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Editor's Note

I am pleased to share with you the 6th edition of Pakistan Chapter of The Talloires Network (PCTN) Newsletter. This publication, like the previous 5 newsletters, covers the outstanding community service work being carried out by university students all across Pakistan. Our network has now grown to 68 universities. All members are requested to invite other non-members to join the network and share their work for mutual benefit.

PCTN is planning to have a Conference on Social Outcomes of Civic Engagement Through Youth in 2017. Faculty and students working in the realm of community service including Advocacy and Awareness, Health, Education, Disaster Response and Relief, Environment Protection, and Community Empowerment are welcome to participate. There would be a video competition as well as Best Community Service program award at the conference. Details can be found on our website <http://pctn.smme.nust.edu.pk/>.

From the platform of this newsletter I would also like to bid farewell to Chair PCTN, Engr. Muhammad Asghar (Rector NUST). He was a great supporter of promoting community service in universities so that we can use the huge student body available, to help underprivileged communities around us. NUST Community Service Club became the biggest student club of NUST under his leadership. A mandatory 2 credit hour Community Service Learning Course was made compulsory for all undergraduate students of NUST. It was his constant devotion to the cause of spreading this message throughout Pakistan that led to the creation of PCTN in 2013. He was also elected to the Talloires Network Steering Committee in January 2015. His passion for community service and his able guidance will be missed.

As always, I would like to thank the focal persons of member institutions, who share the activities of their respective institutions and make the publication of this newsletter possible. Through this together we promote service to humanity and make an effort to spread goodness throughout the country.

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Tallore Network Steering Committee meets in New York

TN Steering Committee met in New York on September 24, 2016. Rector NUST Engr Muhammad Asghar attended the meeting as one of the steering committee members. There have been some shifts in TN secretariat, where Rob Hollister has retired as the Chair and Lorlene Hoyt has stepped in as Interim Executive Director. The Network's secretariat also has moved its offices to the Tisch College of Civic Life.

Details of funding by MasterCard and Kettering Foundation for various programs of TN was discussed. Winners of MacJannet prize were also highlighted. A significant discus-

sion at the meeting was the introduction of student leadership policy. TN decided that there should be two student representatives on the TN Steering committee. The committee unanimously voted to appoint Purity and Basvan as TN's first SC student representatives, effective immediately and on post through June 2017. Discussions were also held about moral development of students, mentorship for institutions, creating a publication (e-journal) of social responsibility, supporting monitoring and evaluating research at member institutions, and influencing ranking systems, expanding the network

to reach local governments, increasing civic engagement as part of university function and creating opportunities for members to interact directly.

A survey conducted by TN showed economic development to be the top priority of TN members. Progress on Talloires Network Leaders Conference to be held in 2017 was also discussed. Aim is to have participation from maximum university heads as well as students at the conference in Veracruzana, Mexico.



Ziauddin University wins second place in Macjannet prize for global citizenship

In 2016 Ziauddin University Karachi earned the 2nd place in the prestigious MacJannet Prize for Global Citizenship, for its Sikandarabad - Ziauddin Community partnership initiative.

The concept of Community-Academia partnership was initiated in 1997 with the establishment of Ziauddin University as a policy decision to increase access to healthcare for its nearby population. Professor N.A. Jafarey the 1st Vice Chancellor of the university was strong proponent of civic engagement of academic institutions. In pursuance of this objective, the Department of Family Medicine was formed with principles of Community Family Medicine as core guidelines. Thereafter contacts were established with the adjoining community of Sikandarabad, a squatter settlement of presently having approximately 100,000 inhabitants.

The engagement between Ziauddin's University students of multiple disciplines, the team from the department of Family Medicine and Community Health Sciences together with the Sikandarabad community has resulted in the development of strategic guidelines for comprehensive health care delivery.

The program is run inside a primary health care center donated by the community. Community members and university stu-

dents from the faculties of medicine, dentistry, physiotherapy and pharmacy work collaboratively to provide primary health care. Though the center is open to everyone, women are the main beneficiaries. The mutual trust and teamwork have facilitated the implementation of various programs that has led to increased utilization of services and equitable access to healthcare and to making in-roads in the areas of adult Female Literacy and vocational training; resulting in continued efforts in community empowerment and the development of a self-sustainable and replicable, indigenous model of health care.

The global award winning health care program has ensured in the successful immunization drives through door-to-door student campaigns, significantly helping to raise the community's awareness of health issues and interest these endeavors have led Sikandarabad to stand as a polio free area. Ziauddin University student's civic initiatives organized form time to time through their organizations such as KARA and AIDS has helped in building bridges in striving to achieve health objectives, with community fully engaged and empowered.



Kido E-Learning System developed by the Researchers of Bahria University

High quality early-childhood education also known as Kindergarten education can improve a child's social and economic outcomes and establish a firm base for future education. In Pakistan pre-school educational process needs significant improvements due to lack of teachers, infrastructure, techniques and latest technologies. Bahria University has currently donated and deployed 'Kido E-Learning System' along with hardware worth of Rs. 1 million at Sky School System which is a school for orphans. This system was developed by the researchers of Bahria University that provides solutions to above mentioned problems. It contains digital lessons, worksheets, assessments and reports. Students use their pencils to write on touch screens, attached to the computers that have Kido E-Learning Software installed. Through digital reports generated by the software, teachers can monitor student's performance and focus on those students who need more attention, hence, making teaching process more effective and efficient. The same software system is in the process of finalization for research funding worth of Rs. 14.76 million at National ICT R&D Fund for country-wide utilization.

Project E-Peshawar / ICT's outreach program by SUIIT



Sarhad University of Science and IT, Peshawar (SUIIT) under project 'E-Peshawar' has initiated ICT in Education/E-Education outreach programs in rural areas of Peshawar and established second ICT Center called E-Chamkani on Saturday 2nd April 2016 in Hira High School at Chamkani. The purpose of these centers in villages is to help the community and teach basics about ICTs in Education to school kids, youth and females using computers. SUIIT E-Peshawar volunteers (students and faculty) visits the community on regular basis to give awareness and train the teachers and students about use of computers and internet. Special projects will

be initiated under concept of Engaged Community Learning. The university has provided six computers along with special offline educational software (E-village). The school students are taught about ICT in Education in (English and Computer/ICT). The age bracket of students is 12-15 years and they are from 5th to 7th class. Project E-Peshawar will be extended to other villages of Peshawar also by motivating and involving other relevant stakeholders (government, universities, technology partners, and NGOs). The project involves forty student volunteer and has benefitted about to 200 students.



**Advocacy/
Awareness**

ADVOCACY /
AWARENESS

Seminar on Together for Tolerance organized by Sukkur IBA students

Sukkur IBA's student council education society organized a seminar on the topic of 'Together for Tolerance' by Mr. Burhan Shah from Carnelian, Karachi on April 14, 2016. The aim was to address tolerance at grass roots while working with youth. Tolerance starts at home - with our parents, siblings, spouse, and children. This process is then followed by a positive ripple effect in society. It was emphasized in the seminar to be tolerant to bring peace back to our country.



Campaign on 'Say No to Cheating' by Sukkur IBA students

Students of Education Society in partnership with Public School Sukkur setup a cheating free examination centre for Intermediate Annual Examination in April 2016, to facilitate the students who demanded a cheating free environment for their exams.



FACT Road crashes are the leading cause of death among young people ages 15-29 world over.

Seminar on 'Road Safety' held at Sukkur IBA

Community welfare society in collaboration with National Highway and Motorway Police organized a Road Safety seminar at Sukkur IBA on April 12, 2016.

SP AH and MP Rao Aamir Ali in his speech welcomed the chief guest, rank officers of National Highway & Motorway Police and all other attendees. Through video and audio presentation, officers explained the importance of road safety measures and how they play an important role to save precious lives.



Public awareness workshop arranged at UAF on traffic rules

The skill development workshop on the driving of vehicles, tractors and generators was organized by Faculty of Agricultural Engineering, Motor Pool department and Treasurer office in collaboration with City Traffic Police on February 23, 2016. Speakers at workshop on Tuesday called for creating awareness among the masses to follow traffic rules in order to avert road incidences that are taking precious lives of commuters.

Incharge Motor Pool Dr. Muhammad Azam said that if we educate the people about proper traffic rule, accidents could be minimized. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal said majority of road users were uneducated about safety rules that was why driving became more risky. Muhammad Ismail and Muhammad Waqas from the Traffic Police enlightened the audience about traffic rules and procedure for getting license etc.



International Women's Day observed at UAF

Like other parts of the globe, Women Day was also observed at the University of Agriculture Faisalabad with traditional zeal and enthusiasm on March 8, 2016. On this day different events including walks, girl's cycle race, cooking contest and tug of war etc. were arranged. The walk which was led by UAF Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Iqrar Ahmad Khan started from Iqbal Auditorium and culminated at Admin block. They were chanting slogans regarding role of women in the national development. Talking to the participants, UAF Vice Chancellor stressed upon the need for active participation of women in socio-cultural activities. He said that education works as engine of uplift for any nation and women have an important role to play. Girls are outshining the boys in academia. He lauded the steps being taken by the government for empowering women and bringing them in the decision making roles for the uplift of the country. In the cycling contest, more than 50 girls participated in the one kilometre race. In which, Ansa from Khadija Hall bagged the first position while Laiba from Fateh Hall stood second and Mehr un Nisa got the third position.

