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“To emerge as a seat of higher learning producing empowered and responsible leadership through holistic development of individuals in all domains of erudition, nation building, corporate realms, and public service.”

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“Creation of a serene environment conducive to learning, skill building, research, and innovation, thus, preparing individuals capable of meeting contemporary and future challenges in a highly dynamic mode.”

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- Commitment to Excellence
- Honesty and Integrity
- Transparency and Accountability
- Respect for Individuals and Society
- Cross Cultural Harmony
- Acquiescence to Law
- Service to Community

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FOREWORD

In January, 2025, Lahore Leads University entered the 14th year of valuable services in the field of education, with the resolve to make stronger efforts to fulfill the mission of the University in line with its vision and to achieve enviable position in the ranking of institutions of higher learning.

Lahore Leads University believes in the total development of the personalities of her students, by helping them become capable, confident and useful members of the society. Excellence in quality education requires continuous monitoring of processes and perpetual up gradation of the schemes of study and curricula. Meetings of the Boards of study, Boards of Faculties, academic Council, Board of Advanced Studies and Research and other legislative bodies are frequently held at the University with the object of devising schemes of studies commensurate to the changes rapidly taking place the world over.

The University has succeeded in creating an atmosphere in which students are encouraged to explore their talents to the optimum level. It is a lively atmosphere, where learning research and festivities go hand in hand to make their stay at the University rewarding and refreshing. The environment at the University plays a catalytic role in making students awake to the developments rapidly taking place in their respective fields of studies. They are encouraged to learn together, but are trained to think independently and critically for seeking solutions to the perspective problems of their professional life.

LLU Newsletter reflects the different facet of the University life and serves as a chronicle for tracing the record of developments.



Leads College of Pharmacy



Sports Gala 2025

The Sports Gala 2025, a two-day event, was successfully organized by Leads College of Pharmacy on 13-14

January 2025 at Formanites Sports ground. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation of students and faculty members. The gala was inaugurated by **Principal, Dr Hafeez Ikram**, and his team of organizers, and began with a Semester wise March Past, followed by the playing of the national anthem and speeches by the **Principal, Vice Principal, and Director Sports**.

The first day's events included thrilling competitions such as the three-legged, race, spoon race, 100m and 200m races for both boys and girls. Additionally, badminton and tug-of-war matches were also played. The cricket tournament, featuring four teams from each semester, commenced on the first day, setting the stage for an exciting finale.



The second day saw the continuation of the cricket tournament, culminating in the final match. The team from the first semester emerged victorious, claiming the coveted trophy.

In Tug-of-war (Boys). The team from 6th semester got the first, while in Tug-of-war (Girls), also the 5th semester students emerged victorious. In Badminton, Atiya Sardar and Shumaila Nazar, from 1st semester got the 1st position. Abdullah Tanveer of 9th semester got the 1st prize in Push-ups. Aleena Aslam (5th Semester) won the Spoon race. Ahmed Ali and Naveed Ahmed (3rd Semester) won the three-legged race for boys and Aneela Aslam of 5th Semester won in the girls category. The Musical chair contest was won by Tahira Lal of 9th Semester.

The prize distribution ceremony was attended by esteemed guests, including the **Vice Chancellor Dr Nadeem Ahmed Bhatti, President Mr. Muhammad Hamza Zahoor Watto, and Deputy Registrar, Admissions, Mr. Abid Ali**.

The event was a resounding success, with students and faculty members participating with great enthusiasm. The Sports Gala 2025 served as a wonderful platform for promoting teamwork, sportsmanship, and camaraderie among the college community.



Lahore Leads University Pharmacy Students Visit UVAS

Students from Lahore Leads University School of Pharmacy visited University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (UVAS), On January 11, 2025, where they were warmly greeted by the host officials of the host organization. They had the opportunity of attending a specialized lecture on 'Pharmaceutical Technology Research', delivered by Dr. Talib Hussain, Assistant Professor, UVAS.

The enriching experience of the students was a step toward gaining academic excellence and practicing techniques of innovation. Dr. Amna Naz, lecturer, Leads School of Pharmacy conducted the visit. Executive Director, Mr. Hamza Zahoor and Vice Chancellor, Lahore Leads University, Dr. Nadeem Ahmed Bhatti, presented the University shield to the visitor.



