

Rawalpindi Women University



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Vice Chancellor's Message



It is with great pleasure that I present before you the fifth edition of the quarterly newsletter of Rawalpindi Women University (RWU) from July to September 2022. It has been a busy quarter with admissions progressing for Fall 2022, University was undergoing renovation despite heavy rains, hiring the first batch of University faculty amidst a jubilant atmosphere as the nation prepares to celebrate the 76th Independence Day. August is the

month of Pakistan and it reminds us of the vision of our great leaders, the determination of our people, and the sacrifices made by millions of our countrymen during its creation. It was a pursuit to find freedom by creating a homeland that ensures creativity, growth, harmony, and peace. Today we are the custodians of our country and are entrusted with the huge responsibility to make it better every day. I wish and pray that we achieve all that our ancestors wanted us to, however, being part of the University as my alma mater and its leader today, I feel immensely proud as this seat of learning was established just after four years of the creation of Pakistan with a notion to empower the young women with education and skills. The journey continues starting with a handful number of people, gaining momentum and growing in terms of the number of students and its departments from college to post-degree college and then to a full-fledged University stature. The old trees standing tall on the campus today are a testament to the fact that despite immense challenges and hardships this Institute has faced, it has borne the test of time proving that with good nurturing and care flowers still blossom. Our students are the future of our country and we at the University are constantly in pursuit of providing them with the best faculty, laboratories, and services on campus that can make the University a more dynamic and vibrant place creating top-notch professionals equipped to face the future challenges of the current times in every field of study.

I wish unprecedented success to Rawalpindi Women University, its students, its Alumni, its faculty, and its administration to rise and shine in the years to come Inshallah.

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RWU Milestones



Transition of E-Rozgar to RWU

July 19, 2022: Worthy Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal had a meeting with the E- Rozgar team including Director IT Abdul Khaliq, Program Manager eRozgaar Marketing Hassan Mirza, Sidra Zabbih, Madam Atifa Rafiq and Yasir Mumtaz for the transition of this program from the Government of Punjab to Rawalpindi Women University.

Syndicate meeting

The 6th Syndicate meeting of Rawalpindi Women University was conducted by Registrar's Office under the chair of Secretary HED on 22nd July, 2022.



Admissions Fall-2022

August 8, 2022: The Registrar's Office initiated the process of admissions in BS Program for the Fall 2022 semester. The admission process started on 8th August 2022 and was extended till 1st November 2022. Approximately 1350 students get admitted to the university roll in 15 disciplines of BS program.

Development Work

- Renovated the old constructed hostel rooms into 07 livable rooms
- Restoration of Water Supply
- Furnishing of the conference room, meeting room, and webinar room with required gadgets and instruments like sound system, multimedia, screens, and air conditioner
- Provision of HVAC facilities at the library

Abdul Mateen Ansari Memorial Scholarship

August 24, 2022: Financial Aid & Scholarship Office introduced a new scholarship program by the name of Abdul Mateen Ansari Memorial Scholarship sponsored by Thinkers Forum Pakistan (TFP). It is a merit cum need based Scholarship to aid the deserving students of Rawalpindi Women University. The higher the CGPA of the student the more coverage the scholarship shall offer.

Board of Faculties Meeting



September 26, 2022: Board of Faculty for the Faculty of Sciences was held presided by the Vice Chancellor.

Recruitment of Teaching Faculty

Teaching faculty appointment on regular basis and further recruitment is still in process.

Assistant Professors

Name	Department
Dr. Raza Ullah	Sociology
Dr. Bushra Perveen	Physics
Dr. Muhammad Naveed Ul Haq	Physics
Dr. Mamoon Munir	Botany
Dr. Banzeer Ahsan Abbasi	Botany
Dr. Azka Khan	English
Dr. Abida Ayesha	English
Dr. Shazia Shamas	Zoology
Dr. Rabea Ejaz	Zoology
Dr. Shahzad Hussain	Business Administration
Dr. Noman Ahmed Ansari	Mass Communication
Dr. Ghulam Safdar	Mass Communication
Dr. Amber Sarwar Hashmi	Computer Science
Dr. Shagufta Ijaz	Mathematics
Dr. Iqra Shahzadi	Mathematics
Dr. Anam Khan	Psychology
Dr. Rayna Sadia Raja	Psychology
Dr. Hina Naeem	Chemistry
Dr. Saba Ashraf	Chemistry
Dr. Musarat Ijaz	Statistics
Dr. Saba Riaz	Statistics

Lecturers

Name	Department
Dr. Gul e Ali	Physics
Amber Kazmi	Physics
Dr. Shazia Rehman	Botany
Dr. Sadia Malik	Botany
Saira Rashad	English
Harmain Rukh	English
Muhammad Shozab Askari	Pakistan Studies
Zoya Zafar	Pakistan Studies
Dr. Fareeha Ambreen	Zoology
Dr. Huda Sarwar	Zoology
Nabiha Muzzafar	Fine Arts
Sahrish Jamil	Fine Arts
Hafsa Rasheed	Business Administration
Tehreem Ali	Business Administration
Ghulam Murtaza	Political Science
Syed Umair Jalal	Political Science
Nazia Rehman	Mass Communication
Zil e Huma	Mass Communication
Sidra Khudadad	Information Technology
Qurat-ul-Ain	Information Technology
Maria Mahmood	Computer Science
Anum Nawaz Kiani	Computer Science
Qurat-ul-Ain Arshad	Islamic Studies
Saima Bashir	Islamic Studies
Dr. Rehana Rahim	Mathematics
Dr. Madiha Bibi	Mathematics
Umm Eman Syed	Psychology
Sumaira Manzoor	Psychology
Dr. Noor ul Ain	Chemistry
Dr. Tunzeel Iqbal	Chemistry
Dr. Ghulam Narjis	Statistics
Maryam Murtaza	Statistics

Honors and Awards

Faculty Achievements

“International Travel Award 2022” awarded to Dr. Nasir Mehmood of ORIC, RWU



August 6-10, 2022: Dr. Nasir Mehmood (Asst. Dir. ORIC) won a very competitive “International Travel Award” for the Year 2022 by the Office of International Programs (OIP), American Phytopathological Society (APS) to present his research work.

