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GCU Held Workshop on Drone Technology

The Department of Geography at Government College University conducted a national workshop on “GIS Mapping through Drone Technology” to train the students in GIS mapping, handling difficult drone flights and capturing the best aerial images. Around 70 participants from different universities including University of the Punjab, Lahore College for Women University and Forman Christian College University participated in the event. The lectures and field surveys were conducted by Prof. Dr. Jamil H. Kazmi from the University of Karachi who also briefed the participants about remote sensing and 3D modeling of remotely sensed imagery. The Chairperson Department of Geography Dr. Ali Iqtadar Mirza said that the workshop would enable the participants to handle challenging drone flights and capturing the absolute aerial images.

Apronix-tech-18 Extravaganza at GCU

The APTRONIX-TECH-18, a three-day programming, art and gaming extravaganza concluded at Government College University under the auspices of Department of Computers Sciences and IEEE Students. Over 450 students and professionals from various universities including University of the Punjab, University of Sargodha, KEMU, UMT, NUML, and UCP participated in the programming training workshop. The sessions at training workshop included technical competitions of 'Code Breaking', 'Android Development' and 'Catch the Bug' along with social events such as 'project exhibition', 'women of wisdom', 'minute to win IT games' and 'scavenger hunt'. The competitions also covered the special events for students of Electrical Engineering such as 'Speed Wiring', and Circuit Designing. Moreover, the motivational lectures, photography events and seminar on robotics and on campus recruitment test by a leading software house was also organized.

Dr. Syed Asad Raza Kazmi, Chairperson Department of Computer Science said that APTRONIX-TECH-18 was one of the biggest Computer Science and Information Technology extravaganza in the country. He mentioned that such events provide great opportunity to students to exhibit their creativity and talent, and a chance to learn from other students. He congratulated the students on successfully hosting such a big event, adding that it is the best way to exhibit a united team's talent, dedication, and organizing skill on the national level.

APTRONIX-TECH-18 advisors Mr. Yahya Khurram, Syed Ijaz Hussain Bukhari and Mr. Muhammad Hafeez said that the event was a source of learning the strategic performance and maneuvering in time-constrained and critical situations.



Old Ravian Donated 6th Silver Scholarship to GCU EFT

An eminent businesswoman and Old Ravian Mrs. Iqtadar Ahmad donated the sixth silver scholarship to the Government College University Endowment Fund Trust (GCU-EFT) which would be given to a financially-challenged student on merit every year.

Mrs. Iqtadar Ahmad along with her husband handed over the donation cheque of Rs. 500,000 to the Vice Chancellor at a graceful ceremony at GCU. The scholarship will be awarded in the name of her father, Mr. Fayyaz Ahmed Qureshi. Dr. Khalid Manzoor Butt Secretary Executive Committee GCU EFT said that Mrs. Iqtadar Ahmad was a regular donor of GCU EFT and already supporting the education of five university students.

Prof. Dr. Hassan Amir Shah, Vice Chancellor reiterated that Old Ravians were their real strength who always helped them in advancing the University's vision and mission. He stated that the university's Endowment Fund Trust, established from their support and had swelled to Rs. 360 million supporting the education of over 600 students every year from its profit/interest.



GCUDC Staged an English Play "and Then There Were None"

The Government College University Dramatics Club (GCUDC) staged an English play "And then there were none" written by Agatha Christie. The play was a tale about the unexpected; an experiment in dramatics of the suspense, thrill and sheer horror. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Nizamuddin, Chairman Punjab Higher Education Commission was chief guest at the opening day of the play which received an overwhelming response from the spectators who remarked that they never felt detached for a moment from the situation projected before them.

Mr. Irfan Randhawa Advisor GCUDC directed the play which revolved around ten strangers strangled on an island, getting murdered one by one mysteriously. The scenes were so well conceived that they cast a spell on the audience and leave them with the question as to who dies next and who is the killer.

