



MONTHLY CONNECT

JUNE 2026

Highlight of the Month



75th Anniversary of Pak-China Diplomatic Relations

University of Central Punjab commemorated 75 years of Pakistan-China diplomatic relations. His Excellence Mr. Sun Yan, Consul General of the People's Republic of China in Lahore graced the event as Chief Guest. He visited Chinese Language Lab and interacted with students. The event began with a welcome address by Dr. Khalid Manzoor Butt, Dean, FOHSS, followed by a documentary on Pakistan-China relations and cultural performances by the UCP Music Society featuring Chinese and Punjabi songs. In his address, the Consul General acknowledged UCP's collaboration with the Chinese Consulate, announced the continuation of scholarships for UCP students, and expressed interest in expanding collaboration with Chinese universities. Pro-Rector Dr. Hammad Naveed thanked the Consul General for his participation and presented him with a commemorative shield. The event concluded with a cake-cutting ceremony marking the 75th anniversary of Pakistan-China diplomatic relations, followed by a hi-tea reception and the exchange of souvenirs.



Highlight of the Month



Sarbuland Stories 2026 - Season II

Faculty of Mass and Media Communication's Sarbuland Stories Season II, documentary competition showcased seven documentaries produced by BS students, showcasing the journeys of Pakistani organizations: Marham.pk, Anwarsons, Savour Foods, Maaher Builders & Developers, Jumbo, Champi Oil, and Johnny & Jugnu. A jury of media and academic professionals evaluated the documentaries, followed by a panel discussion with the jury members. Bunyaad: From Pioneer to Legacy, based on Maaher Builders & Developers, secured first place under Dr. Saleem Akhtar's supervision. Marham.pk, under Dr. Atif Ashraf's supervision secured second place followed by From Streets to Success: The Story of Johnny & Jugnu under Mr. Omer Saeed Qureshi's supervision securing third spot.



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PREE for EQA 2025-26

Quality Enhancement Cell conducted Annual Quality Assurance activities in accordance with Higher Education Commission Quality Assurance Agency's (QAA) guidelines. The activities included: Program Review for Effectiveness and Enhancement for External Quality Assurance (PREE for EQA) and the Postgraduate Program Review (PGPR), conducted by external evaluators in coordination with university's academic leadership, faculty members, Human Resource Development Office and Graduate Studies Office. This process evaluated academic programs against HEC quality standards, supporting university's quality assurance and academic review processes.



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3rd Media Symposium

Faculty of Media & Mass Communication's 3rd Media Symposium, under the theme "Quality Content & Contemporary Media Challenges" convened by Prof. Dr. Fawad Baig included leading professionals from visual arts, film, theatre, television and journalism to discuss the evolving media landscape and the importance of quality content. The event featured keynote addresses by Prof. Salima Hashmi, Mr. Shahid Nadeem, Mr. Syed Noor, Mr. Salman Ghani, Mr. Sajjad Ahmed and Mr. Shahzad Nawaz. They shared insights and experiences with students, faculty and media professionals.

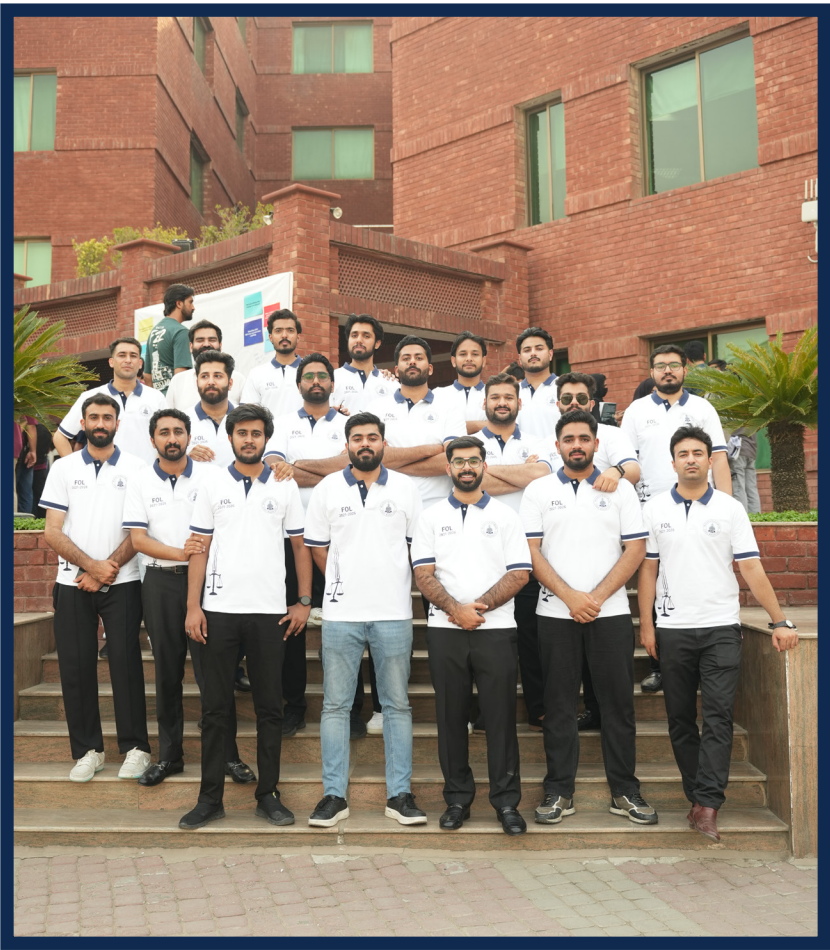


Highlight of the Month

Graduating Class of 2026



The campus has been part of your story. Now, the story goes further.
Wishing the Class of 2026 all the best for what comes next.



