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International Allama Iqbal Conference at GCUF



International Allama Iqbal Conference was held at Govt. College University Faisalabad in the second week of December, 2012. Speakers at the Allama Iqbal International Conference called for understanding and implementing the essence of Allama Iqbal's message in lives to face the challenges of modern world. The two-day conference was arranged by the Department of Urdu Government College University Faisalabad. Scholars from Pakistan, India, Turkey, England, Iran and Egypt participated in it. The inaugural session was chaired by GCUF Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain and Justice (Retd) Dr. Javaid Iqbal was the chief guest. Dr. Sulamani from Iran, columnist Atta-ul-Haq Qasmi, Dr. Moeenuddin Jinapur, Dr. AB Ashraf, Dr. Shahzad Qaisar, Dr. Ibrahim Muhammad Ibrahim, Dean, I&OL Prof. Dr. Tahir Taunsvi and others spoke at the conference. Dr. Javaid Iqbal said that Pakistan could emerge as an ideal Islamic state by practising all clauses of Madina Pact, first constitution of a federal and democratic nature, which he termed spiritual democracy. He stressed the youth to be familiar with the Persian Language to understand Iqbal, as without doing it, they could not get benefit from his poetry. Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain said that Iqbal was the man who illuminated the thoughts based on the philosophy of Islam. By practising the message of Iqbal and implementing it in our lives, the country can move to new horizon of progress. Renowned Columnist and poet Atta-ul-Haq Qasmi said that Allama Iqbal through his poetry urged the Muslims of the sub-continent to get freedom from the British rulers and follow the teachings of Islam. Dr. Javaid Iqbal and GCUF VC Prof Dr. Zakir Hussain inaugurated, Ataturk Iran Shanas, a library of Persian, sponsored by Govt. of Iran at Yousaf Block. GCUF main hall at VC Secretariat was also named as Allama Iqbal Hall at the occasion.

The Chief Guest of the closing session Ex-Governor Punjab, Lt. Gen. (R). Mr. Khalid Maqbool in his address, stressed a state to be based on the principles of brotherhood, on equal distribution of resources and freedom of expression. He said that Iqbal had presented a way of life in the light of the Quran and Sunnah to help individuals combat various problems and find peace of mind. Former provincial minister, Dr. Muhammad Shafique Chaudhary, said that a model of an Islamic state is present in the thoughts and philosophy of Iqbal which Pakistan should adopt. Mr. Waleed Iqbal said that the concept of Shaheen was for our youth in the poetry of Iqbal we need to understand it. Dean, Dr. Tahir Taunsvi said 35 research papers had been presented in the conference by scholars. Dr. Hussain Bahur presented his views on Iqbal's Persian poetry. Professor Abdul Haq from India, Dr. Sohail Hussain, Dr. Moeenundin, Khwaja Muhammad Akram and Sohail Jehangir Malik also presented research papers. A "Mehfil-e-Mushara" to enthrall poetry lovers at the Hockey Ground was also arranged in which humorous and serious poetry was presented before the gathering. The event was arranged by the Department of Urdu, GCUF. Famous columnist Mr. Atta ul Haq Qasmi chaired the event in which senior poet Mr. Aslam Ensari was guest of honor. Mr. Sahir Ansari, Mr. Safdar Sial, Mr. Wasi Shah, Dr. Fakhar-ul-Haq Noori, Mr. Mansoor Afaq, Mr. Ahsan Shahid, Dr. Sughra Sadaq, Mr. Ali Asghar Abbas, Mr. Humaira Ashfaq, Mr. Nasir Ali Sayed, Mr. Hassam, Mr. Zia Hussain, Mr. Jaffar Hassan Mubarak, Ms. Gulfam Naqvi, Mr. Maqsood Wafa, Mr. Ahmad Shahbaz, Mr. Nusrat Siddique, Mr. Shahzad Baig, Mr. Naz Fatima, Dr. Tariq Hashmi, Ms. Shakeela, Mr. Asghar Ali, Dr. Tahir Tounsvi, Mr. Anwar Masood, Mr. Khalid Masood and Dr. Inam-ul-Haq Javaid participated. Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain announced the establishment of Allama Iqbal Chair at GC University, Faisalabad.

2nd International Conference on Future Perspectives of Food Processing Industry in Pakistan



Department of Food Science, Government College University, Faisalabad arranged a two days international conference on 11th and 12th December, 2012. Food scientists from across the globe participated along with more than eight hundred registered participants. The inaugural session was chaired by Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain whereas ex-Governor Punjab Mr. Khalid Maqbool chaired the closing session. He said that processed food can decrease nutrient deficiency in Pakistan. Pakistan has been named a nutrient deficient country whereas it is among the largest producers of sugarcane, milk, wheat and vegetables. Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain said that 50% of Pakistan's agriculture production is being lost due to traditional methods of preservation. He suggested that private sectors and government need to join hands for food processing industry. Prof. Dr. Riaz Qureshi, Dr. Wazir Hussain Shah, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Mukhtar, Vice Chancellor Islamia University Bahawalpur, Dr. Noor-ul-Huda from Malaysia and Dr. Merziah H Nizhad from Iran were the guests of honor. Principal organizer Dr. Muhammad Umair Arshad thanked all the participants. Prof. Dr. Noreen Aziz Qureshi, Prof. Dr. Suriya Zakir and Prof. Dr. Nighat Bhatti were conveners of the event. A cultural night on the closing day and a grant expo was arranged at the conference with more than forty stalls.



