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CONFERENCES AND EXPOS

3-Day International Conference by Architecture Department

An international conference on Architectural Education Towards Disaster Mitigation was organised by the Architecture Department at LCWU from 20th to 22nd November 2019. The conference included technical sessions, workshops, and field visits. The co-organisers of the conference were the offices of Overseas Pakistanis Commission Punjab Government, Directorate of Building Research – C&W Punjab Government, Directorate of Archaeology, and Punjab Disaster Management Authority. The speakers focused primarily on disaster risk management and illuminated the audience on historical, environmental, and aesthetical values of cultural heritage.

The conference not only received an overwhelming response from the students of Lahore College’s Architecture Department, but also from the Architectural blocks of University of the Punjab, COMSATS, BNU, NCA, UET, TEVTA, University of Lahore, and various other public and private sector universities.



Provincial Conference and Parliamentary Dialogue: Addressing Violence Against Girls

The Departments of Gender and Development Studies and the Women Institute for Leadership and Learning of LCWU in association with Bedari Organisation organized a provincial conference titled Provincial Conference and Parliamentary Dialogue Addressing Violence Against Girls. The conference was a part of the international campaign-16 days of activism against gender-based violence. This activity aimed at raising awareness on the rights of girls and reducing societal violence against them. Provincial statistics and projects addressing this issue were introduced by Director Program Oxfam Mr. Adeel Qaiser. Three sessions – chaired by Director Women Institute for Leadership and Learning Dr. Talat Sohail, Head of Department of Gender and Development Studies Dr. Subah Malik, and MPA (Punjab) Ms. Sadia Sohail – brought to light the various issues relating to rights of young girls, child marriages, and using education as a tool to address these. Guest speakers included Representative Bedari Organisation Ms. Ambreen Ajaib, Executive Director WISE Organisation Ms. Bushra Khaliq, and Coordinator Mumkin Alliance Ms. Nabeela Shaheen, who shared their insight on the subject.



International Education Expo 2019

The International Resource Centre, under the Directorate Faculty of Development & Internationalisation, arranged an International Education Expo 2019 at LCWU. This expo was organised in collaboration with numerous international universities and educational consultant firms. The Chairman Punjab Higher Education Commission Professor Dr. Fazal Khalid, being the Chief Guest, applauded the efforts of LCWU in advancing female education and extended his complete support for all future endeavours. On this occasion, the Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza also shared her vision of launching faculty development programmes and international resource exchanges to enhance the institutional structure of the university.





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International Conference on Solid State Physics

An International Conference on Solid State Physics was organised by Lahore College for Women University in collaboration with the University of Punjab. Held on 8th December 2019, the Vice Chancellor LCWU Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza was the Patron in Chief and Prof. Dr. Zohra Kayani from the Department of Physics was the co-secretary of the conference. The organising committee further consisted of Chairperson Physics Department Prof. Dr. Rehana Zia, Dr. Safia Anjum, and Dr. Riffat Sagheer, who chaired different technical sessions and offered their valued opinions as judges for the poster presentations. A total of seventeen oral talks were delivered and nine posters were presented. Dr. Tallat Zeeshan, Ms. Fazeelat Mukhtar, and Ms. Mahwish Sattar won the 1st prize, while Dr. Salma Waseem won the 3rd prize for their posters. The VC LCWU addressed the closing ceremony by emphasizing on building and developing mutual collaboration in academics and research among different universities, nationally and internationally.