Prof. Dr. Hassan Amir Shah, the Vice Chancellor appreciated the invaluable efforts put in by GCUDC for the survival of the glorious theatrical traditions at GCU. He appreciated that the play was complete show of GCU Dramatics as no technical or any other kind of support was hired from outside. Rana Ali Nawaz Khan, President GCUDC, sketched the character of Philip Lombard with enviable finesse. He imbibed varying shades of emotions in this persona with considerable ease. Hafiz Muhammad Najam us Saqib breathed life into Justice Wargrave's character remarkably well. His acting skills juxtaposed him with the best of Thespians GCUDC ever groomed. Eesha Razia, Hafiz Muhammad Rahat ul Ain and Afaq Imran also presented impressive performances.

The play's set was quite embellished and fairly complex. The Art Director Ms. Amna Anwaar Khan and her team from the Department of Fine Arts made the set aesthetically appealing and quite life-like. Ms. Irtiza Aslam and Mahnoor Ajmal tactfully managed the lights addressing the demands of different scenes. Dr. Sobia Mubarak made a significant contribution in terms of the choice of script, costume design and rehearsing the nail biting mystery thriller.

It was the GCUDC's second consecutive English production after a gap of nine years which was much appreciated for its peculiar forms and themes. Prof. Hassan Shah dedicated the GCUDC's marvellous enactment to the eminent Ravian actor/director and founder of AJOKA, Ms. Madeeha Gohar who breathed her last after a long drawn out battle against cancer on April 25, 2018. He paid glowing tribute to her contribution to theatre and social reformation. He applauded the team effort of GCUDC in making this challenging play a thunderous success under the guidance of eminent philosopher and writer Prof. Mirza Athar Baig.

Prof. Mirza Ather Baig said that theatre had an important function to reform the society, and all universities should play vital role for reviving the culture of quality theatre in the country. A large number of eminent Old Ravians from all walks of life were invited to watch the play.



Oil Painting Exhibition held at GCU

The exhibition titled “Lost and Found” housed eighteen watercolor and aquarelle paintings of rural landscapes by renowned artist Nazir Ahmed. The Mughal era was also brought back to life by artist Abdul Wahab through his oil paintings. Eminent architect Nayyar Ali Dada inaugurated the exhibition which was organized by the Department of Fine Arts at Minhas Art Gallery.

Prof. Dr. Hassan Amir Shah, the Vice Chancellor appreciated that Abdul Wahab had not only highlighted the beauty of Mughal architecture but also presented the life around these buildings through miniatures. However, Prof. Shah said, that Nazir Ahmed's paintings were a strong reminder of William Wordsworth's love for nature.

Talking to media, Nazir Ahmed said that every artist was fascinated by something but nature fascinated him because it was created not by man but by the Almighty Allah. Mr. Erfan Ullah Babar Chairperson Department of Fine Arts also lauded the artwork of both artists.



Books Donation to GCU

Eminent scientist Prof. Dr. Muhammad Afzal donated his personal library comprising of highly valuable publications to Government College University for the benefit of students and researchers. Dr. Afzal is currently Professor Emeritus at the University of Kuwait. His personal library had valuable reference books, textbooks, journals, conference proceedings of different scientific subjects including microbiology, biotechnology, and bio-chemistry.

Prof. Dr. Hassan Amir Shah, the Vice Chancellor GCU expressed gratitude to Prof. Afzal for the valuable donation, saying that the GCU library already housed a collection of more than 150,000 books donated by 55 reputed personalities including Prof. Sufi Tabassam, Prof. Qayyum Nazar, Ashfaq Ahmad, Bano Qudsia and Malik Meraj Khalid.

A Lecture on “Quranic Dimensions of Muslim thought”

Eminent scholar and theologian Prof. Dr Abdul Hafeez Fazli cautioned against mixing philosophy and scientific theories with religion, saying that “science is tentative information which changes with the passage of time while Quran is truth and the truth never changes and remains the same.” Prof. Fazli, who is the former Chairperson, Department of Philosophy Punjab University, delivered a lecture on “Quranic dimensions of Muslim thought” organized by Brett Philosophical Society of Government College University. He highlighted the fallacies which arose in Muslims thought by mixing it with foreign elements and Greek philosophy.

He explained in detail how to reconcile the Quranic concepts of cosmology and ontology with the modern scientific thoughts. He paid tribute to all those scholars and thinkers who have published valuable work in the field.



