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## Editor's Note

I am delighted to share with you the 3rd edition of Pakistan Chapter of The Talloires Network (PCTN) newsletter. This edition includes community service activities of twenty-three of our prestigious member institutions. PCTN has come a long way in the past year. We published two newsletters, the membership increased from 35 to 53 members, the website was updated to provide links to community service activities of member institutions, and 6 cross training sessions of member universities were held.

In January 2015 Chair PCTN (Rector NUST ) Engr Muhammad Asghar started his three year term as The Talloires Network Steering Committee member. This is a great achievement for the chapter as it will help us directly link our endeavors with The Talloires Network initiatives. On March 18, 2015 PCTN held its 2nd annual conference that was attended by VCs, representatives and students from 22 member universities. The universities also set up stalls and sent in their community service program nominations for best project awards which were given out at the closing session of the conference.

From the platform of this newsletter I would also like to bid farewell to Chief Coordinator PCTN, Mr Mahmud Bashir Bajwa who has retired at the end of March. Mr Bajwa had an illustrious career in education spanning over 40 years. He held many prestigious appointments throughout his career including being Principal of Burn Hall College and Administrator of Heavy Industries Taxila Education City (HITEC). He joined NUST in 2010 and had been working as Director Student Affairs. He had been central to the formation of PCTN in 2013 and had been providing guidance and encouragement in all its initiatives, activities and publications. His patronage would be greatly missed.

As always I am grateful for the support of the focal persons of all member institutions without whose contributions this newsletter would not have seen the light of the day.

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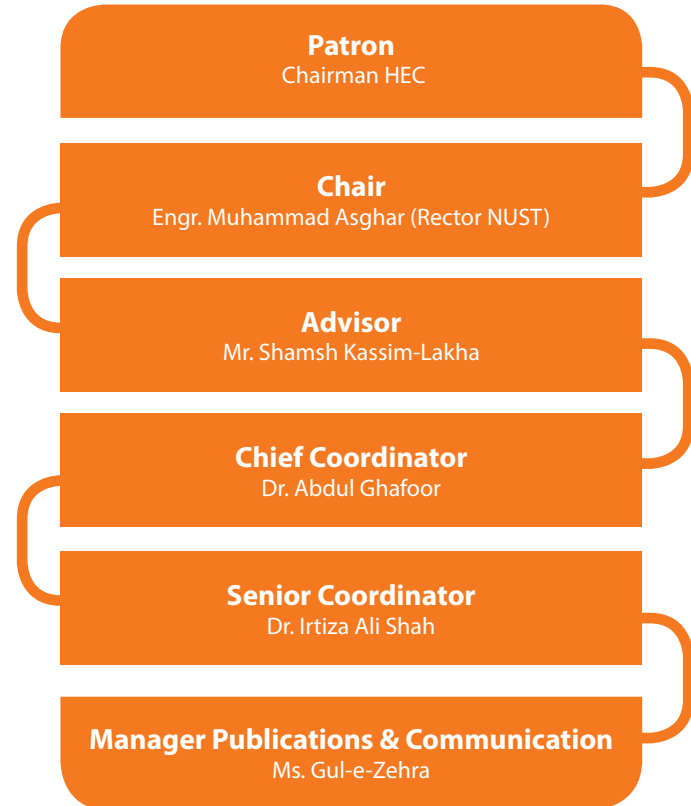
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**IN FOCUS**

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## Rector NUST gets elected to The Talloires Network (TN) Steering Committee

The beginning of 2015 marked a new era of The Talloires Network (TN) leadership. Six new members including Rector NUST, Engr Muhammad Asghar were elected to the TN Steering Committee for a three year term starting January 1, 2015. It was indeed a moment of great pride not only for National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST) but also for the entire Pakistan Chapter of The Talloires Network (PCTN).

Rector NUST's contributions to promotion of community service and civic engagement in Pakistan cannot be overlooked. He has led organization of the PCTN, which was launched at a national conference at NUST in 2013. He chairs the PCTN steering committee. PCTN now boasts a membership of 53 out of the country's 162 HEC recognized universities.

Rector NUST has actively participated in TN conferences at Madrid 2011 and Cape Town 2014. A renowned leader in higher education, now being part of the TN Steering Committee, Mr. Muhammad Asghar would contribute his vision and experience in the global higher education civic engagement and social responsibility movement to guiding The Talloires Network. Other TN Steering Committee members who also began their 3 year



term with him on January 1, 2015 include Ernest Aryeety (Vice Chancellor, University of Ghana), Sara Ladrón de Guevara (Rector, Universidad Veracruzana, Mexico); Lorraine McIlrath (Founding Director Campus Engage, Project Coordinator Community Knowledge Initiative, National University of Ireland, Galway); Andrew Petter (President and Vice-Chancellor, Simon Fraser University, Canada); and Andrew Vann (Vice-Chancellor, Charles Sturt University, Australia).

# Role of 'Education for Poverty Reduction' and 'Energy Conservation' highlighted at 2<sup>nd</sup> PCTN Conference

The second conference of Pakistan Chapter of The Talloires Network (PCTN) was held at National University of Sciences and Technology on Wednesday March 18, 2015. It was attended by VCs/ Rectors and representatives of 22 member universities. The theme for the conference was 'Sustainable Development Solutions and Action Plans for Universities and their Youth.' Federal Minister for Planning, Development and Reform Mr Ahsan Iqbal was chief guest for the inaugural session. Heads of different member universities across Pakistan, philanthropists, entrepreneurs, academics and a large number of students attended the conference. Dr Irtiza Ali Shah, Coordinator PCTN, moderated the conference sessions.

Speaking at the occasion, the federal minister said a plethora of challenges are facing Pakistan. However, he maintained, the youth of the present age are more aware of as well as sensitized to what is happening around them. The universities have, therefore, the responsibility to harness the youth potential in a way that they transcend themselves as human beings and give back to the society the best they can. He said that against the backdrop of information technology revolution the information tends to be only a click away. Therefore, the chief guest added, the need of the time is to strengthen education sector of the country as the "power of classrooms and laboratories" is the only defining feature in the competition-driven world of today. He said that the incumbent government is fully cog-



nizant of the importance of education and aims to establish universities in every nook and corner of Pakistan so that no one remains deprived of the blessings of knowledge for want of access to higher academic institutions. The minister also made mention of Vision 2025, which he said was being seriously pursued by the government ever since its launch.

A video message by Mr Rob Hollister who is Executive Director of The Talloires Network (TN) was also played at the conference. Mr Hollister appreciated that after USA, Pakistan has the highest number of members at TN. He appreciated the participation of Pakistani delegates at the TNLC 2014 and stressed upon the themes of youth



employment as a focus area of TN agenda.

Earlier, Rector NUST Engr Muhammad Asghar welcomed the guests to the conference and hoped that it would go a long way in the development of sustainable solutions. He also said that the objectives of PCTN were very much aligned to that of govt of Pakistan's Vision 2025.

A number of other prominent speakers addressed the daylong conference divided into two sessions: the first being on Education and Skill Development for Poverty Reduction in Pakistan, while the latter focused on Energy Conservation and Finding Alternate Sources for Pakistan. The speakers shed light on these issues as well as proposed how universities and their youth could contribute to solving these problems. Speaking at the first session Dr Ijaz Shafi Gilani (CEO Gallup, Pakistan) discussed education and skills as a tool in the 'Toolbox of Poverty Reduction'. He discussed the effectiveness of this tool viz-a-viz other tools. Ms Ayesha Hamid (Chairperson American School of International Academics & Member Organization of Pakistani Entrepreneurs) shed light on the importance of entrepreneurship. She said that economic depression is world over and youth need to be resourceful rather than being a victim of the bad job market. Dr Adnan Khan (Director Research and Development Solutions) discussed how there is a gap between the needs of the society/ economy and the graduates we are producing. He highlighted the importance of vocational education as well as the need for liaison between univer-

sities and industry.

At the second session Dr Bilal Khan (Principal CES, NUST) stressed on all the steps that can be taken by people individually as well as universities to save energy. Dr Amer Durrani (CEO Reenergia) discussed the state of energy crises in Pakistan that 1/3rd of the country has no access to electricity and discussed various renewable energy options and their limitations. Dr Irfan Mirza (CEO Renewable Resources and former Dir Tech at Alternate Energy Board) discussed various sources of alternate energy including wind, solar and bio-diesel. He emphasized upon the need for research and prototyping.

Mr Nisar Memon was the guest of honor at the closing session. He stressed upon the importance of sustainable development goals that were chalked out by the UN and the need to achieve the targets



set for Pakistan. At the occasion, Akhtar Haameed Khan Awards for best community service projects were also bestowed on universities. Fifteen universities had sent in nominations of their community service programs for the award. Rector Nust and Mr Nisar Memon distributed the prizes amongst the winners. The 1st prize of Rs 100,000 was given to Sukkur IBA for their 'Talent Hunt Program'; the second prize of Rs 50,000 was given to NUST for their 'Education for empowerment program'; the third prize winner for Rs 30,000 was Greenwich University for their 'Polio eradication program' and the 4th prize of Rs 20,000 was given to University of Agriculture Faisalabad for their multidimensional community-engagement programs. 12 universities also set up stalls of their community service activities, which provided universities and their youth a platform to showcase their civic engagement contributions and its impact on the society. PCTN hopes that such a gathering would help to promote the culture of civic engagement and community service amongst institutions of higher learning in Pakistan.



## The Talloires Network Leaders Conference 2014 ends with 'Call to Action'



The Talloires Network Leaders Conference: “Live Engagement, Transform Lives” took place from December 2 through December 4, 2014 at the Spier Conference Center and Hotel located in Stellenbosch, about 50 km from Cape Town, South Africa. It gathered leaders from 134 universities and higher education partner institutions from 40 countries across the globe, to chart the next stage of the global movement of higher education civic engagement and social responsibility. The conference offered a platform to educational leaders to share their experience and plans, and to identify ways to support each other’s work. TNLC also highlighted national, regional and international networks that are advancing university-community partner-

ships all over the world. The learning experience was enhanced because of the presence of student leaders who provided their own inspiring perspective on community service and civic engagement and asserted that their role cannot be ignored in shaping university policies.

Themes that the conference emphasized on included perspectives from the global south; youth employment and economic development. MacJannet Prize 2014 Winners were also awarded certificates and cash prizes at TNLC 2014. At the end of the conference a call to action was issued which urged the TN member institutions to expand and strengthen university efforts to prepare their students for civic and economic activi-

ties; expand access to higher education for under-represented groups and reinforce social inclusion initiatives; contribute to measurement of the impacts of university civic engagement on student learning outcomes and on community conditions; elevate public awareness of, and support for, university civic engagement; influence the global university ranking systems to include civic engagement; increase acknowledgement and recognition for faculty who perform high quality community-engaged teaching, research, and public service; and elevate and support student leadership in the planning and operation of university engagement programs.

## PCTN member universities participate with zeal at TNLC 2014

Vice Chancellors and delegates from several Pakistani universities attended The Talloires Network Leaders Conference 2014 including Engr Muhammad Asghar (Chair PCTN and Rector NUST), Dr Irtiza Ali Shah (Senior Coordinator PCTN, and faculty head NCSC, NUST), Mr. Shamsh Kassim-Lakha (Founding President of the Aga Khan University), Mr Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui (Director IBA Sukkur), Ms Seema Mughal (Vice-Chancellor Greenwich University, Karachi), Ms Saima Riaz (Director Faculty Development & Internationalisation Lahore College for Women University), Ms Sandal Mufti (Director Student Affairs, Bahria University) Ms Maryam Mohiuddin (Director of the Social Innovation Lab at LUMS) and Dr Sajjad Madani (Comsats). Students from Lahore University of Management Sciences who had been part of the award winning YEPI project also attended TNLC 2014.

Rector NUST attended the The Talloires Network (TN) Steering Committee Meeting on December 1, 2014 before start of the conference. Mr Shamsh Kassim-Lakha was also present at the meeting. The steering committee discussed the way forward for the network and how partner networks could play a role in meeting the goals of TN in their own regions. The steering committee also drafted a 'Call to Action' for all member universities and discussed how it could be implemented around the world.

