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EVENTS

23^{R D} CONVOCAATION CEREMONY NATIONAL SECURITY AND WAR COURSE (NSWC -23)



The Convocation ceremony was held on 5th Jul, 2023 to award degrees to the successful graduates of Faculty of Security Studies (FSS). Dr. Arif Alvi, the President of Islamic Republic of Pakistan graced the occasion as Chief Guest. Total 149x MS degrees were awarded to Pakistan Armed Forces Officers.

The aim of this course is to enable the participants to develop comprehensive understanding of national security, elements of national power, military, nuclear, and operational strategies within the framework of contemporary security environment to prepare them as visionary leaders for higher command and staff assignments.

The Chief Guest congratulated the graduating course and their families on this auspicious occasion. He also underscored the unique status that NDU enjoys in the academic arena of the Country and highly appreciated its role in preparing the future Civil-Military leadership to adeptly take on existing and emerging challenges to national security.



24TH NDU CONVOCAATION CEREMONY - FACULTY OF CONTEMPORARY STUDIES (FCS)

The 24th Graduation Ceremony of PhD, Mphil scholars, and BS was held at National Defence University on 5th Jan, 2023. The President of Islamic Republic of Pakistan, Dr. Arif Alvi graced the occasion as Chief Guest.

The ceremony was attended by the graduates, faculty, dignitaries, and senior government officials. Overall, 260x students were awarded PhD (4), MPhil (48), and BS (208) degrees. The graduates were honored with Gold Medals and Merit Certificates for their outstanding achievements in their respective academic career.

Dr. Arif Alvi, President Islamic Republic of Pakistan, in his address, emphasized the unique composition of NDU, where civilian and military students, including those from friendly countries, come together to form a harmonious blend. The alumni of NDU were praised for having ample opportunities and extensive exposure through interactions with intellectuals,

think tanks, and national/international institutions. NDU was commended for its pivotal role in promoting a vibrant research culture while serving as a single platform for all sections of society, including politicians, military personnel, and civilians. The Chief Guest highlighted the significance of youth contributing in re-constructing the social structure of the society. He also emphasized upon the new techniques of teaching and learning in upcoming (Artificial Intelligence) environment. In the end, he congratulated the graduating students with special appreciation extended to the medalists for their outstanding achievements.

Lieutenant General Nauman Mahmood, HI (M), President NDU congratulated the graduating batch, and said that a nation's character is shaped by its educational institutions. NDU through its academic excellence is contributing in shaping up of Comprehensive National Security policy, which combines the energies of civil and military thinkers. Therefore, it provides an opportunity to military and civil future leaderships to learn the dynamics of national policy formulation.



16TH CONVOCATION OF PAKISTAN NAVAL WAR COLLEGE (PNWC), LAHORE

The Convocation ceremony was held on 31st May, 2023 at PNWC, Lahore. Total 86x Graduates were awarded with MS degrees. The event was graced by the Chief of Naval Staff, Admiral Muhammad Amjad Khan Niazi, NI (M), as Chief Guest. AVM Imran Saif, Chief Instructor, Allied Officers Division, represented NDU in the ceremony on behalf of President NDU.



13TH CONVOCATION OF COMMAND & STAFF COLLEGE (C&SC), QUETTA

The Convocation ceremony was held on 1st Jun, 2023 at C&SC Quetta. Where 280x successful graduates were awarded with MS degrees. The convocation ceremony was graced by Lieutenant General Asif Ghafoor, HI(M) Commander XII-Corps as Chief Guest. "Best Researcher" certificate was awarded to Maj Rehman and "Quetta Association Trophy" was secured by Lt. Col. Dantas, Brazil.



SEMINARS & WORKSHOPS

3^R D INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR LEADERSHIP AND SECURITY

Institute For Strategic Studies, Research and Analysis (ISSRA), NDU conducted “3rd International Workshop for Leadership and Security” from 13th - 17th Mar, 2023. The workshop is a flagship event of NDU that was attended by 80x participants including Senior National, International Executives, Business Leaders, Diplomats, Advisors to Governments, Representatives of Leading Global Think Tanks, representatives of International Media, promising Young

Professionals, and individuals from Civil society. The participants were apprised about the dynamics of National Security through talks and visits to various Civil and Military HQs/ Instalations. Gen Zubair Mahmood Hayat (Retd), NI (M) graced the Closing Ceremony of the Workshop on 17th Mar, 2023.



SEMINAR ON “EXTREMISM AND INTOLERANCE: A THREAT TO NATIONAL COHESION”

ISSRA - NDU organised a two days seminar on the subject title on 3rd - 4th Jan, 2023. It termed as an extensive academic discourse, having two sessions. The seminar was attended by Learned Religious Scholars, Academicians, Media Persons, and Practitioners from the relevant field followed by an interactive discussion. Long hour useful discussions were held during the two sessions on 4th Jan, 2023.