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Literary Fest 2026

UCP Literary Festival 2026, organized by the UCP Literary Society, brought together writers, poets, faculty members, students, and literature enthusiasts for two days of literary activities. The festival included panel discussions with Abbas Tabish, Saima Aftab, Saima Irum, and Ghafir Shehzad, a Meet the Writer session with Asghar Nadeem Syed, and a workshop on Critical Thinking and Creativity conducted by M. Hamid Hassan. A Punjabi Mushaira featured poetry by Anwar Masood, Ahmed Saeed, Zohaib Alam, Anjum Saleemi, Afzal Sahir, Sabir Ali Sabir, Sughra Sadaf, Nabeel Najam, Mudassir Nool, Namra Waris, and Hussain Fareed. Students also participated in literary competitions, including Urdu Nazm, Urdu Ghazal, 100 Words Story, English Poetry Slam, Visual Writing (English and Urdu), and Spellathon, which were judged by Hammad Niazi, Sohiab Mugheera, Sarosh Latif, Ahmed Hammad, Ali Qaim Naqvi, Kafeel Rana, Jazib ud Din, M. Hamid Hassan, Fahad Mehmood Sokhta, and Haris Ashfaq.



Highlight of the Month



Legislative Theatre 2026

UCP Law Society's Legislative Theatre, 5^{واں}، focused on daughters' inheritance rights and raised awareness of the legal and social barriers women face in claiming their inheritance. The performance was followed by a legislative session on legal reforms, institutional responsibilities, and public awareness. The panel featured Justice Jamshed Rahmat Ullah; Dr. Abdul Hassan Najmi, Legislative Draftsman; Makhdoom Syed Usman Mahmood, Former Member of Parliament; Aqif Tahir, Researcher; Subhat Riaz, Human Rights Activist; and Barrister Zafar Kalanori, Senior Advocate. The event was attended by Dr. Hadia Awan, Dean, Faculty of Law; Members of Parliament Amina Hassan, Sardar Ahmad Awan Dreshak, and Makhdoom Syed Usman Mahmood; Justice Ashraf Bhatti; Barrister Imran Chaudhry, Barrister Kareem Ullah, Barrister Saeed Nagra, Barrister Haris Ramzan, Barrister Adnan Afzal; Advocate Amina Siddiqua, High Court Advocate; Dr. Iram Hussain; Zahid Ghaznavi; Raja Khurram; along with faculty, alumni, students, parents, and members of the legal community.



Highlight of the Month



Summer Internship Program 2026

The Department of Student Affairs successfully conducted its two-week Summer Internship Program 2026, welcoming students from various schools and colleges for an engaging and enriching learning experience. Throughout the program, participants explored a wide range of hands-on activities designed to develop both technical skills and personal growth.

The internship featured exciting sessions on RC plane building and flying, cybersecurity and coding, photography and videography, swimming, and interactive board games that encouraged teamwork and strategic thinking. Students also attended a career pathing session, gaining valuable guidance on future academic and professional opportunities, and concluded the experience with a movie and documentary screening that inspired learning beyond the classroom.

The program provided participants with an opportunity to discover new interests, build practical skills, collaborate with peers, and experience university life in a dynamic and supportive environment.



Workshops & Seminars

Mastering the Art of Animal Handling



Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences’ “Mastering the Art of Animal Handling” helped participants develop essential practical skills in laboratory animal handling, ethical research practices, animal welfare and scientific responsibility.

How AI is Changing the Social Media Game



Faculty of Information Technology and Computer Science’s “How AI is Changing the Social Media Game,” featuringn Mr. Nabeel Ali Khan explored the transformative role of artificial intelligence in digital media, covering AI-powered content creation strategies, social media algorithms and emerging trends, personal branding through AI, the development of impactful digital content, and the future of digital influence.



Opportunities in the Gaming Industry



Faculty of Information Technology and Computer Science in collaboration with FINZ Gaming Studio organized “Opportunities in the Gaming Industry” providing valuable insights into emerging trends, career pathways and growth opportunities within the gaming sector. It featured an on-campus recruitment drive to connect students with industry professionals and explore potential career prospects in game development and related fields.

MS Forensic Science Research Seminar



Department of Biotechnology’s postgraduate students presented their research projects in Second MS Forensic Science Research Seminar. They recieved constructive feedback to refine their research.