LEADS CRICKET BATTLE 2025



Sports department, Lahore Leads University, organized a thrilling event, titled Leads Cricket Battle, 2025 from January 16 – January 22, 2025 at the main sports field of the University. Teams from the main campus of the University and other campuses and Universities participated in the enthralling event. The event was a part of the efforts of the University for promotion of healthy activities and for instilling qualities of discipline, leadership and time management skills in the students.



Four closely contested matches on the opening day, while another four took place on January 17, 2025, when the competition reached the pre-quarter final stage. Teams from the Sports department, Minhaj University, Law Qalandars and Computer Science Janums, qualified to contest the semi-finals.

Leads Cricket Battle, 2025, concluded on January 22, 2025 with the victory of the team from the Department of Sports over the team from the Department of Law. Computer Science Qalandars secured the third position, while Minhaj University team got the fourth. The closing ceremony of the contest was graced by the presence of Mian Zahoor Ahmad Wattoo, Chairman, Dr. Nadeem Ahmad Bhatti, Vice Chancellor and Mr. Hamza Zahoor, President of Lahore Leads University. Trophies, medals, shields and certificates were awarded to the position holders. The organizers were appreciated for their collective efforts in making the program a glorious success story.



14th Foundation Day Celebrations

The 14th Foundation Day of Lahore Leads University was celebrated on January 22, 2025, with the assembling together of the University Chairman, the University President, The vice Chancellor, the administrative staff and the teaching faculty members and the coming together of galaxy of elites from the administrative and educational circles, and the social and philanthropic field, in unique style of festivity. The formal ceremony was held in two sessions in the auditorium of the University.

The first session consisted of speeches by the President of the University and by the Vice Chancellor, describing the steady march forward of the institution to its present state of glory. The session started with the recitation of verses from the Holy Quran, by Mr. Huzaifa Bhatti, and the recital of a na'at by

Mr. Hamza Zahoor, President, Lahore Leads University, in his address to the audience, described the various phases of development of the University, since its establishment in 2011. He eulogized the valuable services of all concerned. Dr. Nadeem Ahmed Bhatti, VC, referred to the linkages with various national and international institutions, as a mark of trust in the standards of education provided at Lahore Leads University. He appreciated his team of faculty and administration for maintaining the tempo of ascendance of the institution. He also welcomed Dr. Taha Qureshi, MBE, as a new member of the University Board of Governors. The first session concluded with the distribution of shields among the University employees with long-standing record of services and outstanding contribution to the smooth running of the institution.



The second session of the celebration, compered by Dr. Ashfaq Gondal, got off after the 'maghrib prayers', with the recitation of verses from the Holy Quran, by Ms. Asma Bukhari. Mian Zahoor Ahmed Wattoo, Chairman of the University, expressed his gratitude to the honorable guests for finding time out of their multifarious engagements to be a part of the celebrations. Dr. Nadeem Ahmed, Vice Chancellor, after welcoming the participants, emphasized the importance of the day as a mark of continuous progress. He thanked the faculty and the administrative functionaries of the University for their sustained hard work.

Syed. Qasim Ali Shah, a renowned motivational speaker, and Chairman of Qasim Ali Foundation, expressed his firm belief in the talents of the young human capital of the nation and exhorted them to follow the divine command of ceaseless efforts for the sake of fulfilling their ambitions.

Mr. Yaseen Khan, Chairman, Sundas Foundation, spoke about the digressions blocking the forward move of the youth of the nation and advised them to learn to concentrate upon their studies. According to him, all luxuries would be available to them, once they manage to achieve their professional goal.

Mr. Hafizullah Niazi, a prominent TV anchor, bemoaned the existing political state of instability, as the the root cause of large scale brain-drain from the country. He emphasized the importance of time, and advised the students to move at the same rapid pace as the changes were occurring in the age of artificial intelligence. Dr. Amjad Saqib, Chairman of ALKhidmat Foundation, spoke on the need of making relentless efforts against bigotry and selfishness, the traits spreading fast in the present materialistic age. He exhorted the students to make the best of their time and to build their self-confidence.



