



University of Central Punjab
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MONTHLY CONNECT

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BRIDGING BOARDROOMS & CLASSROOMS

Voices of our campus, moments that move us, and ideas that inspire.
This April, we grew, we led, we thrived together at UCP.



Highlight of the Month

16th Board of Governors Meeting



Faculty of Management Sciences organized an industry visit to Rozi Food Industries near Faizpur Interchange. Students observed the complete rice milling cycle: from raw paddy to the final packaged product. The Rozi Foods team provided insights into export procedures and global market dynamics.



Career Connect 2025

It was all about real conversations, real opportunities, and real futures taking shape. With 69 companies and over 1,500 students and alumni in one space, the energy was focused on what's next.

From interviews to job offers, this wasn't just a career fair—it was a moment of possibility. Big thanks to everyone who showed up, stepped up, and helped make it all happen.



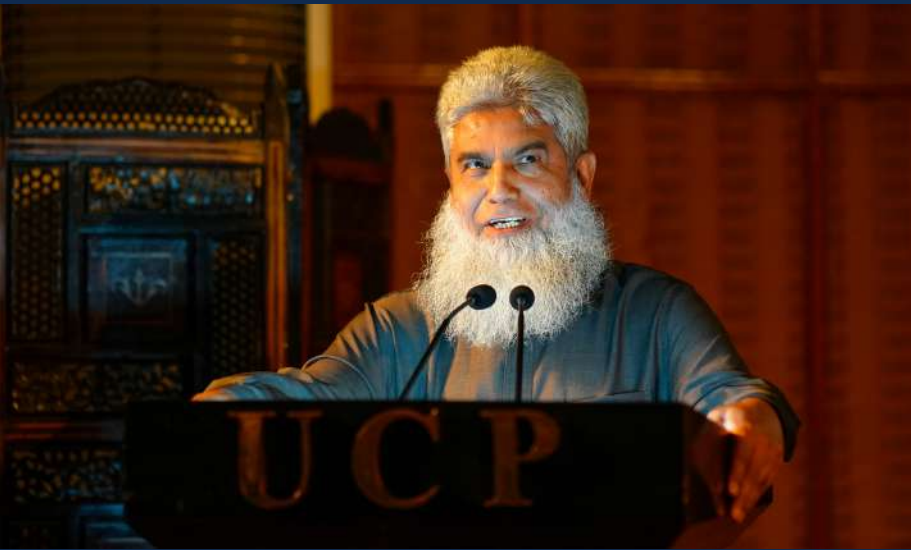
Youm-e-Tashakkur Flag Hoisting Ceremony

With hearts full of gratitude, we raised our beloved flag in tribute to Pakistan and salute the valiant Armed Forces who safeguard our tomorrow. On this Youm-e-Tashakkur, we stood united in gratitude for the sacrifices, strength, and spirit that keep our nation resilient and free.



Youm-e-Tashakkur

UCP observed Youm-e-Tashakkur to mark Pakistan’s victory in the 2025 Indo-Pak Conflict. Stakeholders gathered to share their thoughts, reflect on national unity, and cut the cake in a gesture of gratitude. The moment served as a collective expression of respect and acknowledgment for the efforts that shaped this outcome.



Career Connect 2025



Workshops and Seminars

Where Eagles Dare: A narration of Marka-e-Haq



Voltaire Society hosted Air Marshal (R) Shahid Akhtar, former Ambassador of Pakistan to Syria, for an impactful session titled “Marka-e-Haq.”

He highlighted Pakistan’s proportional and precise retaliation, the re-establishment of deterrence, and the importance of maintaining a controlled yet decisive military posture. Emphasizing the flexibility and dominance of air power in conflict situations, he underscored its effectiveness due to minimized ground vulnerabilities.

CSO’s Interpersonal Skills Workshop



Career Services Office conducted an Interpersonal Skills Workshop for the 4th-semester Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences students. It equipped students with essential communication, teamwork, and professional etiquette skills—critical for success in both academic and workplace environments. This initiative aimed to empower future professionals through practical learning!

Department of Microbiology x Aesthetics Lab Training Session



Department of Microbiology in collaboration with The Aesthetics Lab, conducted a 3-day training session led by Dr. Hamza Tauqeer and Dr. Sarah Alam. This training provided students with practical exposure to state-of-the-art clinical techniques to bridge the gap between academic learning and clinical practice. It helped prepare the graduates for careers in diagnostics, research, and the healthcare technology sectors.

UCP x Honda Pakistan Road Safety Awareness and Community Outreach



University of Central Punjab has partnered with Atlas Honda, launching a road safety awareness and outreach initiative, reinforcing its commitment to nurturing responsible and conscientious citizens. A meeting was held at UCP, attended by Mr. Rao Muhammad Arshad Javed, Senior Manager of Health, Safety & Governance at Honda Atlas Cars, and Mr. Adeel Ahmed, Regional Manager at Atlas Honda Motorcycles. This session was hosted by Dr. Rizwan Shad, Dean, Faculty of Engineering, along with faculty members and representatives from Career Services and Student Affairs Office. This collaboration will include workshops, seminars, and hands-on training sessions focused on promoting road safety among students and faculty. Special emphasis will be placed on empowering women through mobility and bike-riding training. This initiative marks a significant step towards cultivating a culture of safety, awareness, and community engagement at UCP.

UCP x Aesthetics Lab Advanced Training Programs



Building on their existing Memorandum of Understanding, University of Central Punjab and Aesthetics Labs are set to enhance their collaboration following a visit by Pro-Rector Dr. Hammad Naveed and HoD Microbiology, Dr. Aatif Aslam. Previously, 15 MLT and Microbiology students received free hands-on clinical training at Aesthetics Lab. Moving forward, both institutions have agreed to launch a fee-based training program and co-design specialized courses, with a particular emphasis on advanced laser therapies. These initiatives are aimed at equipping MLT and Microbiology students with industry-relevant skills, promoting joint curriculum development, and fostering research in cutting-edge aesthetic technologies. This partnership will strengthen academic-industry ties and ensure that UCP graduates remain competitive in the evolving healthcare landscape.



FOMS x CSO Prep to Connect Session



Career Services Office in collaboration with the Faculty of Management Sciences, organized a “Prep to Connect” session to teach students networking strategies, resume writing, and crafting elevator pitches. A key segment of the event was the resume screening segment, where participating students received individual feedback, helping them enhance their profiles for recruiters. This session provided students with insights and guidance to excel in their professional careers.