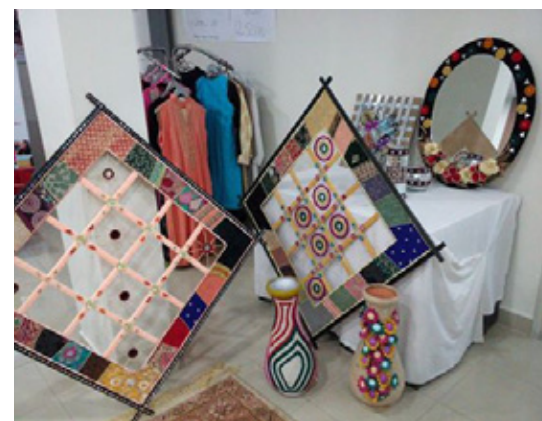


International Women's Day celebrated at Virtual University of Pakistan

The Department of Social Sciences and Humanities, Virtual University of Pakistan celebrated International Women's Day on March 8, 2016 at Lawrence Road Office, Lahore. International Women's Day is a global celebration of all women, everywhere. It is a rallying call both for reflection on lessons learned and for accelerating momentum towards gender equality and the empowerment of every girl and woman. It is a day to

rejoice the extraordinary acts of women and stand together as a united force to advance gender equality around the world. Since its inception, International Women's Day has grown into a global celebration of past and present accomplishments of women. It is an opportunity to look ahead to the untapped potential and opportunities for future generations of women.

The aim of this year's celebration was to ac-



knowledge efforts of women entrepreneurs and in this context a small scale exhibition was held for female faculty members. Different stalls were arranged at Lawrence road office, Lahore such as traditional dresses, handmade jewellery, silver jewellery, make-up, hair styling, *mehndi* and food stalls. The event was very entertaining and exciting. All female faculty members enjoyed and participated wholeheartedly. Dr. Saba Khalil and Dr. Yasira Waqar were the guests of hon-

or.

At the end of the event, certificates were presented to the participants. Ms. Sadia Jabeen (Lecturer Sociology) was also awarded certificate to appreciate her efforts for organizing the event. Ms. Ayesha Perveen (HOD Department of Social Sciences and Humanities) concluded the event by thanking the stall owners and the Social Sciences team for arranging such an event.



BU students celebrate International Women's Day with Rozan

To celebrate the Internal Women's Day 2016, Rozan organized a rally in collaboration with EVAW-G Alliance on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 from 4-7 pm from China Chowk (State Life Building) to D Chowk near Parliament House to show solidarity for women in the whole world. About 20 volunteers from LLB Department Bahria University participated in this cause under the Community Support Program of Bahria University.

The event was initiated by a walk in which the organizers, disabled women with their caretakers, and volunteers from different organizations participated. The walk was from F-6 Markaz till Press Club, F-6 in which slogans were chanted and motivational songs were sung. The students held banners and assisted the disabled persons during the walk. On reaching the press Club, speeches were held and the founder of Rozan talked about the origin and importance of the organization and many women spoke about women rights and the social injustice faced by women especially in the rural areas of Pakistan. Special importance was given to the issues being faced by the disabled women in offices and how the government has specified



a quota for them but it is not followed properly. At the end, all participants pledged to do their part in the society to eradicate these issues.

Community Service Learning workshop at IST Youth Carnival 2016



Institute of Space Technology conducted a community learning workshop on April 1, 2016 on the 2nd day of IST Youth Carnival—an annual event of IST from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Three Resource Persons from different organizations were there to facilitate the participants. Different students from 5 universities participated in this workshop. It was carried out to instill in the youth, the motivation to use their skills by engaging in community development process.

Workshop on ‘Engaged Community Learning for University’ at SUIIT

Sarhad University of Science and Information Technology student volunteers as part of community services and outreach programs in collaboration with Pakistan Institute of ICTs for Development (PIID) Islamabad on Saturday 27th August 2016 organized one day workshop on Engaged Community Learning for Universities. The aim of this workshop was to discuss the increasing realization that higher education institutions could

have a greater positive impact on society by addressing more directly the realities of the world around them. The workshop also briefed the faculty and students who are involved in the community services on the global best practices of engaged learning where universities are involved in the community development. The workshop was attended by students and faculty.



FACT Nearly 1/2 of the world’s population — more than 3 billion people — live on less than \$2.50 a day. More than 1.3 billion live in extreme poverty — less than \$1.25 a day.



Health

HEALTH

NCSC holds free eye camp in collaboration with Al-Shifa Eye Trust

NUST Community Services Club (NCSC) and NUST administration held its annual free eye camp 2016 on April 13 and 14, 2016 in collaboration with Al-Shifa Eye Trust.

In a world where 5 million people suffer from corneal blindness and near 40% of all people identify with myopia, regular eye check-ups need to be the norm. Many people tend to avoid this trip to the doctor's office, some for the sake of saving time, others for saving cost. NCSC therefore decided to facilitate the students, NG staff and faculty of NUST along with their families by bringing the doctors to them at Eye Camp 2016.

A total of 8 doctors and 2 technicians made up the Al-Shifa Eye Trust team. That number however seems meagre compared to the num-

ber of people who showed up; a total of 1250 over the course of 2 days.

To avoid crowding up the Medical Centre, a waiting area was set up outside in a tent. People signed up, received a token and upon their respective turns moved to the medical centre in groups of ten. This well thought out process by the NUST Administration helped streamline things allowing the team to cater over a thousand individuals.

The medical staff from Al-Shifa Eye Trust was well acquainted with handling many patients in a day and ensured everyone received an apt check-up. For those without special requirements, glasses were provided on spot and for others a prescription.

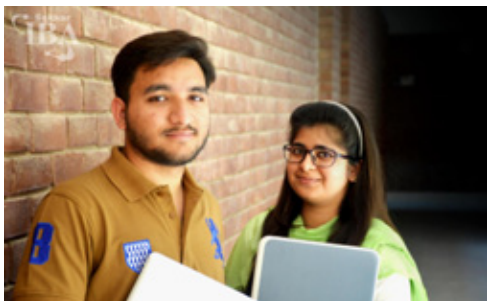


FACT 285 million people are estimated to be visually impaired worldwide: 39 million are blind and 246 have low vision.

Sukkur IBA students developed an incredible mobile application

Two students of Sukkur Institute of Business Administration Computer Science department Mr. Junaid Ali and Sonam Ramchand developed an incredible medical android app 'HelpAllies' as their community service project in March 2016. The application aims to act as a bridge between illiterate or/and poor patient and the doctor. The users of this app can register themselves as doctor or helper. Helper will upload the detail of poor patient, the doctors will get a notification on their smartphones and upon the approval of request a unique code will be generated which will be used as a token or receipt for patient to visit doctor free of cost.

The duo conducted a survey prior to the development of this app and more than 97% doctors of Sukkur region and surrounding agreed to help patient free of cost.



SBBU medical centre reaches out to local community

Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University, Sheringal has established a medical centre providing treatment not only to the students and employees of the university but also to the local community. The staff consists of a medical officer along with a dispenser and a male nurse whereas the post for a surgeon has been advertised. In addition to routine checkup a mechanism has been developed to cover trauma and emergency cases on 24/07 basis and refer critical cases to appropriate hospitals on time.

All the facilities including laboratory, dental clinic, ultrasonography, medical store, gynaecology service, ambulance service, and 24 hours emergency coverage etc are provided at the medical center. The OPD serves about 250 patients daily.



NUST Community Service Club organizes Blood Donation camp in collaboration with Jamila Sultana Foundation

NUST Community Service Club (NCSC) conducted the second camp of its biannual Blood Donation Drive in collaboration with Jamila Sultana Foundation, a charity organization that aims to eradicate thalassemia in Pakistan, from 5th to 7th April, 2016. The major aim of this event was to awaken the altruist in every NUSTian and to have each of them come to donate blood to the ill.

The event kicked off at the Medical Centre on Tuesday, the 5th of April, which saw a decent turnout of 57 donors, 43 of whom were boys. The number of donors soared on the second day, thanks to the welcome change in location to the IGIS ground, with 95 boys and 22 girls taking the initiative to help the physically afflicted. On the third and final day, 105 people visited and successfully donated blood to take the overall tally to an impressive 279 pints collected, with an astounding 445 blood CP's (Chemistry Panels, a type of blood test) administered.

The team from Jamila Sultana Foundation was very welcoming towards the visitors to the camp, and every blood test and blood collection took place with the help of qualified professionals and clean, disposable equipment. This year, a doctor was also present on-site who was assessing the tests and guiding the donors about their diet for a healthy life. So as the sun set on the blood camp and the last few donors were left, there was an air of contentment in the knowl-



edge that every donor's blood was in the right hands and was going to be put to good use in saving lives.

As always, it is pertinent to mention here the efforts of NUST Administration and NUST Medical Centre without whose support, the event would not have been possible.

SBBU students donate blood to save lives

The blood donor society was established at Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University, Peshawar on December 17, 2014 after the incident of Army Public School. Its slogan is 'You do not need to be a doctor to save a life'. Fund-raising for Shoukat Khanum memorial Hospital was done under the banner of this society.

SBBU students also carried our fund-raising for earth quake victims and the money was presented to the Governor of KPK. The university is planning for more significant progress to work in a better and more coordinated way to provide effective and targeted civic services that achieve better outcomes for community.

IST students donate 120 bottles of blood



Every time a person donates blood, he/she is saving lives. Blood cannot be manufactured, and there is no substitute for it. It is in constant demand for accident victims, haemophiliacs, surgeries, infants, patients battling cancer and more. In addition, blood supplies need to be replenished constantly, as blood products have a short shelf life.

Humanity - The Blood Donors' Club is a youth-oriented social club initiated at Institute of Space Technology, committed to saving lives by donating blood every year. In 29th March 2016, 120+ lifesaving blood bottles were collected. This depicted the helping and healthy spirits of students and faculty at IST.

Shaukat Khanam Memorial Hospital blood camp at BU

Shaukat Khanam Memorial Hospital set up a blood donation camp at Bahria University Lahore Campus on March 17, 2016. Students participated actively in the noble cause. SKMH provided a number of free blood tests for the donor students and faculty.

University of Gujrat collaborates with Sundas Foundation for Blood donation drive

On April 1, 2016 Sundas Foundation Gujrat and UOG students arranged a successful blood donation drive. Hundreds of students volunteered to donate their blood. The activity was arranged to create awareness among students that life-saving is a social responsibility of everyone and they must take part in such activities proactively. Through this activity students learned team pride, leadership and sense of unity and a small gesture can combine with those of others to make a meaningful difference.



