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EVENTS

CONVOCATION CEREMONY NATIONAL SECURITY AND WAR COURSE (NSWC) - 25



The Convocation Ceremony of 25 NSWC was held at Bilal Auditorium, National Defence University (NDU), Islamabad, celebrating the academic accomplishments of the participants in a dignified and memorable event on 3 Jul 2024. A total of 156 participants were awarded degrees, marking a proud milestone in their professional and academic journey. The Honourable President NDU, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, extending heartfelt congratulations to the graduates on their successful completion of the course. In his address, the President commended the participants for their dedication and professionalism, emphasizing the significance of continuous learning, leadership, and strategic insight in strengthening national defence and promoting institutional excellence in line with NDU's vision of advancing National Security.

NDU - 28TH FACULTY OF CONTEMPORARY STUDIES (FCS) CONVOCATION 2024

FCS-NDU 28th Convocation 2024 was held at NDU celebrating the academic achievements of graduating students in a dignified ceremony on 4 Dec 2024. The event marked a significant milestone in the student's academic journey and reflected the University's commitment to excellence in higher education. The Honourable President NDU presided over the event as the Chief Guest, where degrees were conferred upon 1 PhD, 98 MPhil, and 363 BS graduates, while medals and certificates of distinction were awarded to top position holders in recognition of their outstanding performance. In his address, the President congratulated the graduates, parents, and faculty, emphasizing the crucial role of educational institutions in shaping national character and fostering intellectual growth. He reaffirmed NDU's commitment to providing a conducive academic environment and quality education that promotes research, innovation, and engagement with national and international scholars, aligning with the University's vision.



54TH CONVOCATION OF PAKISTAN NAVY WAR COLLEGE (PNWC), LAHORE

The Convocation Ceremony of the 54th Pakistan Navy Staff Course was held at the PNWC, Lahore on 16 May 2025. Admiral Naveed Ashraf, Chief of the Naval Staff graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. During the ceremony, degrees were conferred upon 118 graduates, including 74 officers from Pakistan's Armed Forces and 44 officers from friendly countries including Bahrain, Bangladesh, Türkiye, and China. The Chief Guest congratulated the graduates and emphasized the need to adapt to modern warfare and maritime security challenges. The Commandant of PNWC presented an overview of the 45-weeks course, and the event was attended by senior officers, dignitaries, and families of the graduates.



15TH CONVOCATION OF COMMAND & STAFF COLLEGE (C&SC), QUETTA

The 15th Convocation Ceremony of Staff Course 2024-25 was held at C & SC, Quetta on 2 Jun 2025. Lt Gen Rahat Naseem Ahmed Khan, HI (M), Commander XII Corps, presided over the ceremony and awarded degrees to 369 graduates comprising officers from Pakistan Army and friendly countries. In his address, the Chief Guest commended the graduates for their dedication, professionalism, and academic achievements during the course. He emphasized the importance of continuous learning and professional excellence in adapting to the evolving nature of modern warfare. The event reflected the institution's commitment to fostering intellectual growth, strategic thinking, and leadership qualities among future military leaders.



FOREIGN STUDY TOUR (FST)

The event is an annual regular activity for the participants of National Security and War course. Lt Gen Babar Iftikhar, HI (M), President NDU headed the study tour. The event provides participants with valuable exposure to regional dynamics and strategic perspectives. The NDU FST was conducted from 5 - 8 May 2025, Chief Instructors, Directing Staff, and course participants actively engaged in the planned and conducted activities. The tour contributed to enriching the participants' understanding of international affairs and strengthening their analytical outlook.



NATIONAL SECURITY WORKSHOP (NSW)

The Institute for Strategic Studies, Research and Analysis (ISSRA) conducted 26th NSW from 28 Oct to 29 Nov 2024. This workshop is a flagship event of NDU organized annually since 2003. The workshop was attended by 97 participants including parliamentarians, bureaucrats, military officers, media representatives and individuals from civil society. The participants were apprised about the dynamics of National Security

through talks and visits to Provincial Capitals, Services Headquarters and Defence Industries. This workshop provided a unique platform for cross-sectorial dialogue and policy-level interaction, fostering a deeper understanding of comprehensive national security and the challenges faced by Pakistan. Eminent national leaders, policymakers, and subject experts delivered interactive sessions focusing on governance, economy, foreign policy, and internal stability, promoting a shared vision for national cohesion and resilience. The Federal Minister for Defence graced the closing ceremony of the workshop as a chief guest.



NATIONAL MEDIA WORKSHOP (NMW)

The ISSRA - NDU conducted 14th NMW from 19 - 23 Aug 2024. The workshop was attended by 54 participants from Electronic Media, Print Media, Digital / Web Media, Entertainment Media / Performing Arts, Academia, Government officials and Civil Society. The workshop is aimed to enhance awareness of participants about media's role in pursuit of national interest. It provided an interactive platform for dialogue between media professionals, policymakers, and national security experts, highlighting the importance of responsible journalism in shaping public perception and national narratives. Renowned speakers from civil and military leadership delivered sessions on strategic communication, media ethics, and countering misinformation, encouraging participants to contribute positively toward national integration and informed discourse.