The travel award also provided Dr. Nasir with a remarkable opportunity to represent Rawalpindi Women University at “Plant Health 2022” held in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, USA. The “Plant Health 2022” theme was “Warming Up to Change,” which will explore the profound changes in plant health research, education, and engagement driven by transformations in climate, technology, and society.

Student Achievements

RWU won three positions in Diamond Jubilee Celebration Painting Competition



July 26, 2022: Nimra Naveed, Zaneera Ghafoor and Hafsa Irum students of Fine Arts Department won 2nd, 3rd and 4th position respectively in the Diamond Jubilee Celebration Painting Competition at Rawalpindi Arts Council. The Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal appreciated the students and congratulated Ms. Shaheena Mir, HoD Fine Arts for this achievement.





Student Achievements Best Ambassador for HITEC Olympiad 2022

July 06, 2022: Neha Ali Khan, President IT Club, RWU has been awarded with the award of Best Ambassador for HITEC Olympiad. This award presented to her for leading RWU team with highest number of participants in Olympiad competitions.

Conferences

Vice Chancellor presented a talk in 26th International Congress of the International Association of Cross-Cultural Psychology

July 12-16, 2022: Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, Vice Chancellor RWU, presented in the symposium “Congress Stream: Theoretical Advances in Culture and Psychology” & presented a talk titled “Understanding Honor Killing in a Cross Cultural Perspective” in 26th International Congress of the International Association of Cross-Cultural Psychology.

Dr. Naila Erum as Session Chair and Participant in International Conference

August 16-18, 2022: Dr. Naila Erum, IPFP Fellow, Department of Political Science participated as Session Chair and presented paper in the International Conference on “Strengthening teaching and Research Capacities: Collaborative Partnership in Social Sciences” held at Fatima Jinnah Women University (FJWU), Rawalpindi.

Vice Chancellor RWU as Session Chair in 9th International Conference on Trauma, Abuse and Violence

July 23, 2022: Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, Vice Chancellor RWU, participated as session chair of scientific session in 9th International Conference on “Trauma, Abuse & Violence: Thriving for a World Without Torture” at National Institute of Psychology Quaid-e-Azam University Islamabad. She also presented a keynote titled “Dowry at Marriage as a Risk Factor in Relationship between Input of Dowry, Psychological Distress and Marital Satisfaction” at the conference.

Vice Chancellor RWU as Panelist in International Conference



August 16, 2022: Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, Vice Chancellor RWU, as a Panelist in the International Conference titled “Mapping and Meeting Future Demand for Higher Education” at Fatima Jinnah Women University.



Vice Chancellor RWU as Session Chair & Keynote Speaker in 2nd International Conference of Psychology on Women Mental Health Care

September 15, 2022: Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, Vice Chancellor RWU, participated as Session Chair and Keynote Speaker “Impact of Childhood Abuse” in 2nd International Conference of Psychology on Women Mental Health Care, organized by USEFP and Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University Peshawar at Marriott Hotel Islamabad. Dr. Anila presented a keynote titled “Understanding Childhood Abuse impact on Marital Relationship in Pakistan”. Faculty members of the Department of Psychology also attended the conference.



Vice Chancellor RWU as Panelist at Vice Chancellors' Conference at Kohsar University

September 30, 2022: Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, Vice Chancellor RWU, participated as Panelist Discussion Moderator in Punjab Universities Vice Chancellors Conference on "Paradigm Shift in Higher Education-Hackathon Planning for Future" jointly organized by Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC), Higher Education Commission (HEC), Kohsar University Murree and University of Education, Lahore.



Trainings and Workshops Outside RWU

RWU participation in “Financial Autonomy of Public Sector Universities”

July 28 -31, 2022: Dr. Motsim Billah, Additional Director, ORIC attended 04 day training on the “Financial Autonomy of Public Sector Universities” at G.C University, Lahore. The guest speaker, Khawaja Zahid Hussain, Financial Management Specialist, HEC Islamabad, gave the training on building the capacity of the university administration for financial autonomy through various initiatives including revenue enhancement and fund generation. The program included features of the framework for financial autonomy, as well as, better financial management, guidelines for endowment funds, internal and external audits and tax matters for the practical applicability of the concepts.



Workshop on Exhibition and Event Management Skills- RCCI

August 04, 2022: Students of RWU attended one day workshop on Exhibition and Event Management Skills at Rawalpindi Chamber of Commerce, organized by National Business Development Programs - (SMEDA). President RCCI Ch. Nadeem A Rauf, Senior Vice President Mr. Asim Malik and Vice President Mr. Tallat Mehmood chaired the session. The workshop covered the topics of human resource, finance, risk management, event planning. The students learnt from this interactive session.



