Jinnah Women University at Mari Petroleum Hockey ground in Rawalpindi.



Blood Donation Camp

November 30, 2022: Rawalpindi Women University organized an awareness session on Hepatitis, Polio, and Thalassemia, followed by a blood donation camp in collaboration with the Jamila Sultana Foundation and Pakistan Sweet Home.

Col. Tauqeer, Project Director of Jamila Sultana Foundation, and Mr. Zamrud Khan, Founder of Pakistan Sweet Home, visited the camp to motivate students for this noble cause. Dr. Rida Munir, Medical Officer at RWU, delivered a lecture to raise awareness about Hepatitis and Polio.

A significant number of volunteers, including students and staff of RWU, participated in the blood donation drive, resulting in a substantial collection of blood. Dr. Anila Kamal, Vice Chancellor of RWU, expressed her appreciation for the students' active involvement in this noble initiative.



Oath Taking Ceremony of Student Council and Societies/Clubs

December 02, 2022: Directorate of Student Affairs organized Oath Taking Ceremony of Student Council and Societies/Clubs for the academic year 2022-2023. The ceremony was administered by Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, Vice Chancellor of RWU. Dr. Anila encouraged the newly inducted members to work with dedication and commitment towards the betterment of the university and students.



An awareness session on E-Commerce

November 30, 2022: An awareness session was organized by the Department of Information Technology on "E-commerce is a field where no boundaries of place, time, or age". The speaker of the session was Ms. Afshan Abid (Enablers Consultant) who guided the students on procedure to enter and excel in the field of e-commerce as a freelancer.

Welcome and Farewell Party

December 01, 2022: The Department of Business Administration organized a farewell party for the outgoing batch 2018 along with a welcome party for the incoming batch 2022. Head of the department, Dr. Shahzad Hussain, delivered an inspiring speech emphasizing the importance of alumni in any university.



Session on Women Rights and Empowerment

December 01, 2022: The students from Business Administration Department attended the session "Coffee with Nilofer Bakhtiar" organized by Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce under the supervision of Ms. Huma Fawad (Dir. Students Affairs), Ms. Khadija Saeed (Addl. Dir. Students Affairs) and Faculty Members of Business Administration Department. The Chairperson of National Commission for Women Status, Ms. Nilofer Bakhtiar, shared her valuable thoughts on women rights and empowerment in the business world.

RWU Sports Society Organized Intra and Inter Departmental Sports Week

December 5-9, 2022: The RWU Sports Society organized Intra and Inter Departmental Sports Week which included a range of games such as chess, ludo, badminton, tug of war, 100-meter race, and a 3-leg race. The Chemistry Department secured 1st position, with the Department of Zoology coming in 2nd place, and the Department of IT at 3rd position.



World Science Day for Peace and Development

December 7, 2022: Rawalpindi Women University celebrated the World Science Day for Peace and Development. Students of BS Zoology displayed various scientific models to improve awareness among the university community.



Study Tour to Lok Virsa Museum

December 13, 2022: The Department of Sociology organized a study tour to Lok Virsa Museum to provide students with an opportunity to learn about the cultural heritage of Pakistan and explore the rich history of the country.



Visually Impaired Students of RWU Participate in National Hiking Event

December 14, 2022: Visually impaired students of RWU took part in the National Hiking Event on Trail3, Maragalla Hills, Islamabad, organized by the Pakistan Foundation Fighting Blindness (PFFB). The event was a significant opportunity for visually impaired students to engage in healthy physical activities and gain confidence. The PFFB appreciated the efforts of RWU for facilitating visually impaired students.



Entrepreneurship Gala 2022

December 14, 2022: The Department of Business Administration hosted the "Entrepreneurship Gala 2022" under the supervision of Ms. Jaweria Tariq, lecturer in the department. The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, graced the occasion and underscored the significant role of female entrepreneurs in sustainable economic development.



Lecture on "Understanding the Right to Information in the Constitution of Pakistan"

December 14, 2022: Department of Political Science conducted a guest lecture on the topic of "Understanding the Right to Information in the Constitution of Pakistan" by Dr. Usman Hameed, Dean School of Law Bahria University Islamabad. He helped students to understand the significance and procedure to pursue Right to Information in the Constitution of Pakistan followed by an interactive Q & A Session.

CodeFest Competition

December 14, 2022: The Department of Computer Science & Information Technology organized "CodeFest" (an Intra-University Competition)



to engage students in coding and graphic designing activities. The Students from different departments explored various software tools to present their ideas in the form of posters. Ms. Atifa Rafique, Head of the Department, appreciated the best performers. In addition to the contest, students showed great participation and hard work in putting up stalls and entertaining customers.

RWU Students Completes Target of Reading 50 Books

December 17, 2022: English department participated in the National Reading Campaign's annual Read Pakistan event held at Pakistan National Council of Arts Islamabad, aimed to promote a culture of reading and recognize individuals who have made significant contributions to the cause. Six RWU students honored for completing the target of reading 50 books in a year and received certificates.

RWU Launches E-Rozgar Training with Self-Sustainable Model

December 14, 2022: Rawalpindi Women University has started its first batch of E-Rozgar training with a self-sustainable model. The trainees joined the orientation session in the domains of Digital Marketing & Content Writing, Graphic Designing, and E-Commerce & WordPress Development.

