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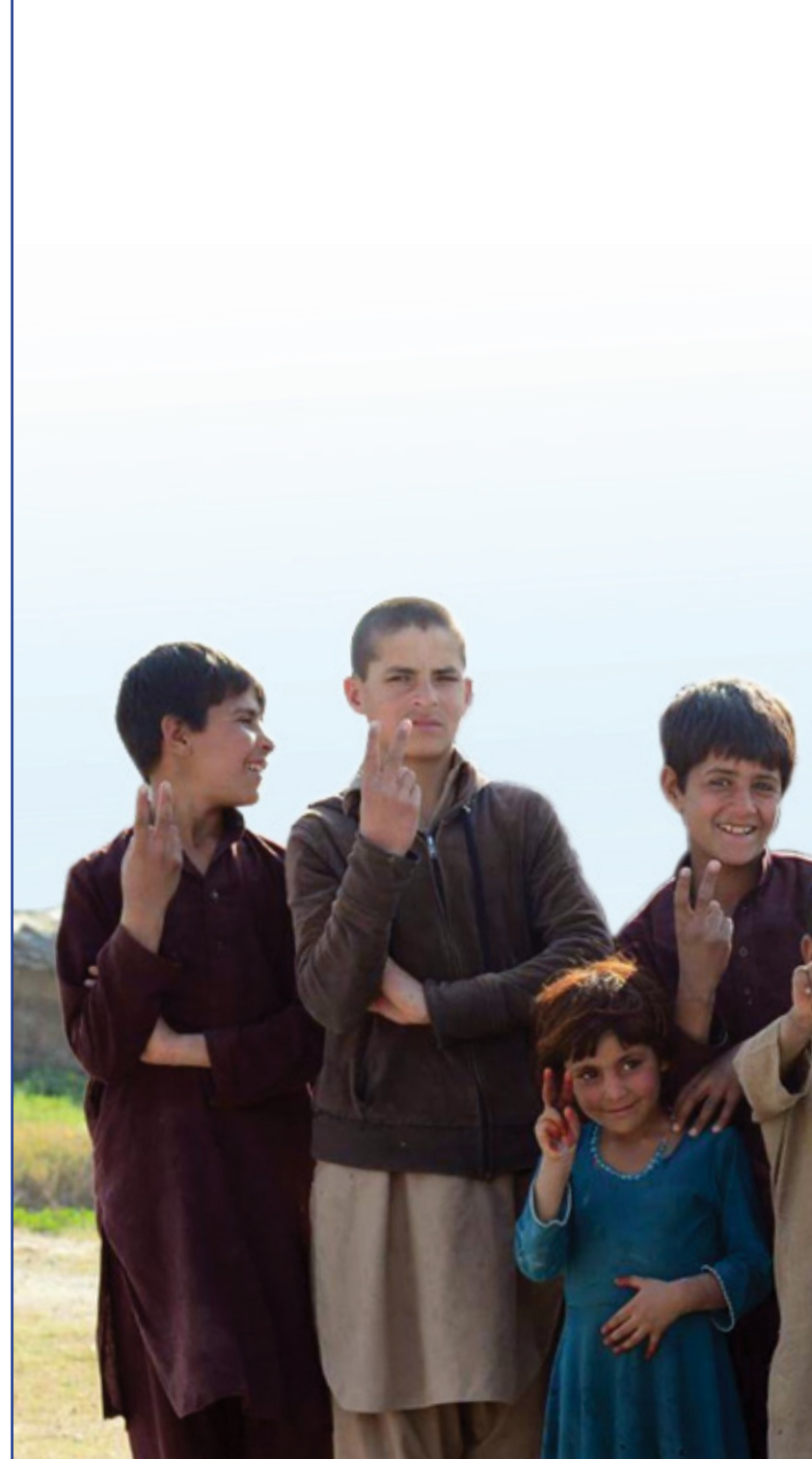
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Editor's Note

I am pleased to share with you the 5th edition of Pakistan Chapter of The Talloires Network (PCTN) newsletter. Like the previous newsletters, this publication also shares the outstanding community service work being carried out by students of PCTN member universities all across Pakistan. The activities that our members share motivate us to do better in reaching out to and serving our communities.

At the end of last year PCTN members elected a new Steering Committee for the next 2 years. We hope that the leadership of the newly elected committee would guide and steer the Chapter towards promoting the cause of community service throughout Pakistan.

In December 2015, the PCTN member universities in Rawalpindi-Islamabad region met and started a collaborative school up gradation project which would strengthen and promote better linkages for exchange of community service ideas and mu-

tual learning for students.

In March 2016 the 3rd PCTN seminar was held on the theme of 'Role of Universities in Community Development and Empowerment'. It was attended by Vice Chancellors, faculty and students of PCTN member universities. Rector NUST Engr Muhammad Asghar and Air Commodore Shabbir gave key note speeches, which inspired the attendees to make all possible efforts for the betterment of Pakistan. A panel discussion on 'Contributions towards school education' was held. After the seminar, meeting of the newly elected Steering Committee was also held in which the way forward was chalked out.

As always, I would like to thank the focal persons of member institutions, without whose support, and contributions publication of this newsletter would not have been possible.



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PCTN holds a seminar on 'Role of Universities in Community Development and Empowerment'



Pakistan Chapter of The Talloires Network (PCTN) held its 3rd seminar titled 'Role of Universities in Community Development and Empowerment' at the main campus of National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST) on Wednesday March 30, 2016. Chairman HEC, Dr Mukhtar Ahmad was the chief guest at the event. Students, faculty and Vice Chancellors from PCTN member universities attended the seminar.

Chief Coordinator PCTN Dr. Abdul Ghafoor welcomed the guests and apprised them of the fast-paced growth the network had made in a period less than three years. He said it was quite heartening to note that the number of PCTN member universities had risen to 65 from initial 35, and that several universities are working in close liaison with each other to mutually benefit from various civic engagement initiatives. Towards the

end of his speech, he also mentioned some commendable community service activities of the member universities across Pakistan. This was followed by a video message by Executive Director of the Talloires Network, Mr Robert Hollister. He congratulated everyone on the exponential growth of PCTN and termed it a source of inspiration for all the other TN chapters around the world. He also expressed great appreciation for Rector NUST Engr. Muhammad Asghar and acknowledged his importance as the Steering Committee member of The Talloires Network at Tufts University, USA.

In his keynote address, Rector NUST Engr Muhammad Asghar shed light on what community development and empowerment was and how universities could play their part in it through civic engagement activities. He maintained that the academia must

do research pertinent to the problems facing the community, and provide every possible support may it be financial, physical or emotional.

The Rector praised the NUST community service efforts, mentioning the coveted Macjannet Prize that was awarded to the university for 'Education for Empowerment' program in 2015. He also spoke highly of NUST entrepreneurship competitions, like DISCOVER and FICS, as they promoted a culture of social entrepreneurship.

The Rector NUST encouraged further enhancement of the collaboration among the universities of Pakistan under the umbrella of PCTN. He concluded his address by presenting facts and figures about as many as 252 completed projects ranging from healthcare to quality education. After Rector NUST Vice Chancellor University of Agriculture, Faisal-

abad Dr Iqrar Ahmad Khan and Vice Chancellor Veterinary and Animal Sciences Dr Talat Naseer Pasha talked about the contributions of their respective universities in the area of Community engagement.

The chief guest, Dr Mukhtar Ahmad in his speech emphasized the importance of role of universities in community development. He said the need of the hour was not just exceptional students with extraordinary grades, but well-rounded human-beings who benefitted others around them. He talked of the importance of family structure and of knowing our neighbour and reaching out to our communities as the purpose of our creation was 'to benefit others around us'. He also announced that HEC is going to introduce mandatory Service Learning courses at HEIs in Pakistan. He mentioned how HEC and British Council were collaborating successfully to run a Civic Engagement program in 42 universities in Pakistan. He commended Rector NUST in bringing together universities of Pakistan for this noble cause of serving communities.

The second session of the seminar was a panel discussion on how students can contribute towards school education in Pakistan. The session was moderated by Dr Irtiza Ali Shah. The esteemed panelists included Air Commodore Shabbir A Khan (R) (CEO Rashidabad City), Dr Ayesha Khan (CEO Research and Development Solutions), and Mrs Asma Tughrul (Head Saya School, Islamabad). Students and faculty present were really inspired by how Rashidabad City was

setup by a single person's determination to give back to their country. The panelists urged the students and faculty to not focus on the lack of resources but on how to benefit those around them one at a time. They said that educating the underprivileged is a responsibility that every educated person in this country has towards those who are less fortunate. At the end the students posed questions to the panelists and expressed their views on the topic.

After the seminar PCTN's newly elected Steering Committee met. Rector NUST welcomed the Steering committee members and representatives to the meeting. He stressed upon the importance to show the youth a positive side of Pakistan. Rector NUST and VC UVAS agreed to hold a seminar at UVAS and later at other universities on the topic of Community Service. After this a presentation was given by Senior Coordinator Pakistan Chapter of

the Talloires Network (PCTN) Dr Muhammad Safdar, covering PCTN's progress so far. Activities of PCTN were discussed that included publishing biannual newsletters, cross trainings of different universities in the areas of Community Service Learning, a website which is linked to community service pages of member universities, Best Community Service Projects Awards and a collaborative project by 5 universities in the Rawalpindi-Islamabad region. He also highlighted the achievements of different PCTN universities at regional and international forum. This was followed by a discussion on agenda points. Support was requested from the Steering Committee members for expansion of membership. It was decided to focus more on the use of social media/websites for promotion of PCTN members' activities. There was a discussion to find a suitable media partner for more projection of community service ac-



tivities in electronic and print media. Theme for next PCTN conference was discussed and it was agreed that it should focus on impact evaluation of community work being done by different universities. Suggestions from all Steering Committee members would be sought on this. It was stressed that PCTN members should participate on international level in different programs and contests of community service so that the world knows about all the exceptional work being done here in the field.



'A Global Classification for Recognizing University Civic Engagement' Panel discussion held at 30th Anniversary of Campus Compact

Campus Compact is a U.S based coalition of nearly 1,100 colleges and universities committed to the public purposes of higher education. It enables campuses to develop students' citizenship skills and forge effective community partnerships. Its resources support faculty and staff as they pursue community-based teaching and scholarship in the service of positive change. As part of its 30th anniversary celebrations a conference was held in Boston from March 21 to 23, 2016. The Talloires Network conducted a panel discussion at the conference about university rankings titled 'A Global Classification for Recognizing University Civic Engagement'. Rankings are the foremost thing all students look at while applying for university admission. Importance of rankings cannot be de-

nied yet the question the panel put forth was are the rankings all inclusive? Are the rankings comprehensive?

Dr. Pilar Aramburuzabala from the Spanish Service Learning Network, Ms Gul-e-Zehra of the Pakistan Chapter of Talloires Network, Dr Hector Opazo from the Chilean Service-Learning Network (Red Nacional de Aprendizaje Servicio – REASE) and Tufts Professor and Talloires Network Director Lorlene Hoyt questioned the indicators used by ranking agencies. They criticized the fact that rankings only have two main components research and publications and fail to take into account other important factors such as volunteer activities and benefitting the community. Rankings do not focus on making a good human being rather just on aca-



demic excellence. The panel suggested that this situation could be remedied by adding community service and civic engagement as a ranking indicator.