Navigating the Marketing Landscape: Traditional and Digital Marketing in Practice



Faculty of Management Sciences’ “Navigating the Marketing Landscape: Traditional and Digital Marketing in Practice” featuring Syeda Asmat Zahra Naqvi, Head Sales & Marketing, Royal Palm Golf & Country Club expanded upon industry insights on the evolving world of marketing.

Media Fest 2026



Media Festival 2026 featured student participationn from multiple schools, colleges, and universities. It included competitions such as, Short Film, Documentary Screening, TV Anchoring, Poster Designing, Journalistic Writing, Video Production and Live Reporting. It also featured panel discussions on content creation and the role of artificial intelligence in media.



Turning Websites into Data



Department of Software Engineering’s “Turning Websites into Data” featuring Akhter Wahab, Data Scrapping Specialist at Zyte shared practical insights into modern web scraping techniques and data extraction methodologies.



Mechanical Aspects of Building Services Design



Mechanical Engineering Department in collaboration with the Pakistan HVACR Society Lahore Chapter organized “Mechanical Aspects of Building Services Design” featuring Engr. Muhammad Mudassir, Fire Protection Specialist and Design Approver. He delivered a session on Building Services Engineering with a focus on HVAC and Fire Protection systems. Chairman PHVACR Lahore Chapter, Jafar Raza Haidery, along with Engr. Waqas Arshad Farooqi, Rana Muhammad Ajmal Khan, and Athar Shahzad Amir, interacted with students and discussed the Society’s role in strengthening industry-academia linkages and supporting the professional development of future engineers.

University Events

Gamers Den 2.0



Gaming Den Society’s flagship esports event, Gamers Den 2.0 attracted 450+ students from various universities to compete in PUBG Mobile, Tekken 8, and EA FC 26.



PLANTASTIC IV - Business Plan Competition 2026



Department of Management and Entrepreneurship’s PLANTASTIC IV – Business Plan Competition 2026 featured Poster and Prototype Exhibition comprising 40 teams, they presented their business ideas through posters, prototypes, and product demonstrations before a panel of industry professionals. Shortlisted teams participated in Elevator Pitch Presentations to present their business models, value propositions and growth plans.



World Milk Day and World Food Safety Day 2026



Department of Food & Nutritional Sciences in collaboration with FrieslandCampina Engro Pakistan Limited, organized World Milk Day and World Food Safety Day 2026 under the theme “Strengthening Dairy Food Safety in Pakistan: Preventing Foodborne Risks and Ensuring Nutrition for All” featuring Salma Butt, Special Assistant to Chief Minister Punjab for Food Safety and Consumer Protection, Ms. Rushda Lodhi, Parliamentary Secretary Health (Specialized Healthcare & Medical Education), and Mr. Munir Hussain Chopra, Director Planning & Coordination, Punjab Food Authority (PFA) as chief guests.

Mavericks of the Year 2026



Trendsetters Society’s Mavericks of the Year 2026, featured innovative, creative and challenging activities where participants showcased their entrepreneurial and problem-solving skills by building and selling products, decoding messages, collaborating in teams and performing under pressure.



Huawei Delegation’s Visit to UCP



University of Central Punjab welcomed a delegation from Huawei for a discussion on opportunities in Artificial Intelligence education. The delegation presented an overview of AI-focused courses being offered in collaboration with various institutions and discussed opportunities for future collaboration in technology, digital education, and industry-academia partnerships. The meeting was attended by the leadership of Punjab Group, Punjab Colleges officials, and UCP’s senior management.

Introduction, History, and Importance of ISO Standards in Industry



Mechanical Engineering Department’s “Introduction, History and Importance of ISO Standards in Industry,” featuring Mr. Abdul Munnan, Senior Manager Technical at Millat Tractor Ltd. The session focused on ISO standards in industry, including quality management systems, process standardization, and continuous improvement practices. Mr. Abdul Munnan shared insights from his industrial experience in implementing ISO frameworks for product quality, operational efficiency, and international compliance.

Tabeer 2.0



UCP Debating Society’s 2nd Tabeer All Pakistan Bilingual Declamation Contest and Punjabi Natara. Provided a platform for students to showcase their eloquence, critical thinking, and public speaking skills in a highly competitive environment. Through compelling speeches and captivating performances, participants demonstrated exceptional talent while engaging audiences in meaningful discourse.

International Janitors Day



Campus Care Society celebrated International Janitors Day to honor the dedicated individuals whose hard work helps keep the campus clean, safe, and welcoming every day. The event paid tribute to UCP’s janitorial staff, recognizing their commitment, resilience, and invaluable contributions to the university community.

Kirdaar Kahani – The Story of Characters



UCP Dramatics Club presented Kirdaar Kahani – The Story of Characters, a theatrical event that celebrated creativity, storytelling, and the art of performance. Through a series of captivating acts and powerful character portrayals, students demonstrated their talent, passion, and artistic expression, delivering an engaging experience that not only entertained the audience but also highlighted the transformative power of theatre and its role in fostering imagination and creative communication.