SEMINAR ON “TRADE AND CONNECTIVITY: WESTERN NEIGHBOURHOOD OF PAKISTAN”

An International Seminar on “Trade & Connectivity: Western Neighbourhood of Pakistan” was held from 24th-25th Jan, 2023 in collaboration with National Logistics Cell (NLC). The Seminar on 24th Jan, 2023 focussed on “Trade and Connectivity: Western Neighbourhood of Pakistan”; while the Roundtable on 25th Jan, 2023 discussed Policy, Strategy, Framework, practical implementation and reinforcement of procedures to ensure smooth border crossing by Cargo trucks in the interest of enhancing and strengthening connectivity with countries in the western neighbourhood of Pakistan. Dr Moed Yusuf, former National Security Adviser (NSA), was the chief guest at the seminar where Ambassadors of Turkey, Iran, Azerbaijan, Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan and senior officials from the Ministry of Trade and Commerce shared their Perspectives.



SEMINAR ON “WOMEN LEADERSHIP TRANSFORMING PAKISTAN”

Department of Leadership and Management Studies (LMS) - NDU organized one day seminar on 3rd May, 2023. Ms. Nigar Nazar, (TI) Pakistan First Female cartoonist, was invited as Guest speaker. It was a great learning experience from Vintage Cartoon to Climate Change illustrated MY TREE BOOK. Ms. Nigar Nazar's achievements serve as a reminder that women can break barriers and achieve greatness in any field they choose to pursue. Her artwork has brought joy and laughter to countless individuals around the world, while also shedding light on important issues and encouraging meaningful conversations about social justice and equality. The seminar educated the students about that “how art can be linked to convey powerful message to community for human development”.



SEMINAR ON DEVELOPING CLIMATE RESILIENT FLOOD RESPONSE STRATEGY FOR PAKISTAN

The Department of International Relations (IR) - NDU hosted a two-days seminar on 17th-18th May, 2023. The seminar focused on moving a step ahead in debate and bringing together Security and Defence Practitioners, Academician, Researchers, Policy makers, and Society representatives to discuss the likely scenarios and response options for Pakistan. It also focused on the broad spectrum of the threats associated with Global Climate Change for National and Human Security. It was attended by the guests, faculty and students.



PANNEL DISCUSSIONS: ENGAGING PERSPECTIVES AND INSIGHTFUL DIALOGUES

The department of Peace and Conflict Studies (PCS) - NDU hosted a series of thought-provoking panel discussions on 6th Apr, 2023. The activists and community leaders were invited to participate in these enriching discussions. Each panel features engaging dialogue and insightful exchanges that aimed to foster meaningful conversations and explore diverse viewpoints on pressing issues of the time. This enlightening event promised to be a platform where experts, thoughtful leaders, and community members converge to exchange ideas and ignite changes.



WORKSHOP ON "CRITICAL THINKING"

The Department of Strategic Studies (SS) - NDU organized a workshop on 30th May, 2023, under the supervision of Dr. Rubina



Waseem, Assistant Professor. The workshop focused on “How to ignite and provoke minds to positive thinking and ignoring negatives”. It emphasized that critical thinking shapes our own values and attitudes through a process of deliberating, debating, and persuasion. Through developing our critical thinking, we can move on from simply disagreeing to constructively assessing alternatives by building on doubts. The workshop highlighted several key stages involved in developing ideas and constructing an argument.

WORKSHOP ON QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE ANALYSIS USING SPSS, STATA, AND E-VIEWS SOFTWARE

Department of Government and Public Policy (GPP) - NDU organized a two days' workshop from 31st May - 1st Jun, 2023. This workshop equipped the participants with the knowledge and skills required for producing quality research in the field of social sciences (Economics and Public Policy). This also focused on the crucial issues in social sciences research design.



ROUNDTABLES

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: “US CHINA RIVALRY AND IMPACT ON SOUTH ASIA”

A Roundtable on “US – China Rivalry and Impact on South Asia” was held 24th May, 2023. ISSRA - NDU organized an event to discuss that the competition between the United States and China has become one of the defining features of international relations in recent years. This competition is driven by a range of economic, political, and strategic factors and has significant implications for countries and regions around the world.

The event was attended by Senator Mushahid Hussain Syed and other Scholars, Ambassadors, and Researchers from different Think Tanks.