Ms Maryam Mohiuddin and her team that



had won the coveted YEPI award participated in a two day workshop held for YEPI-8- the eight teams that had won the award. These teams shared their experiences with each other and LUMS highlighted its work with the Social Innovationlab, methods used, challenges and learning outcomes. She also spoke at different forums about university community engagement lessons from Pakistan.

Ms Saima Riaz conducted a breakout session

on "Youth Leadership: The Role of Higher Education Institutions in Youth Leadership". The panel speakers at this session were Dr Irtiza Ali Shah (NUST) and Ms Maryam Mohiuddin (LUMS). The speakers emphasized the role that their universities are playing in promoting youth leadership and how several programs at their institutions were run almost completely by students. An interactive exercise was also conducted with the audience, where audience participated in discussing

how they can contribute in bringing positive changes in their societies and communities. The proceedings of this session were made available at The Talloires Network website for the benefit of all.

Dr Irtiza represented PCTN at the 'Partner and Regional Networks Leaders Meeting' and shared the formation of PCTN in 2013, its membership increase to 52 members now and what has worked for the network to promote community service at Institutions of Higher learning in Pakistan. He highlighted the activities of the chapter including publication of biyearly newsletter of civic engagement activities of member universities, annual conference to discuss action plans on various engagement areas for universities and their youth, awards for outstanding civic engagement projects and arranging cross trainings in civic engagement for faculty and students. He also shared how some PCTN members including NUST have community service as a mandatory part of graduation requirements.

A great achievement at this forum was the



winning of 2nd prize at TNLC video competition by Greenwich University, Karachi.



## Greenwich University wins 2<sup>nd</sup> prize at The Talloires Network Leaders Conference (TNLC) Video Competition, 2014

A documentary from Greenwich University titled 'Drops of Life' won the 2nd prize at International Talloires Network Leaders Conference (TNLC) video competition on Tuesday, December 2, 2014. The video covered how students at the university are actively helping Pakistan to get rid of the Polio demon, 'striving to create an improved future for our nation.'

The documentary was the result of hard work of Mass Communication and Media Studies students' efforts. Ms. Seema Mughal, Vice Chancellor, represented Greenwich University, Pakistan, at the conference. This exceptional and remarkable international recognition which is received for the effort towards the great cause of Polio eradication is really a matter of pride and honor not only for Greenwich University, but also for the whole nation.



## Series of workshops for seminary teachers in progress at UoH

Department of Islamic Studies, University of Haripur in collaboration with Peace and Education Foundation, Islamabad organized a series of workshops for seminary teachers. Three sessions of six days each have been conducted from September 2014 to February, 2015. A total of 75 madrassa teachers have benefitted from it so far. Participants of the three workshops were from the madrassas of different schools of thoughts. The purpose of these workshops was to shrink

the physical and intellectual remoteness between the two streamlines of education and to bring peace and harmony to the society. The major themes discussed during these workshops included teacher's self-awareness; learning and development; dimensions of thinking; classroom management; conflict resolution and peace; human rights, diversity and pluralism.



All major religious traditions carry basically the same message that is love, compassion and forgiveness the important thing is they should be part of our daily lives. Dalai Lama



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## Vigil for victims of Army Public School, Peshawar by NUML students

The faculty of Management Sciences, National University of Modern Languages (NUML) organized a vigil ceremony for the victims of Army Public School, Peshawar on December 17, 2014. The day started with recitation of Quran, followed by congregational prayers for the victims. Students from friendly countries also participated in the ceremony and shared the grief of Pakistani nation. After the prayers a vigil ceremony took place

at main library of the university and was attended by students, faculty members, Director Generals and Rector NUML. A one-minute silence was observed to pay tribute to the innocent victims of the gruesome terrorist attack. The students also arranged a peace walk with placards. Students chanted slogans against terrorism and in favor of the law enforcing agencies indulged in continuous battle against terrorists.

December 16 is remembered in Pakistan history for fall of Dhaka 1971. However 16th December 2014 shook the entire nation in particular and the world in general by a brutal and cold blooded terrorist attack on Army Public School leaving at least 134 children and 8 faculty members martyred.



## UJ&K protests against terrorist attack on APS, Peshawar

After the catastrophic year of 1971, December 16 in 2015 again proved to very tragic when a group of terrorist entered Army Public School, Peshawar and ruthlessly killed more than 150 students, teachers and staff. The whole nation reacted and so did the students, teachers and other employees of the University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir. On December 17, 2014 people gathered voluntarily in both campuses of the university and staged protest walks, chanted slogans and the demanded the continuation of zero-tolerance policy against such heinous crimes.

Again on December 18, 2014, students of Department of Art and Design organized Quran Khawani and candle light vigil for the victims of APS.



## International Day for Persons with Disabilities (IDPD) celebrated at UAJ&K

To highlight the significance of the IDPD a function was organized by the students of University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir on December 03, 2014. Theme of the day was 'Acknowledging the Struggle'. Participants included individuals having some form of disability, institutions and NGO's working for rehabilitation of such people, and representatives of associations like AJK-Government Officers Association, AJK-Non-Gazetted Employees Association, Muzaffarabad Traders Association, UAJK-Academic Staff Association, UAJK-Officers Association and UAJK-Administrative Staff Association. A qawali by a group of blind students from Special Education School was a heart-touching item. Shields were also presented to some disabled persons from various walks of the life. The students of the department greeted and mixed with the special guests of the events and the emotions remained so moving during the whole event. Recommendations for an 'Inclusive Society' were made by various speakers. In the follow up, suggestions for making special laws for special persons have been forwarded to the Department of Law by Government of AJ&K.



## 300 students from different universities participate in young leaders conference at DSU

DHA Suffa University held a conference titled 'Soch – Revamp Thinking Paradigm'. The conference focused on social and moral responsibilities of an individual and the established thinking pattern, which prevents people from readily accepting change. Delegates from several educational institutions of Karachi participated in the event. The conference comprised training sessions, guest lectures and interactive sessions. Renowned public speaker Sumair Abro gave an intriguing insight about the concepts of self-discovery, passion and belief. SOL trainer, Uzair Ausaf held an interactive session on the reality of our society and culture. Zain Goplani conducted an interesting training session about the connection of mind and heart. Sarmad Abbas mesmerized the audience by his thoughtful speech on the self-realization journey within a person. Later, Jibran Nasir spoke on the role of youth in the development of society, which was warmly appreci-



ated by the participants. Rabia Anum, a renowned anchor-person, shed light on the role of media in our present day society. The whole event was a non-stop roller coaster ride of imparting knowledge and sharing experience. All in all Soch received an overwhelming response from the participants.

## Seminar on 'Prevention of Waywardness' held at DHA Suffa University

DHA Suffa University held a seminar titled 'Prevention of Waywardness' with the support of Bazm-e-Kiran, a society for prevention of waywardness among the youth. The seminar was to create awareness about fast spreading waywardness, which has eroded family values thus leaving no respect for elders, women and children. Bazm-e-Kiran has undertaken several initiatives and programs in this regard. The Vice Chancellor, DSU in his address thanked the members of Bazm-e-Kiran for their efforts and further advised the students to stay strictly on the right path and keep striving for betterment of their personal characters and the society as a whole.



## International Anti-corruption Day celebrated at VU

Virtual University of Pakistan organized a one-day seminar on World Anti-Corruption Day at Children Library Complex, Lahore on December 9, 2014. The seminar was organized to raise awareness among the masses about corrupt practices and their ill effects. The renowned columnist and analyst Mr. Orya Maqbool Jan, Dr. Safder Mehmood (Vice Chancellor Lahore Leads University and columnist) and Taseer Mustafa (journalist and academician) were the guest speakers at the occasion, whereas Hussnain Ahmed (Director General NAB) and Dr. Naveed A Malik (Rector Virtual University of Pakistan) were the guests of honor.



On December 12, 2014, VU Rawalpindi campus also arranged a seminar titled "Corruption and Role of NAB in its Eradication." The guest speaker of this seminar was Mr. Tahir Bashir, Additional Director NAB.

Virtual University's Character Building Society also organized various events and walks with an objective of raising awareness against 'corruption' in all VU campuses across Pakistan. In this regard, Hyderabad, Karachi,

and Quetta campuses arranged walks for Anti-corruption Day with the motive and aim to "Say No to Corruption." A large number of students and staff members actively participated in these walks. Students were carrying placards and banners to create awareness among the people. Media gave full coverage to promote and appreciate such activities for the improvements of Pakistan.

## FJWU organizes lecture on 'Protection of Women at Workplace'

Women Research and Resource Centre organized a session in collaboration with LEAD Pakistan and USAID on "Protection of Women at Workplace". The lecture was held on November 7, 2014 in which LEAD General Manager Tahir Rasheed Highlighted the need to raise public awareness of the protection against harassment of women at workplace Act 2010. Mr. Shahrukh Abbasey, Director Communications at Federal Ombudsman Secretariat, spoke on the role of ombudsman in creating safe and healthy workplace. He briefed the audience about the functioning of the Federal Ombudsman Secretariat and its complaint registration process. The session was followed by question answer session. Audience appreciated the efforts of LEAD and WRRRC in organizing an insightful session.



## Seminar 'Women's Rights are Human Rights' held at LCWU

Women Institute of Leadership and Learning (WILL), Lahore College for Women University (LCWU) celebrated 16 Days of Activism for ending violence against women. On December 10, 2014 a seminar on 'Women Rights are Human Rights' were organized with the collaboration of White Ribbon Campaign Pakistan/Women Empowerment Group (WEG). Mr Omer Aftab, CEO, White Ribbon Campaign gave his opening remarks about the event and acknowledged close partnership with Women Institute of Leadership and Learning. Dr Shazia Razaq of Urdu department presented a poem 'Hawa ki Beti'. A very high profile panel conducted the discussion; Ms Mehnaz Rafi - social and political activist; Dr Ali Hashmi -Head of the Psychiatry Department, MAYO Hospital; Ms Musar-



rat Misbah - Smile Again Foundation and Mr Sajid Ali – Project Head ASR Resource Centre. Dr Sarah Shaheed moderated the session. The panellist talked about different forms of violence against women in Pakistan with their own experiences. Ms Mussarat Misbah shared a story of an acid burnt victim; which

was depressing and awakening. Dr Ali Hashmi narrated few lines of Faiz Ahmed Faiz to express his views about women rights. The panellist were given tokens of thanks by LCWU and White Ribbon Campaign Pakistan.

Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that. Martin Luther King, Jr.

## Human Rights Day observed at UAJK



PCTN office, University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir and ORIC-UAJK along with students of Department of Law and Institute of Kashmir Studies arranged the Human Rights Day on December 17, 2014. A lot of people from different sections of the society attended the event. Kashmir, being a part of 67-year old unresolved issue in UN was the main point of discussion in the seminar, "Human Rights 365 Days". Kashmir Liberation Cell, Government of AJ&K had a special contribu-

tion in the arrangements.

