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1st Virtual 3-Day International Punjabi Conference

The Department of Punjabi, Lahore College for Women University, organised a 3-day conference from 5th to 7th October 2020. The chief guest, Punjab Governor Chaudhary Muhammad Sarwar, graced the event and applauded the efforts of the department, amidst coronavirus pandemic. Dr.DhanwantKour, from India, presented his keynote in the inaugural session. A variety of national and international speakers presented their papers at the conference; they belonged to countries such as India, Canada, Japan, Australia, and USA. These efforts were appreciated by the Vice-Chancellor LCWU Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza, as it was the first online international conference arranged in the history of this university.



3-Day International Conference — New Trends in Natural Sciences

The Department of Biotechnology, in collaboration with Department of Zoology, organised a 3-day international conference on 'New Trends in Natural Sciences-III: Emerging Infectious Diseases, Communicable Diseases - Insights, Zoonoses, Challenges & Strategies', from Dec 8-10, 2020. The focus of the conference was to create public awareness on infectious diseases like COVID-19, the Middle East Respiratory Syndrome Coronavirus (MERS-CoV), and epidemic zoonoses of infectious diseases appearing in a population with temporal and spatial distribution, rapidly increasing in incidence globally.



International Conference 2020 — New Trends in Natural Sciences III

The NTNS-III was an international conference in a series of annual scientific conferences hosted by LCWU. It was mutually organised by ORIC, Department of Zoology and Department of Biotechnology from Dec 21-23, 2020. The conference focused on aspects such as: virology, fisheries, emergence of infectious diseases, COVID-19: post-pandemic challenges and strategies, infectious diseases and zoonosis, and its control and prevention.





CONFERENCES

TEDxLCWU Countdown 2020

TEDxLCWU Countdown 2020 was virtually organised on October 15, 2020 in Lahore College for Women University, under the guidance of Organiser Dr. Asma Shahid Kazi and Co-Organiser Shagufta Moghal. This international conference was part of the global TED Countdown initiative focusing on climate change in the following five domains: power, built environment, transport, food, and nature. This global movement aims to find ways to shift, more rapidly, to a world with net-zero greenhouse emissions and tackle the climate crisis. By hosting this event, the organisers expected to raise awareness, establish linkages and initiate dialogues which translate into action through our young inspiring leaders. The event was hosted by LCWU student Fatima Masood from International Relations Department. Talks and videos by esteemed national and international leaders and environmentalists were showcased as part of the event. Chris Anderson & Lindsay Levin talked about the urgency and need for climate action through their TED video, followed by the address of the worthy Vice-Chancellor LCWU Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza who urged the students and faculties from all universities of Pakistan to play their part in saving the planet. The Pakistani speakers featured by TEDxLCWU were selected to highlight initiatives and personalities who have been working to resolve issues in the five core domains of the Countdown movement. These speakers included MahaQasim, environment and sustainability expert and energy conservationist; Yasmeen Lari, star Co-founder and CEO Heritage Foundation of Pakistan and first female architect of Pakistan; Hammad Naqi Khan, Director WWF and climate change adaptation expert; and, Musa Aamir Co-founder Rizq, the social enterprise for a hunger-free Pakistan. The talks had been approved by TED Official and uploaded on YouTube for viewership by the international audience. The virtual event had over 200 participants from inside and outside Pakistan. A standout feature of TEDxLCWU Countdown 2020 were the five Breakout Sessions which were hosted via Zoom, where moderators and participants discussed and put forth solutions to the local climate and environment problems that they had encountered. The event was live streamed on Facebook and WebTV-LCWU.

PRESENTS

COUNTDOWN LIVE STREAM
OCT 15, 2020, LHR, PK

GUEST SPEAKERS

- YASMEEN LARI
- MAHA QASIM
- MUSA AMIR (RIZQ)
- HAMMAD NAQI KHAN

ORGANIZING TEAM

- ORGANIZER
Dr. Asma Shahid Kazi
- Co-Organizer/ Curator
Ms. Shagufta Moghal

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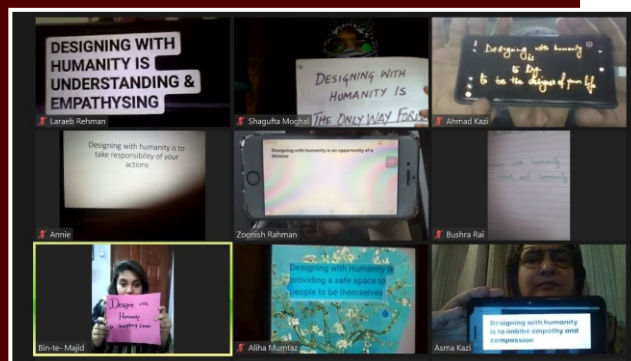