Research Capacity Building Program - HEC



September 5 – 8, 2022: Dr. Motsim Billah, Additional Director ORIC, Dr. Shazia Shamas from Department of Zoology and Dr. Ryna Sadia from Department of Psychology participated in a four-day Research Capacity Building Programme conducted from 5th September, 2022 to 8th September, 2022 at Marriot Hotel, Islamabad by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) in collaboration with the British Council, Pakistan under the Pak-UK Education Gateway project. The resource persons Prof. Dr. Marco

Van Ded Wie and Prof. Dr. Vaughal Shilton from UK trained the faculty members on the learning opportunity present and how to upgrade themselves in research carrier and technical writing skills. The research group of Rawalpindi Women University comprising faculty/researchers of FJWU, AIOU and Punjab Agriculture department got first position in research proposal competition among all universities from Punjab, KPK and Islamabad participating in the capacity building program.

Workshop on Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing Technique



September 14, 2022: Faculty members of Department of Psychology attended workshop on Eye Movement Desensitization and reprocessing technique, organized by USEFP and Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University Peshawar at Marriott Hotel Islamabad. The informative workshop was conducted by Dr. Saima Sandhu (USA).

Training on Financial Management

September 19-23, 2022: Nine Administrative Officers of RWU attended a five day online training on “Financial Management for Officers” arranged by the External Linkages Department in coordination with the Management & Professional Development Department Government of The Punjab. Mr. Iftikhar Ahmad, Ex-Director General Audit, Punjab, Mr. Arshad Baig, Director (Audit), Inspector General of Police Office, Mr. Javed Iqbal, Director Finance and Accounts (Retired), Mr. Sohail Ahmad, Ex-Chairman P&D, Mr. Kashif Mushtaq, Chief Procurement, Punjab Safe City Authority, Mr. Tajamul Elahi, Director General Audit, Lahore, Punjab, Mr. Rab Nawaz Khan, Consultant Finance Department and Mr. Imran Qureshi, Deputy Secretary, Finance Department (Retired) conducted the sessions.

Training on Office Management for Officers

September 12-16, 2022: For the capacity building of university's employees, online training on "Office Management for Officers" for newly hired administrative officials was arranged by External Linkages Department in coordination with the Management & Professional Development Department Government of The Punjab. 11 Officers of RWU attended this training. Mr. Syed Mahmood Javed, Secretary (Retired), Mr. Maqsood Ahmad, Ex. Secretary C&W Department, Mr. Ashiq Hussain Aulakh, Mr. Ashfaq Bukhari, Deputy Director, Women Development Department, Mr. Qaiser Saleem, Ex DG Population, Welfare Department, Mr. Jaffer Ali Khan, Additional Secretary, Governor Secretariat, Mr. Ahmed Ali Kamboh, Secretary, Regulations Wing, Mr. Abad Aslam, Corporate trainer/ Ex Senior Manager, NOVARTIS, Dr. Tahira Hafeez, Psychologist and Counselor and Mr. Babar Shafi, Former Member, Inquiries S&GAD were engaged as resource persons for the 5 days training session. Participants attended the training session in the Smart Class Room of RWU to make this Smart Class Room active for the first time.



Workshop on Accountability (Rules/Laws)

September 26-28, 2022: Management Officials of RWU attended three days online workshop on Accountability (Rules/Laws) for Officers" arranged by the External Linkages Department in coordination with the Management & Professional Development Department Government of The Punjab. Highly qualified, most relevant and senior government officials/ resource persons were engaged to cover the workshop. The resource



persons were Mr. Anwar Rashid, Ex- DG ACE, Lahore, Mr. Babar Shafi, Former Member Inquires, S&GAD, Mr. Ashiq Hussain Aulakh, Former Member Enquiries, S&GAD, Ms. Binish Nauman, Deputy Director NAB, Lahore and Mr. Asif Raza, Additional Director NAB, Lahore.

Seminars and Webinars

Seminar on Sustainable Development Goals of the UN on Climate Change and Environment and Plantation Drive Initiation

July 29, 2022: Dr. Shaista Sohail, Acting Chairperson Higher Education Commission (HEC) was the Chief Guest of the event organized in collaboration with External Linkages Department of RWU. She started the Plantation Drive of the University by planting a tree on the premises and later on attended the seminar titled "Sustainable development goals of the UN on Climate Change and Environment" as its chief guest.

Dr. Shaista Sohail, speaking on the occasion highlighted the importance of climate change and its link to global survival of mankind. Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal encouraged student endeavours to bring significant benefits to the planet and its beings. Dr. Azeem and Dr. Khadija Javed were the guest speakers at the seminar. The seminar was attended by a large number of RWU faculty, administration and students.



Seminar on “Financial Aid Outreach through Ihsan Trust, Meezan Bank”

August 03, 2022: In continuation to the effort of facilitating students, the Scholarship Desk of the Directorate of Student Affairs arranged a seminar themed “Financial Aid Outreach through Ihsan Trust, Meezan Bank” which was addressed by Mr. Zulqarnain Haider, Vice President Meezan Bank. He briefed the students about the details of Ihsan trust initiative of the bank and apprised the students about the application process, selection criteria and funding timelines. Moreover, he also briefed the students about the concept of Islamic banking and interest-free educational loans to students on a purely "Need cum merit" basis. This Interest-free loan facility is a unique model to enable higher education in Pakistan.

Chevening Sscholarship Program 2022 to 2023 - Webinar

September 8, 2022: Financial Aid & Scholarship Office, Rawalpindi Women University arranged a webinar in collaboration with British High Commission for the detailing and dissemination of information regarding the Chevening scholarship program. The speakers of the webinar were officers of the British high commission which were responsible for the Chevening scholarship program 2022 to 2023. The webinar included basic introduction of the said scholarship followed by the eligibility criteria, application processing, university placement, scholarship coverage and other additional information dissemination of the said program with all administrative staff, academic staff and students of Rawalpindi Women University.