2nd Food & Nutrition Expo 2012

The Department of Food Science organized 2nd Food & Nutrition Expo in Hockey ground, GCUF, as a component of the international conference. More than 50 national Food processing industries participated in the Expo and showcased their products for the participants and guests. The Expo was inaugurated by Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain, Vice Chancellor GCUF, who was accompanied by Khawaja Muhammad Islam, MPA. Lt. Gen (R) Khalid Maqbool also visited the Expo accompanied by Vice chancellor, Islamia University Bahawalpur, Dr. Muhammad Mukhtar and Advisor HEC, Dr. Riaz Hussain Qureshi.





3rd Convocation of GCUF



The biggest ever convocation of the Government College University, Faisalabad summing up the back log of three years from 2009 to 2011 in which degrees were conferred upon seven thousand eight hundred and seven students was held at the main Hockey Ground. Out of, total 166 gold medals 107 were won by female students. Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain Vice Chancellor Government College University Faisalabad, was the Chief Guest. Deans Prof. Dr. Muhammad Shahbaz Arif, Prof. Dr. Tahir Taunsvi, Prof. Dr. Noreen Aziz Qureshi, Prof. Dr. Pervaiz Azim presented their students for conferment of degrees and robes. Mr. Zeeshan and Mr. Aftab Ahmad Chattha, Additional Controller of Examinations started the proceedings. Sh. Muhammad Akram, registrar was also present on the stage. The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain also presented a Medal to Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ashfaq Dean, University of Agriculture Faisalabad who earned the title of The Scientist of Islamic World in recognition of his Research endeavours. The whole ceremony was an exposition of discipline and academic spirit. The academic procession entered the Pandal with the Chief Guest at the end. Jubilations and happiness were the passions of the day. The Chief Guest in his address stressed the need of utilizing the young and energetic youth for the progress of the nation. He mentioned the influx of Ph.D. faculty, the idea of new campus close to main campus, the trust and respect which is reposed in the faculty and students of GC University Faisalabad by him. He also emphasized that quality education, infrastructure development, Community College and above all promotions of research culture are his main focus. Refreshments were provided to the participants. The Convocation day was a memorable day for students and teachers.

Conference on Fisheries and Aqua Culture

A conference on fisheries and aquaculture was held at GC University Faisalabad by Wildlife and Fisheries department. Dr. Jawaid Akhtar, Director, Nuclear Institute of agriculture and biology was the chief guest. Addressing the conference, Dr. Farhat Jabeen informed the audience about the aims, objectives and achievements of the project during its first year. She described numerous activities involving fish sampling, workshops and meeting with relevant stake-holders including the Punjab fisheries department, fishermen and students of the study area around the Indus-River. Dr. Shakoor Ch. from Newcastle University delivered his address on global fish industry by presenting information on global importance of fish in human life by citing examples from major regions of the world that deal with fish production from marine and aquaculture sources. He highlighted the importance of water quality and the availability of alternative feeds for the sustainable supply of quality fish by using appropriate methods. Dr. Muhammad Naeem Khan from Punjab University shared quality control and environment regime in fish and aquaculture trade. He described the WTO requirements that can improve the quality of fish products and enhance the capital resources for the fishing communities in their respective countries. Dr. Tayyaba Shaheen from Gulberg College, Lahore, also spoke about fish farming as a profitable business. Dr. Naureen Aziz Qureshi, Dean, Faculty of Science and Technology, presented a summary of related progress between Newcastle University and GC University. Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain appreciated the increase in research projects of the department.



Seminar at the College of Commerce

The College of Commerce GCUF arranged a seminar on the Significance of Islamic Banking. The present Islamic Banking System was discussed at the seminar. Mr. Najam Saqib, Mr. Asadullah, Mr. Yasir Tanveer, Mr. Naveed Younas, Mr. Rizwan Hussain, Mr. Fahad Mahmood, Mr. Usman and Ms. Asma were the guest speakers. Dr. Naddem Sohail, Principal College of Commerce was the guest of honor whereas Prof. Dr. Shahbaz Arif was the chief guest.



Workshop on English Language Skills

It is the need of the hour to learn English Language Skills to compete in the world. The Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr. Zakir Hussain addressing the second round of workshop on professional development for teaching through English arranged by the GCUF Department of Chemistry in collaboration with the British Council and the Higher Education Commission (HEC) urged the teachers and students to pay special attention to English Language. He was of the view that command over effective communication is a prerequisite for bright future. He also appreciated the steps being taken by the Higher Education Commission to improve the English skills of the newly-appointed teaching staff. Dr. Shahbaz Arif, Dean Faculty of Management & Administrative Sciences said that a teacher could get prominent status with the use of effective communication skills. He said that the workshop is aimed at enhancing good communication skills among the newly-appointed teachers. Prof. Dr. Iftikhar Hussain Bukhari Chairman Chemistry Department in the end thanked all the participants and guests for their cooperation.

Seerat Conference

A National Seerat Conference was held at GCUF at the Department of Islamic Studies on the topic of "Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH) as a Teacher". Faculty members and students presented their articles on the topic. Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain presided the conference. Pir Ameen-ul-Hassmat was the guest of honor. Dr. Humayoun was the chief host.

One Day Seminar on Quality Assurance Leads to Quality Teaching

The Directorate of Quality Enhancement arranged a seminar on quality assurance leads to quality teaching at GCUF. An efficient and effective high quality higher education system which is internationally recognized and a well established national Quality Culture are vital for economic growth in developing countries like Pakistan. Quality assurance empowers the teachers to ensure the quality of teaching as their aim. Prof. Dr. Zubair Siddiqui, Director QEC gave the premise of the Program Objectives which are to make transparent, quality learning. In order to enhance and reward teaching excellence, to create the awareness among teachers what to teach, how to teach and how to improve and to enhance the effectiveness of teaching by adopting quality assurance parameters. Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain congratulated QEC Team for their remarkable achievement in HEC, which scored 91 points in the ranking. Prof. Dr. Zubair Siddiqui, Director QEC, Prof. Dr. Noureen Aziz Qureshi, Prof. Dr. Shahbaz Arif, Prof. Dr. Pervaiz Azim also spoke at the occasion.



