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**Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain** joined Government College University Faisalabad, as the Vice Chancellor. He has been associated with teaching, research, supervision and administration with local as well as foreign institutions, including University of Agriculture Faisalabad, as Dean, University of Sargodha, as Dean, US-Aid, FAO, Colorado State University and Kansas State University, as project manager, Agricultural Assessment International Corporation USA, as Director, Ministry of Labor, Manpower and Overseas Pakistanis, as Joint Secretary, RNEP Cairo Egypt, as Policy Officer, Agri Business Cell as Federal Cotton Commissioner and Pakistan Central Cotton Committee, as Vice President. He has supervised a handful of M.Phil and PhD scholars and has produced more than 100 research publications. He holds a PhD degree in Economics. His area of academic interest is rural poverty alleviation; its dynamics and economic policies at national and international levels.

## Message of the Vice Chancellor

Govt. College University is in the process of embarking on a new phase of history. We are busy in preparation of a development plan both in terms of education as well as physical development. The University is seeking funds for new constructions and also for the under construction academic blocks through government, welfare and commercial organizations. The University is also working over the strengthening of faculty. We have already hired the services of many renowned academicians and with the help of Almighty Allah, the services of many others foreign as well as local professors will be hired soon. The new century was considered by many as the beginning of mutual cooperation and reconstruction of institutions. The University seeks to promote this very objective at the intellectual plane; making academic bonds with foreign universities through faculty and students exchange programs and accessing knowledge through communication technology like video conferences, lectures, seminars etc. The hallmark of the University's educational philosophy is the reconstruction of human thought in all its forms on the foundation of our social, moral and religious values.

We have endeavored in this University with certain standards. For example, studies are supposed to be never disrupted by any disorder; teachers would be honored and hailed by the worth of their teaching and research; and admissions would always be on merit. For this I am looking forward to be helped by academic and administrative staff as a body. The post modern world is also witnessing a redefined phenomenon of merit--- merit which is not alone superficial knowledge and academic 1st divisions but also refined teaching skills and research orientations. The University aims to recruit such faculty that can help in changing the University from a teaching institution into a research institution. We shall, Insha Allah, continue in the same direction of progress and development and above all with a positive spirit of change. Whatever the changes that we have to make, I assure our well-wishers that they would be grounded in the welfare both of our students and faculty as well.



## 12 Overseas Ph.D Scholarships with Career Opportunities

As part of the faculty development initiatives, GC University Faisalabad has offered 12 overseas Ph.D scholarships accompanied with career opportunities in ten different subjects. The Scholarships will cover insurance, accommodation, books, and average return tickets as approved in PC-I. Before leaving for higher studies the successful candidates will execute a bond for five years with GC University Faisalabad as faculty members.

## GCUF Signs MoU with North Carolina State University, USA

GC University Faisalabad has joined hands with North Carolina State University, USA for the enhancement of research, sharing of faculty and training programmes. The Memorandum of Understanding in this regard was signed by Dr. W. Aurdin, Executive Vice Chancellor, North Carolina State University USA and the Vice Chancellor GCUF Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain at USA. According to the MoU both universities will share research and transfer of faculty in the field of food sciences, environmental sciences, Biological Sciences, Computer Sciences and Business Administration. North Carolina University will not only play its pivotal role in arranging seminars and technical conferences at GCUF but would also help students and faculty in financial and visa matters. In the ceremony held at North Carolina State University- USA Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain considered the present MoU as his 1st step for innovation and research at GCUF.

## GCUF Signed MoU with Idaho State University USA

For the enhancement of learning environment and research GCUF has signed an MoU with Idaho State University USA. The MoU will open doors for hiring foreign faculty and promoting higher education.

