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SPORTS AT ZIAUDDIN UNIVERSITY

In preparation for Sir Dr. Ziauddin Ahmad Day, the sports division of the Office of Student Affairs is continually conducting intercollegiate tournaments so on 24th December 2021 we can celebrate Sir Dr. Ziauddin Ahmad Day by conducting trials for these sporting events. For cricket lovers Sir Dr. Ziauddin Ahmad Super Sixer Cricket Cup was held on 11th & 12th August 2021 at Ziauddin University sports ground Clifton, the participating teams were BDS, ZCRS (A), ZUFESTM (A), MBBS (A), ZCRS (B), ZUFESTM (B), MBBS (B), ZFP, ZUFONAM and final was held between Ziauddin Faculty of Pharmacy vs ZUFESTM and the winners were the players of ZFP.

(B), ZFP, MBBS, ZUFESTM. Final was held between MBBS vs. ZUFONAM (B). ZUFONAM (B) was declared the winner.

For the very first time Sir Dr. Ziauddin Ahmad Athletics Championship was organised on 18th & 19th 2021. Students of Pharmacy, MBBS, MT, ZCRS, Nursing, BDS and ZUFESTM participated enthusiastically. The events held were tug of war, walk race, 100 metre relay race and 400 metre relay race. The students from the Medical Technology won the maximum number of titles and were declared winners followed by the athletics of ZFP.

This event was followed by Futsal Championship which was held at the same venue on 24th & 25th August 2021. The teams from ZUFONAM (A), ZUFONAM

The Tug of War championship was held on 18th & 19th September 2021, at Ziauddin University Clifton campus. The boys of ZUFONAM won by defeating ZCMT.

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In collaboration with the E-battles Society (Office of Student Affairs), ZUFESTM E-Battles was organised by the Student Council ZUFESTM on 16th September 2021. FIFA 21, Ludo Star, Need for Speed, PUBG, TEKKEN 7 were the main highlights of the tournament. Students from all the departments of engineering enthusiastically participated and enjoyed a lot. The event was observed at the ZUFESTM (north campus) One of the main and most fun games was FIFA'21 which comprised of round 1, round 2, semi-finals and finals.

The winner Syed Rizwan Ali from the Civil Engineering Department. He was given a cash price of PKR 2000 while the runner up Hamza received a cash price of PKR 1000.



Finals were held between Hamza and Rizwan. Both of the members played an exceptional game, with Rizwan winning the finals of FIFA'21.

ZEB LUDO STAR TOURNAMENT



The Ludo Star competition, as per the pre-planned and vigilantly segregated rounds and rules formulated by the volunteers and executives of the student's council, under the guidance of the patron engineer Ashfaq Ahmed. To kickstart the competition 20 different matches were played, using the arrow mode of the ludo app. It is important to note that, each of these matches were

played against 4 players competing to qualify for the quarter finals. Then 20 players from the 20 matches battled out and maneuvered their way to the Semi-Finals, after the very competitive 5 matches played in the quarter finals. The Semi-Finals were held between the 5 players who were the qualifiers of the quarter finals. The final was held between Salah-ud-din Rao Atif, ironically both from the Department of Electrical Engineering.



"Need for Speed" was another exciting game of the tournament, qualifier rounds were followed by quarter and semi-finals.

The final round of NEED FOR SPEED, E BATTLES 2021 was between Sufyan and Murtaza in which Murtaza won. Sufyan was rewarded with 1000 Rs cash whereas;Murtaza was rewarded 2000 Rs cash for winning the Need for Speed tournament. PUBG was played among 5 squads and 9 solo players



In squads the game was started in 5 teams playing 3 maps, Erangle, Sanhok, Miramaarin which in map 1st (Erangle) team dead won and in 2nd map (Miramaar) Team Universe 7 won and 3rd map (Sanhok)Team Dead won and In solo M.Ali from evening won 2 maps and Suleman from BBA won 1 map.

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5TH INTERACTIVE SERIES OF "ZU DIALOGUES" "THE POWER OF #HASHTAGS: NAVIGATING THE SOCIAL MEDIA LANDSCAPE"

ZU Dialogues' fifth episode, which was held on 7 July 2021, discussed the importance of hashtags and how to navigate the social media landscape.

Our aim with this online dialogue session was to get opinions and analysis from experts about how influential a hashtag is, how social media impacts its users, how to appropriately use social media, and how we can make positive societal changes through its use.

Najia Ashar, Broadcast Journalist, Founder/President, Global Neighborhood for Media Innovation, while answering the question about the social media trending said "It creates a community of voices to talk about specific topics. Great thing about the hashtags is that they brought communities together during the times of natural disasters, tragedies, and sufferings. The biggest hashtag of 2015 was #blacklivesmatter. it was used more than 9 million times by the social media users.

