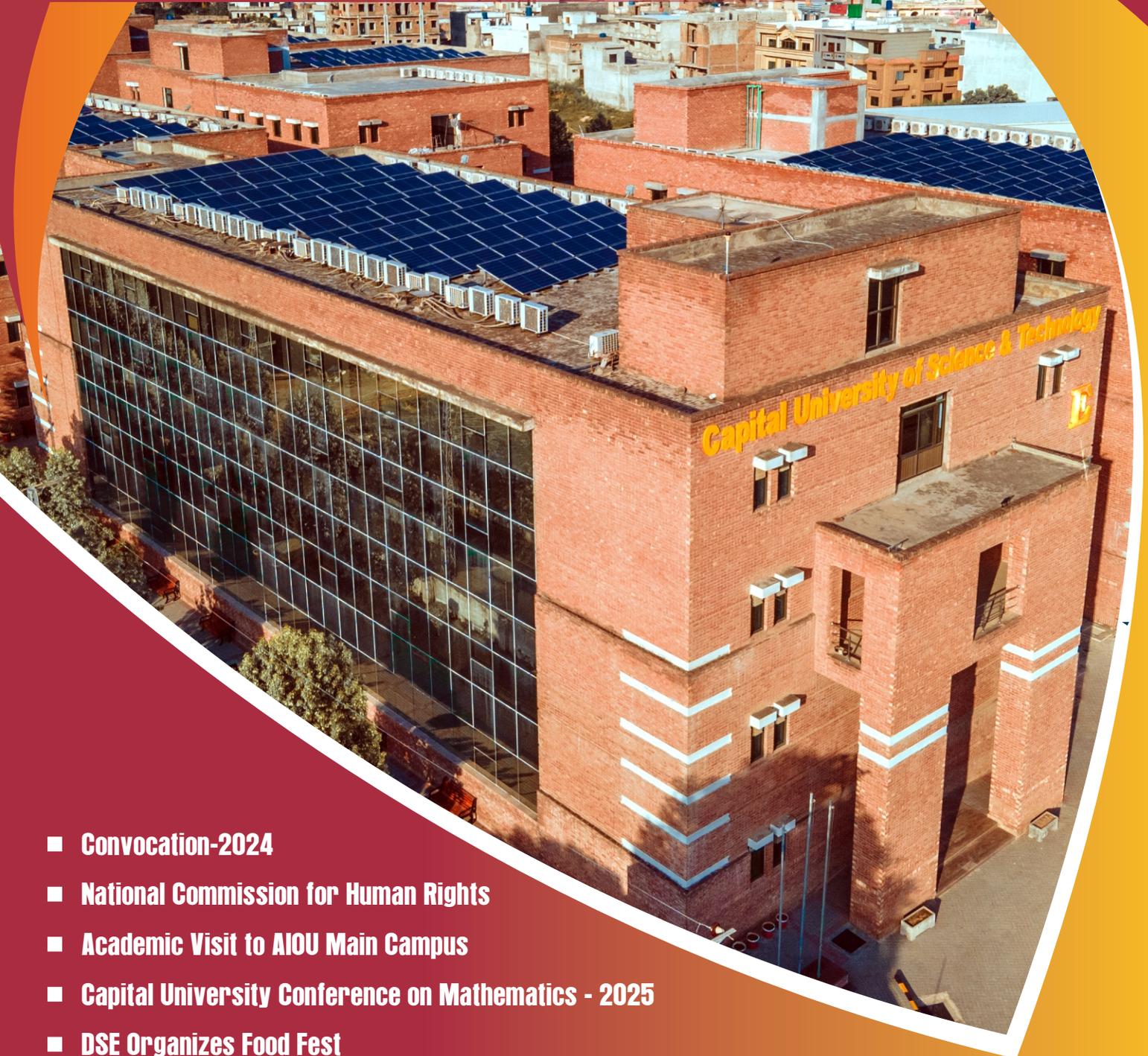




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Capital University of Science and Technology, Islamabad held its 20th Convocation on December 14, 2024 at Jinnah

graduate programmes. The Chief Guest, Mr. Akif Saeed, in his keynote address emphasized the

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CONVOCATION 2024

Convention Centre, Islamabad. A total of 1269 graduates received degrees in various disciplines including Management Sciences, Electrical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Computer Engineering, Engineering Management, Project Management, Computer Science, Software Engineering, Bioinformatics, Biosciences, Biotechnology, Microbiology, and Pharmacy.

Mian Amer Mahmood, the Chancellor, CUST, chaired the convocation. Mr. Akif Saeed the Chairman, Securities and Exchange Commission, of Pakistan was the Chief Guest. Prof. Dr. M. Mansoor Ahmed, the Vice Chancellor, CUST in his welcoming address to graduates declared the event a significant milestone in their lives. He congratulated them for their outstanding achievements and mentioned university contribution towards higher education. He was hopeful that the graduates would contribute to country's scientific and technological development through their ability, dignity, determination, and commitment. Dr. Mansoor also commented that education plays a vital role in economic development of a country to raise the productivity and efficiency of individuals, thus, produces skilled manpower that is capable of leading the economy towards the path of sustainable economic development. He also pointed out that CUST has earned a prominent position by emphasising R&D activities and its

crucial role of education in a country's economic development. According to him, education improves an individual's productivity as well as efficiency and



produces skilled manpower crucial for leading the economy towards sustainable development. He acknowledged the nation's daunting challenges. We must strive to find viable solutions to our myriad problems, acting as an educated nation to demonstrate our abilities in meeting the challenges of the high-tech era.

In the convocation 33 graduates were awarded PhD degrees; including 16 in the field of Management Sciences, 08 in the field of Engineering, 04 in the field of Computing, and 05 in the field of Biosciences. Among graduates who received PhD degrees were: Noshwan Khan, Haris Bin Khalid, Muhammad Hassaan, Syeda Nawazish Arooj, Ghazia Khoula Qureshi, Fizzah Khalid

sheed and Muhammad Waqas Zaffar in the field of Engineering. Najam Ul Hassan, Fakeeha Jafari, Humaira Li-aquat, and Bilal Ahmad in the field of Computer Science. Sana ILahi, Shahid Hussain, Hina Ahsan, and Anam Tariq in the field of Biosciences.

CUST awarded Academic Excellence Medals to its outstanding graduates at the ceremony. A total of 72 medals were given, including 32 Gold, 20 Silver, and 20 Bronze, to those who ranked 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in their respective degree programs. Additionally, the 'Quaid-e-Azam Gold Medal' was bestowed upon Khadija Iqbal, BBA student for her distinguished performance in both curricular and extracurricular activities.



MoU Signing between National Commission for Human Rights (NCHR) & ORIC-CUST, Islamabad

A delegation from the Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC) visited the National Commission for Human Rights

departments of the university. Both parties expressed a shared commitment to strengthening a culture of human rights among students by encouraging

women, children, and minorities, and integrating human rights-related content into academic and extracurricular forums. The MoU also encourages the formation of student-led discussions, events, and platforms to promote critical thinking and dialogue around human rights topics.

In pursuit of these goals, both CUST and NCHR will jointly organize seminars, workshops, and talks aligned with the academic curriculum. The agreement also includes plans for student engagement through essay writing, debates, and art competitions focusing on human rights themes. Additionally, both parties will collaborate to develop and distribute educational materials and resources that adhere to legal and cultural guidelines. The MoU allows for additional mutually agreed-upon activities to be planned in consultation between representatives of NCHR and CUST.



(NCHR, Islamabad, on August 30, 2024 to sign an MoU referred to as the "Parties" to promote human rights education within the university setting. The primary objective of the MoU is to facilitate the propagation of human rights awareness across various de-

research, discussions, and academic activities that support fundamental human rights principles. The agreement outlines several key areas of collaboration, including raising awareness about human rights issues, empowering marginalized communities such as

The Department of English arranged an academic visit to Allama Iqbal Open

Accompanied by Ms. Rimsha Jahangir and Ms. Faiza Arshad from CUST, the

students were introduced to innovative practices in language education, tech-

Department of English Organizes an Academic Visit to AIOU Main Campus

University (AIOU) Main Campus on December 23, 2024. The visit was led by Ms. Faiza Arshad to provide students with academic exposure to modern educational resources, language learning tools, and institutional support systems.

students toured key facilities including the Center for Languages and Translation Studies (CELTS), Institute of Educational Technology (IET), Central Library, Student Facilitation Center (SFC), and the Call Center. At each location,

nological integration in learning, and mechanisms for student engagement and support.

The visit concluded with an interactive discussion session where students reflected on their experience.



Capital University Conference on Mathematics - 2025

The Department of Mathematics organized Capital University Conference on Mathematics (CUCoM) on January 11, 2025. The chief guest of the conference was Prof. Dr. Mansoor Ahmed, the Vice Chancellor CUST. He delivered a welcoming address, highlighting the importance of mathematics. They addressed contemporary and forthcoming challenges in mathematics, informing the participants about the future prospects in the field. PhD and MPhil students were given the opportunity to interact with keynote speakers to engage in insightful discussions and

make significant connections. Dr. Muhammad Sagheer presented shields to guest speakers and participation certificates to attendees at the end of the

latest advancements in various mathematical disciplines. Attendees gained new insights, forged connections, and advanced mathematical knowledge



conference. The conference was a vibrant platform for intellectual exchange and collaboration. It showcased the

through the keynote presentations, panel discussions and workshops. ment for further discussions.

Session on Theoretical and Conceptual Frameworks in Research

Department of English organized a thought-provoking session on titled "The Role of Theoretical and Conceptual Frameworks in Empirical Research" on February 06, 2025. The session featured Dr. Manvender Kaur Sarjit Singh from Universiti Utara Malaysia as the guest speaker. As an expert in TESL, ESP, and Corpus Linguistics, Dr. Singh provided participants with in-depth insights into the essential role that theoretical and conceptual frameworks play in shaping empirical research. Dr. Singh

guided participants through the process of developing effective frameworks by identifying key concepts, variables, and the relationships between them. She also introduced her innovative Computer-Assisted Corpus Analysis (CACA) approach, illustrating its practical use in The session concluded with an engaging Q&A segment, allowing participants to seek further clarification and advice on incorporating robust frameworks into their own research.