International TEDxLCWU 2019 Conference: Beyond the Stars

LCWU hosted and organized an invigorating International TEDxLCWU 2019 Conference with the theme Beyond the Stars. The event took place on December 21st, 2019, under the supervision of licensee and organiser Dr. Asma Shahid Kazi and co-organiser/curator Ms. Shagufta Moghal, Department of Professional Studies. The event has the distinction of being the first TEDx university event in Lahore with a license to invite more than 100 attendees. While addressing the crowd, the worthy Vice Chancellor of LCWU Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza highlighted the unique contribution of events like TEDxLCWU towards the future of education and educational institutions. Vice Chancellor Women University Multan Prof. Dr. Uzma Quraishi also graced the event with her presence and appreciated the quality of the talks and the excellent management of the networking activities. The two Vice chancellors not only participated in all the networking activities outside the auditorium but also interacted with the attendees and guests. The event received a huge turnout of around 300 people. These included faculty members and principals from renowned institutes of Lahore and professionals from creative arts, architecture, pharmacy, medicine, and marketing. The event was made possible through the efforts of the 180 team members from the faculty and diverse student body of LCWU, with special thanks to Directorate of Student Affairs and Institute of Design and Visual Arts, IDVA, for their invaluable contribution. The speakers, who presented talks, included a leading UK based psychiatrist Dr. Khurram Sadiq, a UK trained gynecologist and obstetrician consultant Dr. Sadia Malick, a student activist Momin Saqib, the first visually impaired PMP (USA) and PRINCE2 (UK) certified trainer Shawaz Baluch, and an architect and a theatre artist Qurat-ul-Aim Shamim. Tasveer Saaz Mime House also presented a mime on the conference theme.





SEMINARS, TALKS AND SYMPOSIUMS

Pakistan-Japan Joint Seminar on Disability and Development

A delegation of the Mainstream Association Japan visited LCWU on 26th August 2019, to attend a seminar on Disability and Development. The Japanese delegation was led by Mr. Koji Kawazoe. The guest delegation included Mr. Misayuki Hirata, Mr. Kenchi Murata, Mr. Takeshi Kotani, and Mr. Junichi Kimura. Mr. Rizwan, Mr. Mehmood, Ms. Anam Khan, and Dr. Esha Amin from Milestone Society of the Special Persons served as interpreters. The delegation had a meeting with the Vice Chancellor LCWU Professor Dr. Bushra Mirza. Dean Faculty of Engineering and Technology Prof. Dr. Intesar Ahmed and Chairperson CRP Department Prof. Dr. M. Atiq ur Rahman also ensured their presence. The guests shared their experiences of independent living in Japan with the students of City and Regional Planning Department, LCWU. The students showed keen interest in the planning systems of Japan regarding barrier-free mobility of physically challenged persons.



Seminar on COTHM Awareness about Health Benefits and Food Fortification

The Department of Home Economics organised a seminar on Health Benefits and Food Fortification, in collaboration with the College of Tourism and Hotel Management (COTHM). This rare opportunity enabled the students to strengthen their concepts of nutrition and gain theoretical and practical knowledge of food and dietary preparations.



International Seminar on Arabic Language

The first-ever International Seminar on the Arabic Language was conducted by the Department of Arabic, LCWU in collaboration with the International Islamic University, Malaysia. It was held at LCWU from 28th October to 31st October 2019, under the Educational and Research Collaboration Programme of the Higher Education Commission. Vice Chancellor LCWU Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza and Dean of Oriental Learning Punjab University Prof. Dr. Muhammad Saleem Mazhar were the chief guests. Additional Secretary Punjab Saman Roay was also invited as a guest of honour. This seminar was conducted to highlight the importance and significance of the Arabic language.





SEMINARS, TALKS AND SYMPOSIUMS

Autism Awareness Seminar in collaboration with Autism Spectrum Disorder Welfare Trust (ASDWT)

The Psychological Society organised a seminar on Autism Awareness in collaboration with Autism Spectrum Disorder Welfare Trust (ASDWT) on 17th October 2019. The focal persons for the event were Assistant Professor Dr. Amina Obaid Khawaja and Ms. Tehziba Kousir. The welcome address by the Chairperson of Psychology Department Prof. Dr. Talat Sohail was followed by a performing art segment on autism by psychology students. Chairperson ASDWT Ms. Rukhsana Shah enlightened the audience about autism, while a Senior Clinical Psychologist Ms. Farah Samar shed light on another psychological disorder, dyslexia.



Breast Cancer Awareness Seminar

The Department of Applied Psychology organised a Breast Cancer Awareness Seminar on 15th October 2019. A skit was performed to raise awareness for breast cancer. Director of Medical Radiation at the Cancer Care Hospital Ms. Areesha Zaman conducted free mammography/breast cancer screening for the faculty of LCWU.



Dementia Awareness Seminar

The department of Applied Psychology conducted a seminar on dementia awareness in collaboration with the Alzheimer's Pakistan Society. The event was organized under the guidance and supervision of the Chairperson Department of Applied Psychology Professor Dr. Talat Sohail. The organising team constituted Assistant Professor Dr. Saima Eman, Secretary Psychological Society, and council members of the English Department.