SEMINARS, WEBINARS AND SYMPOSIUMS

July 2020 TED Circle hosted by TEDxLCWU

TEDxLCWU hosted the virtual July 2020 TED Circle event on July 18, 2020, under Shagufta Moghal, Co- Organizer TEDxLCWU. The theme for the event was 'Designing with Humanity', as prescribed by TED. The team selected the talk by Eli Pariser titled 'What obligation do social media platforms have to the greater good?'. The Circle was graced by one of the speakers from TEDxLCWU 2019, Ms. Annie Shamim, in addition to 15 other participants from within the university. Annie Shamim shared an insightful presentation to put across her understanding of the theme, in light of the video. She participated in a lively discussion of the contemporary state of social media, its positives and negatives. The other participants had wonderful inputs as to how the current state of internet and social media can be molded for the better — how a safe space can be created for new innovations, ideas and creations to find their rightful limelight. The key elements pointed out by our participants were regarding what people are doing on these platforms, if their presence adds diversity or makes it harder to find quality amidst a pool of meaningless information. Moreover, they endeavoured to answer the following questions: Who takes responsibility for this virtual space? Do we claim responsibility for our online presence or do we take it for granted and find a rather pointless escape in the online world? The session was concluded by our participants sharing their statements for the month, reinforcing the discussed points and emphasised the need for empathy, compassion, self-management, respect for others, hopes, positive values, and manners in our online conduct.



Webinar on 'Life, Hope and Persian Literature'

The Department of Persian held a 2-day webinar on 'Life, Hope and Persian Literature' to spread the message of hope in the current pandemic of Covid-19, dated July 23 – 24, 2020. The webinar also included a calligraphy exhibition inspired by the verse of the Holy Quran "With every hardship there is ease". While speaking at the webinar, Dr. Hossein Salimi, Chancellor Tabatabai University, Iran, described Persian as the language of hope and peace. He also pointed out the importance of the webinar in enhancing cooperation between Pakistan and Iran. The Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza appreciated the timely execution of the webinar and found the calligraphy exhibition absorbing and aesthetically pleasing. Chairperson Persian Department Prof. Dr. Faleeha Zahra Kazmi highlighted the role of Persian literature in bringing people together. Guests speakers Prof. Dr. Saleem Mazhar, PRO VC Punjab University Lahore, Dr. Muhammad Javad Dehghani, President of ISC and RICEST, Iran, Prof. Dr. Iqbal Shahid, Former Dean GCU, Dr. Ayegun Alizade, Associate Prof. Azerbaijan, Dr. Nasibeh Moazeni, Germany, Dr. Muhammad Safeer, COD Persian Department NUML, Ali Akbar Razai Fard Dr. Naimtullah Iranzada, Associate Professor, ATU, Iran, Prof. Dr. Maryam Hussaini, Alzahra University, Tehran, as well as Professors of Persian from numerous Universities around the world such as Iran, Senegal, South Korea, Serbia, Azerbaijan, and Germany, also participated in the webinar. Maryam Naqvi, an Ex-student of LCWU, currently studying in Iran on scholarship, was also amongst the speakers.



Webinar on 'Women Leadership for Freedom of Kashmir'



The Department of Mass Communication, LCWU, organized a webinar on July 20, 2020. The theme of the webinar was 'Women Leadership for Freedom of Kashmir'. Its aim was to highlight the central role of women in the struggle for self-determination against the illegal Indian occupation. Mishal Hussain Malik, the wife of Hurriyat leader Yasin Malik, was the Chief Guest for the webinar. She shed light on the violence against Kashmiri women by the Indian forces and their resilience in the face of such atrocities. The Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza, the Chairperson Department of Mass Communication

Dr. Anjum Zia, and the Writer and Activist Prof. Zaffar Sindhu expressed solidarity with the Kashmiri women and reiterated that the international community should take definitive actions to curb the war crimes in Kashmir.



SEMINARS, WEBINARS AND SYMPOSIUMS

Webinar on Sikh Persian Heritage in Punjab

The Department of Punjabi organised a Baba Guru Nanak annual webinar under the supervision of Chairperson Department of Punjabi and Director Baba Nanak chair, Prof. Dr. Mujahida, and Assistant Professor and Deputy Director Baba Guru Nanak Chair, Dr. Saima Batool, December 22, 2020. Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza chaired the webinar. Provincial Minister for Human Rights and Minorities Affairs Punjab Mr. Ejaz Alam Augustine was the Chief Guest. Dr. RammniBatra, Mrs. Meeta Khanna (Canada), Dr. Dilbir Singh Panu(USA), Mr. Lakhwvir Singh, Mr. Perminder Singh (India), and Mr. Kalyan Singh Kalyan(Pakistan) presented their research papers. Mr. Ehsan Nadeem Bajwa, Director Diyal Singh forum, and Dr. Sughra Sadaf, Director PILAC, were amongst the guest speakers. Mr. Jaghat Punjabi Sabah from Canada presented a list of the world's 101 eminent Punjabi personalities who made substantial contributions to the development of the Punjabi language. Prof. Dr. Mujahida and Dr. Saima Batool from LCWU were also on the list.