Webinar on Postdoctoral Fellowships Abroad



September 24, 2022: For awareness and guidance of PhD graduates who intend to avail Postdoctoral opportunity abroad, a webinar (8:00PM to 9:30PM (PST), via Zoom link) was arranged by the External Linkages Department, Rawalpindi Women University (RWU) in coordination with Dr. Humaira Jami, Assistant Professor, Quaid-e-Azam University, Islamabad. The participants were educated on proper way to submit the application form, followed by online panel discussion/interactive session. Five panelist members from world class universities of U.S. took the session to guide the potential applicants.

Industrial and External Linkages (MoUs)

MoU signed between Institute of Peace and Diplomatic Studies and Rawalpindi Women University

July 06, 2022: The Vice Chancellor, RWU; Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal and the President of IPDS; Ms. Farhat Asif signed a memorandum of understanding regarding the development of bilateral cooperation in Knowledge sharing, Research-and-Development and Capacity Building in the fields of International Relations (IR), Diplomatic Studies, Women Peace and Leadership and other areas of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts for the mutual benefit of both organizations between Rawalpindi Women University (RWU) and the Institute of Peace and Diplomatic Studies, Islamabad (IPDS) at RWU.



RWU Collaboration with US Mission



September 8, 2022: To discuss collaborations and opportunities for students of RWU with the U.S. Missions, the External Linkages Department in coordination with Dr. Shagufta Nighat, HoD Zoology Department reached out to the US Mission in Pakistan through their Cultural Affair Specialist, Mr. Sharif Sabir. A fruitful meeting was held with Mr. Sharif Sabir on for the same purpose. Both parties are looking forward for collaboration in future.

Research Projects

ORIC submitted two research projects worth 8.0 Million

July 23-25, 2022: ORIC conducted awareness seminars jointly collaborated by faculty members of Botany, Zoology, Chemistry, and Physics regarding project proposal opportunities under the Joint Scientific Exchange Program (JSEP) between the Pakistan Science Foundation (PSF) and the National Natural Science Foundation of China (NSFC). The seminars resulted in the successful submission of 2 research projects to PSF worth of 4.0 Million each.

Extra and Co-Curricular Activities

Art Exhibition by Fine Arts Department

July 05, 2022: The Vice Chancellor Rawalpindi Women University, Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal inaugurated an exhibition by the Fine Arts Department of the University. The exhibition featured a variety of art works by the student and Alumni of the department and Dr. Anila appreciated the fine aesthetics of the artists besides giving due appreciation to the organizers of the event to have made such a beautiful display of creative paintings and sculptures. The audience also appreciated the artistry of the artist, their choice of subject and creative depth of their work. Talking to the press and media she said, "I highly



recommend everyone to come and see this exhibition which has been beautifully curated by different artists of our university,” she urged as, she added, that art is such an important aspect of life for which and people should take out the time to enjoy and appreciate such works.

Head of Department Fine Arts, Prof. Dr. Memoona Khan, said on the occasion that our alumni are serving in different organizations as designers, sculptors, calligraphers and painters and the University is so proud of the professional success of its graduates. This is a testament to the good quality teaching faculty that we have on the campus at RWU. Two students donated huge size murals to the university which would be displayed in suitable places at the campus” she announced. On this occasion visitors also took great interest in the artwork being displayed. The event was attended by a large number of RWU students, faculty and alumni of government post graduate college satellite town Rawalpindi.



Visit to Fish Hatchery

July 5, 2022: Students of BS Zoology, 6 semester visited Fish Hatchery, Islamabad. The study tour provided first-hand information to the students regarding fish breeding, egg collection and hatchery maintenance.



An awareness session on Sales & Marketing network

July 20, 2022: An awareness session was held at Rawalpindi Women University on "Sales and Marketing network" by the PK Business Edge Pvt. Ltd. The guest speaker of awareness session was Mr. Zafar Saleem Bangash, Country Director at PK Business Edge Pvt. Ltd and after the session they offered internship opportunities to RWU students which later on was availed by 15 students of the University.



Singing Competition

July 21, 2022: Rawalpindi Women University believes in providing platform to the students so as their talent and skill can be nurtured on all levels. Directorate of Student Affairs organized a singing competition to serve as a talent hunt for the University students so as students with singing ability can come forward. Audience enjoyed the competition and shared their joy by tapping the beat. Ms.Huma Fawad, Director Students Affairs, Dr. Asma Zahoor from English Department and Ms. Jaweria Tariq from BBA Department were the judges.

Kashaf Owais from English Department and Nayab Ali Mughal from Intermediate section jointly won the competition while Maheen Ishfaq from Physics Department got 2nd position and Momina Shabbir from Computer Science Department.



Visit to Museum of Natural History, Islamabad

July 21, 2022: A tour to Pakistan Museum of Natural History was organized by the Department Botany for the student of 4th semester to give practical understanding of the subject named "Biodiversity and Conservation". The visit of different Labs under Botanical Science Division gave the students an opportunity to explore & get deeper understanding of local species of fungi (especially Mushroom), algae and other plants.



Visit to National Agriculture Research Centre Islamabad and Eco Toxicology Research Program

July 21, 2022: Students of Botany department, 8th semester visited the different labs at National Institutes for Genomics and Advanced Biotechnology and closely observed the ongoing projects. The Scientific Officers Dr. Nauman and Ms. Safina briefed the students about various molecular techniques being practiced in labs.