## MoU Signed with Bedfordshire University, UK

The University of Bedfordshire, UK and Government College University Faisalabad, shared a commitment of high quality education and mutual development of research. This memorandum of co-operation witnesses that the institutions wish to explore the possibility of collaborating together to develop an agreement allowing the students from Government College University Faisalabad to progress to programmes of study at the University of Bedfordshire in the academic area of Management, Engineering, Computer Science and other allied disciplines. The institutions acknowledge that any academic progression / arrangements may need to be subject to both a quality assurance event and the development of a formal contract. Moreover, the University of Bedfordshire announced the concession in fee for our four faculty members who will go there for PhD under faculty development programme. The institutions also wish to explore the possibility of developing collaboration in the areas of student exchange, staff exchange, research and access to reference materials. All the faculty and staff members of the University lauded this great effort.

## 23<sup>rd</sup> Meeting of the University Syndicate

The 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting of the University Syndicate was held on December 2, 2010. The meeting was presided over by the Vice Chancellor of the University, Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain. The syndicate endorsed the decisions taken by the Vice Chancellor for the nomination of members of BOS of the various departments. The house also authorized the Vice Chancellor for substitutions in committees whenever necessary. The syndicate approved the adoption of HEC notification, regarding the eligibility criteria for appointment of Professor Emeritus in the University. Further, it approved the actions taken by the Vice Chancellor regarding the appointment of senior faculty members as chairpersons / incharges / principals of various teaching departments and colleges.





## 7<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Academic Council

The 7<sup>th</sup> meeting of the University Academic Council was held on 2<sup>nd</sup> of March 2011. At the outset of the meeting, the Vice Chancellor informed the Academic Council that the University was without Deans and Chairpersons. He also showed his deep concerns over the lacking of physical infrastructure in the university. The Vice Chancellor informed the council that he had the following objectives to raise the standard of the University:

- Faculty Development
- Establishment of an International Standard Library
- Promoting Research Culture in the University

The following decisions were made in the meeting:

The council approved the minutes of the Board of Studies of various departments.

It also decided to initiate the B.Sc. Technology, Electrical, Electronics & Communication Sandwich (4-years) evening programme from academic year 2010-2011. The programme was started after obtaining approval from the Vice Chancellor in anticipation of the approval of the Academic Council.

The House approved the Scheme of Studies of MS & PhD programmes in two major disciplines of Home Economics i.e. Food and Nutrition and Textiles & Clothing

The House approved the terms & conditions of affiliation for Govt. Postgraduate College Samanabad, Faisalabad & Govt. College for Women, Madina town, Faisalabad for B.S (4-years) programmes under semester system.

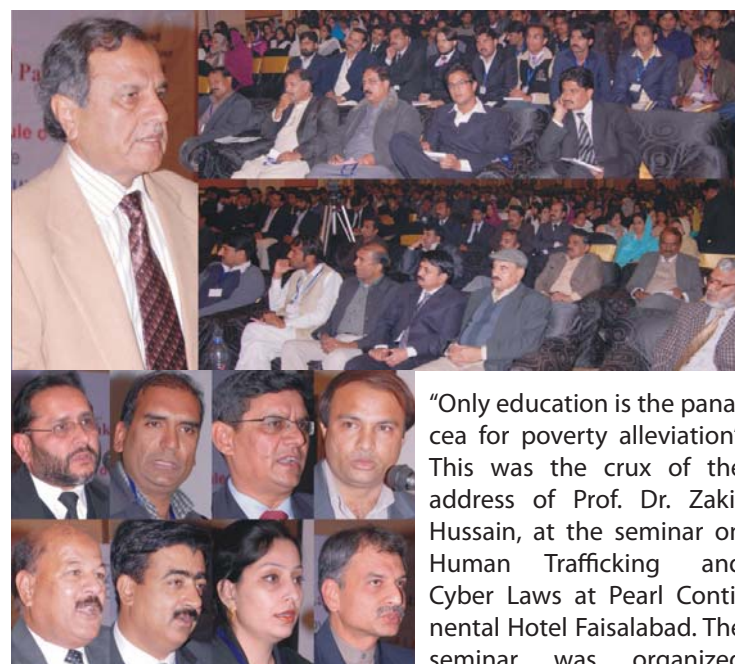
The Council approved the establishment of the Institute of Biological Sciences, Institute of Chemical Sciences, Institute of Home & Food Sciences and Institute of Languages & literature.