SEMINARS, TALKS AND SYMPOSIUMS

International Symposium on the Post-Colonial and Glocal Literature and Linguistics

A 3-day International Symposium on the Post-Colonial and Glocal Literature and Linguistics were organised by the Department of English in collaboration with Higher Education Commission and International Islamic University, Malaysia (IIUM) from 29th to 31st October 2019. Ms. Aaisha Umt Ur Rashid from the Department of English hosted the symposium. Papers were presented on Literature and Linguistics by honourable faculty members from IIUM, Forman Christian College, Punjab University, UMT, and the host institution itself. The discussion panel was moderated by Dr. Amara Khan and Ms. Tahira Khanum from the English Department LCWU.



Seminar on Applying for Admissions in Foreign Universities

LCWU aims to not only provide quality education but also help students in attaining global academic exposure. With this legacy, the Directorate of Faculty Development & Internationalisation organised a seminar on assisting students with the pursuit of admissions in foreign universities, including the basics of application procedure. This was held on 29th October 2019, under the guidance of Mr. Muhammad Hussain.

Seminar on Financial Literacy

The Centre for Career Counseling and Job Placement, CCJP, LCWU, arranged a training session on Financial Education on 21st October 2019, in collaboration with Hamara Paisa, to train students on gaining financial independence at an early age. Co-Founder Hamara Paisa Ms. Sana Imran equipped students with vital financial knowledge about the importance of savings and investments, decision making power, and handling finances now and in the future.

Seminar on Energy Resource Management in Daily Life

The Directorate of Faculty Development & Internationalisation organised a seminar on Energy Resource Management in Daily Life under the instructors Mr. Shaqat Hussain and Ms. Hafsa Farooq, Manager and Executive Personnel from the Green Programme. The event took place on 3rd October 2019, and the students and faculty actively contributed their thoughts and innovations on the topic under discussion.

2-Day Seminar on International Year of the Periodic Table (IYPT) 2019

The chemical society of LCWU organised a 2-day seminar on 16th and 17th December 2019, to celebrate the IYPT 2019. The theme prescribed by the United Nations General Assembly and UNESCO General Conference was followed as such. Expositions, lectures, open discussions, celebrations, art exhibitions, quizzes, and documentary screening were amongst the exciting activities planned for the students.

Seminar on Career Counselling

A seminar on Career Counselling was organised on 10th October 2019, by the Directorate of Faculty Development & Internationalisation LCWU. The expert invited was Ms. Nariman Qureshi, who talked about enabling students to define and execute their career paths and setting goals for the future.



MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING, PROJECTS AND GRANTS

Lahore College Signs MoU with Philippines School of Business Administration

A Memorandum of Understanding was signed on 22nd November 2019, by the LCWU and QCG Manilla from Philippines School of Business Administration. Vice Chancellor LCWU Prof Dr Bushra Mirza and Ms. Josefina Belmont Mayor Quezon City, from the Government of Manilla, Philippines, were the principal signatories. This MoU will provide more opportunities, support, and enrichment of the research activities, and organising workshops and training programs. Students from the Architecture Department will also be able to participate in an internship program for a period of two months which will be partially sponsored by the Government of Manilla.



Mass Communication Department Signs MoU with Strengthening Participatory Organisation

Catering the growing demand of professionals in mainstream media and digital world, the Department of Mass Communication LCWU signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Strengthening Participatory Organisation (SPO) to foster academic collaboration and develop contemporary programmes to help cultivate more talent in this field. The MoU was signed by the Vice Chancellor LCWU Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza and Regional Head SPO-Lahore Mr. Shahnawaz Khan.



Inauguration Ceremony of First Technology Development Fund Project in LCWU

In-Pond Raceway System (IPRS) is a fish culture technology developed to increase production efficiency and yield in Aquaculture. In Pakistan, this innovative technology is introduced in Southern Punjab for the first time through collaboration of Higher Education Commission of Pakistan, SoyPak Pvt. Ltd., Punjab Fish Farm, and Lahore College for Women University, bringing solutions for major problems concerning Aquaculture Industry of Pakistan. An inauguration ceremony was organised to celebrate this achievement, as it is the first technology development fund project that LCWU is an associate of.



