Mehfil-e-Milad at FJWU

To commemorate the birth of Holy Prophet (PBUH) and to show unconditional love, Mehfil-e-Milad was held at Fatima Jinnah Women University. Vice Chancellor, Dr. Samina Amin Qadir, Former Vice Chancellor, Dr. Saeeda Asad Ullah Khan, eminent personalities, the Chairpersons, faculty and students attended the Milad. The Milad committee members were Dr. Mussarat Anwer Shiek, Ms. Masooma Batool, Ms. Sadia Rehan, Ms. Zainab Moin and Ms. Farhana Mehmood. The Milad started with the recitation of the Holy Quran by Hafiza Asma Khan, student of Islamic Studies Department. Hamd was recited by Faiza Faiz of Economics Department. Students from Different Departments of the university participated in the Milad. Durood was offered by the students. Bayan was given on the topic Tehzeeb-o-Tarbiyat by Umm-e-Kulsoom, Faryal Abid, and Hafiza Nazia Javaid. They discussed how on morality principles the society was founded and taking the guidelines from Holy Prophet's life and can be implemented in our life. The teachings of Prophet Muhammad (P.B.U.H) should be adopted for an eternal success and blessings in the life and hereafter and to acquire the welfare and success in one's life. The Milad ended with reciting salaam and offering dua for the progress of country along with the success of the institution.

'This is PTV another Day another World' Book Launch

Radio VOW 96.6 FM at Fatima Jinnah Women University organized the book launching ceremony of Agha Nasir's Book, 'This is PTV' on 1st March, 2012. The Chief guest of the occasion was Prof. Dr. Saeeda Asad Ullah Khan, former Vice Chancellor of Fatima Jinnah Women University. The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Samina Amin Qadir, Chairperson Radio Editorial Board Prof. Dr. Naheed Zia Khan, Incharge Radio VOW Dr. Shamim Zaidi, chairpersons of the departments, faculty and students were present at the event. The event started with recitation of holy verses from Quran followed by the welcome note delivered by Prof. Dr. Samina Amin Qadir. She gave an introduction of the university and welcomed Agha Nasir. She said that no formal introduction of Agha Nasir was needed as he was a renowned broadcaster known to work in the media industry of Pakistan since its advent.
Women Week, an annual feature of Fatima Jinnah Women University, was celebrated from March 21st to March 22nd. Various events were organized during the week providing opportunity to the students to exhibit their creative talent and potential in their relevant field. The theme of this year was 'Youth and Leadership'. The highlight of Women Week was 'Artisan Mela'. The event was organized by Public Administration Department and in collaboration and efforts put in by its motivated and hard working students. This year, the theme of the event was 'Youth' which was symbolized in the shape of an 'Eagle' demonstrated at the entrance of the artisan. The ribbon cutting ceremony was rejoiced with claps and smiles when the Chief Guest Ms. Butar Laluconsina, wife of Indonesian ambassador inaugurated the event along with the company of Vice Chancellor Fatima Jinnah Women University and several other faculty members. There were thirty four stalls out of which twenty were 'Artisan stalls' and fourteen 'Food Stalls'. The occasion was festive and it turned out to be great in earning huge profits for the university. The active participation of faculty members in finding the real entrepreneurs of Pakistan and the best food stalls made it more commendable.

The first day of the three days activities began with the Qiraat and Naat competition. The judges for Qiraat Competition were Qari Najam Mustafa, Qari Usman Rafique, Qari Lutfullah Saqib and for Naat Competition Mrs Khalida Mazhar, Qari Najam Mustafa and Ms Sarah Akhter Hashmi. The Chief guest of the event was Manzoor-ul-Qonain. He has been reciting Naat since the 1940's and has been awarded the Pride of Performance by the Government of Pakistan.

He said that the active participation of students in this competition reflects the deep love of our young generation for Almighty Allah and Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). According to the judgment, the winners for the Qiraat Competition were as follows:

A. M. Irfan Siddique from Arid Agriculture Faisalabad secured the first position; second position was secured to Muhammad Asim of Sarghoda University Sarghoda while third prize went to Hassan Abbas from Gomal University.

In the Naat competition, Ms Faiza Faiz of FJWU won the first prize but FJWU withdrew in favor of Hassan Abbas from Gomal University. The second prize was given to Zain-ul-Abidin from The University of Sargodha whereas the third prize was given to Saman Mumtaz of PMAS Arid Agriculture Rawalpindi. The winning trophy went to The University of Sargodha.

In the Mastermind Quiz, PMAS Arid Agriculture Rawalpindi won the title of the event whereas Punjab University, FJWU were the runners-ups.

The chief guest of the event, Vice Chancellor Fatima Jinnah Women University Prof Dr. Samina Amin Qadir, appreciated the efforts of the participating institutions. She said that these types of competitions sharpens the minds of the students and helps them to enhance their abilities. She advised the students to indulge themselves in book reading beyond text books. The Vice Chancellor thanked the participating institutes and distributed prizes amongst the winners.

The theme of painting competition was 'Aj Ka Naujwan Kal Ka Quaid'. Ms. Hurmat-ul-Ain and Mrs. Aberra Zahid, Ms. Shazia Hashmat and were the judges of the event. The Chief guest of the event was Dr. Samina Amin Qadir. In Painting competition, Saffa Sher from FJWU was honored with the first prize but the prize was withdrawn in favour of Sania Afridi of Iqra University. Arshia Shaukat of Foundation University stood second and Faiza Kanwal from Institute of Space Technology was given third prize.