Mr. Toaha Qureshi, MBE, held extremism and terrorism to be the joint monsters, threatening the world peace. He stated that Islam is the religion of moderation and there is no room of destruction and terrorism in following the tenets of Islam. He offered to extend financial assistance to those students of the University who are diligent and industrious, but lack financial resources, needed to complete their studies.

Mian Zahoor Ahmed Wattoo, Chairman and

Dr. Nadeem Ahmed Bhatti, Vice Chancellor, Lahore Leads University thanked all the honorable guests for gracing the event with their presence. The Foundation Day Cake was jointly cut by the dignitaries present in the auditorium. A lavish dinner was served as the last item of the celebrations. The whole event wore a convivial look as all the participants had the opportunity of meeting prominent figures from the educated society.



Women Empowerment Seminar



Lahore Leads University hosted a thought-provoking seminar on Women Empowerment on January 30, 2025. The 20-minute session, held at the Seminar Room, was led by Ms. Nabeela Yaqoob, a renowned Women Entrepreneur, Ecosystem Builder for Women Entrepreneurs | Lead - Outreach & Corporate Partnerships.

Under the esteemed supervision of Vice Chancellor Dr. Nadeem Ahmed Bhatti, Ms. Yaqoob shared her valuable insights and experiences, emphasizing the importance of women's empowerment in today's society. Her inspiring words motivated the audience to strive for gender equality and challenge stereotypes.

The seminar was well-attended by students, faculty members, and staff. The event provided a platform for participants to engage in meaningful discussions and reflect on their roles in promoting women's empowerment.

The university's initiative to host this seminar demonstrates its commitment to fostering a culture of inclusivity, diversity, and gender equality.



EDUCATION EXPO HELD AT LEADS UNIVERSITY



Lahore Leads University organized a grand event on February 4, 2025, at the campus with object of providing basic information on admission procedures and scholarship opportunities to those desirous of studying abroad. The event was held in collaboration with Borders & Bridges Pvt, Ltd. Honorable Chairman, LLU, Mian Zahoor Ahmad Wattoo, President, Mr. Hamza Zahoor and Dr. Nadeem Bhatti, Vice Chancellor, Lahore Leads University inaugurated the Expo. Ch Raheel Farooq, Regional Manager, University of Debrecen, Hungary. Ms. Sidra Farooqi, official representative of Webster University, USA and Syed Arsalan Ali, Herzing University, USA were present at the Expo to provide information to the interested participants. The students explored diverse academic programs and interacted with foreign university representatives.





KASHMIR SOLIDARITY WALK HELD AT LLU



The Department of Law, Lahore Leads University, organized the Kashmir solidarity Walk on February 4, 2025 on the main campus of the University, with the objective of expressing support for people of Kashmir in their struggle for freedom from tyrannical Indian occupation, in stark violation of UN resolutions. Students, faculty and management staff participated in the walk and joined hands and raised slogans demanding justice, freedom and restoration of human rights in the state.

The walk was a testament to our commitment to stand firmly with the people of Kahmir in their struggle for freedom and self-determination.



INTERNATIONAL DAY FOR WOMEN & GIRLS IN SCIENCE



Leads College of Pharmacy, Lahore Leads University, organized the celebration of 'International Day for Women & Girls in Science', in the Pharmacy Seminar Room, on February 11, 2025. The event showed enthusiastic participation of students, faculty and guests, with the objective of highlighting the contributions of the females in Science, in order to inspire young minds towards scientific endeavors.





Prominent guests, present on the occasion included Dr. Nadeem Ahmad Bhatti, Vice Chancellor, Lahore Leads University, Ms. Faiza Ehsan. Ms. Areen Shahid and other teachers and staff members from Hajvery University (HU) and University of Veterinary and Animal Sciences (UVAS), as well as female participants from different programs of study, Lahore Leads University. The College Management supported the celebration of the day by providing shields for presentation to distinguished guests and organizers. The efforts made by the Leads College of Pharmacy to make the day a memorable event were eulogized by all the participants.



INTERNATIONAL RADIO DAY OBSERVED



The department of Mass Communication, Lahore Leads University, hosted the observance of International Radio Day, on February 13, 2025, at the campus, bringing together students, faculty and industry professionals to celebrate the impact of Radio in shaping societies and in delivering authentic voices to the world.