British Council Developing Inclusive and Creative Economies Grant for Social and Creative Incubation

Lahore College for Women University collaborated with Cranfield School of Management UK, National University for Modern Languages (NUML), Centre for Global Innovators (CGI), and Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI) and won the British Council Developing Inclusive and Creative Economies (DICE) grant worth GB Pounds 85,000/- for social and creative incubation. This one-year grant has been awarded to build the capacity of women entrepreneurs. The training and workshops conducted under this programme were certified by the Cranfield School of Management UK. ORIC-LCWU in collaboration with CGI held the graduation ceremony on 12th September 2019 at the Student Service Center for those who successfully completed the Cohort-I. The chief guest was CIO Superior Group of Colleges Mr. Nabeel Qadeer. Industrial experts from reputed firms such as IBM, PLAN X, Abacus Consulting, Capstone Designs, and Netsol Technologies were present at the auspicious event.





WORKSHOPS AND TRAININGS

Turkish Ebru Art Workshop in Collaboration with Turkish Cultural Centre Lahore

The Department of Persian and Institute of Design and Visual Arts LCWU collaborated to organise a 2-day workshop on a famous Turkish form of marble art called Ebru on 4th and 5th September 2019. The Vice Chancellor LCWU Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza, Director Turkish Cultural Centre Mr. Ulash Ertash, Media Coordinator Turkish Cultural Centre Mr. Shakeel Gillani, Deans, Directors, and Chairpersons of multiple departments honoured the workshop with their interactive and engaging participation. The brotherhood of Pakistan and Turkey was celebrated in light of their historical, cultural, and religious ties. The students, guests, and faculty members learnt the new art concept – it was a wonderful experience for all, and even the Vice Chancellor herself impressed everyone with her beautiful art piece.



Technical Sessions in

A series of technical sessions were organised by the Department of Architecture to cater to the requirements of the curriculum in theoretical, practical, and design studio courses throughout the fall semester 2019. The objective of these sessions was to enhance students' understanding and grip on relevant courses with a blend in the resource. The sessions held multiple seminars, workshops, field excursions, surveys, and collective competitions.



Workshop on Personal Grooming

The Centre for Career Counselling and Job Placement arranged a workshop on Personal Grooming on 20th November 2019. A New York based wardrobe consultant, Mr. Hamid Saeed, conducted the workshop to guide the students as to how they should essentially groom themselves, take care of their personal hygiene, and develop soft skills to have an overall charismatic and professional personality.



Workshop on Dimensions of Pakistan's Macroeconomic Development

The Directorate of Faculty Development and Internationalisation organised a workshop, on 22nd October 2019, to deliberate upon the Dimensions of Pakistan's Macroeconomic Development. Dr. Karin provided the audience with his expert opinion, after building the basis of contemporary information on the topic of the workshop.

Workshop on Research for Social Sciences

A workshop was organised on 26th September 2019 by the Directorate of Faculty Development & Internationalisation to guide students for their research prospects in social sciences. The instructors for the workshop were Dr. Amina Muazzam, Dr. Hamala Khalida, Mr. Azeem, and Dr. Ghazala.

Workshop on Quantitative Data Analysis Using SPSS

The Research and Evaluation Department of the Institute of Education organised a workshop on Quantitative Data Analysis, dated 27th September 2019. The resource person was Dr. Naila Alam from Kinnard College for Women. The objective of this workshop was to provide a unique opportunity to learn how to use SPSS for quantitative data analysis.

Resume Writing Workshop by DFDI

The Directorate of Faculty Development & Internationalisation organised a Resume Writing Workshop on 9th July 2019. The facilitator for this workshop was Mr. Waqas Shah.

Youth Leadership Transformation Workshop 'I am Unstoppable'

The Department of International Relations organised a workshop titled I am Unstoppable on 18th November 2019. The purpose of this workshop was to empower youth, assist them in overcoming their fears and limitations, and instill them with the spirits to move out of their comfort zones. The chief guest was a motivational therapist and strategist from Canada, Mr. Fahad Khan. The guest of honour, Dr. Bushra Khan emphasised on psychological and skillful potential as a means to success.