HITEC students donate 130 bottles of blood

Blood donation camp was arranged at HITEC University in collaboration with Jamila Sultana Foundation. About 130 students donated blood at the camp.



Blood camp for Thalassaemia patients held at Sukkur IBA

Community Welfare Society of Sukkur IBA in collaboration with Fatimid Foundation organized a blood donation camp for thalassaemia patients on February 25, 2016. Students, Faculty and Staff members gave blood donations for the patients.



BU students sharing smiles with special children

On the February 9, 2016, the department of Community Dentistry of Bahria University Medical & Dental college, carried out an outreach program to *Dar-ul-sukun* boys campus under the banner of Community Support Program Titled 'Sharing Smiles with Special Children'.

The outreach was headed by Dr. Kulsoom Fatima Rizvi, head of department with lecturers Dr. Raima Bashir, Dr. Anum Sami, Dr. Kiran Fatima, Dr. Isra Ahmed and 2nd year BDS students.

The program commenced with the greeting of the children and their care givers/takers. The students were allocated into groups supervised by a lecturer. The stu-

dents learned to diagnose and identify different dental conditions. The students mingled with the children and had a good time with them.

An educational session was also planned for the caretakers and management of the special school to provide awareness about proper hygiene. Emphases was also put on dietary habits of these children to further promote proper and health eating habits to prevent serious diseases like dental caries. Gifts sponsored by Colgate were distributed to the children and their care givers.

Again on April 26, 2016, the department of Preventive and Community Dentistry

at Bahria University Medical and Dental College conducted a dental outreach program at AMI Junior School, PECHS Karachi, under the supervision of Dr. Kulsoom Fatima, Head of the Department. The session commenced with an educational lecture on proper tooth brushing habits and brushing method which was also demonstrated on a model. The 2nd year dental students examined approximately 150 pupil at the school, aged between 3- 7 years. They also engaged them in dental related activity sheets in order to increase their attention and create a light and fun filled learning environment. The oral examination was followed by distribution of Best Oral Hygiene and Best Smile Certificates amongst the school children with an aim to bring about reinforcement of dental habits and to serve as motivation for other children to take interest in the up keep of their oral health.

BU gets research grant from UNAIDS to conduct detailed study on HIV/ AIDS

Bahria University acquired a Research Grant worth of Rs. 80 Million from UNAIDS for a Research Project titled "UNAIDS Second Generation Surveillance for HIV among Key Population in Pakistan. Study of Key Population: Round V." The project is funded by International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF) under UNAIDS. Dr. Faisal Aftab (Director, ORIC, BU) is the National Coordinator of the project.

Under this Project Bahria University is being coordinated to conduct a detailed study on sampling and testing of HIV/AIDS among population of Punjab and KPK in collaboration with Bridge Consultants (NGO).



UOG health and hygiene campaign

A health and hygiene awareness campaign was launched by University of Gujrat students in collaboration with Gujrat's Young Doctors Association (YDA) at the Rural/Basic Health Centre, Kot Bhela from January 18-22, 2016.

The five-day campaign was organized in joint collaboration of UoG's Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC) and YDA, with active participation of students of Nawaz Sharif Medical College (NSMC) and UOG. NSMC students presented many skits on cleanliness that was showcased in the local vicinity of the University.



Anti-dengue day: a public awareness walk and seminar at UAF

Experts addressed the seminar and walk at the University of Agriculture Faisalabad to mark the anti-dengue day. An awareness walk led by UAF Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Iqar Ahmad Khan was taken out from Admin Block and a seminar was held at the New Senate Hall on July 23, 2016. Addressing at the occasion, the Vice Chancellor showed his concern that the people don't dispose off their plastic bags, bottles etc at the bin. He urged the experts, government

and semi government functionaries, private sector and civil society to pace up their efforts for creating awareness among the general public. He lauded the steps being taken on the part of government to eradicate the dengue from the province. He said that UAF was partnered with Punjab Government in the anti-dengue drive. Chairman Entomology Prof. Dr. Jalal Arif briefed that University has been transformed as a Dengue mosquito free campus by launching an aggressive eradication campaign at students' hostels, class rooms, residential colonies and open areas. He said that they were providing consultancy to government about the analysis of pesticides procured by the government.



International seminar on public health nutrition at UAF: a public awareness seminar

It is the matter of concern that about 800 million undernourished people out of 842 million underfed worldwide are living in developing countries. It was echoed at the international seminar on Public Health Nutrition arranged by National Institute of Food Sciences and Technology, University of Agriculture Faisalabad. Addressing on the occasion as the chief guest, University of Chester UK's Professor Dr Basma Elahi said that effective measures are needed to educate the people about the healthy way of life and to alleviate the poverty from the world. She said that the two billion people are deficient in essential vitamins and minerals. She said that the health is the social challenge not a medical problem. She said that the people are unaware with the usage of balanced diet and lifestyle. She said that in UK, one out of three third of the children are overweight. The people were reluctant to adopt healthy activities like workout and others. She said that worldwide, 1.4 billion people are at the risk of their lives loss due to obesity. Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Iqrar Ahmad Khan said that the country is facing a crisis of malnutrition that was among the worst in the world. He said 80 million people in the country were the nutrient deficient. He stressed upon the need to food fortification to address the issue of food security. He said that changes in



the lifestyle were aggravating the issue; for example as Lassi is the food source of protein but it is being replaced with soda. He said that the flour of wheat mixed with maize may be promoted to address the issue. He stressed the need to exercise and walk in the routine that will help lead to the healthy life. He said that the UAF has launched the BS programme in Human Nutrition and Dietetics in order to prepare the trained man force. Dean Faculty of Food Nutrition and Home Sciences Prof Dr Masood Sadiq Butt said that 60 percent of women are deficient of the vitamin D. He also showed his concern that the 58 percent of the country was food insecure. He said that iron deficiency (anaemia) and vitamin A deficiency remains widespread in the country. Whereas, the maternal anaemia stands at 49% and night blindness at 16 per-

cent. He added an estimated 35 per cent of child deaths under age 5 in the country are linked to malnutrition.

National Institute of Food Sciences and Technology, University of Agriculture Faisalabad on March 9, 2016 also staged a two-day nutrition festival which included food-street, health and nutrition lounge, seminar on nutrition, diagnosis clinics about healthy life and *ghazal* evening. The festival was aimed at sensitizing the public about the hygienic food and healthy lifestyle. The salient feature of the festival was the health and nutrition lounge where the health experts have established their stalls and providing the suggestions and examining visitors regarding nutrition.

Haemophilia and Thalassaemia patients get nutritional guidance from Kinnaird College students

Students of food science and human nutrition, aimed to provide nutritional guidance and diet therapy to young children and teenagers who are suffering from blood disorders (mostly haemophilia or thalassaemia which are genetic diseases). This group was chosen because in Pakistan, people who have these conditions do not get all the necessary attention and care they require. They carried out several sessions with the patients in which they discussed with them (or with their relatives) about their lifestyle, dietary intake, or

any other problems that they may face on a day- to-day basis. Thereafter, they made an analysis of their conditions after taking the necessary measurements (height, weight, body mass index etc.) Then they applied their nutritional knowledge and gave appropriate intervention (care) to guide these individuals on how to improve their dietary intake and get optimal nutrition out of their meals. They provided them with the nutritional knowledge that would prove helpful for them in the long-run.



Virtual University of Pakistan celebrates World TB Day 2016

Virtual University of Pakistan has upheld its ritual and celebrated the World TB Day on April 6, 2016 at Head Office, Virtual University of Pakistan. 'Unite to End TB' was the theme of the World TB Day 2016. World TB Day is observed to create awareness and support worldwide efforts to eliminate this disease. This annual event commemorated the date in 1882 when Dr. Robert Koch announced his discovery of Mycobacterium tuberculosis, the bacillus that causes TB. Pakistan National TB Control Program fights tuberculosis to reduce mortality, morbidity, and the spread of TB infection. With the endorsement and implementation of 'Stop TB' strategy in 2006, National TB Control Program strives to improve the performance and public health impact of country-level TB programs while mitigating the risks of drug resistance. To address this issue of public health importance and its control measures, Prof. Dr. Zarfishan Tahir was invited to speak on Pulmonary Tuberculosis and MDR-TB among Pakistani



population and the efforts of National TB Control Program to control the disease. She briefed the audience how proper compliance

with the TB treatment can help reduce the risk of the drug-resistant TB. Prof. Dr. Tahir Yaqub (Department of Microbiology, UVAS) delivered a talk on "Pathogenesis of Tuberculosis and its Transmission". The chief guest of this event Prof. Dr. Muhammad Nawaz (Advisor DQE, VU) addressed the audience and faculty members about the history of TB control and prevention in the South Asia and emphasized the regional efforts to counter this deadly menace. He further added that we could control this disease by mutual and consistent

efforts. He said that Virtual University would continue its efforts and lead the awareness campaign in the country regarding Tuberculosis. Prof. Dr. Masroor Ellahi Baber (Registrar and Dean, Faculty of Science and Technology VU) was the organizer of this seminar He extended his vote of thanks to all the guests and participants from different institutes and emphasized the need for awareness campaigns for TB treatment control and prevention.

World TB Day was observed at SBBU

The world TB Day was observed at Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University Sheringal on March 24, 2016. For World TB Day, 2016, WHO called on governments, communities, civil society and private sector to 'Unite to End TB'. Faculty members, students and members from society participated in the walk. Dr Hameedullah the In charge university medical center and specialist in TB and chest diseases, said in his speech that TB is a leading infectious cause of death worldwide. Pakistan ranks 6th globally among the 22 high TB burden countries and contributes an estimated 43 per cent of the disease towards the Eastern Mediterranean region of the World Health Organization. He also added that annually around 430,000 people including 15,000 children contact Tuberculosis (TB) in Pakistan while not less than 70,000 deaths every year can be attributed to the disease in the country. People should know that TB is curable provided that one is getting proper information, precise drug supervision and support from society. The walk ended with the concluding remarks of honorable registrar of the university.



