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Message

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It gives me immense pleasure to present to you the January - December 2023 edition of 'Reflections', the official newsletter of Govt. College University Hyderabad, the most historic educational institution of Hyderabad. For over a century this institute in capacity of a Degree College has produced amazing talent and contributed to community development. Now, being given university status in 2018, this institution has duly been recognized by the Government and a whole new avenue of development has been opened up for the students as well as the faculty.

It is a matter of pride for me, especially as a female, to be the maiden Vice Chancellor of the first public sector university in Hyderabad. Taking pride in the history, culture and achievements of this institute, the GC University Hyderabad will now aim for excellence on the canvas of Higher Education and lead through research, innovation, technology, collaboration and quality teaching-learning.

The GC University Hyderabad campus has all the necessary facilities and resources available to enable our students to learn, innovate, excel and compete at the highest level with the amazing team of GC University Hyderabad leaving no stones unturned to deliver their best for the development of our students. With the support of the Government and with a focus on continuous improvement and a fresh outlook, GC University Hyderabad aims to become one of the best Public Sector Higher Education Institutions of the region in times to come.

'Reflections', the GCUH newsletter will be highlighting the latest happening at the Govt. College University Hyderabad and keep the readers and interested stakeholders up-to-date with the developments at GCUH.

Two Day workshop on Andragogy, Technology and Quality (AndTeQ)

Date: January 15, 2023

Venue: Government College University Hyderabad, Sindh



A two-day workshop on Andragogy, Technology, and Quality (AndTeQ) was held on January 15, 2023, at the Government College University Hyderabad, Sindh. The workshop covered topics such as what is andragogy, how to use technology to support adult learning, and how to design and deliver high-quality online and blended learning courses.

Budget meeting for FY 2023-24 held at Sukkur IBA

Date: January 21, 2023

Venue: Sukkur IBA



The Government College University Hyderabad, Sindh held a budget proposal assessment meeting for FY 2023-24 on January 21, 2023. The meeting was open to all Heads of Departments, GCUH. The purpose of the meeting was to review and discuss the budget proposals for the upcoming fiscal year.

1st Senate Meeting

Date: January 22, 2023

Venue: Government College University Hyderabad, Sindh



The Government College University Hyderabad, Sindh held its first Senate meeting of the year on January 22, 2023. The quorum of the meeting was complete with the members actively participating in the meeting. The purpose of the Senate meeting was to discuss and vote on a variety of matters, including the budget for FY 2023-24, new academic programs, changes to existing academic programs, faculty appointments and promotions, approval of annual report and other important university matters.

Orientation day

Date: January 24, 2023

Venue: Government College University Hyderabad, Sindh



The Government College University Hyderabad, Sindh held its orientation day for new students on January 24, 2023. The orientation day was designed to help new students get to know the university and its resources. The orientation day covered topics such as academic advising, registration and financial aid, student services, and campus life.

Contemporary Issues and their Solutions in the light of Seerat-un-Nabi

Date: January 26, 2023

Venue: Government College University Hyderabad, Sindh



The Government College University Hyderabad, Sindh organized a seminar on Contemporary Issues and their Solutions in the light of Seerat-un-Nabi on January 26, 2023. The seminar was open to all students, faculty, and staff. The purpose of the seminar was to discuss the relevance of the teachings of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) to contemporary issues. The seminar cover topics such as peace and tolerance, social justice, economic development, education and technology through debates, presentations, Naat khuani and discussions.

Botany Department Visit to Pai Forest University

Date: January 31, 2023 | Venue: Pai Forest University, Sindh



The Botany Department of the Government College University Hyderabad, Sindh organized a visit to Pai Forest University on January 31, 2023. The visit was open to all students in the Botany Department. The purpose of the visit was to expose students to the latest research and developments in the field of botany.



Three Day Quality Assurance Workshop organized by Sindh HEC

Date: February 1-3, 2023

Venue: Government College University Hyderabad, Sindh

The Deputy Director of QEC-GCUH, Mr. Hakim Ali Junejo, participated in a Module-I workshop on Quality Assurance with the theme “Certified Reviewer of Higher Education Institutions”. The workshop was organized by the Sindh Higher Education Commission and took place at PC Hotel Karachi from 1st to 3rd February 2023.