Students pursuing MPhil degrees, presented documentaries covering the past, the present and future prospects of Radio Pakistan and high-lighted the salient features of the passionate professional career of a radio broad-caster.





Law Department Students Visit Model Town Courts

The Department of Law, Lahore Leads University, organized a study visit of students to Model Town Courts, on February 15, 2025. Mr. Javed-ul-Hassan Chishti, Director Leads School of Law headed the group. The students got the opportunity of talking to various judges and observed the court proceedings. They also learnt the basic modes of filing the law suits and visited the record room of the courts.

The interactive session was highly educative as it served as an experiential learning session for the visiting students.

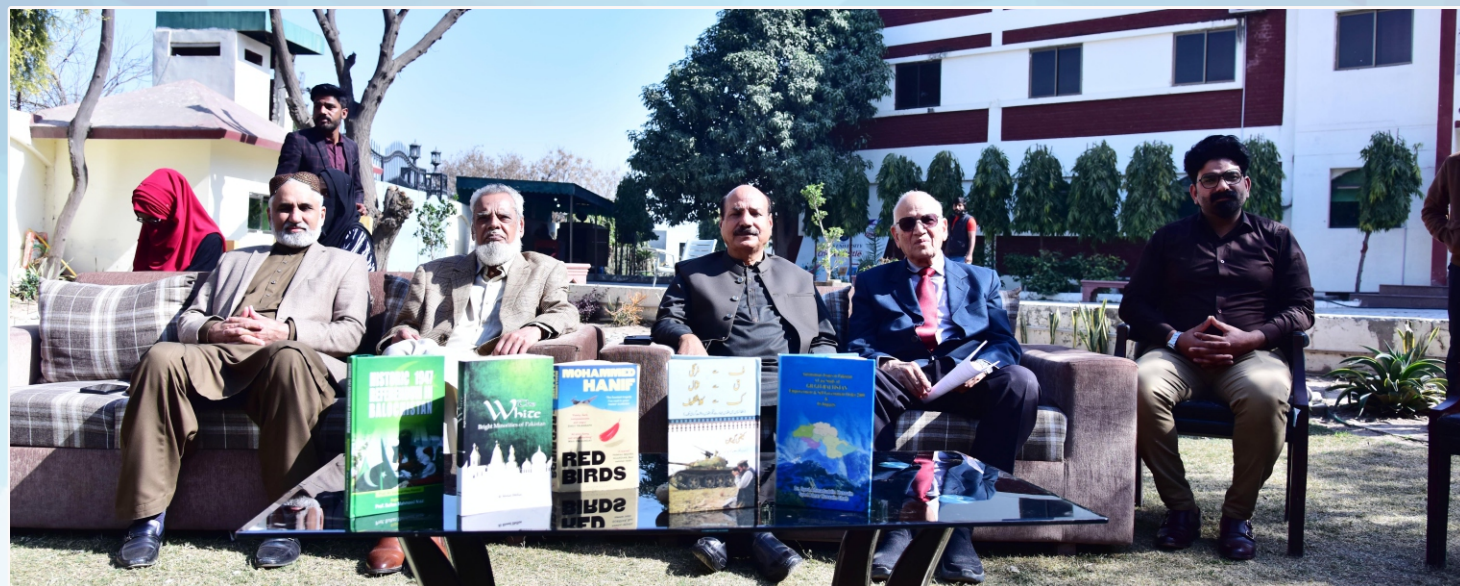


MEHFIL-E- MUSHARA OF LAW DEPARTMENT



The department of Law, Lahore Leads University arranged to hold a mehfil-e-mushara, on February 20, 2025, in the seminar room of the University. The mehfil was presided over by Mr. Sadullah Shah, a renowned poet and educationist. Others who presented their verses at the mushaira included Mr. Zohaib Alam, Advocate Tasawwar Hayat, Dr. Saeed Ahmad Wattoo. Dr. Shaheen Bhatti and Dr. Fakhar Abbas. The audience heartily cheered up the presenters of poetic pieces.