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Kashmir Solidarity Events and Walks

LCWU hosted a number of events to express solidarity and support towards Kashmir. In this regard, a solidarity event for Kashmir was organised by the Department of Education at the Student Service Centre, on 18th September 2019. It was chaired by the Vice Chancellor LCWU, Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza and inaugurated by Honorary Chairperson of Department of Education Planning and Development Section, Dr. Ghazala Noureen. The event included speeches, skits, and Kashmiri national songs. The President of Pakistan Travel Front, Mr. Malik Usman and Vice President of CM Complaint Cell, Mr. Nasir Suleman also shared their views regarding the Kashmir Issue.

As per the directions of government, Kashmir hour was to be observed every Friday, for a month. Students and faculty members of LCWU did not hesitate one bit from expressing their solidarity with the Kashmiris. The national anthems of Pakistan and Kashmir were played, followed by a solidarity walk. A second walk was organised to show solidarity with Kashmir, under the supervision of Director Student Affairs on 20th September 2019. The Registrar LCWU, Deans, Directors, Chairpersons of Departments, faculty members, administrative staff, and students participated in the walk wholeheartedly.

The Mass Communication Department of LCWU also hosted a Seminar on Kashmir Issue: A Crisis Beyond Boundaries, on 1st October 2019, where Mr. Aslam Iqbal, Provincial Minister for Information in the Government of Punjab, was the chief guest. The other guests included Prof. Dr. Mughees Uddin Sheikh, Dean at UMT; Mr. Salman Ghani, Senior Analyst and Journalist for Dunya TV; Mr. Salman Abid, Senior Journalist and Columnist; and, Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza, Vice Chancellor LCWU. Mr. Aslam Iqbal lent his support by highlighting that Kashmir was not an internal issue of India, rather its solution was mandatory for regional stability and global peace. Prof. Dr. Mughees Uddin Sheikh said that Kashmir is an unfinished agenda of partition which has created instability in the South Asia, since both India and Pakistan are the nuclear powers. The global community must realise how critical it is. Dr. Anjum Zia, CoD of Mass Communication Department, expressed that India should stop denying ground realities, must come out of illusions, and accept the fact that it cannot suppress the voice of Kashmiris with brute force and conspiracies. The seminar was attended by a large number of teachers and students of LCWU, as well as, media persons.



Persian Calligraphy Exhibition

The Persian Department organised a calligraphy exhibition, displaying about 70 artworks of Persian students. It was held on 24th September 2019. The exhibition was inaugurated by Muhammad Raza Nazari from the General Consulate of Iran, along with, Vice Chancellor LCWU Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza. The Chairperson of Persian Department, Zahra Kazmi, introduced the aim of the exhibition which was to promote Islamic art amongst the new generation. Both the chief guests also engaged in learning calligraphy. A documentary appreciating Islamic art of calligraphy was also presented.





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Condolence Event Arranged for Parveen Sikander Gill

Lahore College Associates (LCA) arranged an event in commemoration of Parveen Sikander Gill at LCWU on 12th September 2019. She was an alumna of LCWU, an ex- Member Provincial Assembly associated with PML-Q, a reputed social worker and the Secretary of Punjab Hockey Association. The event was attended by members of LCA including ex-Vice Chancellor LCWU, Dr. Bushra Mateen, Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza, Prof. Dr. Naseem Akhtar Saeed, Vice President LCA Prof. Inkasar Nawaz, Senior Vice President LCA Ms. Shahida Sultan, Ms. Tanveer-ul-Islam, Secretary and Joint Secretary Ms. Shahida Waheed and Ms. Shireen Asad, along with the family of Ms. Parveen Sikander Gill. Her brutal murder was strongly condemned, and an appeal was made to the government for an early arrest of culprits.



Visit by American English Language Specialists

American English language specialists, Dr. Andy David Halvorsen and Dr. Patricia A. Phashby, visited LCWU on 12th September 2019, on behalf of the National Academy of Higher Education (NAHE) and Higher Education Commission (HEC). Their purpose was to collect data for designing English Language Teaching (ELT) certification programme for the faculty. The visitors were accompanied by NAHE-HEC focal person for ELT Program, Mr. Tahir Mehmood, and English Programme Manager at Punjab US Consulate General Lahore, Mr. Muhammad Iqbal. The guests had a pleasant meeting with the Vice Chancellor LCWU Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza, Head of English Department Ms. Fareeha Basit, Director Institute of Languages and Culture Sabiha Mansoor, and the Head of TESOL Department Dr. Fareeha Javed. Classroom observations and interviews were also conducted.