ROUNDTABLE - PURSUING ECONOMIC SECURITY WITHIN A FRACTURED GLOBAL ORDER

The Centre of Excellence for International Law, ISSRA-NDU, conducted a roundtable discussion on 21st Mar, 2023. The discussion highlighted the strategic environment and international power dynamics, focusing on how Pakistan can bolster its economic security and resilience in the context of current geopolitical uncertainties. Additionally, the session emphasized the importance of regional connectivity and the potential opportunities presented by the increasingly transactional nature of global geopolitics, allowing Pakistan to navigate the fractured global order without explicit alignment with major geopolitical blocs.



CONFERENCE

NDU - RDDC JOINT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE - 2023 THE GLOBAL CONSEQUENCES OF THE WAR IN UKRAINE: GAINING STRATEGIC FORESIGHT IN AN ERA OF GEOPOLITICAL UNCERTAINTY

The NDU and the Royal Danish Defence College, Denmark (RDDC) organized a two-days conference, on 06th-07th Jun, 2023, with researchers, practitioners, and international experts. The conference aimed to discuss the implications of the war in Ukraine on peace and security under the theme "The global consequences of the war in Ukraine: Gaining strategic foresight in an era of geopolitical uncertainty." Dr. Niels Bo Poulsen led the 11x participants from RDDC, while 27x participants represented the Pakistani side.



VISITS

EDUCATIONAL VISIT - EDUCATION OFFICERS BASIC COURSE (EOBC)

A delegation of 24x members of Education Officers Basic Course (EOBC) headed by Brig Waheed Anjum visited NDU, Islamabad on 8th Feb, 2023. The visit was an integral part of the training of the officers and was aimed at enabling the participants of the course to get familiarized with the working of NDU. The delegation was briefed about the NDU Pakistan and followed by an interactive session.



IRANIAN DEPUTY CHIEF OF TRAINING IRI ARMY VISIT NDU

An Iranian delegation of 8x members , headed by Brig Gen Ali Reza Sheikh Deputy of Trg and Edn of IRI Army, Iran visited ISSRA - NDU on 23rd Feb, 2023. The Delegation was briefed about ISSRA and NDU. DG ISSRA Maj Gen Muhammad Raza Aizad, HI(M) chaired the briefing session, which was attended by all Directors of ISSRA.



GERMAN DELEGATION VISIT TO NDU

A delegation of 2x members from German Command, Staff College Hamburg, and German Think Tank GIDS visited NDU-ISSRA on 22th Mar, 2023. The delegation was briefed about the NDU Pakistan and followed by an interactive session.



ROYAL JORDANIAN NATIONAL DEFENCE COLLEGE VISIT NDU

A delegation of 15x members headed by Col Zakarya Abdul Aziz Dawaden Jordan visited ISSRA-NDU on 8th Mar, 2023. The delegation was briefed about the NDU, which was followed by interactive session.



RCDS-UK DELEGATION VISIT TONDU

A delegation of 19x members of Royal College of Defence Studies (RCDS) UK headed by Lt Gen Sir George Pembeiton Ross Norton KCVO, CBC, Comd RCDS visited NDU-ISSRA on 23rd May, 2023. The briefing was chaired by Maj Gen Muhammad Raza Aizad, DG ISSRA, a brief on the functions of NDU Pakistan was given, which was followed by an interactive session.

VISIT OF DELEGATION OF UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL PUNJAB (UCP) TONDU

A delegation of 31x members of UCP visited NDU on 1st Mar, 2023. The purpose of the visit was to provide meaningful insights and give exposure to student of international relation of (UCP). Office Research Innovation & Commercialization (ORIC) NDU hosted the delegation and the briefing was followed by visit to SKY Library and FCS academic blocks.



CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY (IWD-23)

The Department of PCS - NDU arranged International Women's Day at FCS on 23rd May, 2023 to pay tribute to the extraordinary contributions of women in journalism, who have shattered barriers, uncovered truths, and played a pivotal role in shaping the world through their words. Dr. Riffat Haque was the focal person for this inspiring event. The theme for International Women's Day, (IWD 2023), was "Digital: Innovation and Technology for gender equality." The event visualized spotlighting the importance of protecting the rights of women and girls in digital spaces and addressing online and ICT-facilitated gender-based violence. The guest speakers were Myra Imran, a journalist from the "THE NEWS" and Fareha Idrees, an anchor/journalist. The speaker underscored the Women commitment, resilience, and unwavering dedication to truth serve as a constant reminder that the voices of women matter, and their stories deserve to be told. The event was attended by a large number of female faculty, staff, and students.