LITERARY SITTING ON “DICKEN'S A TALE OF TWO CITIES”

The Department of English, Lahore Leads University, organized a literary sitting on 'Dickens's A Tale of Two Cities', on February 15, 2025, on the green lawns of the University campus, under the guidance of Dr. Mahmood Ahmad Azhar, Chairperson. Dr. Hafeez Ikram, Principal, Leads College of Pharmacy was the chief guest while Dr. Saeed Ahmad Wattoo, Registrar, presided over the session. Prof. Sultan Mahmood Niazi, Director University Publications also graced the occasion. Faculty members and students from the department of English participated with keen interest. Maliha Mushtaq and Shahzaib were the stage secretaries

The event featured four student presentations that shed light on the different aspects of Dickens' novel. Asif Iqbal provided an analysis of the political upheaval preceding the revolution. Fayyaz Ahmed focused on the theme of love and sacrifice in the novel. Ms. Dania Naseem explored the myth of duality amongst the characters while Adnan Abdul Hafeez described the struggle of the people against tyranny of the rulers.

Prof. Sultan Mahmood Niazi described his obsession with Dickens' novel since the time he was a student and pointed out the relationship of the theme of the novel in today's scenario.

Dr. Saeed Ahmed Wattoo advised the students to study novels with the aim of understanding motives and varieties of human conduct.

Dr. Mahmood Ahmad Azhar appreciated the hard work put in by the faculty and students in making the event interesting and successful.



Leads College of Pharmacy Report on Recreational Tour 2025

The recreational tour organized by Leads College of Pharmacy on February 22, 2025, was an educative and refreshing experience, filled with adventure, exploration, and joyful moments. The objective of the tour was to provide the students, teachers, and alumni with much-needed break from their daily routine and foster team-spirit, sportsmanship, and enthusiasm amongst the participants.



The tour started with the visit to, Khewra Salt Mine, the world's second-largest salt mine. The experience was fascinating because it offered the students insight into the geological and historical significance of the mine. The visit to Katas Raj Temple enthralled everyone with its rich cultural heritage and stunning architecture. The final destination, Kalar Kahar Lake, provided a serene environment where participants enjoyed natural scenery, relaxation, and a delightful lunch by the water. Apart from exploring three iconic locations, the students and teachers thoroughly enjoyed the delicious food, travel on adventurous roads, and the fun-filled bus journey. Engaging in group activities like singing and dancing, created unforgettable memories and strengthened their bond with one another.



The event was organized under the guidance of Vice Chancellor Dr Nadeem Ahmed Bhatti and the Principal Dr. Hafeez Ikram who encouraged the organizers to plan the tour 2025. Dr. Nadia Anwar and Dr. Nouman Tahir, who worked tirelessly under the guidance of Vice Principal Dr. Sonam Anis, to make the visit a rewarding success story.



MoU SIGNED WITH HELPING HANDS

Lahore Leads University and Helping Hands for Relief & Development Signed a Memorandum of Understanding on February 26, 2025, with the object of working jointly to offer a path of self-sufficiency to the deserving students through educational support and skill training. Helping Hands has 20 years of service, service the poverty and disaster stricken people in 150 countries of the world,, through orphan support, health care and provision of nutrition. The organization is serving humanity by integrating resources for people in need. It also provides timely response and aid to disaster affected persons, all over the world.



WELCOMING RAMDHAN AT LLU



The Department of Law, Lahore Leads University, arranged a solemn gathering on March 2, 2025, to welcome the month of Ramdhan, with religious devotion, sincere reflection and unity of approach. Dr. Mohammad Iqbal Nukyani, Chairperson, department of Islamic Studies was the main speaker of the day, He emphasized the need of observing Ramdhan with heart-felt devotion, as observed by the Holy prophet (PBUH). The Activity was deeply immersed in spiritual grace.

Dr. Kashif, Chairperson, department of Law, Lahore Leads University concluded the the program with prayers to Almighty for the solidarity of the Muslim Ummah and for peace and prosperity in the country.



SESSION ON DRUG ABUSE PREVENTION



The Department of Psychology, Lahore Leads University, organized an insightful session, on 'Drug Prevention' on February 26, 2025, in the Seminar Room of the University. Deputy Director, Antinarcotics Force and his dedicated team were, Maj, Nazir were present to educate students on harms and dangers of drug abuse.

Dr. Nadeem Ahmad Bhatti, Vice Chancellor, Lahore Leads University, introduced the antinarcotics team to the audience and expressed his views n the deadly and destructive effects of drug addiction.