However, talking about the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) Ms. Ashar carried out that you can be mindful of this because of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) many social media apps ask people to allow data tracking so whenever you are downloading any app you can turn it off from its settings to avoid being tracked. Educate yourself about cookies, location, read terms and conditions, don't give privilege to companies to decide what they can do with our data.

Tehmina Lodhi, Associate Professor and Principal, Ziauddin College of Media Sciences, while presenting her argument about the cyber bullying said "cyber bullying can be very devastating for a person psychologically as well as physically. According to a research report around 13% of the teens reported being cyber bullied at least once in their

life and that's quite a high percentage. There is so much access to viral content, pornography, so much racists content, homophobic, religious based content so we should keep people informed about their rights that how can they handle because it's quite difficult for a person to handle it individually."

On questions about the social media's



effect on a person's mental health Ms. Lodhi said that multiple studies have found that there is a heavy link with depression, anxiety, loneliness, self-harm and even suicidal thoughts; it also promotes negative experiences.

While presenting his argument about the power of hashtag, Kamal Siddiqi, Director, Centre for Excellence in Journalism at IBA in Karachi said "social media is much more independent as compared to mainstream media. We can observe from the past few years that the mainstream media is heavily censored. If a person wants to look for some news or something happening, people will go to twitter rather than some major news publication that shows the importance and power of social media. In our country people are using social media for highlighting their problems, grievances,

and sharing their stories. Government is also using social media for making announcements regarding different issues. So, it becomes the prime source of information and we have noticed the government takes quick action against issues that become viral through social media".

Presenting the contrasting dialogue about the government's usage of social media he stated, "Today's government takes social media very seriously as compared to previous governments. This government is very sensitive about its image on social media, possibly that's why they have invested so much on social media. If you look at the armed forces, ISPR they also have taken social media very seriously. Most importantly, what we are seeing is that most of our ministers, politicians, stakeholders, opinion leaders are now using social media, especially twitter to issue statements. Government not only using social media but also taking action against highlighted wrong doings in the country".

Guest Speaker of the ZU Dialogues Brittney Stewart, Spokesperson, U.S. Consulate General, Karachi while talking about the rise and uses of social media said that according to data report number of social media users have been doubled than January 2016 that means 1 billion social media users have been added to the global total in the past three years. Growth of social media penetration has increased year to year. We have seen this growth increasing since and during the outbreak of COVID-19. During this pandemic the UN had already warned the world about the upcoming fear, uncertainty, and negative impact of social media on people's mental health. As we saw the growth and rise of social media in 2020 this level of social media activism is taken to the whole new level.

ONLINE SESSION: MYTHS AND REALITY OF EASTERN MEDICINE

On 30th August 2021, the Student Council ZUFEMNS in association with The Office of Student Affairs Ziauddin University held a webinar, titled "Myths and realities of Eastern Medicine during COVID-19 Pandemic"

The session was hosted by Fakhra Amir and Mariyam Naeem and guest was Dr. Faisal Siddiqui.

Dr. Faisal Siddiqui, HOD of Department of Basic Medicinal and Behavioral Sciences at Faculty of Ziauddin University Faculty of Eastern Medicine and Natural Sciences - ZU.

His area of specializations is stress management and insomnia. The aim of the webinar was to inform the students how Eastern Medicine can be of help in treating different diseases and he clarified the myths associated with Eastern Medicine. The webinar was well attended by the students. In the end the guest entertained the queries.

WORKSHOP BY THE STUDENT COUNCIL ZCSLHS

On Tuesday the 7th of August, the Student Council of, College of Speech Language and Hearing Sciences conducted a session on mental health awareness and burnout. The event was hosted by Naima Waqas and was joined by Miss Tehmina Waqas, a clinical psychologist, who specializes in CBT and hypnotism, to talk about the various ways of coping with burnout.

The event was very interactive, and

was made special by all the activities and games that our guest had organised for the students. To create flow, students were divided into groups and were asked to pass on a ball to their group member with only a spoon in their mouth. Other activities included a diversity walk, where each set of students had to come up with a different way to walk, as well as a balloon popping game, where the last person standing with an unpopped balloon won.



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6TH INTERACTIVE SERIES OF "ZU DIALOGUES" "JINNAH'S VISION OF PAKISTAN: YOU ARE FREE TO GO TO YOUR TEMPLES..."

Ziauddin University organised the 6th edition of "ZU Dialogues", titled "Jinnah's Vision of Pakistan: You are Free to go to your Temples..." on August 11 2021. This was held to get an opinion and analysis of the experts about Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah's vision, religious freedom, democracy, equality, rights of minorities, social and cultural differences among ethnicities. The dialogue session was moderated by Syed Muaz Shah, Director, The Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, Ziauddin University.

Prof. Dr. Syed Jaffar Ahmed, Director, Institute of Historical and Social Research & Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, Sohail University while talking about the historical context of Quaid-e-Azam Muhammad Ali Jinnah's Presidential Address to the first Constituent Assembly on 11 August, 1947 said that Quaid gave a vision of future Pakistan.