Dunya’s Deadline: Preparing For What’s Coming



Islamic Guidance Club’s “Dunya’s Deadline: Preparing For What’s Coming” featured scholar Mr. Khalid Mehmood Abbasi. He discussed the signs of the Hour, the fitnahs of today’s world, and how people become distracted by the temporary nature of Dunya.

Department of Food & Nutritional Sciences’ 2nd Seminar



Department of Food & Nutritional Sciences, in collaboration with the Almoiz Applied Research Program (AARP), hosted the 2nd Seminar of MS Food Technology students. The seminar featured research presentations by postgraduate students, providing a platform to showcase their ongoing work and receive expert feedback. Mr. Shoaib Awan, SVP IRDC at Almoiz Industries Ltd., attended the session and shared valuable industry insights. He appreciated the students’ research efforts and encouraged them to further refine their work through constructive feedback and guidance.

DEX 2026



Innovation and Entrepreneurship Club, in collaboration with Takhleeq Business Incubator, organized DEX 2026, a one-day mega creative challenge that brought together more than 88 participants across Product Packaging Design, UI/UX Design, and Ad Jam. The event featured mentorship sessions, collaborative teamwork, and innovative problem-solving, culminating in impactful final presentations that highlighted the creativity, talent, and dedication of all participants.

Film, Theatre, and Society



Prof. Dr. Fawad Baig, Dean FMMC, delivered a talk on “Film, Theatre, and Society” under the Media Literacy Program – 2026. The session was attended by approximately 75 students from various faculties, primarily from non-media backgrounds, who had registered for the program. He discussed key themes including three major film styles and global cinema trends, commercial versus parallel cinema, and the fundamentals of film grammar. He also highlighted the different phases of Pakistani cinema, the role of documentary filmmaking in advocacy, and the significance of theatre as a dramatic art form.

International Nutrition Day 2026



Department of Food & Nutritional Sciences, Faculty of Science & Technology, in collaboration with Cheezious, organized an International Nutrition Day under the theme “Nourishing Communities, Empowering Futures,” where Prof. Dr. Ghazala Pervez Zaman, Head of the Nutrition Department at the College of Home Economics, Lahore; Ms. Najma Ayub, Nutrition and Child Development Specialist at UNICEF; Dr. Atta-Ur-Rehman, Chairman of SIGNS International; and Ms. Hajra Saleem, Consultant Dietitian/Nutritionist at Evercare Hospital, addressed the participants and discussed the role of nutrition in public health, child development, and community well-being.

Guest Speaker Session on “Business Strategy”



Faculty of Management Sciences’ guest speaker session for the Business Strategy course with Mr. Waqas Iqbal, CFA, for students of Accounting and Finance. Mr. Waqas discussed Dell’s diversification strategy and examined various global financial strategies and their application in contemporary business environments. Students participated in the discussion and raised questions regarding business strategies and their relevance to the Pakistani market.

Truth Behind News



Dr. Atif Ashraf delivered a talk “Truth Behind News” under Faculty of Media & Mass Communication’s Media Literacy Program2026,a free capacity-building initiative organized by the Faculty of Media and Mass Communication for non-media students. 75 students participated in the session, which focused on misinformation, fake news, fact-checking, and responsible social media use. Dr. Sadaf Zahra briefed the participants on the objectives of the program and introduced the academic programs offered by FMMC.

Data-Driven Decision Making for Entrepreneurs



Faculty of Management Sciences’ “Data-Driven Decision Making for Entrepreneurs,” under the coordination of Ms. Aneeza Azam and Ms. Madiha Bint-e-Riaz. Featuring Mr. Asif Rafique, GM Supply Chain Planning and Operations Professional at Sapphire Retail Limited. The session provided insights into the role of data, analytics, and digital transformation in entrepreneurial success and business growth. Participants explored how data-driven approaches support strategic planning, operational efficiency, performance measurement, and informed decision-making in dynamic business environments.

Department of Advanced Studies and Research

Muhammad Zia Afzal's PhD Open Defense



Directorate of Advanced Studies & Research's PhD Open Defense of Mr. Muhammad Zia Afzal, who defended his PhD dissertation in Mathematics under the supervision of Dr. Shahid Saeed Siddiqi. The defense panel comprised Dr. Khurram Shabbir of Government College University (GCU) and Dr. Kashif Rehan of the University of Engineering and Technology (UET) as External Examiners, with Dr. Zain ul Abadin serving as the Internal Examiner.

Mr. Aideed Bashir Participated as a Guest Speaker in "When the World Moves, Markets React: The Business of Global Uncertainty" (FCCU)



Mr. Aideed Bashir participated as a guest panelist in a discussion held at Forman Christian College University (FCCU) on the theme "When the World Moves, Markets React: The Business of Global Uncertainty." The session examined the impact of global developments on businesses, markets, careers, and decision-making processes. Discussions focused on market volatility, inflation, technological advancements, consumer behavior, organizational resilience, and leadership during periods of uncertainty.