Raheel Sharif Donates PKR two Million to GCU EFT

Former Chief of Army Staff, General (r) Raheel Sharif donated PKR two million to the Government College University Endowment Fund Trust (GCU-EFT) for the fee of financially-challenged students. Addressing the Old Ravians Union (ORU) at Annual Dinner where he was the chief guest at the university's Oval Ground, he said that this visit to his alma mater had filled him with nostalgia of student life. He said "It's been the most memorable days; I strongly miss the maroon blazer, my motorbike and all the flavours of a Ravian life, especially the respect we get as a student of this prestigious institution".

He said that his association with Government College Lahore dates to 1964 when his sister completed masters from this institution and he came here to attend her degree awarding ceremony. "My two brothers Major Shabbir Sharif Shaheed (Nishan-e-Haider) and Captain Mumtaz Sharif also studied from this great institution,". The former army chief paid glowing tribute to his professors for inculcating in him the values and spirit to fight various challenges in life with dignity and honour.

Prof. Dr. Hassan Amir Shah, the Vice Chancellor reiterated that Old Ravians were their real strength who always helped them in advancing the University's vision and mission. He stated that the university's Endowment Fund Trust, established from their support, had swelled to Rs. 360 million supporting the education of more than 600 current Ravians every year. The Vice Chancellor indicated that a university requires multibillion rupees investment for new buildings, laboratories, classrooms, equipment etc, it is essential that both the government funding and fundraising by Old Ravians Union must continue.

Kazi Afaq Hossain, President ORU and the former federal Secretary thanked the General Raheel Sharif for gracing the function which was also marked by a musical performance by eminent singer Khalid Baig. The historical Gothic Style building of GCU was also illuminated for the reunion celebrations. Prof. Dr. Khalid Manzoor Butt, Honorary Secretary ORU who received the two million rupees cheque proudly said that GCU had strongest alumni in the country, which had always played active role in the protection and development of their alma mater.

Rana Asad, General Secretary ORU conducted the proceedings and highlighted performance of the union during last one year. He also announced Lifetime Achievement Award for the music maestro, Mr. Tariq Salman Farani from the union for his 40 years invaluable services for music and GC University Lahore.

Syed Raza Ali Gillani, Punjab Minister for Higher Education, politicians, judges, businessmen, bureaucrats, police officers and large number of Old Ravians from across the country also attended the reunion with their families.



Chinese Student Captures Life at GCU

David Shan Zheng Bo, a Chinese student studying Urdu literature at Government College University presented a photo exhibition at the Minhas Art Gallery. The Exhibition depicted daily life of the university's students and their participation in co-curricular and sports activities.

Prof. Dr. Hassan Amir Shah, the Vice Chancellor inaugurated the one-day photo exhibition which was also attended by the Chinese community residing in the provincial metropolis. David Shan Zheng Bo displayed his 300 photographs of different cultural, sports and co-curricular activities held at the GC University Lahore. Prof. Shah expressed pleasure that many international students come to GCU to study different academic programmes and enjoy their stay here. Chinese student said that he had fallen in love with the 154 years GCU Lahore, so he had preserved these golden memories.



Mushaal Asks Youth to Raise Voice for Freedom of Kashmir

Ms. Mushaal Hussein Mullick, a human rights activist and the wife of Kashmiri leader Yasin Malik, called upon the youth to raise their voice at all platforms including social media for the rights and freedom of Kashmiris who are facing unabated brutalities in the occupied valley.

Ms. Mullick said that India had literally snatched the right of life from Kashmiris, and there is a curfew like situation in the valley on daily basis; even little children are subjected to violence and torture by the Indian armed forces during search operations.

The human rights activist believed that India deserved to be immediately declared a terrorist state over brutal genocide of innocent Muslims in the occupied valley. She paid glowing tributes to the Kashmiri women, saying that they are the most oppressed in the world; harassed in every street of the valley by Indian armed forces, most of them were physically assaulted or raped but yet they are still fighting for their rights and freedom.