International Webinar 'Punjab's Sikh Era and Impact of Persian Art, Culture and Language'

The Department of Persian organized an International webinar titled 'Punjab's Sikh Era and Impact of Persian Art, Culture and Language', on August 18, 2020. The Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza highlighted the significance of Punjabi culture and its impact on Iranian history, art, and literature. The Chairperson Persian Department Dr. Faleeha Kazmi traced the historical relations between Persia and the subcontinent Province of Punjab. Professor Dr. Elha, Saadi Foundation Iran; Dr. Dalvir Singh, author of the book "The Sikh Heritage: Beyond Borders"; Dr. Jabari Nasab from Iran; Chairperson Dayal Singh Research and Cultural Forum, Mr. Ihsan H. Nadeem; Prof. Dr. Narges Jaber Nasab, Islamic Azad University, South Tehran; Gurcharnjeet Singh Lamba; and Former editor Sant Sipahi were amongst the guest speakers. The speakers discussed the centuries-old relations between the Punjabi and Persian cultures.



Webinar on Sikh Persian Heritage in Punjab



The Department of Applied Psychology organised a webinar on 'Mental Health Services' during the pandemic on 15th August 2020

via Zoom and WebTV-LCWU. The resource persons invited for the webinar were Prof. Dr. Ghazala Rahman, HCPC Registered Practitioner Clinical Psychologist from UK; Dr. Akhtar Ali Syed, Principal Clinical Psychologist at the Brothers of Charity Services in Waterford, Ireland; and, Dr. Iram Bokharey, Chief Clinical Psychologist at Mayo Hospital, Lahore.

1st International Webinar on 'Nanotechnology in the Current Era'

The Department of Physics organised its 1st international webinar on Nanotechnology in the Current Era on September 7 – 9, 2020. The chief guest of the webinar, Vice-Chancellor LCWU Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza, emphasized the significance of nanotechnology in her welcome address. International speakers from the University of Cambridge, University of Bristol and University of Hull (UK), University of Delaware (USA), KTH Royal Institute of Technology (Sweden), and Assam Down Town University (India) delivered very informative talks. In addition, national speakers from various Pakistani universities also deliberated upon the different aspects of nanotechnology. An inter-university e-Poster competition was also conducted with the webinar.



SEMINARS, WEBINARS AND SYMPOSIUMS

International Webinar on Post-Pandemic Effects of COVID-19 on Health and Community

ORIC- LCWU and the Department of Zoology organized an International webinar on the 'Post-Pandemic Effects of COVID-19 on Health and Community' on September 23, 2020. More than 100 participants joined the webinar. The speakers included the Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza; the Vice-Chancellor UHS, Lahore, Prof. Dr. JavedAkram; the Head of Department Zoology and Director ORIC Prof. Dr. FarkhandaManzoor; Prof. Dr. MerilynHibma from the University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand; Dr. Zeeshan Pasha from University of Illinois, Chicago, USA; Dr. Yasir Bashir from Queensland Health Brisbane, Australia; Dr. Yasir Cheema from Quadram Institute Bioscience Norwich, UK; and Dr. Shah Jahan from UHS Lahore. The participants shared their views on the current pandemic situation and discussed the strategies being undertaken to overcome the virus in their respective countries.

Wednesday, September 23, 2020
12:30pm-3:00pm (PST)

Link to join the webinar:
<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79266206863?pwd=WUJ1bTlhcUhd3UjBScW9qVzRlWmEEdD09>

Meeting id: 792 6620 6863
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ORIC, LCWU
Prof. Dr. Farkhanda Manzoor

Timings	Speakers
12:35pm-12:45pm	Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza VC, LCWU
12:45pm-1:00pm	Prof. Dr. Farkhanda Manzoor HOD dept. of Zoology, LCWU Director ORIC, LCWU
1:00pm-1:20pm	Prof. Dr. Javed Akram VC University of Health Sciences, Lahore
1:20pm-1:40pm	Dr. Yasir Bashir (FRACGP) Queensland Health Brisbane, Australia
1:40pm-2:00pm	Dr. Zeeshan Pasha Associate Professor University of Illinois Chicago, USA
2:00pm-2:20pm	Prof. Dr. Merilyn Hibma University of Otago, Dunedin, New Zealand
2:20pm-2:40pm	Dr. Yasir Cheema Research Scientist, Quadram Institute Bioscience Norwich, UK
2:40pm-3:00pm	Dr. Shah Jahan Associate Professor UHS Lahore

Webinar on 'Mental Health Services' during Pandemic

The Department of Persian Heritage in Punjab' webinar was attended by a students. The Vice-Chancellor gave the welcome address. Heritage: beyond borders' Dr. Chief Guest. Dr. Dalvir Singh the Persian language and the field. The Chairperson Faleeha Zahra Kazim participants for making the



organised a webinar on 'Sikh on December 23, 2020. The large number of scholars and LCWU Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza Author of the book 'The Sikh Dalvir Singh Panu was the highlighted the significance of research being done in this Department of Persian Prof. Dr. expressed her gratitude to the event a success.