Professor Lorlene Hoyt started the discus-

sion by briefly talking about The Talloires Network and how it wants to build a global movement of engaged universities. Talking about the global rankings she informed the audience about the network's conversation with Times Higher Education about developing an international civic engagement classification on the lines of the Carnegie Community Engagement Classification. She talked about the fact that if community engagement cannot become part of the existent rankings then there should be a parallel system on which non research intensive universities are ranked.

Dr. Aramburuzabala pointed out that competition between universities cannot be avoided in the 21st Century. And although we all criticize rankings yet we use them all the time. The need of the hour is to use civic

engagement as one of the factors comprising rankings.

Ms. Gul-e-Zehra Shah pointed out that the problems of the world are far different from only research and academics. Referring to the Sustainable development goals she pointed out that these goals are not research or academic in nature rather more relevant to reaching out and helping others. She said that it was the job of universities to influence the ranking bodies to incorporate community service as part of their ranking systems. She was pleased to tell the audience that the Higher Education Commission of Pakistan has begun to allocate 4 points out of a 100 on their ranking criteria to social integration and community development. This was a huge step forward for rankings within Pakistan.

Hector Opazo warned against blindly following rankings which create hierarchical differentiations between universities. He said national media should share with countries and students all aspects of the rankings, including their motivations. He also advocated following an international index for international rankings, which would consider not only civic engagement, but also quality of student experience. It was discussed how rankings create a disadvantage for the universities that are not research intensive but rather are doing work in communities that creates huge impact but is never acknowledged

The presentation was well received by the audience. They raised several pertinent questions in the follow-up discussion.

Talloires Network Steering Committee meets in New York

Talloires Network (TN) Steering Committee meeting was held in Warwick Hotel, New York on 23-24 Sep, 2015. Meeting was attended by nine Steering Committee members and three designated representatives by respective members besides Robert Hollister and staff of the secretariat. Dr Abdul Ghafoor, Chief Coordinator PCTN and Principal SMME attended the meeting on behalf of Rector NUST. Three students selected by the Talloires Network from India, Chile and Kenya were invited to attend. A two members delegation from LUMS Pakistan was also invited

to share the progress on their YEPI project. Several issues were discussed during the meeting. The primary ones were the efforts of TN to include activities of the academic institutions related to the civic engagement in the rubrics of universities global ranking classification system. Progress of meetings of Anthony Monaco and Cherryl de la Rey with the officials of Times Higher Education was shared. Different views from the participants came up about having global rankings of engaged universities exclusively or to incorporate into the existing systems. A proposal for

a pilot study in Ireland of the Carnegie Foundation's Executive Community Engagement Classification was also discussed. The proposal is a joint effort of three Irish institutions to develop an approach towards framing and classifying higher education engagement work in that country. TN has joined the effort for advice and some financial support as well. It was decided to have discussion with Shanghai Jiao Tong University (SJTU), China for developing a refined rubric. TNLC 2014 Call to Action on points was brought under discussion. Under this, pos-



sibilities on how to expand access to higher education for under-represented groups, means to measure impacts of engagement on student learning outcomes and elevation of public awareness and support for university civic engagement were discussed.

Selection of 2017 Global Conference Site location also came under consideration for which four potential universities had submitted Expression of Interest (EOI). Those were Simon Fraser University, Vancouver, Canada, University of Brighton, Brighton, UK, University of Veracruzana, Mexico and University of Winchester, Winchester, UK. Every candidacy was deliberated. Deciding factors were activities related to the communities and their participation as a member of TN, avail-

ability of funds for conference arrangement and their past experience. Later on in December University of Veracruzana (Mexico) was selected for the 2017 Conference.

Fundraising needs for sustainability of TN activities was discussed. Everyone appreciated the efforts of TN Secretariat for their continuous engagement with the donor foundations. Specific support from Master Card Foundation for School to Work in the form of YEPI came under discussion and was appreciated. There was a presentation by LUMS delegation on how they are moving forward with YEPI grant they received last year.

Hiring process for new Executive Director was also deliberated upon. Rob Hollister is retiring in Jun 2016 and will continue with

TN as a consultant. It was shared that part of his salary is coming from Tufts where he is a Professor and that may not be the case with the next person when hired. Need of funds for this was recognized. Lorelen Hoyt was later elected in December 2015 to be the interim director for a year.

10th Anniversary celebrations of Talloires Network were held on 24th September at the end of Steering Committee meeting. It was attended by about 70 people and there were some impressive speeches including by MD Master Card Foundation and CEO of Kettering Foundation who appreciated the TN initiatives and promised to continue their support.



**Advocacy/
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Community services seminar held at SUIT

Student volunteers of Sarhad University of Science & IT, Peshawar organized one day student awareness seminar on 24th November 2016 titled 'SUIT Community Services'. The Vice Chancellor SUIT Prof. Dr. Salim-Ur-Rehman was chief guest. This session was attended by students, faculty, staff and representatives of local community around the university. The agenda of the seminar was to raise awareness among the students and youth of all departments about their social roles as active citizens and community worker. So far more than 400 students have registered and participated in different social programs. The session briefed the audience on different Community Programs initiated by SUIT student volunteers which include Green Flag (wear green flag every time), Green Peshawar (say NO to pollution), blood donation campaigns, disaster relief campaigns, women empowerment initiatives and 'Spread a Smile' campaign.



DSU holds seminar about harassment at workplace legislation

DHA Suffa University hosted an awareness seminar on 'Harassment at Workplace Legislation' on November 19, 2015. A team from the office of provincial ombudsman addressed the seminar that was attended by the teaching and non-teaching staff of DSU. The objective of the seminar was to inform the attendees regarding various myths, causes, types and consequences of harassment at workplaces. Speakers led the audience through the official code of conduct for protection against harassment designed for owners, management and employees of organizations and educated them on how to deal with issues of harassment at workplace. The code of conduct document was also distributed among the audience for reference. In the second half of the seminar, the team

went on to describe the procedure for reporting a complaint of harassment, conducting an investigation and the subsequent penalties that may be imposed on the offender. Speakers also emphasized that all employees should be familiar with the code of conduct, members and contact details of the inquiry committee at DSU.

It is the responsibility of every employer and employee to ensure that a workplace is safe for both men and women. Recognizing this fact, DSU established an inquiry committee after its inception. The committee is headed by Mr. Akhtar Nadyne and its members include Lt. Col. Anwar Ali and Ms. Saima Sardar Khan. DSU hopes to maintain a safe and supportive environment at all levels.



LCWU and Punjab Welfare Trust for the disabled arrange a seminar



Lahore College for Women University's Social Work department collaborated with Punjab Welfare Trust for the Disabled and arranged a seminar on the 'Knitting the Happiness' on November 18, 2015. The speakers emphasized on how to create different strategies for the happiness of disabled people who have to be integrated into society. Special people deserve our attention and should not be made to feel useless but rather a productive citizen of Pakistan.

LCWU celebrates International Girl Child Day

The students of Social Work Department, Lahore College for Women University in collaboration with Children Advocacy Network and Alliance against Child Marriages and the support of Action Aid celebrated International Girl Child Day on October 15, 2015. The celebration included a play to highlight the effects of child marriages on a girl's life followed by a policy dialogue between young activists on child rights and parliamentarians on girls' issues.



International Human Rights Day observed at UAF

The University of Agriculture Faisalabad on December 10, 2015 celebrated International Human Rights Day and kicked off three-day Chrysanthemum flower exhibition. A documentary show was also arranged in collaboration with European Union in which two documentaries highlighting the issue of human rights were shown to hundreds of students. The events were inaugurated by Anne Kofoad, First Secretary, Head of Governance, Education Cooperation, European Union; Deputy Chief of Mission Embassy of Spain Fernando Heredia; UAF Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr Iqar Ahmad Khan and Human Rights Commission senior member Mr. Zaman Khan. Addressing at the occasion, Anne Kofoad called for making all efforts to ensure that human rights are cultivated, protected and enforced at all level. UAF Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Iqar Ahmad Khan said that Islam teaches us



to serve the humanity regardless of creed, color and gender. He said that the collective efforts are needed to raise the awareness among the people about the human rights. The flower show also remained the centre of attraction for the flower lovers who thronged the varsity to have the delight of autumn flower.

Seminar and awareness walk titled 'Stand together to understand others' arranged at UAF

The seminar and awareness walk titled 'Stand together to understand others' was arranged by the department of Rural Sociology, University of Agriculture Faisalabad on November 22, 2015. Speakers at the seminar called for expediting efforts on the part of government, civil society and all stakeholders to wipe out social discrimination from the society being made on the name of religion, cast, color and disability. Addressing on the occasion, UAF Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr.

Iqrar Ahmad Khan said that it is need of the hour to wipe out social discrimination from the society and face the challenges of the modern era. Talking about the disabled persons, he said that it is our moral and religious obligations to support the disabled persons in terms of care, encouragement and providing them opportunities to earn their livelihood. Dean Faculty of Social Sciences Prof. Dr. Iqbal Zafar said that country has the tremendous talents that must be used for the

betterment and development of the society. Social discrimination is a curse for which we are taking all possible measures to end the menace from the society through education. Dr. Izhar A. Khan said that effective measures are needed to raise the awareness among the masses at grass root level for the cause. He said that UAF is conducting valuable researches and outreach programs for the welfare of the society.



FACT

The current population of people with disability in Pakistan is over 5 million which is greater than the combined population of Hyderabad, Multan and Peshawar cities.

BU collaborates with *Rozan* to raise awareness

Rozan is an NGO which deals with issues related to emotional and psychological health, gender issues and violence against women. Bahria University has collaborated with *Rozan* under their Community Support Program and assigned their BBA and BCE classes for the completion of their mandatory 40 CSP hours. The students will be a part of the *Rozan* volunteer team to spread awareness in the society about the issues under the online awareness program *Aao Hum Banain Awaz*. The students work for 40 hours in six weeks by engaging people in the community and making them aware about the issues of child sexual abuse, violence against women and emotional health of youth.



Riphah Social Welfare Department (RSWD) collaborates with Rawalpindi traffic police

RSWD arranged a traffic rules awareness walk in collaboration with City Traffic Police Rawalpindi. This walk was started on Mall Road from Al-Mezan campus to Qasim market chowk. Students actively participated in this campaign. They were carrying banners bearing instructions for pedestrians, motor bikers and drivers. Chief Traffic Officer, Mr. Shoaib Khurram Janbaz, Brig. (R) Dr. Mansoor ul Haq and students distributed flyers among the general public, drivers and motor bikers. Before the walk, while addressing the students, Chief Traffic Officer Mr. Shoaib Khurram Janbaz said that he was pleased to see students' participation in this awareness campaign. He also informed that CTP is arranging traffic rules awareness lectures for students and staff of Riphah.



FACT

Rural areas contribute 65.7% in the total People with Disabilities population compared to 34.3% in urban areas at national level.