Kashmir Solidarity Day

Date: February 5, 2023

Venue: Government College University Hyderabad, Sindh

The Government College University Hyderabad, Sindh observed Kashmir Solidarity Day on February 5, 2023, with various events, including speeches, cultural performances, and a photo exhibition showcasing the struggle of the Kashmiri people for self-determination.



Benazir Undergraduate Scholarship Cheques Distribution

Date: February 7, 2023

Venue: Government College University Hyderabad, Sindh

Scholarship cheques were distributed to Benazir Undergraduate Scholarship Project recipients on February 7, 2023, at the Government College University Hyderabad, Sindh. The scholarship is designed to help financially disadvantaged students pursue a university education.

Visit to Agritech Career Fair 2023 & Final Year Software Project At IT Center S.A.U Tando jam

Date: February 7, 2023

Venue: Agritech Career Fair 2023, Tando Jam, Sindh



Students from the Government College University Hyderabad, Sindh visited the Agritech Career Fair 2023 and the Final Year Software Project at IT Center S.A.U Tando Jam on February 7, 2023. The fair provided students with opportunities to network with potential employers and learn about the latest trends in the agriculture and software industries.

Dept. of Education Welcome Party

Date: February 13, 2023

Venue: Government College University Hyderabad, Sindh



The Department of Education at the Government College University Hyderabad, Sindh hosted a welcome party for new students on February 13, 2023. The party provided an opportunity for new students to get to know each other, interact with faculty members, and learn more about the department's programs and resources.

Garden Inauguration

Date: February 13, 2023

Venue: Government College University Hyderabad, Sindh



The Government College University Hyderabad, Sindh inaugurated its newly landscaped garden on February 13, 2023. The garden aims to provide students, faculty, and staff with a tranquil space for relaxation and reflection.

Inauguration Ceremony of Software & Hardware Lab & Research Development Lab

Date: February 14, 2023

Venue: Government College University Hyderabad, Sindh

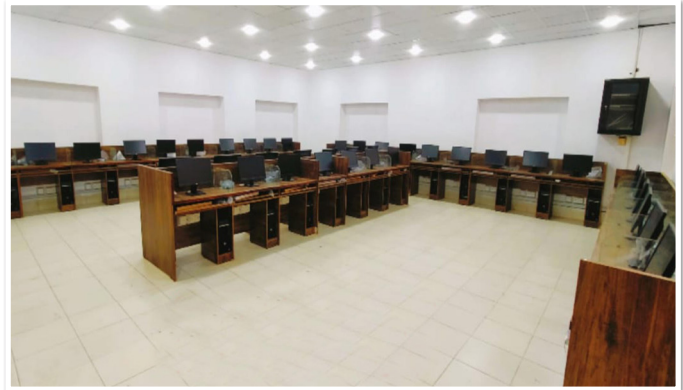


The Government College University Hyderabad, Sindh inaugurated its new Software & Hardware Lab and Research Development Lab on February 14, 2023. The labs aim to provide students with access to cutting-edge technology and resources for research and innovation.

Inauguration Ceremony of CS Lab

Date: February 14, 2023

Venue: Government College University Hyderabad, Sindh



The Government College University Hyderabad, Sindh inaugurated its new Computer Science (CS) Lab on February 14, 2023. The lab is equipped with state-of-the-art computers and software to support the university's computer science programs.

Meeting With Cabinet Members of Students Societies

Date: February 14, 2023

Venue: Government College University Hyderabad, Sindh



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Education Department Visit Federal Urdu University Karachi

Date: February 15, 2023

Venue: Federal Urdu University Karachi, Sindh



A team of faculty members and students from the Education Department visited Federal Urdu University Karachi to learn about their innovative pedagogical approaches and best practices. The visiting delegation toured the campus, observed classroom teachings, and interacted with professors to gain insights on curriculum design, assessment techniques, and use of technology for enhancing teaching and learning. They found the visit highly informative and hope to implement some of the learnings at GCU Hyderabad to further improve the quality of education imparted.