FACT

In 2015 there were estimated 10.4 million new cases of Tuberculosis. 6 countries accounted for 60% , with India leading followed by Indonesia, China, Nigeria, Pakistan and South Africa.



Education

EDUCATION

BNU School of Architecture joins hands with Hope Uplift Foundation

The dean and faculty of Razia Hassan School of Architecture at Beaconhouse National University Lahore joined hands with Hope Uplift Foundation (HUF), a Lahore based NGO to design the DHA campus school building for the benefit and facilitation of the underprivileged children.

Dr Gulzar Haider, Dean of Razia Hassan School of Architecture, along with fellow faculty members including Haseeb Amjad, Zeeshan Sarwar, Ahsan Majid and Maham Zohair created the architectural design of the DHA Campus school building, which is

under construction now.

Covering an area of 4 Kanals on a plot donated by the DHA, the school will be ready to use by MAY 2017. It will cater to the educational needs of 1000 children from low income families.

Hope Uplift Foundation recently awarded Dr. Gulzar Haider and his design team with a shield for their contribution to the social cause. They extended their appreciation for their dedicated efforts and participation throughout the design process. The ideas behind the building were considered both novel and stimulating.



Bahria University organizes training workshop for teachers of Special Children's School

A workshop was conducted for the teachers of Special Children's School, Mauripur by Ms. Aamna Zuberi, at Institute of Professional Psychology on May 5, 2016. The aim of the workshop was to equip the participants with the knowledge and tools in regards to Applied Behavioural Analysis (ABA) as well as to incorporate the assessment tool of Vineland Adaptive Behaviour Scales – Survey Interview Form (VABS-II) with ABA. Concepts of ABA and its application were introduced and teachers were acquainted as to how scores on the VABS-II can be utilized in developing ABA intervention plans for the special children and how these ABA interventions plans would facilitate the special children in an array of domains.

NCSC organizes Experience NUST 2016 for high-school students

On March 21, 2016 NUST Community Service Club (NCSC) executed its long anticipated event-Experience NUST 2016. In a one of its kind episode, high school students from various colleges of Islamabad and Rawalpindi were invited to the NUST H-12 campus for an exclusive tour of the campus and its distinguished departments. The schools that visited included Model college boys(G-10/4), Beacon House Margalla campus, Science Vision College, Punjab college (Blue area) as well as students from various other schools who registered individually. Each college team was accompanied by two faculty members.

The guests began arriving at 10:00 a.m. where they were welcomed by the registration team. The students along with their faculty members were given participant cards bearing their names and sent on their way to the School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering (SMME) seminar hall, each school batch headed by a team leader. Two members of the team welcomed the oncoming guests at the gates of SMME and escorted them to the seminar hall.

Once all the schools had arrived and were seated, the seminar began at 11:00 a.m. with the recitation of the Holy Quran. AD Students' Affairs Mr Sadiq welcomed the guests on behalf of NUST while Dr Qaiser Hameed Malik (Director Academics) engaged students and faculty members alike in a thought provoking lecture on learning process. The seminar proceeded on to include presentations regarding the various programs offered at NUST along with some detailed insight into the admission application process. Also invited to speak were two high achieving NUST students; Malala Khan, a participant of UGRAD exchange program who talked of her experience expanding the horizon of possibilities beyond borders and Ahmed, the innovator and master mind behind the infamous NanStop.

For the tour, the group of 80 students was divided into 2 major divisions-group A and group B which were further divided into small



divisions of ten, each headed by a NUST student lead.

They paid an exclusive visit to NUST Institute of Civil Engineering (NICE), School of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science (SECS), and SMME. The team also took a small stop at Concordia 1 where the guest students gained a sneak-peak into the life of a NUSTian. They also paid a visit to School of Chemical and Materials Engineering (SCME) building, where they visited UNIT Operations Lab, Chemistry Lab, Fluid Mechanics Lab, Heat Treatment Lab, Microscopy Lab, Mechanical Testing Lab as well as the Scanning Electron Microscope.

By the end of the day, the students were left completely fascinated and demonstrated their appreciation by rounds of applause and words of praise for the team.



Project Topi at GIKI provides scholarships and supplies to underprivileged students

Each year students from Ghulam Ishaq Khan Institute of Engineering Sciences and Technology (GIKI) collect funds to provide educational scholarships to students who cannot afford to buy school books or uniforms etc. A set of books, uniform, stationary and school bag were provided to 70 students last year.

For the last two years Project Topi in association with the Study Aid Foundation for Excellence (SAFE) Pakistan organized an academic talent award show for top students from Topi School, Hamlet School and GIKI School. About 72 position holders in their respective classes were given shields.

Sports Day is being organized every year since 2011 for the students of Swabi whereby all the students are invited to the institute's well equipped sports complex for the event.

Project Topi, in collaboration with the Alumni Association, provides mess bill assistance to the students from the GIKI student body who cannot afford to pay the mess bills. A monthly allowance of Rs 3000 is provided to selected students. Project Topi facilitates the Alumni Association of GIKI Institute in the selection procedure of deserving students which are given scholarships each year for their term in GIKI. Students of GIKI put a lot of efforts in helping the people living around GIKI Institute. Monthly stipend and medical expenditure is



provided to the poor people of the area. Project Topi finances costly surgical procedures or other treatments for people who cannot bear their medical expenses. There is an easy form based procedure for applying for this aid. These cases are funded from the Project Topi account and door to door fund collection from GIKI student body.



Distribution of stationery items to the Basic Education Community School, Kalinjar Village, Islamabad

Bahria University has partially adopted the Basic Education Community School at Kalinjar Village, E-8 Islamabad. Under this adoption, Bahria University annually distributes copies/ books and stationery items to the students of the school on promotion of students to new classes after their final exams.

A prize distribution ceremony was held on Friday, April 22, 2016

at the Basic Education Community School, Kalinjar Village, E-8 Islamabad. The wife of Registrar Retired (R) Admiral Shahid Saeed was invited as the chief guest who graced the occasion with her presence and distributed the gift items to the children in the school.

Project Jori Sangjani – Sponsor a Child Program of HITEC students

HITEC Community Service Club started the project 'Sponsor a Child' in February 2016 in an Afghan Colony comprising of 350-400 individuals. HITEC students initially got 10 students admitted in school and now they have helped 5 more students to start school. The club has provided these children with uniforms, books, shoes and stationery. Besides increasing the number of students the club with the collaboration of the University is in the process of further strengthening the school in the village by investing in the provisioning of blackboard, utilities and furniture. An expansion project of constructing additional class rooms is underway. The performance of students regarding attendance, performance, etc is being monitored by HITEC on monthly basis.



FACT In developing, low-income countries, every additional year of education can increase a person's future income by an average of 10%.

PCTN Collaborative Project – Railway Carriage School

HITEC University collaborated with 5 other PCTN Universities of the region and conducted a survey around Rawalpindi/Islamabad for a suitable school which can be picked as a pilot project for collaborative renovation work. A school near Railway Carriage Factory, Islamabad was selected that provides education to poor students and needed assistance. Work was carried out in phases of structural renovation and furnishing of the school.

HITEC contributed in the furnishing stage by providing utilities like electric water cooler and interior furnishings items. NUST donated furniture and this way all universities together tried to bring the much needed improvement to the school.



IST students provide tuition to out of school children

Some of the IST students living in the Soan Garden, Islamabad observed the street children wandering in the area to earn their living. This motivated them to enlighten the kids with primary education which is the basic right of every child. They decided to teach them in nearby park for an hour daily on voluntary basis and have successfully managed to do so.

UMEED Welfare Academy, Islamabad Chapter was established on June 22, 2016 with a purpose to educate the street children, whose parents either lack awareness towards education or cannot afford to send them to school and children were involved in child labour. Volunteers have scheduled to teach these street kids a standard curriculum for an hour daily from 6 pm to 7 pm. Volunteers celebrated Eid Milan party with them after Eid on July 22, 2016 to share their happiness and also bought Eid gifts for them.



IST enrols 188 students in schools as part of NED

Government of Pakistan announced the National Enrolment Drive (NED) plan that focused on attaining the target of 100% primary level enrolment through rigorous campaigning. Institute of Space Technology decided to use its volunteer's force 'Umeed' in this nation-benefitted project. The field work for the campaign started in April, 2016. In each of *Umeed's* 5 sectors, several visits were paid by volunteers to conduct surveys of communities residing in those areas. A total of 5 days were allocated to the whole activity. Each day participating volunteers took feedback from teachers about children enrolled during the previous visit and continued the door-to-door survey in areas not covered before. All of these 5 visits lead to surveying of new villages/neighbourhoods which means that a large area was covered as a whole.

Umeed successfully enrolled 188 children into schools and provided them stationary for their regular school usage.



The National Enrolment Drive launched at UAF

The National Enrolment Drive has also been launched at the University of Agriculture Faisalabad in which a training and motivational session was arranged for volunteer UAF students and staff members to



raise the awareness about the education among the people. The drive was launched on the direction of government in collaboration with Higher Education Commission. It is aimed at ensuring school enrollment at 100 percent. The training session was arranged by the Senior Tutor Office which was chaired by UAF Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Iqrar Ahmad Khan. Director Institute of Agri. Extension Prof. Dr. Tanvir Ali, Senior Tutor Dr. Athar Javed, Strategy and Planning Director Saeed Feroz, Dr. Khalil-ur-Rehman, and other notable also spoke on the occasion. Prof Dr Iqrar Ahmad Khan said that the education was the only way to make progress and to compete with the rest of world. It is our duty to equip our children with the light of knowledge and education to brighten the future of our country.