SEMINARS, WEBINARS AND WORKSHOPS

JOINT RT CONFERENCE WITH BRITISH AMERICAN SECURITY INFORMATION COUNCIL

The ISSRA - NDU in Collaboration with the British American Security Council (BASIC), hosted a dialogue on "Emerging and Disruptive Technologies (EDTs) and Impact on Security" at NDU on 8 Oct 2024. The event brought together subject-matter experts, policymakers, and academia representatives from Pakistan and Europe to explore the multifaceted impacts of EDTs on global security.



NATIONAL SEMINAR - PAKISTAN-BANGLADESH RELATIONS: PATH TO PROGRESS & STABILITY

The ISSRA - NDU organized a seminar on "Pakistan-Bangladesh Relations: Path to Progress and Stability" at NDU on 16 Dec 2024. The session provided a platform to deliberate on overcoming past grievances and explored avenues for enhanced cooperation in trade, cultural exchange, and strategic collaboration. It aimed at encouraging constructive dialogue on the future trajectory of Pakistan-Bangladesh relations.



INTERNATIONAL WEBINAR: EUROPE WITHIN THE EVOLV- ING GLOBAL ORDER AND TRENDS

The ISSRA - NDU hosted an online discussion on “Europe within the Evolving Global Order and Trend” on 21 Jan 2025. This event marked the inaugural session of ISSRA's newly launched International Webinar Series. Distinguished speakers and subject experts from academia and policy circles shared insights on Europe's strategic positioning amid shifting global dynamics. The session featured interactive discussions that encouraged critical analysis and exchange of diverse perspectives on geopolitical trends, transatlantic relations, and Europe's role in shaping the international order. Participants appreciated the initiative as a valuable platform for intellectual engagement and policy-oriented dialogue.



5TH INTERNATIONAL WORK- SHOP FOR LEADERSHIP AND SECURITY (IWLS)

The ISSRA - NDU conducted the 5th IWLS at NDU from 17 – 22 Feb 2025. The flagship event was attended by 90 participants, including senior executives, diplomats, advisors, think tank representatives, media professionals, young leaders, and civil society members from Pakistan and abroad. The workshop featured talks and visits to key national institutions, providing participants with insights into the dynamics of national security.



ROAD TO CONFERENCE OF THE PARTIES (COP)

The ISSRA - NDU conducted a consultative discussion on “Road to COP-30” at NDU on 26 Feb 2025. The session focused on Pakistan's climate vulnerabilities and the need for strategic engagement at COP-30. Discussions highlighted securing climate finance, strengthening regional alliances, and advocating for equitable climate policies.



INTERNATIONAL WEBINAR: MIDDLE EAST WITHIN THE EVOLVING GLOBAL ORDER AND TRENDS

The ISSRA - NDU hosted an online discussion titled “Europe in the Evolving Global Order and Trends” on 23 Apr 2025. This session was part of ISSRA's International Webinar series aimed at strengthening global engagement through formal cooperation mechanisms and academic dialogue with leading think tanks and institutions. It featured expert's presentations followed by interactive discussions that fostered diverse perspectives.



2ND INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMME FOR DEVELOPMENT AND STABILITY (IPDS) - 2024

The ISSRA - NDU conducted 2nd IPDS from 24 - 26 Sep 2024. The programme was attended by 62 participants including Foreign Security Advisors (FSAs), members of diplomatic community / international development agencies and representatives of civil society. IPDS was focused on understanding evolving global / regional environment, global trends and trade / investment environment in Pakistan and

forecasting possible future mosaic in the form of Artificial Intelligence Warfare and narrative formulation.



SEMINAR - EMERGING TECH- NOLOGIES: IMPACT ON NATIONAL SECURITY

The ISSRA - NDU organized a seminar on “Emerging Technologies: Impact on National Security” on 1 Oct 2024. The event opened with a keynote by Mr. Ahsan Iqbal, Minister for Planning, Development, and Special Initiatives, followed by a thematic session moderated by Dr. Nudrat Nida. Experts shared recommendations on artificial intelligence, cyber security, and synthetic biology, highlighting key challenges and opportunities. The concluding note was delivered by Ms. Shaza Fatima Khawaja, Federal Minister for IT & Telecommunication.





INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR: REGIONAL TRADE & CON- NECTIVITY: DISCOVERING NEW HORIZONS & OPPORTU- NITIES

The ISSRA - NDU, in collaboration with the National Logistics Corporation (NLC), organized an International Seminar on “Regional Trade and Connectivity: Discovering New Horizons and Opportunities” at NDU on 9 Jan 2025. The seminar examined the role of Pakistan and regional countries in advancing trade through infrastructure, transport, digital networks, and energy cooperation. Ambassadors of ECO member states, along with government officials, diplomats, and business leaders participated and shared perspectives on strengthening regional economic collaboration.



