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GCU Turns 155

The Government College University Lahore, turned 155-year-old. The academic travel, which was started in Haveli of Dhian Singh in the Walled City on January 1, 1864 with just nine students and three teachers, completed its 155 years of excellence.

A grand ceremony was held at the university's Amphie Theater where Prof. Dr. Hassan Amir Shah, the Vice Chancellor cut the Founders' Day cake along with the academic and administrative heads. The Vice Chancellor proudly said that GCU had been citadel of higher learning where ideals of tolerance and coexistence flourished with commitment in the last three centuries. He proudly mentioned that GCU in its 155 years of academic travel had produced hundreds of eminent literary figures, artists, politicians, Nobel Laureates, prime ministers, jurists, sportsmen and scientists.

The Vice Chancellor paid rich tribute to the efforts of Dr. Leitner, the founding principal of GC, saying that they would maintain wonderful traditions of academic excellence, research, promotion of new ideas and above all, respect for others' belief and views. He also told media that last year the international ranking of the university had improved besides it witnessed an increase in research publication and appointment of senior faculty members.

The Registrar Mr. Saboor Ahmad Khan told media that the present gothic-style majestic building of the university was built in 1877 on 3,700 square feet with a cost of Rs. 320,000/-. He mentioned that the new campus of the university is under construction at Kala Shah Kaku where classes would hopefully commence in the current year.



12 Women Graduated as Entrepreneurs from WIN

The first batch of 12 women have graduated as entrepreneurs from the Women Innovation Network (WIN), a business incubation center set up at Government College University Lahore by the Punjab Commission on the Status of Women (PCSW). Ms. Masarrat Misbah, eminent entrepreneur, cosmetologist and philanthropist was the chief guest at the WIN's First Graduation Ceremony which was also addressed by noted businessman Salim Ghauri, Prof. Dr. Hassan Amir Shah Vice Chancellor GCU and Mr. Tariq Mehmood Secretary Human Rights and Minorities.

Ms. Fauzia Viqar Chairperson PCSW said that Pakistan had the lowest rate of female entrepreneurs in the world, with only one percent female entrepreneur compared to 21% of male entrepreneurs. She stated that timely economic empowerment of women is vital for Pakistan due to its demographics; about 64% of the population was below the age of 30 and 29% is between 15-29 years. This situation is putting mounting stress on economic structures in Pakistan. She congratulated the 12 women who successfully launched their businesses after being trained by WIN.

Prof. Dr. Hassan Amir Shah said that no nation can progress with majority of its educated women making no contribution to the economic development of the country. He mentioned that girls outperform boys in academics but eventually, they don't opt for any professional careers.

Ms. Musarat Misbah referred to the survey conducted by PCSW in 2018 of approximately 33,000 households in Punjab. She stated that it was highly unfortunate that only 1.3 percent women identified as current entrepreneurs and 15 percent identified as aspiring entrepreneurs. The discrepancy between actual and aspiring entrepreneurs helps us to understand the massive gaps and challenges that exist with respect to women's empowerment through entrepreneurship. She said that such initiatives by GCU and PSCW would go a long way in addressing these challenges through the solution oriented approach. Mr. Salim Ghauri highlighted the percentage of firms in Pakistan that had female participation in ownership is less than 10 percent whereas the corresponding figure of South Asia is over 18 percent.

Donation by a Medical Practitioner from the USA

Dr. Farouq Ahmed, a medical practitioner from the United States, donated one million rupees to Government College University Endowment Fund Trust (GCU-EFT) for the scholarships of financially-challenged students. Prof. Dr. Khalid Manzoor Butt, Secretary Executive Committee GCU-EFT said that Dr. Farouq Ahmed and Mrs. Shahnaz Ahmed Golden Scholarship would be initiated from this donation and it would be given to a deserving student every year on merit.