Floral Competition

The Department of Botany held its 7th Annual Inter-university Floral Art Competition at LCWU on 19th November 2019. A large number of students from different institutions participated with great zeal. The Vice Chancellor LCWU, Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza, inaugurated the floral competition and exhibition. This was followed by three days of a floral arrangement workshop.





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Mehfil-e-Milad at Jhang Campus

A Mehfil-e-Milad was held at the Jhang Campus of LCWU, on 14th November 2019. Students recited Naat-e-Rasool, and delivered speeches to highlight the various aspects of a righteous life and to praise the absolute piety of the Holy Prophet (PBUH). The mehfil was attended by heads of various educational institutions, as well as, eminent local personalities. Director Administration of Jhang Campus LCWU, Mrs. Rimza Sikandar, reminded her audience of the significance of following the path of Sunnah, so to lead a wholesome life in the world and Hereafter.



Celebration of Pakistan Defence Day

The Department of Professional Studies hosted an event on 6th September 2019 for the Defence Day. The students and faculty of the department participated wholeheartedly. The event was organised under the supervision of Ms. Namirah Aslam. The students presented a documentary on the lives of the families of martyrs from the 1965 Indo-Pak war. In addition to this, the students of all semesters performed in traditional Pakistani dresses, delivered speeches, recited poetry and sang patriotic songs to celebrate the day.



World Pharmacist Day

World Pharmacist Day was celebrated on 25th September 2019, with the theme Safe and Effective Medicines for All. The event was organised by the Director of the Pharmaceutical and Allied Health Sciences Dr. Humaira M. Khan, and the Vice Chancellor LCWU Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza was invited as the chief guest. Director Student Affairs Ms. Bushra Nadeem, Dr. Intesar from University of Engineering and Technology, Dr. Rabiya Khokhar from University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences, and Drug Inspector Dr. Imama Hussain also attended the event and addressed the audience. This event was followed by a walk to raise awareness regarding safe and effective use of medicines.





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International Day for the Elimination of Violation against Women

The Department of Persian and Cultural Society of LCWU organised a performing arts event titled *Mysticism*, on 28th November 2019, on the International Day for the Elimination of Violation Against Women. The program was arranged to highlight the importance of mysticism, and the role of mystics and saints in creating an atmosphere of peace and harmony, especially paying tribute to Ameer Khusrow. A beautiful qawali was also performed by an internationally renowned qawal group, along with a mystical dance performance by another international group. While addressing the event, Chairperson Persian Department Prof. Dr. Fariha Kazmi grieved upon the violence that women have to endure in our society. Students also performed a heart-touching act to raise awareness on this social issue.



World Town Planning Day

World Town Planning Day was celebrated at Iqra Auditorium of LCWU, on 8th November 2019. This event was organised by the City and Regional Planning Department of LCWU and UET together, aiming to grasp attention of policy makers for improved urban and regional planning in Pakistan. The chief guest was Parliamentary Secretary Ministry of Housing and Works, Ms. Tashfeen Safdar. Moreover, Vice Chairman LDA Syed Muhammad Imran and Prof. Dr. Abdul Sattar Sikandar were the Guests of Honour. The panel of speakers, presided by Dr. Bushra Khan, expressed their views and shared their knowledge with the audience about the importance of town planning in the present day.



Christmas Celebrations 2019

A cake-cutting ceremony was held at LCWU on Christmas 2019. Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza was the chief guest for the event. Speaking on the occasion, she wished a merry Christmas to the Christian staff of LCWU. She then cut the Christmas cake and announced, with great joy, that a residential plan for the employees and Christian staff of LCWU is under progress. On the death of a Christian staff, his daughter was given a cheque worth 1.9 million as financial benefit.