The center manager, Mr. Junaid Ali, and trainers gave a brief introduction and shared a few success stories to motivate them. The E-Rozgar training program is designed to equip trainees with the necessary skills and knowledge to become successful freelancers.



Rawalpindi Women University Organizes Girl Guide Training Program

December 20-23, 2022: Rawalpindi Women University organized four-day Girl Guide training program in collaboration with the Pakistan Girls Guide Association (PGGA). The program aims to provide training to students in Personal Security, Online Safety, Prevention of Substance Abuse, and Emotional Well-being.

Global Entrepreneurship Week 2022

December 21, 2022: Dr. Sadia Hanif, IPFP fellow, along with students from the Department of Business Administration, participated in the closing ceremony of "Global Entrepreneurship Week 2022" organized by Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce and Industry (RCCI). Ms. Shaza Fatima, Special Assistant to Prime Minister on Youth Affairs was the chief guest of the ceremony.

16 Days of Activism to Eliminate Gender Based Violence' Campaign concluded at RWU

December 23, 2022: '16 Days of Activism to Eliminate Gender Based Violence' Campaign concluded at Rawalpindi Women University. The ceremony was graced by Minister of Planning, Development and Special Initiatives (MoPD&SI), Mr. Ahsan Iqbal as Chief Guest. Keynote speakers included Dr. Shaista Sohail, Executive Director HEC, Ms. Nabila Malick, Technical Advisor National Commission on the Status of Women (NCSW) and Ms. Ayesha Noor Fatima, Young Development Fellow MoPD&SI.

During the ceremony, the importance of the role of women in the development, and well-being and steps

taken to eliminate violence against women in Pakistan were discussed. Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, Vice Chancellor RWU, presented a welcome note to the chief guest and dignitaries. Mr. Ahsan Iqbal emphasized the need to create awareness for the elimination of gender-based violence in Pakistan and also inaugurated the 'Gender Unit' for this cause.



1st Women Freelancing Summit '22

December 22, 2022: The Directorate of Student Affairs, in collaboration with the Punjab Information Technology Board, Youth Affairs & Sports Department, organized an informative session on the 1st Women Freelancing Summit '22. The session aimed to raise awareness about freelancing and women's empowerment and featured prominent speakers from the freelancing industry. Mr. Khurram Ellahi, Ms. Rooshan Sheikh, Ms. Aiman Saroosh, Ms. Aeysha Zaman, Ms. Gulzeba, Ms. Naila Raja, Ms. Roz Zainab, and Ms. Saira Khan helped students understand the significance of having a good mindset, learning attitude, consistency, and the importance of skills in a freelancing journey.



Project Gala by CS Department

December 27, 2022: The Department of Computer Science organized a Project Gala to present students proposals for final year projects. The main purpose of this event was to encourage critical thinking, creativity, and knowledge sharing among the students. Ms. Atifa Rafique, Head of the Department, inaugurated the event and evaluated the presentations of the students based on the novelty of ideas,



communication skills, and poster designs. The best performers were awarded certificates.

Eco-Tourism

December 28, 2022: A recreational and educational trip to "Khehra Salt mines" was arranged by Department of Botany.



Chemistry Symposium

December 27, 2022: A "chemistry symposium" was arranged under the supervision of Dr. Mehwish Huma Nasir with focus of creating more awareness of chemistry and its applications. The exhibition was inaugurated by head of department Dr. Naheed Kaukab Bhatti. The models were judged on parameters of creativity, innovation, scientific aptitude and practical application.



Alumni and Student Corner

Nigar Nazar (Graduate of 1969)



As an alumna, I am honored to have been associated with an institution that has played a significant role in shaping who I am today. I attribute my success as the first female cartoonist in Pakistan and the Muslim world to the strong academic foundation. This institute has provided me with a nurturing environment that encouraged me to explore my creative potential.

I am proud to say that I have earned many distinctions for my contributions to the field of art, including the Mohtarma Fatima Jinnah Award and being chosen by the BBC as one of the "100 Global Women Who Had Made a Difference." I am also the founder of Gogi Studios, which has been involved in various national and international campaigns for creating awareness about social issues since the 1990s.

I have tried to address and aware general public about social issues in the most humorous way such as women's empowerment, human rights, child safety, health and hygiene, corruption, interfaith harmony, extremism, girls' education, and natural disasters. As I believe that a message conveyed in humorous way can be absorbed by the masses effectively.

I have worked as an author, illustrator, and concept artist for many renowned organizations, including the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), the Asian Development Bank, and the United Nations Development Program (UNDP), among others.

As an alumna, I am proud to see how RWU continues to make significant contributions to society by educating and empowering the next generation of women leaders. I wish RWU all the best.

Ramsha Basharat (Vice President Science Society)

I am excited to share my thoughts and experiences about my time at RWU. As a student in my 7th semester of BS Statistics, I have had the privilege of being a part of this outstanding university that has transformed me into the person I am today.

One of the most remarkable aspects of RWU is the faculty. They are highly knowledgeable, passionate, and devoted to their students' success. They have helped me to develop a strong foundation in my field of study and encouraged me to pursue my goals with confidence.

Moreover, I am honored to serve as the Vice President of the Science Society at RWU, where I have been able to enhance my leadership skills and contribute to the university community. The opportunities and resources available at RWU have helped me to grow both personally and professionally.

Overall, I consider myself fortunate to be a part of such a prestigious institution. I would highly recommend this university to anyone looking for a quality education and an environment that fosters personal and academic growth.