A Flower Arrangement Competition was also held a part of the Women's Week. The theme of the event was 'Jawanoon Ko Mere Aah o Sahar Day, Phir In Shaheen Bachoon Ko Bal o Par Day'. The event was divided into two categories - Dry Flower Arrangement and Fresh Flower Arrangement. The Chief guest of the event was Dr. Samina Amin Qadir. The judges for the event were Mrs Anwar Jahan Ansari, Ms Asma Akhtar, Mr Saman Zafar and Ms Shazia Hashmat. According to the decision of the judges, the winners for the flower arrangement were:

In fresh flower arrangement, Manahal Iqbal from FJWU was declared as the winner of first position but withdrew in the favour of Samia Akram, PMAS Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi. Komal Masood of International Islamic
University and Sabahat Iram of Gomal University, D.I. Khan won second and third prizes respectively. In the dry flower arrangement, first Prize went to Asma Khan, Gomal University, D.I.Khan. Second prize went to Shalinee from Arid Agriculture University and the third prize was given to Uzma Ghor of FUCLAS.

The first day of the Women's Week concluded with the colorful event of Drama Competition. The Chief guest for the event was Mr. Tauqueer Nasir, DG, PNCA. The judges for the Drama Competition were Mr. Sajjad Kishwar, Mr. Abbas Shah, Mr. Sharjeel Malik and Dr. Humaira Ahmad. Different Universities from all over Pakistan participated in the event. The dramas were based on the central theme of Women's Week 'Youth and Leadership'. Quaid-e-Azam University was the triumphant winner of first position. Second position went to FJWU but being the host institution FJWU withdrew in favour of Sargodha University, Sargodha, while Iqra University got third position.

Saad Sultan from Quaid-e-Azam University got best performer's award, on this account Quaid-e-Azam University won the trophy. The judges appreciated the performance of the participants. Mr. Tauqueer Nasir while speaking on the occasion appreciated the talent of the young students and applauded the efforts of the university administration for conducting the event in a healthy and competitive environment. Vice Chancellor FJWU, Prof. Dr. Samina Amin Qadir also graced the occasion with her presence. She also presented university souvenirs to the judges as a token of appreciation. The second day of the Women's Week continued with the festive ambiance of the first day.

A riveting Bilingual Contest started off the proceedings on the second day. Bilingual Declamation Contest was held on March 21st, 2012. The Chief guest for the program was Prof. Dr. Samina Amin Qadir. Eighteen teams from different educational institutions participated in the contest. The titles for declamation in English were: Today's Youth Tomorrow's Leaders (Serious) and 'To lead or not to lead' (Humorous). The titles for declamation in Urdu were: 'Aj Ka Naujwan Kal Ka Qaid' (Serious) and 'Mein Naujwan Hoon Mujhe Sab Patta Hai' (Humorous).

The Judges for English Declamation were: Dr. Waseema Shehzad from Air University, Asstt. Prof. Ghazala Tabassum from Govt. Postgraduate College Satellite Town Rawapindi, and Ms Fareena Iqbal from FJWU.

The Judges for Urdu Declamation were: Ms Tahira Nawazish Ali from Viqar-un-Nisa College, Tipu Road, Mrs Farhat Nawaz from F.G Post Graduate College for Women Kashmir Road, RWP and Ms. Sadia Rizvi.

In English declamation, Ms. Anum Mansha, FJWU, secured the first position, FJWU withdrew in favour of Faiqa Chughtai from Islamia University, Bahawalpur. Ms. Ubair Malik, Islamic International University Islamabad, got the second position. Rana Junaid from PMAS Arid Agriculture University, Rawalpindi secured the third position. In the declamation in Urdu, the first position went to Ammara Zaki of Islamic International University Islamabad. Saeeda Shahdad of Institute of Space and Technology, Islamabad secured the second position. Third position was secured by Syeda Arroba Kazmi, FJWU but being from the host university, she withdrew the prize in favour of Sarah Amanat of Sargodha University, Sargodha. The winning trophy was given to FJWU but it was withdrawn in favour of Islamic International University Islamabad.