GCUF Layyah Campus

GCUF Layyah Campus has started admissions in about 28 programs. Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain while speaking at the inauguration and MoU signing ceremony shared his dream to provide educational hubs to far areas in order to comfort and to provide education at the door steps to our youth. Rai Ghulam Abbas, Ch. Muhammad Mushtaq, Dr. Riaz Hussain, Mr. Muhammad Ayub Registrar and Sh. Muhammad Akram with academia also attended the meeting.



University Community College

Keeping in view the demand of modern era, University Community College has started admissions in the two year associate degree programs under the supervision of Mr. Sibqatullah Tahir, Principal University Community College on the directions of Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain. This new initiative will equip our youth with market oriented education.

ORIC is Now Registered

Office of Research Innovation and Commercialization is now registered. According to Dr. Farhat, Director ORIC, now researchers will have 15% extra fund for their research projects.

A Two Day Workshop on "Water Pollution and its Mitigation"

A series of technical sessions were held during the workshop arranged at GCUF under the INSPIRE project which is funded by British Council and HEC. Dr. Abdul Shakoor from New Castle University, UK, Dr. Noureen aziz Qureshi, Dr. Farhat Jabeen, Dr. Abdul Jabbar Ch from Brunel University, Dr. Alan Younger. Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain congratulated the staff and students for their active role against pollution. Certificates were distributed among the participants at the end.

New Registrar

Mr. Muhammad Ayub Latif has assumed the duties of Registrar GCUF. Previously he was serving as additional registrar. The new registrar has a vast management experience.



New Campus at Jhang Road

Thanks to the honorable Chief Minister Punjab Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif. The new campus land for GC University, Faisalabad is now allocated at Jhang Road just on seven minutes drive from the main campus. The students and faculty members thanked the Chief Minister for listening and facilitating students at GC University, Faisalabad. They also thanked Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain for his great efforts in this regard. The area consist of more than two hundred acres in which sports grounds with laser leveling has been established and a camp office for the Vice Chancellor was also inaugurated by Dr. Zakir Hussain.

Workshops on Young Entrepreneurship & Educational Leadership

The Office of Dean Management and Administrative Sciences arranged two different workshops at the Murre Resource Center. 120 students and 120 members of faculty participated in the workshops. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Shahbaz Arif, Dean Management & Administrative Sciences – Chief Host, Prof. Dr. Maqbool Sial from University of Sergodha, Mr. S.M. Anwar, Dr. Sohaila Javed, Mr. Imran Baber, Ms. Noor Amina Malik DG HEC, Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain, Prof. Dr. Akram Ch, Vice Chancellor Sergodha University shared their views. Provincial Minister for Education Mian Mujtaba Shuja ur Rehman distributed the certificates to the participants in the closing session. Mr. Ahsan Razzaq, Ms. Uzma Waseem and Mr. Mazhar Hayat were the organizers at the workshops.



World Heart Day

World Heart Day was marked at GCUF. Prof Dr. Noureen Aziz Qureshi, Dr. Habib Aslam and Dr. Riaz Hussain Dab spoke at the occasion. Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain was the chief guest.

Map Exhibition

Department of Geography arranged a Map Exhibition. Dean, Prof. Dr. Noureen Aziz Qureshi inaugurated the event with Dr. Shafqaat Anjum. The theme digital cartography under the supervision of Mr. Shoaib Khalid was presented.

Punjab Youth Festival 2012



Under the directions of the Govt of the Punjab, Punjab Youth Festival, Inter University Divisional Level kicked off at GC University, Faisalabad in a befitting manner. Commissioner Faisalabad Division Mr. Tahir Hussain inaugurated the festival which lasted for a week. He emphasized the role of co-curricular activities in the uplifting of students. He stressed upon the youth to make genuine efforts for improvement of their mental and physical qualities as they would have to be the future nation builders. He said that future of the country depends upon the youth who needs to be well educated, skilled and trained to get the goal of progress and development by fighting all odds.

Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain in his address lauded the efforts of Directorate of Students Affair and the chairman Advisory committee Prof. Dr. Muhammad Shahbaz Arif and other members. He added that Pakistan with youth, around 90 million needs to take more tangible steps to educate them and polish their skills to attain bright future. Lauding the Punjab Government initiatives, he said that hundreds of scholarships worth millions were being given to talented and needy

students under the Punjab Educational Endowment Fund (PEEF) that would not only help increase the literacy rate but also give the country a trained manpower.

Prof. Dr. Shahbaz Arif thanked all the supervisors and co-supervisors for their day and night efforts and especially the student organizers. Mr. Mazhar Hayat, Mr. Zeeshan Ahmad Khan also spoke on the occasion. Registrar Mr. Ayub Latif, Mr. Muhammad Akram Advisor (HR), Ch. Muhammad Mushtaq, Dean Prof. Dr. Noreen Aziz Qureshi, Dean Prof. Dr. Tahir Taunsvi, Dean Prof. Dr. Pervaiz Azim attended the occasion. GC University, Faisalabad students excelled in the competition and lifted many prizes including 1st in documentary, flower arrangement, dress show, painting, urdu debate, milli naghmay and documentary.