GCU Students Design Promotional Awareness Campaigns

The students of Department of Fine Arts displayed promotional and awareness campaigns on social issues as their thesis, which also included a tribute to the legend comedian, Saeed Khan, popularly known as "Rangeela". Prof. Dr. Hassan Amir Shah, the Vice Chancellor inaugurated the exhibition at the University's Salam Hall, while Registrar Mr. Saboor Ahmed Khan was also present.

As many as 13 students of Bachelor in Fine Arts (Hons.) displayed their projects which comprised of complete promotional material including press and electronic media advertisements, calendars, pamphlets and social media pages for promotion of their brands and raising awareness about social issues. The campaigns on Harley Davidson and tribute to martyrs of Punjab Police also remained centre of attraction at the exhibition.

The Vice Chancellor lauded that all the students had adopted a comprehensive approach for promotion of their products and separately designed targeted campaigns for social media and general campaigns for electronic and print media. Mr. Irfan Ullah Babar, Chairperson Department of Fine Arts said that creativity, imagination, technical knowledge and aesthetic sense were essential for an artist.

Delegation of Civil Servants from Sri Lanka visited GCU

A delegation of civil servants from Sri Lanka visited Government College University Lahore and met Prof. Dr. Hassan Amir Shah, the Vice Chancellor at the Syndicate Room. The delegation was led by Mr. Shahid Raheem Shaikh Dean National School of Public Policy (NSPP) to discuss and learn about Public Sector Higher Education System of Pakistan. The Vice Chancellor briefed about the policy formulation, financial resources and future development plans of GCU. He highlighted the traditions and academic achievements of GCU.



GCU holds Seminar to Pay a Tribute to Fahmida Riaz

A seminar was held at Government College University Lahore to pay a tribute to an eminent progressive poet and prose writer Fahmida Riaz who passed away last year in Lahore at the age 72. Dr. Veerta Ali Ujan, the daughter of Fahmida Riaz, attended the seminar which was also addressed by novelist Prof. Ikram Ullah, Dr. Ihtesham Ali Urdu critic, Prof. Dr. Khalid Mehmood Sinjrani Chairperson Department of Urdu and writer Mr. Asim Kalyar. The speakers hailed Fahmida Riaz as the pioneer of feminist literature in Pakistan, saying that she was a brave lady who never compromised on her principles. She was famous for her revolutionary and contrary to tradition poetry.

Prof. Ikram Ullah told the audience that apart from author of more than 15 books, Fahmida was also a women's rights activist. Her first literary work was published in 1967, titling 'Pather Ki Zuban'. Her collection of poetry includes 'Dhoop', 'Pura Chand', 'Admi Ki Zindagi' and more. Prof. Ikram Ullah said Fahmida always portrayed women as fighter in her fiction writings. Dr. Veerta Ali Ujan said her mother was a true fighter; there was a time when she had been doing three jobs to fulfill the economic needs of her family. Dr. Safeer Haider Advisor GCU Majlis e Iqbal also spoke.

GCU Launched Disease Awareness and Prevention Society

The Government College University Lahore has launched the Disease Awareness and Prevention Society (DA & PS) to raise awareness among their students about the healthy and active lifestyle. The society will host different seminars, lectures and awareness campaigns to brief students about preventions from different diseases. The society will also train volunteers to work in their residential areas to raise the awareness about importance of daily exercise and healthy eating.

Prof. Dr. Hassan Amir Shah, the Vice Chancellor GCU chaired the inaugural ceremony of the society which was also addressed by Dr. Saira Afzal Chairperson Department of Community Medicine King Edward Medical University and Prof. Mirza Athar Baig eminent novelist. Dr. Naila Malkani Assistant Professor Department of Zoology GCU has been appointed as the Advisor of the Society. The Vice Chancellor administered oath to the newly-elected office bearers of the Society.



