

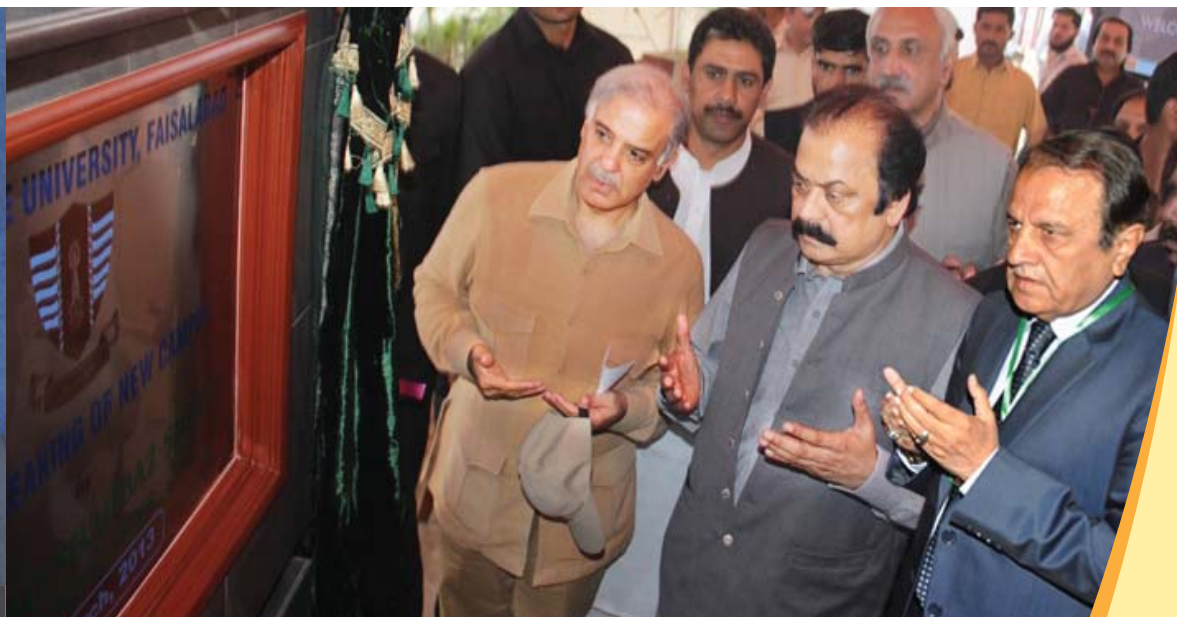


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Our Alumnus Our Chancellor

It is an honor for GCUF community that our old student Ch. Muhammad Sarwer has assumed his duties as Governor of the Punjab / Chancellor Government College University Faisalabad. Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain, members of Alumni Association, faculty and students congratulated the chancellor on this proud honor. No doubt it's a unique honor for Government College University Faisalabad that after Lt. General (R) Khalid Maqbool, Ch. Muhammad Sarwer is the second alumnus who assumed the charge of Governor Punjab.



GCUF Fifth Best Varsity

According to the latest ranking of the Higher Education Commission, the Government College University Faisalabad has become the fifth best university across the country because of a transparent mechanism, which created an environment of competition to further improve the standards of education. Last year, the university was at sixth position. The present ranking was made on the basis of education, quality and research work in the academic year 2011/12.

Memorandum of Understanding

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The Government College University Faisalabad has signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the ATHE, a UK-based organization, to establish a study centre at the university. Initially, a Post Graduate Diploma (PGD) Level 7 in Strategic Management had been planned at the University and gradually other disciplines in business management, tourism and hotel management would be launched.



Inauguration of GCUF New Campus & Foundation Stone of Women University



Worthy Chief Minister of Punjab, Mian Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif inaugurated the new campus of GCUF and laid the foundation stone of Women University. He congratulated the faculty and said that the scholarships worth Rs.10 billion under the Punjab Education Endowment Fund would facilitate students in getting education, besides mentioning his other educational steps like Daanish schools and other internships of worth Rs. 1.5 billion.

He also laid the foundation stone of GC University Faisalabad's new campus which would be constructed with Rs.30 billion on 200 acres.

During the welcome address, the Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain informed the chief minister that first development phase of the new campus would be completed with Rs.478.55 million. He said that it comprises an academic block, hostels, an auditorium, parks, boundary wall, water supply and sewerage system.



Lincoln Corner



A two-member team of US Embassy Islamabad headed by Information Resource Officer Caryn Anderson visited GC University Faisalabad and called on VC Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain.

They discussed at length about establishment of Lincoln Corner Faisalabad at the university's newly-built library. The corner will consist of books of arts and culture, agriculture science and technology, literature, biographies and other valuable reading material, electronic library and video conference facility. Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain said that the university is committed to promote the culture of book reading among the youngsters. Keeping in view the university has set up Allama Iqbal, Faiz Ahmad Faiz, Sultan Bahu and Ghalib's corners at its main library after renovation. He said that the university has emerged fifth best university of the country in the ranking of Higher Education Commission. He said that two years ago the university was bearing the deficit of Rs.150 million but now we are having surplus budget. Caryn Anderson said that the establishment of Lincoln Corner at GCUF would pave the ways to enhance the ties and information sharing about modern knowledge. Prof. Dr. Tahir briefed Caryn Anderson about the curricular activities of the varsity. The delegation also visited the site of corner near Emerging Science Block.