Sukkur IBA celebrates Anti-Corruption Week 2015

Character Building Society (CBS), Sukkur Institute of Business Administration celebrated Say No to Corruption (An Anti-Corruption Week) from October 1 to 5, 2015. It was a week long event with different activities as a part of it. The activities included poster designing competition, essay writing competition, tri-lingual declamation competition (Sindhi, Urdu and English), awareness session for students and faculty members, and social influential campaign.



VU students participate in 'Know your Army' program

A delegation of 110 students and faculty members of Virtual University (VU) spent a day out with Pakistan Army troops at Lahore Garrison in December 2015.

The day long program, was specifically organized for students to sensitize them on security, self-defense and also to enlighten them on operational preparedness of Pak-Army. The aim was to further enhance the morale, motivation and confidence of the young generation and acknowledge the services of armed forces. The day-long program started with wreath laying ceremony and dua at *Yadgar-e-Shuhada*. This was followed by a demonstration of Quick Reaction Force to combat terrorists. The program culminated with flag lower-



ing ceremony at Pak-India joint check post at Wagha border. The students were thrilled by immaculate drills by troops of Pakistan Rangers. They were happy to be amidst highly charged crowd chanting slogans of *Pakistan Zindabad* that further added to their feelings of enthusiasm and patriotism.

VUP organizes a seminar on Anti-Corruption Day

To mark the international Anti-Corruption Day, Virtual University of Pakistan organized a seminar at M.A. Jinnah Campus, Lahore on December 10, 2015. The objective of the event was to raise awareness among masses about the ill effects of corrupt practices. It also aimed at active involvement of all stakeholders for combating this menace that has unfortunately permeated into different segments of the society. The seminar was attended by a large number of students and faculty members of the university.

VUP's Character Building Society organized various events and walks with an objective to raise awareness against corruption in all VUP campuses across Pakistan.



DSU participates in Anti-Corruption Walk

To mark the International Anti-Corruption Day, students and faculty members of DHA Suffa University joined an anti-corruption walk at Sea-view, Clifton on December 9, 2015.

The walk was organized by National Accountability Bureau (NAB) and Anti-Corruption Establishment (ACE) to create awareness about the perils of corruption and how corrupt practices are affecting the society. Participants held placards and banners to raise their concerns against corruption and to endorse honesty in all personal and public matters. A number of other universities from Karachi also participated in this walk.



International Anti Corruption Day celebrated at SUIT

Sarhad University of Science and IT, Peshawar in collaboration with NAB Peshawar organized a one day awareness seminar on International Anti Corruption day on December 2, 2015. This seminar was arranged by students of Dramatic society aiming to raise awareness among the masses and youth about corrupt and ill practices in our society. A large number of students and staff members actively participated in this seminar. Mr Bakhtiyar Ali (Director NAB, Peshawar) was the chief guest on the occasion. The students also showed different events highlighting corruption like drama/skits, quiz and hand painting.





Health

HEALTH

BUMDC bags first position in poster competition at DUHS-DICE Health exhibition

The First All Pakistan DUHS - DICE Health 2015 Exhibition was held on August 21 and 22, 2015 at Expo Centre, Karachi. DICE (Distinguished Innovation, Collaboration and Entrepreneurship) Foundation, is a non-profit organization registered in Michigan, USA, which in collaboration with its domestic and international partners, is pursuing a DICE Program in Pakistan, to foster culture of innovation and entrepreneurship in the country and transform Pakistan into an innovation-driven economy. DUHS-DICE incentivized a two-day poster and project competition and a CME program in which 40 participants from around the country presented posters pertaining to different fields including Engineering, Manufacturing, Biotechnology, and Pharmacy. Dental students from Bahria University Medical and Dental College, Affaf Fatima and Anum Hira, won the competition with their poster titled 'Mitigation of Musculoskeletal Disorders (MSDs) through Ergonomically Designed Armamentarium'. Dr. Ishrat-ul-Ebad Khan, Governor Sindh, called the winners to the Governor House for appreciation ceremony on August 25, 2015. It was emphasized that the youth should represent Pakistan on an international level to promote breakthrough research and technology vital for economic development of the country.



Dental section of BUMDC spreading smiles among special children of DAR-UL-SUKUN

The Community Dentistry Department at Bahria University Medical and Dental carried out an outreach to Dar-ul-Sukun home for special children branch on September 1, 2015 under supervision of Dr. Kulsoom Fatima Rizvi. Physically and mentally disabled children encounter greater challenge in maintaining proper oral hygiene and oral health care, often due to a lack of basic motor skills and intellectual abilities that are

needed for proper tooth brushing.

The students were divided in groups and they performed clinical examination for oral hygiene status and common oral diseases such as dental caries, gingivitis, periodontitis leading to tooth loss and malocclusion. Around 150 female residents of all age group were checked. Special instructions were given to care givers on oral hygiene care and importance of healthy dentition. Colgate

hygiene kits were also distributed as a token of love to special children. It was a great experience for the team as well as for those special children who were delighted by the presence of young doctors around them. Again on September 12, 2015 dental section of BUMDC arranged its 11th oral health care outreach under the banner of Community Support Program (CSP) at PNAD Mauripur. As awareness regarding proper oral hygiene

is neglected in low socio-economic sector, the aim of this community trip was to educate the community about the significance of oral health including its impact on general health and to provide free dental checkup. The team which offered free dental check-up and briefed the community about the benefits of oral hygiene, regular brushing, cleaning methods including tooth brushing and flossing and healthy diet. Around 250 patients were examined by the team and referred to the dental OPD of BUMDC for free or subsidized treatment under good infec-

tion control. Dr. Adeel and Dr Ayesha also performed minor procedures like scaling and extractions. The prevalence of gingivitis, periodontitis, dental caries, fluorosis and halitosis was found to be common in the population. Gift hampers were also distributed among the children. The dental section extended her gratitude to SMO Surgeon Lt Cdr Najeeb Ansari on behalf of BUMDC for his support in arranging the dental visit at PNAD Mauripur.

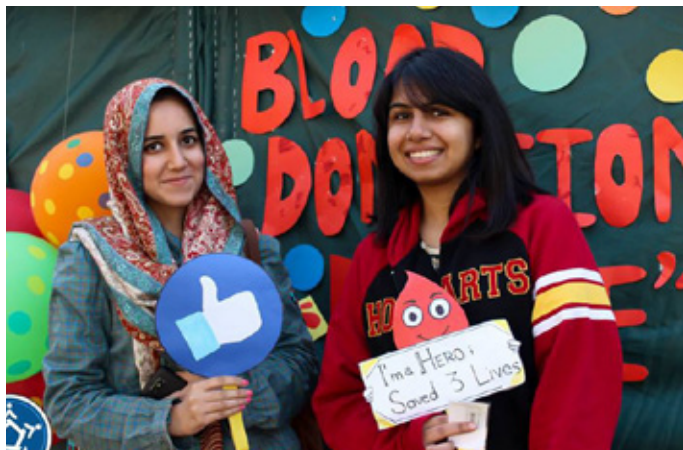


NUST students donate 227 pints of blood

NUST Community Services Club (NCSC) in collaboration with Armed Forces Institute of Transfusion (AFIT) organized a two day blood donation camp on 15-16th December 2015.

The donors were properly screened for medical fitness before being allowed to donate. They were required to take a blood test and

get their weight checked, and only then were they given the green signal. Although numerous people showed up with the intention to donate, but several were declared unfit. In spite of this 227 pints of blood were collected. NCSC holds blood donation drives twice a year and students actively participate in this noble cause.



NUST students spend time with ailing children

The participants of Community Service Learning Course visited Shifa International Hospital to enquire after children suffering from different diseases. Upon their arrival at the hospital, the students were given a presentation on the projects of Shifa Foundation. To make their time as enjoyable as possible, fun-filled activities were conducted with the children. The children were given coloring books, water colors, china clay, Ludo, colorful stamps, magic balls and many other things to play with. A couple of days later, the course participants also visited Falahee Clinic of Shifa Foundation, and spent time with the ailing children.



Health Week at Sukkur IBA

Sukkur IBA celebrated Health week from October 6 to 13, 2015. During this week each day was dedicated for a cause i.e. Thalassemia, Pink Ribbon, Blood Donation and Stress Management. A walk was also organized to spread the awareness and to motivate the students' participation. Engr. Zahid Hussain Khand, Registrar Sukkur IBA along with other Head of Departments, faculty members, students, thalassemia patients and their family members participated in the walk and event.



Healthcare activities at Kinnaird College

- On September 22, 2015 the Kinnaird Health Society held its annual tutorial on Hemophilia Awareness. The owner founder of Pakistan Hemophilia Patients Welfare Society was invited as Chief Guest along with a Hemophilic patient and his carrier mother.
- On October 25, 2015 the Health Society held an awareness program on Breast Cancer awareness in collaboration with Pink Ribbon Foundation. During the program different videos were shown to the students to help them understand the importance of self examination and how it needs to be done.
- On October 27 funds collection started for the earth quake victims of October 2015. All the students along with the teachers donated generously in terms of money, clothes and food items.
- On November 11 the Health Society held a movie screening in Hadia hall to raise funds for the Pink Ribbon Foundation. Health Society managed to donate 68 thousand rupees.
- On November 17 & 18, two blood camps were organized, one for Red Crescent foundation and the second one for Fatmeed Foundation. Kinnaird students were able to donate 65 bottles of fresh blood in two days to support the blood cancer patients in different hospitals.

Anti-Dengue awareness seminar and campaign at UAF

Anti-Dengue awareness seminar and campaign was arranged on July 30, 2015 by the Department of Entomology, University of Agriculture Faisalabad. Addressing on the occasion, UAF Vice Chancellor Prof Dr Iqar Ahmad Khan stressed the need for taking collaborated measures by all segments of society to control the population of dengue in this rainy season, which is suitable for the growth of said mosquito. He urged people to keep home, environment and surrounding clean; remove all stagnant water; avoid accumulation of ground water; fill up all defective grounds and properly dispose off the plastic bags. Dean Faculty of Agriculture Prof Dr Muhammad Arshad urged participants to enhance their role in the campaign by raising awareness. He said that it is our responsibility to serve the community in order to save the precious lives from dengue. Prof Dr Muhammad Jalal Arif said that his department was making all-out efforts to conduct the valuable research on dengue and to raise the awareness by arranging seminars and conferences. He said that they have been working on comprehensive campaign for the last three years in order to address the issue at a national level. He called for wrapping all unused plastic tires and regular change of water in animal drinking containers.



Sukkur IBA organizes blood camp for Thalassemia patients



Community Welfare Society of Sukkur IBA in collaboration with Fatimid Foundation organized a blood donation camp for Thalassemia patients on February 25, 2016. Students, faculty and staff members gave a total of 105 blood donations.

FACT

Familial susceptibility to breast cancer accounts for approximately 25 % of all breast cancer cases.

Pink Ribbon campaign at BNU

In October 2015, to support Pink Ribbon Campaign and to create awareness on Breast Cancer, Beaconhouse National University Volunteer Society organized an awareness drive and table tennis competition to generate funds for cancer patients.



Blood Camp at FAST-NU

A blood camp was arranged by FAST NU, Islamabad Campus in collaboration with Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) on March 26 and 27, 2015. 203 donors participated in this event with their entire zeal and zest. 153 participants out of 203 were declared all clear. PRCS highly appreciated all participants and management for contributing to noble cause.