Prof. Dr. Hassan Amir Shah, the Vice Chancellor strongly condemned the atrocities committed by the Indian armed forces against the innocent Kashmiris. "We salute the people of Jammu and Kashmir for showing resilience and steadfastness towards the on-going struggle for attainment of their right to self-determination," he added. The Vice Chancellor also expressed solidarity and sympathy with the families of those whose dear ones have been brutally murdered, and those whose sons were languishing in various jails across India. "We urge the international community and the human rights organizations to build pressure on India so that the ever-rising war crimes and relentless human rights abuses are stopped forthwith in Kashmir," Prof Shah mentioned.

The Vice Chancellor believed that the Kashmir dispute earnestly needed a peaceful resolution in accordance with the UN Security Council resolutions and the demands of the people of Kashmir to provide the right to self-determination to the people of Kashmir.



GCU Job Fair Receives Overwhelming Response

Career guidance and Placement office of GCU organized Job fair at Bokhari Auditorium under the auspices of Quality Enhancement Cell. About 42 noted organizations including, IT firms, NGOs, manufactures, textile industry, and ecommerce websites set up their stalls at the Job Fair. The organization offered more than 1,200 internship and permanent placement opportunities to the university's students and graduates. The companies conducted on-campus interviews and short-listed candidates for different positions.

Addressing the concluding ceremony, eminent Industrialist, entrepreneur and the CEO of Sefam Bareeze Mr. Hamid Zaman said that employers always prefer those candidates who have a positive attitude, better communication skills and a passion to work. Mr. Zaman advised the students to strive for excellence and then wait for the returns. He emphasized that the universities should develop strong liaison with industries, adding that degrees and curriculums rapidly become stale due to changing industrial requirements.

Prof. Dr. Hassan Amir Shah, the Vice Chancellor said that such job fairs plays crucial role in bridging the gap between the universities and industry, and also helped them understanding modern market demands. He mentioned that academic environment and ethos of GCU concentrated on overall grooming, confidence-building and personality development of students which was the reason that the reputed companies preferred GCU students and graduates.

Ms. Iram Sohail, Director Quality Enhancement Cell said that employability was an indicator to assess the quality of graduates. Therefore, employers prefer to recruit GCU students and graduates at their organizations. She stated that such job fairs fast track the placement of their students in reputed



organizations.

Mr. Saboor Khan, Registrar GCU also visited stalls of all companies and discussed the recruitment policies and criteria with the company executives. Later, Prof. Shah and Mr. Zaman gave away certificates to the representatives of the companies participated in the job fair. Ms. Zainab Humayun Placement Officer GCU was hopeful that more than 250 students would secure permanent job placements and internships from the job fair.



Blood Donation Camp at GCU

The students of Government College University donated almost 115 pints of blood for the children suffering from cancer at one-day blood camp organised by the university's Blood Donor Society (BDS GCU) in collaboration with the Shaukat Khanum Memorial Cancer Hospital and Research Centre (SKMCH&RC). Prof. Dr. Hassan Amir Shah, the Vice Chancellor visited the camp and appreciated the efforts of Blood Donor Society members that donates more than 1500 pints of blood every year for the patients children suffering from thalassemia. Prof. Dr. Iqbal Shahid, Dean Faculty of Languages and Dr. Babar Naseem Aasi Advisor BDS GCU was also present on the occasion.

Prof. Shah called upon all the students to donate blood and highlighted the importance of voluntary blood donation in protecting precious human lives. A large number of faculty members and female students also donated the blood at the camp.



GCU Reopens Utaq-e-iran Shenasi

The Government College University re-opened "Utaq-e-Iran Shenasi" (Centre for Iranian Studies) which was partially damaged last year in a fire accident. Khana-e-Farhang Iran Lahore Director General Ali Akbar Raziqfard and Prof Dr Hassan Amir Shah, the Vice Chancellor inaugurated the centre after its restoration to the original condition.

On the occasion, the Vice Chancellor said that the center has some rare Iranian books and Encyclopedias in its rich collection on Persian Language and Literature, and even many foreigners visit this centre every year for research purposes. He stated that Utaq-e-Iran Shenasi was established in 2005 and also compiling the first complete Persian to Urdu dictionary under the guidance of eminent poet, writer and researcher Prof. Dr. Zaheer Ahmad Siddiqi. He expressed gratitude to Khana-e-Farhang Iran for their support for the restoration.