While talking about Objective Resolution he said "Objective Resolution does talk about the people the federation and democracy see the framing of the words "sovereignty over the entire universe belongs to Allah Almighty" Congressmen were sitting there; non-Muslims were sitting there in the Constituent Assembly and Mr. Jinnah presenting a resolution to them that's where the differences started from because it was taken in wrong context and presented as if we want only Muslims to live in this country. Which is totally wrong.

Quaid-e-Azam did talk about Islam but he never discouraged the other religions of this country."

Using the lens of famous landmark judgement delivered by Chief Justice

making. Even after having 20 hearings by the Supreme Court and 60 court orders. Not even a single cabinet meeting has been called or a parliament has discussed this judgement. They all seem to be so reluctant to those orders of the Supreme Court."

"Particularly in 1992 the movement against the inclusion of column for religion and national identity that was mainly led by Christian lot and later it was joined by the Hindu politicians besides the civil society of Pakistan against the system of the separate electorates in the Country and that's how in 2002 you got rid of separate electorates in Pakistan", Jacob explained.

On the topic of Objective Resolutions, he stated "General Zia-ul-Haq felt himself at the liberty to alter the Objective Resolution so he removed this word of "freely practice religion" when it comes to the minority rights that's

why minorities want guarantee and the freedom, they got by law they actually want it to be practiced".

This policy framework had been forgotten and alternative narrative and policy framework was evolved through the decades for Pakistan which did not subscribe to the vision of the democratic state it is more into a religious state that is why you see the imposed identity on the citizens of Pakistan was perpetuated at that time.

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T HALF

This year MBBS Student Council planned and executed a week long T HALF for 3rd year MBBS Students. It included 3 events on alternate days. Namely, batch nashta, movie night and the formal dinner. The T half week was dated between 5th -10th July 2021.

Starting off with the first event, the batch nashta which was at Dou Darya. As it

was the first day of T half week, so the enthusiasm was at it's peak. The students thoroughly grooved this day. Towards the end we had a batch picture to keep it as a memory. Moving on to the second and the most fine event of the week, the movie night. It was a thorough amalgamation of nostalgia and fun, we had a super aesthetic setup with games, eleven different delectable food vendors and ofcourse some good music. The auditorium was all prepared for the movie to play, and in the end the most memorable batch video was played along too, which rewinded them back from where they all started together. This

event was a complete package of remembrance and entertainment. Last event, the formal dinner was held at the Beach View Club. It was obviously the most awaited one. The students were really looking forward to dress up all dapper. There were titles, confession sessions and hosting done. An amazing buffet was served, and till the end The Student Council MBBS worked 24/7 to pull this off. We are sincerely thankful to the Office of Students Affairs for cooperating with us through out the process. Hope this trend goes on a long way for years to come. It was a memorable event for the batch of 2021.



NCBC - INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION:

Ziauddin University Business Development Centre (NCBC) took part in the International Exhibition on "Technology Enabled Healthcare Solutions" and displayed their projects which received a very positive response. The organizers of the event were COMSTECH – ICCBS and it was held on 8th & 9th September, 2021.



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7TH INTERACTIVE SERIES OF "ZU DIALOGUES" "PAKISTAN MEDIA DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY: PROTECTION OR CONTROL OF THE MEDIA INDUSTRY"

Ziauddin University organised the 7th interactive series of "ZU Dialogues", titled "Pakistan Media Development Authority: Protection or Control of the Media Industry" to get an opinion and analysis of the experts about Pakistan Media Development Authority (PMDA) on September 17, 2021.

The dialogue session was moderated by Syed Muaz Shah, Director, The Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, Ziauddin University.

"In Pakistan we have extraordinarily high freedom of expression but virtually every day whether it is tv channel, social media or any newspaper, there are condemnable comments on our armed forces, judiciary, politicians, and their alleged or real corruption. So, there is no restriction on the kind of criticism that can be heard against people. But here, I empathize with journalists it is a fact that for the past 20 years a reported number of about 70 journalists have tragically lost their lives in a natural violent way and no one has been found and punished for such terrible crimes, several others have been injured, some journalists have been deprived of their professional income. it is also true that media in Pakistan has a very high level of freedom of expression", said Senator (R) Mr. Javed Jabbar Former Federal Minister for Information & Broadcasting, Former Advisor to the Chief Executive of Pakistan on National Affairs presenting his argument about freedom of expression. He was presenting his arguments as a guest speaker of the webinar.