TWO-DAY INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR CUM ROUNDTABLE CONFERENCE ON PAKI- STAN'S ROLE IN COUNTER- ING TERRORISM: PROMOT- ING PEACE AND STABILITY

The ISSRA - NDU organized an International Seminar on “Pakistan's Role in Counter Terrorism: Promoting Peace and Stability” at NDU on 29 Jan 2025. The event was inaugurated by President NDU with a keynote by Gen (Retd) Ehsan Ul Haq, Former Chairman Joint Chiefs of Staff Committee (CJCSC). The event gathered diplomats, scholars, and security experts. Meanwhile on 30 Jan 2025, a roundtable was hosted on “Causes of Rise of Terrorism in KPK and Balochistan; Post US Withdrawal from Afghanistan,” where experts examined political, historical, and socio-economic drivers of extremism, followed by closing remarks from Lt Gen (Retd) Nasser Khan Janjua.



ONE-DAY SEMINAR: EVOLVING SYRIAN SITUATION: DOMESTIC, REGIONAL, AND INTERNATIONAL IMPLICATIONS

The Department of International Relations (IR) organized a one-day seminar on “Evolving Syrian Situation: Domestic, Regional, and International Implications” in collaboration with the School of Politics and International Relations (SPIR), Quaid-i-Azam University (QAU), at NDU on 27 May 2025. The seminar explored the domestic dynamics of Syria, its regional impact, and broader international implications through expert deliberations.



SEMINAR ON SOUTH ASIA: RELEVANCE OF TRACK 2.0 DIPLOMACY

The ISSRA - NDU organized a seminar on 8 Apr 2025. The session featured keynote addresses by Dr. Peter Jones, Executive Director of Ottawa Dialogue, and Ambassador Zamir Akram, Advisor to the Strategic Plans Division. It included a thematic discussion moderated by Ms. Aiza Azam, highlighting the role of Track 2.0 diplomacy in the evolving global order, and concluded with interactive dialogue and closing remarks.



5TH NATIONAL RESEARCH WORKSHOP (NRW) & 2ND EXECUTIVE LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM (ELS)

The Department of Leadership and Management Studies (LMS) organized the 5th NRW and the 2nd ELS at NDU from 28 - 30 Apr 2025. The three-day event brought together dignitaries, scholars, and industry experts to bridge academic research with practical leadership. Discussions focused on contemporary research, leadership development, and the transformative role of technology, particularly AI, in organizational strategies.



INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS SUMMER SCHOOL 2024

The Department of IR organized a “5 Days International Relations Summer School 2024” on Contemporary Global Challenges at NDU from 19 - 23 Aug 2024. The program featured lectures by academic experts, practitioners, and media professionals, engaging participants on themes including global political contestation, climate change, emerging technologies, terrorism, gender equality, and youth empowerment for sustainable development.



5TH NDU INTERNATIONAL PEACE SYMPOSIUM: CON- FLICT, SECURITY AND DEVELOPMENT

The department of Peace & Conflict Studies (PCS) organized the 5th NDU International Peace Symposium, held from 3 - 6 Dec 2024, brought together leading experts to discuss the evolving global linkages between conflict, security, and development. Dr. Asif Iqbal Dawar (Asst Prof PCS) served as the focal person, enhancing the Department's academic presence and providing students and faculty valuable exposure to international scholarship, dialogue, and networking opportunities.



SUMMER COURSE ON ADVANCED QUALITATIVE METHODS IN CONFLICT STUDIES

The Department of PCS organized a Summer Course on Advanced Qualitative Methods in Conflict Studies from 8 - 12 Jul 2024 at NDU, conducted by Dr. Asif Iqbal Dawar. The intensive program enhanced participants' research capabilities through focused training in case study design, narrative inquiry, and discourse analysis. The course enabled students to apply qualitative tools to real-world conflict scenarios, deepening their understanding of complex social dynamics. It further reinforced the Department's commitment to strengthening methodological rigor in conflict studies research.



POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH WORKSHOP

A Postgraduate Research Workshop was held from 18 - 19 Dec 2024 to strengthen research capacity among postgraduate students. Organized by Dr. Irfan Mahsud (Asst Prof PCS), the two-day training focused on research methodologies and analytical skills, offering practical guidance on designing rigorous research projects. The workshop underscored the Department's commitment to nurturing a new generation of critical scholars in peace and conflict studies.



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON ETHNIC CONFLICTS AND GEOPOLITICAL CHALLENGES

The Department of PCS organized the International Conference on "Ethnic Conflicts and Geopolitical Challenges: Navigating Violent Conflicts and Global Security Dynamics" on 6 - 7 May 2025 at NDU. Spearheaded by Dr. Rashid Ahmad, the two-day event brought together distinguished academics, practitioners, and policymakers from Pakistan and abroad. Discussions focused on identity-driven violence, geopolitical shifts, and emerging

security trends. The conference provided students and scholars with valuable engagement opportunities and further strengthened NDU's role as a center of international discourse on conflict and security.



SEMINAR - EXPLORING STRATEGIC PATHWAYS ON KASHMIR

The ISSRA - NDU organized a Launch Seminar to present its Strategy Paper titled "Exploring Strategic Pathways on Kashmir" at NDU on 4 Feb 2025. The event gathered policymakers, academics, and strategists to deliberate on Pakistan's options regarding Kashmir. Mr. Jamal Aziz presented the paper's findings, followed by its ceremonial launch. Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed, the Chief Guest, commended the effort, and a panel discussion concluded the seminar with analysis of contemporary challenges and strategic approaches. It fostered diverse perspectives.



