

# NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM THE VICE CHANCELLOR Celebrating Progress, Inspiring Excellence



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It is with great pride and pleasure that I present the latest edition of our Women's University Newsletter, covering the vibrant period from January to March 2025.

This issue brings together a powerful tapestry of achievements — stories of innovation, perseverance, and meaningful impact made by our students, faculty, and staff. From pioneering research and academic excellence to community outreach and cultural initiatives, these pages reflect the dynamic spirit that drives our university forward.

Each contribution featured here is a testament to the unwavering dedication of our academic community. The tireless efforts of our educators, the passion of our students, and the support of our staff continue to shape our institution into a center of knowledge, empowerment, and transformation.

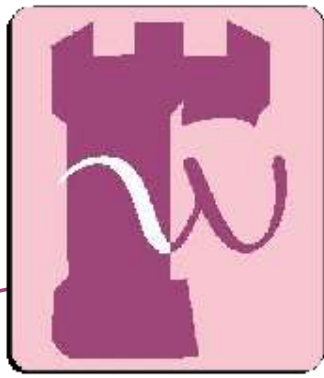
As you explore the contents of this newsletter, I invite you to celebrate these collective accomplishments with pride. Together, we are building a future defined by purpose, inclusion, and intellectual growth.

I would also like to extend my heartfelt appreciation to the editorial team for their meticulous work and commitment in bringing this publication to life.

Let us continue to strive, to uplift, and to excel — united in our mission to make a lasting difference through education.



**Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University Peshawar**



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# SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS

## SEMINAR ON ISLAMIC BANKING AND FINANCE

On 17 February 2025, the Department of Economics at Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University, Peshawar, in collaboration with the Centre of Excellence in Islamic Finance at the Institute of Management Sciences, organized a seminar on Islamic Banking and Finance. The session was conducted by Mufti Hafiz Irfan Zaman, Shariah Coordinator for 58 branches of Meezan Bank. It was led by Dr. Hina Haram (Lecturer, Department of Economics) and held under the supervision of Dr. Khadija (Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Economics), with support from Dr. Fariha Sami and Ms. Sonia Iqbal (Lecturers, Department of Economics). The seminar took place in the university's Catering Hall and focused on the structure, principles, and scope of Islamic banking in Pakistan. It concluded with an engaging question-and-answer session. The event was well-attended and appreciated by students from various departments.



## COMPUTER SCIENCE DEPARTMENT PARTICIPATES IN NAVTTC-BRITISH COUNCIL TRAINING ON CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

From 29 to 31 January 2025, Dr. Neelam Gohar and Dr. Fouzia Idrees participated in a three-day workshop as academic experts for development courses. The workshop, held in Islamabad, was organized by NAVTTC and the British Council for the development of "Assessment Packages for Multimedia Design and Game Development courses".





# SEMINARS/WORKSHOPS

## **PANEL TALK ON “CLIMATE CHANGE, ENVIRONMENT, AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT”**

On 6 February 2025, the Society for Entrepreneurial & Economic Development (SEED), under the Department of Economics, in collaboration with the Ladies of Liberty Alliance (LOLA), organized a panel talk on “Climate Change, Environment, and Sustainable Development” at the DVC Hall, Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University, Peshawar. The event was graced by Ms. Ayesha Gul from LOLA as the chief guest. It was organized by Dr. Khadija (Associate Professor and Head of the Department of Economics), along with Dr. Fariha (Assistant Professor), and the following Economics lecturers: Dr. Hina Haram, Dr. Sonia, Ms. Shandana, Ms. Maryam Khattak, Ms. Saira Khan Afridi, and Ms. Hafsa Taqqadus. The panelists included Dr. Khadija Shams (HoD, Economics), Dr. Wilayat Bibi (HoD, Education), Dr. Nousheen Bibi (Assistant Professor, Department of Bioinformatics), Ms. Saima Naz (MPhil Scholar, Economics), and Ms. Hoorulain (BS Computer Science student). The discussion focused on the urgency of climate change and environmental sustainability, with emphasis on the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially in the context of developing nations. Key themes addressed included the role of governments, educational institutions, green finance, public-private partnerships, and the health impacts of climate change.



## **QEC WORKSHOP ON PROGRAM REVIEW FOR EFFECTIVENESS AND ENHANCEMENT**

On 10 and 11 March 2025, Dr. Neelam Gohar, Dr. Brekhna, and Ms. Misbah from the Department of Computer Science participated in a two-day workshop titled "Implementation of Program Review for Effectiveness & Enhancement (PREE)", organized by the Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC), Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University Peshawar.

# WORKSHOPS

## WORKSHOP ON “COURSE MODULE PREPARATION FOR DEVELOPMENT STUDIES”

On 20 February 2025, the Society for Entrepreneurial and Economic Development (SEED), under the Department of Economics, in collaboration with the Ladies of Liberty Alliance (LOLA), organized a workshop titled “Course Module Preparation for Development Studies” at the DVC Hall, Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University, Peshawar. The workshop was led by Dr. Khadija (Associate Professor and Head of the Economics Department), along with Dr. Fariha (Assistant Professor), and the following lecturers from the Department of Economics: Dr. Hina Haram, Dr. Sonia, Ms. Shandana, Ms. Maryam Khattak, Ms. Saira Khan Afridi, and Ms. Hafsa Taqqadus. Ms. Rubab, an MS graduate in Development Studies from the Institute of Management Sciences, served as the resource person. The session was primarily attended by students from the 6th and 8th semesters and was well-received by the participants. A group photograph concluded the event.



## PARTICIPATION IN PREE WORKSHOP AT JSMU

On 18 March 2025, Dr. Neelam Gohar, Dr. Brekhna, and Ms. Misbah from the Computer Science Department took part in the QEC workshop "Program Review for Effectiveness & Enhancement (PREE)" organized by Jinnah Sindh Medical University.