Fake Versus Facts: Tools for Modern Fact-Checking



Faculty of Media and Mass Communication conducted a workshop titled “Fake Versus Facts: Tools for Modern Fact-Checking” for MS and MPhil students. Mr. Abdul Jabbar, Executive Producer at Suno News, led the session, where the themes of misinformation, fact-checking using AI, and verification tools were discussed. This workshop equipped students with the capability of verifying the credibility of information using AI.

Workshop On Down Syndrome



Inclusive Students Society organized a workshop on Down syndrome, led by Ms. Shumaila, a psychologist and Head of Department at LISCA. Participants learned how to support individuals with dignity and respect. Everyone deserves to be seen not for what makes them different but for what makes them human.

Challenges in the Eradication of Tuberculosis (TB) in Pakistan



Department of Microbiology organized a seminar on “Challenges in the Eradication of Tuberculosis (TB) in Pakistan.” Dr. Sajid Qayyum from Shaheen TB Foundation and Dr. Faiz Ahmed Raza from Punjab TB Control Program delivered talks at the session. Furthermore, training sessions on phlebotomy, intravenous (IV), and intramuscular (IM) administration techniques were organized. A free medical camp was held for faculty and students to extend the event’s impact.

Enhancing Security through Gender Sensitization, Harassment Prevention, Stress Management, and the Way Forward



Learning Innovation Centre, in collaboration with Admin Department, organized a second training session for campus security guards on “Enhancing Security through Gender Sensitization, Harassment Prevention, Stress Management, and the Way Forward.” The session opened with an ice-breaking session by Mr. Imran Sultan, followed by stress management techniques shared by Dr. Basharat Ullah Malik. Ms. Syeda Ayesha Noor and Ms. Madiha Hamid explained gender sensitivity, respectful communication, and how to respond to harassment. In the end, the way forward was shared by Mr. Amjad Niaz. This training reinforced the role of security guards in educational institutions; to provide safety as well as to create a positive and secure environment for learning

Data-Driven HR: Transforming Human Resources with Analytics



Ms. Sidra Nasreem organized a guest speaker session on “Data-Driven HR: Transforming Human Resources with Analytics” for Business Analytics students. The session led by industry experts, Usman Riaz Qazi - CIPD, General Manager, Human Capital Division, NETSOL Technologies Pakistan, shared valuable perspectives on how data analytics is revolutionizing HR practices. Dr. Ghulam Abid, Data Scientist, and Mr. Ali Afzal, Senior HR Executive, discussed innovative approaches to harnessing data for better decision-making in HR.

International Colloquium on World Food Safety Day 2025



Department of Food & Nutritional Sciences organized an international colloquium titled “Food Safety: Science in Action” in celebration of World Food Safety Day. The event featured a keynote address by Mr. Shahid Hafeez Khan (Tate & Lyle Application & Technical Support Manager for Pakistan and Iran), who spoke on sustainable ingredients and clean-label trends in product development.

University Events

Tabeer - All Pakistan Bilingual Declamation Contest



University of Central Punjab hosted Tabeer – the All-Pakistan Bilingual Declamation Contest, featuring more than 80 students from across the country. The event offered them a platform to showcase their oratory skills in English and Urdu. Organized by the UCP Debating Society, the contest was held under the supervision of Dr. Khalid Manzoor Butt, Dean, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences.

Water Treatment Plant Inauguration



University of Central Punjab marks a major milestone in sustainability with the inauguration of its university-based wastewater treatment plant by Chairman Board of Governors, Mian Amer Mehmood.

With the capacity to treat 500 liters of wastewater per day, this innovative plant uses advanced bio and nanotechnology to purify and recycle water—setting a new standard for environmental responsibility and resource management in higher education.

Centre of Food Innovation & Commercialization (COFIC) Inauguration



Chairman Board of Governors, Mian Amer Mehmood has inaugurated the Centre of Food Innovation & Commercialization (COFIC) — a one-of-a-kind, in-house facility that brings cutting-edge food research and technology to our campus.

With high-tech equipment and advanced labs, COFIC opens new doors for our Department of Food Science and Technology’s BS, MS, and PhD students to explore, create, and lead the future of food innovation through real-world learning.

Allied Health Professionals Council (AHPC) Visits UCP



Allied Health Professionals Council (AHPC) conducted a Zero Evaluation Visit at UCP to assess two programs from the Faculty of Science and Technology (FoST): BS Medical Laboratory Technology (BS-MLT) led by Dr. Aatif Amin from Department of Microbiology, and BS Human Nutrition and Dietetics (BS-HND) led by Dr. Kanza Aziz Awan from Department of Food and Nutrition.

The delegation was welcomed by Dr. Hammad Naveed, Pro-Rector, who provided a briefing on the facilities and resources available for both programs. Dr. Hafiza Rizwana Kausar, Dean, FoST, assured AHPC that their guidelines were being followed to ensure that UCP graduates are professionally competent. This visit was coordinated with the support of UCP’s International Office, Office of Registrar, ORIC, and QEC.



Mental Health Week 2025



Department of Psychology in collaboration with the UCP Psychology Society hosted Mental Health Week 2025. It was centered around the theme “Holistic Healing: Community and Mental Well-being,” the three-day event aimed to raise awareness, encourage open dialogue, and promote emotional wellness through educational and creative initiatives.

Exploring the Literary Heritage of Historical Kasur: A Seminar on its Rich Cultural Heritage



Faculty of Languages and Literature’s seminar “Exploring the Literary Heritage of Historical Kasur”, featured renowned historian and author Mr. Amjad Zafar. He delivered an talk on Kasur’s rich heritage highlighting Bulleh Shah’s contributions and the linguistic depth of Punjabi Sufi poetry. The session offered insights into regional literature, language evolution and cultural identity.

LangLit Carnival 2025



Faculty of Languages and Literature in collaboration with the Rhymester Poets’ Society and the UCP Literary Society, hosted LangLit Carnival 2025. The event was a vibrant celebration of storytelling, poetry, and performance. Students from diverse institutions shared their voices and creativity. This platform showcased remarkable talent and celebrated a shared passion for literature, creativity, and self-expression