VU organizes blood donation campaign

To save lives and promote blood donation, a blood donation camp was organized by Virtual University of Pakistan, Multan Campus in collaboration with Pakistan Army in January 2016. The staff members and students of VUP Multan, Muzaffargarh, Qadir Pur Raan and Makhdoom Rasheed campuses participated in this noble cause.



Pink Ribbon awareness program at UMSIT

University of Management Sciences & Information Technology, Kotli, department of Public Administration carried out an on campus awareness drive in collaboration with Pink Ribbon Pakistan and Higher Education Commission to raise awareness among the female students and staff members about Breast Cancer. Dr Sabaht Akram Director Planning and Development, Dr. Riffat Senior Gynaecologist, Dr. Afshan Medical Officer, Dr. Maham Medical Officer from DHQ Kotli, faculty members and students were present at the occasion. Addressing the ceremony guest speaker Dr. Riffat said that more than 40,000 women die of breast cancer in Pakistan thus there is a need that we pay special focus to prevent this disease. She said that early detection is key to survival. Dr Afshan while speaking about breast cancer stressed how better education, awareness of the diseases and a healthy diet helps reduce risk of breast cancer.

FACT

Pakistan has a Maternal Mortality Ratio of 276 per 100,000 live births. It has 149th position out of 177 countries.

Cancer awareness session by SKMH at DSU

DHA Suffa University hosted a team from Shaukat Khanum Memorial Hospital (SKMH) to conduct a cancer awareness session for the female faculty, staff members and students on December 1, 2015. The objective of the seminar was to spread awareness regarding certain types of cancers that are prevalent in females.

In accordance with the color of the campaign by SKMH, the organizers observed the first 'Pink Day' at DSU and urged all females to wear pink in support of cancer awareness. The audience unreservedly supported the cause by dressing up in various shades of pink.

Dr. Afsheen Mehreen Qadir, SKMH, addressed



the audience and discussed the significance of taking pro-active measures to minimize the risk of cancer. The seminar ended after a long question-and-answer session during which the audience raised relevant queries regarding causes, symptoms and remedies of cancer.

Blood Donation Drive at DSU

'Donate blood to save lives!' This was the theme of the Blood Donation Drive organized by the Community Service Society at DHA Suffa University in collaboration with the Indus Hospital. Held at the Auditorium on October 13, 2015, the blood drive was a massive success. Out of the 318 interested donors, 225 (206 males and 19 females) were found eligible after the initial screening.

An inter-departmental competition was introduced for the first time to motivate students and faculty members to donate more. The Department of Management Sciences won the marathon with 61 donors, while the Departments of Computer Sciences, Electrical Engineering and Mechanical Engineering



were not far behind with 59, 52 and 36 donors, respectively. The non-teaching staff of DSU also participated wholeheartedly. The Community Service Society at DSU aims to carry the torch forward by holding more of such events in order to help create a better, happier and healthier society.

Pink Ribbon day held at SUIT

Students, faculty and staff of Sarhad University of Science and IT, Peshawar wore pink ribbons and donated generously to the cause of Breast cancer awareness by celebrating 'Pink ribbon day'. Apart from students and faculty people from the local community were also invited to be part of this campaign. The Pink Ribbon campaign is an international symbol of support for breast cancer awareness. More than 40,000 women die every year in Pakistan because of this cancer.



Greenwich students pledge to donate their organs to SIUT

Strongly believing in the saying "Saving a life is equal to saving the entire humanity" Greenwich University has always emphasized and participated in corporate social activities. Keeping the tradition alive, the students organized a public awareness seminar on organ transplantation in collaboration with Sindh Institute of Urology and Transplantation (SIUT), Karachi. Students collected funds and donated the entire amount to SIUT for the welfare of poor patients. Students also willingly filled the donors' forms and pledged to donate their organs to save the life of others.

Blood donation camps arranged by HITEC

Blood donation is a regular feature at HITEC University organized in collaboration with Pakistan Red Crescent Society, Jameela Sultana Foundation & RMC Blood Society on regular intervals during the year. Two blood camps were organized in the last 6 months one on November 2, 2015 and the other one on February 22, 2016. A large number of students donated blood for Thalassemia patients and other needy people.



FACT

Pakistan ranks fifth amongst TB high-burden countries worldwide. It accounts for 61% of the TB burden in the WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region.

LCWU holds seminar on Breast cancer awareness and diagnostic screening

The Department of Zoology organized a seminar on 'Awareness of Breast Cancer' and a self-examination session on May 27, 2015. The entire presentation gave a brief, but eye opening insight to the various kinds of breast cancer patients that the doctors have come across in the past. The students arranged a 3-day session of Breast Screening on 26th, 28th June and 4th July, 2015 with Dr. Sabra of Mayo Hospital for the physical examination of women of university for diagnosis of the cancer.



Seminar on 'Maternal & Child Health Care' held at LCWU

Social Work Department at Lahore College for Women University arranged a seminar on 'Maternal and Child Health Care' in collaboration with Maternity and Child Welfare Association of Pakistan (MCWAP) & Family Planning Association of Pakistan (FPAP) on November 16, 2015.

The main objective of the seminar was to sensitize the students about the significance of maternal and infant healthcare. The seminar focused on promotion of awareness about the maternal and children health since the prenatal; and the postnatal health of a woman play a pivotal role in the development of healthy child and later on a normal, balanced human being. The speakers also emphasized on measures for control and prevention of maternal infant mortality ratio.



Awareness seminar on HIV/AIDS at LCWU

International Resource Centre, Directorate of Faculty Development & Internationalization (DFDI), Lahore College for Women University in collaboration with Punjab Aids Control Program (PACP), Government of the Punjab, Health Department organized an awareness seminar on HIV/AIDS.

Mr. Mohammad Faisal Majeed, Deputy Project Director, PACP presented to the audience about the situation of HIV/AIDS epidemic in the province. He informed that Punjab AIDS control program is leading the provincial



AIDS response and is providing preventive, diagnostic and treatment services. The government of the Punjab is fully committed to provide funding for prevention and treatment of AIDS.





Education

EDUCATION

Collaboration of Bahria University with Basta Foundation

Bahria University has collaborated with Basta Foundation in November 2015. Basta project aims to provide basic career development skills to students in under-resourced communities with the focus on creating access and long term sustainable support to the students. This support is in the form of professional guidance.

Bahria University law students work with Basta Foundation for 3 hours once a week. Bahria students are acting as mentors for the children in under-resourced communities and help them in career counseling.

Each mentor is required to complete at least 40 hours of mentoring over a time span of 2-3 months with planned meetings every month. During the course of these meetings, at least 2 hours are superficially dedicated towards career counseling. Each meeting has a specific agenda and the mentor is required to achieve the goals of each meeting before proceeding to the next agenda. This is to ensure that the mentor-mentee relationship is effective and adds value to the student's career development.

So far, four sessions have been held with Basta Foundation. These include orientation session of Basta Project (by the founder of Basta Project, Mr. Abdal Mufti) on November 13, 2015 at Bahria University.



After this 3 trips have been made to Master Ayub Park in F-6 in which students have mentored the children studying there regarding their future careers.



Movie Day and a trip to the Zoo for underprivileged children by Bahria University

Under the Community Support Program, a movie day was arranged on December 21, 2015 Bahria University, Islamabad Campus for the children of Basic Education Community School, Kalinjar Village E-8.

The cartoon movie 'Tarzan' was shown to children aged (4-10 years). 'Tarzan' was an unusual mix of child-like animation and storytelling. During the interval, refreshments were distributed to the children of the school. After the movie, the children were

encouraged to sing different poems.

This was an effort to build confidence in children and provide them with healthy entertainment.

Under the Community Support Program, a trip to the Murghazar Zoo was also arranged on December 14, 2015. Eight volunteer students of BBA along with 2 teachers from the school (for supervision) were present to look after the children. The students enjoyed and learnt about the habitat, diet and countries

of origin of the various birds and animals. The animals appeared very attractive to children and they had fun spending time at the zoo watching animals. After the visit, lunch boxes (arranged by the volunteer students of BU) were distributed to children. The students found this trip very informative and interesting as it helped them to boost up their knowledge and they expressed that such trips are more helpful in understanding class lessons.



IBA arranges career orientation session for government school students

Marketing Department of Career Development Center organized a career orientation session on September 16, 2015 for the students of Public School Sukkur. More than 400 students from Matric to Intermediate attended the session at Sukkur IBA Auditorium.

Registrar Sukkur IBA, Eng. Zahid Hussain Khand welcomed the students and gave them step by step guidance on understanding and selecting the right career. Head of Departments introduced their respective departments, programs offered, accreditations, opportunities of exposure and exchange programs with other universities and

industries, and expected salary packages offered currently to Sukkur IBA graduates. Dr. Irfan Rind, Head of Education department took an interactive career guidance session with the students and motivated them to listen to their hearts before making career choices.

A panel discussion session with alumni of public school, Sukkur now part of Sukkur IBA, was also conducted and questions regarding the change in their lives after selecting Sukkur IBA were answered. The program ended with a campus tour.



FACT

Pakistan has the world's second highest number of children out of school, reaching 5.1 million in 2010. This is equivalent to 1 in 12 of the world's out-of-school children.

Sukkur IBA-Scottish scholarship scheme for school children

Sukkur IBA in collaboration with Pakistan Scottish Scholarship Scheme for school children distributed school kits to underprivileged students of Sukkur and its surrounding on November 24, 2015. School kits containing 2 school uniforms, 1 sweater, 1 school bag, 1 lunch box, 1 water bottle, 12 notebooks, stationary items, geometry and pencil boxes, drawing books, 1 hygiene kit, 1 pair of shoes, 2 shoe polishes and brush, 1 calculator and other items were given to students. A Total of 66 children from different schools were selected. Upon their arrival at Sukkur IBA, the students were welcomed by Education Society members and were taken to a campus tour. Director Sukkur IBA Mr Nisar Ahmed Siddiqui while congratulating the students said that you should take advantage of the facilities being provided to you, and that you should work hard to pursue higher education so that you can become a progressive member of the society. Shumaila, a female student with no hands, was also given a cheque



by an anonymous donor that was presented by HoD of Education Department, Dr. Irfan Rind for her financial assistance.

Umeed Welfare Academy created by Institute of Space Technology alumni

In Lahore, former volunteers of *Umeed* have taken an initiative named *Umeed* Welfare Academy where they have enrolled 38 students from the underprivileged class of the society and teach them on a daily basis so that they are also equipped with the right tools in order to carve a better future for themselves and for their families. *Umeed* is a lifelong association which is why the welfare academy has been a huge success in such a short time.



IST installs water filtration plants in schools

Recently, IST successfully installed reverse osmosis water filtration plants with cooling systems in 10 schools in the adjoining villages and provision to 15 more schools is in process. The project is a long and arduous one to say the least but a necessary one since a great future cannot be guaranteed without a healthy community. In most parts of the country,

clean drinking facilities are a luxury that most people cannot afford to have. What is even more saddening is the fact that many schools in the rural areas of the country don't have clean drinking water facilities for the students which risks their health and as a consequence their ability and prospects for a better future.