September 2020 TED Circle hosted by TEDxLCWU

TEDxLCWU hosted its September 2020 TED Circle with the theme, 'Leading with Curiosity' on Sept 19, 2020. The event was hosted by Shagufta Moghal, Co- Organizer TEDxLCWU, who is a TED Circles certified host. The selected talk was by Eduardo Briceno titled, 'How to get better at the things we care about'. A group of participants from various departments of LCWU participated enthusiastically and shared their views. Many of them recognised their roles and outcomes while in the Performance and Learning zones. Everyone faces stagnation at one point or another in various ways, but instead of taking such strides between the two zones, the usual outcome is to become demotivated. This talk made the participants reflect on how individuals subconsciously switch between Learning and Performance zones. In fact, what is viewed as stagnation might be a very productive and integral part of the development of thinking process. It was realised through a thought-provoking discussion that in order to achieve more, a mindset that fosters growth and resilience rather than a fixed mindset that avoids challenges and views failure as an obstacle is the vital requirement.

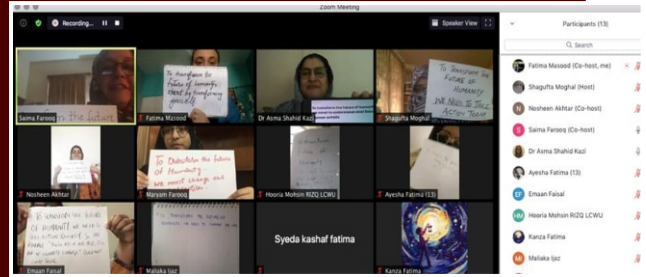




SEMINARS, WEBINARS AND SYMPOSIUMS

November 2020 TED Circle hosted by TEDxLCWU

TEDxLCWU organised a virtual interactive session of TED Circle for the month of November hosted by Shagufta Moghal, Co- Organizer TEDxLCWU, on Nov. 28, 2020. Since the TEDxLCWU Countdown in October, the TEDxLCWU team has developed a long-term plan to create and raise awareness on climate crisis and environmental sustainability, in a way that is localised and plausible at individual levels. Thus, the theme for November's TED Circle was Climate Crisis. The video selected for the month was by Johan Rockström titled, '10 years to transform the future of humanity — or destabilise the planet'. TED animations were played to clear the concepts of global warming and net-zero. Students from over the university, and even from outside university, joined this interactive and extremely stimulating discussion. Excellent ideas were pitched in by all the participants, and although these are things heard by most environment activists, it is only impactful coming from real-life examples of those who are similar to a common man, surrounded by a similar environment and situation to the audience. Hence, this Circle was a success in the aim of achieving localised and interpretable awareness of the climate crisis.



Rizq LCWU webinar on The Role Of Students Activism In Achieving Social Equity

Rizq ASAP LCWU hosted a Rizq ASAP LCWU on November 21, 2021. Co-Musa Aamir had an online members of Rizq LCWU. He definition of "RIZQ". He is not only about food; it's and resources one has. He issues of food wastage in highly interactive and the very engaging. The webinar president of the Rizq Secretary, Nimra Sohail, the advisor Ms. Shagufta



webinar on the topic "The In Achieving Social Equity" founder Rizq Enterprise interaction with the team explained the conceptual further explained that 'rizq' about the opportunity, time, further addressed the Pakistan. The session was team members found it was organised by the Society, Afifa Habib, and under the supervision of Moghal.

LISA-LCWU 2020 Symposium on 'Connecting to Build Capacity to Transform Evidence into Action'

Department of Statistics in collaboration with LISA-LCWU, organised a symposium on 'Connecting to Build Capacity to Transform Evidence into Action', from October 19 – 22, 2020. This Symposium was organized in conjunction with the celebration of the International Year of Women in Statistics and Data Science. A workshop on Advance Analysis Skills and Graphing Solutions in Scientific Research with GraphPad Prism was organised on the first day. On the second day an international webinar was organised under the title, 'Statistics: Solution to Interdisciplinary Research Problems'. In addition, on the third and fourth days, a workshop was conducted under the title, 'Structural Equation Modelling, Mediation and Moderation Analysis using AMOS and the PROCESS Macro for SPSS'. This symposium was attended by graduate and post-graduate scholars of various disciplines from within and outside the university.





MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING, PROJECTS AND GRANTS

MoU Signing Ceremony between LCWU and Hazara University

A memorandum of understanding was signed on September 11, 2020 between LCWU and Hazara University. The objective of the MoU is to collaborate on academic research and development in architecture and archaeology. Under the umbrella of this MoU, the joint research forums and programs will give opportunities to architects and archaeologists amidst the rising tourism, architectural heritage management, and archaeological preservation of historical sites. The MoU signing ceremony was held at the American Institute of Pakistan Studies, Islamabad. It was attended by the Director of ORIC LCWU, Prof. Dr. Farkhanda Manzoor and Dr. Moshin Nawaz from Hazara University.



MoU with Punjab Energy Department to solarise LCWU campus

LCWU signed a memorandum of understanding with Punjab Energy Department to solarise the entire LCWU campus. The Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza signed this MoU with the Punjab Energy Efficiency and Conservation Agency (PEECA) for the provision and installation of solar panel system in LCWU, based on an Energy Service Company Model and retrofitting of inefficient appliances. This solar energy system will provide electricity to all departments and teaching institutes, hostels, and residential colony within the campus, within a year from the date of signing. LCWU will not only be conserving energy, but also finances spent on energy otherwise. This project will be deployed under the supervision of the Dean Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Prof. Dr. Intesar Ahmed and a lecturer from Electrical Engineering department, Muhammad Umar Rana. The project will be fully funded by PEECA.