SBBU, Peshawar students raise funds for need-based-scholarship

The students of department of Computer Science raised funds for 2 departmental need based scholarships. The scholarships were awarded to the most deserving of the current students enrolled at the department. Every Year the university also grants merit scholarships to students.



SBBU, Peshawar establishes project room and donates books for the school library

Students from department of Education at Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University, Peshawar established a project room at Government Girls High School, Larama, Peshawar. The students donated the projects and AV aids developed by them to the school girls. Books were also collected and donated to the school by the students of the department.



Eleanor Roosevelt corner at SBBWU

Eleanor Roosevelt corner was established in Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University Peshawar on 18th June, 2015. It is a public information and activity center that provides resources to the university students and to the female students from the nearby schools.



SBBU student holds motivational sessions for slum children

Mesha Kulsoom student of BS (Hons) Psychology at Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University is a social activist. She organized motivation and personality development session for slum children on May 14, 2016. She also enrolled children in public sector primary schools in Larama, a rural area of Peshawar.



FACT

In Pakistan only 1 in 3 women can read and write. In rural Balochistan province, only 7 percent of girls can read and write.

FAST students play their role in spreading education

Nelson Mandela said "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world".

Looking at the statistics of education in Pakistan it can be seen that it has one of the lowest literacy rates in the world and according to the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) stands at 160th place in total countries of the world.

Despite the challenges the country faces today, many Pakistanis are working on improving the conditions with whatever means they have. One such example is of Mr Muhammad Ayub more commonly known as Master Ayub. A fire fighter by profession he is living in Islamabad for the past thirty years and spends his evenings in a park located in F-6 teaching children, free of cost in a ground. He works with the help of a few fellows who have joined him in his mission along with some of his alumni who graduated Master Saab's school and are now perusing higher education and jobs in big companies.

Students at FAST NUCES Islamabad, decided to help Master Ayub in his noble work. The project was initiated in March 2016 and the students decided to provide stationary and other helping material for students at Master Ayub's Street School. The students conducted a survey to finalize what items they should buy. After preparing the list the students provided note books, pencils, erasers, sharpeners, rulers for 250 students. They also arranged 7 white boards and white board stands.

This was a small effort by the students of FAST-NUCES Islamabad to support the helping hands to give something to the underprivileged in the society. The enthusiasm and energy of the volunteers was overwhelming. The students are planning many projects like this in the future to make a better, educated and learned Pakistan.

UoG joins *Karwan-e-Yakjehti* to show solidarity with Baluchi brothers

Thirty UoG students from different department volunteered to participate in *Karwan-e-Yakjehti* organized by Higher Education Commission in Quetta to show solidarity with the people of Balochistan. It was organized from August 11-16, 2016. UoG Students celebrated independence day in Quetta with the local youth.

UoG students visited Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering and Management Sciences (BUIITEMS) and expressed solidarity with the youth of Quetta as well as participated in various competitions like debating, singing, and social media challenges. UoG student created a hashtag on twitter and tweeted about their experience with Quetta youth. The twitter tag titled #QuettaYouth remained 3rd on the twitter trends for 3 days.



Kinnaird College students set up library for girls of government high school

A group of 7 students conducted a social action project in Govt. Darun-Niswan Girls High School, Jail road. The main theme of their project was to set up a library. In order to attract the students, they decorated the library with colorful chart papers and paints. They also taught the students of primary level about the basic library rules and disciplines. Different activities were conducted in classrooms and cupboards and bookshelves were set up there too. It was a six week project done through money raised by fund raising.



'Math is fun' activity conducted by Kinnaird students at a high school

A group of students conducted a social action project 'Math is fun' that targeted the 4th and 5th graders of Bashir Memorial High School. The students worked on clearing the basic concepts of mathematics using fun activities, cartoons and play cards. The Kinnaird students also arranged confidence building activities which was achieved by encouraging the students to participate in class discussions regarding studies or asking them to share something about themselves. Kinnaird students also got the nursery classes of the school painted in light colors and decorated it with colorful charts.



Kinnaird College students conducted 'Transforming Minds, Reshaping Future' awareness campaign at local school

Girls from Kinnaird College initiated the project in one of the leading school of Lahore, Aligarh Public School. The targeted audience was the students from grade two till grade six. The lectures were not only confined to the basic ethics, instead they also consisted of the types of behaviors one should exhibit in society and other public sectors. It also contained certain awareness lectures on sexual harassment, ethnicity and cultural biases. In the lectures a channel of free communication was provided to the students in order to cooperate, and express their views on these taboo topics in our society. The response of the students was tremendous and the faculty of the school was also very happy about this effort. The students have also created a Facebook page titled 'Transforming Minds, Reshaping Future' which

is highly appreciated by the public.

In another effort a group of 7 girls went to Makkah Colony in Gulberg 3, an area of residence for generally lower-middle class people. There, they targeted adolescent girls and delivered lectures about the methods of preservation of natural resources like water, electricity and gas. They also discussed various ways of recycling artificial resources, like glass, plastic and paper. Furthermore, they arranged art and craft lessons which involved DIY (do-it-yourself) projects, at the end of every class. These required the use of simple materials like plastic bottles, used CDs, paper, cloth pieces and paints to turn old household items into beautiful creations.



FACT

In the sub-Saharan, 11.07 million children leave school before completing their primary education. In South and West Asia, that number reaches 13.54 million.





**Environment
Protection**

ENVIRONMENT
PROTECTION

VU campuses organize plantation activity and awareness walk through March and April

Several campuses of Virtual University organized plantation drives and walks to commemorate Plantation Day. The students of Quetta campus celebrated the Plantation Day on March 19, 2016 at Hana Lake. A large number of participants joined and around 45 plants were provided by the Forest department Baluchistan for plantation. Students went on hiking and played a friendly cricket match. They were also served with the lunch arranged by the university.

Rawalpindi campus arranged a plantation activity with the help of the students to create social awareness about the importance of plantation. The campus conducted this activity at Holy Family Hospital Rawalpindi on March 10, 2016 with the help of Dr. Farooq Kasana who was the focal person from the hospital.

Islamabad campus organized a plantation activity on April 17, 2016 at G-10 Markaz in front of VU Islamabad campus. The students of Islamabad campus planted various types of plants. Some fruit plants were also planted. The plants were provided by the CDA, Islamabad. In Safari Park Karachi, on Tuesday April 5, 2016, a plantation activity

was organized with the collaboration of Safari park management. A large number of students from South-I Region campuses along with their respective campus manager and the faculty members participated in the event energetically. Approximately 200 plants were planted during this activity.

Sahiwal campus also arranged a plantation activity and awareness walk at Govt. College of Commerce, Sahiwal with collaboration of Punjab Forest department Sahiwal Division on March 3, 2016. The students planted 80 seedlings to save our earth from pollution.

Faisalabad campus with the collaboration of Parks & Horticulture Authority (PHA) Department arranged a plantation activity and awareness walk to save our environment from pollution and create awareness among masses regarding the importance of planation.

VU Multan campus organized a plantation activity under Environment Protection Society. This activity was carried out at Govt. Civil Lines College Multan. More than 250 plants were planted in the grounds of Govt. Civil Lines College.



Virtual University of Pakistan celebrates World Wildlife Day 2016

Virtual University of Pakistan upholding its dynamic culture celebrated the 2016 World Wildlife Day on March 3, 2016 at its head office. 'The future of wildlife is in our hands' was the theme of 2016 World Wildlife Day. The main objective was to celebrate this day to raise awareness about the world's wildlife- its flora or fauna. Pakistan is losing its rangelands, forests, freshwaters and marine ecosystems at an alarming rate and measures are needed to address the situation instantly. Ms. Hamera Aisha was invited to deliver a talk on illegal wildlife trade in Pakistan and efforts of WWF-Pakistan to control it. She briefed the audience that illegal trade in wildlife is threatening Pakistan's unique biodiversity and its habitats. She discussed some of the rules regarding wildlife trade and its security. To highlight the research area regarding wildlife and the contribution of the Department of Biology, VU, towards endangered



species conservations, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Sharif Mughal discussed the research opportunities on wildlife of Pakistan. A short documentary prepared by WWF-Pakistan was shared with the audience on the illegal trade of Indian pangolins in Pakistan. Dr. Naveed A Malik (Rector, VU) addressed the audience and faculty members and appreciated the most exuberant scenic beauty that our hemisphere has. Prof. Dr. Masroor Ellahi Babar (Registrar VU and Dean, Faculty of Science and Technology) was the organizer of this seminar and extended his vote of thanks to all guests and participants from different institutes and emphasized the need to arrange awareness campaigns for wildlife conservation. This activity was very informative and thought provoking.

To further the theme of animal welfare, Department of Biology, VU celebrated the 2016 World Migratory Birds Day on May 10, 2016. The 2016 World Migratory Day's theme was '... and when the skies fall silent? Stop the illegal killing, taking and trade!' The day was celebrated with full enthusiasm with an emphasis to become a responsible citizen and savior of nature.

FACT More than 1 million species of wildlife have already faced extinction due to global warming and a considerable number is under threat.

Public awareness walk and National Tree Plantation Day observed at UAF

The University of Agriculture Faisalabad carried out an awareness walk on August 18, 2016 to mark national tree plantation day aimed at creating the awareness among the people about the blessings of trees. The rally organized by the Department of Forestry UAF was led by Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Iqrar Ahmad Khan. The rally commenced from admin block was concluded at Faculty of Agriculture. The participants were carrying placards inscribed with slogans 'Plant trees to save the World', 'Planting one tree provides oxygen to 4 people daily', and 'Curb deforestation'. Dean Agriculture Dr Riaz Ahmad and Forestry Chairman Dr Tahir Siddiqi also participated. Vice Chancellor stressed upon the need to take the tangible steps to curb the crisis with enhanced awareness and collective efforts on the part of the all stakeholders. He said it is really disturbing that instead of increment in our forest net, it is decreasing with each passing day.