IST holds function to instill spirit of patriotism in students

September 17, 2015 marked 50 years of a victorious battle for Pakistan in the face of odds that were heavily stacked against us. Team *Umeed* from Institute of Space Technology, like every Pakistani, is full of volunteers who are proud of their heritage and planned to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the 1965 war with the children of government schools in Rawat. The purpose of this activity was to inculcate the spirit of patriotism in the children and tell them stories that we heard from our grandfathers and grandmothers as kids so that they are not lost in time.

Kids from the schools were brought to IST and were then lead by the *Umeed* Volunteers in a symbolic walk around the IST premises. During the walk National songs were sung and slogans were raised for Pakistan. The walk ended in the football ground, where an aerobatic show was held using a remote controlled aircraft designed by the students of IST. This aerobatic show caught the attention of every child. After that different activities were organized to make the kids aware of their heritage.



World Space Week (WSW) held at IST

Space is the final frontier for mankind. It is the place where imagination is boundless while the aura of mystery challenges man to keep discovering something new – whether it be a peculiar phenomenon or a celestial body that starts glowing in a different light. Each year, IST hosts this 3-Day event called world space week, which is always a huge success. Team *Umeed* invites students from government schools to IST campus where they get to firsthand experience about what lies beyond the lower earth orbit. From the recurring themes such as documentaries to rocket propulsion simulations, these kids are given a first-hand experience of what they are in for if they want to pursue a career in space studies. Indeed, most of these kids and their teachers are over-awed by the spectacle since the WSW is an event that is unique only to IST. The third day of the event is reserved for special children.



Grand Children Gala 2016 held at IST

IST's Childrens' Gala was held on February 27, 2016. It was the biggest of its kind in which eleven schools, over 700 kids and more than forty teachers participated in 49 events. Team *Umeed* had put in a lot of effort to make it perfect for the little angels. The vans left the IST premises early in the morning for the schools to pick up the kids. A team of volunteers was deployed with the vehicles to make sure their journey was comfortable enough. Upon their arrival, each school was particularly welcomed as every child was the guest of honor for the occasion. The real fun started with the march around the IST campus which these kids seemed to enjoy a lot. The group of volunteers accompanied the children along with the band of circus performers spreading joy on those little faces. The children were then directed to the side lawns where sitting arrangements for them had already been made. The ceremony started with the Tilawat followed



by Naat e Rasool (SAW). The schools had already prepared the children for respective events according to guidelines provided by team *Umeed* previously. As already planned, the volunteers took the participating children to the respective places of the events. Whole campus of IST was sparkling with the innocent smiles everywhere. In the side lawn debate and dramatics competitions were held. The back lawn was reserved for creative activities i.e. sketching, painting and paper plane making. The futsal ground of IST was

the venue for all the races on the particular day. It was evident from the faces of the kids they were enjoying every bit of the fun. They were running and shouting with joy, all over the place. And once again the volunteers showed extraordinary commitment in every respect and were equally loved by the kids as well.

This combination of fun and learning was indeed significant for those children especially as they do not get to see it very often. Where some kids got confidence while speaking in front of the au-

dience, some of them showed the awesome creativity and the rest of them learned the importance of teamwork through games. Lunch was served at noon and then prayers were offered.

In the afternoon dramatics competition was held. All the kids who were participating in different activities were free by that time which made the lawns jam packed like a house full theater. Groups of students from different schools performed the skits and tableaux which had social messages in them. Some of the skits were really hilarious

and laughter was heard everywhere. After all the fun activities entire day it was refreshing for the kids and volunteers to sit back and enjoy the show. It received huge rounds of applause from everyone and even tears were witnessed from few of the audience. The results from all the competitions were compiled for the closing ceremony. Trophies were given to the kids who got positions in the competitions and the smile they had on their faces surely was a treat to watch.

At this gala IST decided to make this event a learning experience not only for the students

but for the teachers of the schools as well. For this purpose, 3 teachers were invited from each school to take part in the teachers training workshop which was conducted by Dr. Najam Abbas, Director Student Affairs (IST). The aim of the workshop was to make teachers understand how to communicate with their students in a better way to make them learn things effectively. Also, a portion of the workshop was allocated to help them understand the importance of community service and inculcating this spirit in their students.

IST volunteers decorate school by holding Intra IST graffiti event

IST took its annual Intra IST wall-graffiti event to another level and organized it in Islamabad Model School for boys, Kortana. This school needed renovation and decoration. IST chose to take its artistic talents there. It was a great learning activity for the kids of school as well. They were also involved in activities like art, painting, sketching, sculpturing and mud-art.



Enhancing Pedagogical Practices of Rural Teachers by IIU

Effective pedagogical practices help to make arrange of instructional strategies and resources to match the variety of teaching skills and to provide instructors several ways of exploring important ideas, skills, and concepts. Pedagogy tells a teacher how to work as facilitators, coaches, models, evaluators, managers, and advocates. Moreover, teachers know how to utilize different strategies for grouping learners, and different types of media and materials. Through pedagogy teachers observe and assess students in the context of ongoing classroom situation like collecting and interpreting a variety of types of evidence to evaluate where each student is in a sequence or continuum of learning and development and know how to move from assessment to decisions about curriculum, social support, and teaching strategies, to increase the prospects for successful learning.

Keeping in view educational issues and social needs of community, students of BS (Education) program at International Islamic University, outlined a volunteering action plan titled “Enhancing Pedagogical Practices of Rural Teachers” with the collaboration of Teaching

Faculty, Department of Education (Female Campus) International Islamic University Islamabad. This 20 days plan was executed during Fall 2015 semester from Nov 10 to Dec 7, 2015 at Government Girls High School, Hothla. The key objectives of executed plan included imparting awareness among rural teachers about significance of pedagogical techniques, training rural teachers in lesson planning and assisting rural teachers in designing low cost/no cost teaching aids.

To cater the deficient areas of rural teaching staff, students and IIU teachers organized interactive seminar and workshop on lesson planning and designing teaching aids/ A.V aids. The executed plan envisaged successful outcomes in terms of; implementing various pedagogical techniques during classroom instruction, designing lesson plans of related subjects and devising different types of teaching aids by using low cost/ no-cost material on the part of teaching staff Hothla.

IIU students teach literacy skills to nomadic community

Education is the basic right of every human being whether male or female. It is the key to development for society. This deprived children of nomadic community may have the best intelligence level. A 30 day project titled ‘Teaching of Literacy Skills to Nomadic Community’ was conducted in order to enhance their basic literacy skills.

The students of BS (Education) International Islamic University, Islamabad carried out the project inculcating the basic life skills to the children of nomadic community, enhancing the basic literacy skills of the children and creating awareness in the parents of nomadic children about the importance of education. The children were taught how to read the newspaper, read and write simple sentences and do simple calculations. Above all, parents were motivated to send their children to nearby schools.



Free tutoring sessions by NUST volunteers

In this modern age, a multitude of information is available at one's fingertips via the Internet. The computer is a portal one uses to delve into the vast ocean of human knowledge and to add to it. It is thus vital to educate future generations, especially the children, in using this powerful communication device effectively in order to keep pace with the fast developing world.

A team of students from NCSC went to Islamabad Model School for Boys located in the police lines, H-11 sector of Islamabad on 24th-25th February 2016 to equip the students with the skills necessary to use a computer. Over the course of two visits, the students were taught the very rudimentary concepts of computer usage. They were introduced to the hardware components of a computer and were taught how to carry out simple tasks such as copying, pasting and deleting data, minimising and maximising windows and changing desktop wallpapers. The students were very enthusiastic learners and they showed that by asking pertinent questions and completing their home assignments on time. Upon completion of this short programme, the students from NCSC expressed their delight in undertaking the task of teaching an eager bunch of youngsters.



NUST students 'Reshaping of under privileged schools'

NCSC initiated 'Reshaping of under privileged schools' project in November 2015. Approximately 30 NCSC and Community Service Learning course students accompanied by a few workers of NUST went to the Islamabad Model school for Boys located in the police lines, H-11 sector of Islamabad for reshaping the school's infrastructure.

The group was split up in to teams and each one was assigned a specific task. One group completed the task of painting the classrooms walls and the ceiling, while simultaneously the professional NUST workers team began their work of repairing the window panes, electrical wirings and installation of fans. Another group of students set out to

prune the trees, cleared the landscape and uprooted dead tree trunks. Another batch of students joined the NUST workers in lifting of school's boundary walls and also plastered them. Meanwhile, a group of girls sat down to paint the furniture being repaired by the NUST carpenters. Sanitary facilities of the bathrooms were restored and roofs were installed on them. The school entrance was tended to as well; the ground was levelled off and the general area was cleared. These activities were carried out in only two days and from morning till evening NUST students and staff worked hard to give a completely new look to the school.



Celebration of World Space Week at UAF

University of Agriculture, Faisalabad in collaboration with Pakistan Space and Upper Atmosphere Research Commission (SUPARCO) held a series of events in connection with world space week on October 5-7, 2015 to increase awareness of space technology and promote its peaceful usage amongst students and the masses. All public as well as private schools of the town were approached to attract maximum school students and



for participation in various activities of the event. The activities to celebrate the Space Week included exhibition of different satellite and rocket models along with space application posters display; a two-day space

fair for general public, school and university students; a quiz competition; a declamation competition and water rocket competition.

E-education/ICT in education outreach program by SUIT

Teams of student volunteer in Sarhad University of Science and IT have initiated ICT in Education outreach program and established a dedicated E-Education Center in August 2015 at village Chamkani near Peshawar. The purpose is to provide Education to school kids using Computers. The University has provided computers along with special educational software (E-village) installed in local private schools. The school students are taught about ICT in Education by volunteer students. The age limit of students is 12-15 years for class (5,6,7). So far many students have been facilitated in village Chamkani by his E-Education center. Junior class kids are told animated stories using computers.



The outreach program will be extended to other villages gradually involving all the interested and relevant stakeholders including universities, schools and colleges to come on board.

'Sponsor a child' project by HITEC students

In the foothill of Margalla hills opposite CDA Sector B-17 on the GT Road is a *katchiabadi* named Jori with a population of 350-400 Afghan refugee, for the last twenty years. One fourth of the population comprises of children under age of 12, who were born and raised in Pakistan and are fluent in understanding the local languages and Urdu. The houses are of mud, the community has no schools, no dispensary or

basic life provisioning and the livelihood of the people is through daily wages and manual labor performed by the family member's elders and children combined. Only 3 people in the community have attended school to the level of few classes and all people work as unskilled laborers.

HITEC Community Service undertook the project of providing the people with clothing (used and unused),

shoes and other household utility products. There is a school nearby for which HITEC students are also undertaking a project to link these children initially 10-15 on 'Sponsor a child' program to a school nearby. The HITEC faculty and student would provide sustainable monthly education expense to a small group initially which would grow with generation of more funding.



Laboratory Primary School established by LCWU

A primary school has been established in Lahore College for Women University as a research project of Institute of Education, LCWU for out of school children on campus. The school is providing nutrition and health facilities to students comprising a glass of milk in the morning, access to medical facilities and free text books and stationary. On August 14, 2015, the Vice Chancellor LCWU Prof. Dr. Uzma Qureshi celebrated Independence Day with these children.