Fascinating shorts Films & Documentary Competition based on the theme of 'Youth & Leadership' was held on second day. The chief guest of the event was Ms. Nargis Hashmi. The panel of honorable Judges comprised of Ms. Munazza Javed, Ms. Nida Fatima and Ms. Darakhshan Batool. First prize went to the participants of Riphah International University. Second prize was given to Foundation University and third prize was given to Gomal University DI Khan. The Photography Competition Showcase the creative and artistic skills of the amateur talent. The chief guest of the event was Mr. Sajjad Munir, Deputy Director Lok Virsa. The judges for the event included Ms. Afshan Jamal and Ms. Raheela Mushtaq. The judges appreciated the exemplary art work of the students. There were two themes for photography competitions; Women Leadership and Aaj Ka Naujwan. In the category of Women Leadership Photography, Amber Latif from FJWU got first position, she withdrew in favour of Muhammad Shafeeq from Islamia University Bhawalpur. Second position went to Anila Javed from Foundation University. Third position was secured by Qurat-ul-Ain from Iqra University. In Aaj Ka Naujwan category, Amna Zaeeb from Foundation University secured first position, and
Muhammad Shafeeq secured second position. The second day of the women week concluded with Mehfil-e-Mushaira in the evening. Mr. Inam-ul-Haq Javaid was the chief guest for the event. The panel of the judges comprised of Ms. Mehmooda Ghazia, Farhanda Shamim, and Dr. Sikander Hayat Khayal. The topic of the Nazam was “Khawab Lay Lo Khawab”. For Ghazal category the theme was “Nazar Ati Hai Un Ko Apni Manzil Asmanon Pay”. The audience thoroughly enjoyed the performance of the participants. In the category of Gazal as per decision of the judges first position went to Rubina Shada from IIUI, while Saad Abdullah from Gomal University, D. I. Khan secured second position and Asia Altaf from FJWU got third position, but she withdrew in favour of Farzana Ramzan of Sargodha University Sargodha. In Nazam category, Qurat-ul-Ain from FJWU got first prize but withdrew in favour of Shehla Kanwal of Gomal University, D. I. Khan while Syed Pir Wala wood Shah of Sargodha University, Sargodha was declared second. Hafiz Shoaib Hashmi from Islamia University Bahawalpur secured the third position. The prize distribution ceremony of Sports Competition was held at the university premises. Chief guest of the event was Ms. Sana Mansoor, International Tennis Player. In volleyball ball competition, IIUI stood first, second was secured by FJWU and third by Quaid-e-Azam. The winning trophy was given to FJWU, but was withdrawn in favor of Quaid e Azam. The prizes were distributed among the winners. Souvenir was presented to the Chief guest by the worthy Vice Chancellor.

The last day of the women week concluded with enthralling performance of the participants in the singing competition. The competition was divided into two categories, Original and Remix. Ms. Tarunam Naz was the chief guest on the occasion. The judges of singing competition included Jimmy Attre, Tehmina Sheikh, Dr. Masooma Anwar and Dr. Naheed Zia Khan. In the category of original songs Saad Farooq of Quaid-i-Azam University stood first, Faiza Fayaz of FJWU stood second but withdrew the prize in favour of Atifah Bukhari of Iqra University and Sara Saleem of Islamia University Bahawalpur got third position. In the category of remix songs Naya Zehra of FJWU stood first but withdrew the prize in favour of Atifah Bukhari of Iqra University whereas Sara Salim of Islamia Uni Bahawalpur and Ashir of Quaid-i-Azam University got second and third positions respectively.

**Lecture by Pakistani-American Novelist**

The Department of English organized a Lecture by Pakistani-American novelist Ms. Nafisa Haji in collaboration with U.S. Embassy, Islamabad. The Lecture was held on February 16, 2012. Ms. Haji is an acclaimed Pakistani-American novelist and has written The Writing on My Forehead and The Sweetness of Tears which are quite popular with Pakistani audience. The topic of her lecture was 'Bicultural identity and Writing-Being a hyphenated American and how that influences my work'. Prof. Dr. Samina Amin Qadir graced the occasion with her presence. Senior faculty members and students of Fatima Jinnah Women University attended the event.

**Motivational Session by Placement office**

Placement office has arranged a motivational session for currently enrolled students of Masters and undergrad who were interested for higher studies abroad on January 12, 2012. The guest speakers Ms. Faiza Azhar Khan University of Bath, UK, Ms. Shazia Bibi, University of Sydney, Australia and Ms. Salma Nazar Khan, University of Massachusetts USA were FJWU Alumni and perusing their PhDs in foreign universities. They briefed about various scholarships opportunities available for Pakistani students, also explained difficulties, they are facing during studies. A large number of students attended the event. At the end, Ms. Humera Sadia Placement Officer thanked the guests and presented university souvenirs to the worthy guests.
Department of Defense and Diplomatic Studies in collaboration with Ministry of Human Rights and Minority Affairs organized a one day seminar on 'Minority Rights in Pakistan: Challenges and Prospects' on 17th January, 2012.

Dr. Paul Bhatti, Advisor to Prime Minister on National Harmony with the Status of Federal Minister was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

In the opening session, Prof. Dr. Samina Amin Qadir welcomed the worthy guest speaker, Dr. Paul Bhatti and gave a brief introduction of the university. Dr. Saima A. Kiyani, Chairperson, Department of Defense and Diplomatic Studies briefed about the programme proceedings.

Dr. Paul Bhatti while talking about the rights of women said that the minorities all over the world should have security, equality and protection of the fundamental rights irrespective of their religion, caste or creed as the statistics show that the nations which ensure the rights of the minorities are experiencing peace and development.

Dr. Paul said that minorities in Pakistan have been fighting with terrorism, illiteracy and poverty since long. Time has come to get united against these nuisances to promote interfaith dialogue and harmony among the people of different faiths aimed at creating an environment of peace and tolerance in the society since the religious division is used to weaken Pakistan.

He furthermore, added, the Government of Pakistan is trying its best to protect the rights of the minorities and subsequently four seats have been reserved for them in Senate, five percent quota has been fixed in government jobs and 11 August has been declared as minority day. In addition festivals of minorities are being celebrated officially to give them feelings that they are also important citizens of Pakistan.