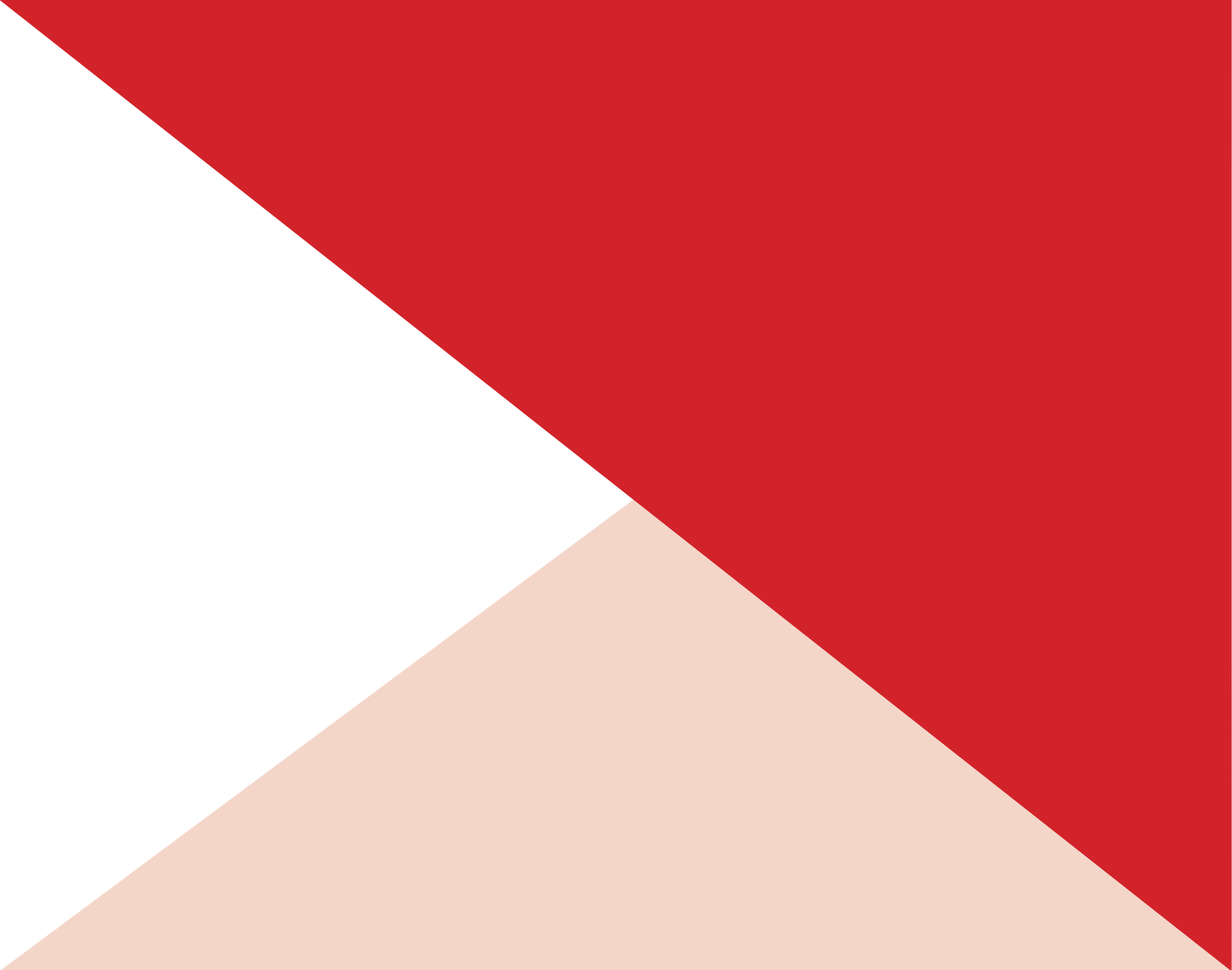
Speakers from the university, media, lawyers, students and government talked about various shades of human rights with special relation to Kashmir. Justice Manzoor-ul-Hassan Gilani, former Chief Justice of AJ&K was the chief guest of the seminar. Being an experienced jurist as well civil society worker he shed light on humanitarian issues and discussed the way forward.

## Traffic rules awareness campaign at Riphah

RSWD in collaboration with City Traffic Police, Rawalpindi has chalked out a program regarding 'Traffic Rules Awareness.' Under this program awareness lectures and walks are conducted at all campuses of Riphah International University. Informational literature is distributed, and all drivers of the university are trained to follow traffic rules. First aid training is given by Riphah to Traffic Police.

On November 13, 2014 as part of this initiative a lecture was arranged in IIMCT Railway General Hospital, Rawalpindi. SSP Mr. M. Shoaib Khurram Janzab (Chief Traffic Officer) was the chief guest of the program and he appreciated the initiative of RSWD. A very informative presentation was given by in-charge education wing Mr. M. Irfan. Participants include consultants, doctors, staff nurses, nursing students, and administrative staff of the PRH. Another such lecture was organized for the staff, doctors and students of Islamic International Dental Hospital G-7/4 Islamabad.







**Health**

HEALTH

## NUST blood donation drive collects 377 pints of blood

Following the tradition of holding two blood camps in a year, NUST Community Service Club (NCSC) held yet another successful 3-day blood donation camp in collaboration with the Armed Forces Institute of Transfusion (AFIT) from 17-19 November 2014 at the helipad ground, NUST H-12 Campus.

The NCSC BDD'14 lived up to the high expectations as a huge number of people turned up to donate blood. There were long queues throughout the day, with the donors waiting for their turn to donate blood. Blood samples were taken along with the weights of the donors to ensure eligibility. In fact, the medical staff, headed by AFIT, took all measures to ensure safety of donors. During the donation process, they continuously monitored the donors and gave immediate attention to those who showed any sign of weakness. 126 pints of blood were collected (from 84 boys and 42 girls) on just the first day. The second day saw even more volunteers' queuing to donate blood with over 150 blood pints collected.

While continuing its legacy of gathering maximum number of blood donors from all around NUST during the first two days of the Blood Donation Drive, NCSC succeeded in getting 100 blood donations on the third day of BDD as well, raising the total count to 377. After donating the blood, the altruistic donors got photographed at Pic-A-Booth arranged by NCSC at the camp to show their oneness for the



humanity and make their act of kindness memorable.

The hardworking NCSC team remained keen and vigilant while on duty and ensured the proper provision of refreshments to the donors. The donors were fully facilitated by the doctors on duty who ensured their comfort. The drive was also successful due to the immense support from the NUST Administration.

The BDD drive by NCSC was a success as it provided a platform to the students and faculty to come forward and put their love for humanity into action.

## Medical camp for Sweet Homes, Sihala

Riphah Social Welfare Department arranged a free medical camp for Bait-ul-Mal, Sweet Home's children. The primary aim of this medical camp was to provide medical check-up and advice medicines to these children. About 170 children were examined by the doctors and some children were also referred to Riphah International Hospital, Sihala free of cost for detailed checkup.



## BUMDC conducts free dental camps

Bahria University Medical & Dental College (BUMDC) conducted a free dental camp at SRE SABIR Karachi on December 4, 2014. Dentists of BUMDC screened residents for oral and dental problems. The residents were briefed about the importance of oral hygiene and were motivated for routine brushing and healthy dietary habits. Free oral health kits containing toothbrush and tooth pastes sponsored by Colgate Pakistan were distributed amongst the children and adults along with information brochures and brushing charts to encourage oral hygiene practices. The program evoked good response from the residents.

Earlier in the year on September 16, 2015 the Department of Community Dentistry at BUMDC organized a visit to Pakistan Navy Spe-

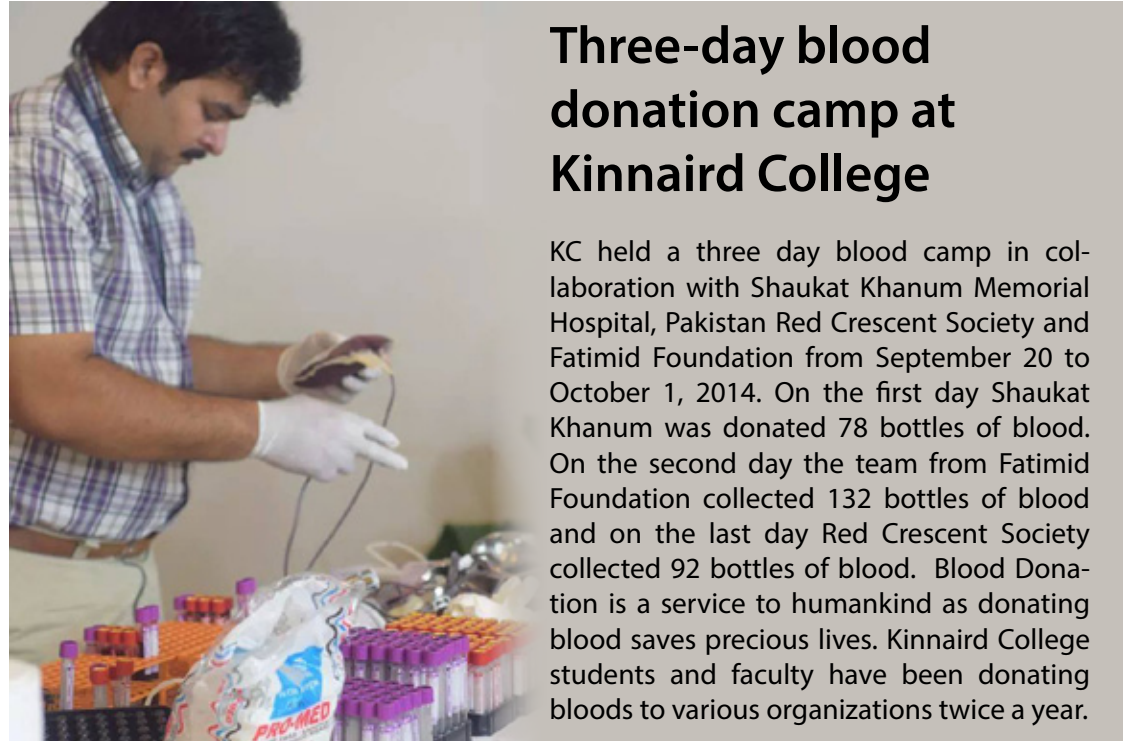
cial Children School at PNS Karsaz. The visit was led by the Head of the Department, lecturers, and a group of 30 students of 2nd Professional B.D.S. A total number of 260 children between 6-20 years were examined by the dental students under the care of their supervisors. Children were taught proper brushing techniques through animated videos and demonstration on models. Colgate also offered complimentary gifts to the children.

Oral health is an important aspect for all children especially those with special health care needs. Physically disabled children experience a greater challenge in maintaining proper oral hygiene and health care often due to a lack of basic motor skills and intellectual abilities that precludes proper tooth brushing.



## NCSC Ma'saadah team sets up free diabetes camp at Ghungrella

A free diabetes medical camp was set up by NUST and Saleem Akhtar Trust on December 13, 2014. The prevalence of diabetes in Pakistan is setting records on a global scale. It is an alarming situation. The camp was set up in a village namely Ghungrella which is at a forty minute drive from Islamabad. All the diabetic tests were run on the patients by Dr. Shahid Nawaz and Dr. Abrar Ahmed Bari. Out of sixty people tested, thirteen were diagnosed with diabetes and three showed early signs of the disease. Free medicine was made available to all the patients. A session was conducted for the people by NUST team which educated them about the risks of diabetes and aspects of controlling blood pressure. It was further advised by the people to conduct hepatitis B and C medical camps as many people there are affected by it.



## Three-day blood donation camp at Kinnaird College

KC held a three day blood camp in collaboration with Shaukat Khanum Memorial Hospital, Pakistan Red Crescent Society and Fatimid Foundation from September 20 to October 1, 2014. On the first day Shaukat Khanum was donated 78 bottles of blood. On the second day the team from Fatimid Foundation collected 132 bottles of blood and on the last day Red Crescent Society collected 92 bottles of blood. Blood Donation is a service to humankind as donating blood saves precious lives. Kinnaird College students and faculty have been donating bloods to various organizations twice a year.

## GKI and PRCS hold blood camp

On November 26, 2014 Ghulam Ishaq Khan Institute of Engineering Sciences & Technology (GKI) in collaboration with Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) organized a blood camp. GKI students and faculty members donated 165 blood units for Thalassaemia affected children. Again on December 16, 2014 when Army Public School, Peshawar incident occurred GKI arranged a blood camp for the victims of the attack. Fatmeed foundation was invited to collect blood donations from GKI on a short notice. Students participated with great zeal and 101 donations were made by them. Through the year project Topi of GKI arranged three blood camp and a large number of students donated blood in these camps.