LITERARY FESTIVAL 2023

The Department of IR - NDU organized a literary festival featuring various activities on 16th-17th May, 2023. A highlight of the event was the esteemed presence of Dr. Arfa Sayeda Zehra, who was invited as the guest speaker to address the audience on the thought-provoking topic, "Hum Kahan Jaa Rahe Hain aur Kue" (Where are we heading and why). This gathering provided a valuable opportunity for students to personally meet and engage with the honorable Dr. Arfa Sayeda Zehra, gaining insights from her profound ideas on the subject.

Following the guest lecture, the festival continued with the vibrant and captivating program titled "Bazm-e-Adab", and dramatic productions by the talented students. These productions revolved around two renowned Shakespearean plays, namely Macbeth and A Midsummer Night's Dream. The performances added an element of excitement and entertainment to the literary festival, further enriching the overall experience for all attendees.



EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

MEHFIL-E-QIRAT NAAT-O-HAMD

Department of Government and Public Policy (GPP) NDU organized the Mehfil-e-Qirat Naat O Hamd on 2nd May, 2023. The aim was to promote and celebrate Islamic culture and traditions. Mahfil Naat-o-Hamd event provided a spiritual and emotional boost to students, faculty, and staff. The gathering offered a platform for expressing devotion and love for the Prophet Muhammad (Peace Be Upon Him) and praised the Creator through beautiful poetry and hymns. The experience was spiritually uplifting, fostering a sense of inner peace and connection with one's faith.



CULTURAL DAY: CELEBRATING CULTURAL DIVERSITY

This year the event was held on 18th Feb, 2023 at FCS-NDU and served as a platform to foster understanding, appreciation, and respect for the unique backgrounds that enrich our society.

The Department of PCS-NDU presented its Cultural Day extravaganza. This highly anticipated event promised to be a celebration of diversity uniting students from all walks of life to showcase and honor their rich cultural heritage.

ANNUAL DINNERS

The annual welcome and farewell dinners were organized by Department of Strategic Studies on 2nd Jun, 2023, Department of International Relations on 5th Jun, 2023, Department of the Peace and Conflict Studies on 1st Jun, 2023, and Department of Government and Public Policy on 6th Jun, 2023. The events were attended by Dean FCS, Respective HoD's, Faculty, Staff, and Students. The students came up with great performances that included comedy, dramas, music, poetry, and culture dances.

ANNUAL DINNER STRATEGIC STUDIES



ANNUAL DINNER INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS



ANNUAL DINNER PEACE & CONFLICT STUDIES



ANNUAL DINNER GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC POLICY



PUBLIC RELATION AND STUDENT AFFAIRS & IT (PRSA&IT) ACTIVITIES

DELEGATION OF NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF DEFENCE STUDIES, JAPAN (NIDS)

Japanese Delegation ex National Institute of Defence Studies (NIDS), Japan visited NDU on 17th Mar, 2023. FCS-NDU briefing was given by PRSA&IT followed by interactive session with FCS faculty, visit to SYK Lib, and Call on to President NDU.



LECTURE ON ISLAM AND MODERNIZATION

A guest lecture titled “Islam and Modernization” was organized by PRSA&IT in collaboration with Youth Club Islamabad on 15th May, 2023, as part of its Personal and Professional development activity for the FCS students the guest speaker was Mr. Raja Zia-ul- Haq, a renowned motivational speaker and CEO Youth Club. The lecture was attended by students, faculty, and staff of FCS NDU. The



participant were enlightened on the subject in relation to the current situation of the country.

INTERNSHIP AND PLACEMENT

Internship and Placement Office (IPO-PRSA) has completed its process of internship management for both the Programs i.e. Summer Internship Program (SIP) and Regular Internship Program (RIP) for year 2023. This Branch has acquired 210x internship slots from its sister organizations, Departments, and Collaborators for the year 2023 for FCS students.

WORLD BLOOD DONOR DAY 2023

NDU was invited to attend a ceremony held at Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS), Islamabad on the World Donor Day. Mr. Abdullah Bin Kamal, Assistant Director PRSA&IT attended World Blood Donor Day on 14th Jun, 2023 at PRCS where NDU was awarded Shield under “Highest Blood Donor Institute” category.



