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MONTHLY CONNECT

OCTOBER | 2026

Highlight of the Month



HEC-Intervarsity Sports Championship Trophy Comes Home 2025–2026

The 15th trophy came home, marking UCP's 15th consecutive HEC Overall General Trophy win and its cricket team's victory in the President's Trophy Grade II Silver. Mian Amer Mahmood, Chairman, Punjab Group of Colleges, Mohsin Naqvi, Chairman, Pakistan Cricket Board, and Federal Minister for Interior, Dr. Niaz Ahmed Akhtar, (S.I.), Chairman, Higher Education Commission, Sohail Afzal, Executive Director, Punjab Group, Dr. Hammad Naveed, Pro-Rector, University of Central Punjab, Group Directors, the Director of Sports, and campus leadership graced the event. Mian Amer Mahmood, Mohsin Naqvi, and Dr. Niaz Ahmed Akhtar addressed the audience and appreciated the achievements of UCP's student-athletes. The guests also distributed cheques among the winning teams, recognizing their efforts and the role of the HEC and PCB in promoting university sports.



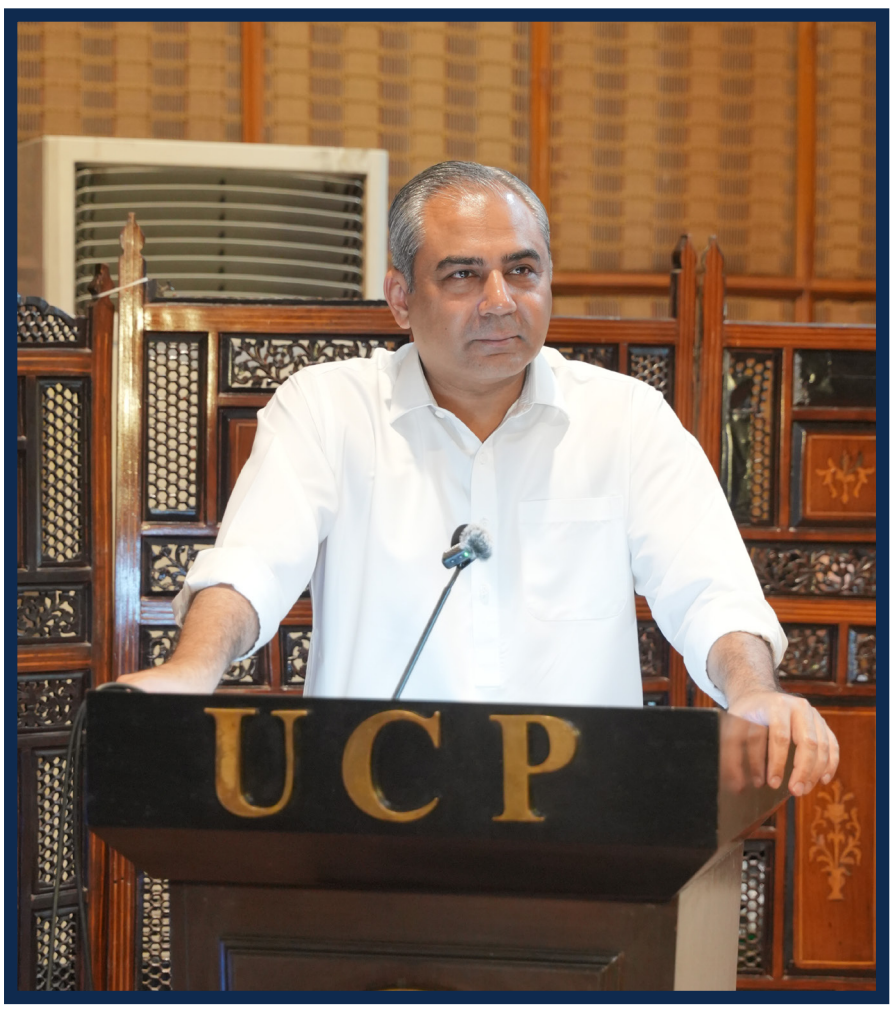


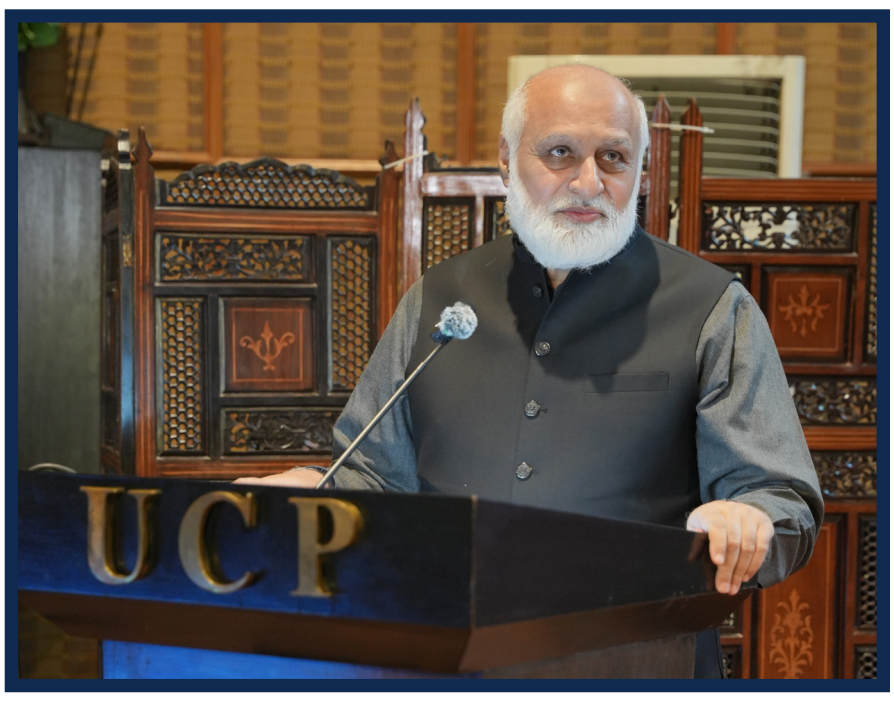



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Highlight of the Month



Consul General Scholarship Cheques Distribution Ceremony

UCP organized the Consul General Scholarship Cheques Distribution Ceremony. Mr. Cao Ke, Acting Consul General of the People's Republic of China in Lahore graced the event as Chief Guest. The ceremony marked the distribution of scholarship cheques to students, supporting their educational pursuits.