## ALS ice bucket challenge at GIKI

ALS ice bucket challenge was organized on September 22, 2014, to give students awareness about Amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS). More than sixty students participated in this activity. ALS is a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord. Motor neurons reach from the brain to the spinal cord and from the spinal cord to the muscles throughout the body. The progressive degeneration of the motor neurons in ALS eventually leads to their death. When the motor neurons die, the ability of the brain to initiate and control muscle movement is lost. With voluntary muscle action progressively affected, patients in the later stages of the disease may become totally paralyzed.

## World Osteoporosis Day at TUF

The University of Faisalabad (TUF) organized an awareness seminar 'World Osteoporosis Day' on October 20, 2014. Dr Usama Jafar, gave a presentation explaining that Osteoporosis is characterized by diminution of bone mass, weakening of bone structure and increases the risk of fracture. It has become a major public health problem worldwide, especially in Pakistan. It is estimated that about 9.9 million people in Pakistan have Osteoporosis and 7.2 million among them are women. The occurrence of Osteoporosis in Pakistan is expected to rise in the coming years with an estimated prevalence of 11.3 million in 2020. Dr Usama highlighted preventive measures, symptoms, diagnosis and treatment of Osteoporosis.



## Blood donation camp for Thalassaemia patients at University of Haripur

Blood Donation Society, University of Haripur organized a blood donation camp in collaboration with Save the Mother Trust (SMT) Hospital, Haripur on January 22, 2015. A large number of faculty members, administrative staff and students participated in the camp. Worthy Vice Chancellor of UoH inaugurated the camp and donated blood which was very encouraging for all the participants. It is worth mentioning that blood group of 120 students was tested during the



camp and 30 students donated their blood for Thalassaemia major child patients.

## LCWU conducts Larval Source Management (LSM) to control mosquito population

Dengue Prevention and Control Cell, LCWU organized two days National Conference on 'Defeating the Public enemy, The Mosquito: A Real Challenge' in collaboration with INSPIRE-TEPP Project of LCWU with UCL, UK on December 3 and 4, 2014. There were oral and poster sessions by eminent researchers on mosquito surveillance, control, environment and mosquitoes, mosquito borne diseases, climate change and epidemiological transi-

tion, biological control, education on mosquito control, urbanization, anti- mosquito measures insecticides and health.

The Vice Chancellor, LCWU Prof Dr. Sabiha Mansoor, appreciated the efforts made by the dengue prevention cell, LCWU in controlling larvae at the campus and supported the research on dengue control.

Focal person of the Cell and seminar, Prof Dr. Farkhanda Manzoor (entomologist) recommended LSM to control mosquito population in Lahore. She said currently, the use of long-lasting insecticides and indoor residual spraying of homes is the only solution to control mosquito population. However, this success is now threatened by factors such as a growing resistance to insecticides and burden on economy. In LSM method mosqui-

toes found in standing water are controlled before the females develop into flying adults that are capable of transmitting dengue. This method is in practice by Government authorities also and there is strict order for removing standing water.



## Pink Ribbon Day celebration by Women Institute of Leadership and Learning (WILL) at LCWU

Pink ribbon day was celebrated at Lahore College for Women University (LCWU) for raising awareness about breast cancer and collection of donations for the breast cancer patients on October 30, 2014. A large quantity of material related to breast cancer awareness including posters, pink ribbons, pan flexes and pamphlets were disseminated and distributed among all departments, faculty members, and students to spread awareness about breast cancer. The students of BS-1 Gender and Development Studies Department, LCWU took active part in donation collections for breast cancer patients' treatment. Students and faculty members of LCWU donated generously for this noble cause.



## VU Muzaffargarh campus organizes Ebola and Dengue campaign

Virtual University, Muzaffargarh campus organized an Ebola and Dengue virus awareness campaign in October 2014. Information brochures were distributed among the VU students. To spread awareness among the masses, staff and students displayed the badges and distributed the brochures at public places. Since dengue had spread out in those days and it was quite hazardous, therefore protection measures were taken pro-actively and the request for Anti-Dengue spray was submitted to Tehsil Municipal Officer (TMO). VU campus and its surroundings areas were sprayed.



## IBA Sukkur observes Pink Ribbon Day



Faculty and staff members of Sukkur IBA showed support wore pink ribbons and donated generously to the cause of Breast Cancer awareness on October 27, 2014. The Pink Ribbon Campaign is an international symbol of support for breast cancer awareness. More than 40,000 women die every year because of Breast cancer. October is the official month of 'Pink Ribbon — Breast Cancer Awareness' worldwide. Sukkur IBA Students celebrated this day not only to spread awareness about this disease but they also collected funds to donate to medical centers for needy patients suffering from this disease.

## Leprosy awareness drive at DHA Suffa University

The Marie Adelaide Leprosy Center held Leprosy awareness drive at DHA Suffa University on December 2, 2014. The center is a nonprofit organization working for Leprosy elimination, TB, blindness control and community development for the last 56 years in Pakistan. As part of this initiative social workers and a skin specialist visited the DSU campus where they conducted free skin testing and consultation for DSU students and staff.



## Public awareness seminar on Organ Transplantation organized by Greenwich

A public awareness Seminar on organ transplantation was organized by the students of Mass Communication and Media Studies Department Greenwich University Karachi On Wednesday, 24th September, 2014. This seminar was held in collaboration with Sindh Institute of Urology Transplantation (SIUT) at Agha Hassan Abidi Auditorium, SIUT, Karachi.

Dr. Adeb Rizvi conducted the public awareness seminar. Professor Ejaz Ahmed of SIUT, Ms. Sultana Siddiqui, director of Hum TV productions, and Dr. A.Q. Mughal, Research Professor of Greenwich University stressed the need for organ donation in their speeches. A short video made on living organ donation titled 'Pashtawa' was also shown. A question answer session between the attendees and panel of SIUT doctors was an important segment of the day. Dr. A.Q Mughal



presented Greenwich University shield to Dr. Rizvi and a cheque which was donated by the students of Greenwich University for SIUT.

## Breast Cancer awareness seminar held at Bahria University, Islamabad

Bahria University Islamabad's female faculty and students attended a seminar about how breast cancer is victimizing society's female members on October 24, 2014. The seminar was conducted by highly qualified doctors. Its purpose was to cast awareness amongst the female populace on how this disease is spreading amongst our society and what are the basic symptoms for the ailment. Student and teachers both participated with enthusiasm in the practice and promised to spread the awareness amongst the other members of the society. Queries were answered by the doctors about the symptoms, treatment and prevention of this deadly disease.

Our lives begin to end the day we become silent about things that matter.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

## Breast cancer awareness day at Greenwich University

A public service program was held at Greenwich with the name, Pink Ribbon Day, On Thursday, October 30, 2014. The event committee went to classrooms to educate students about the early symptoms of breast cancer and also distributed the leaf-lets which may help them to detect the symptoms at an early stage. The students were also asked to donate Rs. 20/- to Breast Cancer Diagnostic Centre by purchasing the pink bows. The students participated enthusiastically as they sported pink bows on their arms. The Pink Ribbon is the organization who has felt the pain of Breast Cancer patients and their families who go through immense grief and devastation. A need for preventative health services is high as Pakistan has the highest rate of Breast Cancer in Asia.



## Hepatitis B free FUUAST

Five hundred million people in the world population are exposed to hepatitis, killing 1.5 million people each year. Fortunately, Hepatitis B vaccine is very safe and 95% effective in preventing HBV infection. Keeping in view the lethal nature of this fast growing infection and the its prevalence in our adult population, a program "Hepatitis B free FUUAST" was started for the students, teaching and non-teaching staff of the university and vaccines were administered to them. This program was organized by a team of faculty members including Dr Sehar Afshan Naz, Dr Nusrat Jabeen, Dr Maryam Shafique, Dr Zeba Imran and Ms Sadia Khalil of Microbiology Department with the support of Dr Kazim Raza Memon of Hepatitis Prevention and Control Program (HPCP), Health Department, Government of Sindh. A team of student volunteers from Dept. of Microbiology worked selflessly for this program throughout the period. During the first phase of this program August 2014- January 2015 more than 2000 students and staff members of university have been vaccinated free of cost against this deadly disease. The silent positive cases of Hepatitis B and C were also detected and confirmed by ELISA and PCR tests and were facilitated for free treatment from HPCP.



## World Diabetes Day commemoration at DUHS

Dow University of Health Sciences (DUHS) joined national and international efforts to raise awareness about diabetes in promoting healthy lifestyles and effective management of diabetes on November 13, 2014. National Institute of Diabetes and Endocrinology, DUHS arranged Diabetes walk, public awareness seminar and free medical camp at Ojha Campus. The event focused on creating awareness regarding healthy lifestyles and effective management of diabetes.

Prof. Masood Hameed Khan, Vice Chancellor DUHS acknowledged the efforts of organizing team and shared with the audience the upcoming project of Dow University. DUHS has contributed towards betterment of



healthcare services for people of Sindh and Pakistan at large.

Prof Abdul Basit, Director Baqai Institute of Diabetes and Endocrinology emphasized on the importance of primary prevention for better management of Diabetes at national level. Dr Akhtar Ali Baloch, Director National Institute of Diabetes and Endocrinology

and deputy director Dr Faredud-din conducted an informative session for the masses on lifestyle modification and discussed the measures to improve diabetes management, and stressed on the importance of diet, exercise and quitting smoking. The Seminar was attended by various senior faculty members and general public.

## Osteoporosis and Arthritis Day commemoration at DUHS

A public awareness seminar and awareness walk along with free medical camp was organized to commemorate World Osteoporosis and Arthritis Day on October 20, 2014. The seminar was organized by Dow University of Health Sciences (DUHS) in collaboration with Pakistan Orthopaedic Association (POA) and Pakistan Society for Rheumatology (PSR) at Ojha Campus. The aim was to raise awareness among healthcare professionals and general public about the management, treatment and prevention strategies of Osteoporosis and Arthritis.

Prof Masood Hameed Khan, Vice Chancellor, DUHS said that osteoporosis and arthritis is a major health issue especially because it has no symptoms at the onset. Dr Pervaiz Anjum, said that the complications of osteoporosis are immense and quite troublesome for patients fractures resulting to disability and even become fatal. In Pakistan, the number of patients suffering from osteoporosis has been steadily increasing because of an unhealthy lifestyle and lack of awareness regarding the disease. The seminar was attended by senior Orthopaedic consultants, doctors, post-graduate students and general public as well.

## DUHS holds public awareness seminar on Breast Cancer

A public awareness seminar on Breast Cancer was organized by Professional Development Center, Dow University of Health Sciences (DUHS) in collaboration with Department of Surgery to commemorate World Breast Cancer Day. The Seminar aimed to raise awareness about the early detection and treatment of breast cancer.

Prof Masood Hameed Khan, Vice Chancellor, DUHS said early detection and treatment are keys to defeating breast cancer at an early stage. He stressed the need for raising awareness to reduce the number of breast cancer patients from the country. He also requested

students and postgraduates trainees to start voluntary health education campaign to educate public in their neighbourhood.

Prof. Saeed Qureshi appreciated the efforts of Surgical Department for starting breast cancer clinic at Civil Hospital Karachi. Prof. Naheed Sultan informed that breast cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in women. Breast cancer management is a multidisciplinary approach.

The seminar was well attended by faculty members, doctors and postgraduate students.

## Free Cochlear implant surgeries at DUHS

DUHS since the establishment of Cochlear Implant Centre has conducted 13 Cochlear Implant surgeries free of cost. The expenses have been carried out by Dow University and different philanthropists. Dow University has also held several press briefings and awareness seminars to raise awareness about cochlear implant.

Prof. Masood Hameed Khan, Vice Chancellor, DUHS said that Cochlear Implant is an expensive mode of treatment in foreign countries but Dow University is providing the gadgets and the surgeries at extremely subsidized charges and this could also be absolutely free of cost for needy patients as funds for them could be arranged through zakat fund. Being an expensive treatment,

it is difficult to continue it without the support of the government and other organizations. He requested the philanthropist to help Dow University in this noble cause.