He appreciated the administration of Fatima Jinnah Women University for organizing a seminar on the rights and issues of the minorities. He added the opportunity will create awareness among the young generation as the students are the driving force to move the society towards objectives of peace, interfaith dialogue, interfaith harmony and tolerance in the society.

In the end, Vice Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Samina Amin Qadir presented the university souvenir to the guest speaker.

The opening session was followed by three academic sessions. The first session on 'Pakistan’s Constitution and Protection of Minority Rights' was chaired by Dr. Shahzad Iqbal Sham, Associate Professor, Shariat Academy, International Islamic University Islamabad. The guest speakers included Dr. Sohail Shahzad, Director School of Law, Hazara University Mansehra and Ms. Syeda Viquar-un-Nisa Hashmi, Attorney & Consultant, high Court, Islamabad. Their topics of presentations were 'Criminal Justice and Minorities' and 'Minority Rights, Constitutional Safeguards and Challenges' respectively.

The second session was on the topic, 'Identification of Challenges to Minority Rights in Pakistan' chaired by Dr. Maqsudul Hassan Nuri, Acting President, Islamabad Policy Research Institute. The speaker of the session was Dr. Shoaib Ahmed, Director, Muhammad Ali Jinnah University, Islamabad. He presented a paper on 'Response of State and Future Prospects'.
Book Drive by BBA-VII in collaboration with GOGI studios

The students of BBA-VII as a part of their project at Fatima Jinnah Women University organized a book drive on 10th January, 2012 in collaboration with the Gogi Studios at the new auditorium. The faculty and the students were present at the event. The worthy guest was Ms. Nigar Nazar, CEO of Gogi Studios.

Ms. Nigar Nazar, a graduat from Punjab University, is also a Fulbright scholar. She is the author of 10 comic books and created Gogi comics for national dailies. The Government of Pakistan conferred on her Fatima Jinnah Award for her contribution in the field of Art.

Ms. Afza Asif, student of BBA-VII, and a member of Fulbright alumni association has launched a project SMILE which was one of the four winning projects for resource funding by US. While briefing about the project she elaborated on how to make education accessible to the underprivileged children of Pakistan. She said that using the modern technology, education can be more entertaining than ever. Reading habits which are now dying in our young generation is the focus of the project. Collaboration with Gogi Studios made it possible for her to make her dream come true. Internationally acclaimed short film ‘HEAL’ by Mian Adnan Amir was also shown. The subject matter was related to the spread of education.

The session ended with the question answer session and the students buying the Gogi comics from the stalls.

'A talk with Dr. Fouzia Saeed on her book -'Working with Sharks’

The Women Research and Resource Centre (WRRC) at Fatima Jinnah Women University organized a lecture by Dr. Fouzia Saeed on 9th January, 2012.

The Department's Chairpersons, Faculty and the students were present at the event. Dr. Humaira Ahmad, Incharge WRRC welcomed the guest speaker and briefed about WRRC. She also highlighted the issue of sexual harassment in our society and informed that currently, two research projects in collaboration with Ministry of Human Rights are underway. The guest speaker of the lecture was Dr. Fouzia Saeed, a social scientist and activist. She is the Director of Mehergarh, an institute committed to transform the youth of this country.

She gave a brief introduction of AASHA, an alliance against sexual harassment at the workplace. She also gave an overview on Sexual Harassment act 2010 at Workplace and about her struggle to fight against the sexual harassment at workplace. Dr. Saeed said that Pakistani women have the potential to fight against challenges and problems.

Her talk was based on her book “Working with Sharks”, on which she emphasized that the spot light should be on the culprit not on the victim. The book is based on the author’s personal life and her struggle to deal with some male co-workers who had little regard for women. Finally, realizing that she was not alone, she decided to confront the problem together with others facing the same dilemma. Dr. Saeed mentioned that the last half of the book describes what happened when eleven women filed a joint complaint according to the rules of their organization and, to their surprise and disgust, found themselves under attack by their managers who colluded with the perpetrator to crush their case and their spirit. She also highlighted that this case sparked a national movement in 2001 that culminated in the passage of legislation by the Pakistani Parliament in 2010 making sexual harassment a crime. She told that book is the story of not only her but of many women in many organizations around the world who have not yet spoken out, in solidarity with that cause, the Prime Minister of Pakistan declared the 22nd of December, the date of the original complaint, as a National Day for Working Women. Question/Answer followed the talk.

At the end of lecture formal vote of thanks was given by Ms Mehwish Rabia. Dr. Humaira Ahmad, Incharge WRRC presented the university souvenir to the worthy guest. Dr. Fouzia Saeed distributed the certificates among the participants.

Assessment of Communication and Media Studies Department

Assessment visit for the Department of Communication and Media Studies has been conducted by Quality Enhancement Cell on February 23, 2012. Prof. Dr. Syed Abdul Siraj, Dean Faculty of Social Sciences, Allama Iqbal Open University was the external member of the Assessment Team. He encouraged the Department and stated that the Department's performance within limited infrastructure is very good and it can excel if more facilities are provided for it.
Creating Awareness about Prejudices, Stereotyping, and Discrimination

To highlight the important social and cultural issue of stereotypical societal discriminations, an effort was made on behalf of Behavioral Sciences Department, Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi, in collaboration with Human Rights & Minorities Affairs Department, Government of Punjab. A two day workshop on “Creating Awareness about Prejudices, Stereotyping, and Discrimination” was organized during December 29th to 30th, 2011. The aim of the two-day session was to draw attention to several discriminatory practices and stereotypical prejudices that are commonplace in the Pakistani Society. Students, teachers and guests participated in the session and shared their views and experiences through presentations, discussions, and activities.