Students also visited Eco Toxicology Research Program where Principal Scientific officer, Dr. Farrukh Mehboob briefed the students about the techniques available at their facility which are being used to study various aspects of Environmental Biology.



Green Youth Movement Orientation Session on Environment



July 22, 2022: Dr. Jaweria Shamshad delivered a talk for the students about environmental issues and role of youth in handling these issues. She enlightened the audience about the subject while informing them about the need, objectives, activities which youth can indulge in to solve issues related to environment. She also introduced the Green Youth Movement activities initiated by Higher Education Commission in academic institutes across the country and the GYM Club at RWU formulated for the campus students. She apprised about the membership procedures and benefits of the GYM club during the orientation session on environment and explained how

identification of environmental problems can lead to Eco-innovation and Ecopreneurship. Through GYM club youth will be sensitized and engaged in solving environmental problems and members of the club will be participating in cleanliness drives, plantation drives, trainings, boot camps, awareness drives, poster competitions, green sports, exposure visits and community services project.

Display of Handmade Crafts

July 27, 2022: Students of Statistics Society of RWU displayed stalls of handmade craft and food under the supervision of society faculty in charge Ms. Saba Zafar. Items displayed were handmade jewelry, key chains and food items prepared by society members. The head of the Department, Ms. Zainab Dar and faculty of statistics visited the stalls and appreciated the creative work and efforts of students for organizing this activity.



Plantation Drive



August 11, 2022: In continuation to the plantation drive commencement by Executive Director Higher Education Commission Pakistan, Dr. Shaista Sohail in the end of July, a full-fledged event was held in the University in in collaboration with the Forest Department, Rawalpindi. Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal was the chief guest and collaborated efforts were made by the Directorate of Student Affairs and Green Youth Movement club of the University to mark the closing of the Monsoon Plantation Drive at Rawalpindi Women University. Divisional Forest Officer, Rawalpindi Sajjad Haider Zaidi graced the occasion.



Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal, Mr. Sajjad Haider Zaidi, Dr. Asma Zahoor (Head of English Department), Ms Nusrat Ishtiaq (Head of Pakistan Studies) and Mr. Tahir Abbas Zaidi (Director QEC) planted trees at the event. Forest Department has generously donated one thousand plants to RWU for indoor and outdoor plantation. The DFO emphasized the need for planting and conserving trees and also elaborated the right method and timing of planting trees. Followed this, an awareness walk about tree plantation was also held on the same day on the campus.

Science Exhibition

August 4, 2022: A science exhibition was organized by Department of Chemistry, RWU under the supervision of Dr. Mehwish Huma Nasir (Assistant Professor, IPFP Fellow) Dr. Naheed Kaukab, Head of the Department of Chemistry was the chief guest. Students from 6th semester presented different types of models which were related to different branches



of chemistry like electrochemistry, nuclear chemistry, surface chemistry, etc. The chief guest and faculty members visited all stalls and appreciated the efforts of students. Dr. Naheed, in her address, explained students that how technology has revolutionized the field of chemistry and there are unlimited opportunities in this field where students can develop skills and excel.

75th Independence Day Celebrations in Rawalpindi Women University

August 11-18, 2022: Pakistan Day was observed at Rawalpindi Women University with great national spirit. Besides one major event on August 14, 2022, the whole week celebrations were held individually by different departments of the University. While Addressing on the occasion of Diamond Jubilee of Pakistan Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal said that we should not forget the sacrifices of our forefathers to whom we owe our freedom. Now it is our duty to play our positive role in the development of country, she further added.

75th National Independence day was celebrated with full zeal and zest at Rawalpindi Women University on August 14, 2022. The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal hoisted the National Flag and sang National Anthem along with faculty members and administrative staff in RWU. The ceremony started with the recitation of the Holy Quran and prayers for the prosperity and solidarity of the country followed by patriotic national song. RWU library also organized a small exhibition on the occasion of Independence Day in which books related to Pakistan were displayed. Later cake cutting ceremony took place by the students, faculty and Vice Chancellor of the University.

It was a week long period of festivity where chanting of the national anthem and soul stirring slogan of Pakistan Zindabad along with melodious national songs reiterated the spirit of patriotism in the University. Thenational spirit endorsed the students with a rejuvenating spirit of national solidarity where we as a nation has stood the test of times as a resilient



nation that is capable of accepting the challenges of the modern times.

A Seminar was conducted by Chemistry Department; the Department of Political Science conducted a talk on our country and paid tribute to the motherland, Department of Psychology celebrated Independence Day while the Students of Zoology Department presented national songs, debates and tableau performances with respect to the independence day of Pakistan.



Insect Collection Display

August 18, 2022: A display of Insect collection was organized by the Department of Zoology, Rawalpindi Women University. Students of BS Zoology 8th Semester participated in the event where they collected and preserved insects from different orders to be show cased for the Display.

Trip to Nathia Gali Pipeline Track

August 21, 2022: A recreational trip of BS Zoology Department was organized to Nathia Gali Pipeline track. The students enjoyed the natural beauty.



“Genetic Engineering: A Revolutionized Scientific Arcade” Model Exhibition

August 22, 2022: The Botany Department organized a model exhibition under the theme of Genetic Engineering. Students from 8th semester enthusiastically participated in the exhibition and made different models highlighting the methodologies and applications of Recombinant DNA Technology. The event was concluded with a vote of appreciation by Ms. Saima Sohail (In-charge the Department of Botany) and certificate distribution.