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Last year, the Takhleeq Pop-Up proved that a university campus can itself become an entrepreneurial space. This year, it proved that it is a high-growth market.

For four weeks, 60+ student startups ran open stalls on campus. Daily footfall was more than double last year's, when nearly 2,000+ people walked through each day. The Pop-Up generated nearly PKR 5,700,000+ in sales, more than twice the PKR 2.3 million of its first edition.

Beyond the numbers, what matters even more is what the founders learned. They saw which displays stopped people and which price points turned browsers into buyers. They found out which products needed a story to sell and which sold themselves. And they learned all of it from real customers, in real time, with real money on the table.

The Pop-Up is designed as an experiential platform. Startups do not pitch to a panel here, and there are no make-believe business plans. They stand at their stalls, talk to customers, test pricing, refine their positioning, and iterate on the spot. Every interaction carries insight, and every sale is proof.

This year's growth tells us something bigger than the sales figure. Founders are showing up better prepared, customers are showing up in greater numbers, and entrepreneurship is becoming part of everyday student life at UCP. When sales double and footfall doubles, it is not a one-off event. It is an ecosystem growing.

For Takhleeq, this confirms the shift that started in 2025, entrepreneurship that moves out of incubator training rooms and into the real world, where ideas are tested, challenged, and proven in the market. University campuses need a mindset shift, one built on critical thinking and experiential learning. It is all about adapting to the real world, and UCP Takhleeq is leading that movement now.

TAKHLEEQ POP UP

PKR 5,700,000+
IN SALES

Pop-Up 2026 Breaks All Records

- PKR 5,700,000+ in Sales, up from PKR 2.3 Million
- 2000+ Daily Footfall
- 60+ Startups Participated
- 10,000+ Orders Fulfilled
- 4 Weeks of Open Stalls




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Workshops and Seminars

Urdu and English Declamation Workshop



UCP Debating Society organized an Urdu and English Declamation Workshop to help students enhance their oratory, public speaking, and confidence-building skills through interactive discussions and Q&A sessions.

The Art of Diplomacy



International Crisis Chamber organized a specialized MUN training session on the Art of Diplomacy featuring Mr. Usama Ayub, President, UVAS Debating Society. The session focused on diplomatic skills, effective communication, alliance-building, and strategic negotiation to prepare students for Model United Nations committee proceedings.

From Stunting to Solutions, Confronting Pakistan's Systemic Malnutrition Crisis



Department of Food and Nutritional Sciences, in collaboration with Signs International, hosted a guest session titled "From Stunting to Solutions, Confronting Pakistan's Systemic Malnutrition Crisis." Prof. Dr. Shahzad Ali Khan, Vice Chancellor and Dean of Public Health, Health Services Academy, Islamabad highlighted Pakistan's child stunting crisis, drawing on findings from the National Nutrition Survey 2018, and emphasized hidden hunger and the root causes of malnutrition.

2nd International Symposium on Recent Advances in Chemistry



Department of Basic and Applied Chemistry hosted the 2nd International Symposium on Recent Advances in Chemistry, bringing together distinguished scientists and researchers from Pakistan, the United States, the United Kingdom, Brazil, Finland, Cyprus, and Iraq. Prof. Dr. Hafiza Rizwana Kausar, Dean, Faculty of Science and Technology, inaugurated the event and highlighted the symposium's role in promoting scientific excellence, research innovation, and international academic collaboration. The symposium featured distinguished speakers, including Prof. Dr. Atta-ur-Rahman, FRS, Prof. Dr. Thomas J. Webster, Prof. Dr. Sara Harris, and Dr. Troy T. Handlovic, alongside other renowned international scientists. The scientific sessions covered emerging areas of chemistry, including green chromatography, nanomedicine, molecular simulations, advanced functional materials, and sustainable chemical processes. The symposium provided a valuable platform for exchanging research ideas, strengthening international collaborations, and exploring innovative solutions to contemporary scientific challenges.

Teaching Assistants Training Session



FOIT & CS conducted a Teaching Assistants Training Session for the Fall 2026 semester. The session was designed to provide Teaching Assistants with a clear understanding of their roles, responsibilities, and expectations, while emphasizing professionalism, confidentiality, fairness, respectful communication, effective student support, and coordination with faculty and relevant departments.

Parliamentary Debate Workshop



UCP Debating Society organized a Parliamentary Debate Workshop to introduce aspiring debaters to the fundamentals of parliamentary debating. The session covered argument construction, rebuttals, and cross-questioning, followed by a practice match, allowing participants to apply their learning and strengthen their critical thinking, argumentation, and public speaking skills.

Breast Cancer Awareness Seminar



Department of Microbiology, in collaboration with Pink Ribbon Pakistan and Al-Nasar Diagnostic Centre, organized a Breast Cancer Awareness Seminar under the leadership of Prof. Dr. Hafiza Rizwana Kausar, Dean, FOST and Dr. Aatif Amin, Head of Department of Microbiology, with the support of Ms. Iqra Jamil and Dr. Samman Ikram. The seminar emphasized the importance of early detection, regular screening, and timely diagnosis in raising awareness about breast cancer.

Her Hour, Nutrition, Healthy Weight Management, and Body Acceptance



Human Resources, in collaboration with Shalamar Hospital, organized the first session of Her Hour for female employees on "Nutrition, Healthy Weight Management, and Body Acceptance." The session encouraged women to engage in meaningful conversations about healthy living, self-care, and body acceptance. It gave women a space to learn, share, connect, and feel heard, reinforcing UCP's commitment to a supportive, empowering workplace.