Faculty Achievements

Dr. Muhammad Athar Siddiqui's Participation in Pre-Budget Roundtable 2026-27



Dr. Muhammad Athar Siddiqui participated in the Pre-Budget Roundtable 2026-27, organized by CARBS Policy Lab at Superior University. The discussions focused on sustainability, research and innovation, public infrastructure, and social inclusion.

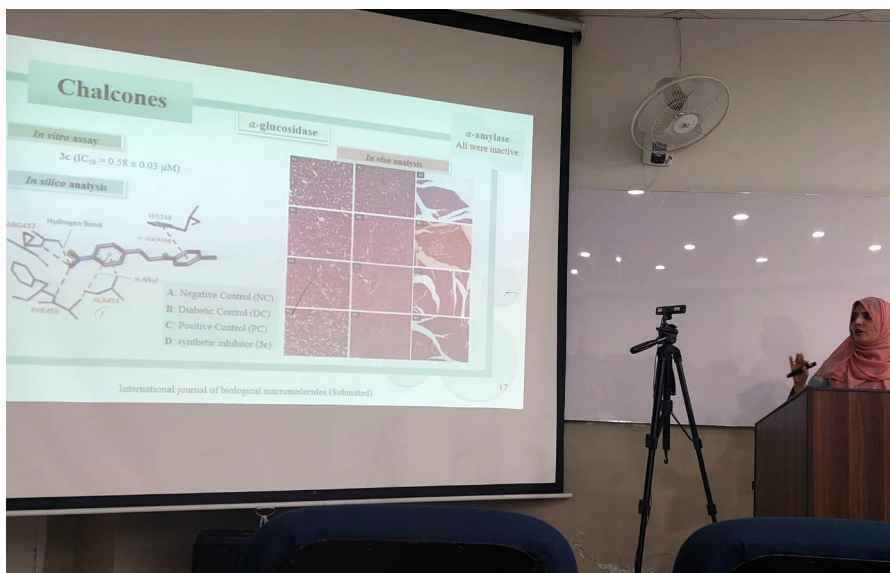
Ms. Sadia Zia's Participation in Global Health Security Conference, Malaysia



Ms. Sadia Zia, Principal Lecturer, Department of Biotechnology participated as a Scientific Committee Member for strategic planning and international collaboration at the Global Health Security Conference held in Malaysia. Her participation contributed to international dialogue and collaboration aimed at strengthening global health security through research, policy development, and cross-border partnerships.



Prof. Dr. Sumera Zaib participated in the 4th Conference on Emerging Trends in Chemistry, UMT



Prof. Dr. Sumera Zaib delivered a plenary lecture "Managing Diabetes with Novel Drug Discovery: Challenges and Opportunities" at the 4th Conference on Emerging Trends in Chemistry (CCUMT 2026). She highlighted the discovery of novel synthetic inhibitors, the identification of promising biomarkers and insulin-related proteins relevant to diabetes research, and the challenges associated with translating scientific discoveries into practical applications.

Punjab Forensic Science Agency's Delegation Visit to UCP



Department of Biotechnology hosted a delegation from the Punjab Forensic Science Agency (PFSA), led by Col. (R) Wajahat Hamdani, Additional Director General. The delegation was welcomed by Prof. Dr. Hammad Naveed, Pro-Rector, Dr. Rizwana Kausar, Dean, FOST; and Dr. Asma Zafar, Head of the Department of Biotechnology. During the visit, Prof. Dr. Javed Iqbal, Coordinator, Forensic Sciences, presented an overview of the MS Forensic Science program, highlighting its curriculum and facilities in Forensic DNA, Digital Forensics, and Microbial Forensics. The delegation also visited the faculty's teaching and research laboratories, including the Digital Forensics Lab, where discussions focused on opportunities for collaboration in forensic education, research, and capacity building.



Allied Health Professional Council's Inspection Visit for BS HND & BS MLT



Faculty of Science and Technology hosted an inspection team from Allied Health Professionals Council (AHPC) for the accreditation visit of the BS Human Nutrition & Dietetics (BS HND) and BS Medical Laboratory Technology (BS MLT) programs. The visiting team reviewed academic facilities, laboratories, clinical affiliations, curriculum implementation, quality assurance processes and interactions with faculty and students.



Prof. Dr. Akhyar Farrukh Delivered Talk in 4th International Chemistry Conference



Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akhyar Farrukh, Director ORIC and HoD Chemistry, delivered an invited talk "Nanomaterials for Sustainable Industrial Applications: Emerging Innovations and Key Challenges" at the 4th International Chemistry Conference on Emerging Trends in Chemistry, organized by the Department of Chemistry, School of Science, University of Management and Technology (UMT), Lahore. He highlighted recent advances in nanomaterials for sustainable industrial applications, emphasizing emerging innovations, practical challenges, and future research opportunities.

Prof. Dr. Mahtab Ahmad Khan’s Participation as an External Expert Reviewer for the PREE at Green International University



Prof. Dr. Mahtab Ahmad Khan, Dean FOPS, was invited as an External Expert Reviewer for the Program Level Review for Evaluation and Enhancement (PREE) of the M.Phil. Pharmacy (Pharmacology) program at Green International University. He contributed to the quality enhancement process through academic evaluation and meaningful engagement with faculty, students, and the university’s academic leadership.