Condolence Reference for Prof. Zaheer Ahmed Siddiqi

A condolence reference was held to pay tribute of 50 years of meritorious services of Prof. Dr. Zaheer Ahmed Siddiqi who passed away at the age of 84. He was a distinguished Professor of Persian at Government College University Lahore. Prof. Siddiqi was the author of 60 books which included Pakistan's first Persian-to-Urdu Dictionary and the first history of Government College Lahore written in Urdu. His books on poetry, Persian literature, Islam, history and culture are highly celebrated by the connoisseurs of religious, intellectual and literary works. He also served as the first Registrar of GCU from 2002 to 2007.

Prof. Dr. Hassan Amir Shah the Vice Chancellor GCU and Prof. Dr. Khurshid Rizvi eminent poet addressed the condolence reference which was attended by the entire GCU staff and family members of Prof. Siddiqi at the Bukhari Auditorium. Prof. Khurshid Rizvi shed light on the towering and inspiring personality of Prof. Siddiqi and his services rendered for Persian language and literature. He said that the void created by death of his friend, Prof. Siddiqi could not be filled over the decades.

The Vice Chancellor expressed deep condolences on the sad demise of Prof. Siddiqi. He praised the commendable services of Prof. Siddiqi in research, administration, and teaching for GCU. He stated that the inspiring Dr. Zaheer Ahmed Siddiqi, continued to donate all his salary to the GCU Endowment Fund Trust to provide fee for the bright students who could not afford their academic expenses. The Vice Chancellor mentioned that Prof. Siddiqi was not a rich man, but he had a big heart and used to donate all what he had, for the education of deserving students. He also paid tribute for his efforts in establishing a new campus of GCU at Kala Shah Kaku. Prof. Dr. Sultan Shah also shared different inspiring events from the life of Prof. Siddiqi.



GCU holds a Workshop on "Soliton and its Applications"

A workshop on "Soliton and its Applications" was held at GC University Lahore under the auspices of Department of Mathematics. More than 200 participants from different universities of Pakistan attended the workshop where a poster exhibition on students' research projects was also put on display.

Prof. Dr. Hassan Amir Shah Vice Chancellor, Dr. Usman from University of Dayton, USA and Dr. Mujahid Abbas Chairperson Department of Mathematics addressed the workshop. The Vice Chancellor said that research has become complex and multidisciplinary. It has become imperative for students, especially the science students, to have knowledge about multiple disciplines to accomplish the qualitative research work. The Vice Chancellor also addressed the technical session of the workshop as a resource person. Dr. Usman delivered a talk on Shallow Water Wave Model. Dr. Mujahid Abbas shed light on practical applications of the workshop.



Condolence for Old Ravian "Roohi Bano"

The Old Ravians Union and faculty members of Government College University Lahore expressed condolences on the sad demise of Roohi Bano who was eminent Old Ravian. The Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Hassan Amir Shah said that she was one of Pakistan's finest actress and would always be remembered for her unparalleled contribution to Pakistani drama. Mian Muhammad Ashfaq Mohlan President ORU and other members of Union Executive Committee also prayed for her eternal peace and courage to the bereaved family to bear this tragic loss.



Japanese People Never Compromise on Values

Mr. Yusuke Shindo, Japanese Deputy Chief of Mission to Pakistan said that Japanese people didn't compromise their traditions, values and culture in their journey of development and modernization. He addressed an invited talk hosted by the Quaid-e-Azam Political Science Society at Fazl-e-Hussain Reading Room at Government College University Lahore. He mentioned that Japanese people valued harmony and etiquette the most and their culture placed great emphasis on personal responsibility, politeness, and showing respect to others. He told the students about the political and cultural history of Japan and the contemporary educational system in the country. He also shed light on different festivals held in Japan throughout the year. A large number of teachers and students attended the invited talk. Later, Mr. Yusuke Shindo met Prof. Dr. Hassan Amir Shah the Vice Chancellor and discussed the scope of research and academic collaborations among the Japanese and Pakistani universities.