Golden Jubilee of Medical Laboratory Professionals Week



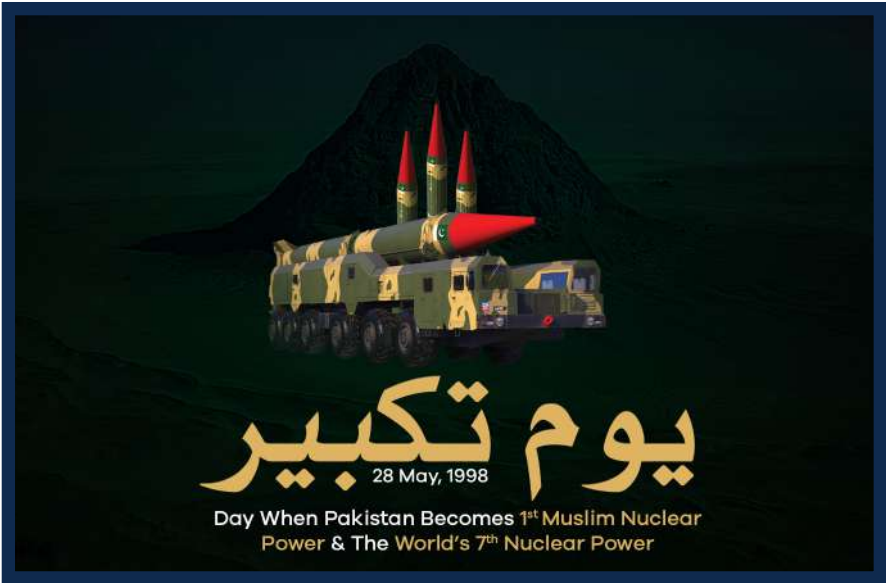
University of Central Punjab in collaboration with Health Bridge Laboratory, Kashif Iqbal Thalassaemia Care Centre, and Test Zone Diagnostic Centre, celebrated the Golden Jubilee of Medical Laboratory Professionals Week. Highlights included a Poster and Model Competition showcasing the vital role of lab professionals. A Guest Speaker Session featured insights from Prof. Dr. Farhan Rasheed, Dr. Humera Javed, and Mr. Asif Hameed Butt on the importance of diagnostics in healthcare.

Takhleeq’s Laddu Peethi Party



Takhleeq Problem Solving Institute hosted faculty members for an evening of collaboration, laughter, and fresh Laddo Peethi. This casual event allowed educators to connect, reflect on their role as changemakers, and explore how interdisciplinary dialogue can help develop problem-solving skills in students.

Youm-E-Takbeer



Youm-E-Takbeer, A day of pride, power, and perseverance!

On this historic day, Pakistan became the 1st Muslim Nuclear Power and the 7th in the world — a testament to our nation’s resolve and scientific brilliance.

Pakistan Zindabad!

Student Achievements

BS Biotechnology Students Secure Industry Offers



Department of Biotechnology’s eleven BS students from the outgoing batch have received job and internship offer letters from UCP’s industrial partners. These offers were awarded based on the innovation and excellence showcased in their Final Year Projects (FYPs–2025). This milestone highlights the department’s commitment to strengthening academia-industry links and preparing students for their professional careers.

Team UCP won On-Spot Programming and Tekken 7 at the 10th ExclTe Cup held at CUST, Islamabad



University of Central Punjab’s students secured first position in two key categories: On-Spot Programming and Tekken 7, competing against participants from leading universities across the country at the 10th ExclTe Cup hosted by the Capital University of Science and Technology (CUST), Islamabad. This achievement reflects the hard work, technical proficiency, and strong competitive spirit of our students. The participants include Muhammad Saad, Abdul Raffay Naeem, Umar Aziz, Arslan Khan, Muhammad Ali, Ali Usman Khan, and Mirza Shahveer Ayoub.



Pharmacognosy Students’ Herbal Cosmeceutical Projects



Department of Pharmacognosy students under the guidance of Dean Prof. Dr. Mahtab Ahmad Khan, presented herbal cosmeceutical projects focused on science and sustainability. With support from Dr. Faheem Ahmed Siddiqui and Dr. Ayesha Asif, these student projects aim to explore the growing global nutraceutical market, which is now worth over USD 500 billion.

Faculty Achievements

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akhyar Farrukh’s Training Workshop on Generative Artificial Intelligence in Research, Teaching, and Professional Development at UET Lahore



Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akhyar Farrukh conducted a comprehensive training workshop on “Generative Artificial Intelligence in Research, Teaching, and Professional Development” at the University of Engineering and Technology. The workshop covered strategies for drafting outlines, conducting intelligent searches, understanding academic content, and generating research writing with AI assistance. This was followed by hands-on exploration of GenAI tools in teaching and learning, including course generation, lesson planning, grammar enhancement, paraphrasing, quiz development, and assessment creation. In the post-break session, participants delved into advanced AI-supported instructional design. Topics included revisiting Bloom’s Taxonomy through GenAI, formulating learning objectives and outcomes, crafting action plans, and designing modules using AI platforms. The workshop concluded with a critical discussion on ethical frameworks for responsible GenAI integration in academia.

Ms. Sadia Zia’s Appointment to Board of Directors at Global Health Security Network, Australia



Ms. Sadia Zia, Principal Lecturer, Faculty of Science & Technology, has been elected to the Board of Directors at the Global Health Security Network (GHSN) Limited, Australia. GHSN works to strengthen health systems worldwide and improve preparedness for global health threats through collaboration, research, and policy. In this role, Ms. Sadia will help drive efforts in global health security, research, and international cooperation.

Dr. Muhammad Athar Siddiqui’s Participation as an Academic Representative at PC Hotel



Dr. Muhammad Athar Siddiqui, Dean, Faculty of Management Sciences represented the academic community at an event hosted by Ms. Uzma Kamal, CEO, EmpowerNet Global, in honour of Mr. Mohsin Nishat FCIPD, SHRM-SCP. It was an engaging evening of dialogue where Dr. Siddiqui had the opportunity to share insights on strengthening the bridge between academia and industry—a connection vital for shaping future-ready talent.



Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naveed’s Participation in Pak-Sri Lanka Faculty Exchange Program



Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naveed, Head of Biotechnology Department was selected by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan to participate in the Pak-Sri Lanka Faculty Exchange Program, under the Pak-Sri Lanka Higher Education Cooperation Program. He represented UCP at the Sri Lankan Institute of Information Technology (SLIIT).

Dr. Muhammad Babur’s Lectures at CEWRE, UET Lahore



Dr. Muhammad Babur, Associate Professor, Civil Engineering Department, was invited to deliver lectures at the Centre of Excellence in Water Resources Engineering (CEWRE), University of Engineering and Technology (UET), Lahore. The lectures were conducted as a part of the “Sediment Transport and River Engineering” course for MS and PhD scholars, under the coordination of Dr. Amjad Masood, Assistant Professor at CEWRE. Dr. Babur presented detailed sessions on topics such as the effects of climate and land use changes on water inflows and hydropower production, highlighted through a case study of Mangla Reservoir. He also discussed the use of the SWAT model for forecasting soil erosion and sediment yield, along with essential principles of river engineering. The lectures were well received by faculty members and postgraduate students.