A colorful Fun Fair in the mid of Punjab Youth Festival was also arranged at GC University, Faisalabad. All the departments set their stalls at the Hockey ground. The fun fair was inaugurated by the Commissioner Faisalabad Mr. Tahir Hussain and Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain.

Hazrat Sultan Bahu (RA) Seminar

A seminar on Hazrat Sultan Babu (RA) was held at the Government College University, Faisalabad. The seminar was organized by the Department of Punjabi at Faiz Ahmad Faiz Seminar Hall with GCUF Vice Chancellor Dr. Zakir Hussain in the chair. Spiritual personalities Pir Sultan Niazul Hassan, Pir Sultan, Pir Fiazul Hassan and GCUF Dean Dr. Tahir Tounsvi were guests of honor on the occasion. Dean Dr. Shahbaz Arif, Chairman Department Dr. Muhammad Riaz Shahid, Prof. Hameedullah Shah Hashmi, Mr. Mansoor Afaq, Dr. Naveed Shahzad, Dr. Amjad Bhatti, Prof. Amir Hafeez, Dr. Tariq Hashmi, Dr. Ghulam Akbar, Mr. Mumtaz Baloch, Mr. Kalyan Singh and Mr. Asad Mustafa presented their research papers on the occasion. The Vice Chancellor urged the participants to make their relation strong with Allah and illuminate their hearts with the love of Allah and Holy Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him) to get success in this world and in the next world. Pir Fiazul Hassan emphasized the need for promoting the message of Islam across the globe. Pir Niazul Hassan offered Rs.500, 000 for establishment of Sultan Bahu Chair.



Directorate of Distance Learning

The Distance Learning Education Program of GC University Faisalabad is another milestone. This program will provide educational facilities to people on their door step and will also ensure quality education. Directorate of Distance Learning arranged a function in connection with World Teachers Day. The function was chaired by Vice Chancellor Dr. Zakir Hussain whereas, Dean University of Agriculture Prof. Dr. Muhammad Ashfaq, Dean Dr. Nureen Aziz Qureshi and Dr. Naeem Mohsin Director DL also addressed the gathering. Speaking on the occasion the chief guest said that the secret of progress of any country lies in quality education whereas the teachers play a key role in producing the quality students who consequently guarantee a bright future. The day reminds of the great role of teachers for imparting quality education.



Christmas Party

A Christmas Party was arranged by Christian students of GCUF at the department of chemistry. Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain was the chief guest along with respected deans. The chief guest along with students also cut the cake of Christmas at the party.



International Mushaira at London

Dr. Hafiz-ur-Rehman Tahir Tounsvi participated at the International Mushaira in England during the current year on request of the organizers. Makhzan England and writer's co-op also arranged a session with professor sahib to throw light on his literary contribution. The speakers appreciated his contribution as a writer, as a poet and as a critic at London.

Sixth Place for GCUF

Government College University, Faisalabad is now on the sixth slot in the Universities by HEC Islamabad. The University under the leadership of Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain left no stone unturned for this great milestone. The Vice Chancellor congratulated the faculty students and staff for their joint efforts. It is a great news as previously the University was hovering around 19th place after 51st place in the previous years. In this connection Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain, in a staff meeting thanked all the academic staff for their contribution. All the respective Deans Prof. Dr. Shahbaz Arif, Prof. Dr. Noreen Aziz Qureshi, Prof. Dr. Tahir Taunsvi, Prof. Dr. Pervaiz Azim alongwith academia congratulated Dr. Zakir Hussain, who really changed the academic and administrative scenario of the University. Students from all the departments presented bouquets to the Vice Chancellor on this achievement.

GCUF Dengue Control Efforts

Spirited GCUF Committee for Dengue Control (CDC) left no stone unturned under the supervision of Chief Minister, Punjab and under the guidance of Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain. The team Supervisor Prof. Dr. Nureen Aziz Qureshi, Convener, Dr. Muhammad Hidayat Rasool, Dr. Shabab Nasir, Dr. Kashif Zahoor, Mr. Zeeshan Ahmad Khan, Secretary (CDC) with the joint collaboration of staff, students, volunteers organized awareness sessions in the Departments, constituent Institutes and in affiliated colleges of Government College University, Faisalabad. Seminars were organized, Mobile buses were sent with Anti-Dengue groups in the city, in the adjoining areas of Faisalabad, Anti-Dengue walks were arranged, Anti-Dengue stalls were organized, Anti-Dengue slogans were made part and parcel of every activity, Anti-Dengue documentary was prepared by the Secretary Committee, Larva Day, Anti-Dengue Day, One student five home campaign was launched, NGO collaboration was materialized, awareness sessions were organized in other districts, Day to Day larva checking was made by the entomologists, weekly reports were sent to the Punjab Government by Registrar office. GC University, Faisalabad family fought on this platform just to stand united for our brothers, sisters, children and elders and we feel proud of our students, staff and administration on their positive role.



Exhibition and Theses Display

Hafiz Anjum Mahmood Displayed his calligraphy work at Jaddah, an event organized by Pakistani Consulate. OIC secretary general Mr. Ekmeleddin Ihsanoğlu was the chief guest. Theses Display of the students of Art and Design Faisalabad was arranged by Ms. Tehmina Afzal at the Institute of Art & Design. Prof. Dr. Pervez Azeem Dean Social Sciences inaugurated the event.