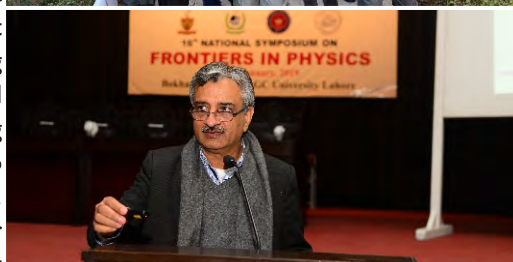
16th National Symposium on Frontiers in Physics

The 16th National Symposium on Frontiers in Physics with deliberations on challenges for Pakistan in the field of Science and Technology was organized at Government College University. Eminent physicists from all across Pakistan including Baluchistan, KP and Sindh participated in the three-day event. The symposium was organised by Government College University and Pakistan Physical Society (PPS) with funding from Higher Education Commission of Pakistan, GCU and Pakistan Academy of Sciences. The event covered 16 technical sessions on different topics including lasers, high energy particle physics, nanotechnology, cosmology, atomic & molecular physics, plasma physics & controlled fusion. More than 52 physicists gave talks and presented papers at the symposium.

Raja Yasir Humayun Sarfraz Minister for Higher Education Punjab chaired the inaugural session of the symposium which was also attended by eminent physicist Prof. Dr. Asghar Qadir. The education minister said that the Punjab government would increase the budget for higher education from the next fiscal year besides establishing the Department of Student Services as one-window operation to provide scholarships, career counselling and placement opportunities to the students. He mentioned that the government was fully committed to invest in human resource.

Prof. Dr. Hassan Amir Shah, the Vice Chancellor GCU who is also the current President of Pakistan Physical Society, requested the government to expedite the process for appointment of the Chairman of Punjab Higher Education Commission (PHEC). He mentioned that the commission was a vital source of funding for provincial universities for such important conferences. He also highlighted that this was the sixth conference being held at GCU during the current academic year. The Vice Chancellor hoped that the symposium would provide an opportunity to students and young faculty to interact with senior physicists and to learn from them. He also appreciated the efforts of noted plasma Physicist and Mathematician Prof. Dr. G. Murtaza, who is the Professor at Salam Chair at GCU and former president of Pakistan Physical Society, for organizing this symposium almost every year.

Prof. Murtaza the chief organizer of the symposium said that the world of science was witnessing rapid developments and the knowledge was accumulating at a very fast pace and the physicists were making great progress in uncovering the deep mysteries of the nature. He explained the recent major breakthroughs in physics which have resulted in the development of different new technologies.



International Seminar on the History and Future of Punjabi Language

An international seminar on the history and future of Punjabi language was held at Government College University Lahore under the auspices of Department of Punjabi. Mian Ijaz ul Hassan eminent writer chaired the one-day seminar. He highlighted the need to promote the Punjabi literature among the youth. The seminar was also addressed by Sukirat who is eminent Indian Punjabi writer and journalist. Mr. Sukirat stressed that the gap between Punjabi language spoken in India and Pakistan was widening and that the concrete measures were needed to be taken by intellectuals, artists, researchers, teachers and writers to bridge the gap.

The Chairperson Department of Punjabi apprised the audience about the history of Punjabi Language and Literature in the sub-continent. Prof. Dr. Iqbal Shahid Dean Faculty of Languages also addressed the seminar. A large number of students, teachers and the Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Hassan Amir Shah also attended the seminar.



GCU and WCLA Sign MoU

A memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed between the Walled City Lahore Authority (WCLA) and Government College University to connect the youth with cultural heritage of Lahore. Prof. Dr. Hassan Amir Shah, the Vice Chancellor GCU and Mr. Kamran Lashari Director General WCLA signed the 19-point accord at a graceful ceremony organized by Directorate of Academic Planning and External Links (AP&EL) at the Syndicate Room. According to the MoU, GCU and WCLA have agreed to host joint conferences and workshops on the history of Lahore. WCLA has also agreed to provide exclusive access to heritage sites in Walled City to GCU students and staff members.

