

# NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM THE

## VICE - CHANCELLOR

I am thrilled to share with you the latest issue of our Women's University Newsletter, covering the period from April to June 2024.

Within these pages, you will find a wealth of engaging content, showcasing the remarkable achievements and endeavors of our university.

As we delve into the pages of this Newsletter, we are reminded of the unwavering dedication and commitment of our faculty, staff, and students. From groundbreaking research to impactful community initiatives, the contributions of each member of our university are truly commendable.

I encourage you to take some time to explore the pages of our Newsletter and celebrate the achievements of our university community. Together, we continue to strive towards our shared vision of excellence in education and research.

I want to express my gratitude to the Editors of this Newsletter for their dedication in compiling the news reports.

**Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University Peshawar**



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# Seminars/ Sessions/ Conferences

## SEMINAR ON "WOMEN FINANCIAL LITERACY AND ISLAMIC BANKING: DISCUSSING THE IMPORTANCE OF FINANCIAL LITERACY FOR WOMEN AND CONCEPT OF INTEREST-FREE BANKING"



On 17th May, 2024, the Department of Economics at SBBWUP, organized a seminar on "Women Financial Literacy and Islamic Banking." Dr. Khadija, Associate Professor, Head of Economics Department; Dr. Fariha, Assistant Professor of Economics; Dr. Hina Haram, Lecturer of Economics; Ms. Huma Johar, Lecturer of Economics, Ms. Tashfeen Zia, Deputy Registrar Monitoring and Affiliation, and Dr. Hamida, In Charge of History and Pakistan Studies; were the event organizers. The seminar aimed at developing students' understanding of Islamic banking, Shariah principles, their applications, products, global trends, and future prospects. The speakers discussed the importance of financial literacy for women and the concept of interest-free banking. Madam Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Safia Ahmad graced the occasion as chief guest. The efforts of the organizers and speakers were celebrated with shields and certificates. A group photo was taken, and refreshments were served.

## SEMINAR ON EMPOWERING WOMEN OF KPK: STRATEGIES FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND INCLUSION

On 30th May, 2024, the Department of History and Pakistan Studies, SBBWUP, organized a seminar on "Empowering Women of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa: Strategies for Sustainable Development and Inclusion." Member of the National Assembly and former Interior Minister, Mr. Shehryar Afridi, and Member of the National Assembly, Ms. Shandana Gulzar, graced the occasion as chief guest.



## DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH STUDENTS ENGAGE IN CLIMATE CHANGE SESSION AT THE FORESTRY DEPARTMENT ABBOTTABAD DURING NATHIAGALI TRIP



On 19th May, 2024, the final semester students from the Department of English Language and Literature enjoyed a two-day trip to Nathiagali, featuring an enlightening session at the Forestry Department in Abbottabad. Syed Tariq Ali Shah, Course Commandant and Principal of KP Forestry School, welcomed the students, and Aftab Ahmed, SDWO Thai Abbottabad, presented on "Climate Change and its Impacts on Weather Conditions."

The presentation highlighted the Forestry Department's efforts to combat climate change. Students engaged actively and were also invited to join the Forestry Department's network to stay informed about ongoing and future activities. The Department of English at SBBWUP presented a souvenir to the Forestry Department.

The session concluded with a group photograph and tea.

## SEED STUDY CIRCLE ON THE BOOK, "AN INTRODUCTION TO TRADE AND GLOBALIZATION"

On 11th June, 2024, the Department of Economics, under the banner of SEED, in collaboration with National Influencers and Students for Liberty, organized a study circle at the Department of Economics, SBBWUP. The study circle was based on the book "An Introduction to Trade and Globalization", written by Eamonn Butler and translated by National Influencers. Dr. Khadija, Associate Professor, Head of Economics Department; Dr. Fariha, Associate Professor Economics; Ms. Saira Khan Afridi, Lecturer in Economics; Ms. Hafsa Taqqadus, Lecturer in Economics; and Ms. Maryam Khattak, Lecturer in Economics; were the organizers, while Muhammad Sulaiman, President National Influencers, was the resource person for the session. The book was analyzed by the speaker. Certificates and shields were awarded to the organizers and the speaker. A group photo and refreshments marked the end of the session.