CALC Organizes Declamation and Essay Writing Competition

The Capital Arts and Literary Club (CALC) hosted a bilingual declamation and essay writing competition to honor the legacy of Muhammad Ali Jinnah on December 24, 2024. The event paid tribute to the vision of unity, faith, and discipline upheld by the founding father of Pakistan.

The bilingual declamation contest featured impassioned speeches on the themes "Freedom is never given. It is won." and "

Participants eloquently conveyed their perspectives, reflecting a deep understanding of Pakistan's historical jour-

ney and the sacrifices that led to its independence. Their powerful oratory



skills captivated the audience, sparking thought-provoking discussions.

In parallel, the essay writing compe-

tion titled "The Flag Whispers Tales" was conducted online. Participants submitted their entries in PDF format, adhering to strict guidelines that included plagiarism and AI detection protocols to ensure originality and academic integrity. The essays offered insightful reflections on the symbolic and historical significance of Pakistan's national identity. The event concluded with judges praising the participants' depth of thought and commitment to Jinnah's ideals. The competition served as a meaningful platform to reflect on history of Pakistan and its guiding principles.

CUST Girls Club Hosts Qirat and Naat Competition

CUST Girls Club organized a Qirat and Naat Competition under the guidance of Dr. Dur-e-Shehwar Sagheer on October 30, 2024. The judges for the event were Mr. Muhammad Noman and Ms. Amna. The program began with the recitation of the Holy Quran by Miss Yusra Tanveer, setting a sacred tone for the competition. Eighteen talented contestants participated, showcasing their devotion through Naat and recitation. The

winners included Ms. Muqqadas and Ms. Zunaira for the Naat competition, while Ms. Nabeeha and Ms. Kainat excelled in Qirrat. Students from the Mathematics Department enthralled the audience with a heartfelt recitation of Darood and Salam. The event concluded with Dr. Dur-e-Shehwar Sagheer and the judges presenting certificates to the winning students and organizing committee acknowledging their efforts.



The Department of Pharmacy, Anti-Drug and Tobacco Society organized a painting event on December 09,

2024. The event saw enthusiastic participation from students across various departments. The painting area was beautifully decorated, providing a vibrant atmosphere that inspired creativity. Participants expressed the event's theme through unique and imaginative artwork. All paintings were completed and displayed outside the Industrial Lab (I Block, First Floor). Mr. Ain Ali Haider, Lecturer at Hamdard University Islamabad, judged the artworks and appreciated the students' efforts. A brief ceremony followed, where winners were awarded prizes, and all participants

received certificates. The event was a great success, marked by enthusiastic participation from students across various departments, showcasing their creativity and promoting a strong anti-drug and tobacco message.

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Psyverse and DSE Host a Cycling Event

The Psyverse Society in collaboration with DSE (Directorate of Sustainability and Environment), organized a full day

mental well-being, and environmental sustainability through active participation and awareness-based activities.

phased the importance of sustainable practices in today's world and praised the initiative for bringing together cycling enthusiasts to promote eco-friendly transportation.



Cycling Event on December 17, 2024, at the Main Sports Ground. The event aimed to promote a healthy lifestyle,

The event was inaugurated by Dr. Arshad Hassan, Dean Faculty of Management and Social Sciences, who em-

The day featured a variety of interactive activities including the creation of eco-friendly posters, cycling endurance challenge, a treasure hunt highlighting sustainable practices, and a flag capture competition. The event concluded with a closing ceremony attended by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Mansoor Ahmed, who distributed prizes and certificates to the winners and participants. In his address, he commended the Department of Psychology and DSE for their initiative and praised the students for their enthusiasm and commitment to sustainability.

Psyverse Organizes World Mental Health Day

Psyverse organized a meaningful event in honor of World Mental Health Day on October 10, 2024, aimed to raise awareness on mental well-being

through a series of mindful activities designed to relieve stress. Participants engaged in various stress-re-



duced an innovative "Take What You Need" wall during the event, which quickly became a favorite topic among

students. This interactive installation encouraged participants to express their emotions by writing them down and sharing them anonymously.

Additionally, the event featured a "Color Out Your Stress" activity, where students engaged in coloring as a form of creative expression. This activity allowed participants to choose colors that represented their emotions, providing a therapeutic outlet for feelings and thoughts.

Psyverse Society also organized an awareness walk as part of the World Mental Health Day celebrations. This walk aimed to raise awareness about mental health issues in the community and promote the importance of mental well-being.

The Department of Psychology, Psyverse Society organized a highly engaging seminar on November 12, 2024, titled "Psychological Dynamics in Com-

munal and Market Relationships." The event featured Dr. Agata Gasiorowska, a distinguished Professor of Psychology and the Deputy Director of the Institute of Psychology at SWPS University in Poland, renowned for her extensive research in the field of social psychology and trust dynamics.

ing its significance in fostering effective communication and collaboration. Dr. Gasiorowska encouraged students to think critically about their own experiences with trust, prompting reflections that fostered a more profound appreciation for the subject.

Psychological Dynamics in Communal and Market Relationships

Dr. Gasiorowska brought her extensive research expertise to the forefront, cap-

tivating an audience composed of both students and faculty members. Her presentation provided a comprehensive exploration of the psychological dimensions of trust, focusing on its manifestation in various relational contexts. She meticulously analyzed the dynamics of communal-sharing and market-pricing relations, emphasizing the inherent complexities and nuances associated with trust. Dr. Gasiorowska's insights offered a novel perspective on how trust operates in both personal relationships and professional environments, highlight-



The Directorate of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) organized a de-

lightful Food Fest on October 29, 2024. It aimed to support SDG 2, specifically targeting 2.1 to encourage access to safe, nutritious, and adequate food for all. Students from different departments registered and arrived enthusiastically to set up and decorate their stalls. The guests inaugurated the fest and visited each stall, asking insightful questions about calorie counts and nutritional benefits. With unique challenges and

fun dares, the stalls drew enthusiastic student participation across campus. All the registration fees were dedicated to a food drive, reinforcing the event's purpose of supporting food security. The fest concluded with a certificate ceremony to honor the students who managed the stalls, making it a memorable celebration of sustainable food practices.

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Psyverse and DSE Host an Event to Showcase Sustainability

The Department of Psychology, Psyverse Society in collaboration with the Directorate of Sustainability and Environment (DSE) organized a sustainability showcase titled “Junk to Jewels: Sustainability Showcase” on December 20, 2024, at the SDG Garden. The event aimed to promote recycling, and responsible consumption. The event successfully raised awareness about waste reduction and inspired attendees to adopt sustainable habits, demonstrating the value of individual efforts in achieving global sustainability.

The students created innovative and creative items by recycling materials like plastic, paper, glass bottles, cardboards, and plastic bottle caps. They turned plastic bottles into inno-

vative planters or bird feeders, created beautiful artwork, lamps, pen holders etc. using recycled paper, and made unique crafts using glass bottles and

in front of SDG Garden. At the end, all the participants were appreciated for their artistic talent and the efforts in reducing waste in order to protect our en-



cardboards. The everyday items were transformed into something new and meaningful. The students displayed their recycled products/ items on tables

vironment. This event raises awareness among students about the importance of recycling and its positive impact on the environment.

Workshop on Understanding the World in Qualitative Way

The Professional Development Center organized a workshop titled “Un-



derstanding the World in a Qualitative Way” on August 15, 2024. The session was tailored for faculty members from all departments, aiming to introduce the fundamentals of qualitative research in an accessible and engaging manner. Dr. Muhammad Arif Saleem from the International Islamic University Islamabad served as the resource person. Dr. Saleem initiated the talk with introductions and proceeded to demystify the concept of qualitative research. He emphasized its value in exploring human experiences and social realities through methods such as interviews, observations, and textual

analysis. He also addressed several common misconceptions about qualitative research in Pakistan, highlighting five persistent myths and encouraging participants to reflect critically on them.

The interactive workshop engaged participants actively through questions and discussions. Dr. Saleem’s insights not only clarified the scope and application of qualitative research but also inspired faculty members to consider it more deeply in their academic work. The session concluded with a certificate distribution cere-

mony, and a souvenir was presented to Dr. Saleem in appreciation of his contributions. The Director QEC, who appreciated the collaborative efforts of the university management, faculty, and guest speaker in promoting a research-oriented academic environment. Extended gratitude to all attendees, noting that their enthusiasm and involvement played a key role in the event’s success. The workshop was a significant step toward fostering research awareness and advancing academic development across the university.

QEC Organizes Workshop on Effective Teaching Methodologies

In October 2024, the Office of Research, Innovation, and Commercialization (ORIC) organized a specialized training session on Intellectual Property with a focus on patents. Mr. Ghulam Mujtaba Kamal, Assistant Controller of Patents at the Intellectual Property Organization (IPO), served as the resource person for the session. Dr. Nayyer Masood, Dean ORIC presided over the training session. In his opening remarks, highlighted the critical role of intellectual property and patents in research and innovation.

Mr. Ghulam Mujtaba Kamal delivered a comprehensive session on the pat-

enting process, explaining the importance of patents in safeguarding innovation and outlining the procedural steps involved in filing a patent. His detailed insights and practical examples made the session highly informative and interactive. Participants were encouraged to ask questions and discuss real-world scenarios related to their research fields. The training session was a key initiative in promoting a culture of innovation and intellectual property awareness at CUST. The session concluded with a vote of thanks, marking a successful step towards advancing research excellence at the university.

QEC Organizes Workshop on Effective Teaching Methodologies

In June 2024, the Professional Development Center organized a one-day workshop on “Effective Teaching Methodologies”. The workshop was arranged for the Department of Psychology, Departments of Electrical Engineering, Software Engineering, and

gies and international best practices to enhance the teaching-learning process. Prof. Dr. Muhammad Sarwar, Dean Faculty of Education at the International Islamic University Islamabad, served as the resource person for the session. Director QEC, who appreciated

He also emphasized the importance of effective classroom management in producing graduates who are not only academically sound but also socially responsible. The session began with an interactive activity where participants shared their inspirations for joining the teaching profession. Various tools for measuring teaching effectiveness were discussed, and real-life examples were shared to highlight the importance of student engagement and motivation. A special segment of the workshop focused on the Dunning-Kruger Effect, where participants took part in an activity that demonstrated the importance of self-assessment and evidence-based understanding of knowledge. Towards the end, the resource person shared creative teaching strategies and assignments based on his experience. Certificates were distributed among the participants, and a souvenir was presented to the guest speaker.