On the first day of the workshop, the department hosted Mian Asim Zafar as a guest speaker. Mian Asim is the Founder President of Saaya, a national NGO to support people with disabilities. Being a polio-victim himself, the guest presented his own life history as a case study to highlight the stereotypes and discriminations against the disabled that exist in the society. He was of the view that the disabled be treated normal. “Everyone among us has a disability, or perhaps more”, he emphasized. The guest speaker turned the audience’s attention towards certain important, yet ignored, needs of the disabled, like the installation of ramps in educational institutes and other public buildings.

Barrister Qasim Chohan, honored the department, being the guest for the second day. The presentation focused on several forms of gender discrimination that are prevalent in the society, and discussed reasons as well as means towards alleviation of such attitudes and practices.

Both sittings ended with lively question and answer sessions, with students presenting their views, opinions, and questions. The workshop ended on convincing notes. All participants acknowledged that such efforts bring into conscious observation, the problems that otherwise go unnoticed.

Creativity - A source of social growth: A talk by Javed Chaudhry

The Department of Communication and Media Studies organized a talk with Javed Chaudhry at the Fatima Jinnah Women University on January 13, 2011. The chairperson, faculty and students were present at the event.

Javed Chaudhry, a well known TV anchor and columnist, was the guest speaker. He said that a person is creative by birth, now it is up to him that how he uses his creativity. He said that every person is in search of happiness, comfort and satisfaction. He also added that the society’s inclination towards the creativity and arts shows their level of happiness and satisfaction. The society which is unmoved towards literature and arts is unsatisfied for that matter.

While replying to a question, he said that our syllabus and curriculum does not match the current need of the situation, it needs to be refined. He said that the media persons worked according to the agenda settings. Yet with the time, many changes have occurred in media and only those channels would survive who would accept and adjust to these changes.

The question/answer session was quite interactive and students participated actively. In the end, a gift of books was presented by the Chairperson, Department of Communication and Media Studies, Dr. Shamim Zaidi to the worthy speaker.

FJWU Graduate Bringing Honor to Pakistan

Masuma Ismaeel, a graduate with a Bachelor’s degree in Software Engineering from Fatima Jinnah Women University, Rawalpindi, has earned honor for Pakistan in USA. She has recently completed the Master’s degree, with 4.00 / 4.00 CGPA, in Computer Engineering from the College of Engineering, University of Massachusetts, Lowell, USA. Ms. Ismaeel has been awarded Dean’s Gold Medal, conferred in the name of James B. Francis, the inventor of Francis Turbine and founder of the College. The award of Dean’s Medal is conditional to a graduate achieving excellence in all aspects of studentship during the course of study.
A book review written by Dr. Shamim Zaidi, Chairperson, Department of Communication and Media Studies has been published in Biannual Journal of Gender and Social Issues Vol:9 Number 2. The title of the book is 'Forgotten Faces' and author of the book is Dr. Fouzia Saeed.

Dr. Shamim Zaidi, Chairperson, Department of Communication and Media Studies participated in a seminar on 'Cultivate the State of outreach to Women who are deprived'. Rameea Nizami, MD Nawa-i-Waqat, Qazi Asad Ahmad, Katrina Hussain were the speakers on the occasion.

Ms. Ghazala Mumawar, Assistant Controller Examination attended 64th Workshop on 'Women Managers: Why Middle level Women Managers may be the most important workers in the Organization' organized by Preston University (January 31st, 2012). Dr. Firoza Ahmad, Dean Social Sciences, Preston University was the resource person. She elaborated on monitoring, planning, managing women's programs and also highlighted the elements of flexibility and capacity building in professional development.

Dr. Sarwat Rasul conducted a Workshop Session on 'The Art of Questioning' on January 4, 2012 at COMSATS Institute of Information Technology.

Dr. Sarwat Rasul conducted a Workshop Session on 'Reflective Listening' on January 5, 2012 at COMSATS Institute of Information Technology.

Mr. Akhtar Aziz attended the four day (from January 10-13, 2012) 'National Seminar Concerned with Research in Teacher Education'. The Seminar was organized by Pre-STEP in collaboration with HEC.

Ms. Qamar Khushali conducted a Workshop Session on 'Research Methodology for ESP Teachers on January 30, 2012 at COMSATS Institute of Information Technology.

Dr. Sarwat Rasul conducted a Workshop Session on 'Action Research as a means of Professional Development for ESP Teachers' on January 30, 2012 at COMSATS Institute of Information Technology.

Ms. Qamar Khushali conducted a Workshop Session on 'Genre Analysis in ESP Research' on January 31, 2012 at COMSATS Institute of Information Technology.


Dr. Saima Kayani presented a paper titled 'Nagorno Karabakh: Future Scenarios' in seminar on Khojaly Genocide in Azerbaijan, at National University of Modern Languages, Islamabad on February 21, 2012.