Dr. Tufail, Chairperson, Department of Psychology, talked on the debilitating effects of drug addiction, leading to mental agonies, faced by the family of the patient.

The session aimed at cautioning the audience and advising them to observe the symptoms of addiction, so that preventive measures could be adopted in the early stages.





WORLD DAY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE OBSERVED



The Department of Law, Lahore Leads University organized activities on the World Day of Social Justice, on February 21, 2025, bringing together students, faculty members and thought-leaders, with the object of promoting equality, equity, fairness and upholding human dignity. Barrister Amrat Ahmed Sheikh, the guest speaker on the occasion, shared valuable insights on bridging the social gaps, ensuring equal opportunities and fostering an inclusive community. Mr. Hama Zahoor, President and Dr. Nadeem Ahmad Bhatti, Vice Chancellor, Lahore Leads University, welcomed the honorable guests. The worthy speakers high-lighted the need of social justice for all, in the light of religious teachings and the jurisprudence of Pakistan



International Mother Language Day Celebrated at Lahore Leads University

Lahore Leads University (LLU) celebrated International Mother Language Day with great enthusiasm and fervor on February 26, 2025. The event was organized by Miss Aiman Amjad and Miss Saba Perveen from university's English Department to promote linguistic and cultural diversity.

The Vice Chancellor of Lahore Leads University, Dr. Nadeem Ahmed Bhatti, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, while the Head of the English Department, Dr. Mahmood Ahmed Azhar, was the Guest of Honor.

The event commenced with a welcome address by stage secretaries,



who highlighted the significance of International Mother Language Day. They emphasized the importance of preserving and promoting mother languages, which are an integral part of a nation's cultural heritage.

The Vice Chancellor, Dr. Nadeem Ahmed Bhatti addressed the gathering, praising the efforts of the department of English in organizing the event. He stressed the need to promote linguistic diversity and to preserve mother languages, which are facing threats from globalization and urbanization.

The event featured a range of activities, including language exhibitions, cultural performances, and poetry recitals. Students from the department of English participated in the event,

showcasing their linguistic and cultural talents.

The event concluded with a note of thanks by Dr. Mahmood Ahmed Azhar who expressed gratitude to the Vice Chancellor, faculty members, and students for their participation and support. Overall, the celebration of International Mother Language Day at Lahore Leads University was a resounding success, promoting linguistic and cultural diversity, and highlighting the importance of preserving mother languages.



SEMINAR ON 'LANGUAGE AND IDENTITY'



The Department of Urdu and the department of English, Lahore Leads University, joined hands to organize an insightful interactive seminar on 'Language and Identity', on March 6, 2025 in the Seminar Room of the University. Dr. Shah Heer Elahi, Assistant Professor, Ministry of Health, Government of Pakistan was the honorable guest speaker. The seminar was held under the auspices of the Vice Chancellor, Dr. Nadeem Ahmad Bhatti and Dr. Attaullah, and Dr. Mahmood Ahmed Azhar, chairpersons of the department of Urdu and English, respectively, with the object of highlighting the deep connection between language, culture and self-expression of people. Scholars presented their views on the topic. Dr.

Mahmood Ahmed Azhar presented a bouquet to the guest speaker, who

analyzed the mutual effects of culture and language on the norms of regional communication.

Dr. Nadeem Ahmad Bhatti thanked the guest speaker for sparing time to address the seminar.



SEMINAR ON “PSYCHOLOGY OF BIRTH DEFECT ISSUES’



The Department of Psychology, Lahore Leads University, hosted a seminar on 'Psychology of Birth Defect Issues', on March 16, 2025, in the Seminar Room of the University, in collaboration with Birth Defect Foundation. Prof. Mohammad Afzal Sheikh, Chief Surgeon, Mr. Ansir Javed, Chairperson of Birth Defect Foundation. and Dr. Tasaddaq Gilani, addressed the participants of the seminar. They shared valuable insights on understanding the psychological challenges faced by the families and kith and kin of the sufferers from birth defects.

Dr. Nadeem Ahmad Bhatti, Vice Chancellor, Lahore Leads University, chair the session. He thanked the learned speakers and the audience on their participation in the seminar.