Computer Science. The session which aimed to familiarize participants with effective, innovative teaching methodolo-

the efforts of university management, faculty, and the guest speaker in promoting the culture of quality education.

ORIC-CUST Attends SDPI Panel Discussion on Environmental Sustainability and Social Dialogue

The Sustainable Development Policy Institute (SDPI), in collaboration with Beaconhouse National University, National Defense University, and COMSATS University, organized a panel discussion titled “Environmental Conflict and Social Dialogue in Pakistan” on November 7, 2024, at Pak-China Friendship Center, Islamabad. The event brought together experts from various sectors to share innovative solutions to some of the country’s most pressing challenges, including climate

change, economic instability, and social inequality. Representing CUST, Mr. Muhammad Umair, Manager Research Management, ORIC-CUST, attended the discussion.

The discussion aimed to meet several key objectives, such as providing policy advice to the government, creating a forum for informed policy dialogue, supporting in-house, visiting, and external researchers, publishing research outcomes for public and private sector use, promoting information

dissemination and training opportunities, and serving as a base for regional advocacy and collaborative networking. The event underscored the need for a collaborative approach to policy making as well as environmental sustainability, and discussions from the forum are expected to contribute significantly to future strategies that promote inclusive and resilient developments in Pakistan.



Summer Course on Earthquake-Resistant Building Design

The Department of Civil Engineering conducted one-week summer short course on Earthquake Resistant Design of Buildings from September 2-6, 2024. The course aimed to equip participants with both theoretical knowledge and practical skills related to earthquake-resistant design practices. Engr. Prof. Dr. Majid Ali, a seasoned expert with extensive industrial experience, served as the resource person. He was assisted by Engr. Shehryar Ahmed, Research Associate, in the smooth execution of the sessions. The course began with an introduction to the fundamental design philosophy of buildings and gradually transitioned into hands-on training using the latest versions of structural design software, including ETABS, SAFE, and AutoCAD. Participants also explored modern construction challenges, particularly those encountered during on-site execution. A key highlight of the course was the introduction to Building Information Modeling (BIM) tools. Soft-

ware such as Revit Architecture, Revit Structure, and Autodesk Robot Structural Analysis (ARSAP) were discussed as part of the evolving digital design



landscape. The course also provided valuable exposure to real-world applications through guest lectures delivered by experienced professionals from the industry.

On the third and fourth days of the course, industry representatives were invited to share their insights. Engr. Shaukat Anwar, CEO of M/S City Engineering Consultants, delivered a session on the prerequisites and procedures for establishing a design consultancy firm. Engr. Khurram Shahzad, CEO of Design House Consulting Engineers, Islamabad, addressed the challenges faced by emerging consulting engineers in building a client base in the current market scenario. The course concluded with a certificate distribution ceremony for the participants who successfully completed the training. The event was supported administratively and managerially by the Office of Research, Innovation, and Commercialization (ORIC), CUST. The summer short course served as a significant opportunity for participants to enhance their practical understanding and industry readiness in the field of earthquake-resistant structural design.

The Department of English welcomed Dr. Abida Younas, a Leverhulme Early Career Fellow at the University of Warwick, UK, as the distinguished guest speaker for its Faculty Development Program on December 11, 2024. The session offered a rich academic exchange centered on contemporary literary developments,

particularly in South Asian and Anglo-Arab literature. Dr. Younas delivered an engaging presentation that

delved into pressing literary and political themes, including the evolving postcolonial world order and Arab politics.

Department of English Organizes a Session on Contemporary Literary Trends



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Dr. Younas shared her academic journey as a Pakistani Muslim woman navigating doctoral and postdoctoral research in the Western academic landscape. She then introduced her book *Post-Arab Spring Narratives: A Minor Literature in the Making*, highlighting its central arguments and thematic contributions to contemporary literary studies. This thought-provoking discussion was met with enthusiasm and appreciation from the faculty, who praised Dr. Younas for her insightful perspectives and engaging presence. The event proved to be a valuable addition to the department's ongoing efforts to promote faculty enrichment and global academic engagement.

SPELL Organizes “Vibrance of Verse”

SPELL, under the umbrella of Department of English, held an event titled “Vibrance of Verse” from December 9 to December 13, 2024. The event aimed to highlight the creativity of the English Department by blending fashion and poetry, encouraging students and teachers to dress in five different colors throughout the week. Each day, the venue changed, adding an element of excitement and surprise for participants. The event saw enthusiastic participation from students and teachers of the English Department. Attendees were informed about the location in advance, and they gathered for photoshoots and video sessions to capture the essence

of the theme. The activity created a lively and colorful atmosphere, promoting a sense of unity and artistic expression among partic-

in the creative expression of literature through colors. Given the event’s success, the SPELL looks forward to organizing more such activities in the



ipants. The response from attendees was overwhelmingly positive, as they enjoyed the experience and engaged

future to keep students engaged and create an enjoyable and inclusive environment.

The Department of English hosted a seminar titled "Deconstructing Historical Myths: Rethinking Columbus'

Department Of English Hosts a Seminar on Deconstructing Historical Myths

Discovery of America", featuring Dr. Amal Sayyid from the International Islamic University Islamabad (IIUI) as the guest speaker. Dr. Sayyid delivered a thought-provoking lecture that encouraged students and faculty to critically engage with widely accepted historical narratives. Focusing on the contested legacy of Christopher Columbus, she emphasized the importance of exam-

ining historical myths and the power structures that shape our understanding of the past.

community for its relevance, intellectual depth, and its call to cultivate critical thinking in historical inquiry. concluded with a heartfelt thank-you note to the speaker and all attendees.



The seminar sparked meaningful discussion around the politics of historical representation and the marginalization of indigenous voices in dominant Western discourse. Dr. Sayyid’s insightful commentary invited attendees to rethink conventional historical accounts and approach them with a more analytical and informed perspective. The session was well-received by the academic



The SPELL Writing Club celebrated International Translation Day with a creative activity held on September 30, 2024. Students from various departments participated by selecting mystery quotes in different languages, show-

lators enable the exchange of information, literature, and ideas across borders, making knowledge accessible to all. The activity not only promoted cross-cultural appreciation but also emphasized the power of language in con-

SPELL Writing Club Hosts Creative Activity on International Translation Day

ing their appreciation for the art and impact of translation.

The event aimed to recognize and appreciate the crucial role translators’ play in bridging language barriers and fostering global understanding. Through their expertise and dedication, trans-

necting communities. The event was well-received by students, who praised the initiative for shedding light on the often-overlooked field of translation and its significance in today’s interconnected world.

Seminar on Empowering Communities for Building Resilience, Eradicating Drugs & Raising Awareness

The Department of Psychology conducted a seminar titled “United Against Drugs: Empowering Communities for Building Resilience, Eradicating Drugs & Raising Awareness” to raise Awareness about Drug Abuse, Addiction, Mental Health and its Impact on Productivity. The session was led by an esteemed Medical Officer at the Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF), Dr. Zara Kiran. The seminar highlighted the complex interplay between substance abuse and drug addiction. The session covered the early signs of substance abuse and highlighted its often role as a coping mechanism for individuals grappling with underlying mental health concerns. Dr. Kiran also discussed the role of the Anti-Narcotics Force in pro-

moting a drug-free Pakistan. The seminar concluded with an engaging Q&A

intertwining issues of substance abuse and mental health, leaving participants



session, fostering valuable discussions among attendees and the expert with an awareness walk. The event successfully heightened awareness about the

equipped with crucial information and resources to address these challenges in their communities.

Awareness Seminar on Story Telling: An Initiative Towards Community

The Department of Psychology, in collaboration with the Directorate of Sustainability and Education (DSE), successfully organized the event titled "Story Telling: An Initiative towards Community" on 12th June 2024. This innovative session featured the screening of student-produced documentaries that contrasted the conditions in developed and underdeveloped areas. The event aimed to highlight how different communities relate to the Unit-

ed Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDGs), particularly focusing on marginalized groups such as slum dwellers, beggars, and transgender individuals. The documentaries served as a powerful medium to bring attention to these critical issues.

The primary purpose of this event was to raise awareness about the conditions and challenges faced by marginalized communities in Pakistan. Another purpose of the event was to

highlight the importance of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDGs) and their relevance to local issues in Pakistan by showcasing documentaries that delve into the lives of slum dwellers, beggars, and transgender individuals, the event aimed to bring to light the harsh realities that these groups endure daily. This event showcased the potential of storytelling as a powerful tool for raising awareness and fostering empathy.

The Department of Psychology organized a seminar titled “Policy on Protection Against Sexual Harassment

raise awareness about the students’ fundamental rights to work and study without fear of harassment. The sem-

policies, and the procedural steps for lodging a complaint. They briefly explained the different forms of sexual harassment. The speakers guided the participants on how to document incidents, prepare a report with evidence, and submit the complaint to the relevant authority. Moreover, they emphasized on ensuring privacy and disciplinary actions against the accused would be taken. The seminar successfully heightened awareness about sexual harassment policies and complaint procedures, leaving participants equipped with crucial information and resources to address these challenges.

Seminar on Policy on Protection Against Sexual Harassment in Higher Education Institution



in Higher Education Institution” on June 12, 2024. This session aimed to

inar provided insights into the nature of sexual harassment, the relevant

CALC Organizes “Ghalib ki Baithak”

The Capital Arts and Literary Club (CALC) organized "Ghalib ki Baithak" on December 27, 2024 to commemorate the birth anniversary of the legendary poet Mirza Ghalib. The event aimed to celebrate the timeless beauty of Urdu literature and Ghalib's profound poetic legacy.