LCWU Granted Membership of LISA 2020 Network

The Department of Mass Communication signed a memorandum of understanding with the Sustainable Social Development Organisation (SSDO) on November 20, 2020.



MoU Signing Ceremony between LCWU and Qasim Ali Shah Foundation and Pakistan Higher Education Commission

A memorandum of understanding was signed between Lahore College for Women University and the Qasim Ali Shah Foundation (QASF) and Pakistan Higher Education Commission (PHEC) on November 17, 2020. This MoU aims to promote collaboration of information exchange and for conducting joint sessions by motivational speakers from this foundation. The agreement was signed by the Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza, CEO-QASF Mr. Qasim Ali, and Chairman PHEC Prof. Dr. Fazal.





MEMORANDA OF UNDERSTANDING, PROJECTS AND GRANTS

LCWU Granted Membership of LISA 2020 Network

LISA-LCWU (Laboratory for Interdisciplinary Statistical Analysis — Lahore College for Women University Lahore) has been granted full membership of the LISA 2020 Network, under University of Colorado Boulder, USA. LISA 2020 aims to build statistics and data science capacity in developing countries, by creating a robust network of statistics and data science collaboration laboratories known as 'stat labs'. These stat labs could be engines for development by training the next generation of collaborative statisticians and data scientists; serving as infrastructure to support local researchers, businesses, government, and NGOs; and, teaching short courses and workshops to improve statistical skills and data literacy widely. Associate Professor from University of Colorado Boulder and the Director of the Laboratory for Interdisciplinary Statistical Analysis and LISA 2020, Prof. Dr. Eric Vance, granted LISA-LCWU full membership in the LISA 2020 Network. LISA-LCWU is now the 15th member of the LISA 2020 Network. LISA-LCWU has also provided consultancy for data analysis to PhD and MS students of Mass Communication department for data analysis.

LCWU Granted Membership of LISA 2020 Network

A memorandum of understanding was signed between LCWU and the Technical University of Dortmund, Germany, for academic and research collaborations. The Vice-Chancellor LCWU Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza and Rector Prof. Dr. H.C. Ursula Gather signed the MoU. The objective of this MoU is to enhance scientific and cultural cooperation within the respective legal, financial and administrative framework by exchange of information and publications of mutual interest; exchange of teaching and research staff, exchange of students; cooperation in research; and, organisation of projects and workshops. As suggested by the VC LCWU, the Department of City and Regional Planning will initiate joint projects in the field with the Faculty of Spatial Planning at the Technical University, Dortmund. Both institutions will be nominating a member of their permanent faculty staff as the representative for the agreement at their home institutions.

WORKSHOPS AND TRAININGS

Training Session on PPRA Rules and their Interpretation Organised by DFDI-LCWU

The Directorate of Faculty Development and Internationalisation (DFDI) organised a training session of Public Procurement Regulatory Authority (PPRA) rules and their interpretation. The session was organised on October 5, 2020, with the Director Audit and Inspector General Police, Mr. Arshad Baig, as the instructor. This engaging session was attended by the Purchase Committee and staff members of the Purchase department of LCWU.



Learning Session on Handling of Departmental Budget Organised by DFDI-LCWU

The Directorate of Faculty Development and Internationalisation (DFDI) organised a learning session on handling departmental budget. It was held on October 28, 2020 by the Treasurer LCWU Mr. Riaz, the Auditor LCWU Mr. Faisal, and the Budget and Finance Officer Dr. NisarBazmi. This informative session was attended by all Heads of Departments of the university.





WORKSHOPS AND TRAININGS

3-Day Training Session on Syllabus Development and Adaptation

The Directorate of Faculty Development and Internationalisation (DFDI) organised a 3-day intensive workshop on 'Syllabus Development and Adaptation in Higher Education', on November 24- 26, 2020. This was organised in collaboration with the Department of Professional Studies, Institute of Education, LCWU. The two master trainers who conducted the workshop were Dr. Asma Shahid Kazi and Ms. Shagufta Moghal, from the Department of Professional Studies. The workshop focused on the latest techniques and theoretical perspectives of syllabus development and adaptation, and trained the university faculty in becoming effective syllabus designers. The workshop was attended by faculty members from all departments of LCWU.



Virtual Workshop on Data Science with Tidyverse under the 3rd LISA Symposium

The Department of Statistics in collaboration with Statistics Society arranged a week-long workshop of Data Science with Tidyverse from November 2-6, 2020. This workshop was organised as part of the 3rd LISA Symposium, which focused on connecting and building the capacity to transform evidence into action and celebrating the international year of women in Statistics and Data Science. The core speaker was Associate Professor Statistics, Dr. Asifa Kamal, who has completed her Post-doctorate from the University of Southampton, UK. This workshop aimed to train students and faculty members with the basic idea of Big Data and data handling using Tidyverse.