Mr. Asim Qureshi participated AS A Resource person in 17th Faculty Professional Development Program at Learning Innovative Division, HEC, Islamabad. He taught E-Learning/ICT module to 28 faculty members from different universities all over Pakistan. He was awarded with a shield and certificate of appreciation by HEC. He has been selected for 5th time as a resource person for the same program.

Ms. Fareena Iqbal, Dy. Director, Quality Enhancement Cell has attended two day Workshop on 'Strategic Planning for Teacher Education' in Fatima Jinnah Women University from March 8-9, 2011. In this workshop policy statements on B. Ed (Honours), 4 year Degree program: Elementary and Secondary and Associate Degree in Education have been discussed as well as Strategic Plan for the year of 2012 for the Department of Education has been discussed.

A display of calligraphy was arranged by the students of Masters Islamic Studies 4th semester in the old Fine Arts Building on February 20th, 2012 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm.

Dr. Bushra Yasmin, Assistant Professor, Ms. Saira Tufail and Ms. Johar-i-Nayyara, lecturer Economics Department attended a Public-Private Dialogue on “Regional Trade with ECO Countries in Textile made ups and Light Engineering Sector” on 21st December, 2011 at Marriott Hotel, Islamabad.

Ms. Johar-i-Nayyara, lecturer and students of Economics Department attended seminar on “Socio-Economic Development and Labor Migration” by Ministry of Professional and technical training, PMI on 16th-17th January, 2012.


Ms. Shazia Hashmat, faculty of Communication and Media Department has devised /suggested syllabi for Federal Public Service Commission (CSS). This syllabi was designed keeping in mind the guidelines for competitive examination for paper-I and paper-II of “Journalism and Mass Communication”, along with suggested readings.

**Educational Trip**

Educational trip is considered to be an effective approach for improving practical knowledge of the content. It is an effective approach where learning occurs in a natural environment. Therefore, for this purpose Mrs. Fouzia Ghias lecturer Education department has arranged a trip regarding teaching of General Science for the 20 students of B.Ed III & VII to National Institute of Science and Technical Education (NISTE) in Islamabad on 18th January. There were different labs of science, technology and computer. The labs were well equipped with high cost as well as with low cost materials. The lab attendants of different labs gave a brief description of the materials present in the labs and working of different type of machinery to the students. The Chief Executive of NISTE gave a presentation pertaining to the training that is being given in that institution.
Publications

A research paper entitled 'GPRS based Mobile and Device Connectivity: Shifting from manual to automation for performance optimization' written by Nazia Bibi, Student of Software Engineering, Ms. Tahira Mehboob, Lecturer, Department of Software Engineering and Malik Sikandar Hayat Khiyal has been published in 'International Journal of Computer Science Issues' Volume 8, Issue 5. The journal has impact factor of .24.

A research paper entitled 'Voice Recognition using HMM with MFCC' written by Shumaila Iqbal, Tahira Mehboob and Malik Sikandar Hayat Khiyal of Department of Software Engineering has been published in International Journal of Computer Science Issues Volume 8, Issue 6. The journal has impact factor of .24.

A research paper entitled 'T-SIM High Fidelity TCP Simulator for Educational Environment' by Tahira Mahboob of Software Engineering has been published in International Journal of Computer Science Issues' Volume 2, Issue 3.

Dr. Sheikh Saeed, Assistant Professor, Department of Environmental Sciences participated in HEC Curriculum Revision Committees of GIS/SRS at Lahore and Space Sciences in Karachi. He also acted as advisor for Punjab Public Service Commission for induction of Lecturers in Government Colleges.

Ms. Noshabah Tabassum, Lecturer, Environmental Sciences Department gave an oral presentation in and International Conference on Energy Environment and Suitable development, 2012 at Haiderabad, Jamshoro, Sindh.


'Women Contribution to a Culture of Peace'- A Lecture held at FJWU

Women Research and Resource Center (WRRC) in collaboration with Ministry of Human Rights and Minorities Affairs organized a lecture on 'Women's Contribution to a Culture of Peace' by Ms. Ingeborg Breinnes, Co-President, International Peace Bureau, IPB, Geneva and former Director, UNESCO Pakistan. The lecture was held on January 25, 2012. Dr. Humaira Ahmad, Incharge WRRC welcomed the worthy guest speaker.

In her talk, the guest speaker highlighted the importance of women's contribution to a culture of peace. She said, “See the world through women's eyes”. According to her taking action for development and equality, is not only a matter of justice or human rights but the only way to promote peace. Violence and repression within an autocratic framework have failed. There can be no doubt that a new equilibrium based on gender equality would help to promote peace and tolerance.

She also mentioned that violence issues are presented neutrally in Pakistani media. She emphasized that conflict resolution is important on both micro-macro level and the way we tackle the conflict should be non-violent. She also highlighted the contribution of UNESCO in maintaining peace culture.

She informed the audience about the issues and problems of women's roles in times of war as well as in time of peace. She explained peace and security policies and practices from a gender perspective and women's initiatives for peace. She emphasized that we should build a realistic new way of living together. At the end she concluded that sustainable peace is possible only with women's full participation their perspectives, their leadership, their daily, equal presence wherever we seek to make and keep the peace. Question/Answer followed the talk. Her talk was very interesting and enlightening.

