



MONTHLY CONNECT

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Highlight of the Month



Out of Thin Air 2026

Takhleeq Business Incubator in collaboration with Game Collective and Innovation, and Entrepreneurship Club organized Out of Thin Air OOTA 2026 on May 18 & 19, 2026. The two-day game jam brought together participants, mentors, and organizers in a high-energy environment centered on creativity, gamification, and innovation under the theme "Lahore, Lahore Hai." Teams transformed cultural elements of the city into engaging, playable game concepts, refining their ideas through mentorship and collaboration. The event concluded with an exceptional competitive showcase, resulting in a historic tie with two winners for the first time in OOTA history, reflecting the outstanding creativity, talent, and innovation demonstrated throughout the competition.







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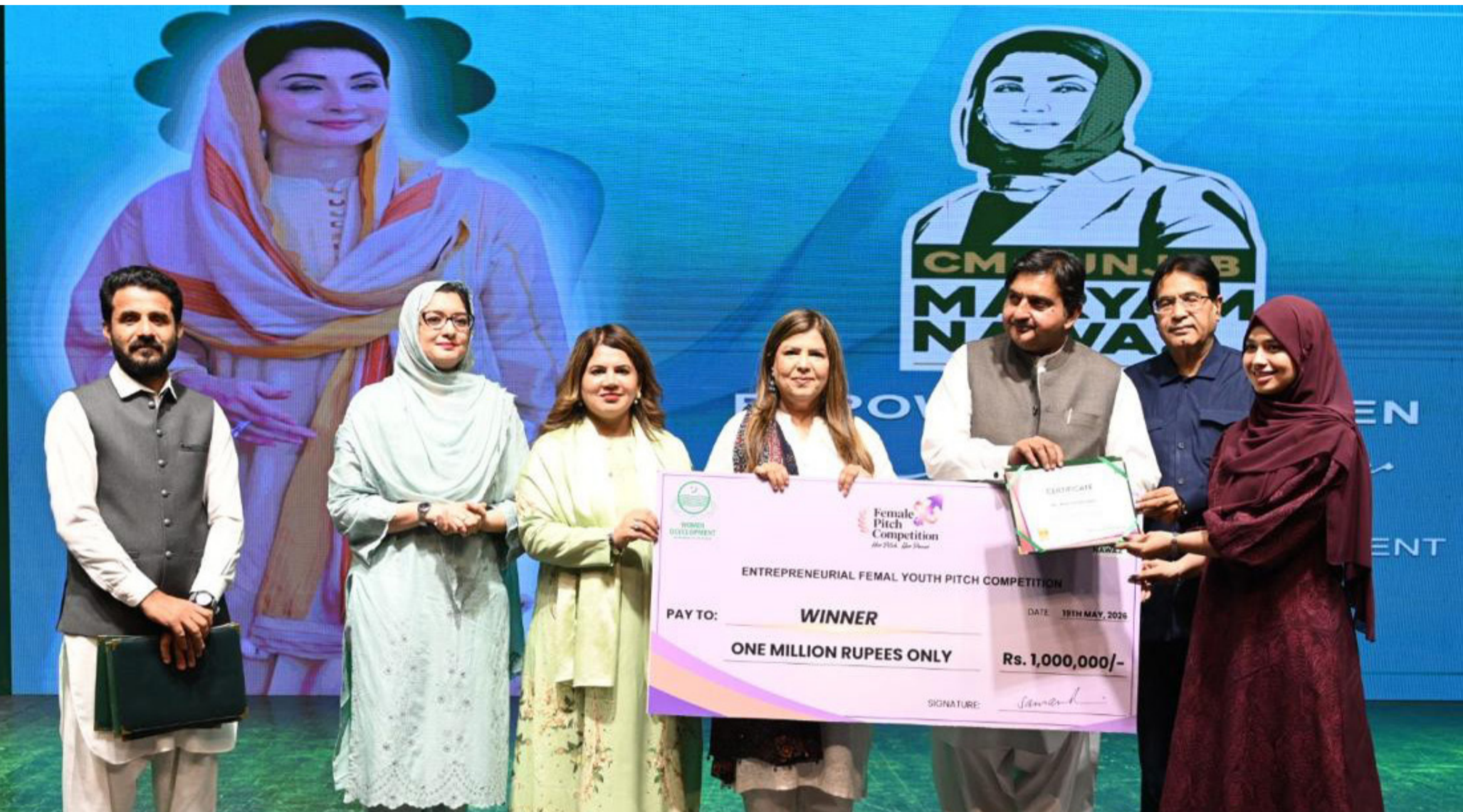


چند خط ماں کے نام

This Mother's Day, UCP NISA Society did something simple and quite unforgettable. Through their initiative **چند خط ماں کے نام** students were invited to write letters to their mothers: no guidelines, no template, just honesty. Selected letters were then read aloud by the mothers themselves during a campus gathering on Mother's Day 2026. The initiative created a space for gratitude that many students had carried for years but never found the words or the moment to express. Mothers left knowing things their children had perhaps never said out loud. Students left lighter.



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Mahnoor's Bake Theory Won an Investment Grant PKR 1 million in Female Youth Pitch Competition (WDD)

Takhleeq Business Incubator's Takhleeq Cohort 10 Startup Bake Theory secured PKR 1 Million Seed Funding at Mahnoor Arif secured PKR 1 million in seed funding for her venture Bake Theory, a startup from Takhleeq Cohort 10. The award was given at Mega Showcase 2026 hosted by the Women Development Department (WDD) at the Alhamra Arts Council. Mahnoor Arif's Bake Theory won while competing against 450 other businesses in the Female Youth Pitch Competition. The event also recognized community contributions, where UCP Student, Mehreen Ali was acknowledged for her outreach work in women-centric initiatives and was appointed Female Ambassador for Batch 2.