Visit of American Consulate General

Honorable Consulate General Ms. Nina Maria Fite and Mr. Andrew Posner visited GCUF in order to promote Research, E-Library System, Scholarship Awareness and other academic cooperation offered under US Aid Program. They were greeted by Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain along with Faculty at GCUF. They showed their satisfaction over the growth of this institution in the past 3 years.



Experts Say Latest Tech is Essential Future Agriculture in Pakistan

Pakistan's water efficiency is down to 40%. Speakers at seminar call for efficiency and productivity in agriculture sector at GCUF.

Experts at international seminar called for promotion of environment friendly agricultural practices like precise cultivation to increase productivity and to reduce the input cost.

The seminar titled Technology, Energy and Natural Resources was arranged by the Department of Environmental Sciences of GC University, Faisalabad (GCUF) and was presided by the Dean Faculty of Science and Technology Dr. Naureen Aziz Qureshi.

Experts who spoke on the occasion included Dr. Qamaruz Zaman and Dr. Tri Ngyuen Quang from Canada's Dalhousie University and Department of Environmental Sciences GCUF Chairman Dr. Farhat Abbas. Dr. Schumann from University of Florida also addressed the seminar via video conference.

Prof. Dr. Naureen Aziz said that it was important to make efficient use of natural resources and at the same time maintain international standards.

Need for Spending Quality Time with Stressed Children

Dr. Zakir Hussain, Vice Chancellor GC University, Faisalabad urged parents to supervise their children's lifestyle "As life becomes busier, parents ought to spend little time with their children. This trend needs to be corrected and parents should ensure that they spend quality time with their children, especially those in their teens."

He presided over a seminar on Parenting Experiences. It was organized by the Faculty of Food Sciences, Nutrition and Home Economics.

Stressing the need for spending more time with children, Dr. Hussain said that parents must realize that childhood is crucial in character and personality development of an individual. He said parents must be available to help their children.

Dr. Imtiaz Ahmad Dogar, the head of Punjab Medical College Department of Psychiatry; Dr. Nighat Bhatti, Director GCUF Institute of Home Economics; Dr. Muhammad Umair Arshad, Nosheen Haider and Prof. Rashida Zafar also spoke at the event.

Call To Promote Sufism

It is the need of the hour to promote doctrine of Sufis and saints among the youth so that they could become good Muslims and play their due role for the humanity.

This was stated by the Dean Faculty of Islamic and Oriental Learning Dr. Tahir Tounsvi at a meeting. Coordinator Punjabi Department Dr. Aasima Ghulam Rasool and other teachers of Punjabi from different colleges attended the meeting. The meeting also discussed the ways to promote Punjabi literature across the globe. The dean also called for following the teaching of Sufis to find a path to strengthen link with Allah. GCUF has established Bahu's Chair to help promote the saint's message.

Stakeholder's active support towards tackling water pollution

The speakers at the international seminar on "Water pollution and its impact on fish quality" emphasized the need for the active involvement of all the stakeholders to tackle the ever increasing problem of water pollution that is affecting the health and livelihood of people and the quality of fish meat.

The international seminar on "Water pollution and its impact on Fish Quality", was held at the Government College for Women, Mianwali, under the INSPIRE (SP-174) and SPEKE projects. Both projects are funded by the British Council and the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan and are jointly managed by the GC University Faisalabad (GCUF) and Newcastle University, UK. A large number of students (nearly 1,000) of class 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Year, M.Sc., M.Phil. and Ph.D students and faculty members of the college attended the seminar.



Need to Increase Literacy Rate

Education fosters development and Pakistan is blessed with talented people, but its literacy rate is only 58 per cent.

These were the thoughts of speakers during a seminar organized by the Government College University in connection with the International Literacy Day.

GCU Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr. Zakir Hussain said it was a prerequisite for progress to increase literacy rate by taking measures to attain 100 per cent literacy target.

He stressed the need for social mobilization and creating awareness among people about the importance of education. He further said Islam, emphasizes on getting education and it was every Muslim's duty to take every step to seek knowledge.

Department of Education Chairman Prof Dr. Muhammad Asif said the secret behind a nation's uplift is education. He also called for increasing literacy rate.

District Officer (Literacy) Muhammad Amjad, District Education Officer (Elementary) Sajjad Kahlon and others also spoke on the occasion

Public Urged to be Extra Careful during Wet Spell

GCUF holds Seminar on Anti Dengue Day

Several experts at a seminar held at the Government College University Faisalabad called for active participation by the public to eliminate the threat of dengue fever.

The seminar was held in connection with the Anti Dengue Day. The Dean Faculty of Science and Technology Dr. Naureen Aziz Qureshi presided over the event. Registrar Muhammad Ayub, HR Adviser Sheikh Muhammad Akram, Dr. Hidayat Rasool, Dr. Shabab Nasir, Dr. Kashif Zahoor and Zeeshan Ahmad Khan also spoke on the occasion.

The university had constituted several committees to create awareness on the directions of GCUF Vice Chancellor Zakir Hussain.