Welcome Party IT Department

(16/02/2023)



The IT Department organized a lively welcome party for the new batch of undergraduate IT students at the campus auditorium. The event featured fun cultural performances, music, comedy acts, and entertaining games for the freshmen to participate in. Senior students engaged the juniors in interactive activities to

get acquainted with them. The head of department addressed the students and motivated them to work hard. Refreshments were also served at the party. Both students and faculty members had a great time bonding at this event to celebrate the new cohort of IT talent at GCUH.

Welcome Party Computer Science

(17/02/2023)



An exciting welcome party was arranged by the Computer Science Department to greet their first year undergraduate students. The auditorium was decorated vibrantly for the event. Various games, quiz competitions, skits and dance performances were organized to engage the freshmen students. Faculty members and seniors interacted with the juniors

informally to make them feel comfortable. The head of department welcomed the newcomers to the CS family and encouraged them to balance hard work with recreation. Refreshments were served after the activities. Overall, it was an enjoyable opportunity for the new batch to mingle with their peers and get oriented.

Welcome Party Physics Department

(20/02/2023)



The Physics Department organized a lively welcome party for their new batch of undergraduate students pursuing BS Physics. The event took place at the department seminar hall with great enthusiasm. Seniors and faculty members designed fun ice-breaking activities and group games for the freshmen students to participate and open up. The students

introduced themselves and got to know more about the department. The head of the Physics Department addressed the audience and motivated the newcomers to strive for excellence. Refreshments were also arranged to end the event on a sweet note. Overall, the interactive session helped build rapport between juniors, seniors and faculty members.

Session on International Mother Language Day



An informative session was organized at the campus auditorium to celebrate International Mother Language Day and highlight the significance of linguistic diversity globally. Students from diverse backgrounds participated with great zeal. They shared phrases and recited poems in their respective mother languages like

Sindhi, Urdu, Punjabi, Balochi, Saraiki and others. A faculty member gave an enlightening presentation on the historical background of the day and why promoting native languages is vital. The activity celebrated the cultural richness represented by the diversity of mother tongues spoken across communities.

General Meeting of Language Literature & Culture Society Society

(23/02/2023)



The Language Literature & Culture Society at GCUH held their general meeting today to discuss upcoming events and coordinate activities for the Spring semester. Members brainstormed fresh ideas for competitions, seminars and creative workshops to engage the student community. They also reviewed plans for the annual Linguistics Conference scheduled in March. The new

office bearers for 2023 were selected through consensus during the meeting. Several teams were formed to manage different types of events catering to literary, cultural and language-based interests. By collaborating together, the LLC Society aims to deliver an enriching program this semester that spotlights arts, literature and cultural heritage.

General Meeting of Peace Society

(23/02/2023)

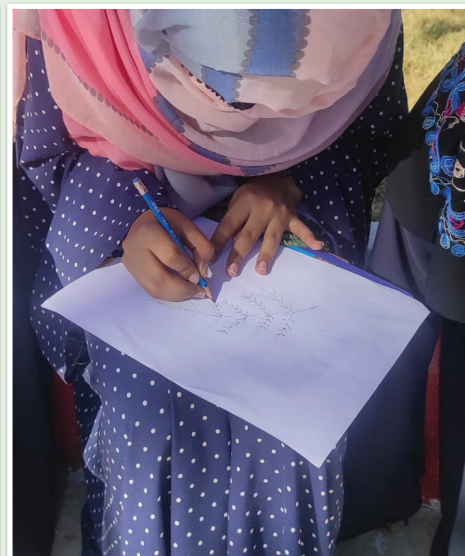


The Peace Society at GCUH conducted their general meeting today to elect new office bearers through democratic voting, and deliberate upcoming events and initiatives. Members came up with thoughtful proposals for activities based on themes like diversity, inclusion, equity, social justice and conflict resolution. Plans were discussed to organize workshops on

mediation skills, mindfulness practices, handling discrimination and building safe spaces on campus. A Peace Week is also being considered with activities like open mics, film screenings and art exhibitions. The Peace Society hopes to empower the student community to become caring citizens of the world through their program this semester.