As a panelist of the webinar Mr. Mazhar Abbas, senior journalist and analyst,

former General Secretary, Pakistan Federal Union of Journalists, (while talking about the control of fake news) he said, "If you go through the proposed draft which was floated by the Federal Information Minister Mr. Fawwad Chaudhary, out of 7 legislations at least 5 have nothing to do with fake news. For instance, the Motion Pictures Act 1979 what it has to do with the fake news?"

always been the Ministry of Information. Since its formation it has always been used. If you are pleasing the government and showing pro government statements in headlines then you get the maximum advertisements" he added

Talking about the challenges that media usually face, Dr. Huma Baqai, International Relations Expert and Political Analyst, Former Associate Dean, Faculty of Business Administration, IBA said "Workers of private news channels are not independent; they do cater the needs of commodification, commercialisation and elite capture.

Presenting her argument about PMDA she said "Firstly, right now the government has created a problem for itself. This is the biggest blunder made by the government to give an opportunity to the broken opposition parties to unite back and use this PDMA agenda for their own good. Secondly, the Government has polarised the already polarised political situation and thirdly this political arrogance by the Imran Khan government is also self-defeating.

Mr. Zarrar Khuhro, current affairs commentator and analyst while critically analysing the current situation said "Government said they are going to build the consensus and they have built it. Except the fact that they are 100% against the PMDA which is a rare achievement and I do want to applaud it. Government's greatest skill is where they need a scapple, they use a hammer and where they need a hammer, they use a bulldozer, for instance: just see the single curriculum and electronic voting machine"



Newspaper Employees' Conditions of Service Act 1973 have nothing to do with the fake news, Press Council of Pakistan [whose chairman has not been appointed by the government for the last 3 years] has nothing to do with the fake news. News Agencies Books Registration Act 2002 has nothing to do with the fake news except for PEMRA to some extent there is not any single legislation that has anything to do with fake news. So, the basic idea of Mr. Fawwad Chaudhry has serious contradictions or he has not read any of these 7 legislations."

"I can say with authority that the biggest source of fake news in Pakistan has



COLLEGE OF SPEECH LANGUAGE & HEARING SCIENCES HIGHLIGHTS

- Ziauddin College of Speech Language and Hearing Sciences resumed its onsite classes from July 1st 2021.
- One of the faculty members, Ms. Sabreen Noor Ali went to USA, University of Oregon, to pursue PhD, with early dual language development as her majors.
- This year we have initiated a student body for our College for which we have Ms. Fatima Yousuf (Senior Lecturer and a Masters student) as Patron and President, Shyle Aslam (student of 4th year) as Vice President Services, Abeera Usman (student of 4th year) as Vice President Projects, Naima Waqas (student of 2nd year) as General Secretary and Parvin Athwani (student of 2nd year) as Treasurer. The student's council arranged two workshops for the students and the Faculty of CSLHS recently.



OBITUARY DR. ZAREEN HUSSAIN

On 21 August 2021, Dr. Zareen Hussain, a pioneer of Radiology at the Dr. Ziauddin Hospital and wife of Dr. Asim Hussain (Chancellor ZU), breathed her last. She was a brave woman who endured her ailment for 11 long years. The Namaz-e-Janaza and burial for her were held at Jama Masjid, Ziauddin University Link Road campus, Karachi, on 23 August 2021. The deceased is survived by her husband, daughter, son, and grandchildren. May Allah grant the soul the highest place in Jannah Aameen.

PAKISTAN'S DR. ASMA ABDUS SALAM WINS IASP'S GRANT FOR 2021

Ziauddin University's alumni Dr. Asma Abdus Salam won The International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP's) Grant 2021 for her project "Pain Assessment and Initial Management: A Blended-Learning Basic Course for Nurses". It is an international grant for Developing countries and among hundreds of applicants, her project was chosen from Pakistan.

IASP's Grant 2021 Developing Countries Project: Initiative for Improving Pain Education is for trainees, researchers, and clinicians that support basic and the clinical research and students and education in developing countries.

The International Association for the Study of Pain (IASP) has worked for nearly 50 years. It has been a leading global authority on pain and continues to be the largest multidisciplinary association in the field of pain. With more than 7,000 members representing over 130 countries, 91 national chapters, and 24 Special Interest Groups (SIGs), IASP fosters the exchange of ideas and education to stimulate and support the study of pain and to translate that knowledge into improved pain relief worldwide.



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THE NEW WAVE – MBBS BEACH PICNIC

Beach Picnic was the most awaited event of the year. This year Student Council MBBS executed and planned it for all 5 years of academics specifically for MBBS domain, with a name of "THE NEW WAVE". It was dated on 13th September 2021, and took place at Turtle Beach.

Starting off with all the registrations happening at around 7:45 am, arranging everyone according to their batch into respective buses by 8:45 am, we left by 9:00 am sharp to reach our destination. Few of the council members were already present at the location to set up

the Hawaiian theme. Talking about the hut, setup and the food all in all was arranged at the venue by the council itself with the support of Office of Student Affairs. The food, it was an absolute delight to have it after hours of enjoying with friends in water. We had a proper 4 course buffet with dessert afterwards. At around 10:15 am we reached our destination. Students got extremely contented and ecstatic, and the weather there made it hundred times better. We also arranged outdoor games such as football and volleyball, and all enjoyed it a lot.