The speakers urged that Dengue fever's patients must drink lot of water, juices and milk, regular fumigation in homes and colonies should be ensured and people should also avoid sitting out doors at dawn and in the evening.



Pink Ribbon Youth Awareness of Breast Cancer

Government College University, Faisalabad, organized a walk on Wednesday in connection with breast cancer awareness.

The walk, led by Vice Chancellor Prof Dr. Zakir Hussain and Director Medical Sciences Department Prof Dr. Riaz Hussain, started from H-Block and culminated at the Basic Sciences Block. Participants were carrying banners inscribed with slogans for awareness of breast cancer among the youth.

Earlier, addressing a seminar, titled 'Pink Ribbon Youth Awareness of Breast Cancer', Dr. Zakir said that 40,000 women are dying in Pakistan every year of breast cancer and awareness is required among the masses. Dr. Ejaz Shah, a renowned Cancer specialist, also spoke on the seminar along with Dr. Riaz Hussain Dab.



Call To Follow Teachings Of Islam



Speakers at a seminar called for implementing Islamic socio-economic system. The seminar was arranged by GC University Faisalabad and presided over by GCUF Vice Chancellor Prof Dr. Zakir Hussain while religious scholar Prof Ahmad Rafique Akhtar was the key speaker. Registrar Muhammad Ayub and Director Admin Muhammad Mushtaq spoke on the occasion while Israr Kisana conducted the questions answers session. Prof Ahmad Rafique Akhtar said that Islam is a complete ideology giving solution to all problems of human beings.

Call to Promote Book Reading

Dr. Zakir Hussain, Vice Chancellor, Government College University Faisalabad has called for promoting the book reading culture among the youths to make development with the power of knowledge across the globe.

Addressing students in connection with the World Book Day, the vice-chancellor said that the country was blessed with talented youths and by sharpening their skills with quality education the country can attain the desired results. The country could move to the new heights of progress. He said that nations, which have strong relations with books, progress rapidly and prove their mettle in the every sphere of life.

Hazrat Sultan Bahu Corner & Dr. Saleem Akhtar Corner

Government College University, Faisalabad has established Hazrat Sultan Bahu Corner and Dr. Saleem Akhtar Corner under the guidance of Prof. Dr. Tahir Tounsvi. Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain inaugurated the corners.



GCUF Online Survey

Rule of Law, HR

Among the Top Problems of Masses

Issues of rule of law; and human rights and inequalities are at the top among the problems facing people in Pakistan, according to online survey conducted by Directorate of Students Affairs, Government College University Faisalabad.

The seminar was held on the instruction of GCUF Vice Chancellor Prof Dr. Zakir Hussain. The title was Prioritization Themes/Issues for Post 2015 Development Agenda from Pakistan Perspective. It was arranged by DSA, GCUF in collaboration with the United Nations Development Program. The survey was meant to prioritize the issues to cope with by mapping out a comprehensive strategy and move the country in the list of developed nations in the post 2015 world.

Dean Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences Prof Dr. Parvez Azim, Dean Faculty of Science and Technology Prof. Dr. Naureen Aziz Qureshi and UNDP Program Officer Shakeel Anjum were guests of honor on the occasion. Director Students Affairs Dr. Nadeem Sohail and Dr. Sofia Anwar also spoke on the occasion.

Prof Dr. Parvez Azim said that as many as 2243 respondents responded on the survey. He said that according to the survey other prioritized problems include; inclusive human development, food security and nutrition, energy, social development, gender equality, women employment and disaster responses. Talking about food insecurity, he said that there have been widespread micronutrient deficiencies especially among women and children



GCUF Cultural Gala

The Government College University Faisalabad (GCUF) had a two-day cultural and fundraising gala. The cultural gala was consisted of colourful events including Jhumar party, Laal bands, Heer singing party, Theatre and Qawali. The event helped to raise Students Advancement Endowment Fund (SAEF) for scholarships to meet financial needs of needy and meritorious students. GCUF VC Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain inaugurated the gala. This was an endeavour of FAO-GCUF office.



Seminar Stresses Teacher's Role for Uplift

The secret of development of a country lies in skilled manpower based on quality education which is imparted by teachers who play a pivotal role in refurbishing and sharpening the abilities of individuals.

Vice Chancellor Dr. Zakir Hussain presided over the seminar titled "Professional Competency Enhancement for Young Faculty Members" arranged by Department of Electrical Engineering and Department of Chemistry, GCUF with the collaboration of Higher Education Commission and British Council.

The vice chancellor urged the teaching community to enhance their professional abilities for nation and academia at national as well as international levels. He said that trained manpower having command over technical and scientific knowledge is prerequisite to make progress in every sphere of life. He said that a skilled teacher can develop the skilled manpower therefore every step should be taken on the part of faculty members to further improve their professional skills in order to actively transfer the state-of-the-art knowledge to the students. He further said Pakistan needs to increase the rate of higher education which is very low to compete with the world.

Prof. Dr. Naureen Aziz Qureshi, Dean Faculty of Science and Technology lauded the collaborated efforts of young faculty members for enhancing their research and academic activities. Dr. Iftikhar Hussain Bukhari, Chairman Department of Chemistry discussed the possible outcomes of workshop as improvement in research techniques, teaching and learning styles.