Water Color Activity

(07/03/2023)



The Education Department organized an engaging watercolor painting activity for students to explore their creativity. Participants used watercolors in innovative ways to make abstract designs, landscapes, patterns and portraits. Faculty evaluated the artwork and awarded prizes. The event provided a fun exposure to watercolor techniques.



International Women's day

(08/03/2023)

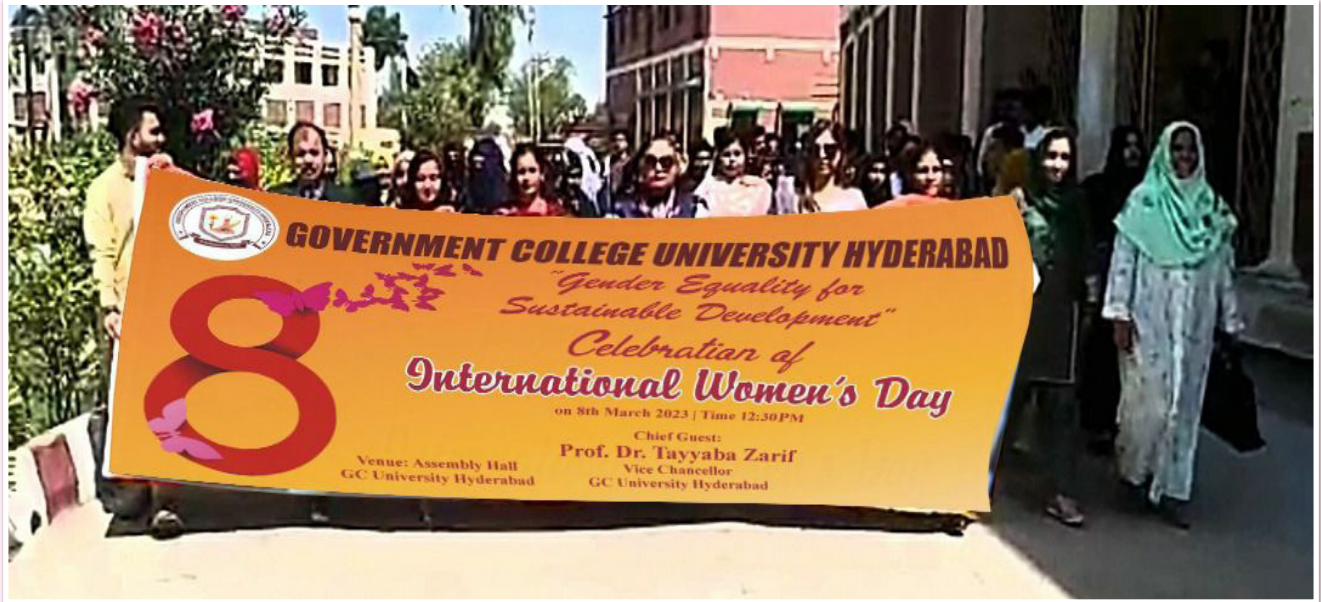


GCUH celebrated International Women's Day to recognize the achievements of women in various fields. A seminar highlighted inspiring stories of women leaders. Awards were given out to female faculty and staff excelling in their domains. Students pledged to promote gender equality.



Celebrating International women's Day

(08/03/2023)



A special event was held at GCUH to mark International Women's Day and reflect on women's accomplishments. Guest speakers discussed challenges women face in society and workplaces. Students presented tributes to inspirational women. Participants also engaged in dialogue on how to empower women and ensure equal rights.

2nd Board of Studies of IT Department

(10/03/2023)

The IT Department held its 2nd Board of Studies meeting for the year to review curriculum and syllabi of undergraduate IT programs. Faculty members provided feedback on enhancing market-relevant skills in the curriculum while maintaining academic rigor. Future plans for new postgraduate programs were also discussed.



English Department Presentations

(13/03/2023)



The English Department held student presentations on creative writing, poetry recitation and English proficiency as part of internal assessment. Students confidently exhibited their linguistics skills through speeches, skits, vocal interpretations and more. The activity boosted their confidence.