Awareness walk and celebration of International Literacy Day at UAF

For creating awareness among the communities about the importance of literacy, an awareness walk was arranged and International Literacy Day was celebrated at University of Agriculture Faisalabad on September 8, 2015. On this occasion, different speech competition and essay writing contests were also arranged by the Institute of Agricultural Extension and Rural Development, UAF for the students of UAF and Laboratory High School. Addressing on the occasion, the UAF Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Iqbal Ahmad Khan said that the literacy is the prerequisite for a nation to progress and develop. He said that it was the matter of concern that literacy rate in Pakistan was very low and we have to make the joint efforts to increase it. Dean Faculty of Social Sciences Prof. Dr. Iqbal Zafar and Director IBMS Dr. Munir Ahmad also highlighted the importance of the literacy in the uplift of the nations.



Disaster Relief

DISASTER RELIEF

Fund-raising for Nepal earthquake victims by BNU students

In the wake of in Nepal earthquake of 2015, Beaconhouse National University (BNU) Volunteer Society and Team Azaad Pakistan with support of Student Affairs department of BNU organized a fund-raising activity at Beaconhouse National University for the victims of Nepal Earthquake. Since a number of students at UMISAA (UNESCO Madanjeet Institute of South Asian Art), BNU are from Nepal, the activity was aimed at generating funds for the rehabilitation of earthquake victims in remote areas of Nepal. Over a course of two weeks, PKR 90,000 were generated which were then given to Nepali students who distributed the funds among the victims.

From the funds collected at BNU, Siddhanta Pudasaini, a UMISAA Scholar at BNU, set up a fund distribution camp in one of the most affected villages of Nepal i.e Chilaune Gaun, Sundarijal. He visited the area along with a team of doctors and nurses and distributed blankets, medicines, clothes, food and other items of need.

Another Nepali student studying at Mariam Dawood School of Visual Arts and Design (SVAD), Samuykta Bhandari volunteered in a workshop back home to help the victims of disaster stuck areas. She, along with a team of twenty-nine artists, psychologists and educators, visited the earthquake affected area to conduct the workshop in the epicenter of



earthquake i.e. Gurkha- Ghanchowk Village. The workshop was aimed to heal through art where children can express themselves through any art form.

NUST reaches out to earthquake victims

A powerful earthquake of 7.5 magnitude struck major cities of Pakistan on October 26, 2015 leaving at least 279 people dead and injuring over 1300 people. NCSC believes in helping those in need immediately and so, the student council of NCSC and administration staff initiated an Earthquake relief campaign immediately. This included hand to hand collection by NCSC council from all over NUST for three long weeks. Through strenuous efforts and tiring hard work, Rs 650,000 were collected.

The NCSC liaison team along with the office bearers managed to buy the required warm clothes, quilts and blankets using the funds collected. Pakistan Army was contacted as well to get feedback of the areas affected in the North. After all of this preparation, a team of 10 students from NCSC went to Swat on November 22, 2015 where they were taken towards the camps where the affected families were called by the army according to the database. The volunteers distributed the goods amongst the victims and were more than glad to assist their country fellows in every way possible.



Riphah students reach out to victims of earthquake



In September 2015 the students responded to earthquake victims of Dir district. They provided relief goods to more than 700 families worth Rs 700,000 and provided medical care to about 1000 patients in the area. RSWD regularly holds free medical camps in remote and under privileged areas such as Sihala, Gujjar Khan, Jhelum and Talagang village Bhudial and provides quality health care to those in need.

FACT

More than 1 billion people worldwide don't have access to safe drinking water. 5000 people die every day as a result of drinking unclean water.

Earthquake relief fund collected by DSU students

Pakistan was hit by an earthquake of magnitude 8.1 on October 26, 2015 that not only affected the major cities but left the northern areas most devastated. This destruction left two thousand people without homes and the basic necessities of life.

In an effort to help the earthquake victims, the Community Service Society at DHA Suffa University, in collaboration with Elaj Trust, organized a three-week fund-raising campaign at the campus from November 23 to December 11, 2015. As part of the campaign, the Community Service Society arranged a wall of support where students placed their



handprints on a canvas as a silent prayer for the earthquake victims.

Students and teachers from all the departments demonstrated unity and wholeheartedly supported this fund-raising campaign. DSU was able to amass a total amount of Rs. 315,500 through this fund-raising activity and the collected money was handed over to Elaj Trust and was utilized to provide tents, heat stoves and blankets to twelve refugee families in Chitral, Pakistan.

UAF staff and students receive emergency response training

A mock exercise was held at the University of Agriculture Faisalabad to combat any untoward incident or emergency in the university. The event was arranged by Estate Management Department, UAF and Civil Defence on the direction of the govt. In the first phase, 400 security guards and students were trained about the incidences relating to fire breakout, terrorism, accidents etc. More such trainings will be given to the students in future.

BNU students create platform to serve community

Two students from BNU's School of Computer and Information technology (SCIT), Ghalib Khalil and Roshanay Asif Sheikh has founded Azaad Pakistan, a platform for people of Pakistan where they get opportunities to help and serve the community for its development. Founded in 2013, Azaad Pakistan has completed 44 projects and raised funds of more than 12 million rupees. The Azaad Pakistan network consists of 200 active volunteers from 70 different institutes in 40 cities. In the past eight months, team Azaad Paki-

stan raised funds for Nepal Earthquake victims, Syrian refugees in collaboration Human Relief Foundation and Radiance, Bali Orphanage, DHA Lahore, and for 'Streets to School' a charity based school in Gareebhabad, Karachi. They also ran an earthquake relief campaign for October 2015 earthquake victims in collaboration with Pakistan Youth Alliance and sent winter articles to Chakesar (Shangla) near Swat.

Azaad Pakistan is now a finalist for Social Media for Empowerment Awards'16, in the



category of Community Mobilization. In this category, only Azaad Pakistan represents Pakistan among 9 other organizations/startups from India, Nepal, Bangladesh, and Bhutan.

First aid and fire fighting training at NUST

Basic first aid training followed by a firefighting demonstration is one of set module that is taught to community service learning course students every semester. Approximately 1200 students are trained every year for basic first aid and firefighting training.

In the first half of the training Assistant Manager Community Service, Sehrish Hamid gave a presentation on principles of first aid, its

administration were discussed also. A video was shown illustrating the way to perform CPR. There was also an activity where a demo was given onstage for giving CPR. At the end a firefighting demonstration was held in open area with the help of NUST security staff. Fire practice by using fire extinguishers was administered and the participants took keen interest in the whole session.





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Recycling contest held at IBA Sukkur

Sukkur Institute of Business Administration Go Green Society organized Recycling Contest on October 8, 2015. The purpose of this activity was to encourage the creativity of students with the awareness of recyclable uses of trash. Students creatively designed products by using already used material. Ten teams participated in this activity each team comprising 5-10 members. Director Sukkur IBA, Registrar Sukkur IBA, staff, faculty and around 200 students were part of the event.



Awareness Campaign at IBA Sukkur to use solar tube wells for irrigation

The Department of Computer Science and ORIC, Sukkur IBA jointly organized one-day workshop on 'Awareness Campaign to Use Solar Tube Wells for Irrigation' with collaboration of HEC under HEC Social Integration Outreach Program on Saturday, November 07, 2015. Registrar, Sukkur IBA Engr. Zahid Hussain Khand welcomed the participants. The project Principal Investigator Dr. Qamar Uddin Khand briefed the audience about the purpose of this workshop. The invited speakers Dr. Sadiq Ali Shah, Engr. Mohsin-Mehmood, and Pir Bux Phulpoto conducted sessions on the importance of the solar energy based tube well systems and available credit schemes by banks.



'Clean Green Drive' by HITEC University

HITEC University Adventure & Social Welfare society with the cooperation of Directorate of Students Affairs organized a 'Clean Green Drive' at Khanpur Dam on November 19, 2015. Khanpur Dam is a national asset and a picturesque tourist site which has been badly neglected by concerned authorities in terms of cleanliness and maintenance. It geared up the students of HITEC University to join hands and take a step for a better, healthy and clean environment.

Two packed busses were taken to Khanpur Dam where students targeted the recreational spot visited daily by people for boating, horse riding, food, water sports and eventually spreading piles of litter all over the place. The students grabbed their empty garbage bags and wore gloves to maintain hygiene and started their work with a complete desire to make that place look neat and clean. The students successfully cleared the area from garbage, at least for a day!



Adoption of crane by LCWU

Lahore College for Women University, Zoology department adopted a crane and named it Johnny Lonny on April 7, 2015 in a meeting with the Director of Lahore Zoo. The main purpose of adoption was to promote the message 'love animals' and play role in the conservation of Crane's species as only one species is left in Lahore Zoo. The department took responsibility for his health, food and other hygienic conditions at cage by adopting it.

Awareness walk and celebration of National Tree Plantation Day at UAF

An awareness walk was arranged on the eve of National Tree Plantation Day at University of Agriculture Faisalabad on July 28, 2015. It was aimed at addressing the issue of deforestation and associated environmental problems. Speaking at the occasion, Dean faculty of Agriculture, Prof Dr. Muhammad Arshad said that with increasing population and urbanization, more and more trees are being cut down to provide space for expanding population. He stressed upon the need to give the awareness among the masses about the importance of the trees that not only save the earth from the different climatic devastation but also provide the oxygen for the life. Dean faculty of Food and Home Sciences, Prof Dr. Masood Sadiq Butt said that in the modern era, the world was facing numerous climatic challenges including floods, drought and water scarcity issues. The deforestation is aggravating the



issues and it is essential to increase the forest net in the country. Prof Dr. Rashid Ahmad Khan said that UAF has planted 7000 trees in a year and all-out efforts are being taken to raise the awareness. Dr. Muhammad Arshad also planted a tree in the National Institute of Food Science and Technology to mark the day.

Five-Day workshop on 'Climate changes resilient agriculture systems' arranged by CAS-UAF

Centre for Advanced Studies in Agriculture and Food Security, University of Agriculture Faisalabad (CAS-UAF) organized five-day workshop titled 'Climate changes resilient agriculture systems' on December 4, 2015. The Vice Chancellor, UAF Prof. Dr. Iqbal Ahmad Khan; CAS Chief of Party Prof. Dr. Bashir Ahmad, Asian Productivity Organization Secretary General Mari Amano, Prof. Dr. Ashfaq Ahmad Chatha, Dr. Muhammad Saeed (Asian Productivity Organization), Dr. Kenen Peker from Turkey, Dr. Attachai Jintrawet and Ms Rabia Jamil addresses the participants and pointed out the effects and mitigating-measures of the climate change. Addressing at the occasion, speakers said that climatic changes are destroying crops and productive assets in the agricultural communities. It will result in the loss of human



life and livestock, fisheries and reduction in the yields of crops. They said that more people are exposed to flooding, drought and diseases. They urged the researchers, farming community, governments, industry, NGOs and all the stakeholders to join hands to mitigate the increasing impact of climate

changes. At UAF, USAID CAS-AFS was meant for providing the innovative solutions to solve national and global challenges related to food, agriculture, and environment through excellence in education, research, outreach and policy support.