BRITISH LAW SCHOLAR VISITS, LLU

A renowned law scholar and head of Law school at King's College, University of London, visited Lahore Leads University on March 19, 2025 in quest for research material on famous freedom fighter Bhagat Singh, who was hanged by the British colonialist rules on March 23, 1931. Coincidentally, Bhagat Singh's death anniversary and Pakistan Resolution day coincide and enhance the importance of the day. Dr. S. S. Jess was greeted by Mr. Hamza Zahoor, President and Dr. Nadeem Ahmad Bhatti, Vice Chancellor and taken to the University Library where the visitor narrated the story of his long standing interest in the topic.

Lahore Leads University planned to hold an international conference in collaboration with King's College and to have many collaborative programs including faculty exchange and joint research.

The University shield was presented to Dr. Jess as a token of his visit to Lahore Leads University.



Dr. Setvinder Singh Jess



INTERNATIONAL Pi DAY OBSERVED AT LLU



The department of Mathematics, Lahore Leads University, arranged the celebration of International Pi Day on March 20, 2025, under the expert guidance of Dr. Haseeb, Assistant Professor of Mathematics. Students of the department showcased the basic concept of Pi through charts and visual exhibits. Dr. Nadeem Ahmad Bhatti, Vice Chancellor inaugurated the activities and visited the different stalls where students described their exhibits and practically demonstrated the applications of Pi.

Dr. Mohammad Nawaz, Dean, Faculty of Computer Sciences and Mathematics, Dr. University where Dr. Saeed Ahmad Wattoo, gave an informatics talk on the 'Mathematical Foundations of Philosophy'. Dr. G.M. and Dr. Mohammad Nawaz shed light on the practical applications of Pi.

Dr. Nadeem Ahmad Bhatti, Vice Chancellor, in his concluding address, appreciated the diligence of the students of Mathematics department in their efforts to bring home the Pi concept to the participants. He also eulogized the role of the faculty in making the event interesting and effectively successful.



Seminar for Awareness about Graduate Education Policy, 2023

Lahore Leads University has adopted the HEC Graduate Education Policy 2023 (GEP-2023) with approval of its statutory bodies. GEP- 2023 features certain new aspects for example Intra-Disciplinary Admissions, Admission to PhD programs for candidates having CGPA less than 3, Appointment of Meritorious Professors as External Experts for evaluation of PhD scholars etc.

The Directorate of Academics and Quality Enhancement Cell jointly organized a seminar “Seminar/Workshop for Awareness about Graduate Education Policy 2023” on Thu Feb 27, 2025 at 11: a.m. in the auditorium of the University.

Dr. Sehrish Khan compered the whole proceedings. After recitation of Holy verses by Mr. Muhammad Amar Lecturer Islamic Studies, Dr. Sehrish Khan thanked Dr. Nadeem Ahmad Bhatti, the Vice Chancellor and Dr. Saeed Ahmad Watto, the Registrar for gracing the occasion. She emphasized the importance of awareness campaign about Graduate Education Policy 2023 and invited Dr. Mohammad Nawaz on the rostrum.

Dr. Mohammad Nawaz introduced the learned resource person Dr. Ejaz Ahmad, a prominent scholar with vast experience in the field of Education who has undertaken a number of trainings and projects in coordination with several international organizations including UNESCO and USAID.



Dr. Ejaz Ahmad emphasized the importance of the GEP-2023 in enhancing the quality of higher education in Pakistan. He highlighted the policy's role in promoting research, innovation, and academic excellence. He shared the main features of GEP 2023 with the audience. Dr. Ejaz Ahmad also addressed queries from the audience, fostering an interactive and engaging session. Outcome of this presentation and discussions is summed up in the following paragraphs.

1. Dr. Ejaz Ahmad explained the philosophy behind intra-disciplinary qualification and informed that Intra-disciplinary refers to sub-disciplines occurring within one of the ten broad disciplines defined by UNESCO's International Standard Classification of Education (ISCED-F-2013). The intra-disciplinary admission to MS/MPhil and PhD programs may only be allowed if the candidate fulfills certain requirements. He explained these requirements.



2. The MS/MPhil degree shall be awarded not before the completion of 1.5 years, and prior to admission into a PhD program, the student shall have been awarded MS/MPhil or equivalent degree, he noted.