Dr. Muhammad Athar Siddiqui’s Participation as Panelist in the 5th FICBI



Dr. Muhammad Athar Siddiqui, Dean, Faculty of Management Sciences, participated as a panelist in the 5th FICBI, FCCU, Lahore. The Deans’ Panel Discussion, “Leading Business Schools in the Age of Artificial Intelligence: Strategy, Innovation, and Impact” discussed how AI was changing the way business schools think, operate, and deliver. Dr. Athar emphasized the need for faculty upskilling and a self-accountable culture before resting expectations on students.



Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naveed participated as an Expert Evaluator in M.A. Raouf Innovation & Startup Expo 2026 (UOL)



Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naveed was invited as an Expert Evaluator at the M.A. Raouf Innovation & Startup Expo 2026 hosted by the University of Lahore. He evaluated more than 350 innovative products, projects, and research posters, contributing to the promotion of innovation, entrepreneurship, and research excellence. The expo brought together representatives from the Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry and more than 30 leading industries.

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akhyar Farrukh’s Participation in 2nd International Conference on Healthcare Challenges and Innovations in the 21st Century



Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akhyar Farrukh, Head of the Department of Chemistry and Director ORIC delivered a talk “Nanodrug Delivery Systems for Targeted Therapeutics in Infectious and Chronic Diseases” at the 2nd International Conference on Healthcare Challenges and Innovations in the 21st Century (HCIC 2026), organized by the School of Pharmacy, University of Management and Technology. He highlighted recent advancements in nanodrug delivery systems and emphasized their potential to enhance treatment outcomes for infectious and chronic diseases through targeted and efficient therapeutic strategies.



Dr. Asma Zafar participated in the 3rd International Conference on Life Sciences: Harnessing for Sustainable Health, Environment & Industry as a Guest Speaker, UMT



Dr. Asma Zafar, Faculty of Science and Technology, participated as an invited speaker at the 3rd International Conference on Life Sciences: Harnessing for Sustainable Health, Environment & Industry (CLS-2026), organized by the Department of Life Sciences at the University of Management and Technology. During the conference, she delivered a presentation “Harnessing Hyperthermophilic Enzymes for Sustainable Industrial Biotechnology.”

Prof. Dr. Mahtab Ahmad Khan’s Participation in 2nd International Conference on Healthcare Challenges and Innovations in 21st Century



Prof. Dr. Mahtab Ahmad Khan’s participation in the 2nd International Conference as a Guest Speaker organized by the School of Pharmacy, UMT Lahore. He shared his expert insights on Digital Health Transformation in Pakistan with a distinguished audience of academic leaders, researchers, faculty members, and students.



Student Achievements

UCP’s Students Completed Two Innovative Research Projects under Dr. Muhammad Perviaz



Two research projects supervised by Dr. Muhammad Perviaz, Associate Professor of Chemistry, were completed and presented by students Hadia Imran and Momna Zafar. The projects, “Biogas Storage Systems” and “Biofertilizers,” culminated in final presentations before representatives of the industry collaborator, SkyPower, including its CEO, Mr. Mian Sultan Mahmood.



Student Achievement



Department of Biotechnology’s students developed CharBoost under the supervision of Dr. Ammara Masood. CharBoost is an innovative biochar produced from rice husk and designed to naturally enhance soil productivity. Its highly porous structure improves water retention, supports beneficial soil microorganisms, and promotes sustainable crop growth.

UCP Students Secured Runner-Up Spot in Entrepreneurial Expo 3.0 at Lahore College for Women University



Students from the Faculty of Management Sciences secured Runner-Up position in Idea Competition at the Khadija Tul Kubra Business Incubation Center, Lahore College for Women University Entrepreneurial Expo 3.0, competing among 50+ teams. Students showcased strong entrepreneurial creativity and innovation through their business idea, earning recognition on a competitive platform. The team was mentored by Ms. Sidra Nasreem, Faculty of Management Sciences.

Faculty Meetings

Faculty of Languages and Literature’s IAB & BOS Meeting



Faculty of Languages and Literature’s meeting of its Industry Advisory Board (IAB) and Board of Studies (BoS), chaired by Dr. Tahir Saleem, Head of the Department. The meeting focused on strengthening curriculum relevance, aligning postgraduate programs with national standards, promoting interdisciplinary learning, and enhancing the department’s research agenda. Board members and faculty engaged in productive discussions aimed at ensuring academic excellence and preparing students for evolving professional and academic landscapes.



Faculty of Science and Technology’s IAB & BOS Meeting



Faculty of Science and Technology’s Industrial Advisory Board (IAB) and Board of Studies (BoS) meeting, bringing together academic and industry experts. The meeting approved the revised Schemes of Studies for the BS Human Nutrition and Dietetics (BS HND) and BS Food Science and Technology (BS FST) programs, while also reviewing the proposed BS Culinary Science and Hospitality Management program.