Precautions Against Thalassemia Stressed

It is a matter of concern that one million children are suffering from thalassemia in the country and it is necessary to create awareness among people about precautions against disease and to promote blood donation culture to help the patients. This was stated by GC University Faisalabad (GCUF) Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain while he was addressing a seminar on "Importance of Blood Donation and Establishment of Blood Donors Society of GCUF". The seminar was arranged by Directorate of Medical Sciences and Directorate of Students Affairs at Hashmat Hall, GCUF. Dean Prof. Dr. Naureen Aziz Qureshi, Director Medical Sciences Prof. Dr. Riaz Hussain Dab, Director Students Affairs Dr. Nadeem Sohail, Dr. Rafia Imtiaz, Dr. Owais, Dr. Muhammad Asif Saleem and others also spoke at the seminar. Dr Zakir Hussain vowed to provide all possible resources to the GCUF Blood Donors Society. He said volunteer blood donor students of the GCUF could serve the humanity. Prof. Dr. Riaz Hussain Dab said his directorate had arranged many awareness programmes on various diseases including dengue and other fatal diseases.



Inauguration of Emerging Science Block 'Research Is Key to Progress in Education'

GC University Faisalabad Vice Chancellor Prof Dr. Zakir Hussain while terming research the key to progress in education has said that as many as 8,161 Ph.D. scholars have been produced so far in the country and 15 Ph.D.



scholars are completing degrees weekly in Pakistan because of Higher Education Commission's initiatives.

He stated this during a visit to the Emerging Science Block and inspected the ongoing development works. He was flanked by heads of the departments and students. He said that the scheme of labs up-gradation worth Rs. 870 million had been sent to the Planning Commission for approval. He said that a dynamic and sustainable research culture helps make progress in economy development, national well-being and dissemination of knowledge.

Students Urged To Think Out Of The Box

The youth can take the country to the new avenue of progress by polishing their skills, said Government College University Faisalabad. Vice Chancellor Dr Zakir Hussain.

Addressing a seminar titled "Creative Conference 2013" organized by the Department of Computer Sciences, he said that they could also prove their mettle in their chosen fields by thinking out of the box. He said that the people, who thought out of the box and used creativity, made history in the world. He was of the view that the country was having 90 million youths, who needed to be equipped with modern knowledge. He said that the information technology had gained an immense importance in this era as the world had turned to the global village. He said that such events provided a platform to the students to look around and think for the solution to different problems.

Speaking on the occasion, Dean Faculty of Science and Technology Dr. Naureen Aziz said that the university was used to organize such events for the students. She said that they were taking all out steps for giving the state of the art facilities to the students. College of Computer Sciences and Information Technology Principal Dr. Ramzan Talib also spoke on the occasion.

Under the event, creative project, poster design and logo design contests were also held among the students.



Students Of GC University Develop E-Voting System



The students of GC University Faisalabad has developed an e-voting system (Digital Ballot Machine), enabling the users to vote with a touch screen after thumb impression and NADRA verification within no time.

The e-ballot paper will make the process of casting votes more transparent and easy like developed countries of the world.

It was displayed by the students at a competition entitled "Creative Con" (who is creative) arranged by the College of Computer Sciences and Information Technology.

It was aimed at inducing creativity among the students. Under the event, creative project competition, poster design and logo design displays were also held.

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He said that GCUF has always encouraged the talented students and made all-out efforts to guide them and provide them with state-of-the-art facilities like modern labs etc.

Diabetes Spreading Fast in Country

The seminar on diabetes and fasting was organized by the Directorate of Medical Sciences here on Thursday. The speakers said that there were 6.9 million diabetics in the country and the number would rise to 11.5 million by 2025 if tangible steps were not taken to control the disease. Speaking on the occasion, GCUF Vice-Chancellor Dr. Zakir Hussain said that the disease affected 240 million people worldwide and the number was projected to rise to 380 million by 2025. He urged medical experts, social workers and educationists to mobilize the people on the issue. He said that awareness on a healthy lifestyle, dietary habits and exercise were urgently needed to control the disease. He said that Type-1 diabetics, who were recommended to use

insulin, should not go for fasting. He said that patients of Type-2 diabetes could go for fasting with doctors consultation. Dr Surriya Zakir stressed the need to control the disease with proper diet plan and exercise. She said that appropriate timing of exercise in Ramzan was before Sehr for 20 to 30 minutes or after Taraviah prayers. Talking about the controlled level of sugar, she said that the controlled level stood at 80-130mg before Sehr, 80-120mg before Iftar and 140 to 160 mg two hour after Iftar. Dr. Naureen Aziz Qureshi said that the Pakistan was currently ranked at 7th position in the diabetics prevalence and might move to 4th number in the next 10 years. She said that diabetes in Pakistan was a major challenge for healthcare providers.



We Must Grab A Bigger Share in Halal Market



Pakistan can earn enormous foreign exchange by increasing its share in the global halal food market worth billions of dollars. Dr. Zakir Hussain, Vice Chancellor Government College University, Faisalabad said while presiding a seminar organized by the Department of Food Science, Nutrition and Home Economics at GCUF.