There was a sound system and DJs arranged for the crowd. Students enjoyed a lot at the dance floor pre and post food session. All in all it was a huge success for the whole council.

If we conclude the whole event, it was a huge success simultaneously an achievement for the entire MBBS department. A huge shout out to the Office of Student's Affairs for the unlimited support with finances and taking care of minute things for the event. We hope this year's beach trend goes on for years to come.



BEACH TRIP 2021 - BDS PICNIC

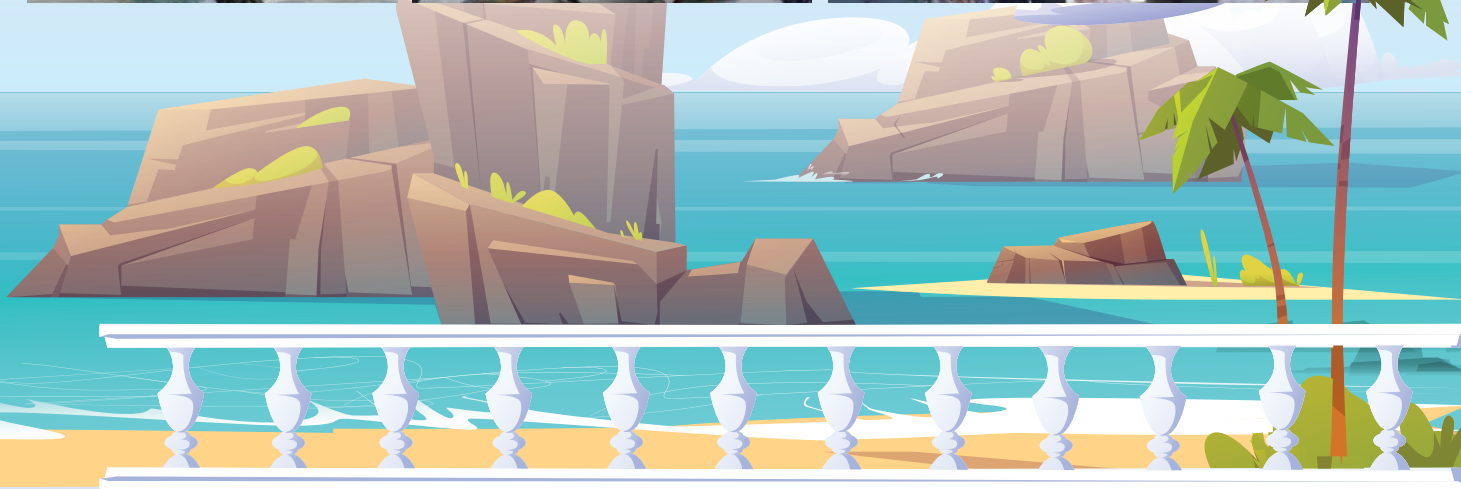
Student Council College of Dentistry in collaboration with the Office of Student Affairs organised a beach trip for BDS students on Thursday, September 23, 2021.

This was a big scale event that required extensive pre-planning. This trip was planned with the utmost precision through meetings with Council members and vendors. The student council was divided into several teams, including logistics, marketing, and finance, in order to avoid any bottlenecks. After this, Hawks Bay's hut was finalised keeping the

area, number of students, and SOPs in mind. After all the plans had been approved by the Office of Student Affairs, ticket sales began a week before the event. A ticket counter was situated near the campus door, which was overseen by a member of the executive council at all times. Members of the council were informed of their responsibilities in a meeting well in advance to avoid confusion. There were duties both on campus and at the beach. Breakfast and lunch were served on time, and departure was timely considering the weather conditions. This

event was attended by 124 students and necessary security arrangements were made.

Students responded in a very positive manner. Council members were informed how this event was the perfect break from their busy and hectic schedules. The event provided an excellent opportunity for the students to network with each other. The student council overcame a few hurdles very efficiently, and it turned out to be an invaluable learning experience for them all.



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FACULTY OF EASTERN MEDICINE AND NATURAL SCIENCES DEBATING COMPETITION

To mark the Defence Day the Student Council ZUFEMNS in alliance with the Office of Student Affairs organised

Debating Competition on 6th September 2021. Total 7 members of all the participants spoke on 'Shaheed

Kabhi Marta Nahi' and 'Our Heroes Our Pride.' Dr. Khurshid Hashmi and Ms. Mufzala Shamim were the judges.



ZUFESTM WEBINAR

The Student Council of ZUFESTM in collaboration with the Office of Student Affairs held a webinar, titled "The Essentials of E-commerce" on 10th August '21. The session was hosted by Ms. Mahin Khan and Syed Mahazaib Pasha and guest was Mr. Nasir Saleem.