The gathering featured insightful discussions on Ghalib's philosophy, a mesmerizing "Mushaira," and an engaging Q&A session where participants explored the depth of his verses. The attendees were captivated by the pro-

found interpretations of Ghalib's poetry, which continues to resonate across



generations. The event concluded with a reflective discussion on Ghalib's influence on contemporary Urdu literature, leaving the audience with a renewed appreciation for his literary genius.

CALC Hosts a Painting Competition

The Capital Arts and Literary Club (CALC) organized a painting competition titled "The Winter Whispers" on December 20, 2024. The event offered the participants an inspiring setting to showcase their creativity. With the theme centered on the calmness and beauty of the winter season, participants were given chart papers while bringing along their own painting tools.



The riverside's tranquil ambiance and crisp winter air created the perfect environment for artistic inspiration, allowing students to translate seasonal serenity onto their canvases. The competition was a delightful celebration of creativity, with participants

fully immersed in capturing the essence of winter through their art. The diverse paintings, ranging from snowy landscapes to cozy winter scenes, reflected the unique imagination of each artist. The peaceful riverside environment added to their inspiration, and the event was well-received for encouraging self-expression and creativity. By the end of the competition, the participants left behind not just beautiful artworks but also fond memories of a day that awakened their inner artist.

CALC Members Attend the National Readers' Conference 2024

The National Readers' Conference 2024, organized by Read Pakistan, was held on January 24, 2025, at Serena Hotel, Islamabad. The prestigious event gathered literary enthusiasts, scholars, and thought leaders from across the country to celebrate and promote the culture of reading. CALC

proudly represented CUST at the conference. Ms. Faiza Arshad and Ms. Asma Naz, Patron CALC, attended the event alongside active student participants. Students were awarded certificates of participation in recognition of their dedication to reading. A key highlight of the conference was the 50 Books a Year Challenge, which honored individuals who demonstrated a deep commitment to reading and self-enrichment. The conference featured inspiring keynote speeches with representatives from the Belgian Embassy and the South African Embassy and an engaging panel discussion, fostering a stimulating environment for book lovers and scholars alike. The National Readers' Conference served as a platform to celebrate the power of literature, encouraging participants to embrace reading as a lifelong journey of learning and discovery. The event concluded on an uplifting note, reinforcing the importance of literacy and critical thinking in shaping a more informed society.



CALC Organizes Kashmir Black Day

The Capital Arts and Literary Club (CALC) organized “Kashmir Black Day,” on October 28, 2024 featuring numerous events dedicated to expressing support for the people of Kashmir and highlighting their ongoing struggle. The program underscored the power of creative expression in raising awareness of global issues, particularly the plight of Kashmiris. The activities included a poster-designing competition, a solidarity walk, creative writing exercises, a display of Kashmir-related newspaper headlines, and a poetry recitation contest.

The event opened with a poster designing competition, where students showcased their creativity by capturing

the essence of Kashmir’s history, culture, and ongoing conflict. A solidarity walk followed, drawing a large number of students and faculty members who marched across campus carrying placards and banners. Furthermore, the creative writing segment titled “A Letter on Kashmir’s Untold Stories” gave students a platform to express their thoughts and emotions through personal narratives. Participants wrote heartfelt letters capturing the unheard voices of Kashmiri individuals living under conflict. The collection of clippings from national and international sources served as a visual discourse, inviting viewers to engage with the political and human

dimensions of the conflict in a meaningful way. The event concluded with a bilingual poetry recitation contest, where students recited poems centered on the themes of resistance, hope, and identi-



ty. Malalai Noor Khan’s recitation stood out, leaving the audience in awe with her emotional delivery and powerful message.

Pharma Spark Society Celebrates World Pharmacist Day

Pharmacy Spark Society, under the supervision of Faculty of Pharmacy and in collaboration with Directorate of Sustainability and Environment, organized “World Pharmacist Day photobooth” on September 25, 2024. This event perfectly aligns with SDG 3: Good health and well-being for all. The primary objective of the World Pharmacist Day photobooth was to celebrate the vital role of pharmacists and create an engaging platform for students to express



pride in their future profession. The event aimed to promote professional identity, self-expression, and enthusiasm for the field. It also fostered a sense of community among pharmacy students as they marked this significant occasion together. The photobooth event was a vibrant success, drawing enthusiastic participation from students eager to celebrate World Pharmacist Day.

Pharma Spark Society Celebrates the World Heart Day

The Faculty of Pharmacy, Pharma Spark Society’s Social Welfare Club organized a radio talk on The World Heart Day on October 11, 2024. The session was with insightful discussions on cardiovascular health, highlighting the importance of heart wellness in daily life.

The discussion focused on raising awareness about key risk factors such as high blood pressure, cholesterol, and smoking, emphasizing the need for preventive measures to combat heart disease. The students also shared practical tips on maintaining a heart-healthy lifestyle through balanced nutrition, regular exercise, and stress management. Moreover, Listeners were introduced to simple exercis-

es that help maintain cardiovascular health and were encouraged to go for regular health check-ups for early detection and prevention. The session concluded with a powerful message encouraging proactive

and informed care of heart. The event marked a meaningful effort in advocating for a healthier future and underscored the importance of collective action in health promotion.



Session on Preventing Tobacco and Drug Abuse through Islamic Teachings and Community Action

The Faculty of Pharmacy, Anti-Drug and Tobacco Society hosted a seminar titled "Empowering Youth: Preventing Tobacco and Drug Abuse through Islamic Teachings and Community Action" on December 11, 2024. The event aimed to educate students about the dangers of tobacco and drug abuse. Guest speaker Dr. Muhammad Sagheer discussed the Islamic perspective on tobacco and drug abuse, highlighting the importance of taking care of one's body and mind. He emphasized the role of community action in preventing these issues and encouraged students to spread awareness.

The event concluded with a question-and-answer session, where students had the opportunity to engage

with Dr. Sagheer and seek his advice on addressing these issues in their own lives and communities. The feedback



was overwhelmingly positive, with many students expressing gratitude for the

informative lecture. Overall, the seminar was a valuable platform for raising awareness and promoting healthy life-

styles among students.

Industrial Visit to Shaigan Pharmaceuticals Pakistan

The Faculty of Pharmacy organized an industrial visit to Shaigan Pharmaceuticals Pakistan (Pvt) Ltd on October 11, 2024, led by Dean Dr. Muzaffar Abbas and coordinated by Mr. Sadaqat Hussain Awan and Mr. Israr Ahmad Sani. The purpose of the trip was to bridge theoretical learning with real world industrial practices by exposing students to pharmaceutical manufacturing and quality control processes. Shaigan Pharmaceuticals has built a strong reputation for quality and innovation, with

a diverse product portfolio and international presence across South Asia, the Asia Pacific, Central Asia, and Africa. Upon arrival, the students were warmly welcomed by HR Manager Mr. Junaid Satti, who provided an informative orientation session covering the company's operations and safety protocols. Students were divided into two groups for a comprehensive tour. One group, accompanied by Mr. Israr Ahmad Sani, explored the production unit where Manager Mr. Muhammad Kamran Khan

introduced them to the manufacturing processes of tablets, capsules, OCL (ointment, cream, lotion), softgels, and injectables. Simultaneously, the second group toured the quality control block with Mr. Sadaqat Hussain Awan. Deputy Quality Manager Mr. Muhammad Ijaz Ahmad explained various pharmaceutical testing procedures, including wet and physical analysis, microbiology, R&D processes, and the use of modern analytical instruments.

The trip provided students with valuable insights into pharmaceutical operations, reinforcing their academic knowledge and inspiring future careers in the field.



Pharma Spark Organizes Breast Cancer Awareness Drive

The Department of Pharmacy, Pharma Spark Society's Social Welfare Club hosted a significant event to commem-

The event aimed to educate and raise awareness about breast cancer, engaging students, faculty, and staff in a se-



orate Breast Cancer Awareness Day on October 11, 2024 in collaboration with Shaukat Khanum Memorial Hospital.

ries of informative and symbolic activities. Volunteers from the Social Welfare Club set up awareness desks across

campus, where they shared crucial information about the causes, symptoms, risk factors, and preventive measures related to breast cancer. They also emphasized the importance of early detection and regular screenings.

To reinforce the spirit of solidarity, pink tea a symbolic element in breast cancer awareness campaigns was distributed among attendees. The event successfully brought attention to a critical health issue and encouraged the university community to prioritize their well-being. The combined efforts of Pharma Spark Society and Shaukat Khanum Memorial Hospital made the awareness day both impactful and educational, marking an important step toward building a healthier and more informed society.

The Faculty of Pharmacy hosted a seminar on "Interactive Language & Cultural Exchange" December 11, 2024. Mr. Sajeel Ahmad coordinated the event, which featured Dr. Siraj Khan as the guest speaker. Dr. Khan, who holds a Ph.D. in Pharmaceutical Chemistry from Quaid-e-Azam University and has extensive national and international research experience, currently serves as an Assistant Professor at CUST.

This seminar aimed to foster global connections by bridging linguistic and cultural barriers. Dr. Khan elaborated on the significance of interactive language

used to build and maintain relationships through immediate response and adaptation and its relevance in education, customer service, and healthcare.

action.

Dr. Khan introduced several programs for Pakistani students, including the Fulbright Scholarship (USA), Erasmus

Seminar on Interactive Language and Cultural Exchange

He further discussed the most widely spoken languages across the globe, including English, French, Arabic, and Spanish, and how language is intrinsically linked to culture. Furthermore, Dr. Khan explored the components of culture, values, norms, institutions, and artifacts. It also explained how both language and culture shape human inter-

Fundus (EU), the China-Pakistan Exchange Program under CPEC, and the YES Program (USA). This insightful session served as a vibrant platform for cross-cultural understanding, encouraging students to appreciate diversity and consider global learning opportunities.

Genix Society Organized Poster and Model Exhibition

The Department of Bioinformatics and Biosciences, in collaboration with the Genix Society, hosted the Biosphere Chronicles: Poster and Model Exhibition on January 17, 2025. The event offered a platform for students to showcase their innovative ideas, reflecting a deep commitment to advance knowledge in the fields of Health and Life Sciences. Faculty members, industry professionals, and fellow students attended the exhibition, which featured a wide range of creative and thought-provoking projects. Participants presented models and posters exploring diverse themes from break-

throughs in genomics and biotechnology to applications in healthcare, agriculture, and environmental sustainability.