FOPS Faculty Members' Participation in 8th Biennial Conference at Indus Hospital



Faculty of Pharmaceutical Sciences' faculty members participated in the 8th Biennial Conference hosted at Indus Hospital, facilitated by Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization. The conference focused on climate action, healthcare sustainability, and patient-centered care under the theme "Resilient Care, Sustainable Future, Bridging Climate Action and Patient-Centered Healthcare."

University Events

International Day of Awareness on Food Loss and Waste 2026



Department of Food and Nutritional Sciences and the Food Junction Society, in collaboration with Cheezious Pakistan, organized the International Day of Awareness on Food Loss and Waste 2026. The event featured a welcome session for new joiners, awareness activities, an interactive play, and expert talks by Ms. Mariam of Cheezious and Ms. Asma Masud, Consultant Nutritionist.



Breaking Barriers: A Transformative Step in Deaf Inclusion



Department of English Linguistics has taken another step towards inclusive education by introducing Pakistani Sign Language as a compulsory course for BS English Linguistics students. As part of this initiative, Deaf instructor Muhammad Mueen Nawaz has begun teaching hearing students, creating opportunities for direct communication and meaningful interaction.
With the support of interpreter Shazia Anwar on the first day, students actively engaged in the learning process and practised communicating through sign language.
This initiative reflects UCP's commitment to promoting accessibility, breaking communication barriers, and fostering an inclusive learning environment.

Shaam-e-Sarbuland Welcome Class 2030



Not just a welcome, but a memory to carry forward. Batch of 2026, Shaam-e-Sarbuland was always about you.



CNN Academy Inaugural Session



CNN Academy's simulation, Storytelling in the Age of AI, brought CNN Academy's newsroom simulation to Pakistan for the first time. From October 12 to 16, participants worked on stories that evolved by the minute, where every decision counted.

Over the week, participants reported a story from start to finish, tracked updates, pitched angles, verified sources and decided what to publish. They questioned role players acting as officials, spokespeople, and witnesses at news conferences and interviews, monitored a social media platform streaming rumours, images, and claims and verified them before use, and reported from the field. Throughout the simulation, they worked against the clock, balanced speed, accuracy, and ethics, and grappled with disinformation.

CNN Academy trainers Luke Henderson, David Ford, Glen Mulcahy, and Caroline Scott guided participants as they practised judgement, verification, and storytelling as CNN's newsroom does.

Masterclass, The Art of Storytelling and Simulation Activity



CNN Academy's Storytelling in the Age of AI newsroom simulation continued at UCP with an interactive masterclass, The Art of Storytelling, followed by a simulation activity. Participants engaged with the trainers, asked questions, and discussed different aspects of effective storytelling.

Workshop on Mobile Journalism and Simulation Activity



CNN Academy's Storytelling in the Age of AI Simulation at UCP featured a Mobile Journalism workshop and simulation activities, giving participants practical experience in reporting and newsroom scenarios.

Masterclass: Field Reporting



CNN Academy's Storytelling in the Age of AI Simulation continued at UCP with simulation activities and a masterclass on field reporting. Participants put their skills into practice through newsroom exercises and explored how to report stories from the field.

Field Reporting Activity



CNN Academy's Storytelling in the Age of AI Simulation continued at UCP with a field reporting activity where participants practiced interviewing and reporting on the ground.

Masterclass: Breaking News



CNN Academy's Storytelling in the Age of AI Simulation continued with a masterclass on Breaking News, where participants explored the challenges of reporting developing stories under tight deadlines.

Workshops: Scriptwriting and LumaFusion



CNN Academy's Storytelling in the Age of AI Simulation continued with workshops on Scriptwriting and LumaFusion, covering script development and video editing techniques.

Masterclass: Multimedia Reporting at CNN and Debrief



CNN Academy's Storytelling in the Age of AI Simulation continued at UCP with a masterclass on Multimedia Reporting at CNN, followed by a participant debrief and a CNN Academy debrief, reflecting on the program and participants' experiences.

Awards Ceremony



CNN Academy's Storytelling in the Age of AI Simulation at UCP concluded with an awards ceremony recognizing participants for their contributions throughout the five-day program.

Psychological Well-Being and Public Service: Towards Healthier Institutions and Communities



UCP Psychology Society celebrated World Mental Health Day with a panel talk on "Psychological Well-Being and Public Service, Towards Healthier Institutions and Communities." The session featured speakers Mr. Syed Faizan Abbas, PAAS, Deputy Director, Ms. Seemab Zafar, IRS, Deputy Commissioner, Mr. Muhammad Murtaza, PAS, Deputy Secretary, Ms. Kinza Sultan, Clinical Psychologist, Department of Psychiatry, Ganga Ram Hospital, Lahore, and Mr. Abdur Rehman Sadaqat, CEO, Willing Ways. The discussion highlighted the importance of mental health awareness and psychological well-being in public service and institutional settings.

Masterclass: Interview Techniques



CNN Academy's Storytelling in the Age of AI Simulation at UCP featured an interactive masterclass on Interview Techniques, where participants engaged with trainers and explored the skills behind effective interviewing.

Faculty of Engineering's Orientation and Industry Engagement Session



Faculty of Engineering's departmental orientation and Industry Engagement and Student Interactive Session connected students with industry professionals and alumni, offering insights into career opportunities and professional development. Industry professionals included Engr. Sohail Kibria, Vice President, Pakistan Geotechnical Engineering Society, and Technical Director, Aziz Steel, Engr. Omer Ayub Izhar, Deputy CEO, Izhar Group of Industries, Engr. Hafiz Abdullah Mahmood, CEO, Ittefaq Construction Associates, Engr. Ahad Yousaf, Director, RUDA, and Engr. Faraz Hussain Mirza, Manager, Packages Group, who shared their experiences and guidance with students.

Orientation and Oath-Taking Ceremony



Department of Student Affairs organized an Orientation and Oath-Taking Ceremony for the newly appointed Presidents and Vice Presidents of DSA-based clubs and societies. Dr. Hammad Naveed, Pro-Rector, UCP graced the ceremony. The newly appointed Presidents and Vice Presidents took an oath, pledging their commitment to responsible leadership, teamwork, and fostering a vibrant student community.