Mr. Nasir Saleem is serving as an e-commerce manager for a high-end children's clothing company in the United States of America; managing a

\$10M direct to consumer e-commerce business.

The aim of the webinar was to make students aware about e-commerce, the latest digital technology and its advantages around the world especially Pakistan.

At the end of the webinar, the guest felt free to help students in helping with the e-commerce and to solve queries.



THE SPORTS BUZZ

The Student's Council of College of Medical Technology and ZUFEMNS in association with the Office of Student Affairs arranged a sporting event, "The Sports Buzz". It was a platform given to the students so they can showcase their sporting skills. Arranged for the first time, everyone had good expectations from the event and their hype was fulfilled. The event was divided in three days. First day was held at Sindh Sports Complex, Nazimabad. Students enjoyed badminton and table tennis. Matches were played between students of

different batches. It was divided into singles, doubles and mix doubles.

Second day was fully booked for cricket and it took place at the sports Ground, Clifton. The day got hindered by sudden rainfall. Third day kicked off with several games being played simultaneously at the Sports Ground, Clifton. Futsal matches were held. Followed by, throw ball and the rest of cricket matches were played. The day ended with matches of tug of war. It was fun, every student enjoyed the games.

WATER SCARCITY BECOMING WORSE DUE TO CLIMATE CHANGE AND GROWING POPULATION

As a member of Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) ZU hosted parallel sessions of the international conference on September 30, 2021.

The 9th Annual International Conference on Sustainable Development (ICSD) was organized by the (SDSN) for the UN. Theme of this year's international conferences was "Research for Impact: An Inclusive and Sustainable Planet". It was an honor for the Ziauddin University to be selected and become members of the conference's Scientific Committee for the year 2021.

During the first session of the international conference, Pro-chancellor Ziauddin University, Dr. Nida Hussain presented her views about SDG Learnings from COVID-19 for Science-Informed Decision-Making.

During the invited talk of the session, Dr. Nida Hussain said "It is about the Science-Policy Interface: Science-informed decision-making is an increasingly urgent need, as demonstrated by the management of the global COVID-19 pandemic. Many

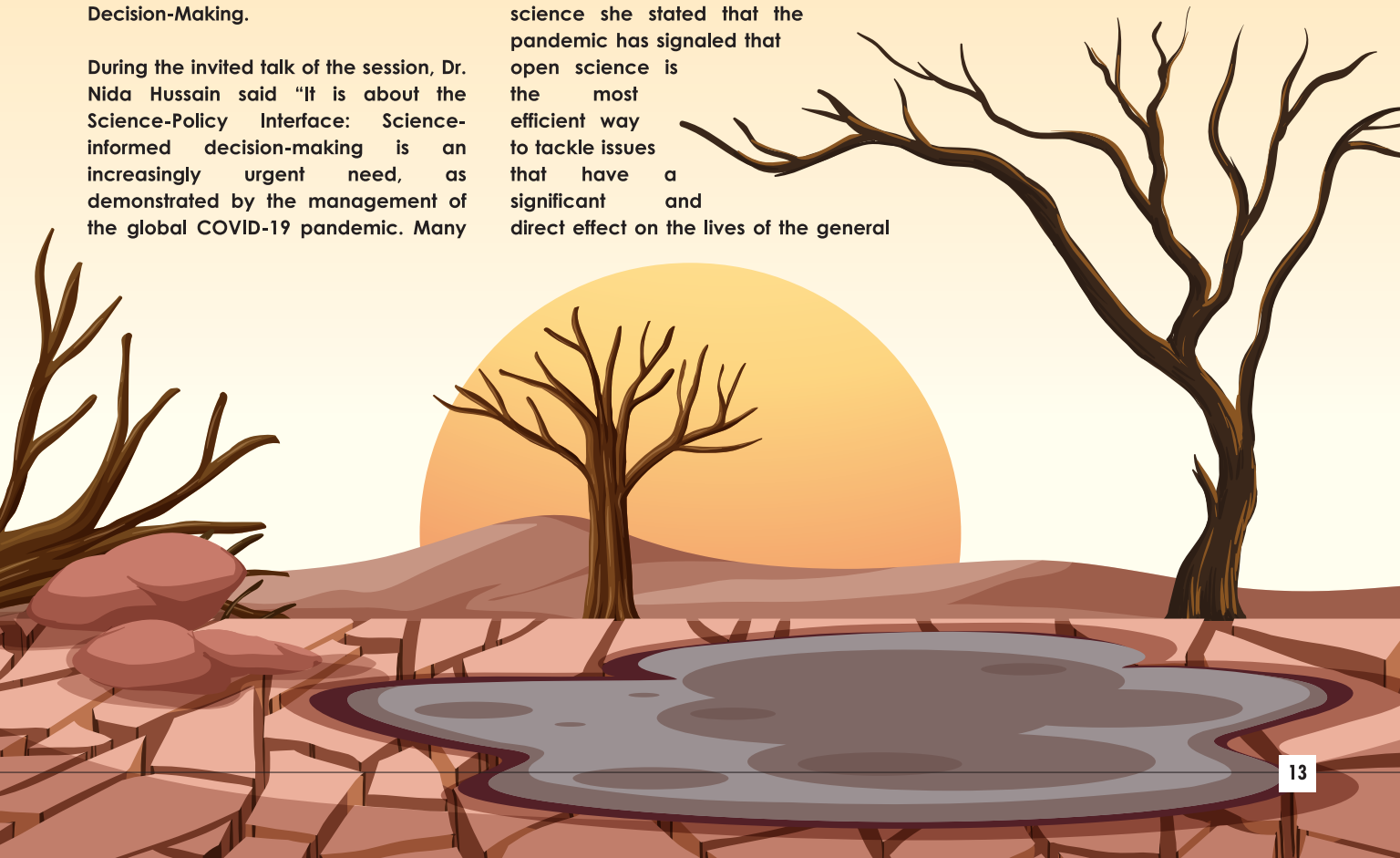
lessons must be learnt in order to equip decision makers and citizens to better understand the risks and impacts of public policy decisions."