Department of Zoology was renamed as Department of Wildlife & Fisheries. However, the already enrolled students in Zoology Department will get degree in Zoology.

The meeting ended with a vote of thanks by the worthy Vice Chancellor.



## Seminar on Human Trafficking and Cyber Laws



"Only education is the panacea for poverty alleviation". This was the crux of the address of Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain, at the seminar on Human Trafficking and Cyber Laws at Pearl Continental Hotel Faisalabad. The seminar was organized

jointly by the GCUF Law College and Society for Enforcement of law (an NGO). Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain stressed the need to develop and implement a Poverty Reduction Plan, keeping in view the new demands of time. The seminar lasted for two days with three sessions. Mr. M. Mumtaz Incharge College of Law, Mr. Muzammal Aftab, Mr. Tariq Bilal and Ms. Samreen Shahzadi also presented their papers. A large number of students and elites of society attended the seminar.

## ASA Welcomes the Vice Chancellor

The faculty of GCUF welcomed Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain on his appointment as Vice Chancellor of GC University, Faisalabad. Prof. Dr. Maqsood Ahmad, President, Academic staff association (ASA) addressed the teaching faculty at the dinner hosted by the association to welcome the Vice Chancellor.





## Seminar on Research Methodology in Social Sciences



The seminar was arranged by the Directorate of Students Affairs (DSA) GCUF and Bargad, an NGO on the topic of "Research Methodology in Social Sciences". The Chief Guest Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain assured the students and faculty that the efforts were being made to develop the university's Central library with all modern and digital facilities.

## GCUF Students Visit National Assembly

A contingent of students and faculty members from the Department of Pakistan Studies, visited National Assembly. Honourable Speaker Dr. Fehmida Mirza along with Federal ministers and MNAs welcomed the students. The students also visited the National Assembly Library and cafeteria.

## Seminar on Realism in English Literature

A seminar on Realism in English Literature was held at the Department of English. Prof. Syed Zill-e-Husnain, from Sargodha University shared his views with the students on realism in English literature. Among the various propositions he discussed, his remark that "ambiguity guarantees universality" was taken as a quotable quote. Prof. Mazhar Hayat expressed his deep appreciation for professor Husnain and thanked the Vice Chancellor for gracing the occasion.



## Foundation Day Celebrations

**A  
Get Together  
of  
Alumni  
on  
8th December**



The Alumni-Old Students Association (OSA) GCUF hailed the joining of Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain as the Vice Chancellor. Speaking at the occasion of the Foundation Day, Ch. Muhammad Ikram (Rtd). Judge Anti Terrorist Court, President OSA thanked the Vice Chancellor for revitalizing the spirit of Foundation Day which remained a key event since 1933, in the history of this institution. He forwarded full support of OSA to the honorable Vice Chancellor in the development of the University. Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain highlighted the role of Alumni in the development of institution and asked the office bearers to play their role as major stakeholders. Foundation Day Celebrations lasted for two days. In the 1st phase of the event, Flag Hoisting ceremony was exhibited in front of Vice Chancellor Secretariat, followed by an Alumni gathering in which Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain was the Chief Guest. In the 2nd phase, a friendly Hockey match was played between old and new students. Prof. Asmat Ullah Khan (R) Principal, Govt. College Faisalabad was the Chief Guest. The office bearer of OSA, Col. (R) Najam Hameed, Dr. Solat Nawaz, Faiz Butt, Prof. Waqar Asghar, Prof. Riaz Ahmad Riaz, Zeshan Ahmad Khan were present along with a large gathering of old students.

## Scholarships Awarded

More than 50 students were awarded Internal Merit Scholarships through Financial Aid Office GCUF, in a ceremony at Basic Sciences Block. The Incharge of the financial Aid Office, Miss Saima Parveen briefed the faculty about the Merit Scholarship policy.