The Guest of Honor was Prof. Dr. Naheed Zia Khan, Dean Faculty of Law, Commerce, Management & Administrative Sciences and Dean Faculty of Science & Technology, Fatima Jinnah Women University shared her thoughts with the audience. She contended that one area where women need to push forward is the leadership of women as peacemakers.

At the end of lecture formal vote of thanks was given by Ms. Sehrish Saleem. Prof. Dr. Naheed Zia Khan & Dr. Humaira Ahmad presented the university souvenir to the worthy guest.

Honor for Institution

Ms. Zainab Jehan, Lecturer Economics currently studying at University of Sheffield on FJWU's PhD scholarship has been transferred to PhD Program from MS Economics. She earned her MS Economics with distinction.

Mrs. Fouzia Ghias Lecturer Education Department has recently completed M.Phil Education from AIOU Islamabad. Notification has been issued from the Examination office AIOU Feb 2012.

Dr. Sofia Khalid, Lecturer, Department of Environmental Sciences has been upgraded to the position of Assistant Professor.
Activities held by Department of Communication and Media Studies
In collaboration with
Ministry of Human Rights and Minorities Affairs

Department of Communication and Media studies in collaboration with the Human Rights and Minorities Department organized various programs in order to commemorate the awareness of Human Rights in Pakistan. A series of seminars entitled 'Role of Civil Society in 21st Century: Minorities Perspective', 'Women Projection in Media', 'Importance of Nikah Nama Document', 'Women Rights are Human Rights' were held at Fatima Jinnah Women University in this regard. A mime competition entitled 'Human Rights' was also held in this regard.

'Women Rights are Human Rights'
The session started with the recitation of Holy Quran, followed by the welcome address by Ms. Ayesha Qamar, Lecturer, Department of Communication and Media Studies.

Ms. Nasreen Azhar was the guest speaker on the occasion. She said that the problem with our society is that our old tribal values are still in practice. The women's rights are still violated, their decisions are not taken into considerations. She was of the view that women are a valuable asset of the society. We do not need to be paid for our labour done at home but we need to value it, acknowledge it. Over the years women has accepted the behaviour of the people around, accepted how she is treated. She said that destroying something is very easy but building something takes time. She discussed the struggle of various organization for giving women their human rights. Rozan, Aurat Foundations and few similar organizations have worked extensively for the rights of women. She said that women face discrimination at every stage of life, as in education, exploitation in the work place, choice in choosing life partner. The recent bill on anti-women practices passed by the National Assembly is a significant leap forward.

'Women Projection in Media'
The Department of Communication and Media Studies at Fatima Jinnah Women University organized a lecture 'Women Projection in Media'. Fouzia Shahid, Controller PTV was the guest speaker on the occasion. The seminar was held on 18th January, 2012. The session started with the recitation of Holy Quran, followed by the welcome address by Ms. Ayesha Qamar, Lecturer, Department of Communication and Media Studies.

She said that she has been a part of the progressive movement and the women freedom movement started in the 1970's in which the women of Pakistan made their presence made felt in all the fields of life including media. Media has played a vital role in shaping the public's opinion, yet it also pays attention to the public demands. She said that since the media was divided into two trenches, one being the news media and other being the entertainment. The news media was taking over the entertainment for its sensationalizing part. She also criticized how women were portrayed in the advertisements which had a negative impact on the upcoming women who would like to pursue a professional career. She also added upon that the women need to be strong and confident enough to compete the challenges of practical life.

The session ended with a question answer session in which the faculty and students participated enthusiastically. The vote of thanks was delivered by Ms. Ayesha Qamar. The worthy chief guest was presented the university shield by Dr. Shamim Zaidi, Chairperson, Department of Communication and Media Studies.

'Importance of Nikah Nama Document'
The Department of Communication and Media Studies at Fatima Jinnah Women University in collaboration with Ministry of Human Rights and Minorities Affairs organized a lecture 'Importance of Nikahnama Document' by Ms. Humaira Massuuddin, Faculty of King Saud University on 25th January, 2012. The Chairperson, Gender Studies and Communication and Media Studies, Faculty and students were present at the event. The session started with the recitation of Holy Quran, followed by the welcome address by Ms. Ayesha Qamar, Lecturer, Department of Communication and Media Studies.

Talking about the importance of Nikah Nama Document, Ms. Humaira said that it is a very important document that can save a person from many potential problems if used affectively. She informed the audience that unregistered Nikah Nama leads to imprisonment. Talking about the clauses of the nikah nama she said that point 18 to 21 are very important regarding the rights of women and man. Point 18 is about the right of women to divorce. She said that due to traditions people do not like to give this right to women but it is not a big deal. The religion and our National Law
Fatima Jinnah Women University

Dr. Shamim Zaidi, Chairperson, Department of Communication and Media Studies presenting university souvenir to Ms. Humaira Masihuddin

Participants of Mime Competition

gives the right of Khula to women which cannot be taken away from her. She said that Nikah Nama is a very strong document which can serve as a proof for property transfer that is gifted to women at the time of nikah. Talking about the Mehr she said that it is a gift of love, devotion and above all a sign of respect from the husband to his wife. She said that marriage is the name of give and take. Always give your best and expect a little lesser. Sacrifice and compromise are very important and beautiful phenomenon. She said, "Happiness is a matter of choice. If you do not have a rose, plant a garden of roses". The lecture was followed by a question answer session.