Celebrating the Life and Legacy of Renowned Punjabi Poet Shiv Kumar Batalvi



UCP Literary Society's literary session celebrated the life and legacy of renowned Punjabi poet Shiv Kumar Batalvi, led by Mr. Afzal Sahir. The session explored Punjabi literature's depth and enduring cultural significance. Dr. Khalid Manzoor Butt, Dean, FoHSS and FoLL, along with faculty members and guests, graced the event, bringing together a shared appreciation for Punjabi poetry, literary heritage, and cultural expression.

The History and Significance of Al-Quds and Masjid Al-Aqsa in Islam



Islamic Guidance Club organized a session on the history and significance of Al-Quds and Masjid Al-Aqsa in Islam. Maulana Shujaa Waqar and Abubakar Tahir graced the event. The session highlighted the religious and historical significance of these sacred sites, helping students strengthen their understanding of Islamic heritage.

Beyond the Mask



UCP Speakcraft Society organized Beyond the Mask, where students stepped into iconic characters and engaged in speaking activities, character portrayals, and interactive games. The event provided a platform for students to express themselves, showcase their communication skills, and build confidence through creative expression and public interaction.

Directorate of Advanced Studies and Research

Samina Akram's Ph.D. Open Defense



Directorate of Advanced Studies and Research conducted Samina Akram's Ph.D. Open Defense. She defended her Ph.D. dissertation in Computer Science under Prof. Dr. Muhammad Amjad Iqbal's supervision. The Defense Committee comprised Prof. Dr. Mubashar Mushtaq and Prof. Dr. Farooq Ahmad, External Examiners, Dr. Kashif Nasr, Internal Examiner, and Dr. Mohsin Ashraf, Convener. The defense featured a comprehensive and engaging question-and-answer session, reflecting the research's scholarly rigor, originality, and practical significance.

Salman Qureshi's Ph.D. Synopsis Open Defense



Directorate of Advanced Studies and Research organized Salman Qureshi's Ph.D. Synopsis Open Defense under Dr. Raja Irfan Sabir's supervision. Faculty members and fellow Ph.D. scholars attended the defense and participated in a question-and-answer session, highlighting the research's significance, demonstrating academic rigor, and fostering meaningful academic discussion.

Hira Shafique's Ph.D. Synopsis Open Defense



Directorate of Advanced Studies and Research organized Hira Shafique's Ph.D. Synopsis Open Defense under Dr. Madiha Khan's supervision. Faculty members and fellow Ph.D. scholars attended the defense and participated in a question-and-answer session, highlighting the research's significance, demonstrating academic rigor, and fostering meaningful academic discussion.

Gulfam Arif's Ph.D. Synopsis Open Defense



Directorate of Advanced Studies and Research organized Gulfam Arif's Ph.D. Synopsis Open Defense under Dr. Kashif Ali's supervision. The Defense Committee comprised Dr. Muhammad Athar Siddiqui, Convener, Dr. Waqar Ahmad, BASR Nominee, and Dr. Talha Zubair Ahmed, Internal Member. The committee participated in a question-and-answer session, highlighting the research's significance, demonstrating academic rigor, and encouraging meaningful academic discussion.

33rd Board of Advanced Studies and Research Meeting



University of Central Punjab convened the 33rd Board of Advanced Studies and Research Meeting, chaired by Pro-Rector Dr. Hammad Naveed. The agenda included approving M.Phil. and Ph.D. degrees and constituting various defense committees. The Pro-Rector acknowledged Directorate of Advanced Studies and Research's efforts to maintain standards in postgraduate education.

Roma Sarwar's Ph.D. Open Defense



Directorate of Advanced Studies and Research organized Roma Sarwar's Ph.D. Open Defense. She defended her doctoral dissertation titled "Exploration and Assessment of Suicidal Ideations and Behaviors in Patients with Mental Disorders, Scale Development and Validation" under Dr. Alia Asmat's supervision. The Defense Committee comprised Prof. Dr. Khalid Manzoor Butt, Convener, Dr. Saima Majeed, GCU Lahore, External Examiner, Dr. Masha Asad, Kinnaird College, External Examiner, and Dr. Bushra Naz, Internal Examiner. The defense featured a comprehensive question-and-answer session, highlighting the research's significance, demonstrating academic rigor, and fostering meaningful academic discussion.

Ghinasha Choudary's Ph.D. Open Defense



Directorate of Advanced Studies and Research organized Ghinasha Choudary's Ph.D. Open Defense. She defended her doctoral dissertation titled "Exploration and Assessment of Metacognitive Beliefs in Caregivers of Schizophrenia, Scale Development and Validation" under Dr. Alia Asmat's supervision. The Defense Committee comprised Prof. Dr. Khalid Manzoor Butt, Convener, Dr. Saima Majeed, GCU Lahore, External Examiner, Dr. Urooj Sadiq, Bahria University Lahore, External Examiner, and Dr. Bushra Naz, Internal Examiner. The defense featured a comprehensive question-and-answer session, highlighting the research's significance, demonstrating academic rigor, and fostering meaningful academic discussion.

Shumaila's Ph.D. Open Defense



Directorate of Advanced Studies and Research organized Shumaila's Ph.D. Open Defense. She defended her doctoral dissertation titled "Construction Approach to Semantic Prosody of Near-Synonym Verbs, A Corpus-based Study" under Dr. Tahir Saleem's supervision. The Defense Committee comprised Prof. Dr. Khalid Manzoor Butt, Convener, Dr. Bushra Sani and Dr. Shafqat Hussain Zaidi, External Examiners, and Dr. Muhammad Aslam, Internal Examiner. The defense featured a comprehensive question-and-answer session, highlighting the research's significance, demonstrating academic rigor, and fostering meaningful academic discussion.



Faculty Achievements

Career Pathing Session for Intermediate Students at LCWU



University of Central Punjab organized an interactive session at Lahore College for Women University to guide Intermediate students on career pathing after graduation and the need to develop future-proof competencies. Students self-assessed their interests and aptitude through different activities to explore potential degree options and the skill sets that align with their desired career choices, informed by global data.