SBBU students conduct tree plantation drive to mark International Forest Day

The International Forest Day was celebrated by the department of Forestry, Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Sheringal, Dir (U) on the March 21, 2016. The theme selected, by the United Nations to mark this day, forests and water was adopted. The honorable Registrar was the chief guest at the occasion. Other guests included Deputy Forest Manager FDC Sheringal, DFO Dir, SDFO Patraak and RFO Kalkot. The faculty members of the department and other office staff also participated. Some of the local community members were also invited to join so that the importance of forests in our lives could be emphasized. Students of the department of Forestry were also present at the event.

All the guests, faculty members and the students planted trees and vowed to continue such efforts in the future.



Campus Clean-up day at University of Gujrat

Students of different departments participated in campus cleanup day organized by Student Services Center on February 15, 2016 at Hafiz Hayat Campus. The purpose of this activity was to engage the students (especially new comers) in a wide clean-up event. Concerned HoDs and other administrative staff have also participated enthusiastically in the said activity.

The objective of this activity was to involve the students in cleaning up their campuses and surrounding communities so they could see the negative effects of litter.



DSU participates in 'Ab Hoga Saaf Karachi' campaign

Under the supervision of Ms. Saima Sardar Khan and Mr. Muhammad Shakir, students of DSU participated in the 'Ab Hoga Saaf Karachi' campaign, organized by JDC Welfare Organization and led by Mr. Junaid Jamshed, on August 4, 2016.

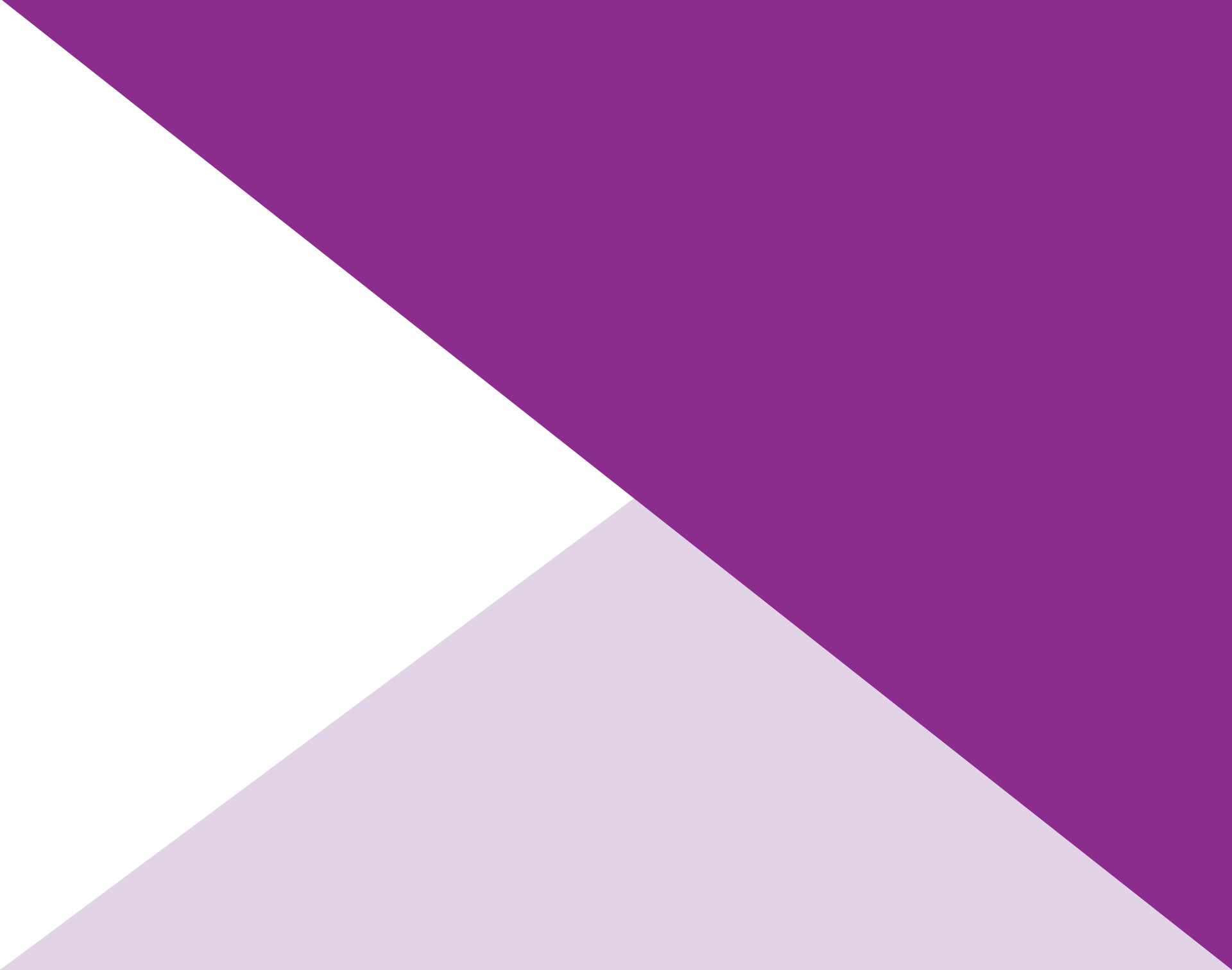
Volunteers and students lifted huge heaps of debris from Gulshan-e-Iqbal in an attempt to clean the city and resolve the long-winding issue of garbage.



Earth Day observed at UoG

To celebrate earth day, two UoG Student societies GULF and Green Society jointly arranged an international earth day to promote environmental awareness among the student and society on April 22, 2016. The first Earth Day was celebrated on April 22, 1970, and is considered the birth of the modern environmental movement. Faculty and students from different departments participated in the activity and revisited the history of the day in their thought-provoking speeches. They planted grass, flowers, bushes and very young trees from university nursery. The surrounding territory is now filled with seedlings. Through this activity the students were encouraged to be proactive in taking care of our planet.







**Community Empowerment
& Outreach**

COMMUNITY
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Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University, Sheringal establishes a Biogas plant

Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University Sheringal has established a Biogas plant for the purpose of heat source provision to the livestock research farm of the university and as a linkage with the community in order to stop deforestation in the area. The nearby community has free access to observe the plant. Such plants can easily be made in the houses where animals are being reared for domestic needs. The university is planning to conduct public awareness seminars regarding the importance of this project and is ready to provide any possible support to the community.

As the population of the area is growing rapidly which has a direct impact on deforestation for fulfillment of its needs, the step is thus taken to reduce the dependency on the forests. It is hoped that fruitful results would be obtained from this very simple technology if adopted by local community.



SBBU, Dir organizes a 3-Day Potato cultivation training workshop for Dir Kohistan farmers and extensions specialists

A 3-day workshop sponsored by Higher Education Commission for Dir Kohistan's potato growers and extension specialists was organized from August 19 to 21, 2016 at Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Sheringal, Dir. The workshop was attended by 50 potato-growers of the area and 9 agricultural extension specialists from Dir Upper and Lower. Eminent Potato experts from Pakistan including Prof. Dr. Nawab Ali, and Dr. Nasrullah Jan Malik from Peshawar, Dr. Muhammad Iqbal from Faisalabad, Dr. Atiq Ahmad Alizai from D.I.Khan, Mr. Asif-ur-Rehman and Nayyer Iqbal from Abbottabad and Prof. Dr. Gul Hassan and Mr. Said Muhammad from SBBU were the resource persons. The participants appreciated the workshop and added that this has been the first endeavour from any government department to promote agriculture in Dir Kohistan. Upon the advice of the growers the Vice Chancellor requested the provincial government to establish a research station in the area to cater for the needs of this very different ecological zone suitable for off season vegetables including potatoes. He further added in his concluding speech that the newly created Agriculture Department at the university will always help the local growers to increase their crop production.



NUST Leadership Summit 2016



NUST Community Service Club (NCSC) held NUST Leadership Summit'16, on the May 14, 2016 in NIT seminar. Despite being the first event of its kind the summit had around 250 attendees from 20 different universities. After the registration process and distribution of teams, the event kicked off at 10 am with the speakers from Counseling Pro followed by two giants of this domain, Shireen Naqvi and Umair Jaliawala from School of Leadership.

The main motivation of this program under NCSC was to create a platform where people can explore and realize their true potential. That is why the slogan 'Power of You' was chosen for the event.

The organisation Counseling Pro shared their own personal experiences as students about how students are brought under the microscope from day one. They explained

how the comparisons can be channelled positively if they are with oneself. The importance of identifying your own area of passion to excel in life was highlighted time and time again.

After Counselling Pro set the tone, Shireen Naqvi carried the baton forward. Shireen Naqvi, a true pioneer of the art of motivational speaking, lived up to her billing. Her discussion took a different take. She emphasized on never settling for a lower standard and to replace "or" with "and" to achieve all of your goals. The sense of duty to others and society were also touched upon along with the difficulties women face in everyday life and what our education system lacks.

Finally, after the lunch break, it was Umair Jaliawala's turn to wow the audience. He also brought up the dire state of our education. His main theme was the power of the



mind over the body. Most of the times, it is the mental obstacles that hold us back. To drive home the point, he incorporated various fun activities that kept the crowd alive. There was also a scavenger hunt of sorts that gave a list of tasks/items to be completed. The purpose behind it was to showcase the perfect work environment and how to be productive in teams.

The event concluded with a tea break at 5 pm. Overall, there were many light hearted moments as all the speakers manoeuvred the audience masterfully. The participants also gave great feedback. Without the support of the event's sponsors HBL and FFC, media partners *Aloo Clan*, 24 Channel, FM 91 and *Meri Awaz Suno* and merchandise partners *Meena Bazaar* along with the facilitation of NUST Administration, the success of the event would not have been possible.