Dr. Zakir Hussain said that the Food Act must be implemented so that people consume unadulterated food. He urged food experts and university staff to take all possible steps to raise awareness about the advantages of pure food.

Dr Faqeer Anjum from University of Agriculture, Faisalabad (UAF) said that the global halal products market had become a trillion dollar industry. He said that the halal meat market was worth \$440 billion.

Dean, Dr. Naureen Aziz Qureshi said that Pakistan's share in the global halal foods market was negligible despite it being a Muslim majority state.

Sports

GC University Faisalabad two days Annual Sports Gala and 11th Athletics Meet was kicked off at the New Campus of GCUF. It was inaugurated by GC University Faisalabad Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Zakir Hussain. The gala was organized by Directorate of Sports. The gala was aimed at promoting sports among youths.



PEEF Scholarships

88 GCUF Students Get Scholarships

PEEF Plans Extending Programme to Other Provinces

The Punjab Educational Endowment Fund (PEEF) scholarship programme will also be spread to other provinces to provide opportunity of quality education to underprivileged talented students across the country.

On the occasion, the PEEF awarded 88 postgraduate scholarships worth Rs 4.5 million to talented deserving GCU students.

Ayesha Touseef, PEEF Coordinator said that the PEEF was aimed at providing the blessing of education to talented and un-derprivileged students to bring them at par with the fortunate ones.

She told the gathering that the PEEF, since its inception in 2008, had distributed 41,348 scholarships worth Rs 2,091 billion under the leadership of Punjab Chief Minister Shahbaz Sharif. She said that in the academic year 2012, 9,751 scholarships had been distributed and 128 seminars had also been arranged to educate the students about the financial aid programme. Ms. Saima Parveen also spoke at the occasion.



GCUF Health Centre Provides Treatment to Students

The Government College University Faisalabad's Health centre has provided medical treatment to 4,482 students and 335 faculty members and staff in the last year. GCUF Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr. Zakir Hussain has directed the medical staff to ensure modern medical facilities at the campus as per report of Medical Officer Dr. Muhammad Afzal.

Moreover, the Vice Chancellor had directed to set up state-of-the-art Model Health Centre at the campus under the supervision of Director Medical Sciences, Prof Dr. Riaz Hussain Dab, to ensure medical facilities for about 25,000 students of the varsity.

Solar Energy

The business development manager, Leitner Solar Company Mr. Diego Senoner briefed GCUF Administration regarding the solar energy initiatives. Engr. M. Alam Project Director, GC University, Faisalabad also spoke at the occasion.



Education is a Must To Make Country Strong

Pakistan can become a strong country with the help of knowledge and education. Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain met UK Immigration Judge Barrister Dr. Amir A. Majid here on Wednesday. University of Agriculture, Faisalabad former Dean, Prof Dr. Muhammad Ashfaq was also present on the occasion.

Dr. Zakir Hussain said that Pakistan is blessed with four seasons, fertile land, natural resources and talented people. "Despite the fact, we are far lagging behind in the fields of science and technology." He stressed the need to get knowledge. He emphasized upon the importance of increased motivation for education. Barrister Dr. Amir A Majid said that he had conducted the 3,500 cases. He said that the students who intend to study abroad must be aware of laws of the country where they want to go. He conducted a special lecture and briefed students about major laws in UK for the foreign students. Dr. Ashfaq said that interaction of students with personalities, who had made the history, provided a new direction to their thought pattern. He also praised efforts of the barrister and bringing good name for the country. Director HR, Sheikh Muhammad Akram; Registrar, Muhammad Ayub; Dean, Prof Dr. Muhammad Azeem and Dr. Riaz Hussain Dab, Director Admin, Ch. Mushtaq; Director QEC Dr. Zubair Siddique; Additional Controller Examination, Kishwar Naheed Rana and other faculty members were also present.

88.5 Million Youth Out of Higher Education Net

It is a matter of grave concern that 88.5 million out of 90 million Pakistani youth remain out of the net of higher education, whereas rest of them, only 1.5 million, are availing this opportunity, stated Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain. He was addressing a seminar titled "Promoting Higher Education Through Distance Learning" at the Allama Iqbal Hall as chief guest.

The function was arranged by Directorate of Distance Learning Education, GCUF.

The Vice Chancellor said that the dream of achieving the goal of 100 percent literacy can be achieved with the promotion of distance learning programmes.

He said that the higher education is a vehicle for the economic development and progress of any country.

We are lagging far behind from the developed nations in the higher education as it is only 8 percent.

He said that distance learning education was the best tool in current scenario to enhance the net of post graduated manpower.

AIOU former regional director Dr. Arif Saleem Arif said that distance learning helps to cope with the increasing demand of education.

Seminar at GCUF 'Reduction of Industrial Waste is Need of the Hour'

"Smoke emission from factories and industrial wastewater discharge pose major threats to human lives and need to be dealt with strictly", Vice Chancellor Dr. Zakir Hussain told in a seminar on Collaborative Endeavours of Chemistry in Industry arranged by the GCUF chemistry department.

He said that 37 per cent of the country's population lived in the cities and environmental problems such as air and water pollution, waste management, congestion and the destruction of fragile ecosystems were issues of major concern. Dr. Iftikhar Hussain Bukhari, chairperson and other speakers shared their views also.