Amna Khawar Chishti Awarded the Rotary Peace Fellowship 2026–2027



Congratulations Amna Khawar Chishti on earning the prestigious Rotary Peace Fellowship 2026–2027 from Rotary International.

UCP Business School at BAM 2026



Dr. Amina Rizwan, Associate Professor, Management and Entrepreneurship Department, UCP Business School, represented UCP at the British Academy of Management, BAM 2026 Conference at Royal Holloway, University of London. Dr. Amina presented her research paper, "Cultivating Environmental Social Responsibility for Collective Action," chaired a session, and participated in insightful academic workshops. It was a proud moment for UCP Business School, showcasing our commitment to impactful research and global academic engagement.

Top 2% Globally, Four Distinguished Scientists Honored by Stanford/ Elsevier



Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naveed, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akhyar Farrukh, Prof. Dr. Sumera Zaib, and Dr. Jawad Abbas have been recognized among the Top 2% Scientists in the August 2026 update of the Science-Wide Author Databases of Standardized Citation Indicators, published by Elsevier/Stanford University on October 7, 2026.

Ms. Wang Miaoli Joins as Chinese Language Instructor



Ms. Wang Miaoli has joined us as a Chinese language instructor. She has more than 25 years of diverse professional experience across China and Pakistan. She has been teaching Mandarin Chinese at the Chinese International Academy Lahore, CIAL since September 2022. Her expertise includes Mandarin speaking, listening, reading, and writing, along with Chinese culture and practical communication skills. With strong cross-cultural experience, she is adept at engaging students in a multicultural learning environment.

Career Pathing Session at The City School–Shalimar Campus



University of Central Punjab's career counselor, Beenish Naeem, held an interactive Career Pathing Session at The City School–Shalimar Campus to guide O- and A-Level students on career pathing after graduation and the need to develop future-proof competencies. Students self-assessed their interests and aptitude through activities that explored degree options and the skill sets aligned with their desired careers, using global data.

Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naveed Chaired a Session at 3rd International StuCon-26



Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naveed chaired a Scientific Session at the 3rd International StuCon-26, organized by the Rashid Latif Khan Group. This role reflects his valuable contributions to the conference's scientific and academic proceedings and his continued commitment to promoting research, scientific leadership, and academic excellence.

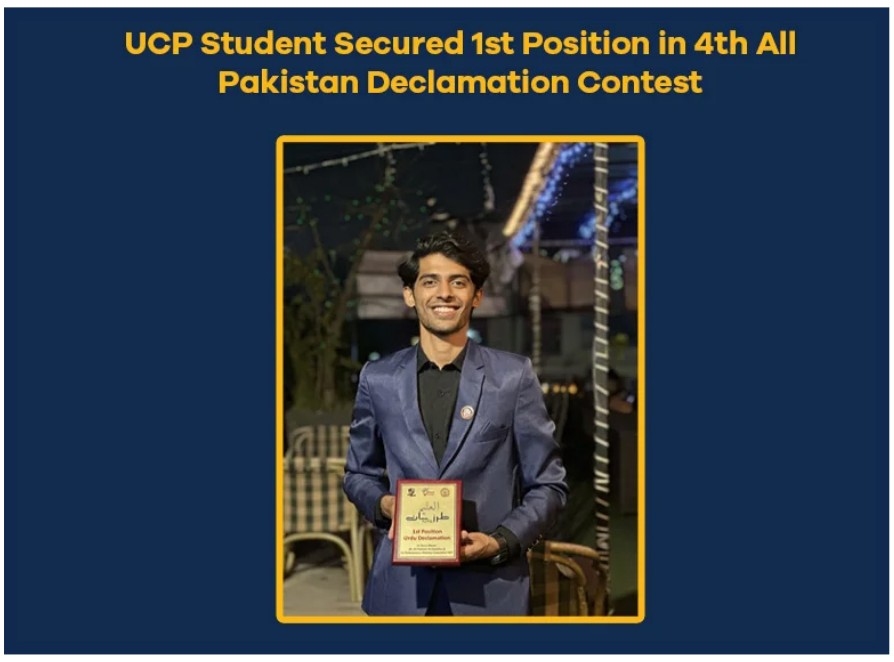
Engr. Dr. Muhammad Babur Participated in Inauguration of Environmental Club



Engr. Dr. Muhammad Babur participated in the inauguration of the Environmental Club at Crescent Model Higher Secondary School, Girls Campus, Shadman. The event engaged IB PYP Grade V students and their teachers in practical sustainability initiatives to promote environmental responsibility.

Student Achievements

UCP Student Secured 1st Position in TV Anchoring Competition



Congratulations to Hamza Ahmad Raza on securing 1st Position in the TV Anchoring Competition at the UMT Media Fest!

Muhammad Kamran Abrar Awarded Prestigious Scholarship at University of Angers



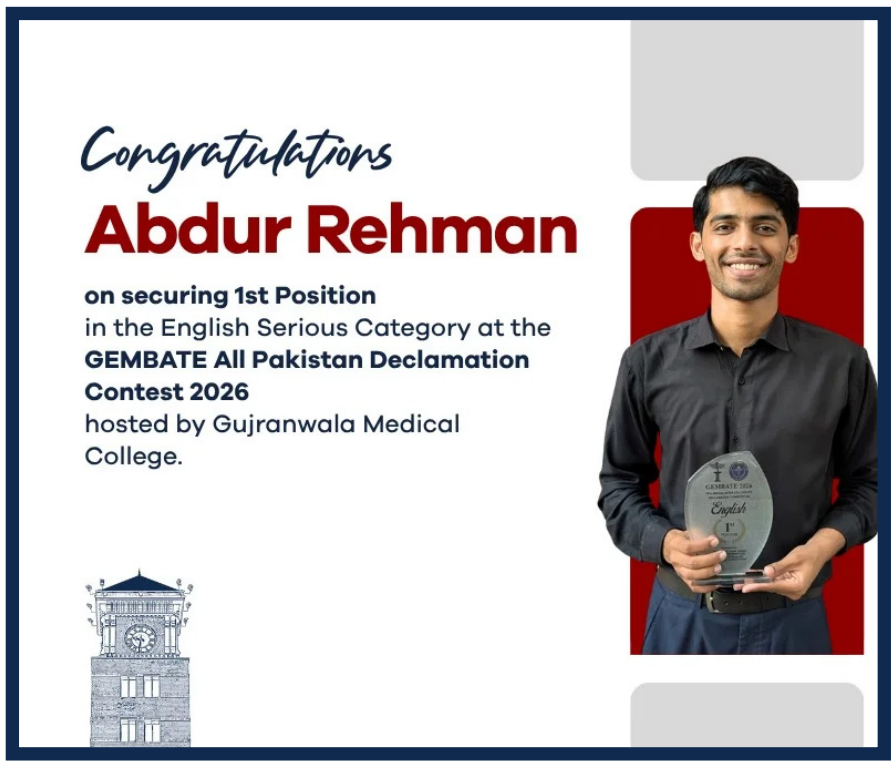
Congratulations to Muhammad Kamran Abrar on earning a fully funded master's scholarship from the University of Angers, France.