The exhibition not only celebrated academic excellence and research-driven inquiry but also served as a pow-

erful reminder of the importance of environmental stewardship. The event successfully fostered collaboration, inspired attendees, and reignited a shared passion for building a healthier, more sustainable future.



Genix Society Organizes Cancer Awareness Campaign

The Department of Bioinformatics and Biosciences, Genix society's Sustainable and Environment Club organized a cancer awareness campaign on December 20, 2024. The event aimed to educate the community about cancer prevention, early detection, and healthy lifestyle practices, drawing over 100 participants. The program featured inspiring stories shared by cancer survivors, motivating attendees to prioritize their health and remain hopeful in the face of challenges. Interactive sessions provided practical tips on cancer prevention, including healthy eating, regular exercise, and avoiding tobacco use. Furthermore, resource stalls provided brochures and other informative

materials, while volunteers guided the participants in understanding the steps for cancer prevention. The event

promoted cancer awareness while fostering hope and unity among attendees. This session aligned with Sustainable



concluded with a collective pledge to spread awareness within the community. Participants appreciated the informative and engaging approach of the campaign. It successfully pro-

Development Goals, contributing to achieve goals related to reduce death from non-communicable disease by SDG-3 Good Health and Well-being.

MoU Signing between CREST and CUST

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signing ceremony took place on August 23, 2024 between Creative Electronics Pvt. Ltd. (CREST) and CUST, marking the beginning of a strategic partnership in the fields of engineering, research, and development. The ceremony reflected a shared vision for academic-industry collaboration and mutual innovation. The MoU was signed by Mr. Shahzad Muhammad Khan, Chief Executive Officer of CREST, and

Dr. Noor Muhammad Khan, Head of Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE), CUST. The MoU was presented by Dr. Nayyer Masood, the Dean ORIC.

This MoU laid the foundation for a comprehensive collaboration between CREST and CUST in multiple key areas. Both parties expressed their intent to exchange corporate, academic, and technical information, and to share academic materials and resources of mutual interest. Furthermore, the MoU included a mutual commitment to jointly conduct training programs, short courses, workshops, and seminars aimed at enhancing the technical expertise

of professionals and students alike. As a part of this partnership, CUST facilitated CREST in various projects and research activities and extended special invitations to CREST for university-led academic events, including open house, job fairs, promotional activities, convocations, and conferences. In return, CREST supported CUST students through summer internships and industrial visits, providing them with valuable industry exposure. This momentous agreement reflected the mutual desire of CREST and CUST to strengthen ties between academia and industry, promote practical learning, and encourage innovation.



Industrial Visit to Mangla Power Station, Spillways and Mangla Fort

The Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering organized an industrial visit to Mangla Power Station, Spillways and Mangla Fort on January 4, 2025. The students participated in the visit with the approval of the Member Power, WAPDA. This technical excursion provided students with a comprehensive understanding of the interdisciplinary approaches and technologies (Civil, Electrical, Mechanical, and Mining) employed in the execution of a large-scale hydroelectric project. The visit provided our engineering students

with a unique opportunity to observe the physical characteristics and opera-



tional parameters of the water reservoir, intake structure, penstocks, turbines,

spillways, downstream outlets, generators, transformers, and switching and protection systems. This experiential learning opportunity significantly enhanced their understanding of the com-

plex technical systems

The Association of Civil Engineers (ACE), Civil Engineering department organized a "Sustainable Transporta-



tion Awareness Campaign" on January 10, 2025 in the form of a walk to educate students regarding significance of eco-friendly transportation solutions. It

aimed to highlight the benefits of sustainable transport, including reduced

ACE organizes Sustainable Transportation Awareness Campaign

carbon emissions, cost efficiency, and improved urban mobility. The participants proceeded through major academic buildings and key areas of the campus. They carried banners and placards with impactful messages advocating sustainable transportation methods, such as promoting cycling, walking, and the use of public transport. The enthusiasm and commitment of the students were evident throughout

the event as they engaged in discussions about the importance of reducing

traffic congestion and adopting environmentally friendly commuting habits. The event served as a platform for students to voice their concerns regarding urban transportation challenges and to encourage their peers to contribute towards sustainable solutions. The initiative also highlighted the role of future civil engineers in designing cities that prioritize green transportation infrastructure.

The Department of Computer Science, JSpark Society led a seminar on cyber security and its emerging trends in Pakistan on January 01,

for understanding the evolving landscape of threats that organizations face in today's interconnected world. A significant portion of the seminar

participants to enhance their understanding of cybersecurity trends and strategies.

SEMINAR ON Cyber Security and its Emerging Trends in Pakistan

2025. It aimed to address the critical issues surrounding information security in the digital age. The session featured an engaging presentation by Mr. Abdullah Naziran expert in the field, who provided valuable insights into various aspects of cyber security that are particularly relevant to Pakistan. The speaker began by differentiating between information security and cyber security, emphasizing that while both aim to protect data, cyber security specifically focuses on threats that arise from the internet and digital technologies. This distinction was crucial

was dedicated to discussing Governance, Risk, and Compliance (GRC). The speaker then elaborated on the importance of establishing robust governance frameworks that not only comply with regulatory requirements but also manage risks effectively. Additionally, the seminar highlighted the contributions of AI-Nafay Learning Resource, which serves as a vital platform for educating individuals and organizations about cybersecurity best practices. The seminar equipped the attendees with up-to-date information and training materials, empowering



Awareness Walk on GREEN COMPUTING

The Department of Software Engineering organized an Awareness March on Green Computing on December 16, 2024. This initiative aimed to promote environmentally sustainable practices in technology and shed light on the ecological impact of modern computing. Students participated enthusiastically, holding banners and posters with compelling messages to advocate for greener digital habits. The procession moved through the university premises, drawing the attention of students and faculty alike.

Chants and slogans echoed throughout, urging the community to reflect on their daily use of technology and consider

awareness of Green Computing and a willingness to adopt more eco-friendly behaviors. The event concluded with a



more sustainable alternatives. Several students shared their thoughts after the activity, expressing a heightened

brief address, summarizing the initiative's goals and reinforcing the message of sustainability in computing.

Awareness Walk on Economic Inequality

Department of Management Sciences organized a walk on Economic Inequality under the supervision of Ms. Javeria Khalid. The primary goal raise awareness about the challenges

to break down harmful stereotypes. Participants advocated for fair treatment, equal rights, and opportunities for all, especially for marginalized communities. The walk also served



and discrimination faced by migrants. By walking together, participants expressed solidarity and brought attention to the issues surrounding economic inequality and migrant experiences. The walk aimed to foster empathy and understanding, encouraging the community to connect with the struggles of migrants and

as a platform for raising voices and calling for policy changes. The event drew a diverse group of participants, including both locals and migrants, reflecting a strong sense of unity and mutual support. By participating in the walk, migrants themselves can feel empowered and supported, knowing that others stand with them.

Promoting Global Partnerships at SDG 17 EXPO 2025

Department of Accounting and Finance in collaboration with DSE and under the supervision Ms. Sadaf Adalat and Ms. Aqsa Batool, participated in the SDG Expo 2025 held on January 11, 2025. As the Ambassador of SDG 17: Partnerships for the Goals, I had the honor of preparing and representing a dedicated stall, highlighting the significance of global cooperation in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. The stall aimed to reflect the spirit of SDG 17 by showcasing impactful examples of partnership and collaboration across sectors. Overall, the event was a remarkable success,



with numerous interactive stalls dedicated to various SDGs, each highlighting innovative ideas, practical solutions, and strategies to address global challenges.

Seminar on Interest-Free Banking as a Path to Economic Reform

Department of Accounting and Finance's Safe Society organized a seminar on "Full Reserve Interest-Free Banking System: A Solution to Pakistan's Debt, Inflation, and Unemployment Challenges on December 08, 2024. The event featured Mr. Qanit Khalilullah, a seasoned finance expert, economist, and business leader with decades of experience, including roles as Head of Internal Audit at Unilever Pakistan and EVP at Ufone. The seminar aimed to introduce the concept of a Full Reserve Interest-Free Banking System, an alternative financial model designed to eliminate reliance on interest-based

transactions while promoting economic stability.



Mr. Khalilullah delivered an insightful session, highlighting how such a system could help reduce national

debt, control inflation, and generate employment. Using real-world examples, case studies, and data-driven analysis, he demonstrated the practical implications and ethical foundations of this alternative model. He also encouraged students to think critically about conventional banking systems and inspired them to consider innovative approaches to financial reform in Pakistan. The session concluded with a dynamic Q&A, enhancing participants' understanding of the topic. The initiative was widely appreciated for raising awareness about sustainable and interest-free economic solutions.

Safe Society Organizes SMOG AWARENESS WALK

Department of Accounting and Finance in collaboration with Safe Society organized a Smog Awareness Walk on November 15, 2024. The aim of this

walk was to raise awareness about the increasing issue of smog and its harmful effects on health and the environment.

The event served as a reminder of the collective responsibility to address air pollution through sustainable practices such as reducing vehicular emissions,

planting trees, and conserving energy. Overall, the walk successfully raised awareness about air pollution and inspired individuals to take steps towards a cleaner and healthier environment, fostering a sense of collective responsibility within the university community.



Department of Accounting and Finance, Safe Society in collaboration with DSE organized an Awareness Walk "Unity in Diversity" on January

mutual understanding among diverse communities as a foundation for sustainable progress. The objectives of the event were multifaceted. It sought

Unity in Diversity Awareness Walk

07, 2025, under the supervision of Dr. Iftikhar Ali Janjua and Ms. Aqsa Batool. The walk aimed to emphasize the importance of global partnerships and collaboration, in line with Sustainable Development Goal 17 (SDG 17). It focused on fostering inclusivity and

to raise awareness about the vital need to strengthen global partnerships for sustainable development, while also encouraging participants to celebrate and embrace cultural, social, and economic diversity for their future careers in cloud development.