Data Centre at GCUF

The department of IT Services is going to establish state of the art data center at GCUF. Mr. Khurram Qureshi, manager IT briefed the focal persons from all departments regarding the steps to ensure the fee system and attendance system at GCUF the other day. IT Services has developed in house Campus Management Solution (CMS) system and implemented as centralized in GCUF. All the CMS modules can be accessed in all over the World via internet and managed through Admin Portal, Dean Portal HOD Portal, Faculty Portal, Hostel Portal and Student Portal

MoU with Iranian Research Institute

Institute of Research, Food Science and Technology Mashhad, Iran and GC University Faisalabad, Department of Food Science have joined hands to work together on research, students exchange programme and other academic areas of mutual concern. In this regard, a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed by GCUF Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain and Iranian Institute Director, Dr. Merzieh Hussaini Nazhad at the main campus.

International MoU

GCUF sign MOU with New Mexican state University for collaboration in the fields of Electrical Engineering, Software Engineering and Business Management. The programmes will be taught according to the syllabus of NMSV-USA. In this connection Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain signed the MOU at America.

GCUF to Extend Free Education to Toppers

The Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain announced free education to the students who will top in the examinations while addressing a prize distribution ceremony of the students who clinched top positions in BA, BSc composite and annual exams at H-Block Hall. Each 1st, 2nd and 3rd position holder was awarded with a cash prize of Rs.25000, 20000 and 15000 respectively. In BSc Part I and II annual exams, Hina Zulfiqar got first position, Samina Akhtar second and Naveed Anwar got third position. In BA Part I and II annual exams, Ayesha got first position, Afeefa Yousaf second while the third position was jointly shared by Sumaya Batool and Bushra Yaseen. The top position in the first annual composite BA/BSc, part I and II exams, were secured by Bilqees Arshad, second position by Saba Mubarak and third by Mukhtar Ahmad.

Jinnah's Vision of Pakistan

A two day seminar on Jinnah's Vision of Pakistan was arranged by department of History and Pakistan Studies in December 2012. Personalities like Prof. Dr. Anwar Ahmad, Prof. Dr. Riaz Ahmad, Mr. Abid Hassan Minto, Prof. Waqar Asghar Peeroz, Prof. Jameel Umer, Dr. Ihsan-ul-Haq, Mr. Mubashar Luqman, Mr. Shahbir Hussain Shah, Mian Muhammad Rafique MNA, Rana Munawar Khan, Director Colleges, Prof. Dr. Shahbaz Arif shared their views. A speech competition and songs competition was also arranged during the seminar. Mr. Abdul Qadir Mushtaq, Mr. Sibqat Ullah Tahir, Principal University Degree College played their key role in the success of seminar. The Seminar provided the student community a chance to understand and promulgate the vision of Quaid e Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah who changed the path of history. A book exhibition was also arranged at the occasion.

A Decade of Higher Education Commission Islamabad

Addressing a seminar through video conferencing organized by the Government College University Faisalabad in connection with completion of 10 years of HEC. Executive Director Dr. Sohail Naqvi said that six Pakistani universities have been ranked among top 300 Asian Universities while two Pakistani universities are standing among the top 300 science and Technology institutions of the world. Besides it, 41 more universities have been established across the country in a span of ten years to equip the nation with modern and quality education. Dr. Sohail said that Faisalabad was heart of Pakistan textile sector whereas the GCUF is hub of research for meeting the demands of industry and playing a vital role in equipping the students with modern and quality education. He urged the educationists and researchers to maintain good relations with the industry to transform knowledge into goods and services by solving problems confronted the industries. The Vice Chancellor, Dr. Zakir Hussain gave a briefing about the success of the university. He further said that the University was bearing deficit budget two years ago but due to good financial interventions the GCUF surplus budget had gone up this year. He pointed out that the university was standing among the top Universities of country as it had emerged to number sixth University where as last year university was at number 19. He lauded the steps taken on the part of HEC to improve the quality of education for making them at par with international standard by raising the education and uplifting the status of teaching staff with high pay. Muhammad Murtaza Noor Focal Person Inter University Consortium for Promotion Social Sciences Pakistan was also present.



Foundation Day 2012

The traditional foundation day ceremony was held on 8th December, 2012. Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain administered the oath of the new Executive Committee of Old Students Association GC University, Faisalabad, on the day. After Flag Hoisting and discussion session, the Karamat Jaffari Hall and Hashmat Khan Hall were inaugurated by Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain at Mian M. Yousaf Block and Basic Sciences Block. On the occasion, the total fund for the first Alumni newsletter was donated by the family of Late Prof. Asmat Ullah Khan. Dr. Hassan from Canada started scholarship in the name of his father of Rs. 25,000/- with a gold medal in M.Sc. Physics. In the ceremony new President Dr. Muhammad Saulat Nawaz, Dr. Habib Aslam Gaba, Secretary General, Mian Khuda Bakhsh Haleemi, Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain shared their views. Campus Secretary Mr. Zeeshan Ahmad Khan conducted the proceedings. Mr. Salah-ud-Din, Mr. Riaz Ahmad Riaz, Col (R) Najam Hameed with large number of Alumni were present. The message of Mr. Waqar Asghar Peroz, Principal Govt. Commerce College Faisalabad was also read at the event. Financial Scholarship Cheques amounting to Rs. 26 lacs by Student Aid Office were also distributed to the students on the historical day.



Renovation of Old Library

The Historical Armstrong Library is being renovated by an Alumni Engr. Qamar-uz-Zaman, (USA) of Kashmir Educational Foundation, at GC University, Faisalabad. The academia, staff and students thanked their brother for this effort.