Prof. Dr. M. Umer Farooq, Professor of ENT & Pro Vice Chancellor, DUHS informed that The Cochlear Implant is a miniature device which enables patients with profound degree hearing loss to perceive the sounds. It is recommended for the children with profound hearing loss in both ears and who have shown little prior success with hearing aids. Attendees also asked several questions related to the daily problems or hindrances that they face in their labs regarding biosafety.







**Education**

EDUCATION

## Talent Hunt Program at IBA Sukkur

The eighth admission test for Talent Hunt program was organized by Sukkur Institute of Business Administration on December 10, 2014. More than 5000 students appeared in the test. Sukkur IBA started Talent Hunt Program in 2007 for the underprivileged students to help them overcome their educational deficiency. THP is a fully funded program by Sukkur IBA where registered students are not charged tuition fee. Books, study material, transportation and hostel facilities are provided free of cost. Students maintaining CGPA 2.2 over the period of six months in THP get admission in the bachelors program without the entry test and students attaining more than 3.0 CGPA get scholarship in the regular Degree program as well. THP was started by Sukkur IBA in 2007 and since then more than 2000 students have benefitted from this program.



## Tutoring and IT outreach program by GIKI



The main objective of Project Topi at Ghulam Ishaq Khan Institute of Engineering Sciences and Technology is to spread education. Therefore, Project Topi has organized special coaching classes after school timing to help underprivileged children to catch up with any deficiencies in learning. Presently, Project Topi is providing tuition in Government Primary School Hamlet, Government High School Topi and GIKI School fulfilling the need of around 500 students. They are especially focusing on coaching program of basic subjects like Maths and Physics to overcome the deficiency of students in class 9th and 10th. The volunteers also teach computing skills to kids and Topi Government High School for boys on a regular basis. On week days, four volunteers render their services to the IT lab which was also established by Project Topi.

## Bahria students participate in Lettuce Bee Kids Literacy Program third year in a row

Fifteen Bahria University students volunteered to teach forty kids at Lettuce Bee Kids in July and August 2014. Lettuce Bee Kids is an organization that aims to re-integrate street children into the society with literacy and grooming and Bahria University Islamabad has been supporting them in this cause with its volunteer students since 2012. BU also utilized its computer labs to teach computer skills to these children. Bahria University has always been actively engaged in community services to bring change and transform the mind-set of youth, giving back what they owe to the humanity.



## IST celebrates 'World Space Week' with underprivileged children

Institute of Space Technology, Islamabad celebrated 'World Space Week' in collabora-

tion with NASA from November 6 to 8, 2014. Students from different schools were invited to participate in several competitions to promote their interest in space exploration and technological advancements in this field. Team UMEED decided to involve the unprivileged students from the suburbs of IST, and to impart them knowledge and aspiration to struggle for a better future.

A total of 306 little angels from different

schools were delightedly welcomed for three days. Fun activities included story-telling and movie session. Students also spent time with Mickey and jokers in the playground, had their faces painted, flew paper-planes and went for car and flight simulation. Refreshments were served to these children and presents were given to them to remind them of this great activity.



## Career guidance session at Haq Academy by BUMDC



Dr Nida Siddique (Department of Oral Biology) from Bahria University Medical and Dental College was invited to carry out a career guidance session to the students of Haq Academy on October 2, 2014. It was an interactive session in which she shared with them the skills, knowledge and expertise required to excel in the field of dentistry. The focus was to help students with the decisions that they face immediately upon leaving school. In an ever changing world, it has become necessary that young people think clearly and carefully about their educational and career choices and what they aspire to be.

## NCSC Edvolution team launches Project *Siraat*

NUST Community Service Club (NCSC) Edvolution team launched project *Siraat*, which is a career counselling project aimed towards Federal government schools and colleges. *Siraat* has been derived from Arabic language, which means "Path." The monumental surge in the career options and ever increasing competition has made career counselling an indispensable pillar of youth development. *Siraat* is aimed at providing free of cost counselling through volunteers from NUST. The main motto of initiating this project is to enlighten the minds of youth by showing them the right trail which would lead them to their destiny. This project will be executed by career counselling sessions which will help students to know and understand themselves and multiple facets of professional life in order to make career, educational, and life decisions.

The first event under this project was conducted in Islamabad School for Girls, G-5 sector on November 1, 2014. In this session, the

team prepared a presentation that amalgamated various interactive videos and activities that would guide them as to what field should they go for. The second career counselling session was conducted in Islamabad School for Girls, G-8/3 sector on November 8, 2014 followed by Islamabad School for Boys, F-8/4 sector on November 15, 2014. In these schools, hands-on experience from Nustians was shared with the students. They were guided on various fields that they could join after they graduate from high school and how to choose the fields. The students were given a brief introduction about NUST as well.



Be kind whenever possible.  
It is always possible. Dalai Lama

## Career counselling by students of Sukkur IBA

A team of students from Sukkur IBA decided to hold career counselling sessions, providing guide lines to the students to choose proper career path. They visited many schools, academies and tuition centers to guide students. IBA students provided them with all possible information about their field of interest, clarified their confusions and helped them to enhance their communication skills. The team was also able to enrol five students in a computer leaning institute fully funded by the philanthropists. The benefitting students appreciated the efforts of Sukkur IBA.

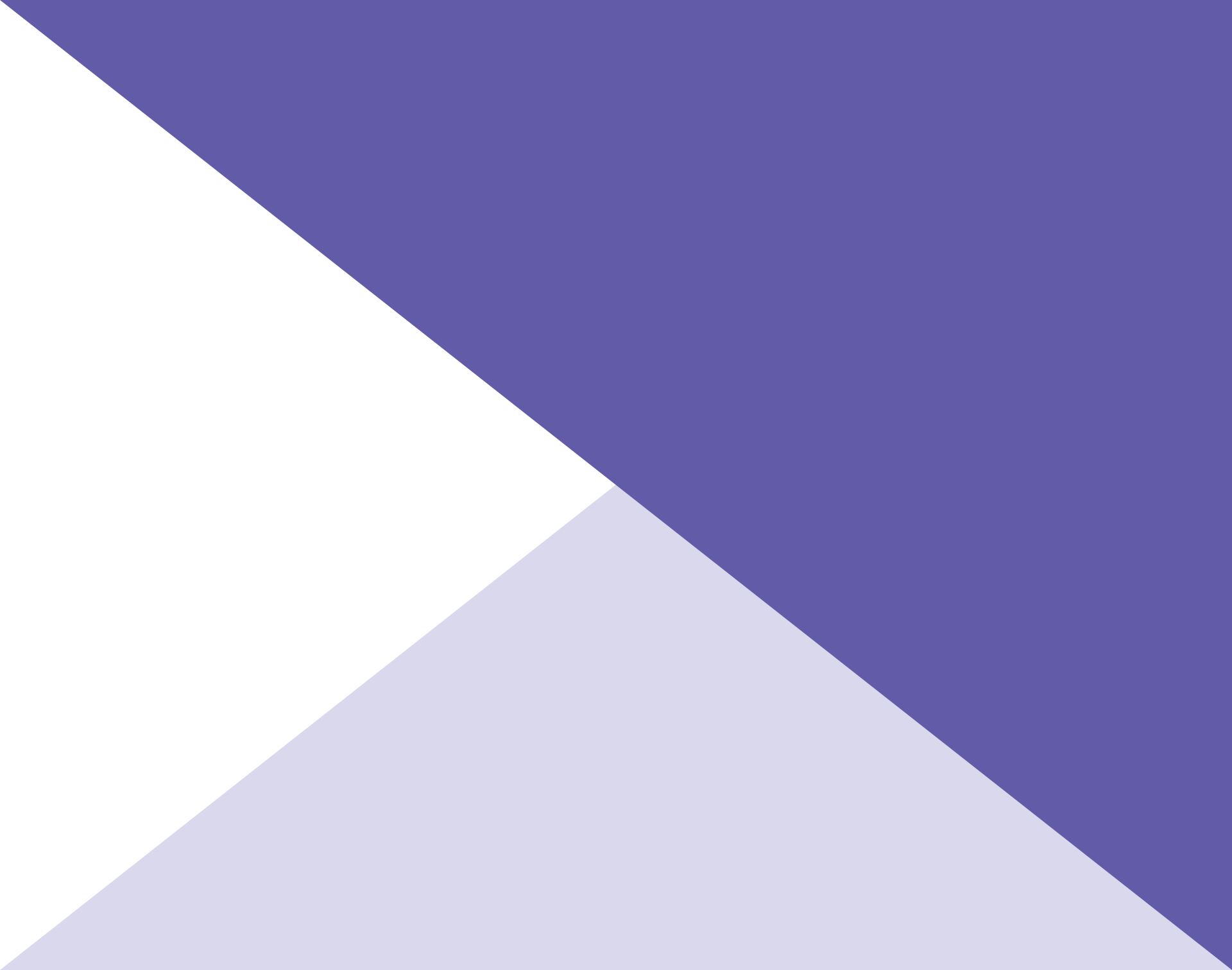


## Project 'Educate Pakistan' at NUML

The students of National University of Modern Languages (NUML) visited Master Ayub's school on September 22, 2014 and delivered the much needed stationery items for the children studying there. The students led by Nouman Rafiq (MBA - I) had gathered donations from their fellow students, faculty members, friends and family members for procurement of these items.

Master Ayub is one of those self-motivated individuals who in spite of a very few resources runs a charity school at sector F-6 of Islamabad. This school is totally dependent on charity generated money or on self-help basis. This kind of social work runs only on an immense inspiration and determination with a crisp and clear aim of contributing towards a deprived society.







**Disaster Relief**

DISASTER RELIEF

## NUST's relief efforts for IDPs

Operation Zarb-e-Azb had been launched by Pakistan Army in 2014 against the enemy in North Waziristan. As this operation continues to eliminate the most dangerous threats to our country, thousands and thousands of inhabitants of North Waziristan have been forced to leave their homes for saving their lives.

NUST Community Service Club (NCSC) TABA team along with NUST Administration ran a relief campaign for raising funds in July 2014. The funds generated in this campaign came from a massive donation drive conducted by the team, contribution from the alumni and NUST administration. NUST Administration and faculty donated one day salary amounting to Rs 3.5 million; Allied Bank Ltd donated 1 million; NUST Alumni contributed Rs 150,000; and NCSC team collected Rs 1,450,000. Water shortage in that area was identified as a major problem. With the help

of NUST Alumni's generous contribution and cooperation, a generator and a regulator for the tubewell were provided. Furthermore, Eid gifts and sports equipment worth Rs. 1 million were distributed amongst 22 families who had taken refuge in Government Degree College Landi Jhalandar, District Bannu on 23rd July 2014. A cheque worth Rs 3.5 million was also presented to Brig. Aftab Comd 475 Engrs Bde Gp/45 Engrs Div.

In September 2014 medical supplies given by donors, pedestal fans, tents and floor mats worth Rs. 2 million were delivered to twenty families living temporarily in the premises of a Government College in Bannu .

NUST Alumni transported a truck on 24th October, 2014 containing dry ration worth Rs 4 lacs including flour, rice, tea, sugar, pulses, oil, salt, tea etc. On 25 October, 2014, a team of six members visited Mingora, Swat to distribute the ration amongst IDPs.

On Wednesday, January 28, 2015, a team of NCSC including NCSC Faculty sponsor Dr. Irtiza, Assistant Managers Ms. Maheen and Ms. Sehrish along with student team lead-

ers of the relief campaign, Ms. Sadia Kahf and Mr. Ali Khalid Qureshi visited Parliament Secretariat to hold a presentation ceremony. Quilts were presented to Lt. Gen. (R) Abdul Qadir Baloch, Minister for State and Frontier Regions. Col. Mehmood Wazir was also present at the ceremony. The minister met the team and commended the efforts of NUST for the IDPs affected by operation in the northern territory. 1000 quilts worth Rs 1 million sent by NUST were distributed in Bannu .