Upcoming Conferences of The Talloires Network

July

- Simon Fraser University's 50th Anniversary Conference. Vancouver, Canada. July 26-29, 2016.
- Association of Commonwealth Universities: Conference of University Leaders 2016. Accra International Conference Centre, Ghana, July 27-29, 2016.

September

- IARSLCE 16th Annual Research Conference. New Orleans, Louisiana, USA. September 26-28, 2016.

December

- 2nd International Conference on Service-Learning. Hong Kong Polytechnic University, Hong Kong. December 1-2, 2016.
- 42nd Association for Moral Education Annual Conference. Harvard University, MA, USA. December 8-11, 2016.



**Community Empowerment
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Disabled people sports week organized by SUIT

Disabled people are an integral part of our society and it is essentially important to create an environment to bring them into mainstream society by involving them in sports. For this reason volunteer student teams of Sarhad University Peshawar has arranged one week table tennis tournament from December 14 to 19, 2015 for young disabled people of Peshawar. The aim was to also let them believe that they have the same rights as others. The Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Salim-Ur- Rehman was chief guest and specially encouraged the students to look and address such social issues with all their good faith and social volunteerism. The participants were given cash prizes and gifts on behalf of SUIT Peshawar.



ICT workshop at UAF for enhancing agriculture value chains in Pakistan



University of Agriculture Faisalabad organized a workshop on Information and Communication Technology (ICT) on July 8, 2015. This workshop was chaired by UAF Vice Chancellor Prof Dr. Iqar Ahmad Khan. In this workshop, ICT Agricultural experts Amir Sami (General Manager Seeds at National ICT R&D Fund), Afaq Tiwana (Chief Executive, Farmer Associate), Dr. Jahanzeb Masood (Program Chair Precision Agriculture), Prof Dr Bashir Ahmad (former VC UAF), Farjeel Javed (Director IT, UAF) and Dr Hamid Hussain Shah (Director Water Management Research Center) stressed the need to promote and adopt the information and communication technology (ICT) for raising awareness among farmers in order to ensure the food security in the country. Addressing on the occasion, UAF Vice Chancellor Prof Dr. Iqar Ahmad Khan said that ICT had gained immense importance for the welfare of farmers and rural development. He lauded the Punjab government for earmarking Rs 2 billion for the extension department in order to revamp through ICT.

Three-day Indigenous On-campus Training (IOT) at UAF

A Three-day Indigenous On-campus Training (IOT) was organized on September 1, 2015 by the Office of Research, Innovations and Commercialization (ORIC), UAF in collaboration with Higher Education Commission. The training was aimed at enhancing capacity of the Grade 1 to 16 employees for equipping them with modern tools of effective working. The trainers trained the participants in modern techniques and programs that can

make their working more effective. The new interventions including information technology and others were comprehensively elaborated and their use at the campus to serve the students, and other stakeholder was also explained. Prof Dr Asif Ali said that IOT workshop would bring the tangible results in the capacity building of the people. He said that under the first phase, eight workshops were arranged for the UAF employees

ranging from grade 16 and above. And now the second phase has been kicked off for the grade 1 to 16 employees. Treasurer Mr Umar Saeed trained the participants about the modern tools to manage the financial issues. Mr Rana Khalid Mehmood urged the participants to apply the knowledge attained through workshop at the workplace so that it will increase their capacity.

Seminar on gender sensitization, and women empowerment at UAF

It is a matter of grave concern that Pakistan stood at the bottom of gender-related development index and ranked 120th out of 146 countries across the globe. This was echoed at the opening session of seminar on gender sensitization, and women empowerment in Agriculture sector. MNA Ghulam Bibi Bharwana; Ms. Mahpara, Director Capacity Building Aurat Foundation; Dr. Mahrukh Saeed Khan from University of Auckland, New Zealand; Lady Farmer Abeera Tariq, progressive farmer, Manzoor Thakar and Dean Social Sciences Prof Dr Iqbal Zafar addressed the participants on this occasion. The speakers stressed upon the need to educate the rural women to empower them by creating awareness about their rights in the society. The students, academia and researchers were asked to go to the doorsteps of rural women to tell them about their rights and encourage them to play their role in the prosperity of the country. NGOs and CBOs covering all of Pakistan were asked to arrange campaigns and take tangible steps/actions to reduce the gender gap in Pakistan by proactively supporting the development and empowerment of women.



Workers' day arranged for working staff of Bahria University

A 'Workers' Day' event was organized by the Student Support Centre (SSC) under Community Support Program in the Auditorium at Bahria University Islamabad on February 10, 2016. The event was basically to pay tribute to the workers of BU and appreciate their hard work and efforts in making the university a better working environment and to establish a better understanding among the workers, management and students.

The event began with speeches by the motivational speakers from Green Volunteers and Humans of Pakistan. The Dramatics Club Team of Student Resource Centre (SRC) at Bahria University Islamabad ac-

tively participated and performed an act to show gratitude to the staff workers. A video was made by the students of Earth & Environmental Sciences department, followed by a song performance and lunch for about 200 worker guests. The respected Pro Rector and Director Islamabad Campus graced the event and made this event exemplary by making it a platform where working staff could directly communicate to the highest members of our hierarchy. This event was a perfect example of teamwork, commitment, and respect to the workers and was highly appreciated by the working staff of the university.



IBA Sukkur conducts “The MOVE” summer internship program for social change

Sukkur IBA Career Development Center & Family Education Services Foundation (FESF) conducted The MOVE (Motivated Volunteer Empowerment) summer internship program 2015 with the support of National Bank of Pakistan (NBP) from June 29 to July 4, 2015. The Program aims to effect social change by training and engaging Pakistani youth in meaningful community development. The program consists of six power-packed workshops that direct and motivate students to identify the needs in their communities and to plan and implement innovative solutions through social action projects.

Mr. Christopher Thomas and Mr. Huzaifa conducted a training workshop comprising of 6 modules for 50 participating students



to help them better understand and implement the chosen projects. The modules were Volunteerism and Social Entrepreneurship, Laying the foundation for your project,

Promoting your cause and getting support, Creating a project roadmap, Communication skills and conflict management and Unleashing your potential.

Community session of E-Peshawar in village Chamkani by SUIIT

Sarhad University, Peshawar in partnership with Pakistan Institute of ICTs for Development Islamabad has initiated project ‘E-Peshawar’ Engaged Community Services. Student volunteers arranged a community session at village Chamkani on October 10, 2015. The agenda was to give awareness to the community about education and use of ICTs (Computers, mobiles, internet) along with its economic impact. They were also briefed about the aims, objectives and working of new established SUIIT E-Peshawar fa-

cilitation center. This center will be the hub in Chamkani for all the E-services (E-Education, E-Health, E-Agriculture, E-Skills). The local government representatives appreciated the volunteer efforts of university for taking bold initiative of promoting ICTs for community of Chamkani. This session was attended by large number of SUIIT student volunteers, Alif Ailan and local community including school teachers, public/private school principals, farmers, youth counsellors.



NUST students' initiative to empower women

"Fem power" is an ambitious initiative for women empowerment taken by a group of passionate NUST community service volunteers. The project aims to use the pervasive influence of social media and its wide outreach to address the plight of women in need. The team members cover women in troublesome circumstances and by sharing their story with the millions of users of social media, they hope to raise resources from the public and channel them to the person concerned. They hope to provide voice to the millions of stories gone unheard in the chaos of everyday life, to bridge the wide gap between the group of women in need and the sector of population eligible to help.

In the short span of time, the campaign has brought forward seven such stories. The team has responsibly made an aligned and neutral bank account in the name of 'fem power', where all the donations



can be made. As of now, one lady has been helped to pay back her debt, while sewing machines were provided to two others allowing them to earn respectable income. With the highly active and well maintained social media page, the team brings stories of despair and plight from around us to our attention.

Visit of LCWU students to *Akhuwat* clothes bank

Faculty members and B.Ed students from Lahore College for Women University visited the head office of *Akhuwat* in Township Lahore. They were briefed about the initiation and activities being carried out by the organization. They also visited the *Akhuwat* clothes bank, a unique project in which the clothes are collected from the well-to-do families, repaired, washed / dry cleaned, packed and then given as a gift to the needy people. They also met the eunuchs who were rehabilitated and employed in the clothes bank project by the organization. The students avowed to undertake a clothes drive on campus and contribute on an ongoing basis to assist in this noble cause. They also gave gifts of notebooks and stationary to the children of the tent school being run under the *Akhuwat* umbrella.



‘Sweater for Better’ an initiative by IST

Usually people relish all seasons because they have means to withstand the respective intensity of each season. However, not everyone is lucky in this regard. Inability to keep themselves warm during winters is one of the reasons why the underprivileged class of the society especially children are faced with various health issues.

Keeping up with the tradition of reaching out to the community, vol-

unteers of Institute of Space Technology distributed sweaters to the needy school children in six schools of Rawat. For this purpose, the team conducted a donation drive within IST and also reached out to the mission's well-wishers countrywide. The drive turned out to be a huge success as we received donations from all corners of the country. A total of 350+ sweaters were distributed among the kids.



IST students collect donations for Dowry

An organization's core group is not the office bearers but the people from the lower staff who put their maximum effort and yet they are the ones who are cared for the least. Fortunately Team *Umeed* got an opportunity to help one of the members of the lower staff. A maid at the Institute of Space Technology was struggling to cater for her daughter's wedding and due to financial constraints, was having a really hard time in making the necessary arrangements. Buying dowry was simply beyond her financial reach and there was a high chance that it could result in the cancellation of the marriage. Team *Umeed* started a fund raising campaign which was received with great enthusiasm by all the donors and dowry was arranged for the woman's daughter before her wedding.

Seminar on Innovation and Entrepreneurship for Society at UMSIT

University of Management Sciences and Information Technology Kotli hosted a seminar on Innovation and Entrepreneurship on May, 11, 2015. Dr. Muhammad Shahid Qureshi Director "Centre for Entrepreneurial development IBA Karachi was the guest speaker. Dr Shahid shared his experiences and elaborated the concept of entrepreneurship, especially with reference to the purpose of the seminar. He laid emphasis on the role of academic institutions with regard to entrepreneurship and its role in the society. He was of the view that there should be training programs for the faculty, students and general public as well to sensitize them on the importance of the entrepreneurship and its role in the society building. He also encouraged students to think innovatively as he strongly believed that everybody has the potential to become an entrepreneur.

**FACT**

Agriculture contributes to about 21 percent of Gross Domestic Product (GDP) and accounts for 43% of employed labour force in Pakistan.



Miscellaneous

MISCELLANEOUS

Defence day celebrated at Bahria University Medical & Dental College (BUMDC)

The 50th Defence Day was celebrated at Bahria University Medical and Dental College to pay homage to sacrifices rendered by Pakistan's valiant armed forces.

The ceremony started with the National Anthem and was attended by the Director General Vice Admiral (Retd) Tahseen Ullah Khan, Dean Brig (Retd) Prof Dr. Shaheen Moin, and Principal Dental Section Prof Dr. Zubair Ahmed Abbasi along with faculty of BUMDC



and students.