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Iqbal Shahid, Dean of Languages and Oriental Learning and Dr. Faleeha Zahra Kazmi Head of Persian Department at LCWU also addressed the inauguration ceremony.



Give Hazaras Right to Live: Peace Walk in GCU

An on-campus peace walk was held at Government College University Lahore to express love and solidarity with the Hazara Community in Pakistan. A large number of students and faculty members, participated in the walk, carried banners and placards stressing the need of promoting peace, tolerance, inter-faith harmony, co-existence, unity and non-violence in the society.

Dr. Sobia Tahir revealed that a large number of Hazara students are also studying at GCU. The faculty; staff and students sympathize with the aggrieved Community and always stand with them in this moment of trial and anguish.

Prof. Dr. Tahir Kamran, Dean Faculty of Social Sciences GCU led the walk from the university's Sports Complex to Clock Tower holding a banner "Give Hazaras Right to Live". He stressed the need for promoting tolerance in society through education.

Talking to media, the university students enthusiastically vowed to stand shoulder to shoulder with their Hazara fraternity in time of trial and ordeal. They said that all the citizens of Pakistan were equal and no one should be discriminated in the name of colour, creed, race, faith and ethnicity. They condemned every form of sectarian hatred in strong words.



International Conference on Biosciences held at GCU

Professor Dr. Syed S.H. Rizvi from Cornell International University, New York highlighted major threats and challenges to the world's food security & sustainability and stressed that their future depends upon developing sustainable food systems which use less land and water. In his key note address at the inaugural session of third international conference on biosciences, Dr. Rizvi, who is Professor of food process engineering said that agricultural productivity was not rising fast enough to sustainably feed the world in 2050.

The three-day international conference was organised by the Biological Society of Pakistan (BSP) in collaboration with the Eco-Science Foundation at Government College University Lahore to deliberate upon challenges and latest scientific developments in plant sciences, microbiology, animal sciences, biotechnology, and environmental science.

Prof. Dr. Hassan Amir Shah, the Vice Chancellor GCU chaired the conference's inaugural session which was also attended by thirteen eminent foreign scientists from Canada, USA, UK, Turkey, Malaysia, Iran and China and Vice Chancellors of different public sector universities of Pakistan.

Talking about the nutrition and health issues, Prof. Rizvi said that out of 7 billion world population, about 2 billion people were suffering micronutrient malnutrition which he called the hidden hunger, while 800 million suffer from calorie deficiency. He added that out of 667 million children under the age of 5 worldwide, about 159 million were too short of their age and 50 million didn't weigh enough of their height, half of these children live in just three countries; India, Pakistan and Bangladesh.

Prof. Rizvi said although many referred to the 21st century as being the age of the biological sciences, he believed it's the age of the agricultural sciences. "The grand societal challenges rely on sufficient food, safe food, food that promotes health and prevents disease, renewable energy, all in the context of changing climate in which agriculture must adapt in order to address the other challenges and for which agriculture can also play an important role in mitigating climate change.

Prof. Dr. Hassan Amir Shah, the Vice Chancellor GCU laid a stress on more investment in research and development, saying that this was the only way forward for Pakistan. He directed the BSP to publish the proceedings of this conference, so that the country's agriculture policy makers could also benefit from it.

Prof. Dr. Ikram ul Haq, General Secretary BSP said that they had received 251 research papers from Pakistan and abroad for this conference; out of which 100 were presented at the 17 technical sessions of the conference besides 17 keynote addresses. He stated that they had also arranged a walled city tour for the foreign speakers at the concluding day of the conference.

Prof. Dr. Anwar Malik President BSP, Prof. Dr. Hamid Mukhtar Chairperson Institute of Industrial Biotechnology GCU, Dr. Muhammad Younas Executive member Punjab Agriculture and Research Board and Engineer Khalil Raza from Eco-Science Foundation also addressed the inaugural ceremony of the conference.