## Department Of Home Economics Lifts Trophy of Dry and Fresh Flower Arrangement and Cooking Competitions



The department of Home Economics won first and second positions in dry and fresh flowers arrangement and cooking competitions held at Agriculture University Faisalabad, in connection with its Golden Jubilee Celebrations. Prof. Dr. Rana Iqar Ahmed Khan, Vice Chancellor of University gave away the trophy to the GCUF team.

## Two Days Workshop of QEC, GCUF



Quality Enhancement Cell GCUF, arranged a workshop on "Quality Assurance Mechanism in Higher Education" at GCUF. Prof. Dr. Niaz Ahmad Akhtar, Rector National Textile University Faisalabad, was the chief guest at the inaugural ceremony. Prof Dr. Zakir Hussain, Vice Chancellor GCUF, chaired the closing ceremony. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ashraf, dean sciences UAF and Dr. Anwar-ul-Hassan Director QEC UAF were the two resource persons. All the Chairpersons along with the faculty attended the two days workshop. Prof. Dr. Zubair Siddique, Director QEC, briefed the gathering about the functions of QEC and its working at GCUF.

## Arts Exhibition by Special Children

In collaboration with Special Education Institution, the Department of Applied Psychology organized a Project Display of Health Psychology and Exhibition of Art Work by special children. Six institutions of special education participated in this exhibition and prizes were distributed among all the participants at the end of the session.

## We Are On Air Now!

**GCUF FM Radio,  
Another Milestone  
Towards Success...**



Due to the keen interest and guidance of Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain, the Department of Mass Communication received FM Radio License, from Pakistan Media Regulatory Authority (PEMRA). The license was handed over to the Chairperson of the Department Ms. Salma Umer by the Acting Chairman PEMRA, Dr. Abdul Jabbar in a ceremony held on 21st Feb, 2011 at Islamabad. DG Licensing Sardar Irfan Ashraf and Assistant General Licensing Mr. Muhammad Iqbal were also present at the occasion. The Frequency of FM Radio is 92.6 Hz and will cover 8-10 km radius. The cost of the project is about Rs.6 Million. FM 92.6 will soon be on air and initially there will be four transmissions, 2 hours in morning and 2 hours in evening. The transmissions will mainly consist of educational programmes. The FM Radio will provide our students with a chance to share their skills and spread their voice in the society.

## GCUF-HEC

### Collaborative Workshops on ESP

A one week short course on ESP (English for Specific Purposes) workshop was held at GC University Faisalabad, organized by the department of linguistics under the Phase II of the English Language Teaching Reforms Project of HEC. Thirty teachers of GCUF, NUML Faisalabad, National Textile University Faisalabad and from colleges of the city attended the course. Prof. Muhammad Zafar, Dr. Sabahat Tatari, Mr. Rahsid Mahboob, Mr. Asim Mahmood, Mr. Kazim Shah and Dr. C. J. Dubash discussed the latest practices in the field of ESP. Mr. Musa Hassan, the coordinator of ELTR Project, represented HEC. He briefed the participants about the vast opportunities of such courses offer for the teachers in English language teaching and research. Mr. Rashid Mahmood, Incharge Department of Linguistics, thanked HEC for arranging the workshop.

## Residence Practice

Life is all about style and symmetry. Students of Home Economics performed residence practice activity in connection with their scheme of studies. It provided them with a chance to share their aesthetic as well as house hold tasks accomplishment awareness. The chairperson of department of Home Economics Prof. Dr. Nighat Bhatti, appreciated the efforts of the students and their coordinators.







## Services Lauded



During the Golden Jubilee Celebrations of Agriculture University Faisalabad, the services of Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain, Vice Chancellor GCUF, were acknowledged in the fields of research and administration. He was prized with a shield by

Prof. Dr. Iqar Ahmad Khan the Vice Chancellor University of Agriculture, for his services which he rendered at University of Agriculture Faisalabad, in numerous capacities. The registrar GCUF Mr. Muhammad Akram also received a shield for his services at the Golden Jubilee celebrations.

## Appointment of PhD Faculty

More than 40 PhD teachers have joined GC University Faisalabad, in the past three months. The new Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain is working hard to strengthen the faculty of the university. Most of the PhD faculty members have been appointed through Higher Education Commission (HEC) under Interim Placement of Fresh PhD's (IPFP).