MOUs

UCP x Gourmet Pakistan MoU



Career Services Office in collaboration with the Faculty of Science and Technology, signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Gourmet Pakistan to strengthen industry-academia collaboration and create career development opportunities for students. The partnership focused on enhancing student employability through internships, industry mentorship, and collaborative projects.

UCP x H Pharmacy



University of Central Punjab signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with H Pharmacy to establish collaboration in healthcare, student development, and academic engagement. The partnership includes healthcare services and wellness initiatives for the UCP community, along with opportunities for internships, industry exposure, and collaborative research.

Faculty Visits

UCP Delegation’s Visit to Punjab Safe Cities Authority



Dr. Muhammad Akhyar Farrukh, Director, ORIC, and Dean, Faculty of Management Sciences, visited the Punjab Safe Cities Authority along with faculty members, staff, and participants. The delegation received a briefing on the Authority’s integrated surveillance systems, emergency response mechanisms, and the use of technology and data analytics in public safety and urban management. Participants also toured key operational facilities and engaged with officials to gain insights into the practical application of technology in governance and service delivery.



Industry Visits

Department of Food & Nutritional Sciences’ Industry Visit to Pak-Korea Nutrition Centre (PKNC)



Department of Food & Nutritional Sciences’ Clinical Dietitian Training Session for 6th-semester students of Human Nutrition and Dietetics at the Pak-Korea Nutrition Centre (PKNC), University of Agriculture, Faisalabad. The session provided practical exposure to clinical dietetics and nutrition practices. Students also visited the laboratories at PKNC and NIFSAT to observe advanced facilities and research applications in nutrition and food sciences.

Department of Basic & Applied Chemistry’s Industry visit to CITI Pharmaceutical, Kasur



Department of Basic & Applied Chemistry’s industrial study tour to CITI Pharmaceutical, Kasur, accompanied by Prof. Dr. Sumera Zaib and Dr. Muhammad Riaz. Students were introduced to various aspects of pharmaceutical manufacturing, including production processes, quality control and assurance practices, research and development activities, and industry regulatory standards by the Production, Quality Control, and HR teams.



Faculty of Management Sciences’ Industry Visit to Haier Pakistan



Faculty of Management Sciences, in collaboration with the Supply Chain Club, organized an industry visit to Haier Pakistan. Students from BBA, MBA, Executive MBA (EMBA), and BSBA programs, along with faculty members from the Marketing and Supply Chain disciplines, participated in this valuable learning experience. During the visit, participants gained firsthand exposure to Haier Pakistan’s manufacturing operations, production processes, quality management practices, supply chain operations, and technological innovations. The visit provided students with an opportunity to connect classroom concepts with real-world business practices and develop a deeper understanding of modern industrial operations.

Department of Basic & Applied Chemistry’s Industry Visit to SRC Private Limited



Department of Basic & Applied Chemistry’s industrial exposure visit to SRC Private Limited, Lahore, for undergraduate chemistry students. Accompanied by Dr. Muhammad Riaz and Dr. Sadia Zulfiqar, the students received an insightful briefing from the company’s Senior Manager of R&D and QA Laboratories on industrial operations across the leather, automotive, textile, adhesive, and water treatment sectors. The visit provided valuable exposure to industrial manufacturing processes, quality assurance practices, and research and development activities, enabling students to connect theoretical knowledge with real-world applications.



Faculty of Languages & Literature’s Study Visit to Specialized Centers



Faculty of Languages & Literature’s students visted specialized centres as part of their Psycholinguistics, Clinical Linguistics, Psycho-Neurolinguistics and related advanced courses as part of Dr. Irfan Abbas’s teaching. These centres serve individuals with speech, language, hearing and neurodevelopmental disorders. Students observed professional practices, interacted with multidisciplinary teams and gained practical insights into clinical and educational settings.

Learning Innovation Centre

Student Pedagogy Partnership Program Spring 2026 Closing Ceremony



Learning Innovation Centre’s Student Pedagogy Partnership Program’s Spring 2026 Closing Ceremony marked the completion of the sixth SPP cohort. It celebrated the dedication and collaborative efforts of student–faculty partners, who shared reflections and showcased the outcomes of their projects. The ceremony concluded with certificate distribution.

Staff Townhall



Staff Townhall focused on communication, teamwork, professional development and staff well-being, while highlighting the role of staff in supporting institutional operations and student services.



Office of Research, Innovation, and Commercialization

Interdisciplinary Research Group Meetings



Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization’s Interdisciplinary Research Group meetings to promote collaborative innovation and knowledge integration across diverse research domains. The meetings focused on advancing research in areas including advanced biomedical formulations and healthcare solutions, aerospace, remote sensing, satellite communication technologies, sustainable research applications, and industry collaboration. Prominent participation was observed from the Dermaceutical & Herbal Research Group (DHRG), led by Dr. Madiha Khan, and the Space Technology Research Group (STRG), led by Dr. Muhammad Kamran. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akhyar Farrukh, Director ORIC, outlined the core objectives of the initiative, emphasizing interdisciplinary integration and research synergy.