ROUNDTABLES

NDU - ROYAL DANISH DEFENCE COLLEGE (RDDC) ROUNDTABLE CONFERENCE: COMPREHENSIVE STRATEGIC WARFARE: PRESENT AND FUTURE

NDU and RDDC have conducted several academic activities since 2014, which included joint conferences on regional security issues with participants from the region and international experts. In this regard, NDU and RDDC Joint Roundtable Conference titled “Comprehensive strategic warfare: Present and Future” was conducted at ISSRA, NDU from 22 - 24 Oct 2024. The conference brought together scholars and defence experts from both countries to discuss evolving concepts of hybrid and multi-domain warfare, technological transformation, and strategic competition. The conference strengthened academic cooperation and contributed valuable insights on addressing emerging global and regional security challenges.



ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: INDIAN PROVOCATIONS OF MAY 2025 & ITS AFTERMATH

The Pahalgam incident of 22 April 2025 marked a significant escalation in India Pakistan tensions, leading to four days of intense military exchanges and diplomatic strain. To evaluate its broader implications, ISSRA at NDU convened two Roundtable Conferences on 3 and 16 Jun 2025, bringing together experts from legal, diplomatic, and strategic domains. The discussions focused on competing narratives of attribution, the military and political objectives driving the escalation, and its impact on regional stability. Panellists also underscored the growing influence of hybrid warfare and disinformation in shaping regional and international perceptions.



ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION - IMPLICATIONS OF NOTICES BY INDIA ON INDUS WATER TREATY

The ISSRA - NDU organized a Roundtable on “Implications of Notices by India on Indus Water Treaty” on 24 Dec 2024. The session provided a crucial platform for experts, policymakers, and scholars to assess the treaty's evolving challenges and their implications for Pakistan's water security. Participants engaged in in-depth discussions on strategic, legal, and diplomatic responses, contributing valuable insights toward strengthening Pakistan's position and promoting regional stability.



ROUNDTABLE - PAKISTAN- UNITED STATES RELATIONS IN THE EVOLVING GLOBAL ORDER

As a part of Conversations@Foothills series, the ISSRA - NDU, organised a Roundtable Discussion on “Pakistan-United States Relations in the Evolving Global Order” on 11 Jul 2024. Experts with diverse backgrounds and first-hand experience in diplomacy, security, economy, law, and journalism, examined the chequered Pak-US relations in the context of a recent report by a senior study group of Washington-based think tanks.



VISITS

VISIT OF INSTITUTE OF CHINA AND CONTEMPO- RARY ASIA AT THE RUSSIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE TO NDU

A three-member delegation from Russia's Institute of China and Contemporary Asia at the Russian Academy of Sciences (ICCA RAS), led by Professor Dr. Kirill Babaev, Director at ICCA RAS, visited ISSRA - NDU on 9 Apr 2025. The visit aimed to strengthen academic and research collaboration between ISSRA and ICCA-RAS, with a focus on promoting dialogue on Eurasian affairs, regional connectivity, and evolving global dynamics. The delegation also visited several local think tanks and institutes in Islamabad, such as the Institute of Strategic Studies (MOU signing), Strategic Vision Institute, and SPIR Quaid-i-Azam University.



DELEGATION OF THE 66TH REGULAR SHARI'AH COURSE TO NDU

A delegation of the 66th Regular Shari'ah Course, comprising Judges, Qazis, Armed Law Officers, Attorneys, and Public Prosecutor Trainees, visited NDU on 18 Dec 2024. The visit was organized and conducted by Public Relations and Student Affairs (PRSA)-NDU and provided the delegation with insights into the university's academic and institutional environment.



VISIT OF CADET COLLEGE MASTUNG BALOCHISTAN TO NDU

A delegation of 29 member from Cadet College Mastung, Balochistan, led by Asst Prof Mr. Nasir Murad, visited NDU on 20 Sep 2024. The visit was organized and conducted by PRSA - NDU, which aimed to acquaint students with the university's academic environment, infrastructure, and strategic role in higher education. The delegation attended an interactive sessions and received an overview of NDU's functions, providing valuable insights and fostering future academic aspirations.



CO/EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

NSWC - NDU MUSICAL NIGHT

A Musical Night was organized at the NDU on 10 Oct 2024. The event provided an opportunity for participants to relax and showcase their talents in a vibrant and engaging atmosphere. Faculty, directing staff, and participants enthusiastically took part in the evening's performances. President NDU, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and appreciated the efforts of the organizers and participants for arranging an enjoyable and well-coordinated event.