## WWF and GCUF Sign MoU



World Wild Life Fund (for conservation of Nature-PAKISTAN) and GC University signed an MoU for uplifting of research and development in environmental rehabilitation, habitat restoration and natural conservation. The MoU was signed by Director Programme World Wild Life Fund Pakistan, Mr. Hammad Naqi Khan and the Vice Chancellor GC University Faisalabad Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain. The Director Programme briefed the participants at the occasion about the past 25 years services of World Wild Life Fund in Pakistan and across the globe. For continuing the coordination between both the organizations, Dr. Tehrima Iftikhar and Lal Khan will act as relationship officers, while Director Research Dr. Mubashir Niaz and Director Programme World Wild Life Fund (PAKISTAN) Hamad Naqi Khan will be the coordinators.

## Strategic Export Control Division of Pakistan and Export Control Act

Strategic Export Control Division of Pakistan arranged a briefing at GC University Faisalabad, on Export Control Act with the collaboration of the College of Commerce. Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain Vice Chancellor GC University Faisalabad, was the Chief Guest. Dr. Zakir in his address stressed the need of modern technologies and quality education to ensure the presence of nuclear technologies for real development. Director Licensing, Muhammad Naeem briefed the audience about the objectives and motives of the formulated law.

## Research Papers Published

Department of Applied Linguistics produced five research papers in the running semester and set a leading example for the other departments of the university. Mehmood Ul Hassan (M.Phil Scholar) under the supervision of Sayed Kazim Shah (Lecturer in the department), succeeded in publishing his research paper under the title "The Sociolinguistics study of Intra Castes Perceptions in Punjabi Society", in African Journal of Languages, ISSN 1993-8233 with 1.105 ISI impact factor. Another Mphil student of the same department Muhammad Babar Qureshi presented his research paper in East Asia and Pacific United Nations Conference on Education Initiatives. He was awarded Rs. 1,55,000 scholarship by UNICEF for his presentation. The research paper of Mr. Hafiz Fazle Haq under the title of "Tracing the Theoretical Background of Common Core between ESP and EGP" was accepted in 2nd Educational Conference in Japan. Similarly Maimoona Abdul Aziz and Fazle Haq presented their research papers in SPELT conference at Islamabad. All these students were supervised by Sayed Kazim Shah and he co-authored all the above mentioned research papers.

The research paper of Dr. Nighat Bhatti, titled "Assessment of Some Nutritional Micro Biological Aspects of Common Apples Varieties Available at Household Consumption" was published in the Journal Animals and Plants Sciences (JAPS).

The research paper of Dr. Umair Arshad titled "Chemical Characteristics and Antioxidant activity of different sunflower hybrid and their utilization in breed" has been published in African Journal of Food Science 2010. His paper "Bioactive Compound in Wheat Green Oil Lipid Profile Management" was published in critical reviews in Food Science and Nutrition, (Impact Factor: 4.159).

## Funfair



Department of Business Administration GC University Faisalabad arranged a Funfair in connection with the fund raising campaign for flood affectees. Mr. M. Akram Registrar, GCUF, was the Chief Guest along with Mr. Shahid Tufail Incharge MBA.

## Annual Farewell Gala

Annual Farewell Gala of B.A/BSc programme of University Degree College was arranged at Nusrat Fateh Ali Khan Auditorium. Mr. Muhammad Akram (Registrar), and Ch. Muhammad Mushtaq Director/Senior Advisor Administration, were the Guests of Honor. The Chief Guest Prof. Atiq ur Rehman Khan, Principal University Degree College GC University, appreciated the presentations of the students.



## Co-Curricular Activities at the Department of Linguistics

The department of Applied Linguistics arranged a co-curricular gala. The following competitions and functions were held at the department. Naat and Qiraat competition, Debate competition, Punjabi show, Essay writing competition, Singing competition, Annual sports event. Mr. Ali Raza, Mr. Asif Yousaf, Mr. Asim Khan and Ms. Wardah Azhar were the leading students. The Department also won 1st position in March Past at the annual athletic meet of GCUF, 2011. Mr. Fazle Haque, Lecturer at the department played an instrumental role in arranging all the above mentioned activities.