Mr. Kamran Lashari said that it was very unfortunate that generally people of Lahore especially youth had a very limited knowledge about the rich culture, traditions and history of their city, so WCLA was collaborating with the universities for promotion of their cultural history. He assured the Persian, History and other departments of GCU for maximum support and facilitation for research on the history of Lahore.

The Vice Chancellor laid stress on connecting the youth with their cultural history. He mentioned that the students would produce documentaries and other digital art work for the promotion of Walled City tourism. Mr. Saboor Ahmed Khan Registrar GCU and other senior faculty members were also present at the MoU signing ceremony.



GCU Signs an Accord with the University of Baltistan



The Government College University Lahore (GCU) signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the University of Baltistan Skardu (UoBS) for research and academic collaborations. Prof. Dr. Hassan Amir Shah, the Vice Chancellor GCU and Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naeem Khan the Vice Chancellor UoBS signed the accord at a graceful ceremony organized by the Directorate of Academic Planning and External Links (AP&EL) at the Vice Chancellor's Office. Mr. Saboor Ahmad Khan Registrar GCU and Prof. Dr. Mohammad Nizamuddin Former Chairman Punjab Higher Education Commission were also present.

Ms. Fouzia Shaheen Director AP & EL briefed the delegation about scope of the accord and collaborations of GCU with foreign Universities. She mentioned that both the universities would also organize joint conferences, training workshops and seminars. According to the accord, both the universities have also agreed to launch a joint research support program to host the students from each other's university and provide them accommodation and access to laboratories and libraries besides other support. Prof. Dr. Hassan Amir Shah said that GCU was actively strengthening research and academic ties with foreign universities to share best practices and training of faculty members.



Bradford University Delegation visited GCU

A delegation from University of Bradford, UK visited the Government College University Lahore to meet the Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Hassan Amir Shah and senior officers. The delegation included Mark Garratt, Director of External Affairs, Prof. Dr. Amir Sharif, Associate Dean (International), Dr. Amjad Pervez, Entrepreneur in association with University of Bradford and Jonaid Khan Alumni Relations Manager.

The delegates briefed the Vice Chancellor about key academic and research projects of University of Bradford and offered to explore the potential cooperation on faculty development, research projects and student engagements, knowledge and cultural exchange programmes. The Vice Chancellor mentioned that GCU has country wide representation of students as the students studying at GCU belong to all nook and corners of the country. He stressed that students belonging to middle class families need scholarships to continue the higher education.

Mark Garrat showed interest to support in the field of Sustainability Development, Peace studies, Bio-technology, research project, film and media production as the Bradford is the world's first UNESCO City of Film because of the city's rich film heritage and fully funded scholarships to the students. Ms. Iram Sohail, the Director QEC GCU will disseminate the information of scholarships offered by the University of Bradford to the students of GCU using Career Guidance and Placement Centre.

The Vice Chancellor asked Ms. Fouzia Shahin, Director Academic Planning & External Linkages to share the key academic and research areas of GCU with University of Bradford to find out the mutual areas of interest. Mark Garrat also invited the Vice Chancellor and senior management of GCU to alumni cum networking dinner hosted by University of Bradford.



GCU Establishes 16 New Classrooms

The Government College University Lahore has established a new floor at its Institute of Industrial Biotechnology with a cost of Rs. 36.2 million to add 16 new classrooms, 14 faculty rooms and other student facilities to its infrastructure. The Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Hassan Amir Shah inaugurated the new floor along with the faculty, deans, chairpersons and heads of administrative departments. Mr. Shahid Hussain Abro Campus Engineer and Mr. Abid Shahzad Aslam Treasurer briefed the Vice Chancellor and chairpersons about the different sections of the new floor and added facilities. The Vice Chancellor said that GCU had spent the budget from its own resources to provide additional facilities and space to its students for their academic and research activities.