GCUF to Launch MS/M.Phil Programme

The GC University Faisalabad will launch MS/MPhil (Commerce Programme) to produce skilled manpower in the discipline to meet international standards. In this connection, a meeting of the Board of Studies was held on the direction of Prof Dr Zakir Hussain. The meeting was chaired by Principal College of Commerce Dr. Nadeem Sohail, GCUF. The members of BOS approved the programme after discussing curriculum and scope of the programme. Dr. Ashfaq Ahmad from the UET Lahore, Dr Faisal Rizwan from the IIU Islamabad, Khalid Latif, Adnan Afzal and other educationists also attended the meeting.

Record Low Water Level Put Food Security at Risk

Pakistan's per capita water availability has dwindled from 5,260 cubic metres in 1951 to 1,000 this year, a threshold value under the global criteria, putting the food security at risk. A seminar titled "Water and Biodiversity" was arranged in connection with International Day for Biological Diversity.

The seminar was arranged by the Department of Zoology. Vice Chancellor Dr. Zakir Hussain said that per capita water availability has decreased from 5,260 cubic meters in 1951 to 1,000. If the status quo continues, it will further drop to the worst level of 575 cubic metres by 2050.

He said that the country can experience intensified water shortage in terms of per capita water availability if tangible steps were not taken to increase the water storage capacity and raise awareness among the people regarding rational water usage. Quoting example, he said that the United States has water storage capacity of 900 days only on River Colorado, Egypt 1,000 on River Nile, and South Africa 500 days on River Orange.

Dean Dr. Naureen Aziz Qureshi, Dr Muhammad Ashraf from the University of Agriculture, WWF Director Programme Dr. Ghulam Akbar and Dr. Mushtaqul Hassan also spoke on the occasion.

Directorate of Students Affairs Competitions

The Computer Sciences Department has clinched the first position in a quiz competition and the Punjabi Department won inter-departmental Punjabi drama contest organized by the Government College University, Faisalabad.

In inter-departmental contests, Hafiz Muhammad Adnan from the Arabic Department bagged the first position in Qirat competition, Hafiz Nadeem from the Urdu Department got second and Muhammad Yasir stood third. In the Naat competition, Muhammad Kamran from the Linguistic Department, Ahsan Raza and Sajid Hussain from the Information Technology Department got the first, second and third positions respectively.

In Urdu speeches, Shahzad stood first. In English speeches, Muhammad Khan clinched first, Abdul Manan second and Mehvish Kiran stood third.

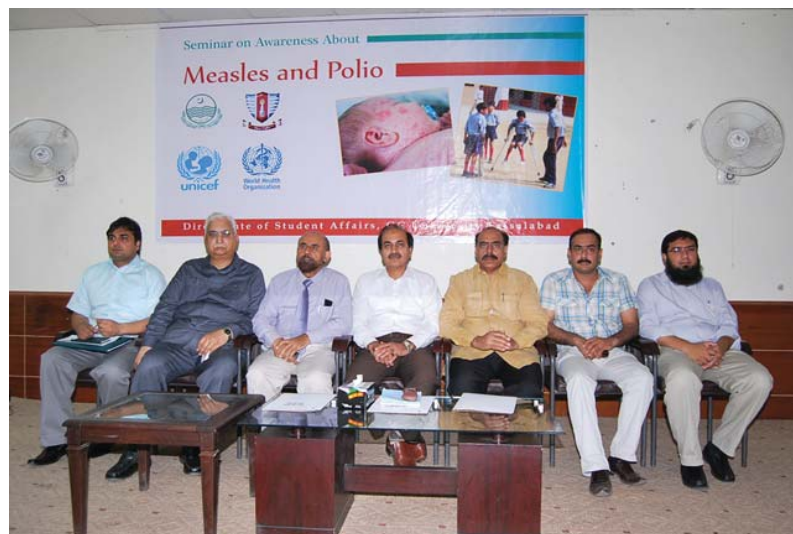
In Punjabi Drama, the Punjabi Department bagged the first position, Information Technology Department second and the Department of Computer Science got the third position.



Need for Quality Education

There is a need to improve the quality of education in the country, said speakers at a seminar on Friday. The seminar titled Dynamics of Curriculum was organized by the Department of Education at Government College University, Faisalabad. Dr. Noureen Aziz Qureshi, Dean Faculty of Science and Technology said all possible steps should be taken to hone the skills of students keeping international standards in view. Dr. Qureshi also urged the students to work on innovation. Dr. Muhammad Asif Malik, Head Department of Education said GCUF has taken all possible steps to improve the quality of education. Research papers were presented on curriculum development process, implementation problems and planning for future needs.

30m Kids Hit by Measles in Third World



Measles hits 30 million children yearly in developing countries causing one million deaths and making 15,000 to 60,000 blind. Speakers said this at a seminar on measles and polio organized by the Government College University, Faisalabad, with the district government, UNICEF and the World Health Organization (WHO). WHO's Dr Shoaib Ahmad said more than 95 per cent of measles deaths occurred in low-income countries because of their weak health infrastructures.

In many developing countries, measles is still endemic and in 2013 over 20,000 cases of measles were diagnosed in Pakistan with around 200 deaths in children, he added.