HEC Trainings for faculty

(13/03/2023)

Faculty members attended specialized HEC training workshops this week to build teaching capacities on Outcome-Based Education, Effective Lecturing Skills and Critical Thinking. The hands-on sessions equipped them with upgraded pedagogical approaches.



Conflict Resolution Peace & Diversity Training

(13/03/2023)



An expert trainer conducted a diversity and conflict management workshop for faculty and staff. It covered cultural awareness, non-violent communication, dispute resolution and fostering inclusivity. The interactive activities enhanced their interpersonal skills.

Visit of Officials from Hazza Institute

(13/03/2023)

Senior officials from Hazza Institute of Technology visited GCU Hyderabad to meet the Vice Chancellor and IT Department faculty to discuss ongoing collaboration under the IT Industry-Academia Bridge Program. They explored further partnership opportunities for student internships, faculty trainings, curriculum alignment and joint research projects for mutual benefit.



Humanity Awareness Program by Honda

(14/03/2023)



Honda Atlas Pakistan organized an interactive humanity awareness session for GCUH students focused on integrity, ethics, honesty and giving back to society.

Through activities and discussion, the program left a profound impact urging youth to imbibe honorable human values that build cohesive communities.

Green Youth Movement Club Activity

(15/03/2023)



An impactful initiative was held by the Green Youth Movement Club at GCUH to distribute club jackets and dustbins to university officials including faculty and sanitation staff. This was done to thank them for their efforts towards effective waste management and cleanliness on campus. The club members also handed out ID cards to new inductees.

Board of Studies Computer Science

(17/03/2023)



The Department of Computer Science conducted their Board of Studies meeting to evaluate the current curriculum and propose enhancements to incorporate contemporary subject areas like machine learning, data science, cyber security and cloud computing. The board recommended revisions to ensure market-relevance and strong analytical skills among graduates.

HEC Faculty Training Program

(17/03/2023)

A select group of GCUH faculty members completed a 5-day extensive training program by the Higher Education Commission on Outcome-Based Teaching and Learning. The hands-on sessions equipped the faculty with upgraded pedagogical approaches aligned to global best practices.

Board of Studies Mathematics

(18/03/2023)

The Board of Studies for the Mathematics Department convened recently to review curriculum content and recommend additions of new topics like numerical computing, data analytics, statistical analysis and operations research. This will augment the real-world application of mathematics for students.



Smart Exam Techniques Session

(20/03/2023)

The Education Department organized an informative workshop for students on smart techniques for attempting exam papers and effectively managing time during tests. Experienced faculty trainers shared tips to help students prepare thoroughly and improve their scores.



All Pakistan Bilingual Declamation

(21/03/2023)

An exciting inter-university level declamation contest was hosted at GCU Hyderabad where participants from various institutes delivered persuasive speeches on contemporary issues, in both English and Urdu languages. The competitive yet engaging event provided great exposure and experience to students for public speaking skills.



Seminar on Conflict Resolution

(28/03/2023)

An insightful seminar for students on constructive conflict analysis, appropriate negotiation tactics, mediation skills and applying nonviolent strategies for dispute resolution. The interactive workshop enhanced their understanding of defusing tensions and interpersonal skills.



Rule of Discipline Session - BBA

(10/04/2023)



An interactive session was arranged for BBA students on the importance of discipline, code of conduct and adhering to rules, both on campus and in professional settings. Faculty emphasized that discipline and ethics are vital traits for successful business careers.

Awareness Seminar on Climate Change

(21/03/2023)

An engaging seminar was organized by the Botany Department and Green Youth Movement club to raise awareness on the pressing issue of climate change. Eminent speakers discussed its impact and solutions ordinary citizens can adopt for sustainable living.



World Heritage Day

(18/04/2023)



GCUH celebrated World Heritage Day by conducting a talk on preserving our cultural heritage. A documentary screening showcased historical sites in Pakistan. Participants pledged to value and safeguard heritage assets.