Workshop on the Power of YouTube and Teaching through Digital Technologies

The ORIC-LCWU conducted a workshop on November 17, 2020, for the faculty members of LCWU on the power of digital platforms, such as YouTube, in teaching. Mr. Zahid Qavi from ICAP and Mr. Qasim Ali Shah, discussed the use of social media, Zoom and, YouTube as educational tools and means of imparting knowledge and learning.



Tree Plantation at LCWU Kala Shah Kaku Campus

The Department of Botany organised a tree-plantation campaign, under the flagship of Prime Minister's Clean and Green Pakistan Programme, at the new Kala Shah Kaku Campus of LCWU. The Federal Minister for Climate Change, Zartaj Gul, was the chief guest at the event. In the inaugural address, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza stressed on the need of planting trees at an extensive scale to resolve the climate crisis. This was further emphasised by the chief guest in her address, in which she highlighted the benefits and achievements of the Prime Minister's campaign in confronting the environmental issues and how it has been adopted in most parts of the country; she also commended Punjab Forest Department's participation in the promotion and execution of the programme. The Director-General Forest Research and Extension, Mr. Faisal Haroon, also graced the event with his honourable presence. The Chairperson Department of Botany, Prof. Dr. Farah Khan, expressed her profound gratitude to the worthy Vice-Chancellor, chief guest and all the participants to conclude the aspirational event.



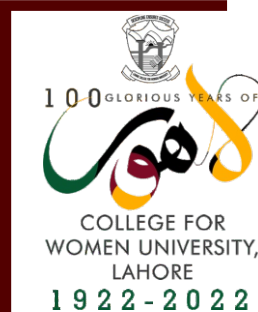
EVENTS AND CELEBRATIONS

Ceremony to Introduce the 100 Years Celebrations of LCWU: Unveiling Ceremony of Iqbal's Sculpture, Gifted by Saadi Foundation and Iran Culture Centre, Lahore

Lahore College for Women University is celebrating its 100 years. The Persian Department opened the ceremonious door to its 100 years celebration by organizing an "Unveiling ceremony of Iqbal's sculpture". The Sculpture of Iqbal is gifted to Persian Department LCWU by Saadi Foundation Iran and Iran Culture Centre Lahore to express Iranians great love and respect for Iqbal. Chief Guest of the ceremony was provincial minister of Punjab for Higher Education, Mr. Raja Yasir Hamayun whereas among other distinguished guests were Consul General Consulate General of the Islamic Republic of Iran, Mr. Muhammad Raza Nazeri, and Director Iran Culture Centre Lahore Mr. Razai Fard. Worthy Vice Chancellor Lahore College for Women University, Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza, Deans and Directors of various departments also graced the function with their presence. A large number of students also attended the ceremony.



There was a logo and poster competition also held in connection with LCWU 100 years celebration, Dr. Masooma Sherazi announced the names of winners. Prof. Dr. Faleeha Zahra Kazmi Chairperson Persian Department thanked the honorable guests and while talking about the importance of Persian language said that 75 % of Iqbal's poetry is in Persian. She also expressed hope that sculpture of Iqbal will be the source of inspiration for young generation. Mr. Nazeri Consul General of Iran in Lahore while sharing his thoughts said that Iqbal was a great poet, thinker, reformer, economist and politician but his poetry is his best introduction so it should be revived. Chief Guest Mr. Yasir Hamayun addressed the audience and while appreciating the Love and cooperation of Iran Government, its people and institutions, he said that Iqbal is commonly read, loved and appreciated in Iran and Pakistan. In the end certificates were given to the participants of Logo and poster competition and the Artist of the sculpture Mr. Shahzad Ali.



Kiosk Activities by Rizq ASAP LCWU

The motivated and Students Against Poverty series of Kiosk Activities in 2021. The purpose of the information and recruit new Society. The team funds for the deserving outside LCWU. The supervision of Rizq ASAP The president of the Rizq Nimra Sohail were the main



enthusiastic team of Rizq alliance of (ASAP) LCWU Program hosted a LCWU at the end of November kiosk activities was to disseminate members for the Rizq LCWU members sold badges and raised poverty stricken families inside and activities were carried out under the LCWU Advisor Shagufta Moghal. Society, Afifa Habib, and Secretary, organizers for the activities.

Provincial-level Competitions for Shan-e-Rehmat-ul-lil-Alameen Week

The Directorate of Student Affairs, in collaboration with Islamic Studies department, organised the provincial round of Shan-e-Rehmat-ul-lil-Alameen week for Qirat, Naat and Speech competitions in the female category, on November 14, 2020. Students from nine districts of Punjab participated in the event and the event was telecasted live on WebTV-LCWU and FM 96.6. Hafiza Memoona Ashraf (IUB), Rida Farooq (GCUF), and Nimra Batool (GCWUF) got first positions in Qirat, Naat and Speech competitions respectively. The winners and participants were presented with shields and certificates.