Pixels, Paths, & Possibilities



Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization organized the Pixels, Paths & Possibilities Workshop 2026, a six-hour training session focused on graphic design tools and techniques. The workshop was conducted by Mr. Ahsan Raza, Senior Graphic Designer, who provided practical training on Adobe Photoshop and Adobe Illustrator. Participants were introduced to raster and vector design workflows, including image editing, masking, vector creation, typography, and design fundamentals. During the Closing Ceremony, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akhyar Farrukh, Director of ORIC, addressed the participants and encouraged them to apply their skills in professional and entrepreneurial pursuits.

International Office Initiatives

UCP x International School Collaborative Meeting



UCP International Hub representative met with the guidance counsellor at International School Lahore (ISL) to discuss a possible collaboration between the two institutes.

UCP x Naseem Ijaz Memorial College of Health Collaborative Meeting



UCP International Hub representative met with Ms. Munaza Humayun, Director of NIM College of Health Sciences, to explore potential avenues for collaboration between the two institutions. The meeting focused on discussing opportunities for academic partnership, knowledge exchange, and future joint initiatives aimed at enhancing educational and professional development.

UCP’s International Office Outreach Campaign to Punjab Group of Colleges, Airline Campus



International Office conducted an outreach visit to Punjab Group of Colleges (PGC), Airline Campus, Lahore, aimed at strengthening academic linkages and exploring future collaboration opportunities. During the visit, discussions were held on student progression pathways, international exposure, and potential partnerships to enhance academic and professional development.

International Hub’s Initiative for National Scholarship Exam at Punjab College, Peshawar



UCP International Hub team visited Punjab College, Hadaf Campus, Peshawar, to promote the 2+2 International Degree Program. During the visit, the team conducted the National Scholarship Exam for prospective students interested in the program. The exam allowed participants to compete for scholarships and take the first step toward an international academic pathway through UCP.

International Hub’s Initiative for National Scholarship Exam at Punjab College, Gujrat



International Hub conducted an outreach campaign in Gujrat. The campaign was held at Punjab College for Girls, Rehman Shaheed Road, Gujrat, where students from across the city attended a session on the 2+2 International Degree Program. The session covered the program’s academic structure, international study opportunities, and admission process.



Community Service Initiatives

VIS Department Showcases Community Service Initiatives at BNU Community Event



Volunteers in Service Department participated in a community engagement event organized by Beaconhouse National University, bringing together institutions and organizations committed to social development and community service. During the event, participating organizations showcased their outreach programs and social impact initiatives through interactive stalls. The VIS Department highlighted its flagship volunteer programs, community engagement efforts, and student-led initiatives that foster civic responsibility and social welfare.



VIS x Anti-Narcotics Force Preparatory Meeting for Seminar on Drug Abuse and Sports Doping



Volunteers in Service Department held a preparatory meeting with representatives of the Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) to discuss arrangements for an upcoming awareness seminar on drug abuse and sports doping. The meeting focused on finalizing the seminar’s objectives, key discussion areas, resource persons, and strategies to enhance student participation. Both sides underscored the importance of raising awareness about the harmful effects of substance abuse, the dangers of performance-enhancing drugs, and the need to promote a healthy and ethical lifestyle among youth.

VIS x NGOs Consultative Meeting on Drug Abuse and Sports Doping



Volunteers in Service organized a consultative meeting with representatives from various NGOs to address the growing challenges of drug abuse among youth and concerns related to sports doping. The meeting provided a platform for discussion on preventive strategies, awareness initiatives, community engagement, and collaborative efforts to promote healthy lifestyles.

International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking



Volunteers in Service Department, in collaboration with YOCFAN, organized an awareness seminar to observe the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking. The event brought together students, faculty members, and community representatives to discuss the impact of drug abuse and the importance of prevention and awareness. Commander Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) Punjab, Brigadier Sikandar Hayat Chaudhry, attended as the Chief Guest and addressed participants on the challenges of drug abuse and illicit trafficking, emphasizing the role of education, youth engagement, and community participation in addressing the issue.



Alumni Spotlight



Sports Achievements

UCP's Student Secured a Spot in the Asian U-17 Beach Wrestling Championship, Vietnam



Hassan Ali won a Silver Medal for Pakistan at the Asian U-17 Beach Wrestling Championship held in Vietnam after defeating wrestlers from Jordan, Saudi Arabia, and Vietnam.

UCP Won All Pakistan Inter-University Basketball Championship 2025-26



University of Central Punjab qualified for the final round of the All-Pakistan Inter-University Basketball Championship 2025-26, organized by the University of Peshawar in collaboration with the Higher Education Commission (HEC) Pakistan. Sixteen universities from across the country qualified for the final stage, making it a highly competitive national event. In a thrilling final match, UCP defeated the University of Lahore by a narrow margin of 69-68 to secure the championship title. Prof. Dr. Zia ul Haq, Executive Director, HEC Pakistan, graced the occasion as Chief Guest and distributed trophies and cash prizes among the winning teams.





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