## UoL steps up to help those affected by the flood in Rodu Sultan

River Chenab and Jehlum brought heavy flood water to the plain fields of Pujnab in September 2014. Areas starting from Jhang till Muzaffargarh were badly hit by this flood water. UoL Relief decided to step up the task of helping out the devastated people. Rodu Sultan on the right bank of Chenab ahead of Trimun head works was selected for assistance. After initial survey University of Lahore volunteers provided assistance to 1000 families who were distributed food packages, quilts, clothes and mosquito nets in large quantities were distributed. Goods worth about Rs 5 Million were distributed among the families. As the flood also resulted in destruction of houses and people becoming homeless UoL had also constructed 25 houses in Rodu Sultan. The cost of this project is PKR 3,000,000.



## Riphah provides clean drinking water to drought stricken people of Thar

Riphah Society for excellence and Islamic International Students Social Welfare Association joined hands to collect donations for clean drinking water for the drought /famine affected community of Thar. A cheque of Rs. 8,23,492 was handed over to Dr. Hafeezur-Rehman, President, Al-Khidmat Foundation along with the medicines worth Rs. 80,000 -for the Thar affectees. From this money three water wells have been built so far. Two wells were constructed at Ghono Lind which served a population of 1560 individuals, 260 household and 600 livestock. The third well was constructed at Lawari Thesil Mithi Distric Tharparkar serving 360 individuals, 60 households and 400 livestock.



## Riphah distributes cash amongst IDPs of North Waziristan



A fund raising campaign was organized by Riphah Society of Excellence (RSE) and Islamic International Student Society Welfare Association (IISWA). From the donations collected food hampers were distributed among IDPs of Bannu Camp. Further the students also distributed in cash Rs. 20,000 each to 37 families; Rs. 30,000 each to 3 families and Rs. 10,000 each to 4 families of IDPs residing at Bannu Camp.

## Riphah gives out winter kits to flood affectees

RSWD collected donations and distributed winter kits amongst 100 flood affected families of district Jhang. These kits included quilts (200), cotton mattresses (200), jackets (100), sweaters (100), shawls (100), scarves (200) and caps (200).



## Bahria University Islamabad IDP support program

In July 2014 Bahria University Islamabad initiated its IDP support program. The program was targeted towards the support of the people who were displaced due to military operations conducted in their hometowns. Bahria University Islamabad collected donations through the sale of tickets and donation boxes. The donation collection was held from July 14 to 22, 2014 and these donations were used to purchase necessary items such as food, medicines, and Eid gifts. After a generous amount of donations received, a truck with all these items was dispatched to Karak for the aid of these destitute people.

## BU collects donations for flood victims

Bahria University Islamabad continued the tradition of social welfare activities by stepping forward to help the flood victims under its 'Flood Relief Fund' from September 10 to September 20, 2014. This fund collected donations throughout the campus for all the people who were affected by the devastating floods. The students actively participated in the donation collection and afterwards purchased food items and took them to the affected areas in Punjab.



## UAJ&K donates for Zarb-e-Azb IDPs

Pakistanis have suffered a colossal loss of life and property in the recent past at the hands of terrorists. In order to culminate this menace from the society, Government of Pakistan started the 'Operation Zarb-e-Azb' in June 2014. Around 1.1 million people had to leave their homes and areas to make this operation effective and successful. To share the worries and miseries of these IDP's, employees of UAJK contributed one-day salary to the Prime Minister's Relief Fund for IDP's through HEC. Although it was just a small amount yet it shows the sense of brotherhood, a tradition starting from Muakhat-e Madina when the Muslim migrants from Mecca were greeted by the Muslims of Madina.

## Flood relief efforts by IST

Institute of Space Technology carried out several activities to help people in the flood struck areas in Gilgit, Punjab and Sindh from September to November 2014. Team Umeed conducted five phases of flood relief.

A medical camp was set up on September 13 and 14, 2014 in areas surrounding Jhelum. In the second phase clothes of about Rs. 70,000 were distributed amongst the children of Jhang for the occasion of Eid and a medical camp was also set up. The third phase comprised of provision of bedding items to a family. Further phases included distribution of ration in Bahawalpur donated by Islamabad Alma School and distribution of quilts in Kashmir worth Rs.140,000 that was sponsored by the Alumni chapter of IST.



## Donation campaign for IDPs by FJWU

Operation Zarb-e-Azb was launched by Pakistan Army to completely wipe out the enemy in North Waziristan. As a consequence about 900,000 people of North Waziristan had to leave their homes to seek shelter at safe places. Being aware of the fact that Internally Displaced Persons (IDPs) are in dire need of basic life necessities, Registrar Office

and Women Research and Resource Centre of Fatima Jinnah Women University started a fund raising campaign for the affected people on November 28, 2014. The donation drive received generous contributions from both the administration and faculty of FJWU. Most of the employees donated their one-day salary.



## Kinnaird College donation campaign for flood victims

Kinnaird College donated ration bags to the Army Relief Camp at Fortress stadium Lahore on September 22, 2014. Heavy monsoon rain caused floods in various parts of Pakistan. As always Kinnaird stepped up to the occasion and Dr Rukhsana David, Principal Kinnaird College, urged everyone to help our fellow countrymen who have been affected in Punjab. For this purpose Social Work Club in collaboration with faculty and student body raised funds for providing ration to the affected community. Students donated mixed ration bags as well as cash. The cash was used to get more ration and water bottles which were then delivered to an Army Relief Camp.

Injustice anywhere  
is a threat to justice  
everywhere.

Martin Luther King, Jr.

## LCWU carries out fund raising activities for flood victims

Geographical society of LCWU organized a 2-day event to raise funds for the flood victims on September 25-26, 2014. A movie named 'Khoobsurat' was shown to the students for fund raising. Stalls of homemade edibles, flowers, hair styling and mehndi were organized by the students of Geography department. A fund of about Rs.42,000/- was raised which was a great success.



## Student led donation drives for Thar at DSU

In 2014, the severe drought in the Thar region, the subsequent intense cold spell and the lack of access of the affected communities to food and medical aid did not go unnoticed before the ever responsive student community of DHA Suffa University (DSU). Numerous groups of DSU students collected donations to provide food, clean drinking water and medicines to villagers in far flung areas of Thar. A group of DSU students "React Pakistan" made an organized effort for this cause. React Pakistan has members from several academic institutions in addition to DSU. The team members from DHA Suffa University include, Mohsin Ali (founder React Pakistan), Muhammad Owais Sikander and Abrar Muhammad Yasin. React Pakistan successfully raised Three Hundred Thousand rupees for this cause. A group of eleven students, which also included students from DSU, personally packed 200 packages of basic food items, loaded them on a truck and transported them to Mithi from where they were distributed to deserving families.

Another noteworthy endeavour in this regard was the joint effort of five DSU students of the BBA program. With the conviction that the journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step, this group of students set out to collect Twenty Thousand Rupees as their contribution to alleviate the suffering of the drought stricken population of Thar. To their amazement the response to this cause was so heartening, that they ended up collecting double the amount that they had originally anticipated. This group of DSU students personally visited Jhudo, Mithi and neighbouring villages and helped out fifty families.

Hats off to the small efforts made by students, who believe that Nelson Mandela was right when he said that it's always impossible until it is done.



## Greenwich University students participate in 1-day safety training

Ms. Tahira Tariq arranged a one day training session for students of Greenwich University and named it 'A day with Police' on Thursday, December 11, 2014. Realizing the vulnerability of students in certain situations, Lt. (R) AIGP Maqsood Ahmed in cooperation with Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Elite Police Training Center Razzakabad designed a one day training program named H.E.A.T. Hostile Environment Awareness Training. It was held with the objective to increase the participants' awareness of safety and security issues in hostile environments and to provide participants with the skills and tools necessary to deal with and reduce different types of risks and threats - known and unknown. Later, certificates were given to the participants for attending the course.



## Training on disaster management and life-saving skills at Sukkur IBA

Sukkur IBA organized a training session with the title 'Disaster Management and Life-Saving Skills' for its students in collaboration with Sports & Youth Affairs department, Government of Sindh on September 26, 2014. Dr. Faraz Alam accompanied with Mr. Ali Iqbal from Youth Affairs Department delivered a presentation in which students were taught how to react in emergency situations. More than 250 students participated and took great interest in the training.



## Virtual University launches fire safety and prevention campaign

Virtual University of Pakistan launched fire safety and prevention campaign in Karachi campus for its students and staff on October 30, 2014. An information session about fire safety was held. Asad ullah Khan, Executive Director of the fire fighters, was invited to educate the students on the dangers of fire and safety measures which should be taken in such incidents. After the session, a fire fighting activity was conducted and a demonstration was given to students on using fire extinguishers. Earlier on VU had arranged 'Fire Prevention and Safety Course' in July for their employees to equip them



for future emergency situation. The goal of the programs in VU is to create a large scale safety campaign by educating staff and students about fire safety.

## Fund raising and social activities at GIKI

Naqsh Society (fine arts) of GIKI arranges a social event 'Color Fest' every year for entertainment. Project Topi also participated and set up a food stall and the profit was distributed among deserving workers of GIKI. On September 23 and 24, 2014 fund raising was done for IDPs and flood affectees. Donations were deposited in the army support fund.



## KIU and Pakistan Red Crescent Society sign MoU to promote volunteerism

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed between Karoram International University (KIU) and the Pakistan Red Crescent Society GB provincial branch at KIU Gilgit to promote volunteerism during disasters and emergencies on Dec 5, 2014. Society Provincial Secretary Ms Noor-ul-Ain and KIU volunteers convener Mr Manzoor Ali signed the MoU on the occasion of 'World Volunteer Day' and 'World First Aid Day.'

Ms Noor-ul-Ain said that it is decided to raise the number of volun-

teers up to five million by 2016 to provide a channel for those who want to make a difference in someone's life. She said perusing this objective the PRCS GB branch has set a target to register more than one hundred thousand (100,000) volunteers at regional level so that they would be able to help reduce humans suffering during disasters and emergencies. Mr Manzoor Ali said that KIU has established a volunteering unit and registered more than three hundred (300) volunteers out of whom 15 volunteers were from the faculty and management of KIU, 138 were female students and 148 were male students of the university. He added that Gilgit-Baltistan is vulnerable to various natural and other disasters and the people are lacking capacities to deal with these disasters. He emphasized on volunteers to take the lead in developing a peaceful and prosperous society.



Philanthropy is commendable, but it must not cause the philanthropist to overlook the circumstances of economic injustice which make philanthropy necessary. Martin Luther King, Jr.



**Environment  
Protection**

ENVIRONMENT  
PROTECTION

## Botanical naming of trees at Lahore Zoo by LCWU

Botany Department of LCWU had the honor to complete the project entitled "Botanical naming of trees located at Lahore Zoo" with the collaboration of Lahore Zoo Management, in a period of six months in December 2014. This was a great contribution towards the university's mission of community services. Many of the trees are more than 150-200 years old which are now decorated by the thin transverse slices of tree trunks in the form of their name plates showing the painted botanical and local nomenclature of the trees. The name of Botany Department LCWU is also written on these wooden plates as chief contributor of this project. The Home Secretary and Director General, Wild Life also visited the zoo and appreciated the contribution of LCWU towards this community service project.



## Sukkur IBA taking measures for clean environment

Students of Sukkur IBA took up several environment related projects in August 2014. Through survey in different areas of Sukkur and collaborating with media channels, the students identified two main problems that the people of Sukkur were facing; dirty water supply and environmental pollution. Due to increase in population the number of vehicles on the roads had increased and the smoke emitting from those vehicles was contributing to bad health of people. The students installed hand pumps near city bypass for making clean drinking water available. Along with that, they planted a total of 250 plants in various areas including Akhuwat Nagar and Al-Khalid Park and a village Ghari Sayed. They also organized two sessions at Friends Co-operative Society, Akhuwat Nagar to brief them about cleanliness.



## Cleanliness Crusade at Sukkur IBA



Sukkur IBA green initiative office, as part of their regular activities conducted a two days event called the 'Cleanliness Crusade' on October 22 and 23, 2014. The purpose of this activity was to involve university students with slight touch of adventure by making it a two-day competition for students to maintain cleanliness throughout the campus. The students were distributed in groups and were assigned to carry out different tasks and to keep different areas of campus clean. Sessions and demonstrations were also given to students for proper use of separate waste bins.