A Book Talk on “Jinnah's Pakistan”

August 22, 2022: Rawalpindi Women University Library arranged a book talk on “Jinnah's Pakistan” in collaboration with the Oxford University Press. Author of the Book Prof. Dr. Farooq Ahmed Dar and Fayyaz Hussain Raza Sales Director, North, Oxford University Press marked his presence on the occasion while Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal graced the event as chief guest.

Dr. Fozia Umar Lecturer Department of History AIOU, moderated the discussion and author of the book narrated the challenges Jinnah faced for the formation of Pakistan in his talk. The book talk enlightened the students with historical knowledge and helped them understand complex dilemmas of the times by giving them an insights into history at the time of inception of Pakistan. Addressing the occasion Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal highlighted the importance of books to the students and how book reading can benefit students in their professional and personal lives in future. Books should be the best friend of a student, she added. In the end, Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal thanked the speakers, participants and organizers for their contribution.



Student Council Trip to Mushkpuri Top

August 23, 2022: To acknowledge the hard work and commitment of the student council in the spring semester 2022, a healthy hiking trip to Mushkpuri Top, Nathia Gali Hills was organized by the Directorate of Student Affairs. The students helped and motivated each other to climb the steep hills of the Mushkpuri.



Entrepreneurship Gala

August 23, 2022: An entrepreneurship gala was arranged by the students of BS Zoology 4th semester under the supervision of Ms. Jaweria Tariq, Lecturer Management Sciences Department. The head of Zoology Department, Dr. Shagufta Yasmin inaugurated the event. The gala provided an opportunity for the students to demonstrate their entrepreneurial skills in the field of Zoology and this project display was arranged as part of their final year project requirement. Students learnt how to start an idea and execute it through different stages as entrepreneurs.



Jabir Bin Hayyan Chemical Society - Certificate Distribution Ceremony

August 24, 2022: A certificate distribution ceremony was conducted by the Chemistry department of RWU and Vice-Chancellor graced the ceremony as chief guest. The certificates were given to appreciate students for their participation in various extracurricular activities, winners of the innovative exhibition, and participants of Kashmir day and other related seminars. Besides, certificates were also awarded to the cabinet members of Jabir Bin Hayyan Chemical Society and Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal appreciated students for their hard work and wish them to excel in every field.



Seminar on "Independence Day and our Responsibilities as a Nation"

August 25, 2022: Department of Computer Science & IT organized a Seminar on "Independence Day and our Responsibilities as a Nation" on at Rawalpindi Women University. The guest speaker was Professor Muhammad Imran Saeed from International Islamic University Islamabad. The event also generated awareness about the flood and its calamities across the country. Faculty members and students actively participated in the collection of donations and collected Rs. 22000/- that was handed over to Ahsas-e- Khalq Foundation.



"Stepping To Metaverse" – VR Photography Exhibition



August 26, 2022: A Novel VR Photography Exhibition "Stepping To Metaverse" was organized by Mass Communication Department of RWU under the supervisor of Mr. Ghulam Maaz Jan. Students of 6th Semester from Mass Communication Department participated in the exhibition and presented their talent in the world of Virtual Reality. Dr. Asma Zahoor was invited as a Chief Guest while Dr. Nouman Ansari, Assistant Professor Mass Communication and Mr. Imran Khan (IT expert from Bahria University) were in the judging panel. Group of students named Anonymous, Photo Mart and Xodo got 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions respectively. Certificates were distributed among winners of the exhibition.



Debating Forum to Practice the Art of Speech Making

August 28, 2022: The Department of English organized a debating forum under the guidance of Ms. Irum Riaz. Twelve different teams participated in the debates and the topics ranged from fashion, and beauty to democracy, war, and the philosophy of education. Dr. Asma Zahoor, Dr. Azka Khan, and Ms. Harmain acted as judges. Dr. Asma Zahoor, Head of the English Department concluded the session and expressed the hope that this will inculcate the habit of debates in the student where they can practice it while maintaining values of tolerance. The quality to peacefully build an argument while communicating and building a debate in a democratic way is an art that is required in the future leaders of any country. Students admired the effort of the forum and responded to it as a great learning experience for them.



RWU-22 Rising Pakistan: Inter-University Competition

August 29, 2022: Rawalpindi Women University in continuation to the 75th Independence Day celebrations organized an Inter-University Competition named RWU-22 Rising Pakistan. This was an Inter-University competition consisting of three categories namely RWU-Shahkaar (Short films Competition), RWU-Fankaar (Caricature Poster Design, Paintings Competition), and RWU-Moseqaar (Singing Competition). The purpose of the event was to revive the patriotic spirit of students and blend it with their skill sets and to provide a platform for students from different universities to explore their passion in music, painting, poster design and short film.

Judges for RWU Moseqaar included Prof. Tehreem Zafar Ex-Vice Principal, Post Graduate College 6th Road Rawalpindi, Prof. Naheed Raza Ex-Head of the History Department, RWU and Ms. Javeria Tariq Lecturer Business Administration RWU. The contestants were judged on the song selection, voice quality, rhythm, pronunciation, showmanship and their appeal to the audience and judges. Hadsa Yaad from Preston University got 1st position, Kashf Owais from Rawalpindi Women University got 2nd University, Ashir Sarwar from Abasyn University Islamabad got 3rd position.



Short film competition theme was “Rising Pakistan”. Judges for RWU Shahkar were Dr. Fouzia Saeed Director General PNCA, Ms. Yasmin Jamali Lecturer Mass Communication RWU, Mr. Ghulam Maaz Visiting Lecturer Mass Communication RWU, Ms. Saba Kayani Assistant Director Press, Media and Publication RWU. 1st, 2nd and 3rd position were won by M. Yaseen from Preston University got 1st position , Mishaal Saqib from Rawalpindi Women University got 2nd position and Abdul Hayee Baig got 3rd position from HITECH University name got respectively.