SAFE Society Organizes Educational Visit to Pakistan Stock Exchange

The Faculty of Accounting and Finance, Safe Society organized an educational trip for their students to Pakistan Stock Exchange (PSX) under the supervision of Ms. Sadaf Adalat on December 5, 2024.

The purpose of the visit was to enhance students' understanding about financial markets, with a focus on the procedures of account opening and investing in PSX. During the session, students were guided through the documentation required for account opening, including CNIC copies, Zakat affidavits, and account opening forms. They were also introduced to various methods of

opening trading accounts, such as online registration and the advantages



of the PSX Sahulat Account. The PSX team provided valuable insights into in-

vestment strategies, the importance of financial literacy, and the stock market's role in economic development. This visit offered a hands-on learning experience and equipped students with practical

knowledge essential for making informed investment decisions.

CUST Girls Club and VIS Office Organize a Seminar on Breast Cancer Awareness

A seminar on Breast Cancer Awareness was organized by the collaborated



efforts of Cust Girls Forum and VIS office, on the October 31, 2024. This ses-

sion aimed to spread basic awareness and knowledge regarding this disease

which remains to be a public health issue on global scale. Dr. Talia Shafaq, a

general physician at health clinic, Islamabad Serena hotel served as the source person for the session. She discussed a logical framework for diagnosis and numerous causes and hazardous factors. From symptoms to prevention, breast cancer was discussed in detail. She focused on many important questions including what breast cancer is, what one needs to know if they're experiencing symptoms of breast cancer, and the appropriate time to talk to the doctor. The realization of the seriousness of this disease was felt and the students were educated on detecting signs and symptoms of breast cancer on their own.

Industrial Visit to Safe Care Trust International, Islamabad

Department of Psychology, Psyverse Society in collaboration with ORIC-CUST, organized an industrial visit to Safe Care Trust International (SCTI), Islamabad, on November 16, 2024, as part of its strategic pillar initiative. The visit was led by Ms. Annum Tanweer, Senior Lecturer, and Ms. Asima Munawar, Lecturer, from the Department of Psychology, with the aim of fostering liaison and collaborative learning in the area of mental health and rehabilitation. Participants were then given a guided tour of the facility, which included residential areas, therapy and counseling rooms, recreational zones, and vocational training workshops. The structured rou-

tine and therapeutic environment highlighted the importance of discipline and community in the recovery process. The visiting team also engaged in insightful discussions with the center's counselors and therapists. These interactions underscored the importance of individualized care, the challenges faced by professionals in the field, and the critical role of family and community support in successful rehabilitation. A moving part of the visit was a dedicated session where residents shared their personal stories of overcoming addiction. An educational session concluded the visit, where participants were encouraged to advocate for mental health awareness

and take active roles in preventing substance abuse within their communities. The visit was a valuable learning experience that deepened understanding of clinical rehabilitation work and affirmed the need for academic-industry collaboration in mental health fields.



Department of Psychology Organizes a Seminar on Empowering Communities to Build Resilience and Raise Awareness on Drug Abuse

Department of Psychology, in collaboration with Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF), organized a Seminar titled “Empowering Communities to Build Resilience and Raise Awareness on Drug Abuse” on June 12, 2024. The seminar aimed to raise awareness about drug abuse, addiction, mental health, and their impact on productivity, targeting students from the Departments of Psychology, Bioinformatics, Biosciences, and Pharmacy. Dr. Zara Kiran, a Medical Officer at the Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF), led the seminar and provided valuable insights into the complex relationship between substance abuse and mental health. Attendees learned about the early signs of substance abuse and its

connection to mental health challenges. Dr. Kiran emphasized the importance of prevention, early intervention, and the role of social support systems such as schools, friends, and family in addressing substance abuse. The seminar also covered strategies for coping with sub-

stance addiction and the significance of seeking professional help. Dr. Kiran highlighted the role of the Anti-Narcotics Force in creating a drug-free Pakistan and the collective responsibility of communities to combat drug-related issues.



The Department of Psychology, Psyverse Society organized an educational visit to “20th DAWN Educational Expo 2024” on November 12, 2024,

international scholarship opportunities, higher education options, and career development resources. The event held at the prestigious SERENA Hotel in

growth. The visit was designed to equip students with the knowledge they need to make informed decisions about their future academic and career trajectories. The event also included an interactive session where students engaged in meaningful discussions with university representatives, allowing them to ask questions and receive advice on how to achieve their academic and career goals. The level of engagement and enthusiasm among the students demonstrated the importance of such opportunities in shaping their future.

Educational Visit to 20th DAWN Educational Expo 2024

for the students of the BS Psychology 8th Semester. Dr. Ishrat Yousaf, Associate Professor in the Department of Psychology, led the visit. The event aimed to provide students with valuable exposure to academic and career pathways, highlighting national and in-

Islamabad, allowed students to interact with representatives from various national and international universities. They gained insights into scholarship opportunities, eligibility criteria, and application processes, along with guidance on academic and professional



CUST ICONS

Dr. Nadeem Anjum

Head, Department of Software Engineering

What are contemporary and future trends in software engineering/technology internationally? How do they impact overall future research in this field?

As someone deeply engaged with both academia and industry trends, I see the global landscape of software engineering shifting toward greater integration of AI, cloud-native technologies, and cybersecurity. We witness a strong move towards DevOps, Microservices Architecture, and Ma-



chine Learning Operations (MLOps). The future also holds a surge in quantum computing, edge computing, and responsible AI practices. These trends are not just buzzwords—they are shaping the way we structure research. At our department, we are aligning our research priorities with these developments to ensure that our contributions are not only relevant but also forward-thinking.

How can software engineering help to explore the ethical implications of AI-driven decision-making systems, particularly concerning fairness, bias, and accountability when these systems impact human lives?

This is a topic very close to my heart. I believe software engineering is central to ensure that AI systems are transparent, accountable, and just. We need to embed ethical thinking at every stage of the software development lifecycle. In our department, we encourage our students and researchers to critically examine the data sources, algorithmic choices, and evaluation metrics that can unintentionally introduce bias. We must ask hard questions: Are we designing for inclusivity? Are the systems explainable? Personally, I find it essential to foster interdisciplinary research with philosophy, law, and sociology to explore these ethical boundaries more deeply.

How important is collaboration between academia and industry in advancing software engineering research?

I've always believed that real innovation happens at the intersection of theory and practice. Our collaboration with the software industry has enabled us to bridge this gap. When we work together, we ensure that academic research is grounded in real-world problems, and industry benefits from the rigour and depth of academic inquiry. At CUST, we have taken steps to foster strong ties with leading tech firms, allowing our students and faculty to work on applied projects, co-author papers, and even contribute to open-source initiatives. These collaborations also help us keep our curriculum dynamic and responsive to market needs.

With the rise of online learning platforms, how do you envision the fu-

ture of software engineering education evolving in Pakistan?

In my view, blended learning is the future. We can no longer rely solely on traditional classroom settings. While platforms like Coursera, edX, and local e-learning tools have democratized access to knowledge, we must tailor them to our national context. At CUST, we are working on integrating online modules with hands-on lab sessions, ensuring that our students not only understand the theory but can also apply it practically. I foresee a future where AI tutors, personalized learning paths, and virtual internships will become the norm, making education more inclusive and effective across Pakistan.

Considering the rapid advancements in AI and its potential to automate tasks, what are the most crucial skills and knowledge areas for Pakistani computer graduates to focus on in the future to remain relevant and contribute meaningfully to the field?

This is a conversation I often have with students. While technical skills like AI/ML, cloud computing, and cybersecurity are in high demand, I always emphasize the importance of problem-solving, ethical reasoning, and communication skills. We need graduates who can think critically, collaborate across disciplines, and adapt quickly. I also urge our students to cultivate a growth mindset—technology evolves rapidly, and lifelong learning is non-negotiable. In Pakistan, where we have immense talent, it's time we channel that energy into building solutions not just for ourselves, but for global impact.

CUST ICONS

Dr. Ishtiaq Hassan

Director, Directorate of Sustainability and Environment (DSE)

As Director of DSE, what was most rewarding about CUST's UI-Green-metrics success (7th in Pakistan, 222nd globally), and how has it shaped your vision for sustainability in education?

CUST started its journey of UIGM ranking in 2020 when it ranked 326th out of 912 world universities. Over the years, despite the challenges posed by the increasing number of participating institutions and fluctuating rankings, the university has demonstrated consistent progress. The most rewarding moment is the existing ranking of 2024 in which CUST ranked 222nd out of 1477 world universities that placed it among top 15% world's most sustainable universities. This is all because of sustainable practices already enforced by the visionary university management and the support they provided to DSE to achieve the outcome. All the stakeholders specially the students feel a healthy and green campus environment conducive for their professional educational. Additionally, CUST has integrated Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) mapping into nearly all its courses. Through thoughtfully designed learning activities, students are encouraged to focus on specific SDGs and develop innovative, sustainable solutions to global challenges.

CUST's Green Policy covers six areas: infrastructure, climate & energy, water, waste, transportation, and research. How do these initiatives benchmark other Pakistani institutions, and what steps are being taken to share these practices nationally?

Yes, these six areas are the focus of our university. These initiatives address all critical aspects of sustainable development, setting a strong example for other institutions in Pakistan. CUST not only develops policies but also implements them effectively through regular maintenance, upgrades, and monitoring.

Whosoever and whenever visits CUST, he/she finds the campus, speaking the height of its alignment to sustainable green campus feelings. Graduates from CUST act as ambassadors of sustainability, carrying these practices into their professions and communities. By sharing its experiences, CUST inspires other institutions to adopt similar measures, fostering a culture of responsibility for a cleaner, healthier Pakistan—locally, regionally, and globally.

How does CUST's DSE, aligning with UN SDGs, collaborate internationally for global sustainability, and what lessons have been learned?

This is an area which needs further strengthening and HEC, PEC, computing council, pharmacy council etc. shall become active to help institutes to develop ties with national and international organizations. CUST, in its individual capacity, has developed international collaborations to conduct research & development and other learning activities.

How is DSE using innovative approaches and technologies in education and research to equip students and faculty for environmental challenges and a sustainable future?