Star Researchers of the Month

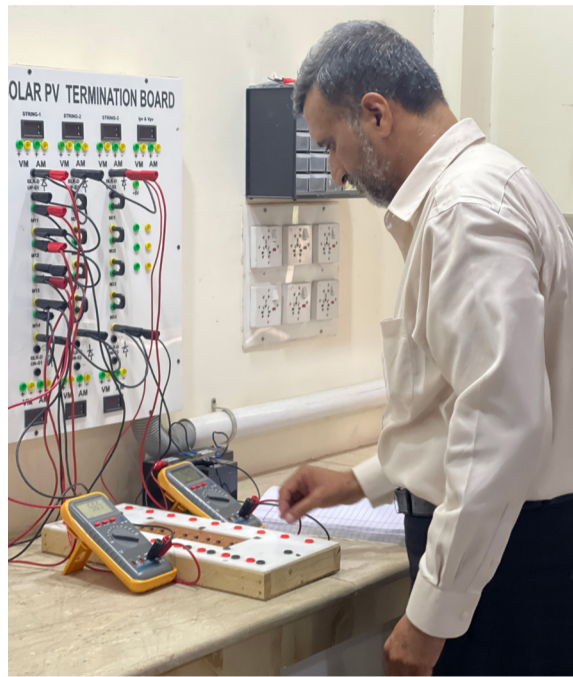
University of Central Punjab recognized its “Star Researchers of the Month,” featuring four scholars for their research contributions in science and technology. In engineering and sustainable infrastructure, Turab Rafiq published a study on solar grid integration in the *Ain Shams Engineering Journal* (Impact Factor: 5.9), while Kashif Habib presented an affordable solar fault-detection method in *Renewable Energy* (Impact Factor: 3.1). In environmental and health research, Hiba Ashfaq worked on biological solutions for industrial waste management in *Water, Air, Soil Pollution* (Impact Factor: 3.0), and Hina Javed contributed to digital healthcare through AI-based breast cancer detection in *Letters in Drug Design & Discovery* (Impact Factor: 1.3).



Turab Rafiq

University of Central Punjab
Journal: *Ain Shams Engineering Journal*
Impact Factor: 5.9

“Advanced Aggregated Modular Multilevel Converter Topology for Energy Conversion in Large-Scale PV-integrated Power Grids”.



Kashif Habib

University of Central Punjab
Journal: *Renewable Energy*
Impact Factor: 3.1

“A novel & Low-Cost for Comprehensive PV fault diagnosis using optocouplers”.



Hiba Ashfaq

University of Central Punjab
Journal: *Water, Air, Soil Pollution*
Impact Factor: 3

“Harnessing Chromium-Resistant Bacteria from Tannery Wastewater: Innovative in Vitro and in Silico Strategies for Bioremediation”.



Hina Javed

University of Central Punjab
Journal: *Letters in Drug Design & Discovery*
Impact Factor: 1.3

“Automated detection of Breast Cancer using Machine Learning and Deep Learning Models from Tabular Data”.



Workshops & Seminars

Next-Gen QA: Kickstart Software Testing with AI

Faculty of Information Technology & Computer Science's Next-Gen QA: Kickstart Software Testing with AI featured Asim Ramzan, Principal SQA Lead at Tower Tech, Punjab Group. He discussed practical approaches to quality assurance, covering real-world testing practices and the integration of AI-powered techniques. Participants were introduced to AI-assisted QA processes and their role in enhancing efficiency in software testing and project delivery, and concluded with a question-and-answer round.



Medical Laboratory Professionals: Inspiring the Future of Healthcare

Department of Microbiology's Medical Laboratory Professionals: The Heart of Healthcare featured talks by invited speakers on the role of laboratory professionals in healthcare, with a focus on diagnostic processes, laboratory practices and their application in medical treatment. It addressed the function of laboratory testing in disease identification, monitoring, and clinical decision-making.



From Farm to Fork: Precision and Operational Excellence in Halal Meat Processing

Faculty of Management Sciences' From Farm to Fork: Precision and Operational Excellence in Halal Meat Processing featured Mr. Ali Raza, Director, SK Livestock, who shared insights into livestock management and halal meat processing operations. He discussed supply chain challenges and practices related to efficiency, quality control, and compliance in halal food production. The session included an interactive Q&A that engaged students with industry trends and career pathways, decision-making.



Bridging Academic HRM Concepts with Industry Realities

Faculty of Management Sciences' Bridging Academic HRM Concepts with Industry Realities featured Syed Irtaza Hussain. It focused on HRM applications in organizational settings, covering HR policies, staff augmentation, change management, and the evolving role of HR professionals.



AI, Freelancing & the Future of Tech Careers

Department of Applied Computing's AI, Freelancing & the Future of Tech Careers featured Muhammad Haris Tariq, Team Lead & Agentic AI Architect, Xeven Solutions, who shared industry insights on the evolving landscape of artificial intelligence and freelancing opportunities. The session covered the role of Agentic AI in transforming traditional tech roles, the shift from chatbots to autonomous AI systems, and approaches for building future-ready careers in the field of AI.



IoT & Intelligent Computing: Shaping Next-Generation Technologies

Faculty of Information Technology & Computer Science's IoT & Intelligent Computing: Shaping Next-Generation Technologies featured Muhammad Adil Khan, Lead Trainer for IoT and Edge Computing, Pak-Austria Fachhochschule Institute of Applied Sciences, Haripur. It focused on emerging trends in IoT, edge computing, and their role in transforming modern industries. Students and faculty members gained practical knowledge and a deeper understanding of intelligent computing and smart systems through an interactive discussion.



Applying OBE Effectively: A Faculty Workshop on NCEAC Requirements

Faculty of Information Technology & Computer Science's Applying OBE Effectively: A Faculty Workshop on NCEAC Requirements chaired by Dr. Arshad Ali focused on Outcome-Based Education (OBE) practices and the effective implementation of NCEAC requirements in academic programs. Faculty members engaged in discussions aimed at enhancing academic quality and assessment practices.



Learning Inclusion and Diversity Through Lived Experiences: Transgender Voices in Contemporary Organizations

Department of Psychology's Learning Inclusion and Diversity Through Lived Experiences: Transgender Voices in Contemporary Organizations featured Educationist, Prof. Dr. Saima Iram, and Ms. Faizi and Ms. Alisha Shirazi from the transgender community. They shared their lived experiences and perspectives on inclusion and diversity.



Improving ESL Learning Through Articubot: An AI-Based Tool for Communication Skills

Faculty of Languages & Literature's Improving ESL Learning Through Articubot: An AI-Based Tool for Communication Skills featured Irum Shahzadi, PhD Scholar, Sultan Zainal Abidin University. The session focused on the role of Artificial Intelligence in enhancing ESL learning and communication skills through innovative tools such as Articubot and Google Dialogflow. Students and faculty members participated in AI-assisted language learning discussions. Ms. Shahzadi also delivered a practical demonstration on developing AI-based responses and handling user queries through chatbot technology.



The Art of Fresh Delivery: Retail Supply Chain Insights from Bread & Beyond

Faculty of Management Sciences in collaboration with UCP Supply Chain Club organized The Art of Fresh Delivery: Retail Supply Chain Insights from Bread & Beyond. The session featured Zeeshan Haider Bukhari, who shared valuable industry knowledge and practical insights into the dynamics of retail supply chain management. Discussions focused on key areas including demand planning and freshness control, logistics and storage challenges, food safety and quality assurance, and enhancing customer experience through effective retail operations. The session provided students with an opportunity to gain practical exposure to real-world retail supply chain practices and develop a deeper understanding of emerging industry challenges and operational strategies in the retail sector.