STUDENT COUNCIL FCS - NDU

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 Electronic Elections. The Elections were successfully conducted from 21st-28th Mar, 2023 through customized computer application developed by the IT Team of this Branch. Following students were elected for student council 2023:



Mr. Muhammad Abdullah Tariq
President Student Council
BS GPP Department



Mr. Shahid Bashir
Department Representative
Strategic Studies



Mr. Hassan Sajjan
Department Representative
Peace & Conflict Studies



Ms. Mariam Khan
Department Representative
Leadership & Management Studies



Ms. Rubab Azhar
Department Representative
Government & Public Policy



Mr. Maqsood Ahmad
Department Representative
Economics



Mr. Ali Bin Haroon
Department Representative
International Relations

SCHOLARSHIPS

Financial Aid Office (FAO-PRSA) has been established under the umbrella of PRSA&IT Branch. The objective of the office is acquisition and provision of scholarships, and financial assistance to the most deserving students including from far flung and disadvantaged areas of Punjab, KPK, Sindh, Balochistan, GB, and Kashmir. For the year 2022-2023, the amount in millions has been disbursed to students under various internal and external institutional scholarships. A considerable number of under graduate students are awardees of the scholarship/ financial assistance.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ACTIVITIES

PRSA&IT has provided a comprehensive IT support services for academic business of the University that may include Computer Based Entry Test (CBT), CMS/LMS, Admission, HR and QEC etc. Moreover, the Branch has successfully implemented online teaching and learning processes. The role of IT component of the Branch is very progressive, which is advancing towards automation of the University's system.

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

The esteemed faculty members of FCS – NDU share an unwavering dedication to upholding excellence in teaching, research, and service. Their steadfast commitment to advancing knowledge and their fervor in their respective fields have yielded remarkable accomplishments and contributions that significantly elevate the prestige of both their departments and the institution as a whole. Their achievements stand as a testament, inspiring everyone and reaffirming our institution's steadfast commitment to fostering academic distinction, promoting research innovation, and the relentless pursuit of wisdom. From noteworthy publications on the global stage to insightful guest lectures, from orchestrating thought-provoking seminars to active participation in international conferences, our proactive faculty continues to lead by example, setting new benchmarks for academic prowess and impactful engagement.

Professor Dr. Arshi Saleem Hashmi, Department of Peace and Conflict Studies

The faculty member was invited as a guest speaker on a conference titled “Strategic Communications for Economic Diplomacy and National Economic Security” at University of Management and Technology on 2nd May, 2023. She also delivered a lecture on “Conflict Resolution: Concept and Practice” at Executive Training Workshop for senior civil servants of Sri Lanka under Higher Education Commission (HEC) Cooperation program on 13th Feb, 2023.

Furthermore, she also had the privilege of participating as part of Pakistan Delegation and Moderator of a session in UK-Pakistan Stability Conference, held in Wilton Park, UK from 5th-8th Feb, 2023.



Professor Dr. Husnul Amin, Head of Department of Peace and Conflict Studies



The Honorable faculty member spoke on the day-3rd of “Dosti Peshawar Literature Festival” held at Institute of Management Sciences (IMSciences), Peshawar on 23rd Feb, 2023. As a seasoned author of several books, the professor gave his valuable insights on the discussion topic titled “Muslim Extremism and How to counter it: The Need of a Counter Violent Extremism Policy.” Moreover, he has actively participated in various national and international conferences, while contributing to the academia.

Ms Wajeeha Ghias, Lecturer, Department of Leadership and Management Studies

She presented her paper on followership and invited as Panelist on “Alternative Perspectives: Followership from Non-Western and Minority Perspectives”. Her work was recognized internationally and was awarded with Global Followership Conference Award-2023 for her research contribution in followership domain from Pakistan. The Global followership Conference 2023 was organized by ILA and Followership member community in Christopher Newport University Department of Leadership and American Studies Newport News, Virginia, USA from 24th -26th Mar, 2023.



Assistant Professor Dr. Muhammad Usman Asghar, Department of Peace and Conflict Studies



The esteemed faculty member presented his research paper titled “Analyzing Paradoxes of Populist Religious Rhetoric during COVID'19 in Pakistan: Drivers of Public Perceptions and Behaviors,” on International Symposium (PANCOPOPSYMPIUM 2023: Pandemic Communication and Populism) organized by University of Loughborough, United Kingdom on 13th Jun, 2023.

Assistant Professor Dr. Lubna Sunawar, Department of Peace and Conflict Studies



She was a participant of Female Science Talents Intensive Track 2023 from South Asia in General and Pakistan in particular at Berlin, Germany . The goal of participation in the program is to increase the research visibility and get the opportunity to meet outstanding women leaders matched with high profile mentors.

Assistant Professor Dr. Muhammad Irfan Mahsud & Assistant Professor Dr. Marium Fatima, Department of Peace and Conflict Studies



Dr. Muhammad Irfan Mahsud accomplished a significant milestone in his academic journey by publishing a paper titled “Colonial Governance System in Pakistan: A Case Study of South Waziristan, Newly Merged District” on Apr 2023. The paper was published in 'Lex Localis - Journal of Local Self-Government', which is a HEC Recognized 'W' Category Journal. He published this paper in collaboration with Dr. Marium Fatima, and this collaborative effort speaks volumes of their dedication to

research, their expertise, and their commitment to academic excellence. Their paper showcases a remarkable blend of originality, critical thinking, and thorough analysis, shedding new light on previously unexplored facets of their discipline.

