

# NEWSLETTER

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## MESSAGE FROM THE VICE CHANCELLOR *Empowering Minds, Shaping Futures*

It is with great pride that I present this edition of the Women's University Newsletter, highlighting the achievements and initiatives from April to June 2025. These pages reflect the dedication, resilience, and creativity of our students, faculty, and staff.

This issue features inspiring accounts of academic excellence, research, professional growth, and community service. Each success story demonstrates our shared commitment to empowering women through education and contributing to meaningful change.

I extend my heartfelt appreciation to our academic community for their tireless efforts, and to the editorial team for their meticulous work in bringing this publication to life.

Let us celebrate these milestones with pride and continue working together to build a future defined by opportunity, purpose, and impact.



**PROFESSOR DR. SAFIA AHMAD**  
**Vice Chancellor**  
**SBBWUP**



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## TABLE TALK ON "WOMEN'S PROPERTY RIGHTS IN ISLAM"

On 21 April 2025, the Department of Economics, Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University, Peshawar, organized a table talk on "Women's Property Rights in Islam" in the conference room of Software IT Park. The event was led by Dr. Khadija (Chairperson, Department of Economics) along with faculty members Dr. Hina Haram, Dr. Sonia, Ms. Maryam Khattak, Ms. Saira Khan Afridi, Ms. Hafsa Taqqadus, and Ms. Huma Johar. Members included Ms. Ayesha (LOLA Country Lead), Ms. Arzoo and Ms. Shahla (Assistant Professor, Law Department), with moderation by Ms. Maryam Khattak and Ms. Saira Khan Afridi. The discussion featured insights from the Law Department on legal frameworks for women claiming property rights and from the Economics Department on the potential economic benefits of securing these rights. Social and cultural barriers to inheritance were examined, and personal accounts highlighted the challenges women face, including lack of awareness about legal protections. The session concluded with the presentation of shields to organizers and speakers, and a group photograph.



# WORKSHOPS



## ONE-DAY HANDS-ON WORKSHOP ON STATA

On 19 May 2025, the Society for Entrepreneurial & Economic Development (SEED), Department of Economics, in collaboration with the Department of Statistics, Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University, Peshawar, organized a "One-Day Hands-On Workshop on STATA" in the DVC Hall. The event was organized under the leadership of Dr. Khadija (Chairperson, Department of Economics) along with faculty members Dr. Fariha Sami, Dr. Hina Haram, Dr. Sonia, Ms. Maryam Khattak, Ms. Saira Khan Afridi, Ms. Hafsa Taqqadus, Ms. Huma Johar from the Department of Economics, and Dr. Najma Salahuddin from the Department of Statistics. The resource person, Dr. Fahim Nawaz (PhD in Economics, Germany), Lecturer at the University of Peshawar, conducted the workshop, focusing on the basics of STATA software to enhance participants' proficiency in statistical tools and research methodologies. The session attracted participants from both Economics and Statistics backgrounds, encouraging collaboration and productive discussions, and concluded with a certificate distribution ceremony, a vote of thanks, and a group photograph.



# EVENTS

## CLIMATE PLEDGE ACTIVITY UNDER PROJECT WELO

On 3 June 2025, under the project WELO, the Department of Economics, Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University, Peshawar, organized an environment and climate-themed activity with 2nd semester students. Led by Ms. Saira Khan Afridi (Lecturer, Economics), the session included a climate pledge activity followed by an oath-taking ceremony to promote environmental conservation and safeguard the planet. Prompts were distributed among the students, and certificates were awarded to those fulfilling the requirements. The students participated with great enthusiasm and displayed a strong commitment to the cause.



## EXTERNAL EXAMINER ROLE AT INSTITUTE OF MANAGEMENT SCIENCES

Ms. Shumaila Ashee (Lecturer, English) was invited by the Institute of Management Sciences (IMSciences), Peshawar, to serve as an external evaluator for the viva voce examinations of BS English students.



# ACHIEVEMENTS



## **SANOBER HUSSAIN – A JOURNEY OF SKILL DEVELOPMENT And SERVICE**

Hailing from the remote valley of Chitral, Sanober Hussain began her academic journey with a BS in Computer Science at Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University, Peshawar. Overcoming challenges in learning to code, she complemented her studies with a Graphic Designing course from her 3rd semester, followed by multiple online courses to enhance her skills. By her 7th semester, she joined Web Development training at SMIT and learned 3D Animation through a UNDP program, successfully managing academic responsibilities alongside professional skill-building. Sanober has also volunteered with Al Khidmat Foundation, earning the Best Volunteer Award for her contributions. She is currently advancing her expertise in Graphic Design and Web Development while working on her final year project. With a vision to become a skilled Full Stack Developer, Sanober strives to inspire young women from remote areas to pursue technology careers with confidence, determination, and lifelong learning.

## **MARYAM SIRAJ – INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION OF DESIGNERS**

Maryam Siraj, an MSc Computer Science graduate from Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University, Peshawar, is proud to be the first girl from her village to pursue a career in technology and design. After starting her professional journey, she briefly stepped away due to personal challenges but returned with renewed passion and determination. She was selected for the prestigious Government Fellowship Project, where she designed official websites for the Social Welfare Department and the Social Work Department, contributing to the digital advancement of public services. Currently, Maryam works as a UI/UX and Graphic Designer in a private company, creating digital products and branding solutions. She also conducts training sessions and mentors the current batch of KPK Civic Interns, guiding them in skill development and career preparation. Her mission is to continue evolving as a designer, work on meaningful projects, and inspire young girls from small communities to believe in themselves and achieve their dreams.

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## FROM STUDENT TO EDUCATOR: THE JOURNEY OF MARYUM HASSAN

Maryum Hassan's academic journey began with a Bachelor's in Software Engineering from the Institute of Management Sciences (IMSciences), where she developed a passion for technology and problem-solving. Before pursuing her master's, she worked as a freelance content writer, gaining valuable skills in research, time management, and communication. She completed her MS in Computer Science from Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University, Peshawar, a transformative phase that strengthened her expertise through intensive research and academic challenges. Maryum now serves as a Lab Engineer at City University of Science and Technology, Peshawar, where she mentors students and applies her knowledge in the field. Her journey reflects dedication, resilience, and the continuous pursuit of growth, supported by her family, teachers, and faith.



**Shaheed Benazir Bhutto Women University Peshawar**