The Evolution to Agentic AI with Azure AI Foundry

Faculty of Information Technology and Computer Science's The Evolution to Agentic AI with Azure AI Foundry provided students with valuable insights into the rapidly evolving world of artificial intelligence. It featured Mr. Usman Ur Rahman Ahmad who explored the transition from Generative AI to Agentic AI. Participants also gained exposure to advanced AI concepts, including Proto-AGI, AGI, and ASI, along with the architecture and workflow of AI agents.



AI-Resilient Learning Initiative (AI-RLI)

Learning Innovation Centre's AI-Resilient Learning Initiative (AI-RLI) strengthened academic integrity by prioritizing human critical thinking alongside AI. It is built on three pillars: Process over Product, Contextualization, and Conceptual Depth, using Bloom's Taxonomy; the initiative encouraged students to develop AI literacy while engaging in learning and evaluation.



2nd International Symposium & Stakeholder

Faculty of Science and Technology's 2nd International Symposium & Stakeholder Dialogue brought together researchers, professionals and industry experts for discussions on Precision Medicine and the future of health biotechnology. The event highlighted emerging trends, innovative research, and advancements shaping the evolving healthcare landscape.



Design Your Successful Future with Agentic AI

Faculty of Information Technology and Computer Science's Design Your Successful Future with Agentic AI featured Syed Ali Nauman Gilani, Founder & CEO of Skill2Success. It highlighted the transformation and growth of future careers due to AI. Participants explored the future-ready skills, the evolving role of AI, and ways to remain competitive in an AI-powered world.



A Writer's Journey: The Novels of Feryal Ali Gohar

Faculty of Languages and Literature's A Writer's Journey: The Novels of Feryal Ali Gohar featured an exclusive one-to-one conversation with acclaimed writer, Feryal Ali Gohar. Students and faculty explored the author's literary journey, creative process, and the role of storytelling in addressing themes of history, identity, gender, class, memory, and resistance. It highlighted the power of literature as a medium for social reflection and intellectual engagement.



Applying OBE Effectively: A Faculty Workshop on NCEAC Requirements

Faculty of Information Technology & Computer Sciences' second session of Applying OBE Effectively: A Faculty Workshop on NCEAC Requirements conducted by Prof. Dr. Arshad Ali, Head Cyber Security Department, FAST-NUCES Lahore Campus, focused on Outcome-Based Education (OBE) practices and the implementation of NCEAC requirements in academic programs.



Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Computer Sciences and the Need to Adapt

Department of Computer Sciences' session on "Impact of Artificial Intelligence on Computer Sciences and the Need to Adapt" was conducted by Founder Mr. Amin Baig. The session focused on the impact of artificial intelligence on computer science and software engineering. Students and faculty discussed AI-assisted software development, intelligent systems, AI agents, cybersecurity, prompt engineering, and emerging skill requirements. Engaging in learning and evaluation.



3-Day BIM Bootcamp

Faculty of Engineering in collaboration with Pakistan Engineering Council organized 3-Day BIM Bootcamp. The training workshop focused on Building Information Modeling (BIM) and Digital Twin Technologies providing participants with exposure to digital engineering workflows used in the construction and infrastructure industry. Engineers, students, planners, and industry professionals participated in hands-on sessions to strengthen technical and industry-related digital skills.



University Events

Center for Advanced Research and Product Indigenization (CARPI) Inaugural Ceremony

Faculty of Engineering's Center for Advanced Research and Product Indigenization (CARPI) inauguration ceremony was led by Creative Group's CEO, Engr. Mian Sultan Mahmood. This initiative is a partnership between Creative Group and UCP to establish CARPI as a platform for research, applied engineering work and development of indigenous engineering products. The center will support technological development and economic growth.



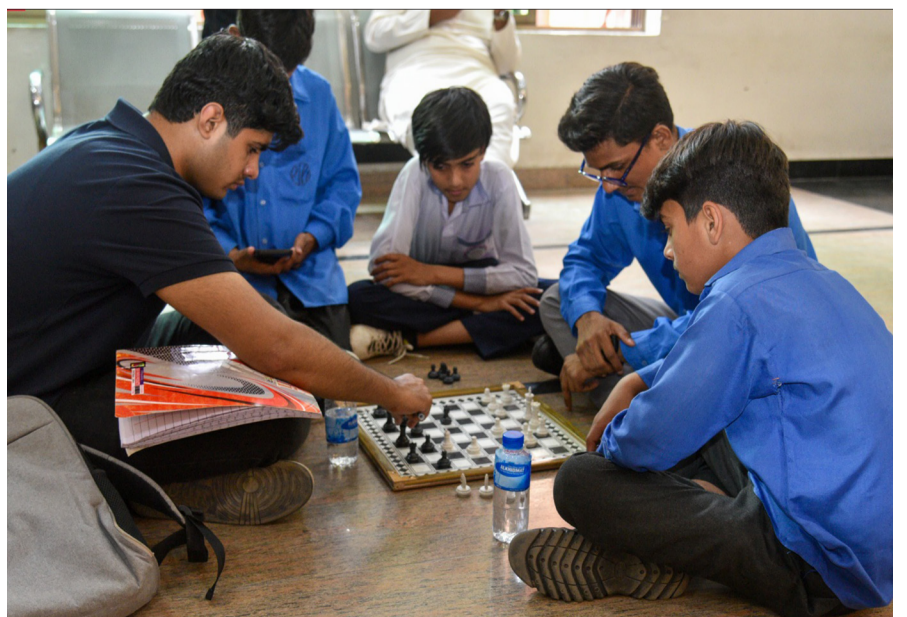
Hope & Ability

UCP Inclusive Student Society in collaboration with UCP Sports Club and Gaming Den organized Hope & Ability 2026. This two-day event focused on talent, teamwork, and inclusion. Participants engaged in sports competitions, gaming sessions, creative showcases, and quizzes, demonstrating confidence, enthusiasm, and skill throughout the event.



Role of Digital Technologies in Enhancing Women's Political Empowerment

UCPNISA Society in collaboration with ICC-UCP organized "Role of Digital Technologies in Enhancing Women's Political Empowerment". It featured Sanwal Hussain Khari from Aston University. The session highlighted women's political participation in Pakistan and included their active involvement in exploring women's political engagement. Participants reflected on the challenges they faced during an interactive "Write to End Barriers" activity. Decision-making.



Noor-e-Hijab

UCP Islamic Guidance Club's Noor-e-Hijab featured Umm-e-Muhammad, Ms. Saima Asghar, and Ms. Sara Chaudhary. The gathering focused on hijab, modesty, and sisterhood in Islam. Guest speakers shared reflections on the strength, dignity, and significance of modesty in light of Islamic teachings engaging participants in discussions on personal values and faith-based identity.



Music Hour

UCP Music Society's Music Hour provided students a platform to perform live music.