GCU Student Declared Best Speaker at "The Great Debate 2019"

Haris Ali Virk was declared the Best Speaker at "The Great Debate 2019" organized by the British High Commission Islamabad. He has also been awarded cash prize of PKR 100,000. Mohiba Ahmed the winner of last year's event was acting as Manager of the Event and Raza Gillani accompanied as chaperone.

The event was presided by Richard Crowder Acting British High Commissioner. The judges of the event were Rosemary Hilhorst Country Director British Council, Minail Khan Chevening Alumni and Advocate High Court Amna Abbas and Mentor/Consultant Haider Mairaj. This is the second year in a row that GCU has bagged the title. Prof. Dr. Hassan Amir Shah, the Vice Chancellor GCU congratulated the winner upon the achievement.

GCU and FCC Sign MoU

A memorandum of understanding was signed between the two historical and oldest educational institutions of Lahore, i.e. Government College University (GCU) and Forman Christian College, (A Chartered University) Lahore, for research and academic collaboration. Prof. Dr. Hassan Amir Shah and Dr. James A. Tebbe signed the accord at a graceful ceremony organized by Directorate of Academic Planning and External Links (AP&EL) GCU at the Syndicate Room. Mr. Saboor Ahmad Khan Registrar GCU and senior official of FCCU were also present.

According to 27-point accord, both the universities have agreed to share their academic data, research & publications and launch a joint research programs to support the research of students and faculty members. They also agreed to hold joint training workshop to edify the skills of their faculty members. They have also consented for exchange of faculty and researchers in different disciplines.

Dr. Tebbe and Prof. Shah briefed the meeting about the historical background, traditions and achievements of their institutions. Ms. Fouzia Shaheen Director AP & EL told the delegation about the scope of the accord and other active foreign research collaborations of GCU.



GCU Short-listed for International Leadership Award

Times Higher Education World University Ranking shortlisted the Government College University (GCU) Lahore for its Leadership and Management Team of the Year Award for 2019. According to Times Higher Education (THE) official list, only eight universities of Asia were shortlisted for the award. However, GCU Lahore is the only university from Pakistan that has been nominated for the award this year. The other universities in the list are Gulf Medical University UAE, Khalifa University UAE, National Dong Hwa University Taiwan, National University of Singapore, O.P. Jindal Global University India, SUSTech China and University of Kebangsaan Malaysia. Prof. Dr. Hassan Amir Shah the Vice Chancellor GCU congratulated his team on this prestigious nomination of GCU for this award for the very first time. The Vice Chancellor said besides international recognition, these awards encourage universities to further improve their quality of research, administration and academic life. Ms. Iram Sohail Director QEC said that the Times Higher Education ranked the GCU Lahore in top 400 universities of Asia in its recent rankings.



Intermediate Sports Conclude at GCU

The second annual sports of intermediate students of Government College University Lahore were concluded with a prize distribution ceremony at the Bukhari Auditorium. Prof. Dr. Hassan Amir Shah, the Vice Chancellor presided over the ceremony which also attended by Prof. Dr. Ikram-ul-Haq Chairman Sports Board, Mr. Tariq Rizwan Director Intermediate Studies and Mr. Khadim Ali Khan Director Sports GCU. The Pre-Engineering and General Science Groups won the General trophy of the event on the basis of overall scored points.

Director Intermediate Studies said, this was the second consecutive year that the university was holding special sports festival for intermediate students. He mentioned that different games including football, basketball, volleyball, table tennis and tug of war were included in the intermediate games this year. He stated that the sports competition proved very fruitful and source of excitement for the students and they enjoyed it a lot.

The Vice Chancellor said that sports and co-curricular activities were as important as academics for the overall grooming and personality development of students, so they should be widely promoted in educational institutions right from the schools to curb the inclination of youth towards negative and unhealthy activities.