National Seminar on Role of Alumni in Higher Education Future Perspectives for GCUF

The Alumni Government College University Faisalabad organized a Seminar at Government College University, Faisalabad on the Topic "Role of Alumni in Higher Education: Future Perspective for GCUF" at the newly renovated H block in the historical main Hall. Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain, Patron Alumni was the Chief Host along with President Alumni Mr. Muhammad Ikram, Ex-Judge (ATC), Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akram Ch, Vice Chancellor, University of Sargodha was the Chief Guest. Mr. Khuda Bakhsh, Ex-Additional Chief Secretary Punjab, Dr. Muhammad Javed Bhatti (USA), Maj. (R) Muhammad Amjad Kareem, Father of IT Legend Arfa Kareem, Prof. Dr. Shaukat Ali, Registrar, University of Sargodha, Col (R) Najam Hameed anchored the Seminar. The event started with the inauguration of Picture gallery of ex-Principals of the institution by Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain, Col (R) Najam Hameed paid a tribute to the departed souls of Prof. Asmat Ullah Khan, ex-Principal, Col Dawar Hussain, Dr. Arif Ali Zaidi, ex-Vice Chancellor, GC University, Faisalabad, Ch. Niaz, ex-Principal and Ms. Arfa Karim. Dr. Saulat Nawaz and Dr. Habib Aslam Gaba presented their presentations on the topic. Mr. Zeeshan Ahmad Khan launched the 1st ever Alumni Newsletter. Keeping in view the International Women Day on the said date Prof. Rashida, Member executive, Prof. Yaldaz, Prof. Farzana, Prof. Rakhshinda and Dean Prof. Dr. Noreen Aziz Qureshi opened the first copy of Newsletter. Mr. Adnan Zahid launched the alumni website with the Chief Guest on pushing the button. A tribute was paid to Arifa Karim and Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain named CS LAB-I as Arifa Karim Lab. Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain lauded the role of Alumni in the development of institutions in his speech. Prof. Dr. Akram Ch. thanked the alumni for inviting him at such an innovative event. He appreciated the efforts of the executive of Alumni in the progress of GC University, Faisalabad. Ch. Muhammad Ikram, President Alumni, in his address thanked the executive for their support and especially Mian Waqar Yousaf, Lt. Gen. (R) Khalid Maqbool, Mr. Abid Sher Ali, MNA, Haji Akram Ansari MNA, Engineer Qamar uz Zaman USA and his team, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akram Ch and specially Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain who provided a new life to the Alumni. Souvenirs were presented in the end. Dean, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Shahbaz Arif, Dean Prof. Dr. Pervaiz Azim, Dean, Prof. Dr. Tahir Taunsvi, Dean Prof. Dr. Noreen Aziz Qureshi, Registrar Muhammad Akram, Mr. Mazhar Hayat DSA, the Chairpersons, Directors alongwith a large number of Alumni attended the gathering. Dr. Inam-ul-Haq Javaid a renowned poet (an Alumni) presented his humorous poetry at the end which added more colour to the gathering.



14th August 2012

14th August Ceremony was held at the VC Secretariat Hall of GC University, Faisalabad. Student band presented National Anthem, Milli Songs and a play on Freedom. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Shahbaz Arif presented the Geographical depiction of Pakistan's travelling treasures. Dua was offered at the end by Dr. Humayoun Abbas. Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain in his speech stressed the need to perform our duties towards the Country. National Flag was hoisted at the event after observance of the dramatic pause.



Directorate of Medical Sciences

Directorate of Medical Sciences Government College University, Faisalabad with new medical degree programs has started working. The directorate arranged a training workshop in collaboration with Rescue-1122 to educate students about basic techniques of saving life in case of emergency. MPA Rana Muhammad Afzal was the chief guest at the two-day workshop. Faculty of Science and Technology Dean Prof. Dr. Noreen Aziz Qureshi, Director Medical Services Prof. Dr. Riaz Hussain Dhab, Emergency Officer Muhammad Tariq, addressed the seminar. Dr. Riaz Dab stressed the youth to get the training. Registrar Muhammad Ayub, Deans Prof. Dr. Muhammad Shahbaz Arif and Prof. Dr. Pervez Azeem, Director HR Sheikh Akram, Dr. Zubair Siddiqui, Dr. Iftikhar, Dr. Hidayat Rasool, Dr. Muhammad Afzal, Ms. Kishwar Naheed Rana and Dr. Mishbah Ishtiaq were present along with participants.

Seminar at Education Department

The department of Education had a two days seminar at GC University Faisalabad on the topic "Assessment in Education" in which Prof. Dr. Muhammad Asif presented the objectives of the Seminar. Prof. Dr. Pervaiz Azim, welcomed the Chief Guest Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain. The Speakers stressed the need for assessment for quality teaching.



Workshop at College of Law

GCUF College of Law in collaboration with Court Advocacy Training Committee arranged a workshop which aimed at educating the students of law about the case preparation, speeches and witness handling with the help of case study. The workshop was attended by students faculty and staff. The concluding session was presided by Dr. Zakir Hussain, Vice Chancellor, while renowned lawyer Sardar Khurram Latif Khosa key speaker on the occasion. The Vice Chancellor urged the lawyers need to be professional and raise real issue of the masses with best ethics and moral values to ensure supremacy of judiciary.

Workshop at the Department of Bio Informatics and Bio Technology

The Department of Bio-informatics and Bio-technology, GC University Faisalabad arranged a training workshop in collaboration with National academy of young scientists and Pakistan Technical Expert Network on "Basic Bio-informatics Skills". The Chief Guest Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain appreciated the collaboration for academic purposes. Prof. Dr. Noreen Aziz Qureshi Dean and Dr. Shahid Nadeem Chairman Department also shared their views on the occasion.