## ECO internship program at The University of Faisalabad

World Wild Life Fund (WWF) Pakistan conducted ECO Internship program at The University of Faisalabad (TUF). Ms Mehwish Ilyas, Program Coordinator from WWF briefed the TUF IANS about WWF Pakistan, one of the leading International organizations working for the conservation and protection of environment. The students were involved in a series of interactive activities and presentations to foster a sense of civic responsibility. It provided an opportunity for young students to get actively involved in conservation of nature. Chief Guest, Mr Anwar Hussain, Senior Director Corporate Relations at WWF distributed certificates among 52 TUF IANS who successfully completed the Internship.



**“If you light a lamp for somebody, it will also brighten your path.” – Buddha**

## Cleanliness Day observed at University of AJ&K

Cleanliness Day call by the government of AJ&K was responded by UAJK in an excellent way. On October 01, 2014 students in Chehla campus supervised by the faculty members cleaned the campus and picked up the trash from the lawns of the university. They went to Administration Block of the university where Prof. Dr. Syed Dilnawaz Ahmed Gardezi (Vice Chancellor), Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naeem Qureshi (Registrar) and other senior officials joined and all of them walked to the adjoining markets where they were greeted by the local trader association. Speakers laid emphasis on cleanliness and its importance in our daily lives. The students spread in the different parts of the market and continued the cleaning campaign showing their commitment to serve the community.



## Environmental Protection Society at VU organizes lecture on 'Importance of Forests'

The Environmental Protection Society of VU organized a lecture on 'Importance of Forests' on November 12, 2014. Dr. Muhammad Akmal Rahim Syed, conservator of forests delivered a lecture on 'The Role of Forests in Biodiversity Conservation and Economy' and highlighted the importance of trees and forests in the society. The objective of this activity was to guide faculty and students about the importance and protection of the forests. A large number of faculty members and students connected through web-conference from different campuses across Pakistan to attend this session.



## UHS observes cleanliness day

The students, faculty and staff of the University of Health Sciences (UHS) observed 'Cleanliness Day' on September 07, 2014. Sweeping was carried out in the neighboring areas of the campus to remove dengue breeding spots. A walk was also organized to sensitize public about the dengue virus and create awareness among them. UHS Registrar Dr Asad Zaheer led the walk. Carrying placards and banners inscribed with slogans, the participants of the walk showed great enthusiasm. Addressing the participants, UHS Registrar said that the Uni-



versity is maintaining to keep its campus as a "Dengue Free Zone". In this regard, consecutive surveillance on scientific footing is being carried out on various spots all around the campus. Later, a seminar was organized by the Human Genetics department on dengue prevention and control. It was facilitated by the department's head Prof. Dr. Aslam Khan.



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## Bahria University establishes computer lab at Pakistan Sweet Homes

The management of Bahria University Islamabad setup a computer lab at Pakistan Sweet Homes which consists of 26 computer systems worth Rs. 1.2 million. The provision of computer lab included renovation of the room and interior decoration, provision of furniture items (13 tables, 26 computer systems and chairs plus 1 instructor chair), installation of computer systems and fixation of networking items by the System Engineer and his team. 2 creative and colorful noticeboards with pictures and knowledge of computer were made by the Program Officer (CSP). The inauguration of the Computer Lab was done by the Rector Bahria University on



January 22, 2015 at H-9 Pakistan Sweet Homes. There was a cultural show by the children of PSH followed by a visit to the Computer Lab. During the event, the Rector of Bahria University also announced that Bahria University would take further measures for the maintenance of computer lab and will bear the financial cost of two computer teachers (students from the Software Engineering Department of the university) as part of the collaboration with Pakistan Sweet Homes.

## Bahria University collaborates with Pakistan Sweet Homes for tutoring and counseling

The Community Support Program, the Office of Student Affairs at Bahria University Islamabad established partnership with Pakistan



Sweet Homes (PSH) on September 19, 2014. PSH is an NGO running orphanages and schools in 28 cities all over Pakistan providing education and quality living standards to over 3200 orphans.

The association with PSH provides opportunities of unpaid internship programs and volunteer activities to the students of Bahria University. The students of Bahria University volunteer once a week (every Friday) for 2 hours at Pakistan Sweet

Homes. The subtopics for community service program volunteers include academics, arts & crafts, sports, society & environment, dramatics, citizenship values/ lessons, daily living skills, brain games and technology/ practical skills.

On November 14, 2014 the students of the Psychology Department of Bahria University made a visit to Pakistan Sweet Homes under the supervision of the Head of the Department of Professional Psychology, to plan free counseling sessions for the children of Pakistan Sweet Homes.

In addition to above, the students of Psychology Department of Bahria University have also initiated a 'PEACE' Project /Counseling Center at Pakistan Sweet Homes under the supervision of HoD (Professional Psychology) which will be operational from February 2015. The vision of this project is a transformed society in which every person has a chance to realize his full potential and is able to reintegrate into society as individuals having high self-esteem, self-sufficiency and firm psychological health.



## UoL provides basic necessities to 28 families

Volunteers from University of Lahore went to Thallay Valley, Gilgit Baltistan, Pakistan in July 2014. The main aim was to provide assistance to vulnerable families in hamlets namely Goma Burdas, Parang Guss, Thallay Brock Pa and Burdas in Thallay valley. UoL provided the basic necessities to 28 families including monthly food packs, quilts, clothing, water cooler, carpet, mattress, and crockery.



## UoL constructs primary school in Tatoo

UOL Relief has constructed a purpose built primary school in Tatoo at the foothills of Nanagaparat near Chilas. This school was established in year 2012. At the start there were only 30 students. However, currently more than 150 students are studying there. All furnishing and operational funds are being provided by UoL Relief. There are plans to upgrade the school to middle level.

UoL Relief is assisting student studying from primary till university level. They are from different parts of the country, especially from northern area including Gilgit Baltistan.

Under food support program a number of widows are being provided with food items on monthly basis.

In collaboration with Voice society, UoL has been working with Bait-tul-Nishat orphanage home of disabled children aged 4 to 10 years. UoL has been supporting their education, food and clothing since 2012.

## NUST CSL participants establish Bio Gas plant

NUST Community Service Learning course participants established a bio gas plant in a village near Golra in November 2014. The purpose of the project was to provide gas for domestic users in the area. The plant will provide sufficient gas to five homes. The project was conducted by students of School of Chemical and Material Engineering (SCME) and was supervised by SCME faculty advisor Mr. Sikandar Awan. The project was partially funded by NUST Community Service Club. Other than NCSC, the funds were collected by the students themselves from various sources. The students carried out a need analysis of the area where they completed the marking where the plant was to be constructed. After that, the students began the work of digging at the end of November. The plant is now functional and providing gas to five homes.



## University of Haripur organizes training session for farmers

*Badban* organization for sustainable development and Evolution Events Management in collaboration with Department of Agriculture, UoH organized a training session on 'New methods and technology of agriculture marketing, crop protection and tunnel farming technology' for the farmers of Haripur. The basic objective of this training session was to create awareness among farmers community of district Haripur regarding new methods and techniques of agriculture marketing, new and emerging trends of crop protection and tunnel farming technology. About 100 progressive farmers and growers of the region and research students took part in this training session.

## University of Haripur organizes three-days training workshop for jewelers

University of Haripur in collaboration with Pakistan Museum of Natural History (PMNH), organized a three-day training workshop on “Gemology and computer aided jewelry designing on Matrix software” from November 17 to 19, 2014. Main objective of this workshop was to give awareness to local gems and jewelry related industry personnel about the new advanced techniques used in jewelry design on matrix software, gemstones treatment, identification, cutting, polishing, grading, and value assessment techniques. More than 70 participants from gems and jewelry industry attended this workshop.



## IST renovates school in Kurtana

Institute of Space Technology (IST) has a goal of providing the government schools in its suburbs with better facilities. For this purpose, IST has adopted Islamabad Model School for Boys, Kurtana near Rawat and has supported the school with its funds. The school had no working washrooms, and lesser number of classrooms than their requirements. The school also didn't have a water supply for sanitation and drinking purposes. Team Umeed under the guidance of the faculty patron Sir Umer Saleem Butt and the assistance of Vice Chancellor IST, Eng. Imran Rahman worked on this project.

Two new rooms for the school have been constructed which are fully functional as classrooms along with fans, lights and boards. Three new washrooms have also been built with running water for students. A motor was installed in water boring in order to provide the students with clean water. The already existent building was also renovated. IST has also ordered new furniture for the school, which will soon be delivered.



## Promotion of freelance work: an effort towards empowering youth – IBA Sukkur

A group of students from Sukkur IBA came up with an idea to help the underprivileged youth earn money when they are unable to find jobs in the market. Their plan was to create freelancers in society by giving them the knowledge of online earning tactics and computer tools. They targeted underprivileged areas of Sukkur as well as other cities. A 20-day training was started on September 28, 2014 covering basic computer skills, Photoshop, blogs, and freelancing. The training was carried out at Sukkur IBA computer lab



where students did hands-on-practice. They ended the program with the final session of basic English language learning. These youngsters were equipped to go out in the market and start their own work rather than being dependent on the job market for their employment.

## IBA Sukkur empowering women of Bashirabad



A campaign namely "Helping Hands" was launched by the students of Sukkur IBA, the aim of which was to empower the needy and poor women of Bashirabad, a small village in Sukkur. On July 15, 2014 the student team visited a handicraft center which existed to give sewing training to women but was so poorly sponsored and managed that it was unable to purchase sewing machines, cloths and other sewing supplies. After having the problem identified as lack of funds, the students raised funds and managed to provide training facility and sewing material to 25 women. In addition to that, the students also requested the DDO (Social Welfare) to provide a more spacious and comfortable place for them to learn since the previous facility was very small. To their delight, the DDO not only promised a separate facility for the women but also agreed to give them a monthly stipend. Today these women are on the road to economic freedom.

## IBA Sukkur counsels school children

Team Mavericks from IBA Sukkur started working on a mission named "Think Big", wherein they aimed to counsel the poor school children not to leave the schools due to fee expenses. On July 25, 2014 in the first phase, they went to motivate around 120 students of "Farman Public School" located in Sasti Basti, Sukkur. In that school, most of the students came from 2010's flood affected families and most of them wanted to leave school and earn for a living, although at one point of time they all had big ambitions. Team Mavericks got in touch with the school authorities and motivated the students to focus on their studies. They picked seven needy students and for one and a half month provided them tuition and mentorship.

Another challenge was to change the mind of orphans at Sweet Home Sukkur. Most of their parents were dacoits and were killed or jailed due to tribal feuds. These children wanted to grow up and take revenge. With the help of storytelling written from the true scripts, students from Team Mavericks inspired them to focus on their studies, start a new life and forgive their enemies.



## Distance learning for global engagement - LUMS

In January 2015, LUMS started a low cost technology based distance learning program which uses community activities, animated videos and the internet to promote intercultural harmony and connects students in different parts of the world. *Ravvish* is an enterprise that promotes conflict resolution through global engagement. It targets high school students in low cost private schools and government schools to teach them basic English literacy, tolerance and empathy, as well as international cultures. *Ravvish* recently held such trainings at schools in Lyari, Karachi.



## Group therapy sessions for abandoned and orphan females

A three phase intervention based program was conducted by faculty member and M.Phil candidate on 13th September, 2014 at the Institute of Professional Psychology under the supervision of the Director of Institute of Professional Psychology (IPP) to increase the subjective well-being of abandoned and orphan females residing in a few institutions in Karachi. The first phase of this program consisted of doing the psychological assessment of the females to get baseline information of their level of happiness. It followed the pre-test six group therapy sessions

which revolved around increasing the happiness level of the selected group by utilizing simple positive psychology interventions. In the final stage of the project, the psychological assessment was repeated to judge the effectiveness of the interventions applied.

A significant difference was observed in the pre and post test scores of the participants which proved the success of the interventions applied.