UCP Student Secured 1st Position in Urdu Picture Story at Zarb-e-Kaleem Competition



Congratulations to Zainab Shabbir on securing 1st Position in Urdu Picture Story at the Zarb-e-Kaleem Competition held at the University of Lahore.

UCP Student Secured 1st Position in English Serious Category at GEMBATE



Congratulations to Abdur Rehman on securing 1st Position in the English Serious Category at the GEMBATE All Pakistan Declamation Contest 2026 hosted by Gujranwala Medical College.

UCP Students Secured Runner-Up for Best Delegation at RLMC MUN 2026



UCP students secured Runner-Up for Best Delegation in the Open Category at Rashid Latif Medical College MUN 2026,

1. Ahsaan participated in the Pakistan National Assembly committee and earned an Honorable Mention.
2. Saad Ali Malik served as Chair in the Pakistan National Assembly committee.
3. Syed Khesham participated in the United Nations Security Council committee and earned an Honorable Mention.
4. Fahad Abid participated in the United Nations Human Rights Council committee and earned an Honorable Mention.
5. Sarim Chaudhary participated in the United Nations Human Rights Council committee and earned an Honorable Mention.
6. Nofal Ahmed participated in the United Nations Security Council committee and earned an Honorable Mention.
7. Muhammad Ahmad participated in the United Nations Women committee and earned Outstanding Delegate.
8. Sutwat Ara Saeed participated in the World Health Organization committee and earned Outstanding Delegate.

UCP Teams Secured Three Positions at LoopVerse 3.0



IEEE Student Branch UCP represented University of Central Punjab at LoopVerse 3.0, held at NASTP. Demonstrating exceptional technical expertise and innovation, three out of six participating teams secured positions across the AI/ML and Web tracks,

- 2nd Position, AI/ML Track, Saad Nazir, Muhammad Kashif, Shahzaib Ahmad, and Muhammad Haris
- 3rd Position, AI/ML Track, Hashir Farooq and Abu Sufiyan
- 2nd Position, Web Track, Syed Qarib Ali Naqvi, Muhammad Raza Naqvi, and Shamaas Munir

Syed Hamza Javaid Secured Top Spots at 13th All Pakistan Asian Parliamentary Debating Championship 2026



Congratulations Syed Hamza Javaid of the Debating Society on being crowned Champion at World War XIII, 13th All Pakistan Asian Parliamentary Debating Championship 2026, hosted by the University of Lahore. He also secured the 2nd Best Speaker award at the tournament.

UCP Cricket Team Qualified for President's Trophy Final



University of Central Punjab cricket team qualified for the final of the President's Trophy Grade II Silver 2026–2027, organized by the Pakistan Cricket Board.

YPDC UCP Secured 2nd Position at Policy Making Competition 6.0



Congratulations Mansoor Zaman and Tahzeen Ali on securing 2nd Position at the Policy Making Competition 6.0, held at the University of Lahore.

UCP Alumnus Selected for Oman Cricket Team for Hong Kong Sixes



Congratulations Sami Hassan Kargil, former BS Health and Physical Education student and UCP Cricket Team member, on his selection for the Oman Cricket Team for the Hong Kong Sixes Tournament.

UCP Music Society Secured 1st and 2nd Positions at Battle of Bands Competition



Congratulations UCP Music Society on securing 1st and 2nd positions at the Battle of Bands Competition held at Ameer-ud-Din Medical College. Suroor-e-Rooh, featuring Obed Khalid and Suleman Taskeen, won 1st Place, while City Lights, featuring Amram John and Rachel Charlotte, won 2nd Place.

UCP Students Secured Top Spots at Verbattle 5.0



Congratulations Aneeq ur Rehman on securing 1st Position in the Punjabi Category, along with the Overall Best Speaker Award and Rumi Medal, and to Abdur Rehman on securing 3rd Position at Verbattle 5.0, the All-Pakistan Trilingual Declamation Contest.

UCP Students' Participation in National Nutrition Quiz



Department of Food and Nutritional Sciences students Minahil Zahid and Noor ul Ain represented UCP in the final round of the national quiz competition, "Samjho Nutrition, Jeeto Competition," at the International Poultry Expo 2026. They competed against participants from 32 universities across Pakistan.

UCP Students Secured Runner-Up Positions in BizQuest and Profit Pursuit at Kinnaird Business Fest 3.0



UCP Business Entrepreneurship Club secured runner-up positions in both BizQuest and Profit Pursuit at Kinnaird Business Fest 3.0, demonstrating the team's entrepreneurial spirit and strategic thinking. The BizQuest team comprised Rutab Fatima, Fatima Akbar, and Ammar, the Profit Pursuit team included Zunaira Muzaffar, Usman Ijaz, Eman Fatima, Talha Noor, and Fakhar.

Centre for Professional Excellence

Centre for Professional Excellence's Cybersecurity Session



Centre for Professional Excellence organized a cybersecurity session hosted by Mr. Faraz Ali. The audience learned about modern cybersecurity threats and how to stay protected. The session emphasized the importance of staying informed and adopting responsible digital practices in an increasingly connected world.