DSE developed guidelines for mapping SDGs in courses, sample activities in courses and how to orient problem statements fulfilling the requirements of both the course contents and the SDGs. To ensure effective implementation, DSE initially conducted case studies in one department. Following their success, these practices have been expanded to other departments, fostering a university-wide adoption of sustainable education and research practices.

What's the biggest challenge DSE faces in balancing eco-system conservation and resource efficiency, and how will it overcome this while

fostering pride and responsibility among students and faculty?

Eco-system conservation is a core focus for CUST, and the university has already taken significant steps toward sustainability. These include constructing energy-efficient buildings with insulated walls and roofs, installing a 1 MW solar system to reduce carbon emissions and provide roof and parking covers, implementing efficient waste disposal and water conservation systems, and maintaining lush green open spaces and a clean, healthy environment. To further enhance eco-system conservation, CUST plans to plant high-shade trees



and vegetation along the Soan River boundary. This initiative will improve air quality by filtering air from the river side and act as a natural defense against potential floodwaters. CUST conducts plantation drives twice a year, currently focusing on fruit trees to create a healthy and conducive environment. Overtime, the university will promote the growth of taller trees and vegetation to achieve the long-term goals. Similarly, continuous improvements are being made in other venues of sustainability as well.

CUST SHINING STARS

Khadija Iqbal

Quaid-e-Azam Medal Awardee

How did you feel when you first learned about your nomination for the award?

I was overwhelmed with gratitude, and I could hardly believe it when I was nominated for the Quaid-e-Azam Gold Medal out of 1,300 students. It was a deeply humbling moment that made all the years of dedication, hard work, and persistence come flooding back. I felt honoured to be considered, and it reminded me that every effort I had made—both inside and outside the classroom—truly mattered.

What does this recognition mean to you personally and how has this achievement made an impact on your academic life?

This recognition is a defining moment for me. It validates the countless hours poured into academics, leadership, and personal development. It's not just about grades—it's about impact. This achievement has elevated my academic confidence and reinforced the importance of holistic excellence. It has encouraged me to continue striving not only for personal success but also to uplift those around me through knowledge and mentorship.

Who or what has played the most influential role in motivating and supporting you throughout your

journey?

My biggest inspiration has always been my parents, whose unwavering belief in me served as a foundation through every high and low. My professors and mentors at CUST also played a pivotal role—they saw potential in me and constantly encouraged me to push my boundaries. I'm equally grateful to my peers and friends, who were my support system, motivators, and occasional partners-in-chaos during tight deadlines and university competitions.

How did CUST contribute to your achievement, and what advice would you give to future graduates?

CUST gave me the platform to not only learn but also lead. My active participation in extracurricular activities—whether representing CUST at conferences, competitions, and summits across Pakistan and internationally—was instrumental in shaping me. Presenting my research paper at the university's academic conference added further depth to my academic profile. Being part of the CFA Research Challenge also sharpened my financial acumen and gave me practical exposure that few undergraduate students experience.

To aspiring graduates, I'd say: make the most of every opportunity CUST offers. Your degree is just one part of your profile. Get involved, be visible, push your

limits, and take pride in representing your institution—it sets you apart more than you can imagine.

How do you intend to leverage this achievement for your future growth



and goals?

This medal is not the destination—it's a checkpoint. I plan to use this recognition as a launchpad for greater goals. Whether it's pursuing further education, entering impactful roles in the corporate world, or giving back through mentorship and community projects, I want to continue striving for excellence. I believe this achievement holds me to a higher standard, and I intend to live up to it, one step at a time.



CUST SHINING STARS

Zaryab Hider

Global Undergraduate Exchange Program Awardee

How has the Global UGRAD program impacted your perspectives, goals, or understanding of the world?

The Global UGRAD experience truly reshaped my worldview. Living and studying in a multicultural environment taught me the value of diversity, empathy, and open-mindedness. It expanded my goals—I now aspire not only to grow within the pharmacy field but also to contribute to global health initiatives. Personally, it gave me more confidence in my voice, vision, and the impact I can have, especially as a young woman representing Pakistan on international platforms.

What qualities or experiences made your application stand out and led to your selection?

I believe my academic excellence, leadership experience, and passion for community service made my application stand out. I aimed to inspire girls in underprivileged areas to realize their potential. I highlighted my work as a student leader, community involvement, and my commitment to bridging cultural gaps through education in my personal statement.

Based on your Global UGRAD experience, what are one or two initiatives you plan to implement at CUST or within the pharmacy community in Pakistan?

I hope to advocate for student exchange programs at CUST, such as virtual exchanges or partnerships with international universities, to broaden students' perspectives. Additionally, I'd like to introduce interactive learning methods like simulation labs and case-



based discussions, which I saw in the U.S. and help enhance critical thinking and real-world readiness in pharmacy practice.

As a cultural ambassador, what key aspect of Pakistani culture did you focus on sharing with your peers?

As a cultural ambassador, I focused primarily on showcasing Pakistani hospitality, our rich cultural traditions,

and especially our diverse and rich cuisines. I found that food was a powerful way to connect with people, so I often spoke about our traditional dishes, shared stories behind them, and even participated in international food events where I introduced my peers to the unique flavors of Pakistani cuisine. Through these interactions, I was able to break cultural barriers and spark curiosity and appreciation for Pakistan's warmth, generosity, and deep-rooted cultural heritage.

Can you share an observation during your internship that differed from pharmaceutical practices in Pakistan?

During my internship at Indiana Hospital, one of the most striking differences I observed was the extensive use of automation in both prescription processing and medication dispensing. From electronic prescribing systems to automated dispensing cabinets, the entire workflow was streamlined to enhance accuracy, efficiency, and patient safety. In contrast, many healthcare settings in Pakistan still rely heavily on manual processes, which can increase the risk of errors and delays. Witnessing this level of technological integration emphasized the importance of digital transformation in pharmacy practice, and it has inspired me to advocate for similar advancements within the Pakistani healthcare system.



CLUB IN FOCUS

Anti-Drug and Tobacco Society

The Anti-Drug and Tobacco Society (ADTS) at Capital University of Science and Technology (CUST) is committed to promoting a healthy and substance-free lifestyle among our students. ADTS is dedicated to eradicating substance abuse on campus through awareness campaigns, policy enforcement, and collaborative action. Established as part of CUST's institutional framework, the society works alongside the university's Anti-Drug & Tobacco Committee (ADTC), a formal body mandated to enforce the Policy of Banning Drug and Tobacco Use on Campus. The society supports the ADTC in enforcing strict prohibitions against drug possession, distribution, and tobacco use, with violations reported to law enforcement agencies. The Society works under the supervision of its patron, Ms. Iqra Hamid. Led by a student representative, Nooran-ul-Ain (former president), the society collaborates with university committees to foster a drug-free environment.

Mission

To create a safe and supportive campus

environment that encourages students to thrive and reach their full potential we strive to achieve this by:

- Raising awareness about the risks and consequences of substance use
- Promoting healthy alternatives and lifestyles
- Advocating for policies and practices that support a substance-free campus and community.

Goals

The goals of ADTC are to

- Create a Drug-free community
- Improve students' well-being and mental health
- Collaborate with university departments and organizations to promote a healthy and substance-free lifestyle.

Key Activities

Awareness Campaigns:

ADTS has organized awareness walks, workshops, poster and painting com-

petitions and seminars to educate students about addiction risk with the objective to educate the students about the harmful effects of drug and tobacco use.

Collaborative Efforts

- ADTS collaborated with entities like the Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) for Counter Narcotics Operation cum Anti-Drug Awareness Campaign.
- A member of ADTS participated in the workshop titled "Future Leaders in Tobacco Control: United against Smoking and Non-Smoking Products" organized by Human Development Foundation (HDF) under the supervision of the Higher Education Commission (HEC), Pakistan.

Health Advocacy

Promotes cessation programs and mental health resources, addressing addiction as a public health crisis.



SOCIETY IN FOCUS

Society for Awareness in Financial Education (SAFE)

Description

The SAFE Society is a student-led initiative at Capital University of Science & Technology (CUST), dedicated to promoting financial literacy, economic awareness, and professional development among students. Founded with the mission of empowering youth through financial education, SAFE it aims to bridge the gap between academic knowledge and real-world financial challenges.

SAFE society provides a platform for students to explore various domains of accounting, finance, investment, entrepreneurship, and business ethics.

Our distinctiveness lies in our commitment to inclusivity, mentorship, and practical learning experiences that prepare members for both personal and

professional success.

Our Vision:

At SAFE Society, we strive to empower students with the financial knowledge and skills to make informed decisions, fostering a culture of responsibility, critical thinking, and entrepreneurship.

Our Mission:

To cultivate financially aware, responsible, and empowered individuals through education, collaboration, and experiential learning. Our mission at SAFE Society is to empower students with essential financial knowledge, practical skills, and ethical values that enable them to navigate the complexities of modern economic life.

Achievements:

- Organized the "Finance for Future" seminar series featuring speakers from the banking and investment sector.
- Conducted successful workshops on budgeting, tax planning, and stock market basics.
- Partnered with industry professionals for mock interviews and career counseling sessions.

Current Activities & Upcoming Events

- Blood Donation Camp
- Safe Annual Exhibition
- Eid Mela Celebration
- Seminars
- Awareness Walks
- Visiting PSX



CUST Organizes

ANNUAL SPORTS WEEK 2024

CUST organized Annual Sports Week between October 21 and October 26, 2024. Sports Week was inaugurated by a very colorful opening ceremony. All participant teams from all departments gathered in the Wall Arena. The faculty members, HoDs, and Deans were also present at the occasion. The worthy Vice Chancellor of the university Prof. Dr. Muhammad Mansoor Ahmed was the chief guest. After the recitation, the national

anthem, and oath-taking of all players and the audience. Sports week was officially declared open by the chief guest. This announcement was followed by huge fireworks; balloons were released in the air and huge appreciation and clapping was raised by all those present. After this, all teams marched passed the stage, and the opening ceremony was concluded. The teams then moved towards their respective grounds as per schedule.