PARTICIPATION IN EXTERNAL EVENTS

Participation in Virtual Session organized by TED about the Countdown initiative

The organizers for TEDxLCWU Dr. Asma Shahid Kazi and Ms. Shagufta Moghal participated in a virtual session organized by TED about the Countdown initiative to be launched in October 2020. This was an informative session, hosted on July 30, 2020, was about why one should play a role in the global Countdown initiative by bringing the important conversation to one's local community.



Participation in Darbar-e-Jiddat, a Group Show at ArtCiti Gallery

Renowned contemporary and faculty members in the ShibleeMunir and Ms. Noreen have studied under the guidance of tradition miniature paintings in introduce innovation in miniature The show was exhibited on followed by an artist talk titled,



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Participation in Session hosted by Global TED Circles

TEDxLCWU Organizer Dr. Asma Shahid Kazi attended Question and Answer session with Tom Crowther organized by the Global TED Circles Team in December 2020. This interactive and insightful session focused on how educators and educational institutions can play their part in climate change awareness.



Participation in Contemporary Art Initiative Exhibition

Ms. Sidra Liaqat, a lecturer from the Department of Visual Arts, was fortunate that her work was selected by a renowned Turkish Art Gallery, Contemporary Art Initiative, which exhibited her project in the virtual international multidisciplinary art exhibition from June to August 2020.

Participation in the United Nations Volunteers Programme

A final year student from the Department of City and Regional Planning (CRP), Mahnoor Fatima, participated in the United Nations Volunteers Programme 2020. She was awarded a certificate of appreciation for her contribution to Sustainable Development Goal No. 6, 'Clean Water and Sanitation', through a project titled 'Support Expert Review for Water Quality Study in Papua New Guinea. The certificate was granted by Morobe Development Foundation Inc. and United Nations Volunteer Program. The United Nations Volunteers (UNV) program contributes to peace and development through volunteerism worldwide, and as the Vice-Chancellor LCWU Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza believes, volunteering is an unbeatable opportunity to serve as a responsible citizen. Mahnoor was appreciated and congratulated for her efforts by the VC LCWU, the Dean Faculty of Engineering and Technology Prof. Dr. Intesar Ahmad, and Chairperson CRP Department Prof. Dr. M. Atiq-ur-Rahman. They also expressed their commitment for providing other students of LCWU similar opportunities that can help them gain valuable knowledge in their fields and inculcate in them the skills they would need in the professional world and for the betterment of the society through hands-on projects.



PARTICIPATION IN EXTERNAL EVENTS

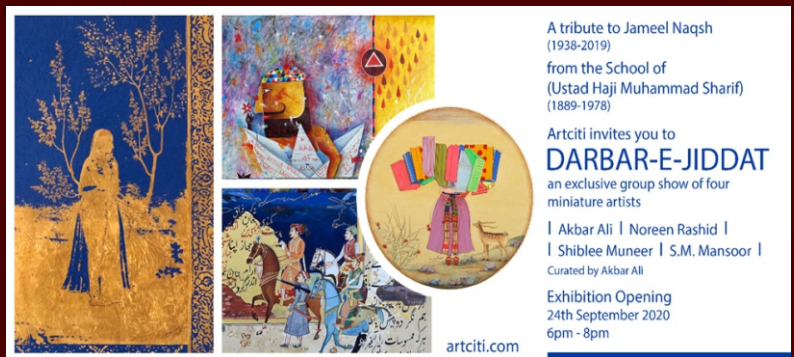
Participation in "Balancing Life", a Pink Hats Session by Toast Masters International Women's committee

Dr. Asma Shahid Kazi, Faculty In charge Department of Professional Studies, attended a Pink Hats Session, on November 22, 2020, organized by Toast Masters International Women's committee. She attended the event as a panelist.



Participation in Darbar-e-Jiddat, a Group Show at ArtCiti Gallery

Renowned contemporary miniature artists of Pakistan and faculty members in the Department of Visual Arts, Mr. Shiblee Munir and Ms. Noreen Rashid, had a four-person show at ArtCiti Gallery in Karachi titled, Darbar-e-Jiddat. They have studied under the guidance of Ustad Haji Sharif, a pioneer of tradition miniature paintings in Pakistan. and aimed to introduce innovation in miniature art through the group show. The show was exhibited on September 24, 2020 and was followed by an artist talk titled, Discourse.



Participation in Virtual 2nd International Conference on the Future of Education 2020, 2nd.IConFed 2020, Malaysia

Dr. Asma Shahid Kazi and Shagufta Moghal from the Department of Professional Studies, Institute of Education, LCWU participated in the Virtual 2nd. International Conference on the Future of Education, 2ndIConFed 2020, Malaysia, on November 17-18, 2020. They presented a research paper and presentation on 'Educating with Hybrid And Blended Learning: Response To Academic Changes in Pakistani Universities'. The paper presentation was presented via YouTube, and received a positive response from the international academic community who participated in the conference.

Participation in 3 Donna Artiste 3 Continenti, an International Group Show



Ms. Noreen Rashid, from the Department of Visual Arts, participated in three-person international show titled, 3 Donna Artiste 3 Continenti. It was organised in Rome, Italy at the Red Moon Gallery. The group show was opened on

October 28, 2020. Ms. Noreen, through her profound understanding of her art and skill, has earned herself, the university, and the nation great honour at an international stage.