GCU Launches New Literary Magazine "The Quaid"

The Government College University Lahore Quaid-e-Azam Hostel (GCU-QAH) has launched a literary magazine "The Quaid" at its silver jubilee celebrations. Prof. Dr. Hassan Amir, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Ahmad Adnan QAH Warden and Dr. M. Nouman Sarwar Qureshi Superintendent QAH cut the cake of the hostel's silver jubilee at the annual dinner along with the students. The first edition of "The Quaid" was also unveiled on the occasion.

Dr. Nouman Qureshi proudly said that QAH had served as home away from home for many toppers, bureaucrats, army officers, entrepreneurs and poets over the last three decades. He mentioned that the hostel arranged different in-house cultural, co-curricular and sports activities every year for the character-building and personality development of its boarders. He stated that the main objective of the "The Quaid" was to explore and bring out literary talent among the students and promote hostels cultural activities. The Vice Chancellor lauded the publication of "The Quaid", saying that the magazine would serve to focus attention on the literary and cultural life of the QAH and provides the boarders with a medium of self-expression.



Another Achievement of GCU

After qualifying for the Asian Universities Rankings, Government College University Lahore has also made it to the Times Higher Education (THE) Emerging Economies University Rankings 2018. According to the official announcement by the Times Higher Education, the GCU Lahore is ranked overall 351+ among the best research-led universities from the 50 emerging economy nations; standing once again among the ten universities of Pakistan who made it to this coveted list.

The GCU Lahore's strongest pillar is International Outlook, while its weakest pillar is Industry income.

The Times Higher Education Emerging Economies University Rankings 2018 includes institutions from 50 countries classified by the FTSE as "advanced emerging" (countries including Brazil, Greece, South Africa, Turkey), "secondary emerging" (countries including Chile, India, Pakistan, Qatar, Russian Federation) or "frontier" (countries including Argentina, Bangladesh, Croatia, Cyprus, Morocco, Serbia, Sri Lanka, Tunisia, Vietnam).

Other Pakistani universities in the Emerging Economies University Rankings 2018 are Quaid-i-Azam University, COMSATS Institute of Information Technology, National University of Sciences and Technology, University of Agriculture Faisalabad, University of Lahore, University of Peshawar, PMAS Arid Agriculture University Rawalpindi, Bahauddin Zakariya University and University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Lahore.

Prof. Dr. Hassan Amir Shah, the Vice Chancellor GCU said that besides giving international recognition, these rankings helped universities understand their weak and strong areas. Talking about ranking indicators, Prof. Shah elaborated that this ranking used the same 13 performance indicators as the Times Higher Education World University Rankings, examining each university's strengths against all of its core missions – teaching, research, knowledge transfer and international outlook. However, we are informed that this time the methodology has been carefully recalibrated to better reflect the characteristics and development priorities of universities in emerging economies. More weight is given, for example, to a university's industry links and international outlook.



Old Ravians Donate Rs. 14.91 Million to GCU Endowment Fund

The Old Ravians and philanthropists have donated about Rs. 14.91 million to Government College University Endowment Fund Trust (GCU-EFT) at the Annual Fundraising Dinner 2018 for the scholarships of the university's financially-challenged students.

Shahid Khaqan Abbasi, Former Prime Minister was chief guest at the fundraising gala while Malik Muhammad Rafique Rajwana former Punjab Governor and Prof. Dr. Hassan Amir Shah the Vice Chancellor GCU were also present. Besides other alumni, Lahore High Court Justice Farrukh Irfan Khan, an Old Ravian, also donated rupees five million to the fund on behalf of his family. On the occasion, Mr. Iqbal Z. Ahmed eminent industrialist sought the government's approval for establishing a world class business school at GCU in the name of his parents. "Honourable Prime Minister and Respected Governor, I have a selfish reason to invite you at GCU, said Mr. Iqbal Z. Ahmed, adding that he, his family and associates group, both from Pakistan and abroad, were ready donating this state-of-the-art business school to GCU which was estimated to be cost \$ 5 million and they just need government's approval for this very purpose. He mentioned that the income from the school would go to the GCU Endowment Fund Trust for the scholarships of deserving students.

The Vice Chancellor said that the GCU campus, built for few hundred students almost 15 decades ago, now housed more than 12,000 students, faculty and staff members. He requested the Prime Minister and Governor to fast track allocations from Higher Education Commission and Punjab government for establishment and completion of the university's new campus at Kala Shah Kaku.