# Workshops/ Training sessions/ Conferences

## TALK ON “AND NOW IT’S TIME FOR BREXIT”

On 11th June, 2024, SBBWUP organised an informative talk titled “And Now It’s Time for BREXIT” at the Department of Economics. Dr. Khadija, Assistant Professor, Head of Economics Department, Dr. Hina Haram, Lecturer in Economics, Ms. Huma Johar, Lecturer in Economics, and Ms. Maryam Khattak, Lecturer in Economics, were the main organizers, while Dr. Fariha, Assistant Professor of Economics, Dr. Sonia Shafiq, Lecturer in Economics, Ms. Saira Khan Afridi, Lecturer in Economics, Ms. Shandana, Lecturer in Economics, and Ms. Hafsa Taqqadus, Lecturer in Economics, were the co-organizers. Ms. Saira Khan Afridi, Lecturer in Economics, moderated the session. Dr. Idrees Masood was the speaker for the session. Dr. Idrees discussed the effects of BREXIT on both the UK and EU, which served as a great source of information for the students. The author was thankful to the Madam Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Safia Ahmad, and Chairperson of the Economics Department, SBBWUP, for the invitation.



## COLLABORATIVE TRAINING SESSION ON “WAX PAINT AND WHEAT STRAW ART”



On June 10th and 11th, 2024, the Department of History and Pakistan Studies, Art and Design, Political Science, and Affiliation and Monitoring Section organized a collaborative training session on “Wax Paint and Wheat Straw Art” by AZ ARTIZEN and SBBWUP.

## AN ENGAGING TRAINING SESSION ON “DESIGNING RUBRICS FOR ASSESSMENT OF STUDENTS’ LEARNING AND PERFORMANCE”

On 11th June, 2024, Dr. Anbarin Fatima from the Department of English, SBBWUP, and Dr. Antal Zia from the Department of Urdu, SBBWUP, conducted a post-project reflective session on the assigned topic titled “Designing Rubrics for Assessment of Students’ Learning and Performance” as a requirement and to mark the completion of the three-month training/certificate course they had participated in, titled “Leading Change: Empowering Women Educators through Excellence in Educational Assessments”, organized by Dr. Waliyat Bibi from the Department of Education, SBBWUP, under the PUAN Small Grants Program from March 8, 2024, to May 29, 2024.

The session covered creating and using rubrics in education, including assessments, Bloom’s taxonomy, types, benefits, design, implementation, and addressing challenges. The session was well received and highly appreciated by the faculty.



## TRAINING SESSION TITLED “APPLICATION OF ANIMATION TECHNIQUES” HELD UNDER THE NRPU PROJECT, “BRINGING PAKISTANI LITERATURE BACK TO LIFE THROUGH ANIMATION AND CREATION OF VIDEO GAMES.”



A training session titled “Application of Animation Techniques” was held on June 8th, 2024 under the NRPU Project, “Bringing Pakistani Literature back to Life through Animation and Creation of Video Games.” Renowned multimedia artist Sir Saif, with a Master's degree in Multimedia Arts from NCA, led the session. Students learned about concept art, character design, and animation, applying theoretical concepts to practical projects to create their own animated videos. The workshop fostered collaboration and innovation, enhancing participants' skills. The session concluded with a ceremony where Vice-Chancellor Professor Dr. Safia Ahmad distributed certificates, celebrating the students' achievements and emphasizing the importance of continuous learning in multimedia arts.

# Events / Mou

## SWAT VISIT REGARDING ENVIRONMENTAL CONSCIOUSNESS AND SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES



On 12th and 13th June, 2024, the Department of History and Pakistan Studies, Affiliation and Monitoring Section, and GYM Club, Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University Peshawar, in collaboration with the Forest Department and District Administration, Swat, arranged a multifaceted visit regarding environmental consciousness and sustainable practices.