Dr. Kanza Aziz Awan’s Participation as a Guest Speaker at Cultivating Wellness 2025 Conference



Dr. Kanza Aziz Awan invited as a Guest Speaker at Forman Christian College University (FCCU) during the Cultivating Wellness 2025 Conference. She presented her research on “Clinical Investigation of Low Glycemic Index Stevia-Infused Biscuits for Health-Conscious Individuals and Diabetics”. Moreover, Ms. Hiba Naveed presented a poster titled “Integrating Functional Foods and Nutraceuticals for Sustainable Food Systems.”

Faculty of Engineering Represented UCP at ASME EFX as Judges and Chief Guest



Dr. Rizwan Shad, Dean, Faculty of Engineering, along with Dr. Muhammad Kashif, Head of the Mechanical Engineering Department, and Dr. Nabeel Khalid, Assistant Professor in the Electrical Engineering Department, participated as judges in the ASME EFX event, sponsored by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME), held at UET, KSK campus. This event brought together aspiring engineers from universities across Pakistan to showcase their skills in technical domains. ASME EFX allowed designers, engineers, and entrepreneurs the opportunity to witness their excellence in technical and soft skills. Engineering teams participated in competitions such as automatic sorting and packaging, technical presentations, and water rocket challenges. Dr. Rizwan Shad, who was the chief guest at the closing ceremony, distributed shields and prizes to winning teams, commending their innovation, passion, and commitment to engineering excellence.

Dr. Saeed Shahbaz’s Participation as Panelist in HEC’s PGPR Committee Visit to Bahira University, Islamabad



Dr. Saeed Shahbaz, Faculty of Management Sciences, served as a panelist in the HEC Postgraduate Program Review Committee during its visit to Bahria University, Islamabad. The committee conducted an in-depth evaluation of MS/MPhil and PhD programs across both campuses. Dr. Saeed Shahbaz contributed to the committee’s efforts to enhance the standard of higher education in Pakistan.

Prof. Dr. Mahtab Ahmad Khan’s Participation as Scientific Session Chair at 1st International Forman Pharmacon 25



Prof. Dr. Mahtab Ahmad Khan, Dean, Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences, represented UCP as a Scientific Session Chair at the 1st International Forman Pharmacon 2025, hosted by the Department of Pharmacy at Forman Christian College University, Lahore. This event explored the theme “Future Medicine and AI: From Drug Design to Practice,” bringing together experts, researchers, and healthcare professionals from across Pakistan and abroad. The conference featured keynote talks, panel discussions, scientific discussions, and poster exhibitions - each showcasing the role of artificial intelligence in shaping the future of pharmaceutical sciences.



**Dr. Muhammad Imran Sajid’s
Talk on Gene Therapy at the First
International Forman Pharmacon 25**



Dr. Muhammad Imran Sajid delivered a talk on Gene Therapy Using Cell Penetrating Peptides at the First International Forman Pharmacon 25. Held at Forman Christian College University, Lahore, the event was attended by speakers from academia, industry, and the Drug Regulatory Authority of Pakistan. Dr. Sajid’s session highlighted cutting-edge research and demonstrated the innovative contributions of UCP’s faculty.

**UCP showcases Human Centered
Robotics Innovations at APTEX’25**



Dr. Muhammad Kashif, Head of Mechanical Engineering Department delivered a keynote speech at the ASEAN Pakistan Technology Expo (APTEX’25) organized by the National Centre of Robotics and Automation (NCRA) – NUST. UCP’s HCR Lab, the lab with the most advanced motion capture system based on OptiTrack cameras and software in Pakistan, presented projects at the Expo, including a lower-body exoskeleton and state-of-the-art 3D image-based motion capture system. The event had over 600 attendees, including ASEAN state ambassadors and representatives. With participation from leading companies, research organizations, and 5 premier National Centers of Excellence, APTEX’25 served as a platform for impactful collaborations and innovation.



**Dr. Muhammad Naveed’s Guest Talk
at Kirindiwela Central College,
Sri Lanka**



Dr. Muhammad Naveed, representing University of Central Punjab, delivered a talk at Kirindiwela Central College, Colombo. He briefed A-Level students on “Miracles of the Central Dogma of Molecular Biology: A gateway to the Future of Science”. This session reaffirmed UCP’s dedication to expanding its outreach across borders and inspiring the next generation of scientists.

**Dr. Imran Sajid’s Participation as
Keynote Speaker & Session Chair at
CETPS 2025**



Dr. Imran Sajid represented University of Central Punjab as a Keynote Speaker and Chair of the Scientific Session at the Conference on Emerging Trends in Pharmaceutical Sciences (CETPS 2025) held at Capital University of Science and Technology, Islamabad

World Milk Day



Faculty of Science and Technology team under the leadership of Prof. Dr. Hafiza Rizwana Kausar participated in World Milk Day 2025 organized by Pakistan Dairy Association (PDA) and Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition (GAIN) at Faletti’s Hotel-Lahore. It emphasized the role of milk in a healthy diet. Key topics included food safety, nutrition, school milk programs, women’s empowerment and sustainable dairy farming.

Dr. Waseem Hassan’s visit to Beaconhouse International College – Faisalabad Campus with the HEC Accreditation Team



Dr. Waseem Hassan, Associate Dean, UCP Business School, visited Beaconhouse International College, Faisalabad Campus alongside the HEC Accreditation Team to evaluate BIC’s Transnational Education (TNE) and Higher National Diploma (HND) programs.

Industry Visits

ORIC x FOST Visit to Tackle Contamination Issues in Rice



Office of Research, Innovation, and Commercialization in collaboration with Faculty of Science and Technology visited Rana Rice Mills under the leadership of Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akhyar Farrukh. This visit was part of an initiative aimed to strengthen industry-academia linkages and enhance the quality of rice for the international market. On-site experimentation was performed to evaluate aflatoxin and pesticide issues in rice. The scientific team toured processing facilities and engaged with industrial partners to explore practical solutions aimed at ensuring the compliance of rice products with international export requirements.



FOMS’ Industry Visit to Rozi Foods



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Department of Food Science and Technology’s Industry Visit to Sabroso



Students from the sixth semester of BS Food Science and Technology at the University of Central Punjab visited Sabir’s Poultry (Sabroso). This visit was conducted under the supervision of Dr. Kanza Aziz Awan, Mr. Waleed Sultan, and Mr. Ahmad Faraz. Mr. Sultan, GM, Sabroso, and Mr. Khalid Javed, Quality Head, Sabroso welcomed the students and provided a briefing on modern poultry processing. The visit offered the students exposure to the food industry, including safety protocols, quality control, and meat processing practices.