Industry Visits

BS Computer Science and Mathematics Students' Visit to Devsinc



BS Computer Science and BS Mathematics students undertook an industry visit to Devsinc under Rohsha Tahir's supervision. The visit gave students hands-on insights into modern software workflows, industry expectations, and technical operations. Special thanks to Prof. Dr. Hafiza Rizwana Kausar and Prof. Dr. Muhammad Amjad Iqbal for their support, and to the Devsinc team for hosting us.

Department of Mechanical Engineering's Visit to Millat Tractors Limited



Department of Mechanical Engineering organized an industrial visit to Millat Tractors Limited, Precision Engineering. The visit provided students with practical exposure to industrial operations and manufacturing processes.

Department of Basic and Applied Chemistry's Visit to MEDPHARMA Research Lab and AMZ Agro Division, Lahore



Students from Department of Basic and Applied Chemistry visited MEDPHARMA Research Lab and AMZ Agro Division, Lahore, under Dr. Muhammad Riaz and Dr. Muhammad Afzal's supervision. At MEDPHARMA Research Lab, Dr. Muhammad Sarwar, Plant Manager, Muhammad Amjad, QC Manager, and Muhammad Arslan, QC Analyst, along with technical staff, briefed the delegation on various production and testing sections. At AMZ Agro Division, Majid Ali, QC Manager, briefed the delegation on pesticide, herbicide, and fertilizer formulations, strengthening academia-industry linkages and providing students with practical learning opportunities.

Learning Innovation Centre

Teaching with a Difference: Negotiating Whole Person Education



Learning Innovation Centre, in collaboration with the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia, PIHR, and Rizq, conducted the four-day Faculty Development Program, "Teaching with a Difference, Negotiating Whole Person Education." The program brought together UCP faculty members and faculty representatives from 10 universities, with sessions on Whole Person Education, student engagement, ethical AI integration in teaching and learning, relationship-building, research and community engagement, teaching as a vocation, and emerging trends in higher education across Asia. The program also included sessions on reflective leadership, social entrepreneurship, and modern pedagogical frameworks, along with an experiential visit to Rizq Hub, which highlighted the role of community engagement in creating sustainable social impact.

My Personal Values



Learning Innovation Centre, in collaboration with Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization, conducted a workshop on "My Personal Values" as part of the Future Leaders Program. The session explored personal values, beliefs, experiences, and choices, and how they shape personal and professional lives. Through guided reflection and discussions, participants identified their four to five core values, explored their influence on decision-making and behavior, and connected them with their personal and professional goals.

International Office Initiatives

First Official Session for Selected Cohort of Millennium Fellowship Class of 2026



The Millennium Campus Network, in collaboration with United Nations Academic Impact, convened its first official session for the selected cohort of the Millennium Fellowship Class of 2026. The session featured speed networking, core values alignment activities, and peer-to-peer feedback to finalize their upcoming social impact projects. The session marked the start of the UCP fellows' leadership journey as they work to advance the UN Sustainable Development Goals and create meaningful impact in their communities.



Millennium Fellowship: Second Session



The Millennium Fellowship Class of 2026 completed its second training session, focusing on translating ideas into strategic action to advance the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals. Guided by the Millennium Campus Network and the United Nations Academic Impact framework, the selected fellows participated in scenario-based problem-solving exercises and peer-to-peer mapping to further develop their community projects.

UCP International Office's Participation in Education Expo



UCP International Office participated in the Education Expo conducted by City School at Avari, Lahore. We informed students about the opportunity to earn a ranked UK degree from the University of Leicester through the 2+2 pathway program.

UCP International Office Organized "Education in the USA" Information Session with USEFP



UCP International Office held a dedicated information session on higher education opportunities in the United States, led by official representatives from the United States Educational Foundation in Pakistan, USEFP and EducationUSA. The session focused on the candidate application timeline, program selection, required documentation, application processes, and subsequent visa formalities at US universities. Final-year students from various departments at UCP participated and had their queries addressed directly by the official USEFP representatives.

Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization

3rd Cosmetics Formulation Workshop



Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization's 3rd Cosmetics Formulation Workshop 2026, led by Dr. Sadia Zulfiqar, guided participants through the practical science of crafting herbal shampoo, organic conditioner, and rose butter lip balm using natural ingredients. She demonstrated volumizing shampoo formulations, essential oil blends for conditioners, and natural butter preparation. The training covered product testing, safe sourcing, and packaging tailored for small-scale, home-based production.

FIPP Post-Placement Presentations



Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization organized the Faculty Industry Placement Program, FIPP Post-Placement Presentations, where faculty members shared their industry placement experiences, key achievements, and opportunities for university-industry collaboration,

- Dr. Arslan Tariq Rana, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, presented his work at LAAM, focusing on market intelligence and supplier development. His placement identified potential industry partners and opportunities for student internships, industry visits, and collaborative research.
- Dr. Hamid Bilal, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, shared his work on organizational development and psychological assessment practices at Lieta Gelato. He developed a digital psychological assessment framework that led to a PKR 7.1 million industry-funded project.
- Dr. Mahfooz ul Haque, Professor, Faculty of Information Technology and Computer Science discussed his placement at Pikes Soft, where he gained experience in software development, Agile project management, and artificial intelligence. The placement also identified opportunities for collaborative research, student internships, and curriculum enhancement.

The presentations highlighted FIPP's role in strengthening university-industry collaboration through research, student engagement, curriculum enhancement, and knowledge transfer. ORIC continues to promote industry engagement and innovation.

ORIC x AI Ponics Meeting



Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization met with Shoaib Ahmad, CEO, AI Ponics, Lahore to explore potential research collaboration in hydroponics and sustainable agriculture. Pro-Rector Dr. Hammad Naveed, Director ORIC, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Akhyar Farrukh, Dr. Muhammad Riaz, Department of Basic and Applied Chemistry, and the ORIC team attended the meeting. Discussions focused on joint hydroponics research and the potential conversion of biogas digestate into biofertilizer to promote sustainable farming practices and a circular agricultural economy.