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Student Activism Week 2019 Organized by the Rizq Alliance of Students Against Poverty (ASAP) LCWU Program

The Rizq ASAP LCWU Program organised the Student Activism Week 2019, from 21st to 23rd October 2019. The series of events included stimulating talks, seminars, challenging competitions, student presentations, and a wonderful exhibition. Chairperson Department of Professional Studies Dr. Asma Shahid Kazi, Rizq ASAP LCWU Advisor Ms. Shagufta Moghal, and Director Student Affairs Ms. Bushra Nadeem were the focal persons for the events. Students from all over the university participated in the poster competition, speech competition (audition round), national songs competition, and cultural dance competition.

The student activism week not only focused on the core motto of the society – to end poverty and hunger – but also dedicated entire days to the themes of animal rights awareness and cultural diversity awareness. The worthy Vice Chancellor LCWU Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza was the Guest of Honour for the final day, when the co-founder of Rizq Mr. Musa Aamir delivered a talk on the Role of Youth in Feeding the Future.

After the talk, LCWU took a pledge to partner with Rizq in ending hunger from Pakistan. Funds worth over Rs. 40,000 were generated through registrations for the 3- day activities. The Institute of Design and Visual Arts and the Directorate of Student Affairs enthusiastically collaborated with team Rizq LCWU to host the various events.



Dengue Awareness Walk

The Director Student Affairs, Dengue Committee, and Student Council arranged a dengue awareness walk, as per the instructions of Punjab Government, within the premises of campus. It was held on 18th September 2019. The walk was led by the worthy Vice Chancellor LCWU Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza, along with other administrative staff, faculty members and students.

Painting Exhibition at NHQ Visual Art Gallery

A painting exhibition was organised at the NHQ Visual Art Gallery of Lahore College for Women University. The exhibition showcased the beautiful works of Imrana Afsheen.

Sufi Rang

An event to celebrate the impact of mystical poetry of Ameer Khusrow on Pakistan was organised at Lahore College for Women University. The students benefitted from this enlightening experience, diving deep into the realms of Urdu poetry.

Annual Internal Declamation Contest

The English Debating Society organised the Annual Internal Declamation Contest 2019 for the intermediate students, on 26th November 2019. The competition provided a golden chance for the students to showcase and enhance their public speaking skills. Certificates were distributed among the participants and certificates of merit were awarded to the position holders.



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Research Exhibition

A research exhibition was organised by the Department of Punjabi, on 22nd October 2019. Member Provincial Assembly Ms. Sadia Sohail, Vice Chancellor LCWU Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza, Member Youth Wing Mr. Waqar, Mrs. Fareeha Basit, and Dean Institute of Language and Culture Ms. Sabiha Mansoor were invited as guests. Stalls were set up to display the dissertations of the students of Punjabi department. One of the stalls was organised by Ms. Almas Tahira, exhibiting the research works of late and retired staff members, Dr. Suriya Ahmad, Dr. Nasreen Mukhtar, Dr. Abida Hassan, and Dr. Asma Ghulam Rasool to carry forward the legacy of their commendable works.

Tree Plantation for Clean and Green Pakistan

A tree plantation activity was organised in the main hockey ground of LCWU, under the Clean and Green Pakistan Initiative. The Vice Chancellor LCWU Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza, along with Director and Assistant Director Parks and Horticulture Authority (PHA) planted three trees. The LCWU council members also displayed posters to spread awareness on tree plantation and environmental protection.

Study Tour to Gurdwara Janam Isthana

A study tour to the Gurdwara Janam Isthana in Nankana Sahib was arranged by the Department of Punjabi, on 7th August 2019. This day marked the occasion of 550th bicentennial celebrations of Guru Nanak Dev Ji. Chairperson Punjabi Department Dr. Mujahida Butt, along with, Dr. Samina Batool, Dr. Soniya Allah Rakha, Dr. Saima Batool, Dr. Maryam Sarfraz and Ms. Almas Tahira accompanied about fifty students on this study tour.

Compassion Camp for Street Dogs

The Animal Welfare and Protection Society of LCWU organised a Compassion Camp for Street Dogs in Tech Society Lahore, on 6th November 2019. The coordinator for the society, Dr. Amina Obaid Khawaja, along with 9 students from BS Applied Psychology Department, including the secretaries Uzma Parveen and Ayesha Fazal, held the awareness camp. The purpose was to educate residents about kindness towards street dogs. Students placed posters, held a door-to-door awareness campaign, and fed stray dogs.