BS Microbiology Students Visit National Agricultural Research Council (NARC)



BS Microbiology students visited the National Agricultural Research Council (NARC) in Islamabad under the supervision of Dr. Mohsin Gulzar Barq. Students gained exposure to the country’s top scientific research institutes in agricultural and environmental microbiology, where they learned about:

- Food Sciences Research Institute (FSRI): Food quality testing and preservation techniques.
- National Institute of Genomics & Advanced Biotechnology (NIGAB): DNA sequencing and genetic engineering.
- Honeybee Research Institute (HBRI): Apiculture and honey production.
- Bio Resources Conservation Institute (BCI): Microbial, plant, and animal genetic resources.

Dr. Mohsin Gulzar Barq and Dr. Aatif Amin, Head of Microbiology Department, emphasized the importance of exposing students to real-world applications of microbiology to enhance their technical skills, aligning with UCP’s commitment to producing skillful, industry-ready graduates.

FOMS Visits the Chinese Consulate General



A delegation comprising UCP FOMS Alumni Elected Body and students visited the Chinese Consulate General in Lahore. The visit, led by Mr. Amjad Bhatti, President, UCAA FOMS, and Mr. Muhammad Ali Aizaz, Head, Alumni Relations, was the first community-focused engagement of its kind. Exchange programs, scholarships, technology transfers, and strategies to strengthen Pakistan-China relations were discussed. The visit ended with an interactive session and appreciation for UCP’s commitment to fostering future leaders and promoting global partnerships.

Department of Physics’ Industry Visit to National Centre for Physics (NCP), Islamabad



BS and M.Phil Physics students visited National Centre for Physics (NCP), Islamabad under the leadership of Prof. Dr. Syed Karrar Haider and Dr. Tahira Shujah. Students explored various research laboratories and received briefings on state-of-the-art facilities, equipment, and ongoing projects. Notably, one student was interviewed and selected for an internship at NCP’s Nanotechnology Lab.

Department of Biotechnology’s Industry Visit to Punjab Forensic Science Agency



MS Forensic Science students visited Punjab Forensic Science Agency (PFSA) to interact with PFSA experts across multiple specialized units, including DNA analysis, toxicology, crime scene investigation, and trace evidence. It bridged classroom learning with practical application. It also laid the foundation for potential future collaborations between UCP and PFSA in the areas of training, research, and knowledge exchange.

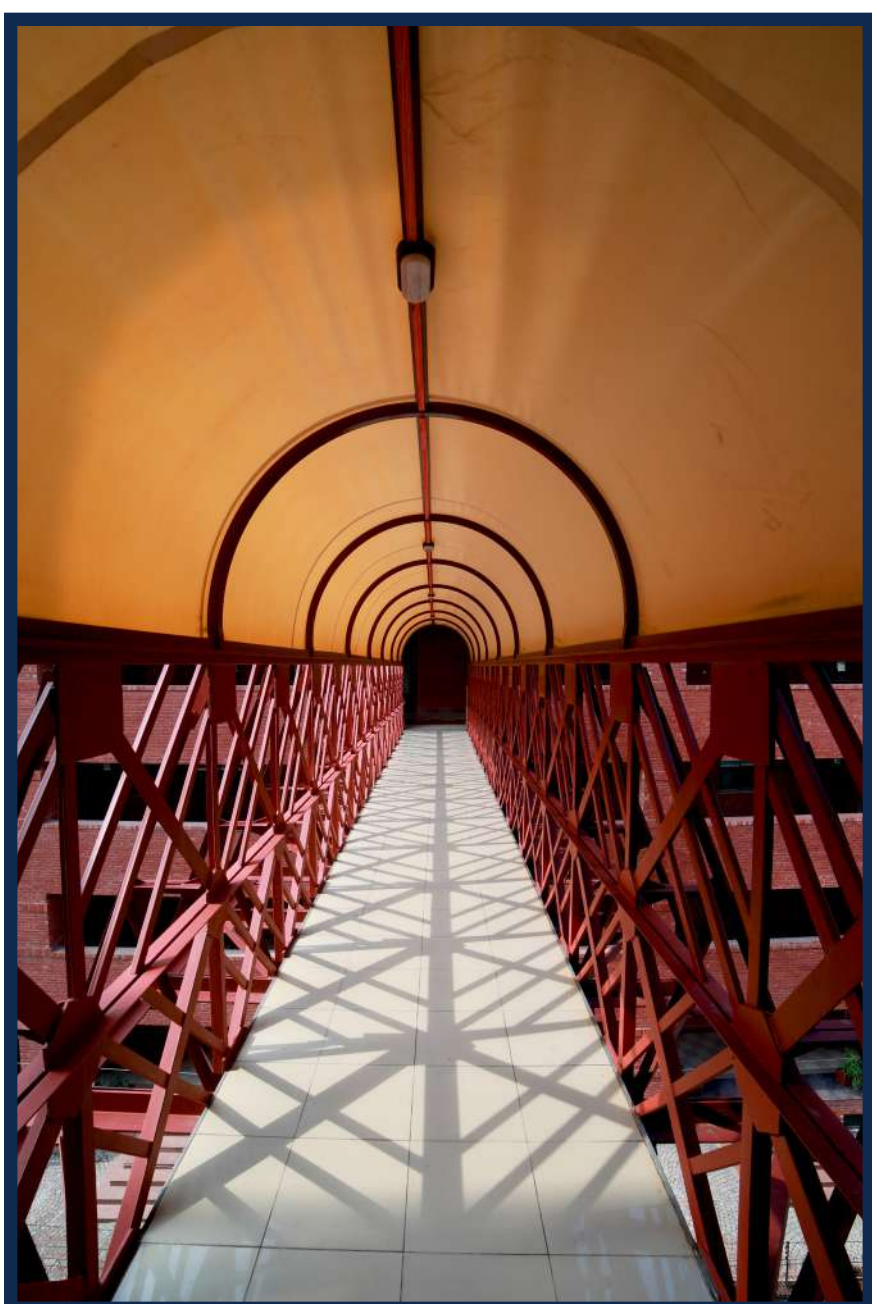


Scholarships

UCP Admissions Team's Outreach Campaign in Gilgit-Baltistan



UCP Admissions team conducted an outreach campaign in Gilgit-Baltistan, visiting 22 prominent public and private colleges and conducting multiple informative sessions with students. In addition to student engagement, the team held collaborative meetings with the University of Baltistan and Karakoram International University to explore potential academic partnerships. This campaign was part of UCP's broader effort to raise awareness about the newly launched scholarship program for students from Gilgit-Baltistan, which offers a 30% tuition fee waiver for all undergraduate and graduate programs, along with a free hostel facility for female students.