The students delivered speeches to commemorate the 1965 Pakistan-India war events and shared stories of the brave martyrs and ghazis who sacrificed their lives for defending the mother land. The students expressed their love for mother land which is a sentiment shared by every Pakistani.

Speeches were also given by DG Vice Admiral (Retd) Tahseen Ullah Khan paying tribute to the gallantry and courage of the armed forces in the 1965 war. A faculty member who was a war veteran shared his inspiring experiences.

Bahria University signs MoU with Civitan

An MoU was signed between Bahria University Lahore Campus and Civitan International in order to establish a general framework to facilitate cooperation between the parties in specific areas and complement efforts in order to strengthen the collaboration. Civitan International is an association of community service clubs founded in 1917. The organization aims 'to build good citizenship by providing a volunteer organization of clubs dedicated to serving individual and community needs with an emphasis on helping people with developmental disabilities'. The organization includes 40,000 members

(referred to as Civitan) in almost 1,000 clubs around the world.

Civitan has conducted several activities with Bahria University so far including city tours of Lahore City, workshop on first aid and CPR, lectures by road safety team of traffic police, and tourism in Punjab by TDC

Later on November 20, 2015 an informal MoU was signed between Islamabad Campus office and Civitan. Under this MoU lectures / talks by experts from Motorway Police, Islamabad Traffic Police and Rescue 1122 (from Rawalpindi) will be arranged under CSP.

IBA pays homage to the martyrs of Pakistan movement

14th August 1947 is considered as the most remarkable day in the history of Pakistan, as it marks the Independence Day of our country. Students, faculty and staff of Sukkur IBA celebrated Independence day with full national spirit to pay homage to the people who devoted their lives for Pakistan's freedom movement and those who made sacrifices to attain a separate independent country. The day started with recitation of Holy Quran, followed by the flag hoisting by Director Sukkur IBA. National song competition and screening of Pakistani movie 'WAAR' also took place in the auditorium. The event was organized by Sukkur IBA students council in which about 500 people participated.



Greenwich's social responsibility efforts recognized at International summit

In recognition of the university's efforts for fulfilling social responsibility, Ms Seema Mughal, Vice Chancellor, Greenwich University received CSR award at the international summit on corporate social responsibility, held in Lahore.



Books and monetary donation collected for READ initiative by FAST-NU students

The FAST-NU with collaboration of Ministry of Planning, Development and Reforms have initiated READ (Read, Educate and Develop). The project focuses upon inculcating good reading habits among primary students. The project also emphasizes upon involving teachers, local community and civil society to ensure a wider impact and sustainability

of the initiative.

In regards to this, team of READ has visited FAST-NU to raise donations for the aforementioned project in which the books were collected and purchased by the donations raised on campus and were distributed among under-privileged primary school children of government schools.

FACT

In Pakistan 12 million 15 to 24 year olds lack basic skills, which is the second highest number in developing countries.

World Spay Day held at UVAS, Lahore

Student clubs, Vets Care Organization (VCO) and Vet Crescent Society observed World Spay Day at Lahore, Jhang and Pattoki campuses of UVAS under supervision of Prof Dr Aneela Zameer Durrani on February 23, 2016. The spay day was organized with the aim to spay/neuter dogs and cats in order to control diseases like Rabies. The day long activities started with decorating dogs/cats with colorful ribbons. A walk was arranged at all campuses to raise awareness about importance of neutering/spaying in companion animals (dogs & cats). Vice Chancellor (UVAS) Prof. Dr. Talat Naseer Pasha, Prof Dr. Aneela Zameer Durrani and Prof Dr. Naseem Ahmad led the walk at city campus. A large number of veterinarians, faculty members and students participated in the walk to show solidarity with the cause. Awareness desks were also arranged for creating the awareness in the students of all departments of the university and the pet owners at the pet centre UVAS. Other activities included stray fee and Pet-fie competition (selfies with the dogs & cats) in which 40 selfies were received from different departments of UVAS, University of Punjab, Lahore & University of Agriculture, Faisalabad. In selfie competition, Abeera Hanyal got first position, Zeshan Ali was second and Shams Chatha stood third.



KASBIT students send relief packages to earthquake victims

KASBIT is always ready to contribute at the time of any need, disaster or problem faced by our beloved country. The students of KASBIT raised funds and sent relief packages for the earthquake victims of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa in October 2015.



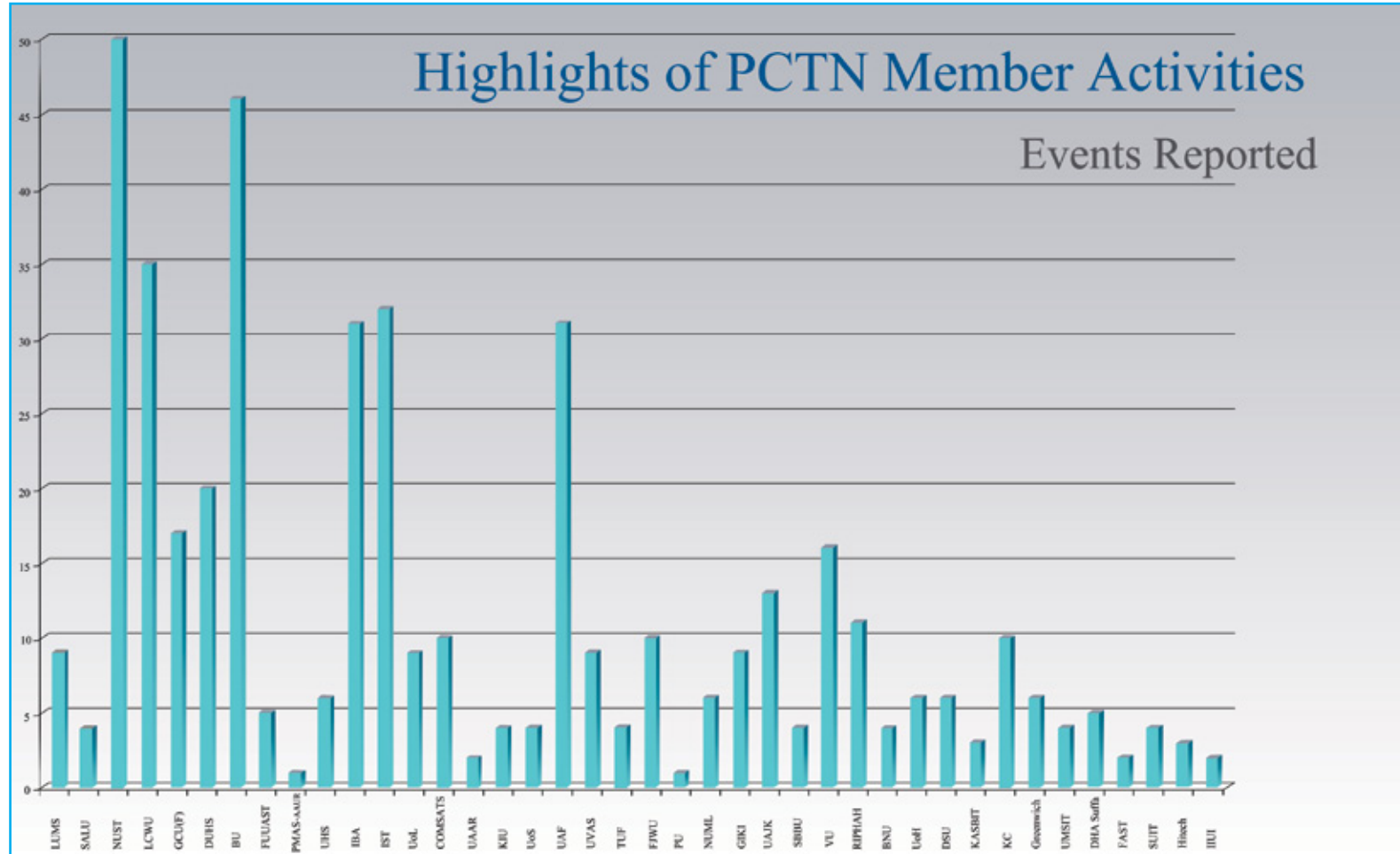
KASBIT students celebrate Eid with children

The students of Khadim Ali Shah Bukhari Institute of Technology (KASBIT) visited Marie Stopes Society's Orphanage on July 19, 2015 to celebrate Eid ul Fitr with the children living there. The students distributed goody bags and snacks amongst the children. They also played different games with the orphans throughout the day. The feeling of being an orphan and lonely at happy occasions like Eid-ul-Fitr and Eid-ul-Azha is felt by these children and the efforts of KASBIT students brought smiles to their faces.



KASBIT students pay tribute to martyrs of APS, Peshawar

Khadim Ali Shah Bukhari Institute of Technology (KASBIT) student council organized an event to revive the spirit of patriotism and to pay tribute to the 144 martyrs of Army Public School (APS) Peshawar, on December 15, 2015. The incident of APS shook the whole nation and a tribute was paid to the students and teachers who lost their lives.. This event was chaired by Director KASBIT, Prof Muhammad Rais Alvi who emphasized on the need of curbing extremism and fundamentalism and making our country peaceful and harmonious.



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2. Abdul Wali Khan University
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4. Bahria University
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7. Balochistan University of IT, Engg & Management Sciences
8. COMSATS Institute of Technology
9. DHA Suffa University
10. DOW University of Health Sciences
11. Dawood University of Engineering & Technology
12. Fatima Jinnah Women University
13. Federal Urdu University of Arts, Science & Tech
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19. HITECH University
20. Indus University
21. Indus Valley School of Art and Architecture
22. Institute of Business & Technology
23. Institute of Space Technology
24. International Islamic University
25. Iqra University
26. Islamia University of Bahawalpur
27. Karakoram International University
28. KASBIT
29. Khawaja Ghulam Farid University
30. Khyber Medical University
31. Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Agricultural University, Peshawar
32. King Edwards Medical University
33. Kinnaird College for Women
34. Lahore College for Women University
35. Lahore University of Management Sciences
36. Lasbela University of Agriculture, Water & Marine Sciences
37. Mirpur University of Science & Technology
38. National Textile University
39. National University of Modern Languages
40. National University of Computer & Emerging Sciences
41. NED University of Engineering and Technology
42. NWFP University of Engineering and Technology
43. Pir Mehr Ali Shah Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi
44. Quaid-e-Azam University
45. Riphah International University
46. Sarhad University of Science and Information Technology
47. Shah Abdul Latif University
48. Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University
49. Shaheed Zulfiqar Ali Bhutto Institute of Science & Tech
50. Shifa Tameer-e-Millat University
51. Sindh Agriculture University
52. Sindh Madressatul Islam University
53. Sukkur Institute of Business Administration
54. University of Agriculture, Faisalabad
55. University of Azad Jammu & Kashmir
56. University of Faisalabad
57. University of Haripur
58. University of Health Sciences, Lahore
59. University Of Lahore
60. University of Management Sciences and Information Technology, Kotli
61. University of Sargodha
62. University of Sindh
63. University of the Punjab
64. University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences
65. Virtual University of Pakistan
66. Ziauddin University

How to join PCTN

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

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

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

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