Laptops by the Government of Punjab

A grand total of 6386 students of morning and evening classes received laptops and Internship letters were also received by more than two thousand students under the scholarship schemes of Mian Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif, the honorable Chief Minister of the Punjab. They received the Laptops at Iqbal Stadium, Faisalabad by the Chief Minister. Whereas the evening program students received the Laptops at University of Agriculture, a ceremony presided by Mr. Hamza Shahbaz Sharif. The students thanked the Chief Minister for their revolutionary step with which Laptop is not a dream for intelligent students. Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain in his statement acknowledged the step as historical landmark based on merit.

Punjab Educational Endowment Fund Scholarships

A scholarship disbursement ceremony of Punjab Educational Endowment Fund was held at the University of Agriculture Faisalabad. Provincial Minister of Law and Parliamentary Affairs Rana Sana Ullah Khan was the Chief Guest. Dr. Amjad Saqib, Vice Chairman PEEF, Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain Vice Chancellor GCUF, Prof. Dr. Iqar Ahmad Khan VC UAF, Rana Munawar Director Colleges, Khawaja Muhammad Islam MPA, Rana Muhammad Afzal Khan MPA, Khalid Imtiaz Baloch MPA, Rao Kashif Raheem MPA were the guests of honor. A huge number of recipients received the scholarships. The students showed their satisfaction over the reach of the programme to the needy students. The participants thanked the Worthy Chief Minister Punjab for this great initiative for the students. Ms. Saima Perveen, Incharge SFAO was the focal person.

Attack on Malala Yousafzai Condemned

The Faculty members, staff and students of the Government College University, Faisalabad condemned terrorists attack on Malala Yousufzai who championed the cause of girls education and dared to flay extremists for destroying the girls school and terrorizing school going girls.

In this regard special prayers were offered at the Vice Chancellor Secretariat for the early recovery of Malala Yousufzai's health and her injured companions as well as for the stability and progress of the country. In his statement GCUF Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain said that Malala a brilliant and courageous girl, is a symbol of constant struggle as she was a progressive face of Pakistan in general and Swat in particular.

World Bank Team Visit

A team of World Bank headed by Consultant Anjum Rahman and Mr. Ghafar Naveed had a training session regarding consumer survey at GC University Faisalabad. More than 40 students from Mass Communication department participated in the training session. Ms. Irum Sultana of Mass Communication department was the focal person from GC University, Faisalabad.



Role of Media & Literacy

Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain, Vice Chancellor, Government college University Faisalabad while talking to a delegation of journalists from Khyber Pakhtunkhwa headed by Nadir Khawaja, said that Media, the fourth pillar of state needs to enhance its role for increasing literacy rate and make it at par with developed nations by motivating the public about education which is a base of progress. He added that media has emerged as powerful and influential medium in Pakistan and is helping to change the mindset of the public with awareness; he added that it (media) was playing an active in raising the real issues of the public, to create uplift of society and country literacy rate in Pakistan is only 58 percent which is very low compared with developed nations. GCUF Director Admin Ch. Muhammad Mushtaq, Director Sports Muhammad Rafiq Wahla, Media Consultant Abid Kamalvi and office bearers of SIAF were also present at the meeting.

International Working Women Day

A seminar was arranged at GCUF to observe the International Working Women Day under supervision of Prof. Dr. Noureen Aziz Qureshi. Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain presided the session. The speakers discussed the role of working women in the society and the problems faced by them.



British Council Training Programme

Dr. Saeeda Asad Ullah, former Vice Chancellor Fatima Jinnah Women University and Advisor of TELS of British Council visited GCUF and presided a Seminar on the importance of English language training for officials. She had a long session with the officials at the conference room.

UFone Expo at GC University, Faisalabad

UFone Expo with the collaboration of Faisalabad Chamber of Commerce was held at GC University Faisalabad. The event was a family-oriented one in which more than hundred stalls were established ranging from all sort of products. The Expo provided a platform for the regional products. Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain inaugurated the Expo alongwith distinguished guest. The event lasted for three days.

Degree Programmes

The Directorate of Medical Sciences has been set up at the GC University Faisalabad to implement the educational vision of Vice-Chancellor Dr. Zakir Hussain. This directorate is run by former Principal Punjab Medical College, Faisalabad Dr. Riaz Hussain Dhab. A college of Allied Health Professional will operate under this directorate where a 2-year associate degree programme will be introduced and includes the operation theatre technology, medical laboratory technology, dietetics, radiography, imaging technology and pharmacy technology. On the other hand a 5-year degree programme, Doctor of Physical Therapy is also introduced at the college

GCUF sets up Three Chairs

Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain has announced Hazrat Sultan Bahu Chair, Quaid-e-Azam Chair and Allama Iqbal Chair at Government College University Faisalabad. A Bahu Corner is also established in the main library. The Chairs will provide research activities for our youth regarding these great personalities. Grants have been allocated and worthy professors will be appointed in this regard.

Admissions at GCUF

More than 35000 applicants applied for admissions at GC University, Faisalabad in different programmes this year. The process of Admissions was completed under the supervision of the Directorate of Advanced Studies Dr. Hazoor M. Sabir (DAS) gave a briefing in this regard to all the heads at the VC Secretariat.

Lincoln Corner

Lincoln Cornor and American Universities Linkage Package is on the move at the GC University, Faisalabad. In this connection a team of American Consulate Lahore headed by Director Information Resource Muhammad Arif and Cultural Officer Tahira Habib met the Vice Chancellor GC University, Faisalabad. Vice Chancellor GC University, Faisalabad welcomed the future projects which will provide a new spirit to the academic atmosphere.

One Day Seminar

The department of Bio-informatics and Bio-technology organized a one day seminar on "Applications of Bio-technology in Health and Agriculture" Technical experts from Singapore, 150 participants from the Universities attended the event. The department also organized creativity competition for students with tour to CEMB, Lahore.