MOUs

UCP x NESPAK MoU

UCP x Haier Pakistan MOU



University of Central Punjab has signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Haier Pakistan to enhance industry-academia collaboration. This partnership focuses on providing students opportunities such as placements, internships, industry visits, workshops, and mock interviews, all aimed at enhancing professional exposure and career readiness. The MoU was signed by Dr. Muhammad Athar Siddiqui, Dean, Faculty of Management, and Mr. Farhan Mahmood, Director of HR, Haier Pakistan, joined by Mr. Wang Wang Chaoqun, HRBP from China. Mr. Muhammad Usman Ahmed, Manager of Career Services Office/Placement Partner, and Mr. Habib ur Rehman, Manager of Talent Acquisition, signed as witnesses on behalf of UCP and Haier Pakistan, respectively. This partnership highlights UCP's continued dedication to equipping students with skills necessary for thriving in the professional world.



University of Central Punjab has signed an MoU with NESPAK to enhance cooperation between academia and industry. The meeting was chaired by Prof. Dr. Hammad Naveed, Pro-Rector, UCP, and attended by Dr. Rizwan Shad, Dean, Faculty of Engineering; Prof. Dr. Kafeel Ahmed, Head, Civil Engineering; and Dr. Muhammad Kashif, Head, Mechanical and Electrical Engineering. Representing NESPAK were Engr. Abur Rehman, Head of Training and Development, Mr. Khawar Arif, and Ms. Farah Shaheen.

The discussions focused on collaborative efforts in training, internships, joint technical projects, faculty placements, and participation in the upcoming UCP's 3rd International Conference on New Trends in Civil Engineering. UCP also extended an invitation for NESPAK employees to enroll in its postgraduate programs. Furthermore, both sides agreed to involve UCP faculty in NESPAK's commercial projects to advance research and development.

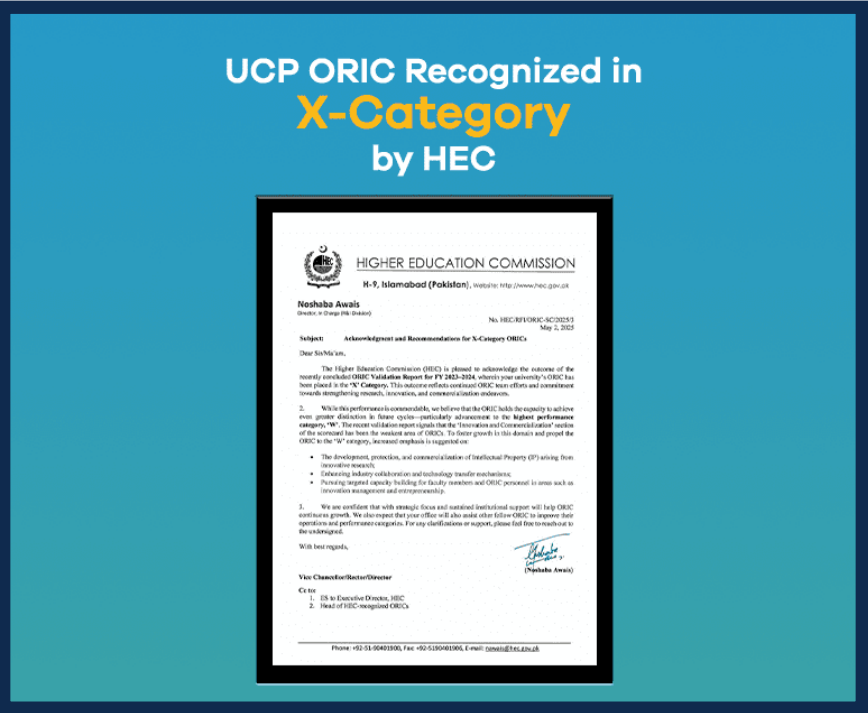
UCP x TCN Executive Forum MOU



University of Central Punjab has signed an MoU with TCN Executive Forum to promote collaboration in industry, research, and capacity-building. This partnership aims to bridge the gap between academia and industry, offering students real-world experience and supporting faculty development. Both institutions will move forward with joint initiatives focused on practical learning and community growth.

Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization

UCP ORIC Recognized in X-Category by HEC



Higher Education Commission has recognized UCP's Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC) in the 'X' Category as per their recently issued validation report for FY 2023–2024.

This achievement is a shared success, made possible through the consistent efforts and support of our academic and research community.



HEC places UCP Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences in Y Category



UCP Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences (UCP-JHSS) has been placed in the Y Category by HEC for the third consecutive year. This recognition highlights UCP academic and research community’s consistent efforts in the fields of Humanities and Social Sciences.

UCP ORIC Showcases Innovative Solutions at Rice Technology Asia Expo 2025



Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization’s scientists participated in the Rice Technology Asia Expo 2025. They presented ground-breaking research on aflatoxin mitigation in rice, offering potential solutions to enhance food safety and boost export quality. In addition, the Centre of Food Innovation & Commercialization (COFIC) showcased a range of innovative products developed to address key challenges in the rice industry.



Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akhyar Farrukh’s Guest Talk on Expanding Career Horizons in Chemistry at LGU



Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akhyar Farrukh, Director ORIC and a distinguished academician and expert in chemistry and nanomaterials, was invited as a guest speaker by the Department of Chemistry, Lahore Garrison University (LGU), to deliver a keynote talk as part of a special session titled “Chemistry Careers: Navigating Beyond the Lab”.

Dr. Farrukh delivered an engaging talk on “Careers in Chemistry: Broadening Horizons Beyond the Lab.” Addressing an enthusiastic audience comprising undergraduate and graduate students, faculty members, and early-career researchers, he shed light on the evolving and interdisciplinary nature of chemistry in today’s world.

In his presentation, Dr. Farrukh explored the wide-ranging applications of chemistry across sectors such as environmental sciences, pharmaceuticals, food and agriculture, forensics, advanced materials, nanotechnology, and energy. He underscored the growing need for chemists to think beyond traditional laboratory roles and embrace innovation, research commercialization, and entrepreneurship—particularly within the context of Pakistan’s scientific and industrial landscape.

ORIC’s Innovative Solutions at Rice Technology Asia Expo 2025



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International Office Initiatives

Alliance Francaise Team’s Visit to UCP



UCP International Office organized a visit for a delegation from Alliance Francaise, the French Cultural Center in Lahore, to explore the launch of a French language summer program for UCP students. The delegation, led by Mr. Fabrice Disdier, discussed the possibility of introducing the program with help from the International Office and the English Language Center. A plan to offer a French language course was finalized to enhance students’ international language skills.