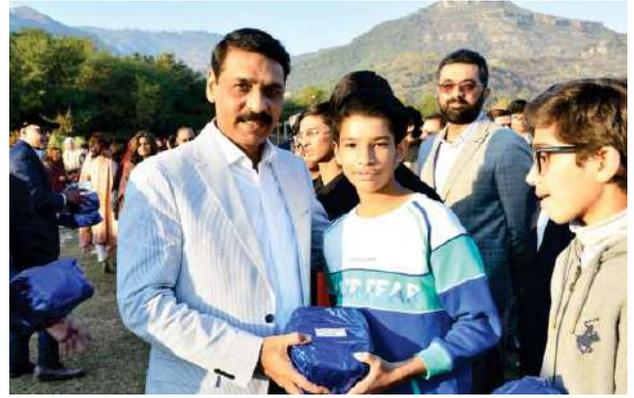
FCS NDU Musical Night

The PRSA - NDU organized a Musical Night, under the arrangements of the PRSA and Literary, Arts, and Culture (LAC) Society at Miandad Ground on 24 May 2024. The event featured captivating performances by renowned Pakistani artists Falak Shabbir and Bayan Band, providing students with an evening of entertainment and cultural celebration.



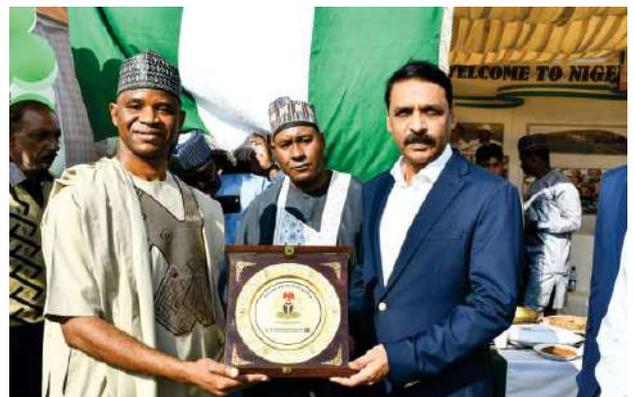
CHILDREN SPORTS GALA

Children Gala was conducted at NDU from 23 - 25 Nov 2024. Children of NDU families enthusiastically participated in the event. President NDU graced the occasion as Chief Guest. The gala featured a variety of recreational, educational, and cultural activities, providing families and children with a joyful and engaging experience. The event aimed to promote community bonding, creativity, and a healthy campus environment, reflecting NDU's commitment to holistic development beyond academics.



NDU GOURMET

The NDU Gourmet event was held at the NDU on 1 Dec 2024. The activity provided a lively platform for directing staff and participants to showcase their culinary skills and creativity. Participants enthusiastically took part, contributing to an enjoyable and engaging experience. President NDU graced the occasion as the Chief Guest and commended the organizers and participants for their spirited involvement and excellent arrangements.



SUFI NIGHT

The Department of IR organized a Sufi Night at Anabia's Garden on 6 Dec 2024, continuing its tradition of cultural events. The evening celebrated Sufi music and poetry, fostering cultural appreciation and a sense of community among participants.



COMMUNITY SERVICE AND ENTREPRENEURIAL INITIATIVES AT NDU

In line with the NDU's commitment to fostering social responsibility, leadership, and experiential learning, various departments undertook impactful community service and entrepreneurial initiatives during the academic year. These projects not only strengthened students' sense of civic engagement but also encouraged innovation, empathy, and teamwork.

- **Cyber safe Community - Empowering Digital Citizens:** The NDU Community Service Club (CSC) conducted awareness sessions on cyber threats, phishing, and privacy management to promote safe digital practices and responsible online behaviour.
- **Karwan-e-Umeed - Community Service Project:** The Department of Eco students (Spring 2023 batch) organized fundraising

and environmental drives, donating proceeds for women's skill development and promoting eco-friendly practices.

- **Rays of Hope:** The GPP Department's Team Akhyar-e-Kul held engaging activities at Pehli Kiran School, fostering learning, joy, and inclusion for underprivileged children.
- **LMS Pop-Up Business Gala:** The Department of LMS held a student-led business gala, where participants launched small ventures, gaining practical entrepreneurship experience and confidence.
- **Cultural Day:** The Department of Strategic Studies (SS) celebrated Cultural Day, showcasing Pakistan's rich diversity and heritage. Students and faculty dressed in traditional attire from various provinces, fostering mutual respect, cultural pride, and a vibrant sense of community within the department.

ANNUAL DINNERS

COURSE WELCOME DINNER

Course Welcome Dinner of mil participants ex NSWC-25 was held on 15 Aug 2024 at NDU Islamabad. Maj Gen Muhammad Naeem Akhtar, CI A Div graced the occasion as Chief Guest of Ceremony.



FCS - ANNUAL DINNERS

FCS NDU organized a series of Welcome and Farewell Dinners across departments to celebrate student achievements and foster a sense of community. The events were attended by the Dean FCS, respective HoDs, faculty, staff, and students. Each gathering featured engaging performances, including music, poetry, drama, comedy, and cultural dances.