Measles outbreaks were common in many areas, including Europe, and also remain a leading cause of death among children globally despite the availability of a safe vaccine, Dr Shoaib added.

EDO-Health Dr Abdul Rauf said more than two million children from six months to 10 years age would be vaccinated during the anti-measles campaign in the district.

He said 4,500 workers of the health department would administer the anti-measles vaccine to the targeted children.



GCU Holds Ceremony

Youn-e-Takbeer on 28th May Tuesday was observed at the GC University Faisalabad.

In this regard, a ceremony was held at GCUF's Takbeer Block, which was presided over by GCUF Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Zakir Hussain.

Addressing the audience, the Vice Chancellor said that May 28 is one of the most important days in the history of Pakistan. It is the day when the country became seventh atomic power of the world and the first atomic power of the Islamic countries. He saluted to the scientists for giving the gift to the country. He said it is our responsibility to develop further the country in the fields of science and technology and economy.

He stressed upon the students to leave no stone unturned by using their God- given skills and hardwork to move the country to the new horizons of prosperity. They also prayed for the prosperity, solidarity and development of the country. Ex-Principal Government College, Faisalabad, Prof. Asmat Ullah Khan (Late) won the certificate of naming 28th May as Youm-e-Takbeer. The ceremony was attended by a large number of staff members and students.

Speakers Concerned Over Rapid Diabetes Spread

Speakers at a seminar were concerned about spreading diabetes, disclosing that 7 percent (more than 10 million) of the Pakistanis have fallen victim to the disease, placing the country at the seventh position in term of high rate of diabetes patients across the globe.

The seminar entitled 'Management of Diabetes Milletus' was organized by the Department of Physiology, Government College University Faisalabad. The session was chaired by GCUF Vice Chancellor Dr. Zakir Hussain. Dr. Naureen Aziz Qureshi, Dean Faculty of Science and Technology. In-charge Department, Dr. Haseeb Anwar and other spoke on the occasion.

Dr. Zakir said that the disease is spreading rapidly in the country in the country. In the year 2000, the number of patients was 5.2 million but now it has almost doubled to 1 million patients. He told the audience that according to World Health Organisation, it may become the seventh largest cause of death worldwide by the year 2030 if tangible steps were not taken.



Seminar at College of Pharmacy



The speakers at the seminar called for bringing the people, especially living in rural areas, out of the clutches of quackeries (unqualified medical practitioners) playing havoc with the lives and to ensure quality medicines to mitigate the sufferings of patients. Prof Dr Zakir Hussain stressed upon the people to discourage the quackeries and consult the qualified doctors about their health issues. He called for raising awareness level among the nation regarding the issue.

He announced setting up a model and state-of-the-art Pharmacy at the new campus. The model pharmacy will train a manpower of pharmacists by giving them practical training under the guidance of their seniors working with the College of Pharmacy. He said the model pharmacy will also help the community by giving them health suggestions and recommendations.

He pointed out that pharmacists play a vital role in the field of medicine to maintain medicines. Besides, they revamp manufacturing process to lower the cost of medicine in the market to make it accessible to a common man. He said that the GCUF is taking all out efforts to provide quality education and train manpower. Earlier Prof. Dr. Khwaja Zafar, Principal, welcomed the worthy guest.

International MOUs

Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain has signed two MOUs with Rector of Istanbul Medeniyet University, Turkey, Prof. Dr. Hameed Ogore and with the Vice President Dr. Haadi of Monastir University, Turkey. The MOUs will boost scholarship programs of students and faculty exchange.

MoU

GC University, Faisalabad signed MOU with Virtual University for training management, improving examination system and modern academic courses. Rector Dr. Tajdar Alam and Vice Chancellor Dr. Zakir Hussain signed the MOU.



Seerat Seminar



The study of Seerah is very important; social, economic and political problems and issues of our society could be vanished according to teaching of Hazrat Muhammad (PBUH). The Department of Islamic Studies organized an International Seerat Seminar at Ambassador Hotel, Farhan Hall, Lahore. In this Seminar, Dr. M. Yaseen Mazhar Siddique, Ex-Director Shah Wali Ullah Chair, Ali Ghar University, India presented the research paper. It was supervised by Dr. Tahir Tonsvi, Dean Faculty of Islamic & Oriental Learning, presided by Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain while Chief Guests were Dr. Zahoor Ahmad Azhar, Director Hajveri Chair, Punjab University, Lahore, and Prof. Dr. M. Ishaq Qureshi, President Markaz Tahqeeq, Faisalabad. Dr. Durmush Balgir, Director Roomi Chair, Punjab University, Lahore, and M. Dughan, Director Saeed Noorsi Institute, Pakistan were Guest of Honor of Program. Faculty Members, Students of M-Phil and Ph.D. attended the seminar.

Qirat Competition Arranged by Alumni GCUF

Alumni GCUF arranged a Qirat competition separately for male and female students at Government College University, Faisalabad in the Iqbal Hall. A great number of students participated, which was presided over by the Patron Alumni Dr. Zakir Hussain. President Alumni Dr. Saulat Nawaz was the guest of honor. Dr. Habib Aslam Gaba, General Secretary, Mr. Zeshan Ahmad Khan, Campus Secretary, Mr. Salah-ud-Din, Finance Secretary, Mr. Fayyaz Butt, Senior Vice President were also present. Gold medals and silver medals were presented to the position holders of each category.