Assistant Professor Dr. Maria Saifuddin Effendi, Department of Peace and Conflict Studies

The faculty member was invited as the Chief Guest in the closing ceremony of a seminar on “Common Ground Approach Training” (GGA) by project “SHE.” As the chief guest, she was bestowed with the honor of distributing certificates to the participants. She also conducted a training session at Salamti Fellowship on the topic of "Understanding Conflict and Conflict Resolution in diverse societies" Cohort IX was a selected batch from 20x districts of KPK.



Assistant Professor Dr. Asif Iqbal Dawar, Department of Peace and Conflict Studies



The faculty member recently published a paper titled “Quest for Peace in Afghanistan: Analysis of China's Regional Policy After US Withdrawal”. The paper was published in FWU Journal of Social Sciences which is a Scopus and Web of Science Indexed Journal.

Assistant Professor Dr. Riffat Haque, Department of Peace and Conflict Studies

The faculty member was accorded the honor of being the Chief Guest at a special ceremony titled, “Common Ground Approach Training” (GGA) by project “SHE”. As the chief guest, she exemplified the qualities of knowledge, wisdom, and leadership that we greatly admire. She also organized International Women's Day (IWD-23) event at FCS – NDU.



STUDENTS ACHIEVEMENTS

NDU is very proud that 7x students have been selected by NACTA in the cadre of permanent employees. All these students were considered as the subject experts. Ms. Saba Noor, a PhD Scholar of PCS has joined the organization in BPS-18, while six other BS and MPhil graduated have joined NACTA in BPS-17.

Kawish, a community service project led by BS SS 4th on 2nd Jun, 2023 at NDU, has achieved numerous milestones through dedication. An auspicious ceremony was organized at FCS - NDU by faculty members, Mr. Nabeel Hussain, to mark the end of the project. All the faculty members appreciated and recognized the efforts and hard work of the team.



Mr Safyan Tahir Verka, PhD Scholar, Department of Leadership and Management Studies

He attended University of Texas at Dallas USA as a visiting research scholar funded by HEC IRSIP Program. Throughout his time at UTD, Safyan has made significant contributions to the field of public

management and leadership, and his enthusiasm for research and scholarship is evident through his scholarly work. He has presented



two papers at international conferences, which have been well received by the scholarly community. Safyan was recognized as the second-best student presentation, which was a great honor, especially as it was his first international conference presentation.

Safyan's second presentation was at the American Society of Public Administration's (ASPA) conference, the largest and most prominent professional association in American public administration.

In addition to his conference presentations, Safyan has attended all lunch and learn events and speaker series, demonstrating his commitment to learning and professional development. He also applied for the highly competitive Founder's Fellowship offered annually by ASPA.



Ms Hafsa Ammar, BS PCS, 8th semester student, her articles titled “The Golden



Triangle: The Opium Centre of Southeast Asia” (2nd Jun, 2023), “Paul Rusesabagina, Hotel Rwanda Hero” (23rd May, 2023), “Dr. Aafia Siddiqui: Guilty until Proven Innocent” (1st Apr., 2023), “Who is

Rahul Gandhi?” (28th Mar., 2023), “International Women's Day 2023: Embrace Equity” (March 9, 2023), “Victor's Peace: Merits and Pitfalls” (4th Mar, 2023), “The True Face of Crime in the US” (28nd Feb, 2023), “The Sicilian Mafia” (22nd Feb, 2023), “West Papua: A bid for Freedom” (21st Feb, 2023), “Gendered Dimensions of Terrorism” (17th Feb, 2023), “The Adana Group; Haifa Port and Accounting Fraud” (13th Feb, 2023), “Israeli Politics and its new Far-Right Direction” (3rd Feb, 2023), “Biographical Sketch of Ashoka” (8th Feb, 2023), “Russian Influence Operations: Disinformation Campaigns” (30th Jan, 2023), “Russia; Myths and Realities Book Analysis” (26th Jan, 2023), “Alternative Dispute Resolution in the Philippines” (23rd Jan, 2023), “The Role of Modernism in Shaping Nationalism” (17th Jan, 2023), “Turkey, Greece, and the Cyprus Dispute (11st Feb, 2023) has been featured in Paradigm Shift.

Ms Anees Fatima Sherazi, MPhil SS, 1st semester student. Paper titled; "Growing



Gap between Western and Eastern Perspectives" was accepted for the Global Strategy Conference Istanbul 2023. It was her first international paper presentation. She has

also received certificate from DIPAM Center for Diplomatic Affairs and Political Studies.