## DR. SADIA NAZEER CELEBRATES PH.D. ACHIEVEMENT WITH SBBWUP FACULTY

On 16th May, 2024, Dr. Sadia Nazeer hosted her Ph.D. celebration lunch for the SBBWUP faculty at Shelton Rezidor, with the esteemed presence of Madam Vice Chancellor Professor Dr. Safia Ahmad.



## ENGLISH DEPARTMENT'S FINAL SEMESTER STUDENTS RELISH SCENIC NATHIAGALI RETREAT



On the 18th and 19th of May 2024, students from the Department of English Language and Literature enjoyed a two-day trip to NathiaGali, which provided a comfortable base for their activities, including Bonfire Night. On the first day, they explored the lively NathiaGali bazaar, enjoying local food and shopping. The next day was spent in the lush, serene environment of Harnoi. Accompanied by Dr. Sadia Nazeer, Ms. Shumaila, Ms. Amna, and Ms. Tehmina, the trip offered a perfect mix of relaxation and bonding, making it a memorable experience for the last semester's students.

## THE ENVIRONMENT DAY AND WORLD FOOD SAFETY DAY

From 5th June to 7th June, 2024, The Environment Day and World Food Safety Day, were organized by the Department of History and Pakistan Studies, Affiliation and Monitoring Section SBBWUP, and Team Developing Next Generation Female Environmentalists (DGNFE) in collaboration with the District Administration Dir Upper, Directorate Youth Affair Dir Upper, and Shaheed Benazir Bhutto University Sheringal. A Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was signed between SBBWU, Peshawar, and SBBU, Sheringal, for collaborative efforts in research and development on environmental and food safety issues.



# Achievements

## **GCC HOSTS SUCCESSFUL FUNDRAISER STALL TO SUPPORT UNDERPRIVILEGED STUDENTS AND COMMUNITIES**

On 27th May, 2024, the Girls Community Club, under the mentorship of Dr. Sadia Nazeer, Head of the Department of English, and the leadership of founder Hamna Khan Khalil, an 8th-semester English Literature student, held another successful fundraiser stall. The stall featured a delightful assortment of sweets, attracting many supporters. Members of the GCC from the 4th semester English department were on duty. The primary goal of the fundraiser was to aid individuals from underprivileged communities, including university students struggling with semester fees. This initiative is not new to the club; they have been steadfastly supporting these causes since January 2021. Their commitment to helping those in need has been unwavering. The Girls Community Club looks forward to organizing more such events to support their noble cause.



## **MS. SHANDANA SYED REPRESENTS PAKISTAN AT 18TH SANDEE SUMMER SCHOOL ON ENVIRONMENTAL AND RESOURCE ECONOMICS IN THAILAND**



From 29th April, 2024, to 13th May, 2024, Ms. Shandana Syed, Lecturer in the Department of Economics at Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University Peshawar, was selected as one of the participants from South Asia, Pakistan, to attend the 18th SANDEE Summer School on "Environmental and Resource Economics" in Thailand, an intensive residential teaching workshop. She successfully completed the summer school at the Asian Institute of Technology, Thailand. The South Asian Network for Development and Environmental Economics (SANDEE) is a research capacity and academic leadership development network that operates in South Asia and the Hindu Kush Himalaya region, supporting researchers interested in understanding the interconnections between economic development, the environment, and the use of natural resources through rigorous research.

## **MILESTONE ACHIEVEMENT IN ACADEMIC RESEARCH**

Ms. Anila Rahman, a graduate scholar and Ms. Shumaila Ashee, lecturer, Department of English, published their research article titled "From Prejudice to Print: American Newspapers and the Reporting of Black Murders" in the research journal Global Sociological Review, VOL. IX, ISSUE I, WINTER (MARCH-2024).