Alternative Dispute Resolution Training in Modern Legal Practice

UCP Law Society in collaboration with Crowther Institute, UK organized an ADR Training session. It focused on the growing importance of Alternative Dispute Resolution in modern legal practice. The session provided students with practical exposure to negotiation, mediation, and dispute resolution techniques, highlighting ways to resolve conflicts beyond traditional courtroom litigation. Participants gained valuable insight into professional legal skills, international ADR practices, and the role of effective communication in achieving fair and efficient outcomes.

Cultural Food Festival

UCP Food Junction Society's Cultural Food Festival featured student participation from various departments to celebrate diversity through traditional cuisines and cultural presentations. It featured a variety of regional dishes and cultural displays, highlighted creativity, collaboration, and cultural appreciation across campus while promoting unity among students.



Future of Creativity in the Age of AI

UCP Literary Society's The Future of Creativity in the Age of AI featured discussions on the relationship between artificial intelligence, literary innovation, and human expression. The session included a discussion on creativity in the digital age and an exchange of ideas with the audience.



SEE Pakistan 2026 Awareness Session

Innovation and Entrepreneurship Club in collaboration with Takhleeq Business Incubator conducted an awareness session for SEE Pakistan 2026. The session introduced participants to the application process for SEE Pakistan, Pakistan's largest entrepreneurial expo, and the World Startup Championship (WSC), featuring a \$10,000 prize pool. Attendees gained practical insights into applying, refining their pitches, and presenting their ideas to global investors through an interactive discussion and Q&A session.



From Campus To Career: Building Direction From Day One

Rotaract Club's third session of its Peer Mentorship Program: The Bridge titled From Campus to Career: Building Direction from Day One. Senior Computer Science students shared their experiences and guided participants on academic paths, skill development, programming languages, internships, and the job market.



Medical Laboratory Professionals Week: Poster and Model Competition

Department of Microbiology as part of Medical Laboratory Professionals Week celebrations organized a poster and model competition for BS MLT students. Participants presented projects focused on diagnostics and the healthcare system.



Intra Media Fest 2026

UCP Media Club's Intra Media Fest 2026 featured student participations across eight modules from different departments including Short Film, Documentary and TV Anchoring. Industry professionals evaluated the entries and provided feedback. Each category's winners will represent university at the national edition of Media Fest 2026.



VIRSA 2026

UCP Photography Club's VIRSA 2026 included a visit to Saidpur Village and Khanpur Dam. It provided students with an opportunity to observe and document cultural and historical elements of Saidpur Village, including its architecture and setting, as well as the landscape of Khanpur Dam.



Punjab Safe Cities Authority's Awareness Session

Department of Management and Entrepreneurship in collaboration with Punjab Safe Cities Authority organized an awareness session where PSCA team visited UCP. The team lead presented PSCA's role in crime control, data management, and AI-based surveillance. She introduced the Virtual Women Police Station and the Virtual Center for Child Safety, both of which were nominated for the United Nations WSIS Prizes 2026.



Jashn-E-Baharan 2026

Ushers Club's two-day Jashn-E-Baharan 2026 celebrations brought together culture, creativity and community spirit. The event was inaugurated by Chief Guest, Mr. Najam-ul-Saqib, Director General, Walled City of Lahore Authority alongside Provost, Muhammad Yaqoob and the Senior Academic Leadership. Day 1 activities included flower exhibition, cultural performances, a pottery-making workshop, and lively food stalls. The celebrations continued on Day 2 with vibrant cultural showcases, musical performances and an energetic drum circle that filled the environment with excitement and unity. The event concluded with a special dinner hosted in honor of the Ushers, appreciating their dedication, teamwork, and efforts throughout the festival.



Parliamentary Debating Championship

UCP Debating Society's Parliamentary Debating Championship'26 welcomed teams from various departments in a celebration of intellect, eloquence, and critical discourse. The championship provided participants with a platform to present compelling arguments, exchange diverse perspectives, and demonstrate excellence in public speaking and analytical thinking.



Speaker of the Year 2026

UCP Debating Society's Speaker of the Year 2026 celebrated the art of public speaking and intellectual discourse. The competition featured Urdu, English, and Punjabi declamation categories, brought 40+ participants showcasing confidence, eloquence, and exceptional rhetorical skills. Students expressed their ideas, enhanced their communication abilities and engaged in healthy competition through impactful speeches and thought-provoking discussions.



Olympus 2026

UCP Business Entrepreneurship Club organized Olympus 2026, a Harvard-based Intra-University Case Study Competition to promote analytical thinking, innovation, and strategic decision-making among students. Participants analyzed real-world business challenges, developed strategic solutions and demonstrated their critical thinking and problem-solving capabilities.



11th UCP Annual Sports 2026

UCP Sport Club's 11th Annual Sports 2026 featured 11 dynamic sports and showcased performances in both male and female categories. Pro-Rector, Dr. Hammad Naveed & National Cricketer, Muhammad Faiq's presence encouraged the participants. Faculty of Information Technology and Computer Science won the general trophy with highest points.



Boot Camp 2026

Faculty of Engineering's Boot Camp 2026 welcomed students from various colleges for an interactive learning experience. It featured engaging academic activities that provided participants with exposure to engineering disciplines and guided visits to FOE laboratories.



CyberSense: Cyber Awareness & Legal Framework for IT Professionals

Cyber Security Society's CyberSense: Cyber Awareness & Legal Framework for IT Professionals highlighted the importance of cyber laws, digital ethics, and responsible technology use. It provided awareness about cybercrime laws, online safety, and the ethical responsibilities of IT professionals, promoting informed and responsible digital practices.



Labour Day

UCP NISA Society's Labour Day Tribute: Understanding the Rights of Workers acknowledged the contributions of UCP's female support staff. It focused on awareness regarding workers' rights and included Chief Guest, Ms. Lubna Ali and Dean, Faculty of Law, Dr. Hadia Awan's addresses. Pro-Rector, Dr. Hammad Naveed, distributed gift hampers among the participants.



Applied Tech Expo 3.0

Faculty of Information Technology organized Applied Tech Expo 3.0, a Project Showcase on Digital Logic Design (DLD) and Basic Electronics. Students presented projects and demonstrated digital logic and electronics applications.



Blockchain Technology, Web3 and Digital Wallet Applications Workshop

UCP Skill Hive Club's insightful workshop on Blockchain Technology, Web3 and Digital Wallet Applications, led by Mr. Muhammad Waqas, CEO, Empradar AI provided students with valuable insights into decentralized systems, emerging digital technologies and their transformative impact on the future of innovation and connectivity.



Succession Planning for Leadership Positions

Faculty of Management & Sciences' Succession Planning for Leadership Positions was led by Mr. Omer Saeed Khokhar, Group Head Talent, Learning & OD, Treet Corporation. He shared practical insights on industry practices, tools, and approaches for building an effective talent pipeline and emphasized the importance of structured succession planning for organizational continuity.