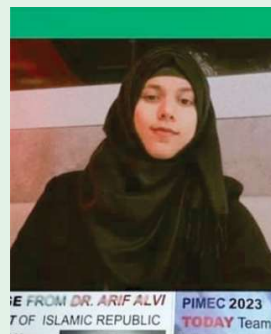
Ms Zainab, BS PCS, 3rd semester student,



published her articles titled “Chinese Beidou vs American GPS” on Paradigm shift (11th Mar, 2023), “Saudi Iran deal” on Modern Diplomacy (6th Apr, 2023) “Sweden

waits for NATO ratification” on International Affairs Forum (21st Jun, 2023), “AI Revolutionizing Modern Warfare” on Global Defence Insight (27th Jun, 2023).

Ms Fatima Zainab, BS SS 6th semester Student, led the project as the Co-Head of



Global Defense Insight. Global Defense Insight is an internationally acknowledged media organization with a focus on the business of Defense and Security

was appointed as the Official Show Daily Publisher for the first edition of the Pakistan International Maritime Exhibition and Conference. This Show Daily was made available to all Government and Military Decision-makers at PIMEC-2023.

Mr Muhammad Zahid Jehan, MPhil GPP, 1st semester student,



published an X-category article in the journal of politics and international studies. Research Paper Title “Food Security as National Security: A Management Approach”.

Mr Alam Nawaz, SS-5th semester Student, Mr Saad Riaz, SS-5th semester Student, and Mr Zain ul Abidin, SS-7th semester Student, along with Assistant Professor of Department of SS, Dr Bilal Zubair, participated in Ecothon; focused Marathon organized by Prime Minister Youth Program in collaboration with UAE Embassy, at Constitution Avenue Islamabad. Among 1500x participants of different age groups, Mr Saad Riaz came in the top 10, Mr Alam Nawaz in the top 20 and Mr Zain ul Abidin in the top 30.



Ms Fatima Waheed, BS PCS 5th semester student, Mr Shafiq-Ur-Rehman, and Mr Muhsin Ali from BS PCS 2nd semester student, showcased their exceptional athletic prowess at the highly anticipated “ECOMARATHON” organized by Prime Minister Youth Program in collaboration with UAE Embassy, at Islamabad. Our young participants pushed their physical boundaries, demonstrating their commitment to fitness and their unyielding spirit. Among 1500x participants of different age groups, our students were placed in winner's category of top 40, and were awarded with medals and certificates. The success of our students in the marathon reflects the dedication and perseverance instilled in them by their department.



Mr Adam Khan, BS PCS 5th semester student, emerged as a shining star in an



essay competition organized by the Embassy of Kazakhstan to Pakistan. His exceptional writing skills and insightful perspective captivated the judges, earning him

recognition and praise in the prestigious event. In addition to receiving recognition, Adam was honored with a certificate of achievement.

Mr Muhammad Ali, BS PCS 4th semester student, selected for the prestigious UGRAD (Undergraduate Exchange



Program) opportunity. This remarkable achievement not only recognizes Ali's outstanding academic abilities but also acknowledges his

potential as a global ambassador for his institution and country. His groundbreaking research on topic titled “India's G20 Presidency: 2023 Summit in Jammu and Kashmir” (26th Apr, 2023) has been published in World News TV, UK.

Mr Burhan Ahmed Lodhi, BS SS, 4th semester student. Research paper titled



"Evolution of China's Grand Strategy: A Revolution to the Regional Security Complex" was accepted for the 'Global Strategy Conference' held in Turkey on 24th Mar, 2023.

Ms Iqra Mumtaz, BS PCS, 8th semester student, was appointed as NDU's Curator



for Ideas Foundation in Jan 2023. The esteemed leadership position works as a representative under which she collaborated with SOS Village Islamabad and has been part of various volunteer activities.

Ms Sawaira Saeed, BS PCS 5th semester student, being a notable PCS representative



of NDU Community Service Society (CSS) (2022-2023), served as executive member and a deputy director of graphics. With her exceptional leadership skills and relentless determination, she made fruitful contributions to the success of CSS and enlightenment of the department as whole.

Ms Izzah Amjad, Ms Yamna Imtiaz and Mr Saad Habib, BS LMS, 2nd semester students, was selected as ambassadors for the International Leadership Summit 2023, they attended the event hosted by Ghulam Ishaq Khan Institute, where guest speakers

shared insights on public policy, social development, leadership, marketing, and digital entrepreneurship.



Mr Muhammad Salman Tariq, BS PCS 5th semester student, published his thought-



provoking article titled "Bangladesh Crackdowns on Political Opposition" (3rd Jul, 2023) on STRETHEIA. This publication marks an exciting milestone for him as a writer, and his dedication to contribute to the literary world.