NCSC and Streetstore Islamabad collaborates to distribute clothes on Labor Day

Streetstore is a concept which originated from Cape Town, South Africa - a pop-up store that aims to provide a dignified shopping experience to the poor and the homeless. NUST Community Service Club (NCSC) collaborated with Streetstore as NCSC volunteers and team from Streetstore worked together to make the event successful. This was the largest Streetstore ever held in Pakistan.

The team comprised of over 100 volunteers from NUST, Comsats and Air University. These volunteers being students showed great perseverance in tackling both their studies and volunteer work. They showed up in every processing session and helped tirelessly in gathering donations. Also helping along the way were collaborators which include House of Light, Helping Desk PIMS, Robin Hood Army, Mount Hira School, Akhuwat Clothes bank and Green Volunteers. The preparations for the event began about three months ago. Donations were collected from various cities but majority of them were from Islamabad. Collection points were set up at Naan Stop, Little Athens and Chaye Khana (Bahria Town).

Over 5000 articles of clothes and other utility items were collected in donations. After that the team started the gruelling processing sessions which spanned several weeks. The clothes were thoroughly scrutinized, then ironed and packed properly, ready to be put on stalls to give people a proper shopping experience.

The event was targeted towards the several villages in the Pind Bhagwal region. The people of that place are hardworking farmers who strive each day to provide a better life to their families. The aim was to keep alive the spirit of Labor Day and assist those families in some way and spread smiles on their faces.

Over 650 families were invited. Around 10 am people started pouring in through the gates of the school where the event was being held. In about 3 hours, more than half the clothes were given away to people who went away with satisfaction on their faces. The venue also had a proper medical camp with volunteer doctors from The Helping Desk who gave free medical check-up to around 500 people.



The volunteers also mingled with the children by doing face-painting and handing out 400 goodie bags. The children formed a quick bond with members of the team and happily played around with them. The final wrap came with the distribution of food among the visiting families.



100-kilowatt biomass gasification power plant launched at UAF

The University of Agriculture, Faisalabad has installed 100 kilowatt biomass gasification power plant meant for promoting alternative way of energy to overcome power shortfall touching 5000 MW. UAF Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Iqrar Ahmad Khan inaugurated energy plant established at Punjab Bio-Energy Institute, Postgraduate Graduate Research Station, UAF in collaboration with China as an initiative of Punjab Government. Dr Iqrar Ahmad Khan termed the project a solution to meet the need of the electricity especially at the village level. He said the plant converts the agricultural waste into the power through the gasification process and though 100 KW plant, we can provide the power to 50 houses. He stressed upon the need to adopt the model at the every village level. Chinese experts Dr Hai Bin Li from Guangzhou Institute of Energy Conversion, China and Dr Xiaobo Wang; UAF Agri Engineering Dean Dr Allah Buksh, Dr Ehsan Ali, Dr Anjum Munir and other notables also spoke on the occasion.



UAF collaborates with *Akhuwat* Foundation for social welfare program

Poverty cannot be alleviated until we provide self-employment opportunity at grass root level by enhancing soft- or interest-free loans schemes for the deprived segment of society. This was stated by University of Agriculture Faisalabad Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Iqrar Ahmad Khan at the micro-interest free loan distribution event organized by UAF in collaboration with *Akhuwat* Foundation at the central mosque of the University on January 5, 2016. As many as 1530 families of the Faisalabad district were given Rs 50 million. He praised *Akhuwat* for providing interest free microfinance services to poor families enabling them to become self-reliant. He called for creating self-employment at rural level that will move the country toward development and prosperity. He quoted the example of South Korea which had faced extreme poverty in 60s. But, after shifting their focus on rural development, it has emerged as one of the developed nations with 30,000 dollar per capita income.



Scholarship cheques distributed at UAF

Eleven Afghan students of the University of Agriculture Faisalabad on Tuesday under the prime minister fee imbursement scheme got the scholarships cheque worth Rs 80,000 per student from UAF Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Iqrar Ahmad Khan distributed the cheque among the students. Directorate of Financial Assistance and University Advancement Director Prof Dr

Hafeez Ahmad Sadaqat also spoke on the occasion. He said that due to belonging to depressed segment of the society, as many as 35 percent of the UAF students are getting merit as well as need based scholarships. He was of the view that agriculture is the backbone of our economy. He said that university is also providing free of the cost education to the students of the FATA.

Earlier, Prof Dr Hafeez Ahmad Sadaqat said that financial assistance to needy and deserving students is extended in different forms that include scholarship program, internship program, work-study program, student loan scheme; tuition fee concession and the facility to deposit dues in instalments for financially constrained students.

Self Employed Women Association (SEWA) –KP Chapter at SUIT

In order to guide, teach and train the women living in community on latest concept and technologies of ICTs (online earning), the first meeting of Self Employed Women Association (SEWA) KP Chapter was held on Saturday May 21, 2016 at Sarhad University of Science and IT. This meeting was attended by female faculty and volunteers of SUIT, Women Chamber of Commerce Peshawar, Females from NGOs, and other universities. The aim of this meeting is to brief the audience about this project under E-Pakistan and give them the road map for SEWA-KP Chapter.



SBBU provides 'ACCESS' to underprivileged females

'Access' is a two year project, English Access Micro scholarship Program in which English language and computer skills are taught to the students free of cost. This program provides a foundation of English language to talented 13- to 20 year olds from economically disadvantaged sectors through after school classes and intensive summer activities. This is one of the biggest initiatives of Women University for providing easy access to quality education. One hundred female students of KPK and FATA were enrolled in this two year project in 2012-2014 and one hundred females are enrolled for the current session 2015-2017.



UVAS students set up free camp for sacrifice animals

Vet Crescent Society at University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences is working for the welfare of animals by organizing multiple activities throughout the year. One of the welfare activities is the Free Eid Treatment Camp which is organized each year in the local cattle market and animals of sacrifice were treated free of cost. This year the camp was held for 5 days, from September 6 to 10, 2016

in Lahore. A large number of undergraduate and post graduate students participated in the camp. Various clinical aspects of diagnosis and medication were demonstrated including general and physical examination, auscultation, percussion, intra-muscular and intra-venous medication and wound dressing. A large number of ailments in different animals were successfully treated free of cost.



VU holds closing ceremony of 'Supporting Female Graduates Program'

Virtual University of Pakistan has completed one of its projects entitled 'Supporting Female Graduates' Access to Information Technology Sector through Internship Program'. This project was started under the Gender Equity Program (GEP) of Aurat Foundation by the support of United States Agency for International Development (USAID). As part of this program, 120 female IT graduates were given 3 weeks training on latest IT modules in four different batches. The participants were then placed in around 22 organizations on six months' hands on training on different applied aspects of IT in order to make them confident to work in public and private sectors. Different workshops were also arranged for their awareness on women rights, labor laws, sexual harassment act and promotion of women friendly work environments during this training period.

The concluding ceremony was held on May 05, 2016 at Sheza Inn Hotel & Restaurant, Multan. Prof. Dr. Talat Afza Vice Chancellor, the Government Sadiq College Women University Bahawalpur was the chief guest while Dr. Naveed A Malik (Rector VU) graced the occasion as guest of honor. A large number of distinguished professors, high officials and dignities of various public and private sector organiza-



tions along with female IT graduates, employers and resource persons of the project participated in the ceremony.

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Nawaz presented achievements and shared experience of the project. The chief guest, Professor Dr. Talat Afza, urged young women to meet challenges of the modern world as it was right time for women to speak up for their rights.. At the end the Chief Guest distributed certificates among the interns. Reflecting on VU's support to gender equality, Dr. Naveed A Malik (Rector VU) said that women's empowerment is a prerequisite to achieving sustainable development and prosperity. He urged women to prove their mettle in every sphere of life. At the end Prof. Dr. Masroor Ellahi Babar thanked all the participants and congratulated the management for successful execution of the closing ceremony.

Sukkur IBA partners with OGDCL to get sponsorship for 300 students

Sukkur IBA Student council partnered with Sukkur IBA management for the outreach campaign to select 300 students across Pakistan for OGDCL. They carried out an extensive program in May- June 2016 in almost every district of the four provinces to convey the message about this scholarships program at mass level and selected the students

that OGDCL will sponsor.

The selected students are from districts Gwadar, Turbat, Dera Murad Jamali, Dera Bugti, Sui, Barkhan, Sibbi, Loralai, Zhob, Quetta, Qilla Abdullah, Noshki, Khuzdar, Lasbella in Balochistan; Hyderabad, Mirpurkhas, Larkana, Mithi, Jamshoro, Sukkur, BADEEN, Thatha, Jacobabad in Sindh; Muzafar Garh, Pakpa-

tan, Rahimyarkhan, Rajanpur, Sahiwal, Wehary, Faisalabad, Khanewal, Layah, Bahawalpur, Lodhra, Multan, Bahawalnagar, Attock, Chakwal, Lahore in Punjab and and Pishawar, Banno, Kohat, Taank, Dera Ismail Khan, Khyber Agency, Waziristan, Sawat in Khyber Pakhtoon Khwan (KPK)



Miscellaneous

MISCELLANEOUS

Youth Mobilization Campaign - exposure visit of NUST by students from Baluchistan

On September 29, 2016, an exposure visit to NUST was arranged for university students from all over Baluchistan as part of the Youth Mobilization Program by NUST Community Service club. A massive contingent of 176 students and 11 faculty members from educational institutions such as the University of Baluchistan, BUIITEMS, Lasbela University, Sardar Bahadur Khan Women's University, Loralai Engineering University, the University of Turbat and the University of Khuzdar arrived at the Jinnah Auditorium at 12:15 pm where they were welcomed by NCSC executives. The students were given a brief introduction to NUST and its programs which were followed by the arrival of the chief guest, the Minister of State for Petroleum and Natural Resources, Jam Kamal Khan, the Rector of NUST, Muhammad Asghar and the CEO of Devote, Salma Muhammad Hassani. The session then formally began with a recitation of the Holy Quran and the national anthem. A documentary showcasing the educa-



tional facilities at NUST and students' views of the university was played. Afterwards, an in-depth question-and-answer session was conducted where the Rector of NUST settled any qualms the students had regarding higher educational opportunities available to Baluchistan. Later, the guests and students were served lunch and were taken on a tour of the main departments of NUST, namely SEECS, NICE and SMME, where they were shown the state-of-the-art laboratories and classrooms. The visit ended with a road tour of the other departments housed around the Indus Loop.