Department of Advanced Studies and Research

Nadia Naeem's PhD Open Defense

Directorate of Advanced Studies & Research conducted Nadia Naeem's PhD Open Defense. She defended her dissertation titled, "Theoretical Underpinning of Bipolar Disorder: Efficacy of Psychodrama and Relapse Prevention through the Resource Model, supervised by Dr. Rabia Farooqi. The defense panel included Dr. Sarah Shahed from FCCU and Dr. Farzana Ashraf from COMSATS Lahore Campus as External Examiners, while Dr. Bushra Naz served as the Internal Examiner. The session featured a comprehensive and engaging Q&A.



Is Blockchain is all about Cryptocurrency? (Closing Ceremony)

Faculty of Information Technology and Computer Sciences concluded 2-week workshop "Is Blockchain all about Cryptocurrency?" conducted by Syeda Tayyaba Bukhari. The workshop comprised six continuous sessions covering both foundational and advanced concepts of Blockchain technology.



Faculty Achievements

Prof. Dr. Amina Arif's Guest Lecture at Kinnaird College for Women

Prof. Dr. Amina Arif delivered a lecture in Kinnaird College for Women's Biotechnology Department's seminar. She discussed developments in molecular and genetic approaches and the role of bioactive compounds and biomarkers in disease diagnosis and treatment.



Dr. Muhammad Saeed Shahbaz represented UCP in a two-week AI Capacity Building Training on Business and Manufacturing in China

Dr. Muhammad Saeed Shahbaz's Trustworthy Agentic AI at the China Internet Network Information Centre (CNNIC) in China highlighted the transition from Generative AI to Creative AI and emphasized that the future of AI is about designing closed-loop intelligent systems where AI continuously adapts and improves through feedback. The discussion also covered the multimodal human-agent collaboration and exposure visits to leading technology organizations, including Alipay, Ant Group and ZKH Industrial Supply. Dr. Shahbaz shared his vision of developing globally aware and future-focused academic leadership in the areas of Artificial Intelligence, business analytics, and digital supply chain management.



UCP Faculty & Students Participation in M.A. Raouf Innovation Startup Expo 2026

Faculty of Science and Technology participated in the Faculty of Sciences, University of Lahore's M.A. Raouf Innovation Startup Expo 2026. UCP team secured 3rd Position and received a cash prize of Rs. 25,000 for their project titled OSAI, an e-commerce platform for sustainable products, presented under the Innovative Product/Prototype Poster category. The project was supervised by Dr. Sadaf Zahra from the Faculty of Media and Mass Communication. Final year students from UCP also showcased multiple projects focused on research, teamwork, and problem-solving. Participating projects were supervised by Dr. Muhammad Zaman, Dr. Huma Hameed, Ms. Tooba Mehboob, Ms. Sadia Zia and Ms. Izza Tariq.



UCP Team's participation at WIBCON 2026

UCP team's participation in WIBCON 2026 reflected active engagement in learning, networking, and professional development. They interacted with industry professionals and academic peers, gaining insights and building connections.



Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naveed's Keynote Talk in International Conference on Life Sciences for Resilient Systems and Sustainable Future, FCCU

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naveed delivered an invited speaker talk on "Nanoinformatics: The Future of Life Science Research for Combating Antibiotic Resistance" at the International Conference on Life Sciences for Resilient Systems and Sustainable Future, held at Forman Christian College University. The session highlighted the role of nanoinformatics and AI-driven approaches in addressing antibiotic resistance and advancing life science research.



Dr. Muhammad Athar Siddiqui's Participation as Panelist in 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 self-accountable culture before resting expectations from students.



UCP Students Secured Top Spot in Rapid Business Challenge, FinQuest 2026

UCP Business Entrepreneurship Club secured 1st position at the Rapid Business Challenge held at Beaconhouse National University during FinQuest 2026. commercialization for national impact.



UCP Students Claim Top Spots in CMH Tassawur 4.0

UCP Photography Club represented UCP at CMH Tassawur 4.0 and secured positions in competitive categories. Syed Muhammad Talha won the Mini Vlog category, while Salman Naveed was runner-up in the Lines & Landmarks category.

Student Achievements

School Nutrition Screening Program at Meem School

Department of Food and Nutritional Sciences' students participated in Rainbow Obesity Center's School Nutrition Screening Program at Meem School. The activity included height, weight and BMI assessments of school children, along with nutrition awareness sessions focused on healthy dietary practices.



UCP Students Secured Top Positions at CodeX 2.0

IEEE Computer Society secured positions at CodeX 2.0, a multi-category technical competition organized by IEEE BULC and GDG BULC at Bahria University Lahore Campus. Aleeha Azhar secured 1st position in the Cloud Computing Competition, while Minahil Kamran achieved runner-up position in the AI/ML Competition. The achievements brought recognition to the university.

UCP Students Secured Top Spots in Media Fest 2026, Punjab University

UCP Media Club secured top positions across multiple categories at Punjab University Media Fest 2026, showcasing strong performance and competitive excellence among participants from various institutions.



Faculty Meetings

Faculty of Science and Technology's Industrial Advisory Board & Board of Studies Meetings

Department of Microbiology conducted its statutory meetings, including the Industrial Advisory Board and Board of Studies. During the meetings, BS Medical Laboratory Technology's revised curriculum, recently approved by the National Curriculum Review Committee (NCRC), Higher Education Commission, was endorsed. MS research synopses were also approved in the presence of external members, Prof. Dr. Saba Riaz, University of the Punjab and Dr. Muhammad Sohail, Riphah International University, Lahore.



Department of Basic and Applied Chemistry's Program Review for Effectiveness and Enhancement

Department of Basic and Applied Chemistry under Prof. Dr. Akhyar Farrukh's headship conducted Assessment Team meeting for PREE BS Biochemistry and Chemistry programs. It focused on reviewing academic standards and program requirements for the respective disciplines. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Tayyab participated as external member while Dr. Aatif Amin served as internal member.



Faculty of Engineering's Industrial Advisory Board & Board of Studies Meetings

Faculty of Engineering conducted the Industrial Advisory Board and Board of Studies meetings for the Civil, Electrical, and Mechanical Engineering departments. The meetings focused on reviewing academic curricula, aligning programs with evolving industry requirements, and strengthening academia-industry collaboration through valuable input from industry experts and academic professionals.

Mechanical Engineering Department discussed industrial collaborations, supervised internships, industry-funded projects, and emerging engineering trends with representatives from Honda Atlas Cars, Infinity Engineering, UET Lahore, MECAS Engineering, Millat Tractors, and WASA.

Civil Engineering Department's meeting included representatives from SMEC, NESPAK, and Ittefaq Construction Associates, with discussions centered on graduate employability, industry-driven internships, curriculum enhancement, and alignment with PEC requirements.