## **Community Service and Curriculum**

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## Active Citizens Programme at Bahria University, Karachi

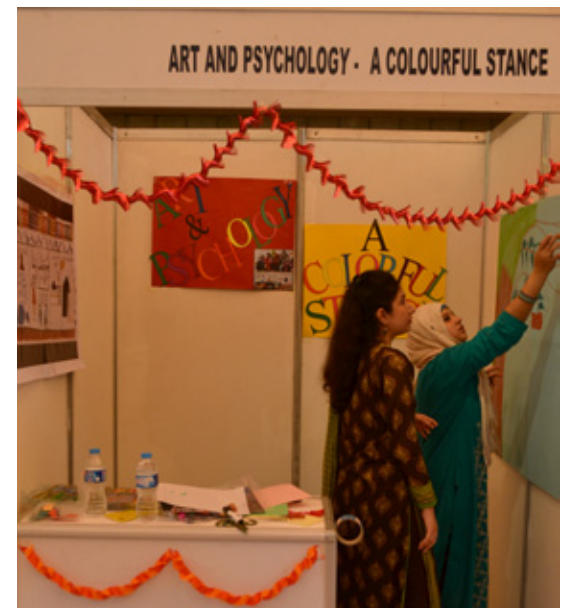


In fall 2014 the third batch of Active Citizens completed their training and program requirements. A total of 54 students were trained and they were later divided into 8 groups and worked extensively and with immense dedication on each of their chosen projects. A visit by the students and faculty members from the University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir increased the motivation of the current batch of students as they got the opportunity for an informal showcasing of their endeavours in a friendly environment. It served as a reminder of the need for cultural exchanges and review of projects during their implementation phase.

A student from the second batch of Active Citizens at IPP represented Bahria University

internationally in the UK where she interacted with other Active Citizens from around the world as part of an International Study Visit.

The MoU signing ceremonies between Bahria University and The British Council and the Higher Education Commission also took place during this time period. The latter took place in Islamabad. The Director General Bahria University Karachi Campus BIMCS, Director IPP, course in charge and ten students from the first and second Batches of Active Citizens were invited to the event to witness the ceremony as well as to participate in the exhibition at the venue.



## NUST holds Community Service Learning Course workshops in Fall 2014

Community Service Learning Course is a mandatory course which was offered in Fall semester 2014 to all undergraduate final year students of ASAB, SADA, SMME, SCME, SNS, S<sup>3</sup>H and NBS. There were a total of 630 course participants who attended this course. The course comprised six workshops held twice a week i-e on every Tuesday for ASAB, SADA, SMME, SCME and SNS and on every Thursday for S<sup>3</sup>H and NBS. First workshop was based on deriving inspirations for community service and course orientation, in the second workshop students were taught about disaster response and recovery, third workshop was regarding community service project management. All these workshops were conducted by the course director Dr. Syed Irtiza Ali Shah. Fourth workshop was about first-aid and fire-fighting which was conducted by Assistant Manager Sehrish Hamid. In the fifth workshop students were taught about the concept of social entrepreneurship through an interactive lecture delivered by Assistant Manager Maheen Mumtaz. The last and the sixth workshop was conducted by school advisers, every school adviser gave a lecture on how the

respective school's field can be applicable in community service. Several universities students were invited in these workshops from PCTN (Pakistan Chapter of Tallories network) forum including Bahria University Islamabad, Institute of Space Technology (IST), Fatima Jinnah Women University, Comsats, NUML, Riphah and University of Haripur. The aim of all these workshops is to prepare the course participants well for their field work with an approach of contributing something worthwhile for the society in addition to their professional studies.







**Miscellaneous**

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## Bahria University offers financial assistance scholarships to needy students

The higher education holds a key to socio-economic development of Pakistan and to uplift the socio-economic condition of the society, it is important to look after the education of the youngsters, belonging to the under-privileged class. Bahria University has a very caring policy for those students who have serious financial problems to the extent that it may be difficult for them to continue their studies without some financial assistance. In Fall-2014 semester, the university disbursed an amount Rs. 11 million among 529 Bahria University deserving students from its own resources. The scholarship once granted in this category remains available to the students for the entire degree programme provided their performance does not fall below CGPA 2.50.

## Financial assistance program of GIKI

The financial assistance program is a permanent program at GIKI and was continued in this semester. Financial support was provided to the needy who cannot afford education of their children. The financial assistance is provided in the form of school tuition fee, books, uniforms etc. Moreover, some of the money was spent on ration of orphan children. Forty students are benefitting from this program. Project Topi also helped needy students, who cannot afford to pay their mess bills at GIKI. 19 students were shortlisted, and provided with Rs. 2000 monthly for the entire year.

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## Students donate money for Sukkur IBA Endowment Fund

Students of Sukkur IBA Mr. Raveesh Raj & Mr. Aroon Kumar, the proprietors of A.R. Young entrepreneurs (a book selling entrepreneurial activity) donated an amount of Rs. 28,350 for Sukkur IBA endowment fund on

November 3, 2014. Sukkur IBA spent more than Rs.100 million in form of scholarship for underprivileged students in the year 2013-14 and the efforts by these young entrepreneurs were highly appreciated by the management. Mr Raveesh said that the students from underprivileged backgrounds should be given equal opportunity to excel in the field of education and wishes their humble contribution will give other people motivation to support in this noble cause.





## IST celebrates Eid with orphan children

Keeping up its past tradition Institute of Space Technology (IST) students celebrated Eid with children of Faiz-ul-Islam orphanage on July 30, 2014. The occasion of Eid is an embodiment of congregation, sacrifice and happiness. To re-live this spirit and bring smiles on the faces of the children team Umeed took Eid gifts and lunch for the children to enjoy. The team members created a friendly atmosphere with the children by playing games, mingling with them and afterwards having lunch with them. This made the children feel special and cared for by the society around them.

## IST holds children gala

Institute of Space Technology (IST) organized a children gala for the more than 500 school students in its suburbs on December 16, 2014. The event was a tremendous success, as it was evident from the happy faces of children throughout. The activities included games, water rocket, declamation, dramatics, and art. Exceptional talent was exhibited in all the events but the dramatics event was the highlight of the day. The tug of war stimulated a sense of teamwork within the children, so that in the future they can work together for the betterment of the nation. The children also took part in the Umeed walk which was a representation of what Umeed stands for i.e hope for a better tomorrow, undying care for the under-privileged, and utmost assistance for humanity. Children were provided with a healthy competitive environment along with lunch, gifts and transportation facility. These children are our future. It is our duty to help these children grow into beautiful human beings who will contribute towards the prosperity of our nation.



## NCSC clothes donation drive

A NUST-wide clothes donation drive was organized in which students, faculty and staff of NUST were encouraged to donate old clothes or other pieces of winter attire to be distributed to needy people. A two-week long donation campaign in December 2014 was carried out by a group of community service learning course participants of School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering (SMME).

Donations were made at the student hostels, the Concordia-1, all the departments, the mosque near Isra apartments and the Medical Center. Almost 800 articles of clothes were collected from the drive. All the donated clothes were collected in donation boxes and stored at the SMME main building for further deployment. These clothes were then further categorized and donated at Edhi home centre H-8, Islamabad on February 10, 2015.



## Movie nights for NUST student endowment fund



NUST Community Services Club (NCSC) takes every possible step only for the prosperity of society. The series of movie nights conducted by NCSC from time to time, serves the purpose of collecting funds for the endowment fund program. An American thriller and horror film, 'Annabelle' was screened on November 7, 2014 at SCME hall, from 3 to 5 pm. The hall was quickly filled up with enthusiastic students, seeking a break from tedious and tiresome studies. 'Transformers' and thriller movie 'Housebound' was also shown in the next two weeks.

The movie series generated approximately Rs. 20,000 for the endowment fund.

**"To do more for the world than the world does for you, that is success." – Henry Ford**

## NCSC ACM team sets up NUST Book Bank

The NCSC ACM (Association of Computing Machinery) team launched NUST Book Bank. It is the first of its kind, aiming solely to benefit the students all over the NUST campus. The team's mission is to help fellow Nustian students in their academic struggle.

NCSC ACM team core concept of this project is to facilitate the students who find it difficult to purchase so many books each semester for each course. They end up relying only on the course material provided by the instructors (slides, lectures etc.), which consequently affects their grades. For this purpose, NCSC ACM team provided a platform where the senior students or



graduating students can help the juniors simply by donating course, reference books and other fictional books as well. The project follows "Donate One Get One" policy, which will enable students to donate old books and get new ones in return, and thereby benefiting their academic prospects through increased knowledge-related resources.

The first phase of the project was to collect books. Desks were set up in all schools of H-12 campus and door to door campaign for book collection in NUST hostels was carried out. In only two weeks, Book Donation Drive was able to collect more than 1400 books. In the second phase, book shelves have been set up in SMME old building (Al-Jazzari block) which was formally inaugurated on January 23, 2015.

## Kinnaird College celebrates Eid ul Azha with orphan and blind children

A team led by the Social Work Club President Noor-ul-ain Sajjad went to deliver Eid gifts to the children at SOS Children's Village and Blind School for Girls on September 30, 2014. Kinnaird's Social Work Club had collected money to prepare 150 goody bags. Small Eid cards were also drawn by the club members which were distributed among the children.



## UVAS observes World Spay Day

World Spay Day was observed in Lahore by Vets Care Organization (VCO) Pakistan on February 25, 2015. The daylong activities started with a ribbon applying activity. Later a walk was arranged at University of Veterinary & Animal Sciences, Lahore to raise awareness about importance of Neutering/spaying in companion animals (dogs and cats). UVAS Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Talat Naseer Pasha led the walk and was joined by a large number of veterinarians and students to show solidarity with the cause. An awareness desk was set up for creating the awareness in the students of all departments of the university.

A seminar was also arranged to mark the day. Speaking at the occasion, VCO Information Sec-

retary, Dr Muhammad Mubeen strongly condemned the unethical killing of the stray dogs in Lahore by the city government and urged an immediate ban on the same. He emphasized the government to adopt alternate and humane methods such as spaying/neutering for a long-term control of stray dogs population in the city. He also informed that VCO is now about to start a local education program about unethical killing of dogs and cats.

A Stray-fie Competition (selfies with the dogs & cats) was also arranged by the Vets Care Organization, Pakistan to create awareness in general public. More than 40 selfies were received from different universities of Pakistan. Mr Mustehsan got the first position, Mr Jamshed was 2nd and Usman Aslam stood third in the competition.

## Laboratory animals hands-on workshop organized by UVAS

Department of Clinical Medicine and Surgery, University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, Lahore organized laboratory animals hands-on workshop at Postgraduate Medical Institute (PGMI)/Ameer-ud-Din Medical College (AMC) Lahore from January 28 to 30, 2015. Dr Aneela Zameer Durani was the Chief Coordinator of the workshop and Dr Muhammad Avais was the focal person. Lecture sessions of the workshop focused the issues of laboratory animals related to their ethical use, housing, feeding and management while in practical sessions the participants were given hands-on training of handling and injections procedures of different laboratory animals species. The participants took keen interest in various procedures related to their research and made all the sessions very interactive and fruitful. At the end of the workshop Prof Anjum Habib Vohra, Principal PGMI/AMC awarded certificates to the resource persons and participants of the workshop.

## Wildlife seminar held at UVAS

Vet crescent society (VCS) successfully organized a "Wildlife Seminar" on February 13, 2015. Four different speakers were invited to give a session about different aspects of Wildlife including Dr. Asim Khalid Mehmood (Pet Centre, UVAS), Dr. Zia-ullah Mughal (Pet Centre, UVAS), Dr. Sammuell Shehzad (Lahore Zoo), and Dr. Azhar Ali (Safari Park, Lahore)

The speakers talked about different species of snakes, their identification, different behaviours, clinical cases in wildlife, handling and restraining of wild animals in wild and captivity and about big cats. They also shared some fun facts and uncommon behaviours of different species of wild animals and birds.

**"Doing nothing for others is the undoing of ourselves."** – Horace Mann

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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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