Prof. Shah appreciated the untiring efforts of the GCU-EFT executive committee members, Mr. Iqbal Z. Ahmed, Mian Misbah ur Rehman, Dr. Parvez Hassan, Mian Muhammad Ashraf, Mr. Javaid Oberoi, Mr. Zia Rizvi and Dr. Khalid Maznoor Butt for strengthening the university's Endowment fund.

Former Prime Minister announced a donation of Rs. 50 million on behalf of federal government for GCU-EFT, saying that Endowment Fund of Government College University (GCU) was doing a great job to facilitate the deserving students.

Prof. Dr. Khalid Maznoor Butt Executive Committee Secretary GCU-EFT said that this year, the trust awarded scholarships worth Rs. 12.5 million to almost 550 financially-challenged students including around 48 golden scholarships which covered the university fee and hostel expenses of a student. He mentioned that the trust had overall awarded more than Rs. 70.6 million scholarships to 2250 students since 2009.

The Old Ravians and philanthropists, including eminent radiologist Prof. Dr. Safdar A. Malik, Mr. Amin Ul Qadri, Ms. Sadia Rafique, Main Asad Bashir, Mr. Saeed Bux, Brig (R) Dabeer Rizvi, Javaid Habib Oberoi, Ahsan Saeed Mian and some private banks gave away donations to the trust at the dinner.



Prof Hassan Shah given Additional Charge of VC, University of Narowal

Prof. Dr. Hassan Amir Shah, the Vice Chancellor GCU has been given the additional charge for the post of Vice Chancellor, University of Narowal. A notification in this regard was issued by the Punjab Higher Education Department after the approval of Chancellor/Punjab Governor Malik Muhammad Rafique Rajwana. According to the notification, Prof. Hassan Shah will hold the additional charge the post till the appointment of regular Vice Chancellor at University of Narowal.



Prof Rizvi 10th Old Ravian to Become CM

Eminent political scientist and analyst Professor Dr. Hassan Askari Rizvi is the 10th Old Ravian to become the Chief Minister of Punjab, said the Old Ravians Union (ORU) executive committee while passing on good wishes to Prof. Rizvi on his appointment as the caretaker Chief Minister. Kazi Afaq Hossain, president ORU said that Prof. Rizvi is the man of honour, integrity, honesty, and dignity and is the best choice in the ongoing situation. He maintained that Old Ravians were highly pleased by Prof. Rizvi's selection because he maintained a very high repute of impartiality among all sections of the society.

Prof. Dr. Hassan Amir Shah, the Vice Chancellor said that it has always been a moment of great pride for an educational institution when its alumnus is appointed on some prestigious position. He mentioned that co-curricular activities at GCU played a very vital in inculcating leadership qualities among its alumni.

Prof. Dr. Khalid Manzoor Butt, Honorary Secretary ORU said that the first Chief Minister of Punjab, Nawab Iftikhar Mamdot, was also alumni of Government College Lahore, while Mian Mumtaz Daultana, Malik Feroze Khan Noon, Malik Khuda Bakhsh Bucha, Muhammad Hanif Ramay, Muhammad Nawaz Sharif, Dost Muhammad Khosa, Mr. Najam Sethi and Muhammad Shahbaz Sharif were also Old Ravians. He mentioned that Prof. Hassan Rizvi had studied at the Government College Lahore from 1960 to 1964, and also taught political science here in late 1960s. Rana Asadullah Khan, General Secretary Old Ravians Union also congratulated Prof. Rizvi and hoped that he, as an eminent educationist, would take initiatives for promotion of education.



Donation of One Million to GCU EFT

An eminent businessman, Mian Asad Bashir donated Rupees one million to Government College University Endowment Fund Trust (GCU-EFT) for Golden Scholarship for the financially-challenged students. The scholarship would be given to a deserving student every year on merit and would cover the university fee as well as the hostel expenses. Mian Asad Bashir handed over the donation cheque to the Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Hassan Amir Shah at a graceful ceremony at GCU, while Prof. Dr. Khalid Manzoor Butt, Executive Committee Secretary GCU-EFT was also present.