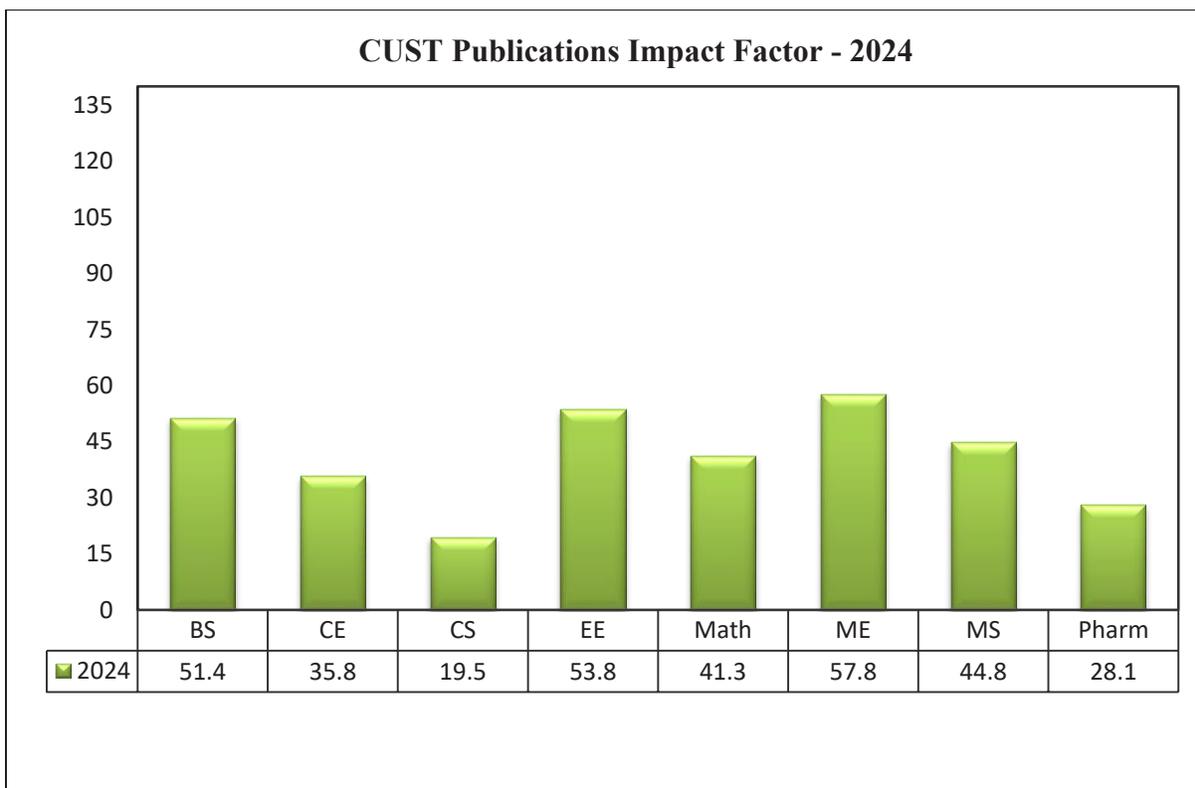
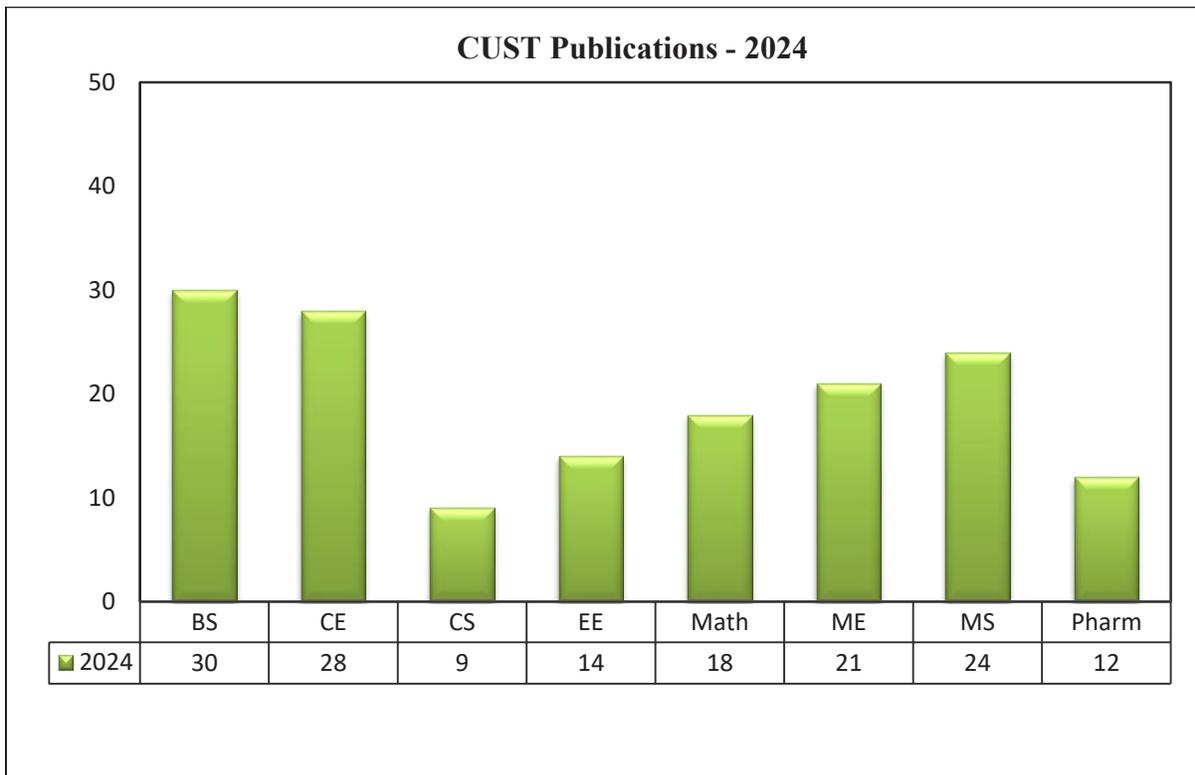
The event concluded with a special thanks to VC CUST for his unconditional support of the event. The Chief

Guest, Dr M. Mansoor Ahmed appreciated the organizing Team, Student affairs office, and administrative staff for the smooth conductance of the event. He then presented trophies to winners of matches between Faculty members (both male and female). The winners of each event of Girls and Boys sports were invited on stage to receive the trophies. The event proceeded with Group photos of winning teams and departments with the chief guest. Fireworks and Flying lanterns kept the evening bright.



New Induction Faculty 01-08-2024 to 28-02-2025

No.	Name	Designation	Highest Degree	Passing Year	University
1	Irfan Zafar	Senior Lecturer	MPhil Microbiology	2022	Abasyn University, Peshawar
2	Ayesha Amjid	Lecturer	MS Software Engineering	2020	COMSATS University, Abbottabad Campus
3	Dr. Rizwan Bin Fiaz	Associate Professor	PhD Computer Science	2010	Loughborough University, UK
4	Dr. Saif Ullah	Assistant Professor	PhD Computer Science	2023	CUST, Islamabad
5	Imran Ul Haq	Associate lecturer	MPhil Computer Science	2024	QAU, Islamabad
6	Khizra Bibi	Lecturer	MPhil Computer Science	2024	QAU, Islamabad
7	Nadia Ashfaq	Senior Lecturer	MS Software Engineering	2016	COMSATS University, Islamabad
8	Saba Nawaz	Lecturer	MS Computer Science	2021	CUST, Islamabad
9	Wasif Ali	Lecturer	MS Computer Science	2023	COMSATS, University, Islamabad
10	Zaheer Ahmad	Senior Lecturer	MS Computer Science	2017	COMSATS University, Islamabad
11	Khizra Bibi	Lecturer	MPhil Computer Science	2024	QAU, Islamabad
12	Rifhat Hashim	Senior Lecturer	MS Computer Science	2015	CUST, Islamabad
13	Ms. Fizza Asif	Lecturer	MPhil Computer Science	2023	QAU, Islamabad
14	Ms. Hina Shoaib	Lecturer	MS Software Engineering	2022	FAST, Islamabad
15	Hassan Shahzad	Academic Officer	MPhil Mathematics	2024	CUST, Islamabad
16	Raja Waqar Ahmed	Senior Lecturer	MPhil Mathematics	2018	CUST, Islamabad
17	Dr. Maria Ghufuran	Assistant Professor	PhD Civil Engineering	2024	NUST, Islamabad
18	Muhammad Ilyas Siddiqi	Associate Lecturer	MS Civil Engineering	2024	UET, Peshawar
19	Dr. Muhammad Riaz	Associate Professor	PhD EE	2015	MAJU, Islamabad
20	Dr. Touseef Javed Chaudhery	Assistant Professor	PhD Networks	2011	Queen Mary College, University of London
21	Mohd. Ehtisham Hassan	Principal Lecturer	MS Engineering Management	2018	NUST, EME,
22	Mr. Amir Habib	Senior Lecturer	MSc Computer System Engineering	2019	UET, Peshawar
23	Anum Rashid	Principal Lecturer	MS Finance	2015	SZABIST, University, Islamabad Campus
24	Jaweria Khalid	Lecturer	MS HR	2014	Air University, Islamabad
25	Muhammad Wasim Haider	Lecturer	MPhil English Literature	2020	Uni. of Central Punjab, Lahore
26	Zahida Younas	Lecturer	MS English Literature	2021	IU, Islamabad
27	Forqan Ahmad	Lecturer	MS English Linguistics	2022	Foundation University, Islamabad
28	Rimsha Jahangir	Lecturer	MPhil English Linguistics	2021	Air University, Islamabad
29	Dr. Syed Arslan Haider	Assistant Professor	PhD Business Strategic	2024	Sunway University, Malaysia
30	Dr. Reem	Assistant Professor	PhD Pharmacy	2022	Riphah International University
31	Dr. Siraj Khan	Assistant Professor	PhD Pharmaceutical Chemistry	2023	QAU, Islamabad
32	Dr. Muhammad Saalim	Assistant Professor	PhD Pharmacognosy	2024	Tianjin University, China
33	Dr. Farman Ullah Khan	Assistant Professor	PhD in Pharmacy Administration in Clinical Pharmacy	2024	Xi'an Jiaotong University, Xi'an, China



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