Electrical Engineering Department engaged experts from the IC Design, Robotics, Electronics, Computing, Power, and Solar Energy sectors to discuss curriculum updates, including a proposed specialization in Electric Vehicles and revisions to the Scheme of Studies.

These sessions were chaired by Dr. Faiz ul Hassan and Dean, Faculty of Engineering, Prof. Dr. Rizwan Shad, along with the heads of departments.



BS Microbiology SAR/PREE External Review

Department of Microbiology conducted the External Review of the Self-Assessment Report/ Programme Review for Effectiveness and Enhancement (SAR/PREE) for the BS Microbiology program. External reviewers' valuable evaluation, insightful recommendations, and contributions strengthened academic quality and continuous improvement within the program.



Department of Biotechnology's Departmental Curriculum Review Committee Meeting

Department of Biotechnology's Departmental Curriculum Review Committee meeting chaired by Dr. Hafiza Rizwana Kausar and Dr. Asma Zafar, finalized the courses and academic structure for the newly proposed programs. The session was attended by Dr. Tahir Yaqub, Dr. Habib ur Rehman, Dr. Asif Suleman Sahi, Dr. Tahir Hussain Awan, and Dr. Idrees Nasir, who shared valuable insights in shaping an industry-oriented and research-driven curriculum aligned with evolving academic and professional needs.



MOUs

UCP X D'Educationist MoU

UCP International Hub signed a memorandum of understanding with D' Educationist, a consultancy agency for student guidance on international academic pathways through UCP's international degree programs and independent study-abroad options. The partnership includes fee discount arrangements for eligible students.



Industry Visits

Department of Food and Nutritional Science's Study Tour to Herbion Pakistan

Department of Food and Nutritional Science's study tour to Herbion Pakistan under Dr. Kanza Aziz Awan's supervision provided students with practical exposure to supplement manufacturing and nutraceutical product development pathways through UCP's international degree programs and independent study-abroad options. The partnership includes fee discount arrangements for eligible students.



Department of Food and Nutritional Science's Industry Visit to Punjab Agri Farms

Department of Food and Nutritional Science's visit to Punjab Agri Farms, led by Dr. Amal Shaukat and Dr. Muhammad Akhtar, explored modern practices in postharvest handling, dairy processing, fish farming, and exposure to Agri-based food production.



Department of Food & Nutritional Sciences' Industry Visit to Bunny's

Department of Food & Nutritional Sciences' industry visit to Bunny's provided students with valuable industry insights, bridging theoretical knowledge with real-world food production practices and enhancing their understanding of modern food manufacturing systems.



Department of Basic and Applied Chemistry's Industry Visit to Pharmagen Pharmaceutical

Department of Basic and Applied Chemistry's industry visit to Pharmagen Pharmaceutical Industry explored modern Manufacturing techniques, Good Manufacturing Practices, and Research and Development processes. Students visited departments of production, quality assurance, quality control laboratories, and storage facilities. Students gained industry-oriented learning experience and explored advanced instruments and production systems.



Faculty of Media & Mass Communication's Industry Visit to Radio Pakistan

Faculty of Media and Mass Communication's delegation led by Dr. Hina Adeb led visited Radio Pakistan Lahore. They were welcomed by Dr. Ahmer Sohail Basra, while Mr. Zubair Bashir briefed on the operations of Pakistan Broadcasting Corporation.



FOST's Sabroso Poultry Industry Visit

Faculty of Science and Technology's students undertook an industry visit to Sabroso Poultry. Quality Assurance Manager, Mr. Khalid, briefed them on poultry processing techniques, operational management, hygien standards, and quality assurance practices.



Faculty of Management Sciences' Industry Visit to Haseen Habib Corporation Pvt. Ltd

Faculty of Management Sciences' student visited Haseen Habib Corporation Pvt. Ltd. where students gained practical exposure to product design and manufacturing processes of fire and safety equipment, along with operational procedures and quality standards followed in producing safety solutions. A key highlight of the visit was a live firefighting drill, where students experienced hands-on learning related to emergency response techniques and workplace safety practices. Faculty members also accompanied the delegation, ensuring an engaging blend of academic learning and industry exposure.



Department of Biotechnology's Industry Visit to Rivaj Cosmetics

Department of Biotechnology's industry visit to Rivaj Cosmetics focused on strengthening industry-academia linkage. Dr. Salma Batool and Dr. Sadaf Hameed discussed collaboration, internships, product development, and research initiatives with company representatives.



Faculty of Management Sciences' educational visit to the Sialkot Sports Industries Development Centre (SSIDC)

Faculty of Management Sciences' educational visit to the Sialkot Sports Industries Development Centre (SSIDC) for students of SME Management, Design, and Technology programs provided practical exposure to SME development and government-supported industrial facilities by bridging classroom learning with industrial operations.



Faculty of Languages & Literature's Study Tour to Allah Waly Trust

Faculty of Languages and Literature's study tour to Allah Waly Trust provided students with valuable insights into the Trust's international-standard automated kitchen system and community services, offering an enriching learning experience that enhanced their understanding of teamwork, professional service management, and social responsibility, while encouraging active contributions to society.



BS Human Nutrition and Dietetics Students' Clinical Dietitian Training Session

Department of Food and Nutritional Sciences organized a Clinical Dietitian Training Session for 6th semester BS Human Nutrition and Dietetics students at Pak Korea Nutrition Centre, University of Agriculture Faisalabad, prior to the commencement of their clinical internship. 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 related to nutrition and food sciences.



Learning Innovation Centre

Faculty Townhall

Learning Innovation Centre's Faculty Townhall, chaired by Pro-Rector, Dr. Hammad Naveed, Head LIC, Zunaira Khalid, Program Manager, Amna Khawar and HR Manager, Rabia Siraj shared key insights and encouraged open dialogue on institutional development. The session provided a platform for faculty members to share their perspectives, discuss concerns, and contribute towards a more connected academic environment.



Student Pedagogy Partnership Program Midpoint Meeting-Spring 2026

Learning Innovation Centre's Student Pedagogy Partnership Midpoint Meeting brought together SPP students and faculty partners where they shared their progress, experiences, challenges and next steps in the program. Participants also presented how they made their assessments AI-resilient under the AI-RLI Initiative, highlighting innovation, collaboration, and the integration of future-focused teaching and learning practices.



LIC X FOST COFIC Display at Maryam Nawaz Incubation Centre

Learning Innovation Centre, in collaboration with the Faculty of Science & Technology, displayed a stall of COFIC at the Mariam Nawaz Incubation Centre. A variety of COFIC food items were showcased along with informative brochures highlighting the initiative and its vision. The event proved to be a successful awareness campaign, where 342 women entrepreneurs, industrialists, and parliamentarians were introduced to the excellence of the University of Central Punjab and its commitment to promoting healthy and nutritious food products. The participation reflected UCP's progressive efforts toward innovation, entrepreneurship, and community engagement in the food sector.