MOUs

UCP x Odoo MOU and Student Training Session



University of Central Punjab signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Odoo Middle East and organized a student training session that gave students exposure to Odoo, ERP solutions, and e-commerce. The MOU marked an important step toward strengthening industry-academia collaboration, industry-driven learning, and student career opportunities.

UCP x Mughal Labs and Citi Lab & Research Centre MOUs



University of Central Punjab signed Memoranda of Understanding with Mughal Labs and Citi Lab & Research Centre. The ceremony was attended by Dr. Aatif Amin, Head of Department of Microbiology, Dr. Mohsin Gulzar Barq, Faculty Industry Liaison Officer, FOST, Ms. Anum Akber, Director, CSO, Ms. Iqra Jamil, Internship Coordinator, Department of Microbiology, Prof. Dr. Khalid Mahmood, CEO, Citi Lab, and Mr. Sajjad Haider, Senior Lab Manager, Mughal Labs.

UCP x LAB1ST and Labcorp MOUs



University of Central Punjab signed Memoranda of Understanding with LAB1ST and Labcorp to enhance internship and professional training opportunities for BS Medical Laboratory Technology students. Prof. Dr. Hafiza Rizwana Kausar, Dean, FOST, Dr. Aatif Amin, Head of Department of Microbiology, Dr. Mohsin Gulzar Barq, Faculty Industry Liaison Officer, FOST, along with other faculty members, representatives from Career Services Office, and officials from LAB1ST and Labcorp, attended the event.



UCP x TradingView



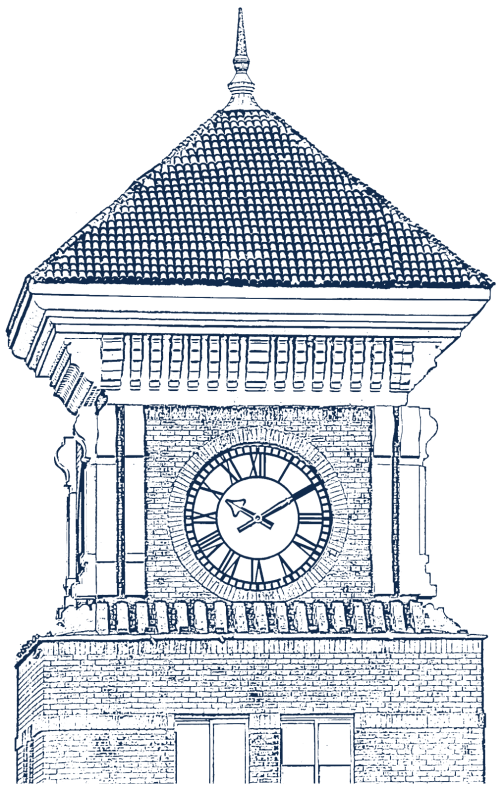
We are proud to announce our partnership with TradingView, a leading financial platform for market tracking, analysis, and research. Starting October 26, 2026, this collaboration provides our students and faculty with direct access to real-time charting, advanced technical analysis tools, and live market data.

TradingView offers an intuitive, comprehensive environment for anyone looking to sharpen their financial analysis skills. The platform enables detailed research across global financial markets, including crypto assets, commodities, precious metals, and stocks.

Students can easily learn what the dollar index is to track broad currency trends, discover how to use a stock screener to filter equities by fundamental metrics, and learn how to use the economic calendar to prepare for high-impact macro events. Real-time data streams and community insights further empower users to stay ahead of market shifts.

With its clean, user-friendly interface, TradingView equips our students with practical analytical skills and provides our academic community with a powerful teaching tool. We are confident this partnership will be a key milestone in advancing financial literacy and expertise across our campus.

We look forward to a successful, long-lasting collaboration that creates valuable opportunities for our entire university community.



Career Services Office

Career Services Office Orientation Sessions for FOIT & CS



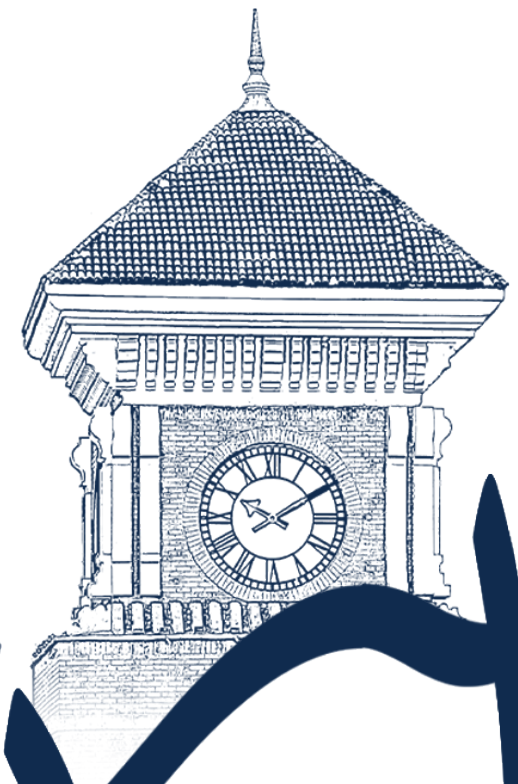
Career Services Office organized orientation sessions for Faculty of Information Technology and Computer Science students focused on career support, professional development activities, and industry engagement opportunities available to prepare them for their future careers.

FMMC x CSO Recruitment Drive with Dunya News



Faculty of Media and Mass Communication, in collaboration with Career Services Office, organized a recruitment drive with Dunya News for Dunya-e-Nau, a paid two-month media fellowship program, where students demonstrated their abilities through a written test and on-camera auditions. Prof. Dr. Fawad Baig, Dean, FMMC, welcomed the guests and presented them with souvenirs. The Dunya News team included Usama Rabbani, Senior HR Manager, and Inshal Ishfaq, HR Officer. This initiative reflects UCP's continued commitment to connecting students with industry professionals and creating career opportunities.


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