Punjabi Mushaira

The Department of Punjabi organised a Punjabi Mushaira (poetry recitation event) at the Iqra Auditorium of LCWU, on 6th November 2019. Begum Governor Punjab, Mrs. Parveen Sarwar, graced the mushaira with her presence and appreciated the efforts of the department for raising awareness about the brutalities inflicted upon Kashmiris, as well as, spreading breast cancer awareness. Chairperson Punjabi Department Dr. Mujahida Butt recited her poem, Prof. Dr. Kausar Jamal Cheema lit candles as an expression of solidarity, and District Health Officer Ms. Tahira Maryam delivered a brief presentation on breast cancer.

Annual Autumn Fun Fest 2019

The Directorate of Student Affairs, under Ms. Bushra Nadeem, organised the annual Autumn Fun Festival 2019, on 14th November 2019. The venue was the main hockey ground and Vice Chancellor LCWU Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza inaugurated the event and visited various stalls. The students thoroughly enjoyed themselves and the money generated from the event was submitted to the university endowment fund.



PARTICIPATION IN EXTERNAL EVENTS

Participation in Conference-Expo at PCSIR Laboratories

The ORIC-LCWU represented the university at the Conference-Expo organized by the PCSIR Laboratories Complex Lahore, on the 23rd and 24th September 2019. New and innovative products developed by the faculty and students of Departments of Biotechnology, Pharmacy and Electrical Engineering were showcased at the Conference-Expo. The university stall remained the centre of attention, especially the Homes Automation Project by an Assistant Professor from the Electrical Engineering Department, Dr. Taskeen. This was made possible due to the initiative of the Director ORIC Prof. Dr. Farkhanda Manzoor, as she always guides students and faculty members to bigger avenues.



Participation in International Human Rights Day Event linked with Kashmir solidarity

The Department of Mass Communication, Directorate of Student Affairs, along with a significant number of students and other staff members of varsity, attended an event based on International Human Rights Day linked with Kashmir solidarity on 12 December 2019. The event was organized by Arfa Mazhar CEO-SPO, where the Minister of Human Rights and Minorities Affairs, Mr. Ijaz Alam Augustine, was the Chief Guest. Representatives of Hindu and Christian communities also offered prayers for the betterment of Pakistan and paid tribute to the gallant Pakistan Army.



Several speakers were of the view that global community must stand with Pakistan on the violation of human rights in Indian-held Kashmir and mourned over the situation of Kashmiris. The miserable situation of Kashmir was also portrayed by a group of special children, showing their unity with Kashmiris. Along with this performance, many

tableaus were also performed to show solidarity with Kashmiris. The honorable chief guest also emphasized on basic human rights and condemned the Indian Army and Government for their brutality and cruelty on the wretched Kashmiris.

Sikh Convention at the Governor House

A Sikh Convention was organised at the Governor House, where Institute of Design and Visual Arts (IDVA) LCWU was assigned the task to design the interiors of Darbar Hall. Part of their task was to curate the exhibition for Sikh art and organise the convention successfully. This show was hosted from 28th August till 2nd September 2019, inaugurated by the Governor Punjab, and visited by the Prime Minister Imran Khan. The art works of Director IDVA Dr. Samina Nasim, Chairperson Graphic Design Department Ms. Aisha Sadiqa, Ms. Nida Ijaz from the Research Centre for Art and Design, along with, the renowned artist Irfan Quraish were selected for display in the group show. Ms. Farhana Naz and Ms. Saba Mujeeb Baig, from the Interior Design Department, also participated actively in this convention.



Dry Flower Arrangement Competition by Parks and Horticulture Authority (PHA)

A competition was organised by the Parks and Horticulture Authority (PHA) at the Jilani Park, on 29th November 2019. Armin Atiq, from the Department of Home Economics, won the 1st position in the dry flower arrangement challenge.

Joti Jot Baba Guru Nanak Jee Seminar

A seminar was organised by Diyul Singh Research and Cultural Forum Lahore, on 25th September 2019, reminiscing the works and legacy of Joti Jot Baba Guru Nanak Jee. A delegation of faculty members and students from the Department of Punjabi participated in the seminar, and Dr. Saima Batool and Dr. Maryam Sarfraz presented their research papers.