## Foreign Faculty Guest House

A new Guest House for Foreign Faculty is under construction and will be completed very soon. The FFGH will accommodate foreign faculty at GCUF.

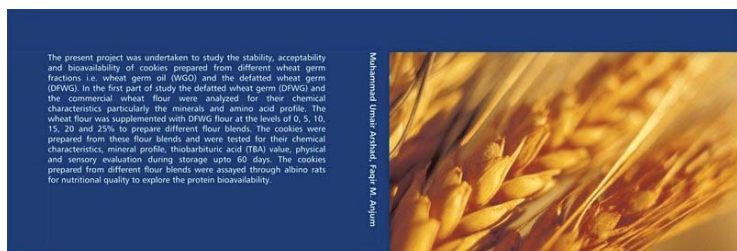
## GCUF Receives Grant for New Library

GC University Faisalabad has secured a grant of Rs.20 Millions from the Government of the Punjab, for building a modern well equipped library. The Chief Minister Punjab, Mian Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif has released the grant. Thanks to the relentless pursuit of worthy Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain and good offices of Mr. Abid Sher Ali, an Alumni and Member of National Assembly.



**Commissioner Faisalabad Divisions Syed Tahir Hussain Along with Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain on a visit to Under Construction Blocks at GCUF.**

### Book Published



Muhammad Umair Arshad, Faqir M. Anjum  
Dr. Muhammad Umair Arshad is Assistant Professor at Department of Home Economics, GC University, Faisalabad, Pakistan. Dr. Faqir Muhammad Anjum is Director General at National Institute of Food Science and Technology, University of Agriculture, Faisalabad, Pakistan.

Muhammad Umair Arshad  
Faqir M. Anjum

**Wheat Germ: Biochemical and Nutritional Implications**  
Biochemical, Functional and Technological Properties of Wheat Germ



## Directorate of Advance Studies

Director of Advance Studies under the guidance of worthy Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain is streamlining the rules for Advance Studies consistent with the guidance of Higher Education Commission Islamabad. According to Dr. M. Zubair Siddiqui who holds the additional charge of Director Advance Studies, the information sessions for this purpose have already been initiated in all departments.

## Our Pride, Our Students

The athletes of GC University Faisalabad stunned the crowd when Mr. Wajid Hussain and Mr. Shahzad Luqman, secured gold medals in ten thousand meter race and Triple Jump. Similarly, Mr. Mohsin Nadeem won Bronze Medal in Discus Throw at Pakistan Inter University Athletics Championship. GCUF Female Volley Ball Team stood 2nd at Pakistan Inter Universities (Girls) Volley Ball Championships held at Islamabad under the supervision of Higher Education Commission Islamabad.

## 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Athletic Meet

The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Athletic Meet 2011, of GC University Faisalabad, was held on 15th & 16th of March 2011. The event was in connection with the departmental sports competitions which started in the 1st week of march 2011. Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain was the Chief Guest at the closing ceremony. Students from all departments under their allotted colours & slogans participated in the two days activity. Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain in his address appreciated the efforts of Directorate of Sports. He assured the students and faculty that he would take all necessary measures for the improvement of sports at the University. He announced a prize of Rs. 40,000/- for the Runners up team at the Inter University football championship held at Karachi. He also approved the idea of building a basket ball court at the campus. Mr. Rafiq Whala, Director Sports, presented the annual sports report. The Department of Education lifted the General trophy whereas university Degree College lifted the athletes trophy. Mr. Nauman (UDC-GCUF) and Ms. Masooma (Education) were declared the best male and female athletes. Earlier, Prof. Dr. Pervaiz Azeem, Dean faculty of Arts and social science, opened the Athletic Meet on 15th of March, 2011.



**GCUF now enjoys the complete facility of video conferencing room at Mian Muhammad Yousaf Block.**







*Sports Activities*