Mr Huzaifa Mazhar Khan, BS GPP 7th semester student, published opinion



articles in Pakistan Frontier: "Scourge of Corruption and its Impact on Pakistan's National Security" on 31st Mar, 2023, and "Unplanned Urbanization - An Active Volcano" on 20th Apr, 2023.

OFFICE OF RESEARCH INNOVATION & COMMERCIALIZATION (ORIC)

MOU BETWEEN UNIVERSITY OF MANAGEMENT AND TECHNOLOGY (UMT), LAHORE AND NATIONAL DEFENCE UNIVERSITY (NDU)

National Defence University (NDU), Islamabad signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with University of Management and Technology (UMT), Lahore on 27th Jan, 2023. MOU was signed between Rear Admiral Muhammad Shafiq HI (M) Deputy President NDU Islamabad and Advisor to the President UMT Lt General (R) Javed Hassan. Dean FCS Prof Dr. Zulfqar Khan, Chairperson DPSIR Dr Shoaib Pervez and other officials from both institutions were also present. Both agreed to work on areas of mutual academic interest.



MOU BETWEEN PAKISTAN ATOMIC ENERGY COMMISSION (PAEC) AND NATIONAL DEFENCE UNIVERSITY (NDU)

National Defence University (NDU),

Islamabad signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with Pakistan Atomic Energy Commission (PAEC) on 16th Jun, 2023. MOU was signed between Professor Dr. Zulfqar Khan, Dean FCS, NDU Islamabad and Mr. Azfar Minhaj (DG - Corporate, PAEC). Both agreed to work on areas of mutual academic interest.



EXECUTIVE TRAINING OF SENIOR CIVIL SERVANTS OF SRI LANKA UNDER PAK-SRI LANKA HIGHER EDUCATION COOPERATION PROGRAM

HEC engaged National Defence University through ORIC being a reputable institution for designing and executing training sessions over a period of two weeks. Sri Lankan Government nominated 19x Senior Civil Servant officials for a comprehensive training at National Defence University, Islamabad from 6th-19th Feb, 2023.

The inaugural ceremony of the Executive Training of the Senior Civil Servants of Sri Lanka under Pak-Sri Lanka Higher

Education Cooperation Program was held on 6th Feb, 2023 at NDU, Islamabad. Dr. Shaista Sohail, Executive Director, HEC, graced the occasion as the Chief Guest. The Deputy President, Rear Admiral Muhammad Shafique, HI (M), National Defence University, Islamabad welcomed the participants to the inaugural ceremony of the Executive Training Program for Senior Civil Servants of Sri Lanka under the Pak-Sri Lanka Higher Education Cooperation Program.



QUALITY ENHANCEMENT CELL

FACULTY AWARENESS WORKSHOP - QEC

Growth in the quality of Higher Education is highly dependent on the quality of research being produced by University Faculty. In this context, a one day workshop for FCS faculty members was organized by Office of Research Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC) in collaboration

with QEC on 'Publishing of Research Articles in Quality Journals' on 17th Mar, 2023. The Resource Persons of this workshop were Dr. Khushbakht Hina, Dir QEC, NUML and Dr. Obaid Ullah, Manager QEC, NUML Islamabad.



FACULTY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM - QEC

Keeping in view the importance of capacity building of NDU faculty, ORIC, and QEC organized 1x day Faculty Development training on 'Program Objectives, Course Learning Outcomes & Question Paper Setting' on 21st Mar, 2023. The program aimed to provide the background and skills necessary for faculty members to participate positively in academic activities / functioning of the university.

The Resource Persons of this workshop was Dr. Rao Arsalan Khushnood, Assoc Prof, HOD Research, NUST Islamabad.

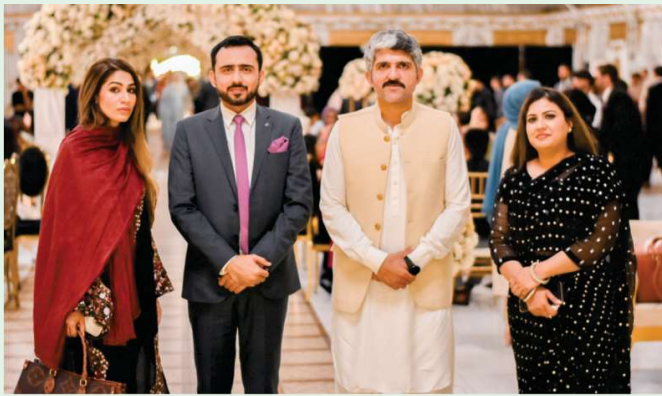


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