# WORKSHOPS/EVENTS

## **DR. FOUZIA IDREES ENGAGED IN QUALIFICATION DEVELOPMENT FOR ANIMATION AND AR/VR**

From 17 to 21 February 2025, Dr. Fouzia Idrees represented the Computer Science department as an academia expert in the Qualification Development Committee for developing 2D/3D Animation, Graphic Design, and AR/VR courses. The event was held at Institute of Management Sciences, Peshawar, and organized by the British Council and NAVTTC.



## **BOARD OF STUDIES MEETING AT CITY UNIVERSITY**

On 4 February 2025, Dr. Tabinda Salam attended the 9th Board of Studies (BoS) meeting of the Department of Computer Science at City University of Science and Information Technology, Peshawar, as an external BoS member. The meeting focused on key academic matters, including the approval of new MS degree titles and course outlines for MS in Artificial Intelligence and Data Science, revision of admission requirements, introduction of new undergraduate courses such as Seerat-un-Nabi and Pakistan Studies, and curriculum refinement aligned with the HEC Undergraduate Education Policy 2023. The minutes of the 2nd Industry Advisory Board (IAB) meeting were also discussed.



# EVENTS/ACHIEVEMENTS

## EXTERNAL EXAMINAR ROLE

On 12th March 2025, Dr. Sadia Nazeer, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department of English at Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University, Peshawar, was invited to serve as an external examiner for an MPhil thesis defense at the University of Peshawar. Her participation as an external examiner reflects her academic expertise and standing in the field of English studies. During the defense, Dr. Nazeer provided constructive feedback, critical evaluation, and insightful academic guidance, contributing to the rigor and quality of the postgraduate research process. Her involvement also helped strengthen academic collaboration and professional ties between the two institutions.



## STUDENT SPOTLIGHT: HOOR UL AIN – A JOURNEY OF GROWTH AND IMPACT

Hoor Ul Ain, a student of the Department of Computer Science at SBBWUP (2022 – 2026), has carved a remarkable path from a novice coder to a proficient full-stack developer and emerging journalist. Her journey reflects resilience, curiosity, and a strong commitment to transforming challenges into opportunities for growth. Through internships and leadership experiences, Hoor honed her technical abilities while discovering a passion for storytelling and advocacy. Her internships at Interns Pakistan and PHI Horizon sharpened her front-end and back-end development skills. Meanwhile, her leadership role at Human Care Foundation helped her develop teamwork, empathy, and a deep sense of social responsibility. Hoor has since emerged as a passionate voice for green journalism, using digital platforms to spotlight social and environmental issues. By blending technology and media, she empowers others through informed and ethical reporting. Her story stands as an inspiration for students pursuing both technical excellence and purposeful impact.

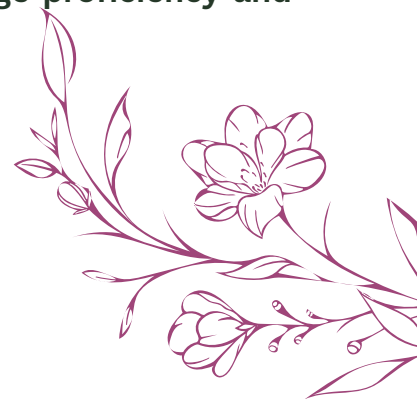
# ACHIEVEMENTS/PAPER PUBLICATIONS

## SECURING NGIRI FUNDING FOR FINAL YEAR PROJECT IN COMPUTER SCIENCE

Funding was received from the “National Grassroot ICT Research Initiative (NGIRI) 2023–24” for the shortlisted final year project titled "Voice Controlled Smart Home Automation" of Ms. Wareesha Shakeel and Ms. Maheen, students of Bachelor of Science in Computer Science (Session 2020–2024), supervised by Dr. Fouzia Jabeen.

## ACHIEVEMENT: COMPLETION OF ONLINE TEACHING COURSE

Ms. Shumaila Ashee, Lecturer in the Department of English, has successfully completed an online course titled "Teaching English for Environmental Awareness." This specialized professional development program was designed to equip English language educators with the knowledge, strategies, and resources to effectively integrate environmental themes into English language instruction. Delivered by Kansas State University through the Open Global Online Courses platform—with support from the U.S. Department of State and RELO Pakistan—the course promoted interdisciplinary teaching approaches that cultivate both language proficiency and environmental awareness.



## RESEARCH PAPER PUBLICATION ON EPILEPTIC SEIZURE DETECTION

Ms. Aleena Ahmad and Dr. Fouzia Jabeen from the Department of Computer Science published a paper titled "Application of Machine and Deep Learning in Epileptic Seizure Detection: A Systematic Review", in the Journal Annual Methodological Archive Research Review, Volume 3, Issue 4—an HEC Y-category journal.



# PAPER PUBLICATIONS/MOU

## RESEARCH PUBLICATION BY DR. HINA HARAM

On 28 January 2025, Dr. Hina Haram from the Department of Economics published her research paper titled "The Rising Appeal of Creative Industry for Women Entrepreneurs: An Exploratory Study of Rural Khyber Pakhtunkhwa" in the Journal of *Entrepreneurship in Emerging Economies*, published by Emerald Insights. The journal holds an HEC W category ranking and has an established impact factor.

## MoU BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH AND SCARF

The Department of English, Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University Peshawar, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with SCARF, an organization committed to academic and social advancement. The agreement is designed to create collaborative opportunities that will benefit both students and faculty. The signing of the MoU was facilitated through the dedicated efforts of Dr. Sadia Nazeer, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department of English and Dr. Anbarin, Assistant Professor in the Department of English at Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University Peshawar.