Office of Research, Innovation, and Commercialization

25th Steering Committee Meeting

Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization's 25th Steering Committee Meeting was chaired by Pro-Rector, Dr. Hammad Naveed. Director ORIC, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akhyar Farrukh presented updates on ORIC's progress in line with HEC ORIC Policy 2021, covering research grants, funding programs, patents, industry collaborations, publications, and commercialization activities, while participants reviewed previous minutes, assessed March–April achievements, discussed ongoing and upcoming initiatives including training programs and expos, and provided input to strengthen research, industry engagement, and implementation of projects at UCP.



AI-Driven Enzyme Design & Engineering

Office of Research, Innovation & Commercialization's AI-Driven Enzyme Design and Engineering workshop conducted by Dr. Sumera Zaib equipped participants with computational skills in rational protein engineering and enzyme design using AI-assisted methods for applications in biotechnology, drug discovery, and synthetic biology. It included hands-on activities such as sequence retrieval and analysis, physicochemical assessment, structure prediction, pocket mapping, sequence design, mutational analysis, and codon optimization.



Product and Prototypes Display at the Lahore Chamber of Commerce & Industry

Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization displayed over 65 products and prototypes developed by faculty and students at Product and Prototypes Display, Lahore Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The exhibition covered engineering, food and pharmaceutical sciences, computing, biotechnology, sustainability, space science, media, and social entrepreneurship. The event brought together industry representatives who engaged with student innovators on market compatibility, pricing, product positioning, and commercialization.

Chief Guests, Punjab Education Minister Rana Sikandar Hayat and PHEC Chairman Prof. Dr. Iqrar Ahmad Khan acknowledged the role of university leadership in promoting research and industry linkage.



UCP's Delegation Visit to the Environmental Protection Agency Green Building Headquarters

Office of Research, Innovation, and Commercialization's visit to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Punjab Green Building Headquarters to set up a partnership between the two institutions for environmental research and sustainability. Pro-Rector, Dr. Hammad Naveed, and Director ORIC, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akhyar Farrukh, led the UCP's delegation to meet with EPA Director General Mr. Imran Hamid Sheikh and officials to discuss monitoring technologies, regulatory frameworks, and governance. The meeting included UCP's contributions, such as nanotechnology-based wastewater treatment systems and the use of the university's Multi-Satellite Ground Station and Aviation Data Hub for air pollution analytics.



Agri Asia Expo 2026

Office of Research, Innovation & Commercialization's exhibition at the Agri Asia Expo highlighted UCP's contributions to modern agriculture. FOST, FOE, and FOIT & CS's students presented innovative projects and market-ready prototypes. Dr. Kanza Aziz Awan talked about functional food products, "Nanochips," protein supplements, and "Golden Harvest Crunch". Dr. Muhammad Afzal, Dr. Muhammad Riaz, and Dr. Muhammad Perviaz presented Technical and Scientific advancements, highlighting a solar-powered smart device designed to utilize biogas waste. UCP's entrepreneurial drive was represented by Ms. Shafaq Zahra (FOST) and Nauman Irshad Ali Shah (FOIT & CS), who showcased their startups and interdisciplinary projects.



FYP Student-Led Research & Innovation Initiative Presentations - Phase 2

Office of Research, Innovation, and Commercialization's Phase 2 presentation event of the FYP Student-Led Research & Innovation Initiative. The event provided a platform for shortlisted student groups to present their final-year project ideas before an evaluation committee for potential funding support. The presentations included product-based projects developed through interfaculty collaboration. Students and supervisors from different faculties presented proposals addressing real-world problems through research and technical approaches. Each group outlined project objectives, methodology, feasibility, and expected outcomes. The evaluation committee reviewed the projects and shared feedback on their quality, originality, and commercial potential.



Quality Enhancement Cell

Review of Institutional Performance & Enhancement (RIPE) 2025-26

University of Central Punjab conducted its Self-Review of Institutional Performance and Enhancement (RIPE) for the academic year 2025–2026. Organized by the UCP Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC), the comprehensive quality assurance exercise was carried out in accordance with the 16 standards defined by the Higher Education Commission (HEC) of Pakistan. The three-day review was designed to assess institutional performance, strengthen quality assurance mechanisms, and enhance academic and administrative processes across the university. To ensure an objective and rigorous evaluation, UCP engaged two external evaluators: Dr. Imran Ghafoor Chaudhry, Director QEC, University of Sargodha, and Mr. Muhammad Sekandar Riaz, Manager QEC, FAST-NUCES CFD Campus, Faisalabad. The internal evaluation panel included Dr. Hadia Awan, Dean, Faculty of Law, and Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akhyar Farrukh, Director ORIC. They contributed to the detailed review process alongside institutional stakeholders.



International Office Initiatives

UCP International Office X City School Collaborative Meeting

UCP International Office held a meeting with City School to explore avenues for a possible partnership between UCP and City School.



UCP International Office Team's Participation in Education Expo, Kingston College

International Office Team attended the Education Expo at Kingston College. The participation provided an opportunity to engage with prospective students, share academic programs, and highlight study opportunities at UCP. The team also interacted with students and academic counselors, answering queries related to admissions, scholarships, and campus life, while promoting higher education pathways and international opportunities offered by the university.



UCP International Office x Fudan University Roundtable Discussion

UCP International Office participated in a roundtable discussion with a high-level delegation from Fudan University, China, at Beaconhouse National University to represent UCP and explore bilateral collaboration opportunities. The Director International briefed the delegation on ongoing collaborations with Chinese universities.



On-Campus Recruitment Drives

CSO X Cybernet Pvt. Ltd Recruitment Drive

Career Services Office's recruitment drive with Cybernet Pvt. Ltd. provided students with an opportunity to connect with industry professionals and explore career prospects. Representatives from Cybernet engaged with students and shared information regarding roles and recruitment requirements. The session focused on strengthening academia-industry linkages and facilitating student awareness of professional pathways.

Career Development Training Session

International Hub and Career Services Office at the University of Central Punjab, in collaboration with D' Educationist, organized a training session on career development for students. The session was conducted by Mr. Zohair from D' Educationist and focused on career planning, professional pathways, and workplace readiness. The Career Services Office coordinated student participation for the session.



CSO X TCL Electronics Recruitment Drive

Career Services Office organized an on-campus recruitment drive for TCL Electronics. The event featured intensive interviews, corporate networking, and strong student engagement, providing graduating students with valuable career opportunities.