Mian Asad Bashir said that unfortunately he was not a Ravian, but he had great trust in working of GCU and its Endowment Fund. This is the fourth golden scholarship initiated by Mian Asad Bashir. Prof. Butt said that costs of education were rising every year and collective efforts were required to help the bright students of the society who could not afford their academic expenses.



Anti-Colonial Week at GCU

An "Anti-colonial Week" was celebrated at Government College University which was marked by a seminar and panel discussion on "Decolonization in Postcolonial Society" at the Physics Seminar Hall.

Prof. Dr. Tahir Kamran eminent historian, Dr. Ali Raza Assistant Professor LUMS, Dr. Majid Akhter from King's College London and Ateeb Ahmed from Minnesota University, USA addressed the seminar which was organized by the Brett Philosophical Society in collaboration with the Department of Philosophy and Interdisciplinary Studies.

Prof. Tahir Kamran pointed out that colonialism brought with itself the centrality of text particularly in regions of subcontinent which resulted in religious and sectarian divisions. He also emphasized to include the significance of post-colonial theory in the curriculum of universities.

Dr. Majid Akhter talked about the psychological effects of colonialism on the people of subcontinent in post-colonial era. He mentioned that structural changes in the system were required to come out of the psychological effects. Dr. Ali Raza highlighted that the students need to create a space for critical discourse in campuses and should research on the new topics about the indigenous issues. He appreciated the efforts of students for arranging the anti-colonial week. Ateeb Ahmed pointed out that the colonializers ignored the internal contradictions of subcontinent and imposed capitalism. He also highlighted the ways in which people of subcontinent were exploited under colonialism.

SECP, GCU Sign MoU for Raising Awareness



The Securities Exchange Commission of Pakistan (SECP) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Government College University (GCU) Lahore for enhancing financial literacy and awareness about capital investment in the society especially among students.

Prof. Dr. Hassan Amir Shah, Vice Chancellor GCU and Mr. Shauzab Ali Commissioner SECP signed 26-point accord at a graceful ceremony organized by the Directorate of Academic Planning and External Links (AP&EL) at the University's Syndicate Committee Room. Ms. Khalida Habib Executive Director SECP, Prof. Dr. Ikram

ul Haq Director Research GCU and Mr. Saboor Khan Registrar were also present.

Mr. Shauzab Ali said that the future of the financial industry in Pakistan belonged to capital markets, therefore, collective efforts of regulators, industrialists and academics were required to realize the potential of capital markets. Mr. Usman Khalid Additional Director SECP said that lack of financial literacy and awareness in the society gave opportunity to unregistered/illegal brokers to loot the investors' savings. He added that the students had access to the latest technology through smart phones but their financial planning concepts and knowledge about investments are very weak. Mr. Usman Khalid mentioned that the investors should always deal with the licensed brokers registered with SECP through the crossed cheques only and never trust the promises of fixed return by any broker.

As per the MoU, the SECP would also hold training workshops and seminars at GCU besides imparting capacity building training to the university's faculty members. The Vice Chancellor expressed gratitude to SECP, saying that this collaboration would be highly beneficial for the university's students.

Vice Chancellor GCU Lays Foundation of Day Care Centre

The Government College University is going to establish a purpose built facility of Day Care Centre for the infants and toddlers of university's faculty members and staff. Prof. Dr. Hassan Amir Shah, the Vice Chancellor laid the foundation stone of the centre which would cost Rs. 12 million to complete. Mr. Saboor Khan Registrar, Mr. Abid Shahzad Treasurer, the Deans and Chairperson of the departments also attended the foundation-laying ceremony at the construction site on the campus. Ms. Iram Sohail, Director Quality Enhancement Cell, who is also In-charge of the Day Care Centre, said that a large of number females were teaching at GCU, and it was their major demand that the university must have proper Day Care Centre for their infants and children. The Vice Chancellor said that the university had allocated funds from its own resources for the centre which would be completed within next eight months. He mentioned that two-floor building would have all the necessary facilities of a day care center. "For the time being, the university is running a small day care center for the staff's children at the Faculty Guest House," he concluded. Mr. Shahid Abro Campus Engineer also briefed the participants about the details of the Day Care Centre.



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