Kinnaird student among the 14 participants of Deliberative Democracy Exchange Program by Kettering Foundation

Kettering Foundation asked students from all over the world to apply for Deliberative Democracy Exchange Program – a Multi-national College Student Workshop in Dayton, Ohio. The idea was to have group discussions between participants. The chosen

participants of the program were from Pakistan, Tunisia, USA, Malaysia, Egypt, Puerto Rico, South Africa, South Korea, Zimbabwe and Cameroon. Total 14 participants from across the globe came to U.S for one week in order to exchange views over democracy

and social problems their countries faced. Through group discussion, the students got to learn about each other's homelands. Hira the student from Kinnaird who got selected for this program says "Kettering studies what it takes to make democracy work as

it should; and what I came up after attending the conference that their research is focused primarily on 'ordinary citizens.' Specifically, studying about:

1. How people become engaged as citizens and make sound decisions
2. How citizens can work together to solve problems and educate their children
3. How citizens can better align what they do with the govern-

mental and civic institutions that were created to serve them.

I have learnt a lot through this experience. You not only learn to talk or gain confidence but become an effective team player as well and getting to know different individuals from different parts of the world makes you realize a fact that we all share some commonalities and that not just only one country is specifically targeted for all the problems."



Bahria University students visits Nigeria as part of Active Citizens Program

Dua Dehraj, a student of 8th semester from Institute of Professional Psychology visited Nigeria from February 27 to March 5, 2016 under the Active Citizens Program initiated by the British Council. The study visit was hosted by Usmanu Danfodiyo University, Sokoto for several universities and Non-Governmental Organizations.

The event was inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor UDUS. The inauguration ceremony was set up as a market place for participants to display their respective cultures. The event organized a world cafe where all the participants in the event showcased their communi-

ties, their peculiarities and discussed the importance of social action projects. The event also included community visits to places like Gumbirawa Literacy School, Suama Dundera village in Sokoto and a cultural night at Giginya hotel Sokoto.

During the study visit, the participant was engaged in different activities as pilot projects (career counselling, tree plantation, clay pottery, leather cover making) for the UDUS active citizen program. The pilot projects allowed participants to experience of the community life in Nigeria.

FACT

In recorded history since 3600 BC over 14500 major wars have killed close to 4 billion people - about two-thirds of current world population.

Capacity building trainings of BU students with *Shirakat*

Bahria University students were trained by the organization *Shirakat* to participate in their project 'Collaboration for change: transforming lives and minds for equal citizenship'. The purpose was to build capacity of students through 3-day training and the opportunity to implement their learning in 8 day camps in the schools of Rawalpindi and Islamabad. For this purpose, the focal persons from *Shirakat* an orientation session in the Presentation Hall, BUIC on Tuesday, May 3, 2016. Later through interviews, 13 students were shortlisted by *Shirakat* to participate in the program.

Full day capacity building trainings were arranged for the selected students from 20th-21st July, 2016 from 09:00 am to 03:00 pm at Bahria University Islamabad Campus.

The students were divided into 3 groups

and assigned different tasks. The groups were given different activities on leadership, communication and gender equality on the first day of training. The difference between facilitation and teaching was learnt and the tasks helped in improving the communication

skills of students. Exercise games were conducted to refresh the student minds. Every group was given a chance to think and work on their capabilities which was a very good learning experience for the students.



The training overall helped in improving the communication skills of the students, their leadership qualities, learning objectives, working together safely and helped in building their confidence and self-esteem.

Rector Bahria University donates generous amount to VOICE society for disabled children

VOICE Society for disabled children organized the Eid Gift Programme on July 11, 2016 to hand over Eid gifts to disabled children so that they can also be a part of Eid celebrations. Director Bahria University Lahore Campus, Cdre (R) M Amjad Zaman SI (M), was invited as a Chief Guest on this occasion. The Director appreciated the efforts of VOICE Society for disabled children. He also donated a generous amount on behalf of honourable Rector of Bahria University.



Community Support activities at Bahria in collaboration with CIVITAN:

On 1st April, 2016, Community Support Club at Bahria University Lahore Campus arranged a seminar in collaboration with Lahore One Civitan. Representatives from Rescue 1122, City Traffic Police Lahore, Girls Guide and Boy Scouts organization were invited to present to the respective topics. It was informative session for the students.

Different activities to serve the community are proposed to be scheduled with collaboration of BULC Community Support Club and Civitan where students will work with Rescue 1122, Tourism Development Corporation of Punjab (TDCP) and Red Crescent.



Virtual University of Pakistan holds Rescue 1122 training session

Punjab emergency service Rescue 1122 imparted the basic life support and fire safety orientation training to the faculty and staff members of Virtual University of Pakistan on February 23-24, 2016. The participants were trained through presentations and lectures by the trainers of Rescue 1122. The purpose of such training program was to develop professional approach to first responders of different areas especially employees so that they could be helpful in case of an incident.



The training was conducted in a two-day session under the supervision of Mr. Farooq Ahmed, Public Relations Officer; Ms. Firdous and Ms. Maryam, Training Coordinators from Rescue 1122 Punjab. The officials of Rescue 1122 executed the practical skills of cardio pulmonary resuscitation, fracture management, foreign body airway obstruction management and first aid treatment during cardiac arrest, firefighting and drowning incidents.



FACT

Cooling a burn quickly is vital to prevent further damage to tissue. The best way to cool a burn is running water! Putting anything else on a burn (such as butter, toothpaste etc.) will not be as effective in removing heat and stopping the burning process.

PCTN's International Conference
on
Social Outcomes of Civic Engagement Through Youth (SOCIETY)

And do not forget to **DO GOOD** to one another
-QUR'AN (2:217)

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."
-Winston Churchill

National University of Sciences and Technology

Upcoming Conferences of Talloires Network

November 2016

International Association of Universities 15th General Conference. Bangkok, Thailand. 13-16 November, 2016. This year's conference theme is "Higher Education: A Catalyst for Innovative and Sustainable Societies".

9th annual International Conference of Education, Research and Innovation. Seville, Spain. November 14-16, 2016.

3rd Annual AsiaEngage Regional Conference. Manila, Philippines. November 21-23, 2016.

Engage 2016. Bristol, UK. November 29-30, 2016. Featuring the finalists for this year's Engage competition, the conference will celebrate the diversity of engaged practice across the UK.

December 2016

2nd International Conference on Service-Learning. Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong. December 1-2, 2016

42nd Association for Moral Education Annual Conference. Harvard University, MA, USA. December 8-11, 2016. The theme of the conference is "Civic Engagement: A Cultural Revolution?"

January 2017

2017 Annual American Association of Colleges and Universities Annual Meeting. San Francisco, California, USA. January 25-28, 2017.

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7. Balochistan University of Information Technology, Engineering & Management Sciences (BUIITEMS)
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12. Fatima Jinnah Women University (FJWU)
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23. Institute of Space Technology (IST)
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25. Iqra University (IU)
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28. Khadim Ali Shah Bukhari Institute of Technology (KASBIT)
29. Khawaja Fareed University of Engineering & Information Technology (KFUEIT)
30. Khyber Medical University (KMU)
31. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Agricultural University, Peshawar
32. King Edwards Medical University (KEMU)
33. Kinnaird College for Women University
34. Lahore College for Women University (LCWU)
35. Lahore University of Management Sciences (LUMS)
36. Lasbela University of Agriculture, Water & Marine Sciences (LUAWMS)
37. Mirpur University of Science and Technology (MUST)
38. National Textile University (NTU)
39. National University of Modern Languages (NUML)
40. National University of Computer & Emerging Sciences (FAST-NUSES)
41. NED University Of Engineering and Technology
42. NWFP University of Engineering and Technology
43. Pir Mehr Ali Shah Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi (PMAS_AAUR)
44. Quaid.e.Azam University (QAU)
45. Riphah International University
46. Sarhad University of Science and Information Technology (SUIT)
47. Shah Abdul Latif University (SALU)
48. Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University, Peshawar (SBBWU)
49. Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University, Upper Dir (SBBU)
50. Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Institute of Science and Technology (SZABIST)
51. Shifa Tameer-e-Millat University (STMU)
52. Sindh Agriculture University (SAU)
53. Sindh Madressatul Islam University (SMIU)
54. Sukkur Institute of Business Administration (Sukkur IBA)
55. University of Faisalabad (TUF)
56. University of Agriculture, Faisalabad (UAF)
57. University of Azad Jammu & Kashmir (UAJK)
58. University of Gujrat (UoG)
59. University of Haripur (UoH)
60. University of Health Sciences, Lahore (UHS)
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62. University of Management Sciences and Information Technology, Kotli (UMSIT)
63. University of Sargodha (UoS)
64. University of Sindh
65. University of the Punjab (PU)
66. University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (UVAS)
67. Virtual University of Pakistan (VU)
68. Ziauddin University (ZU)

How to join PCTN

In order to join the network, the university needs to send two letters of commitment signed by the President, Rector, or Vice-Chancellor. The first letter should be addressed to Chair PCTN, Engr. Muhammad Asghar (Rector, National University of Sciences and Technology, Islamabad) and can be e-mailed to pctn@nust.edu.pk.

Another letter should be sent to Anthony Monaco, Chair of The Talloires Network Steering Committee and be e-mailed at talloiresnetwork@tufts.edu.

Sample letters can be seen on our website. Along with the letters include a brief overview of your civic engagement activities. The university must also designate a focal person who would be the point of contact for all community service related activities. Once the membership is approved, the university will get a confirmation from both PCTN and The Talloires Network.

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