"It has been 18 months since COVID-19 was declared a pandemic by the WHO and it also gave us a learning opportunity as well that can be applied towards reaching the 2030 Agenda and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The past 18 months has really shown the positive impact that open science can have. The scientist went on to be part of the policy making forums to help the world combat the pandemic. Science will have to continue staying in the forefront if we want to make meaningful progress on SDGs", she added.

While talking about the role of science she stated that the pandemic has signaled that open science is the most efficient way to tackle issues that have a significant and direct effect on the lives of the general

public. We must make a great effort to put this into meaningful action."

Second session of the SDSN was moderated by Director, Office of Research, Innovation & Commercialization (ORIC), Dr. Zulfiqar Ali Umrani. While talking about "SDG-6 Implementation in LMICs and How National Water Policies Can Accelerate Progress" he said "The world is facing water scarcity which is going to become worse due to the impact of climate change and a growing population. Like most of the Global-South, Pakistan is also struggling to achieve the SDG 6 targets by 2030. Pakistan's neighbors, like China and India, have started aligning their National Water Policies (NWP) with the SDG 6 targets to accelerate implementation."



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EXTRACURRICULAR WEEK ZIAUDDIN UNIVERSITY FACULTY OF NURSING AND MIDWIFERY

ZUFONAM faculty members attended an online session by Dr. Fauzia Shamim, Professor and Dean Faculty of Liberal Arts and Human Sciences Ziauddin University, organised on Friday, August 27, 2021, on "Teacher-Learning Behavior and Classroom Processes in Large ESL Classes in Pakistan". She discussed the most trending topic in academics of today's time.

Another workshop on writing research proposal was conducted by Ms. Tania Sheikh on September 16, 2021. The workshop was organised for MSN students to help them in their synopsis writing. The workshop had various hands-on activities using Google Jamboard and Padlet.

The students of ZUFONAM participated in multiple sport events organized by the

Office of Student Affairs whether its cricket, soccer or tug of war. ZUFONAM proved they aren't less than any other team and became the champions of soccer and tug of war.

Extracurricular week with fulfilled activities for the students of ZUFONAM was held from 20-26 September 2021. The week was organised in alliance with the Office of Student Affairs.

This was much awaited activity for the students to freshen up their minds and take a break from tough study schedules and assignment deadlines as it results in improved physical and mental health.

The exciting extracurricular week started with the opening ceremony and cricket tournament held at the Family Park,

Ziauddin University, Karachi.

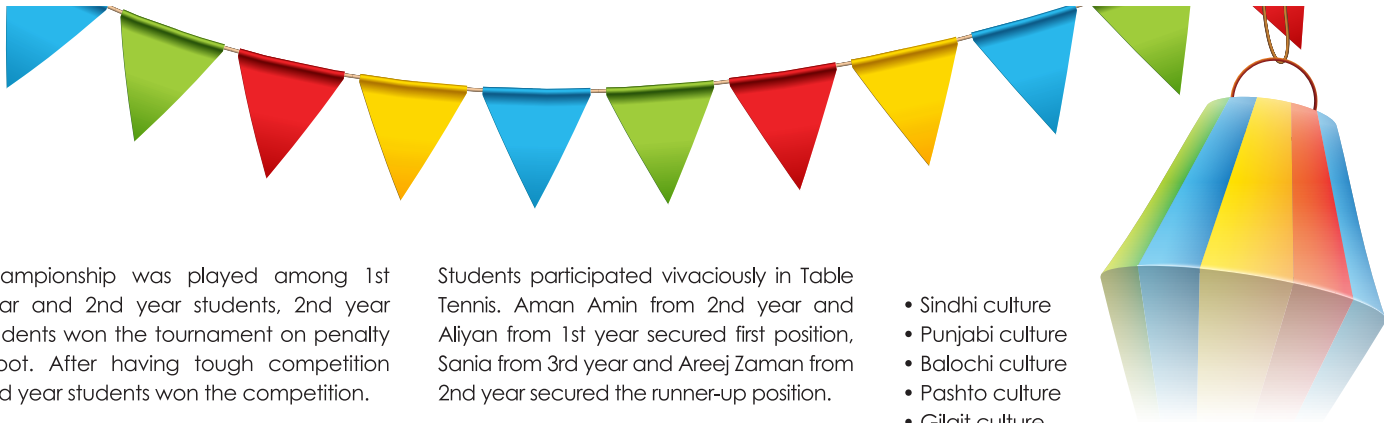
Dr. Pamela Marshall, Dean ZUFONAM, Dr. Yasmin Amarsi, Advisor ZUFONAM, Ms. Afshan Nazli, Associate Professor and Director Office of Student Affairs Dr. Almas Farhan graced the occasion as chief guests.