Painting competition theme was “How I see my homeland-Pakistan?” Judges for RWU Fankaar were Ms. Mariam, Ahmed Director Visual Arts, PNCA, Ms. Farhat Zaidi, Asst. Prof. Waqar-un-Nisa University and Ms. Asma Tahir Asst. Prof. Waqar-un-Nisa University. This competition and the Caricature Competition were diverted to internal level competitions as students of Fine Arts Department, RWU participated with Khadija Basit, Ayesha Zahid and Zaneera Ghafoor secured 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions respectively in painting competition.

The theme of Caricature Poster Design Competition was, “If Misuse of Power had a Face.” The students of Fine Arts Department, RWU, secured first three positions, Nimra Zia, Aina Merzia and Ayesha Zahid got 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions respectively. Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal presented shields to the judges, cash prizes to winners and certificates to the participants.



Dukhtaran-e-Pakistan Conference held at RWU



August 30, 2022: One-day Dukhtaran-e-Pakistan Conference was held at RWU in collaboration with Paigham-e-Pakistan, Centre for Peace, Reconciliation and Reconstruction studies. Ms. Naela Chohan, former Ambassador, Dr. Zia-ul-Haq, DG IRE, Dr. Muhammad Rizwan, Clinical Psychologist, and Dr. Zaid Haris, Faculty Member of ISRA University were the guest speakers. The purpose of the conference was to enlighten students on the vision of Dukhtaran-e-Pakistan as a flag bearer



for the promotion of peace, harmony, and tolerance in Pakistan. Speakers also emphasized the role of women in preventing extremism and violent behavior. Conflict and stress management were also discussed on the occasion. RWU faculty, Administration, and a huge number of students marked their presence. At the end Vice Chancellor, Dr. Anila Kamal, presented the University shield to the guests and conveyed her gratitude to the guest for their presence.



Faculty Orientation

August 31, 2022: Registrar's Office arranged for the Orientation of Faculty members and all administrative departments presented their work and role in the University to apprise the newly inducted faculty about the University and its processes.



“Utilization of HEC Digital Resources”

August 31, 2022: An awareness session for the faculty and student of the University was organized by the Librarian for providing assistance to the research and development of the University.



Cleanliness Drive by GYM Club

August 31, 2022: Green Youth Movement Club of RWU organized a cleanliness drive at E-block and also involved the janitorial staff of the University to create synergy on all stakeholder levels of the University. The drive was later on followed by an awareness walk.



Informative Lecture on 'Depression and Adulthood'

August 31, 2022: An informative lecture was delivered on 'Depression and Adulthood' by Ms. Shereen Sukhun and Dr. Saima Rasheed, representatives of the District Welfare Population were the key speakers. In this discourse, students were briefed about the causes of stress, anxiety, and depression in teenagers and practical strategies to manage them.



Poetry Recital Session

August 31, 2022: The Department of English under the supervision of Ms. Tayyaba Bokhari Assistant Professor English Department organized a poetry recitation competition both in Urdu and English. Ms. Sonia Bokhari Assistant Professor English Department and Ms. Sadia Akram Assistant Professor English Department were judges for the English poetry while Ms. Malika Rizwana Assistant Professor Persian Department and Ms. Robina Shad Lecturer Urdu Department RWU judged Urdu recitation. Prizes and certificates were distributed among the winners by Dr. Asma Zahoor, Head of English Department.



Plantation Drive

September 02, 2022: Green Youth Movement (GYM) club held a plantation drive at A-Block of Rawalpindi Women University on. BS students with the help of gardeners planted indoor plants.



**Defense is done on the Ideological,
Geographical, Cultural, Social, Economic
and Educational Ground says Dr. Anila**



September 6, 2022: Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal paid a rich tribute to martyrs who destroyed the nefarious intentions of the enemy. Defense is not only done on the battleground but also on ideological, geographical, cultural, social, economic and educational ground, she added speaking on the occasion of celebrating 57th Defense Day to commemorate the invaluable sacrifices made by brave heroes of the 1965 war. Prof. Dr. Shaheena Ayub Bhatti, kin of Major Raja Aziz Bhatti Martyr of the 1965 war and Mrs. Tahira Irum Akbar, Principal of Army Public School Jarrar Camp and Wife of Maj. Akbar Awan Shaheed, graced the ceremony as a guest speaker. Dr. Shaheena Ayub Bhatti said that the gallant actions of our brave soldiers inflicted heavy losses on Indian forces and successfully repulsed the enemy attack. Mrs. Tahira Akbar while addressing motivated students by sharing her experience as the wife of a Martyr and advised students to become responsible

citizens of the country and to uphold the interest of the country always. In the end, Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal presented souvenir to the guests. The ceremony was attended by a large number of RWU faculty, administration, and students.

Global UGRAD Exchange Program – Awareness Session

September 13, 2022: Financial Aid & Scholarship Officer conducted a briefing session for the applicants of the Global UGRAD exchange program, where the students were briefed about the completion of their UGRAD application followed by a briefing on the art of writing a personal statement for the completion of the Application. The Global Undergraduate Exchange Program Pakistan (Global UGRAD-Pakistan) was launched by the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs (ECA) of the United States Department of State. 15 students from Rawalpindi Women University have successfully submitted their applications and now awaiting for the interview.