Independence Day

Independence Day was marked at Government College University Faisalabad in traditional zeal and devotion. Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain hoisted the flag, University guards presented the march past and dua was offered for martyrs of independence.

Botanical Garden

Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain inaugurated the botanical garden at New Campus. Dr. Mohammad Iqbal, Chairman Botany Department and Dean Faculty of Science & Technology Dr. Naureen Aziz Qureshi were also present with faculty and students.

Anti-Dengue Activities

GC University, Faisalabad remained active in Anti Dengue activities in and outside the University. Seminar/ walks, and special lectures were arranged under guidance of the worthy Vice Chancellor.

Space Day

Department of Geography celebrated the Space Day week at GCUF. Presentations, Quiz Program, Space Documentary and skits were presented.

Nufhat-e-Seerat

Speakers stressed the need of adopting the teaching of the Holy Prophet (S.A.W) for a successful life. Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain, Prof. Dr. Tahir Tounsvi and Dr. Humayun Abbas alongwith distinct speakers expressed their views on the book published by Dr. Ishaque Qureshi, Ex-Coordinator Faculty of Islamic & Oriental Learning, GC University, Faisalabad.

Professional Competency Enhancement Workshop for Young Faculty Members

The Department of Chemistry is playing a vital role in improving the ranking of GC University, Faisalabad through various academic activities like workshops, symposiums etc. The Department of Chemistry alongwith collaboration of Department of Electrical Engineering also cascaded Professional Development Training Programme entitled "Professional Competency Enhancement Workshop for Young Faculty Members" under the guidance of Higher Education Commission and British Council from May 17, 2013 to June 06, 2013. The Department of Chemistry also organized one day symposium titled "Collaborative Endeavour of Chemistry in Industry", where the distinguished speakers from various institutes delivered lectures on recent advancements of chemistry in modern industries.



International Conference on the 3rd phase of Museology & Museography in Pakistan "Preserving Regionalism"



The International Conference was held in Government College University Faisalabad in the 3rd week of October 2013. Experts from Pakistan and abroad participated in the Conference. Dr. Zakir Hussain, Vice Chancellor GC University Faisalabad inaugurated the inaugural session alongwith Mr. Najam Ahmad Shah, Acting Commissioner, Faisalabad. The Conference had six sessions alongwith a training workshop. The event was sponsored by Happilac Paints, Mr. Shahid Razaq Saqqa, President Anjuman Tajran City, Faisalabad was the guest of honor. Director Loyallpur Museum Mian Atiq Ahmad and Incharge Department of Pakistan Studies & History Mr. Abdul Qadir Mushtaq coordinated the conference. The speakers highlighted the Dynamic role of Museum in society. Mr. Kimmo Leva, Finland, Ms. Leena Tkila, Mr. Mohammad Hassan, Mr. Jarno, Mr. Tariq Mahmood, Mr. Tauqeer, Mr. Irfan, Mr. Muzaffar, Mr. Hussain, Mr. Abdul Aziz, Mr. Salman, Mr. Waseem, Ms. Sehar Mansoor, Mr. Abdul Ghafoor, Ms. Saboochi, Mr. Fayyaz Maghiana, Mr. Qasim, Mr. Abdul Samad presented their presentations at the international seminar.

Education Emergency

Keeping in view the Education Emergency of Punjab Government, Government College University Faisalabad has taken an initiative by collecting the data of students staying away from the schools and the data was presented to DCO office with the help of Directorate of Distance Learning and Department of Sociology in several union councils.



The First Meeting of Syndicate, Government College Women University, Faisalabad

The first meeting of the Syndicate of GCWUF was presided over by worthy minister of Education, Youth Affaris, Tourism, Sports Rana Mashood Ahmad Khan. Prof. Dr. Zakir Hussain, Vice Chancellor Women University also presented the presentation regarding the uplift of academic scenario, acquisition of land, inclusion of Ph.D. faculty, accreditation of programs and facilities for students. The honorable minister lauded the efforts of the Vice Chancellor, who is entrusted with the charge of



Vice Chancellor GCUF. Dr. Shahida Husnain, Vice Chancellor Women University Multan, Mr. Ijaz Minhas, Mr. Mohammad Iqbal, Dr. Ijaz Farooq Akram, Dr. Najma Afzal, Ms. Suriya Naseem, Ms. Kaneez Akhtar and Registrar Prof. Rashida Zafar attended the meeting.

Quality Enhancement Cell

Quality Enhancement Cell organized a seminar on Quality Assurance to improve teaching quality with the collaboration of Learning Innovation Division Quality Assurance Agency HEC. Quality Enhancement Cell also organized a seminar on Strategies



for Developing Quality Education Culture in Higher Education Institutions to improve teaching quality. Quality Enhancement Cell organized a seminar in collaboration with National Agriculture Education Accreditation Council (NAEAC) HEC in the Department of Food Science, Nutrition and Home Economics on Quality Assurance and Accreditation Awareness. Prof. Dr. Zubair Siddique highlighted the role of QEC in promotion of Quality of Research.