119th Annual Sports Organized at GCU

Inaugural ceremony of 119th Annual Sports of Government College University Lahore was held at the Punjab Stadium. About 6,000 students from 30 departments of the University participated in the annual sports in the march past, athletics meet and gymkhana events. The most captivating Gymkhana events included Ministerial Staff Race, Naib Qasid Race, Four Legged Race, Cricket Throw Ball for Girls, Pillow Fighting, Staff Children Race, Stilt Race, 60-Metre Race, Sack Race, Chatti Race for Girls and Obstacle Race were held at the closing ceremony at GCU Oval Ground. This year about 5,000 students and teachers took part in the more than 66 different competitions of GCU annual sports gala.

Prof. Dr. Hassan Amir Shah, the Vice Chancellor said that sports and co-curricular were as important as academics for the overall grooming and personality development of students, so they should be widely promoted in educational institutions right from the schools. The Vice Chancellor also appreciated the participation of physically-challenged students in the annual sports.

Mr. Khadim Ali Khan, Director Sports GCU said that their sportsmen remained busy in camps throughout the year, but the basic objective of the annual sports was to involve those students who were not active in healthy sports activities. He mentioned that it must be declared mandatory for schools, colleges and universities to have ample sports facilities especially grounds for their students.

The first day of annual sports was marked by 1000-metre race which was won by Ali Raza from Department of Physical Education. In 3,000-metre race, Ali Haider from Department of Physical Education clinched the first position, while Ali Sukhera from Department of Economics crossed the finish line first in men's 100m race and broke thirteen years old University record and in 400-metre race Waqar Younas broke the 32 years old university record. Qaisar Abbas from Department of Physical Education clinched the first position in men's Shot Put. The most enthralling contest of 4x100 meters relay among boys was won by a team of Department of Physical Education.

Mr. Kamran Lashari Director General Lahore Walled City Authority was chief guest at the Concluding ceremony in which a large number of Old Ravians and their family members participated. Appreciating the participation of elderly Old Ravians in the university's sports gala, Mr. Kamran Lashari said that old is certainly gold; the older your relations, the deeper would be the mark and linkage with the college.

Prof. Dr. Hassan Amir Shah, the Vice Chancellor on the concluding ceremony said that GCU sports was the most colorful and exciting events in the life of Lahore. He congratulated the winning teams, saying that promotion of sports ultimately curbed the inclination of youth towards negative activities and deterred them from getting swept off their feet by retrogressive forces. Mr. Khadim Ali Khan Director Sports GCU also addressed the prize distribution ceremony.

Mariyam Yasin of Physical Education Department won the title of Best Female Athlete of GCU for her extraordinary performance in different sports competitions. Ali Haider, another student of Physical Education Department was declared the Best Male Athlete. Amna Ashraf and Sehar Riaz won Chatti Race and Cricket Ball Throw, while Ms. Tehmina was triumphant in the Musical Chair. GCU Athlete Ali Raza won the Obstacle Race, the most difficult competition of the day. Farhan Ahmed crossed the finish line first in Sack Race. The most enthralling event tug-of-war was won by the GCU Sports board head by the Vice Chancellor, beating the Old Ravians.



Workshop on Bioinformatics at GCU

A two-day workshop on “Basic tools in Bioinformatics” was organized at Government College University by Institute of Industrial Biotechnology (IIB). Prof. Dr. Talat Naseer Pasha, the Vice Chancellor University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences Lahore, chaired the inaugural session of the workshop which was also addressed by Prof. Dr. Riaz Ahmad Dean Faculty of Engineering and resource persons Dr. Khurshid Ayub and Dr. Umer Rashid. Prof. Pasha highlighted the importance of new disciplines and technologies, saying that in the current age, science could not progress without this multi and interdisciplinary approach.