Event Details:

- Department of Strategic Studies: 21 Jun 2025
- Department of International Relations: 30 May 2025
- Department of Economics: 30 May 2025
- Department of Government & Public Policy: 30 Dec 2024



ANNUAL DINNER - STRATEGIC STUDIES



ANNUAL DINNER INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS



ANNUAL DINNER - ECONOMICS



ANNUAL DINNER - GOVERNMENT & PUBLIC POLICY

PUBLIC RELATION, STUDENT AFFAIRS & IT (PRSA&IT)

NDU SPORTS GALA 2024

PRSA & IT - NDU organized the Annual Sports Gala 2024 at NDU from 18 - 26 Nov 2024. The flag-ship event featured various sports competitions of the students. Mr. Shahid Khan Afridi was invited to grace the closing ceremony and prize distribution.



NDU - BLOOD DONATION DRIVE

PRSA & IT in collaboration with the Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) organized the annual Blood Donation Drive at NDU in Edhi Hall on 8 Oct 2024. The event gathered significant donations, continuing NDU's tradition of contributing over 1500 blood units since 2017. With medical support from PRCS, the drive reinforced NDU's recognition as a leading donor university and its commitment to supporting students, faculty, and staff in times of need.



BREAST CANCER AWARENESS SESSION - 2024

A Breast Cancer Awareness Session was organized by PRSA & IT on 2 Oct 2024, featuring Dr. Rakhshanda Rashid, former Associate Prof and Surgeon at PIMS, as the



guest speaker. The session was attended by female faculty, staff, and students. It also emphasized symptoms, self-examination techniques, and preventive measures. Moreover, the event highlighted the importance of awareness and early detection in combating breast cancer. Begum President NDU graced the event as a Chief Guest.

LAUNCHING OF SPECIAL ANTI-DRUG AWARENESS / OPERATION CAMPAIGN

PRSA & IT NDU organized a lecture at Edhi Hall on the "Anti-Drug Awareness/Operation Campaign to Counter Drug Prevalence in Educational Institutions," delivered by Dr. Zara Kiran from the Anti-Narcotics Force Pakistan on 30 Oct 2024. The session educated faculty, staff, and students on the dangers of drug abuse, preventive measures, and the vital role of academia in curbing drug prevalence. Actively engaging participants, the event highlighted collaborative efforts for a drug-free environment and reinforced NDU's commitment to a safe, healthy campus.



PAKISTAN UNIVERSITIES DEBATING CHAMPIONSHIP

The Pakistan Universities Debating Championship was held at HEC on 26 Feb 2025, where the NDU debating team secured 1st position in the Urdu category. Competing against top universities, the team demonstrated outstanding argumentation, critical thinking, and eloquence, reflecting NDU's commitment to promoting intellectual excellence and a vibrant debating culture.



EID MILAD-UN-NABI NAAT COMPETITION

PRSA & IT NDU nominated two students, Ms. Tarain Ali and Mr. Malik Moazzam



Ahmed Khan, to participate in the Eid Milad-un-Nabi Naat Competition held at International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) on 3 Oct 2024. Demonstrating exceptional performance, Ms. Tarain Ali secured 1st position in the final round and was awarded a cash prize of Rs. 10,000/- bringing pride to the University.

RAHMATUL-LIL ALAMEEN WA KHATAMUN NABIYYIN INTERNATIONAL CONFER- ENCE

NDU students participated in the Rahmatul-Lil Alameen Wa Khatamun Nabiyyin International Conference held at the National Skills University, Islamabad, from 20 - 22 Sep 2024. Organized by the National Rahmatul-Lil Alameen Wa Khatamun Nabiyyin Authority (NRKNA), the three-day festival gathered students from various higher education institutions. NDU's participation in diverse activities promoted knowledge exchange, cultural harmony, and inter-university collaboration.



PLANTATION DRIVE IN MEMORY OF AIMAL SARFRAZ (L) AND SHANZA JAMEEL (L)

A Plantation Drive was held in memory of NDU's students Mr. Aimal Sarfraz and Ms. Shanza Jameel at NDU on 31 Oct 2024. The event took place at the NDU lawn and was attended by the parents of both students, serving as a meaningful tribute while promoting the spirit of environmental sustainability.



STUDENT COUNCIL FCS ELECTIONS 2024-25



**Muhammad Sohaib Khan - President
SCSC**

NDU provides a platform to the students to raise their voice on various issues they

encounter during their course of studies. The forum is called Student Council where a Student President and all Departmental Representatives are elected through General Elections. The Election was successfully conducted through customized computer application developed by the IT Team of this Branch. Following students were elected:-



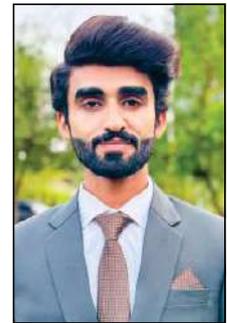
Muhammad Hassan
Department Representative
International Relations



Junaid Khan
Department Representative
Strategic Studies



Muhammad Salman
Department Representative
Government & Public Policy



Amir Iqbal
Department Representative
Economics



Afnan ur Rehman
Department Representative
Peace & Conflict Studies



Abdur Rehman Siddique
Department Representative
Leadership & Management Studies

OFFICE OF RESEARCH, INNOVATION AND COMMERCIALIZATION (ORIC)

In line with NDU's mission to advance academic excellence, research innovation, and institutional collaboration, the University entered into several Memorandums of Understanding (MoUs) during the year 2024–25.