3. For admission in PhD programs, a minimum CGPA of 3.0 (out of 4.0) is required, however the students having CGPA below 3.00 (out of 4.0) may be admitted to a PhD program after fulfilling certain requirements. He went through these requirements in detail.

4. Dr. Ejaz Ahmad further explained that the University is required to conduct admission tests for

- a. admission to MS/MPhil/Equivalent programs, with a passing score of 50% or accept the GRE/HAT General/Equivalent tests, with a passing score of 50%;
- b. admission to PhD programs to conduct the test equivalent to GRE/HAT General with the passing score of 60% or accept a test equivalent to GRE/HAT General, conducted by testing bodies accredited by HEC, with a passing score of 60%

5. Referring to external evaluation of PhD dissertation, Dr. Ejaz shared with the audience that the GEP-2023 allows external evaluation by Pakistan-based Distinguished National Professors, Meritorious Professors from any national university; or professors from top universities ranked by HEC; or professors from any Pakistani University having a minimum H-Index 30 for Sciences, 15 for Social Sciences or 8 for Art & Humanities as determined by Web of Science.

6. One of the requirements to be a PhD research supervisor as given in GEP-2023 is "A regular/adjunct faculty member or researcher at a public or private university . . .". A debate emerged at this point about what does adjunct faculty mean? Dr. Nadeem Ahmad Bhatti shared the dictionary meaning of the phrase "adjunct faculty" and referred to GEP 2023 which states

"Adjunct Faculty: A contractual faculty member, temporary or part-time, hired outside their fulltime profession such as researchers and scientists at any R&D or public/private sector organization, by educational institutions, typically colleges or universities, to teach specific courses or provide instructional support."

Due to time constraints, some portions of the presentation were not covered in detail. Dr. Muhammad Ehsan Malik proposed that the emphasis should be given to those aspects of the policy that are either new or are modification over previous policy. Dr. Mohammad Nawaz, Director Academics, assured the audience that the remaining topics would be addressed in a follow-up session to be conducted soon.

Dr. Sehrish Khan (Director, Quality Enhancement Cell) thanked the coordination team, comprising Dr. Haseeb Ahmed (Deputy Director, Directorate of Academics), Mr. Saeed Zubair (Assistant Director, Directorate of Academics), and herself for smooth execution of the event. She invited the chief guest Dr. Nadeem Ahmad Bhatti, the Vice Chancellor for his comments.

Dr. Nadeem Ahmad Bhatti appreciated the lively spirit prevailed during the seminar. “I felt like sitting in a classroom” he said. He stressed upon need to understand the philosophy behind GEP- 2023. This policy empowers the universities and HEIs in academic matters and now the responsibility of producing quality research and graduates lies on the shoulders of HEIs. The policy encompasses measures like intra-disciplinary qualification, 1.5 years' duration for MS/MPhil programs, external evaluation of PhD theses by Pakistani scholars, and supervision by adjunct faculty. If implemented wisely, GEP-2023 is capable of addressing several constraints presently existing in the system.

Dr. Saeed Ahmad Watto concluded the event by summarizing the key takeaways and expressing gratitude to the chief guest, resource person, coordination team, and participants for their active involvement. He reaffirmed the University's commitment to implementing the HEC Graduate Education Policy (GEP), 2023, in its academic framework

The event concluded with light refreshment for the participants.



ANNUAL ALUMNI DINNER



The Directorate of Students Affairs, Lahore Leads University organized the Annual Alumni Dinner, on March 23, 2025, under the supervision of Dr. Jawad Tariq, Deputy Director, Students' Affairs, at Nine Trees Hotel. Gulberg III. It was a unique occasion for the Leads alumni to reassemble and revive old memories. It was a festive reunion where friendships were renewed and success stories were proudly narrated. Mr. Hamza Zahoor, President and Dr. Nadeem Ahmed Bhatti, Vice Chancellor, Mr. Tanveer Tabish, former Director Students Affairs, Lahore Leads University, were prominent amongst the participants.



Dr. Nadeem Bhatti, Mr. Hamza Zahoor, and Dr. Jawad Tariq spoke to the gathering after the dinner and reminded the participants of their obligation to illuminate the good name of the University through their remarkable performances in their respective domains of professional life.

The friendly get-together concluded with the expression of gratitude, on the part of the participants, for the university management.



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