The Director IIB said that this was the second workshop on Bioinformatics at GCU. The first one was held in November 2017 and received an overwhelming response from the participants so we decided to hold another workshop on the same topic with a major theme of Molecular Modeling. More than 200 students, researchers and young faculty members from 18 different universities of Pakistan participated in the workshop.



Seminar held on “True Interpretation of Heer Waris Shah”

A seminar was held at Government College University on “True Interpretation of Heer Waris Shah” by Department of Punjabi. The seminar was addressed by Mazhar Tirmazi the eminent London-based Punjabi poet, Dr. Maznoor Ijaz a renowned critic, Prof. Dr. Saadat Saeed Urdu writer and Chairperson Department of Punjabi.

The speakers highlighted the need to start special classes and workshops in the universities and colleges to make young generation aware of their great Punjabi poets. They also shed light on the strong character of Heer who stood against social injustice with women. Prof. Dr. Hassan Amir Shah, the Vice Chancellor GCU and large number of senior faculty members also attended the seminar.



Poster Exhibition on the Themes of Climate Change, Population Control, and Water Crisis held at GCU

A poster exhibition on the themes of Climate Change, Population Control, and Water Crisis was held at Government College University under the auspices of Department of Geography. Students from different universities of Pakistan displayed their artwork at the exhibition to populate the social messages.

Prof. Dr. Hassan Amir Shah, the Vice Chancellor GCU was the chief guest at the prize distribution ceremony. Students from Lahore College for Women University stood first, while the University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences secured the second position. The Vice Chancellor said that climate change and uncontrolled Population growth were the biggest challenges to Pakistan. He mentioned that art was the most effective medium to convey the social messages. Zonish Javed Advisor Garrett Geographic Society also spoke on the occasion.

2nd International Conference on "Recent Advances in Chemical Science" held at GCU

A three-day second international conference on "Recent Advances in Chemical Science" organized at Government College University by the Department of Chemistry and Pakistan Institute of Chemists.

Prof. Dr. Hassan Amir Shah, the Vice Chancellor chaired the inaugural ceremony which was also addressed by Dr. Shuja Zaidi President US Chapter of Pakistan Institute of Chemists and Prof. Dr. Ahmad Adnan Chairperson Department of Chemistry. Prof. Adnan said that the objective of the conference was to gather people working at different frontiers of chemical sciences, so that they could share their innovative ideas to develop technologies to solve the problems and better utilization of indigenous resources for sustainable development. Dr. Zaidi highlighted the importance of developing indigenous technologies for the economic prosperity of a country.

The Vice chancellor said that the industries must cooperate with universities for research and developing new technologies. About 20 research papers were presented at the three-day conference.



Thalassemia Awareness Seminar held at GCU

Speakers at the seminar highlighted the lack of awareness in Pakistan about the dreadful genetic blood disorder, Thalassemia, and stressed on the effective measures for compulsory pre-marriages blood screening test of couples for thalassemia. The seminar was organized by the Blood Donor Society (GCU-BDS) in collaboration with a non-government organization (NGO), Kashif Iqbal Thalassemia Care Centre (KITCC) at the University's Fazl-e-Hussain Reading Room.

Asif Hameed Butt coordinator KITCC Punjab cautioned the students against the marriages of two Thalassemia carriers. He stated that Thalassemia carrier was not a disease but when one carrier married another; they could have a chance of having an offspring with thalassemia major and prove to be dreadful and fatal.

Prof. Dr. Hassan Amir Shah, the Vice Chancellor GCU stressed upon the prevention, saying that thalassemia major child had a very difficult and painful life to live. They require regular monthly blood transfusions and other expensive therapies. The Vice Chancellor asked the students to act as volunteers in their families and areas, and raise the awareness about this genetic disorder. Dr. Babar Naseem Assi, Advisor GCU BDS also spoke on the occasion. The seminar was followed by a free camp where students of GCU were screened for Thalassemia minor.



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