AIOU & NDU (12 Dec 2024): An MoU was signed between Allama Iqbal Open University (AIOU) and NDU, by Vice Chancellor AIOU and President NDU, to promote academic collaboration, joint research, and knowledge exchange, advancing higher education excellence in Pakistan.



UoP & NDU (2 Oct 2024): An MoU was signed between University of Peshawar (UoP) and NDU, by Vice Chancellor UoP and President NDU, to strengthen academic cooperation, foster research collaboration, and facilitate faculty and student exchange.



GCU Lahore & NDU (4 Sep 2024): An MoU was signed between GC University Lahore and NDU by Vice Chancellor GCU Lahore and President NDU, to promote mutual collaboration in research, academic initiatives, and knowledge sharing.



CAP & NDU (24 Oct 2024): An MoU was signed between the Chainstore Association of Pakistan (CAP) and NDU, by Chairman CAP and Dy President NDU, to enhance collaboration through guest lectures by retail experts, student engagement opportunities, and joint research on retail industry dynamics.



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FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

PROF. DR. ARSHI SALEEM HASHMI (DEAN FCS)

Prof. Dr. Arshi Saleem Hashmi, Dean FCS actively represented the NDU at prominent national and international academic platforms throughout 2024. She delivered lectures and participated in conferences on key themes such as negotiation skills, conflict resolution, human security, hybrid warfare, and regional relations. Notable engagements included delivering lectures at the National Police Academy, National Institute of Intelligence and Security Studies (NIISS), and NACTA, as well as moderating a seminar at ISSRA, NDU. Internationally, she served as a visiting scholar at the University of Oslo and spoke at the Peace Research Institute Oslo (PRIO) and the Norwegian Centre for Human Rights. Dr. Hashmi also presented a paper at an international conference in Iran, participated in the Islamabad Conclave 2024, and spoke at the Sustainable Development Policy Institute's 27th Sustainable Development Conference. Her scholarly engagements reflect her continued commitment to advancing discourse on peace, security, and human rights at both national and global levels.



Dr. Shafei Moiz Hali, HoD GPP, played a pivotal role in 2025 as a member of the Prime Minister's Committee on Civil Service Reforms. His landmark proposal for



a Cluster-Based Induction System, allowing age relaxation up to 35 years and five attempts for candidates, was endorsed by the Planning Commission and formally approved by the National Assembly of Pakistan, marking a significant step in transforming the nation's civil service.

Dr. Maria Saifuddin Effendi, HoD PCS, actively contributed to academic discourse in 2024-2025, including the Workshop on Space Law & Policy (Sep 2024) on international space diplomacy and a seminar on the International Year of Peace and Trust (Jan 2025) on academia's role in peace building. She also organized a book talk on Re-envisioning Peace building and Conflict Resolution in Islam (Apr 2025) and hosted a guest lecture on Deciphering Pahalgam (May 2025).



Dr. Abdul Rauf, Asst Prof. Eco, and **Dr. Abdul Jalil**, HoD Eco, received a RASTA Competitive Grants Programme award from the Pakistan Institute of Development Economics for their project on “Internal R&D, Imported Input Variety, and Technology Acquisition in Pakistan's Pharmaceutical Competitiveness.” The research highlights strategies to boost industrial innovation and export growth in the sector.



Dr. Asif Iqbal Dawar, Asst Prof PCS, served as a keynote speaker at the Development Studies Seminar in Lisbon, Portugal (18 Jun 2025), where he discussed the militarization of aid in post-conflict contexts and highlighted the importance of integrated development approaches.



Dr. Sameera Imran Asst Prof IR actively participated in international academic forums in 2024–2025. She attended the International Workshop on Irregular Warfare and Hybrid Threats at the George Marshall Center, Germany (3–22 Jun 2024). She served as a key speaker at the conference Connecting People, Cultures, and Ideas: Re-examining Sino-American

Exchange (25–27 Oct 2024) at Beijing Foreign Studies University, and at the 1st Pakistani-Russian International Conference (18–19 Feb 2025) on The Evolving Pakistan-Russia Relationship in a Changing Global Order.



STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Mr. Safyan Tahir Verka, PhD Scholar at the Department of LMS, presented a research paper titled “Self-Determination Theory and Turnover Intention: Testing the Mediating Effect of Public Service Motivation” at the American Society for Public Administration (ASPA) 2025 Annual Conference, held at The Mayflower Hotel, Washington, DC, from 28 Mar to 1 Apr 2025. He is an ASPA member since 2022, has previously represented NDU in earlier conferences as well.



Ms. Qurat ul Ain Ali Khawaja, from Azad Jammu & Kashmir, is the first woman from her region to specialize in Leadership at the MPhil level from NDU. As co-founder of digital advocacy groups Twitter Trending Team, Patriots, and Defenders, she led

impactful global campaigns during the 2019 IIOJK curfew, amplifying Kashmir's human rights issues worldwide. Her initiatives, including Let Kashmir Decide and efforts in cyber security and counter-disinformation during the 2025 Indo-Pak conflict, reflect her commitment to peace and digital resilience. Recognized with the Pride of Pakistan (2025) and National Youth Award (2021), she stands out as a prominent voice in youth empowerment, digital activism, and policy advocacy.