Cyber Security Awareness Session

(02/05/2023)

An informative seminar educated students about growing cyber threats in 2023 and how to safely navigate online spaces. In collaboration with industry experts, tips were shared to identify risks and best practices for data privacy protection.



Sports Gala 2023

(02/05/2023)



The annual Sports Gala was organized by the Directorate of Sports featuring fun competitions in cricket, football, athletics, badminton, table tennis and tug-of-war. Students and staff participated with enthusiasm and celebrated sportsman spirit.



Job Fair Expo Karachi

(02/05/2023)



A large delegation of final year students across multiple degree programs attended the grand Job Fair Expo 2023 held at the Expo Center in Karachi. This leading job fair hosted over 100 major national and multinational companies offering career opportunities for fresh graduates. Students were able to explore various employer

stalls and gain insights into the latest hiring trends and in-demand skills. They actively networked with company representatives and submitted their resumes. The event provided great exposure to upcoming career avenues and allowed students to directly interact with potential recruiters.

NAVTTTC Interview Session (06/05/2023)

An interview session was arranged by NAVTTTC at GCU Hyderabad to select applicants for their skills training programs. Shortlisted candidates appeared for interviews with NAVTTTC officials and took career counseling assessments. The programs offer certifications related to automotive technologies, construction, information technology, tourism and more. Students gained valuable insights into the application process and skills needed for technical vocations.



Sessions of National Vocational & Technical Training Commission (NAVTTTC) Master's Youth Skill Development Program (Batch-4) Government College University Hyderabad Held on 05-05-2023



Interview Sessions of National Vocational & Technical Training Commission (NAVTTTC)

Visit of New Land GC University

(15/05/2023)

The GC University Vice Chancellor and the ADP Scheme Project Team surveyed a new 100-acre plot. Plans include rapid, high-quality development—starting with a perimeter wall—followed by academic blocks, administrative spaces, labs, auditoriums/libraries, a cafeteria, a mosque, sports grounds, and housing. This expansion aims to broaden access to quality higher education for Hyderabad and neighboring areas like Tando Muhammad Khan, Tando Allahyar, Mirpur Khas, Badin, Hala, Tandojam, Tando Adam, Matiari, Tando Hyder, and Jamshoro.

International Day for Living Together in Peace

(16/05/2023)

The Department of Education organized an impactful event to mark the International Day of Living Together in Peace. Students made inspirational posters with messages of hope, harmony and brotherhood. A seminar was held on valuing diversity and fostering social cohesion. Participants pledged to reject prejudice and spread the vision of unity. The activity promoted the ideals of empathy and peaceful coexistence.



International Conference on Quality Education, SDGs Implementation, and Interrelationships among Goals”

(20-21 May 2023)

The SHEC International Conference Grant, amounting to PKR 3.0 million, was secured by GC University Hyderabad to organize and host an international conference focused on quality education and its role in the successful implementation of the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

The conference was organized jointly by the Office of Research, Innovation, and Commercialization (ORIC) and the Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC) at GC University Hyderabad. This collaborative effort highlights the commitment of the university to foster research and innovation in the field of education.



World No Tobacco Day Walk

(31/05/2023)



GCUH observed World No Tobacco Day by organizing a walk to raise health awareness. A large number of students and faculty members participated holding placards with anti-smoking messages. Expert speakers highlighted the risks of tobacco usage and cancer. Participants pledged to avoid harmful habits and spread awareness against smoking. The event promoted healthy living on campus.

Faculty Development Training by GCUH (06/05/2023)



The Directorate of Professional Development organized an expansive 3-day Faculty Development Training program for GCUH instructors. Interactive workshops were conducted on contemporary pedagogies, learning technologies, research skills, and curriculum design. The hands-on sessions equipped teaching faculty with upgraded knowledge and competencies.

5 Day TOT Opening Ceremony (18/06/2023)

The opening ceremony for a 5-day Training of Trainers program was held under the IT Industry-Academia Bridge initiative in collaboration between GCUH, IST Sindh and Hazza Institute. The TOT will build expertise of faculty members on emerging technologies like AI, cloud computing, data science etc. through immersive training.





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