Participation in Webinar by MAPS YPF Cohort-II

Dr. Sahar Zia, lecturer from the Department of Geography LCWU, was invited for a webinar as a guest speaker conducted by MAPS on December 16, 2020. She shared her insight on availing fully funded opportunities for young professional fellowships (YPF) in Uzbekistan. She highly recommends the youth to become part of this project so they can avail opportunities to create and implement their ideas on international forums.





STUDENT SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY AND OUTREACH PROGRAMS



Distribution of Rizq Donations among Non-Teaching Staff and Guards of LCWU

As part of the activities of the Rizq Alliance of Students Against Poverty (ASAP) LCWU Program, the team collected Donations from the faculty and students to help the deserving non-teaching staff and guards of LCWU. The total donations collected and contributed in July, 2020 were Rs. 40,000/-. The funds were distributed after consultation with the Chief Security Officer and Director of Student Affairs. The entire process was supervised by Dr. Asma Shahid Kazi and Rizq ASAP LCWU Advisor Shagufta Moghal, from the Department of Professional Studies.



Rizq ASAP Donations for Wedding of Deserving LCWU Guards

The Rizq Alliance of Students Against Poverty (ASAP) LCWU Program, took the responsibility to arrange funds for the wedding of two LCWU Guards in September 2020. The collected funds of Rs. 30,000/- were presented as a gift to host the wedding reception of the guards. Rizq ASAP LCWU Advisor Shagufta Moghal, from the Department of Professional Studies, and Director Student Affairs supervised the donation process.

Donation of Monthly Rations to Rizq Enterprise

The team of Rizq ASAP LCWU Program has been donating rations for two deserving families each month during the months of July – December 2020. The price for one ration is set as Rs. 3500/- by Rizq Enterprise; the team has been donating Rs. 7000/- per month. The president of the Rizq Society, Afifa Habib, and Secretary, Nimra Sohail, have taken the responsibility of collecting and submitting the donations.

Donations for Reconstruction of the Roof of a Deserving Family

The Rizq Alliance of Students Against Poverty (ASAP) LCWU Program took the initiative to host a collection drive to help a deserving family who lost their home when their roof collapsed in the rainy season. The team worked hard to raise Rs. 25000/- in the month of October and contributed for the reconstruction of the roof.



THE WAY FORWARD FOR LCWU

LCWU Academic Council Approves New Programs

The 25th meeting of the Academic Council was held at the Lahore College for Women University, chaired by the Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza. The meeting was attended by Deans, Directors, Heads of Departments, and representatives of the Higher Education Department. On the direction of the Chancellor, Governor Punjab Chaudhry Muhammad Sarwar, the Academic Council approved the teaching of the Holy Quran with translation as mandatory for all university students. The Quranic education will be part of the academic curriculums at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. The new academic programs approved by the Council include, Doctor of Physical Therapy; BS Software Engineering; and, B.Ed (1.5 years) at Government Post-Graduate College, Samanabad, Lahore. PhD and MBA programs with specialisation in Human Resource Management, Marketing, Finance, Tourism, Hospitality Management, and Entrepreneurship and Executive MBA were approved under the Department of Management Sciences. Multiple other diplomas and short courses in various disciplines were also approved. A special Zia-ud-Din Babri Medal was also announced for the Pharm-D program. All of these new additions, along with the existing disciplines, aim to empower female students as active members of the society.

Inauguration of IT Labs at Faculty of Management and Public Administration

The worthy Vice Chancellor LCWU Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza inaugurated two IT labs at the Faculty of Management and Public Administration on December 23, 2020. These state of the art labs have been equipped with 80 Core-i7 computers and high-speed internet. These labs have been funded by Higher Education Commission under the project, Strengthening of Faculties. The VC appreciated the Chairperson of Management Sciences department, Dr. Muhammad Fiaz, for the timely completion of the project.



76th Syndicate Meeting of LCWU

The Syndicate of the Lahore College for Women University has approved the annual university budget for 2020-21, worth Rs. 2.1 billion approximately. The syndicate was held on June 30, 2020, chaired by the worthy Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Bushra Mirza. The syndicate approved a special fund of Rs. 10 million to tackle the coronavirus situation in the university. Moreover, under the university's energy-saving policy, Rs. 3 million has been allocated for the conversion of PG Block on solar energy. A residential block for 1-4 grade staff of the university has also been approved, the idea for which was introduced by the Vice-Chancellor herself. A significant amount of Rs. 20 million has also been allocated for the purchase of latest online systems and digital-technology equipment.

LCWU Finalised and Executed Online Admission Policy

The online admission policy was finalised and the admission process started from September 9, 2020. The admission process for Fall 2020 was completely online, without any paper submissions, for the first time in history of the university. This was a great step taken with the cooperation of the 40 teaching departments at graduate and post-graduate levels, for a total of 100 available programs, in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic. Admissions for the intermediate college also started from September 11, 2020.