World Environment Day

The department of environmental science arranged a seminar and awareness walk at Muree in connection with World Environment Day. Dr. Farhat Abbas and Dr. Noureen Aziz Qureshi were the chief organizers. Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain along with more than 200 faculty members from different universities participated in the walk. Earlier the department also arranged Flower Exhibition at the main campus



Mehfil-e-Milad for Ladies

A Mehfil-e-Milad was arranged at the newly renovated Armstrong Library at GC University, Faisalabad for ladies. The organizers were Dr. Sofia Anwar and Ms. Fahmida Kausar. Dr. Suriya Zakir alongwith large number of female Faculty members and students attended the spiritual gathering.

New Motor Pool

Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain inaugurated the new Motor Pool at GC University Faisalabad with better facilities and more car parking, bus parking area with proper Mechanical and technical backup. Dr. Umair Arshad, Incharge Transport briefed the Vice Chancellor about the salient facets of the facility.

Seminar on Islamic Banking

Department of Banking & Finance arranged a seminar on Islamic Banking at GC University, Faisalabad. Chief Manager State Bank of Pakistan Mr. Sajjad Ali Shah, Mr. Umer Product Development Manager Meezan Bank, Mr. Munir Ahmad Joint Director Islamic Bank spoke at the occasion. The students and staff had a inter-active session and thorough discussion on the topic. Dr. Hazoor Muhammad Sabir Director Advanced Studies welcomed the guests at the seminar. Mr. Muhammad Safdar, Incharge department highlighted the need to develop discussion on Islamic Banking for better understanding.

Indian Punjab Kabaddi Team Visits GCUF



Indian Punjab Kabaddi Team with manager Randheer Singh Visited GCUF main campus. A dinner was arranged at the event with Mr. Tahir Hussain, commissioner Faisalabad as guest of honor and Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain as chief guest. Divisional office bearers of Kabaddi association were also present. Mr. Rafeeq Wahla arranged the event.

Labs at Telecom Engineering

The department has recently established two labs on Optical Fiber communication and satellite communication. The labs will be very helpful to student community.

Workshops on Skill Development

Department of Continuing Education arranged under the IT Skill Development Program workshops for university staff. Dr. Aziz Sabir conducted the skill development sessions. Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain, Vice Chancellor and Prof. Dr. Muhammad Shahbaz Arif distributed certificates to the participants.

Seminar at Home Economics

Department of Home Economics arranged a one day seminar on the topic of Nutrition and Health Awareness at GC University, Faisalabad. Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain was the Chief Guest. Prof. Dr. Noreen Aziz Qureshi Dean Faculty of Science & Technology was the guest of honor. Prof. Dr. Nighat Bhatti Director Institute of Home & Food Sciences introduced the topic of the seminar. The seminar had two sessions on Lectures of case studies and panel discussion.

Seminar on Testing and Evaluation

English Language Testing and Evaluation Seminar was arranged by Department of English. Dean Prof. Dr. Muhammad Shahbaz Arif and Dean Prof. Dr. Pervaiz Azim were the key note speakers. Ms. Rubina Mustafa Project Director English Language Teaching Reforms Project HEC was the Guest of honor.

Dua-e-Maghfirat

Dua-e-Maghfirat for Software Legend Ms. Arfa Karim (Late) was held at GC University, Faisalabad to pay homage to her and to show solidarity with her family. A large number of Faculty members, students and staff attended the Dua.

Awareness Walk

An awareness walk for Breast Cancer was arranged by the Department of Mass Communication at Government College for Women, Madina Town, Faisalabad. The students through the walk highlighted the importance to cure this disease.

Student Cafeteria

Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain inaugurated the 1st planned students cafeteria of GC University, Faisalabad at the main campus. It is for the first time that five points are functional at GC University, Faisalabad. The long awaited request of students saw the dawn.

Seminar on Nanotechnology

A seminar on Nanotechnology was arranged by the department of Physics on the topic "Nanotechnology opportunity and future prospects in Pakistan." Dr. N.M. Butt was the key speaker whereas Dr. Naureen Aziz Qureshi, Dr. Nasir Amin, Dr. Saifullah, Dr. Fakhar-e-Alam, Dr. Sajjad Hussain, Dr. Adnan Ali, Dr. Waheed Shamrez, Dr. Hammad Aziz, Mr. Kashif Javed, Dr. Ijaz Ahmad and Ms. Alina Manzoor also shared their views. The Chief Guest, Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain, highlighted the need of Nanotechnology for the benefit of human race.



Book-Reading

In order to promote habit of book reading a seminar was arranged by the department of Education, Government College University Faisalabad. The Vice chancellor, Dr. Zakir Hussain urged the students to promote the habit of book reading. The Registrar Muhammad Ayub, Media consultant Abid Kamalvi, Mrs. Agha and Dr. Tayyab Also spoke on the occasion.

Workshops

College of computer Sciences and Information Studies, Government College University Faisalabad has started a series of workshops on research to polish skills of students and teachers in writing research proposals, theses and other activities on research. The series of workshops are being arranged on the directives of GCUF VC Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain. At the first workshop, Dean Noreen Aziz Qureshi made a special address in which participants were educated about the research writing and ways to conduct it.

Water Land Management Course

The department of Wildlife & Fisheries organized a Four day Water Land management course. Dr. Muhammad Tahir of Pakistan water land programme, Prof. Dr. Noreen Aziz Qureshi, Dean, Faculty of Science & Technology and Prof. Dr. Shahbaz Arif were the Chief Guests. The Speakers highlighted the need to strengthen water land management programme.