UCP Welcomes Delegation from Kyungdong University



A delegation from Kyungdong University, South Korea, led by Prof. Dr. John Lee, was invited by UCP to discuss measures to be put in place to strengthen the partnership between the two universities. Dr. Lee met with Dr. Hammad Naveed, Pro-Rector, to tour campus facilities and expressed his appreciation for the experiential learning initiatives put in place for the students. The team conducted interviews with the candidates selected for the semester exchange scholarship program at UCP. This meeting marked a step forward in international collaboration and provided opportunities for students to have international exposure.

Chinese Cultural Camp (GDOU) Pre-departure Meeting



As part of UCP’s internationalisation initiatives, students from different departments have been selected for the Chinese Cultural Camp following a rigorous process. Students will engage in intercultural learning in a shared academic space that encourages idea exchange and supports collaboration in education and research.

Community Service

Volunteer Award Ceremony by Indus Hospital



Indus Hospital held an Award Distribution Ceremony to acknowledge the contributions of those who actively supported their humanitarian efforts in Ramazan 2025. The ceremony was attended by notable guests including Dr. Mahtab Ahmad Khan, Dean of Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences; Mr. Muhammad Hammad Ur Rehman, Head of Volunteers in Service Department; Mr. Suneel Mani, Founder of PakWheels; and Mr. Orya Maqbool Jan, a journalist. Dr. Syed Shafeeq Haider, CEO of Indus Hospital and Health Network (North Region), expressed his appreciation to the volunteers from UCP and other institutions.

Alumni Relations Office Initiatives

Alumni Association x Management Meeting to Discuss Endowment Fund Support



Elected members of the UCP Alumni Association met with UCP management to discuss the endowment fund. Facilitated by the Alumni Relations Office, the meeting focused on the disbursement of the UCP Endowment Fund in support of deserving students. This marks a meaningful step toward empowering future leaders of Pakistan.

UCP Alumni Reunion 2025



Alumni Relations Office, in collaboration with the UCP Alumni Association, brought together a platform for connection, memory, and community—the UCP Alumni Reunion 2025. Alumni returned to campus to reconnect with mentors, reignite old friendships, and relive the moments that shaped their journeys. It was a reflection of how, at UCP, we create bonds that last and honour the ones that continue to grow. Together, we rekindled the spirit that sustains the UCP circle.



Alumni Association’s Meeting



UCP Alumni Association’s elected members held a meeting to discuss upcoming alumni-student engagement activities, aggressive placement initiatives, R&I collaboration, and strategies to achieve the PKR 20 million endowment target. SOPs for upcoming MOUs were also reviewed. Head of Alumni Relations thanked Association’s President and elected body for their dedication and success of the recent alumni reunion with 900+ attendees—raising an impressive PKR 1.8 million towards endowment and event expenses.

Shaping the First Year of Law



Advocate Faiqa Qaddafi, Vice President Placement (2025–2027), UCP Faculty of Law Alumni Association, led an insightful session on career planning and job opportunities, empowering our future lawyers with practical guidance for their professional journey.

UCP Alumni Selected For UAE Cricket Team



Haider Ali

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On-Campus Recruitment Drives

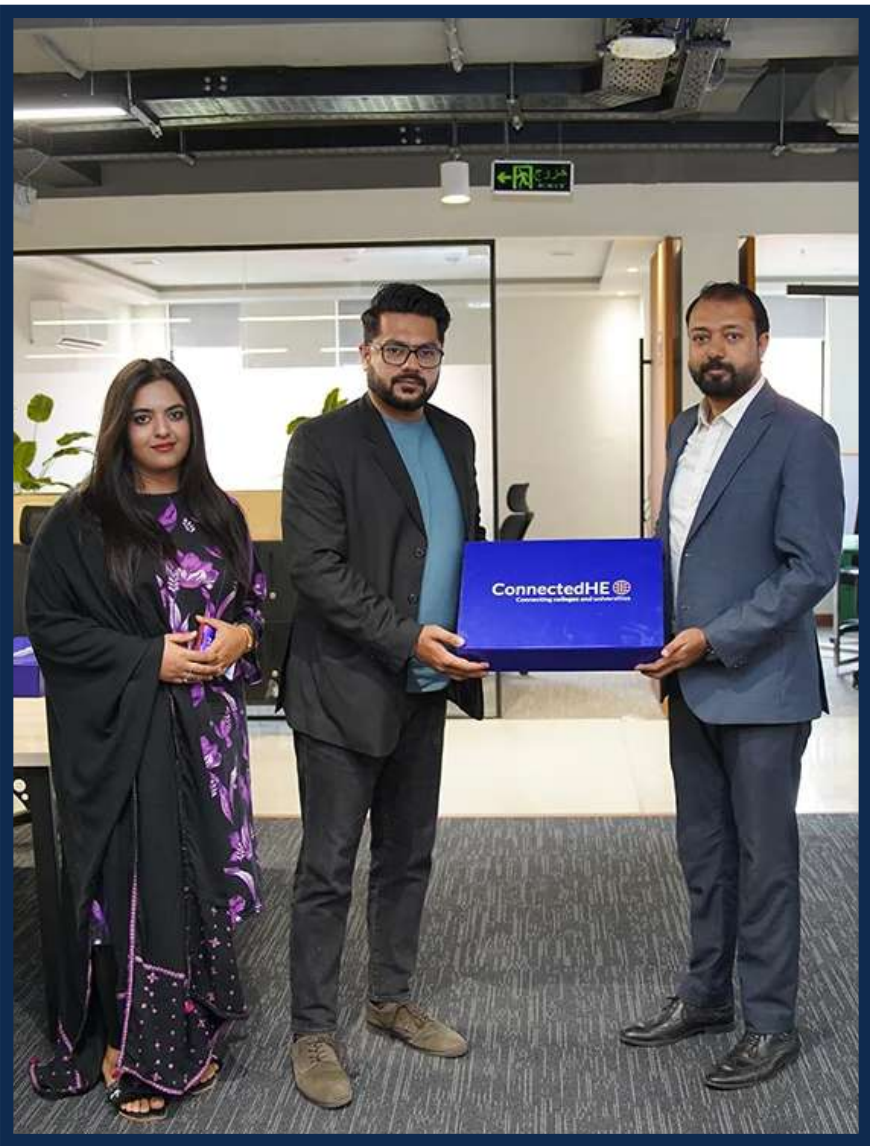
CSO x CureMD On-Campus Recruitment Drive



CureMD conducted an on-campus recruitment drive aimed at connecting students with exciting opportunities in the Medical Billing and Tech industry. As part of the selection process, an assessment test was held to evaluate candidates' problem-solving skills and overall aptitude. A total of 86 students participated, demonstrating strong interest and enthusiasm.

Following the assessment, shortlisted students were interviewed on the spot for the next stage in the hiring process.