CSO & FOIT X Manafa Technologies Recruitment Drive

University of Central Punjab secured 2nd Position in the All Pakistan Inter University Football Championship 2025-26, organized by the University of Sargodha. Demonstrating exceptional teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the tournament, the UCP football team delivered an outstanding performance against top universities from across the country. This achievement reflects the university's continued commitment to promoting excellence in sports alongside academic pursuits.



CSO X FOMS Mock Interviews Session

Career Services Office hosted Mock Interviews session for Faculty of Management Sciences' students to prepare them for real recruitment processes. Industry professionals served as evaluators and provided constructive feedback on key competencies.



Emerging Opportunities & Challenges in Legal Profession

Faculty of Law in collaboration with Career Services Office hosted Emerging Opportunities & Challenges in the Legal Profession. It featured Barrister Ahmed Uzair from AUC Law, who covered career opportunities, industry challenges, and the evolving landscape of the legal profession, linking academic learning with professional legal practice.



Career Service Office

Mock Interview Activity by CSO (BS Analytics & BBA)

Career Services Office organized Mock Interview Sessions for students of BS Business Analytics and BBA programs to enhance their career readiness and professional development. The sessions provided participants with valuable exposure to real interview environments, enabling them to better understand recruitment expectations and prepare effectively for future career opportunities.



Serving with Purpose: Career Opportunities in Pakistan Navy

Career Services Office hosted "Serving with Purpose: Career Opportunities in Pakistan Navy," sharing insights on career pathways and recruitment prospects within the Pakistan Navy. The session highlighted the diverse professional opportunities available to students after graduation.



Pro-Rector's Office

UNDP Delegation's visit to UCP

United Nation Development Program's team including Project Manager, Dr. Muhammad Aman Ullah, Social, Economic Policy and Inclusion Specialist, Dr Kanwal Zahra and Communications and Outreach Analyst, Shumaila Jamil visited University of Central Punjab to discuss the idea of setting up SDG Hub and collaboration for Projects. Pro-Rector, Hammad Naveed alongside Dean, Faculty of Management Sciences, Muhammad Athar Siddiqui, Director ORIC, Prof. Muhammad Akhyar Farrukh and Director Innovation, Yaser Awan shared the details of sustainability projects undertaken by faculty and students. UNDP team visited the campus and greatly appreciated the innovative solutions coming out of the academic projects and expressed keen interest in working together for solving national level problems.



Pro-Rector's Meeting with Gilgit-Baltistan's Students

Pro-Rector, Dr. Hammad Naveed, met with the Student Ambassadors from Gilgit-Baltistan and appreciated their dedicated outreach campaign across the region. The students presented him with a traditional cap as a symbol of respect and cultural representation.



Provost Office

Provost Muhammed Yaqoob called on Chairman Higher Education Commission

Provost, Muhammed Yaqoob, called on the Chairman, Higher Education Commission to discuss matters related to higher education, research, and academic collaboration.



Sports Achievements

University of Central Punjab won HEC InterVarsity Sports Championship 2024-25

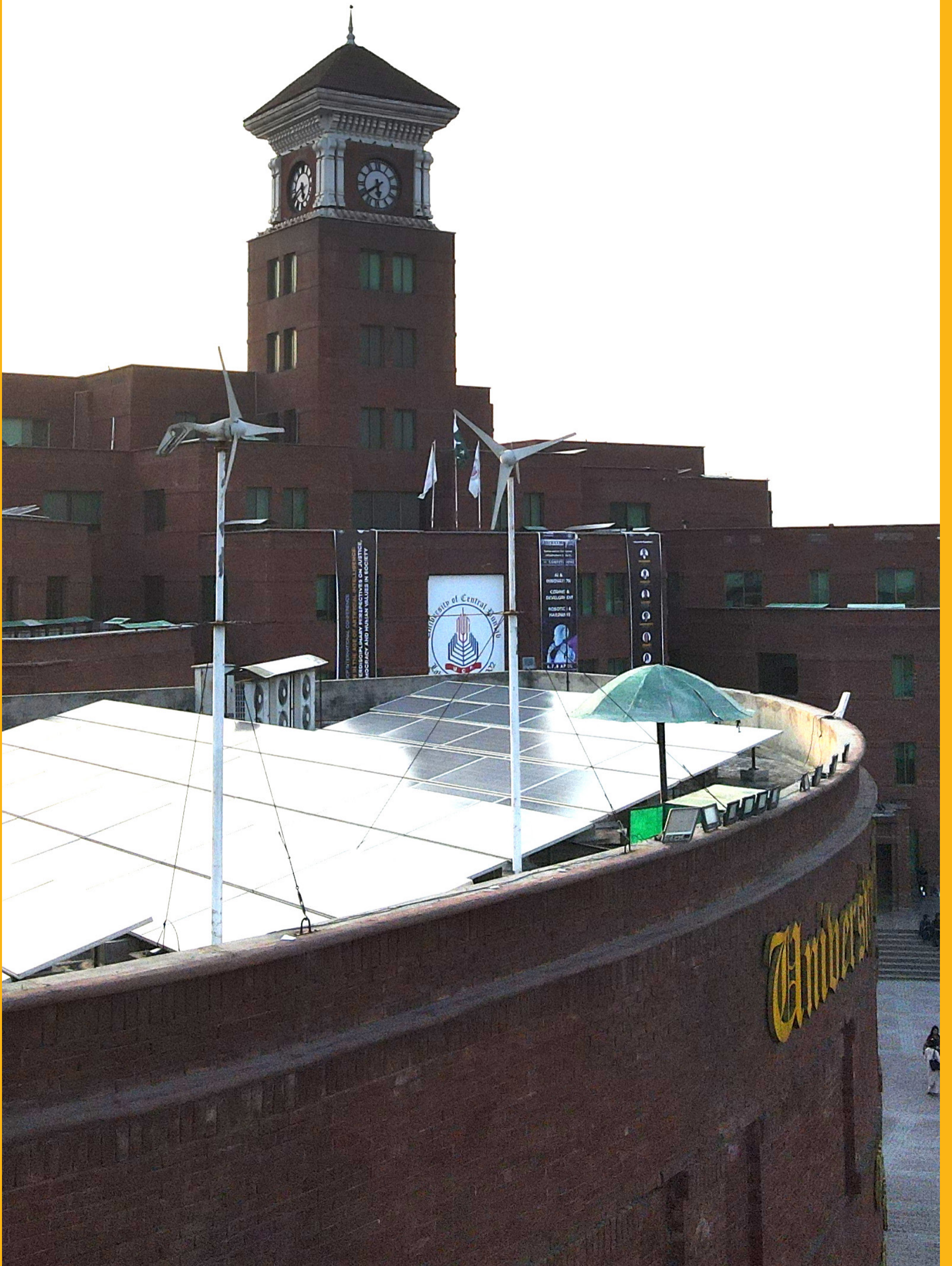
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