All the batches participated in the sports enthusiastically. The final of the cricket tournament was held between 2nd year ZUCON Warriors and 4th year ZUCON Zalmi. After a tough competition ZUCON Warriors won the match. Mr. Mehran Shad of ZUCON Warriors declared as Man of the tournament.

Four teams competed for the title of ZUFONAM Champion of Futsal Tournament, final match of the



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championship was played among 1st year and 2nd year students, 2nd year students won the tournament on penalty shoot. After having tough competition 2nd year students won the competition.

In the Throwball tournament four teams competed for the title of champion. 1st year team won the tournament and 3rd year team secured the runner-up position. Tournament for Badminton and Table Tennis were held at Sindh Sports Complex at 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. 37 students of different batches were given equal opportunity to take part in this tournament. Badminton Championship was divided into three categories, girls dual team, boys dual team and mix dual. In the tournament the winners were Areej Zaman and Unaiba from 2nd year who won the girl dual championship, Saqib and Waliullah from 1st year won boys dual championship and mix dual category was won by Hanan Khan and Shagufta from 4th year.

Students participated vivaciously in Table Tennis. Aman Amin from 2nd year and Aliyan from 1st year secured first position, Sania from 3rd year and Areej Zaman from 2nd year secured the runner-up position.

Science Olympiad was held on 24th September. The emphasis was on learning, participation, interaction, having fun and developing team spirit. The students of 1st and 2nd year passionately participated and presented their work with creativity. The judges of the Science Olympiad were Dr. Pamela Marshall, Dean ZUFONAM, and Dr. Yasmin Amarsi. Advisor ZUFONAM and Sir Abdul Rehman Nursing Coordinator.

A cultural day was also held on day 5 of EC week which was organised by the students of BSN year III, in which they took the students and faculty members to a journey of the six beautiful cultures of Pakistan.

- Sindhi culture
- Punjabi culture
- Balochi culture
- Pashto culture
- Gilgit culture
- Chitral culture

Picnic is an event where a person refreshes their mind due to their busy schedule by spending quality of time with their friends and breathes in fresh air.

This Extracurricular Week for the year 2021 ended with the enjoyable and memorable annual picnic where students and faculty enjoyed a lot and at the end of the event a Token of Appreciation were given to all those students and management who made the event a success.

2nd year BScN Batch II was declared batch of the year.



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FACULTY OF PHARMACY HIGHLIGHTS

- Faculty of Pharmacy, Ziauddin University, organised the Summer Gala 2021, at the Ziauddin University, Link Road Campus Karachi on Thursday, 1st July 2021. It was inaugurated by Pro-Chancellor Dr. Nida Hussain. The students participated with full zeal and zest, enjoyed delicious food and drinks along with various gaming activities.
- World Pharmacist Day was celebrated at the Faculty of Pharmacy on 22 September 2021 to recognise the role of pharmacists under the theme "Pharmacy: Always Trusted for Your

Health". This theme was chosen this year worldwide to draw special attention to the value of trust in the health sector and the practice of pharmacy. Dean Faculty of Pharmacy, Prof. Dr. Rafeeq Alam Khan and Prof. Dr. Anwar Ejaz Baig, Advisor to Chancellor encouraged the students to realize their role in society and also acknowledged the efforts of pharmacists during COVID-19 global pandemic. The celebrations were carried forward with a cake cutting ceremony, poster competition and lunch for the students.

- On the occasion of World Pharmacist Day 2021, final year students of the Faculty of Pharmacy, Ziauddin University participated in the poster competition and celebration by Martin Dow Limited on 24 September 2021.
- Students of ZFOP secured 3rd position in the inter-university poster competition on the topic, "Role of Pharmacist in the Emerging World". We would like to congratulate students and faculty members Dr. Sidra Tanwir and Dr. Ghulam Abbas for their tremendous hard work.



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