CSO x ConnectedHE Pakistan Recruitment Drive



Career Services Office, UCP, in collaboration with ConnectedHE Pakistan held an on-campus recruitment drive. It focused on hiring fresh graduates for the position of Education Counsellor. Shortlisted candidates had the opportunity to participate in on-the-spot panel interviews, which offered them the chance to secure a role in a rapidly growing organization in the education and business development sector. CSO welcomed Mr. Shahraiz Nasir, UCP alumnus and Country Operations Manager at ConnectedHE, who joined the recruitment team.

CSO x Bank Alfalah Recruitment Drive



Bank Alfalah conducted an on-campus recruitment drive aimed at connecting students with opportunities in the banking sector. As part of the recruitment process, Bank Alfalah team conducted direct interviews to assess candidates' potential. This initiative served as a key role in supporting students' career advancement.

Dunya TV Casts UCP Students for Media Roles



Faculty of Media and Mass Communication organized a recruitment drive for students aspiring to enter the media industry. Led by Mr. Kashif Abbas, Executive Producer Output, a team from Dunya TV conducted interviews and auditions at UCP TV Production House. Promising candidates got offers to be cast in on-screen and off-screen media roles.

Career Services Office and ECS Host Recruitment Drive



Career Services Office, in collaboration with ECS, hosted a recruitment drive aimed at hiring for the Future Retail Leadership Program and MTO roles. Muhammad Hashir Afzal, Manager Talent, Learning & OD at ECS, led a session to provide details of the program. Following that, the ECS team conducted on-site interviews, offering students the opportunity to pursue potential employment.

DSV Global Transport and Logistics Recruitment Drive



Career Services Office facilitated a recruitment drive featuring DSV Global Transport and Logistics for their Management Trainee Officer (MTO) Program.

During the event, students participated in on-campus interviews, providing them with the opportunity to demonstrate their skills and potential. The initiative served as a platform for students to engage with industry professionals and explore career paths in the logistics and supply chain sector.

FMMC x Green Entertainment College Gate - Season II



Faculty of Media and Mass Communication in collaboration with Green Entertainment hosted auditions for the drama series College Gate – Season II. The auditions were led by acclaimed director and producer Mr. Fahim Burney. The initiative was coordinated by Dr. Fahad Anis, HoD at FMMC, with support from Mr. Muhammad Shahid and Mr. Irfan Aslam.



Faculty Meetings

Spring 2025 Pedagogy Partnership Reaches Midway Milestone



The Pedagogy Partners of the Spring 2025 Semester gathered for a Mid-Point Meeting held by the Learning Innovation Center. Each partnership delivered a 10-minute presentation, showcasing initial semester goals, student-led innovations, and feedback from the learning environment. The meeting celebrated achievements while also providing a platform for reflection and solutions. It served as a reminder of how faculty-student collaboration shapes inclusive, responsive, and meaningful education.



ORIC’s Meeting to Assess PINTECH 2025 Projects



Office of Research, Innovation, and Commercialization held a meeting to assess the awarded projects at the Punjab Innovation and Technology Expo 2025. The session focused on evaluating the projects’ progress, feasibility, and commercialization.

The key participants included Dr. Hammad Naveed, Pro-Rector; Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akhyar Farrukh, Director, ORIC; and Mr. Yaser Amir Awan, Director, Incubation, Takhleeq. The following start-ups were assessed:

Low-Cost Agriculture Kit
– Dr. Raja Irfan Sabir

Verify Hadith
– Syed Ali Hassan

Eternal Care
– Musab Abdullah Shan

Empowering STEM Education Through Student Satellites – Dr. Muhammad Kamran Saleem

Exploring Space from Earth: A Student Ground Station
– Dr. Muhammad Kamran Saleem

Innovators shared progress and plans for their ventures’ development. The meeting concluded with a roadmap for mentorship and support, reinforcing UCP’s commitment to nurturing innovation and entrepreneurship.

UCP’s Self Post Graduate Program Review (PGPR) 2024-2025



University of Central Punjab organized its Post Graduate Program Review (PGPR) 2024–2025. Director QEC, Mr. Asim Azhar Shah invited Mr. Ali Raza Qureshi, Director QEC, Rashid Latif Khan University, and Dr. Naveed Ahmed, Deputy Director QEC, National College of Arts as external evaluators to conduct a comprehensive evaluation of all 47 postgraduate programs and a audit of all postgraduate (PG) files.

They confirmed UCP’s full compliance with HEC guidelines and criteria after a detailed assessment. The evaluators also interacted with faculty and PG students.

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It all began with an early morning email—7:00 AM, May 7. In the wake of rising tensions between Pakistan and India, UCP announced a sudden closure. Two days later, as the conflict intensified, another email followed. Classes would continue—but online. For two days, campus shifted into Virtual Learning Environment (VLE), lectures moved to screens, and the rhythm of university life adjusted to the uncertainty of the moment.

Then came May 13. A ceasefire was declared. Peace, at last. By the afternoon, our classrooms reopened and familiar routines returned. In those six days, we witnessed the strength of our community—the calm resolve of faculty, the patience of students, and the quiet determination of every department that kept things moving, no matter the mode.

And from there, the month took off. Career Connect 2025, the largest career fair of the year. With 69 companies on campus and over 1,500 students and alumni engaging in live interviews, networking sessions, and real-time hiring opportunities, it was a reminder of UCP’s commitment to future-focused education and industry collaboration.

The university also hosted the 16th Board of Governors Meeting, laying the groundwork for long-term institutional priorities. In the same spirit of forward thinking, May marked two major sustainability milestones: the inauguration of UCP’s Wastewater Treatment Plant and the launch of the Centre for Food Innovation and Commercialization (COFIC), by our Chairman, Mian Amer Mehmood. These initiatives reflect our growing leadership in research, environmental responsibility, and innovation.

Workshops on topics like data-driven HR, road safety, gender sensitization, fact-checking, and health awareness added something extra to our learning beyond books. Guest speakers, faculty exchanges, and expert sessions brought fresh ideas and global insights to our classrooms. At the same time, campus life stayed vibrant with events like LangLit Carnival, Tabeer Declamation Contest, and Youm-e-Tashakkur, where we proudly raised our flag in honour of Pakistan’s strength and unity. These moments brought us all together, not just as students and teachers, but as one UCP family.

Meanwhile, admissions efforts picked up pace. Our Outreach and Admissions teams went all the way to Gilgit-Baltistan to connect with future UCP students. And just as the academic hustle was at its peak, a harsh heatwave hit Lahore. But even in the intense heat, the energy on campus didn’t fade. Students, faculty and staff kept moving forward. May was a month full of challenge, change and growth. It reminded us how important it is to stay ready, stay focused and stay united. Here’s to moving forward, together.

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