Educational and Recreational Trip to

September 26, 2022: The Fine Arts department had an educational and recreational trip. Students and faculty visited Taxila Museum and learned about the historical artifacts. The students also visited Herno and enjoyed its landscape and natural beauty.



Meetings

Thinkers Forum Pakistan - Financial Patronization

August 12, 2022: Financial Aid & Scholarship Office conducted a meeting with Authorities of Thinkers Forum Pakistan for the financial patronization of students of Rawalpindi Women University. This preliminary meeting was set up between the Vice Chancellor, Rawalpindi Women University, Financial aid and scholarship office and Col. Bakhtiar Hakeem, Secretary General thinkers forum Pakistan.

appointment as Chairman of HEC. Vice Chancellor informed about the progress made in the upgradation of Rawalpindi Women University and expressed her satisfaction with the role of HEC under the kind patronage of the Chairman that would enable the University to go a long way in empowering less privileged girls from Rawalpindi and adjacent areas.

Vice Chancellor RWU congratulated the newly appointed Chairman of HEC, Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed



August 24, 2022: Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal along with Mr. Tahir Abbas Zaidi, Director QEC, visited Higher Education Commission (HEC) to congratulate, Prof. Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed on his well-deserved

Meeting in HEC on the role of the Universities to assist Flood Relief Drives



September 22, 2022: Chairman HEC Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed called a meeting of the Vice Chancellors of public sector universities at HEC to call for the mobilization of Universities for the provisioning of immediate support to flood-affected areas. He urged the university leadership to categorize their efforts into immediate, mid-term, and long-term plans. The Chairman also appreciated the universities that have already taken initiatives. Dr. Anila briefed about the ongoing activities of RWU for the flood affectees.

RWU Flood Relief Drive

“We all have to work together to deal with the devastation caused by recent heavy rains,” says Dr. Anila Kamal

August 30 - September 30, 2022: Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Anila Kamal has issued an order to the university administration and faculty members to start the Flood Relief Drive for the flood victims. On this occasion, she said that we all have to work together to deal with the devastation caused by recent heavy rains. Millions of people have been displaced and are in miserable conditions. Under the university's relief drive collection of funds, relief equipment, and amenities were divided into monetary donations that can be submitted to the bank account while staple food, household items, clothing, and hoes, and dry eatables would be collected in the university. She further added that we stand with our Pakistani brothers and sisters and will try our best to aid the victims. Vice Chancellor issued instructions to the University students, officials, and staff of the University to actively participate in the flood relief drive.

The **1st phase** of the drive led to the distribution of Food Packages to almost 50 families along with the distribution of shoes, clothing, and household supplies (175 suits females, 55 males, and 165 children), household, items, and medicine to medical camp was conducted at Nista Village, Charsadda on September 4, 2022. The distribution was organized in collaboration with District Administration who coordinated for need assessment and victim identification for this visit. The students participated in collection of donations and packaging of the items under the supervision of Ms. Sadaf Parveen, Asst. Dir. Sports.

In the **2nd Phase** distribution of rations to 70 families along with the distribution of Clothing, Household items, and medicine to people was



conducted at Tarnab Village, Charsadda on September 11, 2022 in collaboration with the District Administration Office of Charsadda. Altogether 0.3 million worth of goods were distributed. RWU students again took an active part in the collection and packaging of the goods.

In the 3rd Phase the drive was executed at Muhib Banda, Nowshera on September 23, 2022. Goods worth Rs. 0.4 million comprising of food and miscellaneous household items were distributed to the victims near the bank of River Kabul. Along with ration, bedding and sewing machines were also distributed amongst the affected families.



Alumni and Student Corner

Alumni Corner: Naela Chohan



*Special Secretary, Foreign Affairs (Retd.) / Former High Commissioner
B.Sc (Natural Sciences), Govt. College for Women, Rawalpindi, 1979.*

What I am today is because of this great institution and the wonderful teachers I had at that time. Our principal at that time was Dr. Siddiqi and then Mrs. A. Shafiq-Ur- Rahman. I had the privilege to be taught by legendary teachers like Ms. Jahan Ara Malik (Geography), Ms. Munaza, and Ms. Roshan (Physics). Whenever I go back in past the memories of this beautiful place and beautiful environment come to my mind which gives me so much satisfaction. I take pride and at the same time feel that Allah has given me the opportunity, to get my education from this prestigious institution. Whatever, I have gained in life owes its credit to this Institute and I as Alumni would always be the face of the Institute guiding women to excel and achieve success and not shy away from striving for higher echelons of professional and personal success in life. With great love and joy for my alma mater, I wish all alumni and current students of this great Institute to raise the name of the institute further higher to new glories of the past. I wish you, all the very best in life!!

Student Review



*Umm-e-Ruman
Joint Secretary Student council*

I am Umm-e-Ruman, studying in semester 6, BS (English). I feel honored to serve as a “Joint Secretary Student Council” in Rawalpindi Women University. I have been studying here since 2017. I did my F.SC from here in 2019 and took admission in the undergraduate program because I was very much contended by the meticulous and caring teachers of this institute. These years of my life, from college uniform to university life, created beautiful memories and colors in my life. I gained confidence on the podium of RWU auditorium. From Uniform to Colorful Dress code, from studies to personal grooming, from working hard to enjoyment in cafeteria, I grew up in this University with fun, knowledge, skills and powers to achieve my goals. Oh yes I also have made my phone storage jam-packed with my beautiful pictures as this university has the best photographic places to exploit them for selfies in spare time. This beautiful university in the heart of Rawalpindi has won my Heart.