Dr. Shamim Zaidi, Chairperson, Department of Communication and Media Studies presented the university souvenir to the honourable guest as a token of appreciation. Ms. Shazia Hashmat, Lecturer, Communication and Media Studies gave vote of thanks in the end.

Mime Competition

An Interdepartmental Mime Competition was held by Department of Communication and Media Studies on January 2, 2012. Five teams participated in the competition including Department of Education, Public Administration, Gender Studies, Communication and Media Studies and Islamic Studies.

The Judges of the event were Mr. Farooq Qaiser, a famous Puppeteer, Ms. Nargis Hashmi, PTV Producer and Mr. Nasser Malik, Principal National College of Arts, Rawalpindi.

The mimes were depicting various themes like Kashmir, women rights, and violence in human behaviour. According to the decision of the judges, Department of Communication and Media Studies stood first, Department of Education secured second and Department of Gender Studies got third position. The competition was held at university level. Faculty staff and students of all departments attended the program. Shields were distributed amongst the winners by the worthy Vice Chancellor. Shields were also presented to the judges and the Chief guest on the occasion, Vice Chancellor FJWU, Prof. Dr. Samina Amin Qadir.

Pakistan Day Debate Competition

Pakistan Day Debates Competition was organized by Radio VOW 96.6 FM at Fatima Jinnah Women University to celebrate Pakistan Day on 16th March 16, 2012. The chief guest for the occasion was Prof. Dr. Naheed Zia Khan, Acting Vice Chancellor, Dean Faculty of Law, Management and Administrative Sciences and Chairperson, Editorial Board. The judges for the competition were Ms. Fakhira Riaz, Lecturer, Department of English and Ms. Bhusra Ghaus, Lecturer, Department of Education. Chairpersons, faculty and students were present at the event.

The event started with the recitation from the Holy Quran. The welcome address was given by Dr. Shamim Zaidi, Chairperson, Department of Communication and Media Studies. The theme of the competition was 'Aj Ka Pakistan Tehreek-e-Pakistan Kay Pas Manzar Mein'. Students from different departments participated in the competition. Salma Basharat of Behavioral Sciences Department, Asia Altaf of Communication and Media Studies Department, Qurat-ul-Ain of Maths Department secured first, second and third positions respectively. While addressing, Dr. Naheed Zia Khan encouraged the students to utilize their potential and talent in the betterment of the country. In the end, Ms. Shama Khalid, Senior Producer Radio VOW gave Vote of Thanks and encouraged the students to work hard for every competition and show how capable they are. All winners would be awarded the prizes on 14th August to commemorate Radio VOW's anniversary.
In this quarter from January-March Radio VOW included new programs like Meia Technology. Economical Issues. Social Capital, Brain and Behavior, Nishan-e-Manzil, Zawiyeh, Mapping the World Wide Web, Hamari Sakaftat, Animation, Mulakat etc. During the Islamic month of Rabi-ul-Awal the transmission included programs on Serat-un-Nabi se Iqtabas, Tusefe Pyamber, Aashiqan-e-Rasool, Khubsurat Masjidain, Ahadeed-e-Nabvi aur Wqayat, Asma-ul-Husna ki Barkaat etc. In connection with the holy month of Rabi-ul-Awal a naat competition was also arranged at interdepartmental level. The judges of the competition included Mrs. Asifa Farooqi, Principal of Fauji Foundation College, Mrs. Akhtar Habib, Director Welfare and Ms. Sara Akhtar Hashmi, Lecturer, Communication and Media Studies. Dr. Naheed Zia Khan, Dean faculty of Law, Commerce, Management and Administrative Sciences graced the occasion as Chief guest. Ms. Faiza Faiz of Economics Department got first position, Ms. Memoona Mazher of Education Department got second position whereas Sobia Mansoor got third position.

Special programs were also broadcasted on Kashmir Solidarity Day, International Women Day and Pakistan Day. Radio VOW also organized interdepartmental Poetry Competition. The topic was Aurat Paikar-e-Azam. The Judges of the event were Ms. Mehmooda Ghazia, Director Performing Arts, PNCA and Mr. Nadeem Fakhar, Chairperson, Computer Sciences Department. Dr. Naheed Zia Khan graced the occasion as Chief guest.

Sports Competitions are also a part of the Women Week 2012 in order to provide an ideal environment for students to develop their physical potential through healthy sports activities. The sports activities included Lawn Tennis and Table Tennis in which teams of different universities of Pakistan participated. FJWU was the sole champion of all the games. FJWU team participated in Intervarsity Women Judo Championship, 2011-12. Ms. Asia Shabnam from Department of Mathematics got silver medal in this championship in the 48 kg weight category.

FJWU badminton team participated in Intervarsity Women Badminton Championship, 2011-12. The championship was held in NUST, Islamabad.


FJWU Badminton, Volley ball, Athletics and Basket ball teams participated in Inter-district Punjab Sports Festival, 2012 and qualified for Inter-Division Punjab Sports Festival, 2012 held in Rawalpindi.