Mr. Ibrahim Munir student of BS PCS served on the editorial board of Spark magazine, launched at the Commonwealth Asia Youth Alliance Summit on 28 Jan 2025.



Ms. Amna Goraya student of BS IR was selected as an Ambassador for Change with FOSPAH - The Federal Ombudsperson Secretariat for Protection Against Harassment at the Workplace.



Ms. Huma Qureshi student of BS IR achieved a remarkable milestone with her prominent feature in SPARK, PMYP's inaugural youth magazine.



Ms. Tarain Ali student of BS IR has been selected for the Millennium Fellowship Class of 2025, presented by United Nations Academic Impact (UNAI) and the Millennium Campus Network (MCN).



Ms. Amna Eman BS Eco student, served as Chairperson of the UNHRC Committee at NDUMUN'24 (9-10 Dec 2024), successfully leading 17 delegates



including representatives of Israel, Palestine, India, and Pakistan to a consensus on a resolution upholding human and women's rights as fundamental and non-negotiable.

Mr. Hayat Ullah BS Eco student, represented NDU at two cyber security conferences in July and August 2025, engaging with experts on cyber security's role in governance, economic stability, and national resilience.



Ms. Izzah Fatima Niazi student of BS Eco has earned the Best Delegate Award at NDUMUN Fall 2024, appeared on PTV World's Game



Changer, and delivered over ten motivational talks at leading universities. In 2025, she achieved 2nd position in NDU's Parliamentary Debate (25 Feb 2025) and represented her department at Regional Dialogues 2025, engaging with senior policymakers.

Ms. Hooria Noor student of BS Eco, and **Mr. Waleed Noor** student of BS SS, served as judges for the British Parliamentary Debate Competition at EFX-2025, UET Peshawar, organized by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers on 23 Feb 2025, contributing their public speaking expertise to the event's success.



Ms. Yamna Khajjak BS Eco authored insightful articles on economic policy, trade, and global affairs, including "Beyond Numbers: Pakistan's Economic Recovery Challenges", "The Trading Sector of Pakistan", and "Palestine: The Land Deserves Peace", showcasing her analytical depth and academic excellence.



Mr. Bheemraj student of BS GPP secured 1st position in the National Climate Issues Writing Competition organized by the Ministry of Climate Change,



Government of Pakistan, showcasing his insight and commitment to environmental policy and sustainable development.

Mr. Muhammad Danish Raza, Ms. Nawal, and Ms. Ezza Imran BS Eco Co-authored a paper titled "Analysing the Linkage Between Female Labour Force Participation and Female Working Poverty in South Asia", published in the Social Science and Humanities Journal on 4 April 2025, reflecting the department's commitment to impactful research.



Mr. Jawad Hassan student of the BS GPP was selected for the fully funded English Works Program by the US Embassy in Pakistan and appointed as President of PYDIR - Pakistan Youth Development Initiative and International Re-alliances, reflecting his leadership and dedication to youth empowerment.



Mr. Muhammad Husnain Haider

student of BS PCS presented his research paper "Divine Deception: Religious Ideology in Boko Haram and ISIS Recruitment" at the Arabian Gulf Security Conference, Dubai, held online on 24 - 25 April 2025, showcasing his academic engagement in global security studies.



Ms. Qurrat Ul Ain Dabeer Kazmi

student of the BS SS represented the International Muslim Women's Union by delivering an oral statement at the 58th UN Human Rights Council, advocating for global human rights.



UGRAD EXCHANGE PROGRAM 2024

Mr. Fahad Abdullah, BS-IR from Suny Cortland in USA UGRAD Exchange Program - Fall 2024

Mr. Haris Saleh Hayat, BS-IR from University of Incarnate Word (UIW) in USA UGRAD Exchange Program - Fall 2024

Ms. Haram Kamran, BS-IR from Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville in USA UGRAD Exchange Program - Spring 2025

Ms. Ayesha Ansar, BS SS from Carroll College, Helena, Montana in in USA UGRAD Exchange Program - Fall 2024



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National Day of USA



Kazakhstan Delegation



NDU FCS Sports Gala 2024



National Day of Sri Lanka



National Day of Sri Lanka



NDU FCS Musical Night



National Day of Bangladesh & Zimbabwe



National Day of Bangladesh & Zimbabwe



German Capstone Course (DCC)



Russian Delegation



National Day of Bangladesh & Zimbabwe



NDU FCS Sports Gala 2024



NIDS Japan Delegation



Blood Donation Drive 2024



Motivational Talk by Tuaha Ibn e Jalil



National Day of Jordan



National Day of Rwanda



Black Day Kashmir 2024



Annual Dinner Department of PCS



Pakistan Universities Debating Championship - Regional Round



NIDS Japan Delegation



Plantation Drive 2024



NDU FCS Orientation Fall 2024



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