



NEWSLETTER

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

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WELCOME TO THE SPRING 2023 NEWSLETTER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT MESSAGE

It brings me great pleasure to share the achievements and highlights of our vibrant English department during this active spring session. Over the semester, our dedicated faculty and enthusiastic students have actively participated in fostering their academic growth. Despite the constraints we face in our region, our department has remained committed to nurturing a culture of excellence and intellectual development. We take pride in the collective spirit of our faculty and students who have embraced the challenges and actively contributed to the academic growth within our department. Their unwavering dedication and commitment have led to remarkable accomplishments, both within the university and beyond. During this spring session, our department has focused on promoting critical thinking skills among our students. We strongly believe that nurturing these skills empowers our students to become effective problem solvers, capable of bringing positive change to our region and society as a whole. We are proud to produce social scientists who can engage in meaningful discourses on human development.

We are delighted to present this newsletter, which offers a glimpse into the various activities, events, and updates from our English department. It is a testament to the collective efforts and achievements of our faculty and students, and their dedication to personal and academic growth. As we move forward into the Spring session, I am confident that our faculty and students will continue to actively participate and contribute to the academic excellence of our department. Together, we will overcome the constraints we face and strive for a progressive future.

Wishing everyone a productive and enriching Fall session ahead.

DR. MUHAMMAD ABDULLAH

Departmental meetings between faculty members are an absolute powerhouse for fostering vibrant communication, igniting collaboration, and ensuring precision in academic endeavors. These lively gatherings provide a fertile ground for faculty to engage in spirited exchanges, exchange pearls of wisdom, and tackle challenges head-on, tailored specifically to their department's needs.

25TH MEETING

DEPARTMENTAL MEETINGS



On 23rd February 2023 at 11 A.M., a meeting was held in the Committee Room at the University of Jhang, chaired by Dr. Muhammad Abdullah, the Head of the Department. The following faculty members were present:

1. Ms. Saira Batool
2. Ms. Nimra Zafar
3. Ms. Ammara Mehmood
4. Ms. Farwa Hijab
5. Ms. Marukh Ali
6. Ms. Iqra Yousaf
7. Ms. Noor ul Ain
8. Ms. Arbab Zahoor
9. Ms. Asma Mashal
10. Mr. Muhammad Aslam
11. Mr. Ghulam Yaseen
12. Mr. Shahzaib Hayat
13. Mr. Shahrugh Bukhari



In the meeting, Dr. Abdullah welcomed everyone and requested faculty members to share progress reports, course coverage, and teaching methodologies. He emphasized professional development and urged them to enhance teaching strategies. Dr. Abdullah highlighted the importance of timely communication and adherence to instructions. Regarding student attendance, he advised regular record-keeping and informing students after the mid-term. Resit exams for missed mid-terms were clarified as not allowed. He concluded by expressing trust in faculty members and offering departmental support and guidance as needed.

26TH MEETING



On March 27th, 2023, at 11 A.M., a meeting was held in the Library of the University of Jhang between Dr. Muhammad Abdullah, the Head of Department, and the visiting faculty members.

The key points discussed were:

1. **New Semester Commencement:** Dr. Abdullah discussed the allocation of new courses, both allied and departmental, including their outlines and content.
2. **Professional Development:** Faculty members were advised to enhance their teaching strategies and share any concerns promptly.
3. **Timely Submission:** Emphasis was placed on submitting final term results before the deadline and adhering to all given deadlines.
4. **Faculty Responsibilities:** Faculty members were instructed to track student attendance regularly on their laptops and follow all instructions diligently.

In conclusion, Dr. Abdullah expressed trust in the faculty members and assured them of the department's support and guidance as needed.



27TH MEETING

On May 2nd, 2023, Dr. Muhammad Abdullah conducted a meeting with permanent and visiting faculty members at the HOD Office, University of Jhang. The key points discussed were:

1. Dr. Abdullah requested an update on the progress of Lahore College for Women University (LCWU) students' theses. He emphasized the importance of timely thesis submission.
2. The HOD addressed short attendance cases and advised teachers to promptly report any instances of short attendance to the Internals department.
3. Instructions were given regarding exam issues. Faculty members were reminded to adhere to all deadlines as per the academic calendar. It was emphasized that all student-related issues should be properly addressed and none should be left unattended.
4. Dr. Abdullah stressed the significance of submitting final term results before the deadline. Faculty members were advised to ensure compliance with all related deadlines.

In conclusion, Dr. Abdullah highlighted the importance of timely thesis submission, reporting short attendance cases, addressing exam-related issues, and submitting final results on time.



4TH BOS MEETING

Department of English had its 4th BOS meeting online to save university resources, held on March 03, 2023 (Friday) at 02:30 p.m. to discuss the following Agendas.

AGENDA ITEM NO 1: Approval of a list of foreign & local experts to evaluate Professor & Associate Professor dossiers for recruitment.

AGENDA ITEM NO 2: Approval of the list of External Evaluators for BS & M. Phil theses

AGENDA ITEM NO 3: Approval of Departmental Logo

AGENDA ITEM NO 4: Approval for Quran Translation Course in the syllabus of the BS program

AGENDA ITEM NO 5: Approval of Mode of Assessment

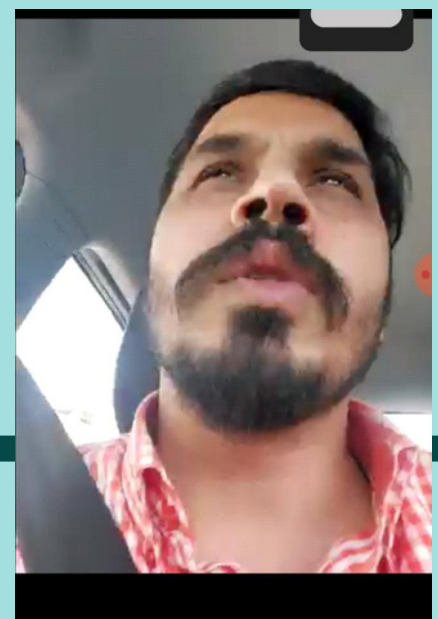
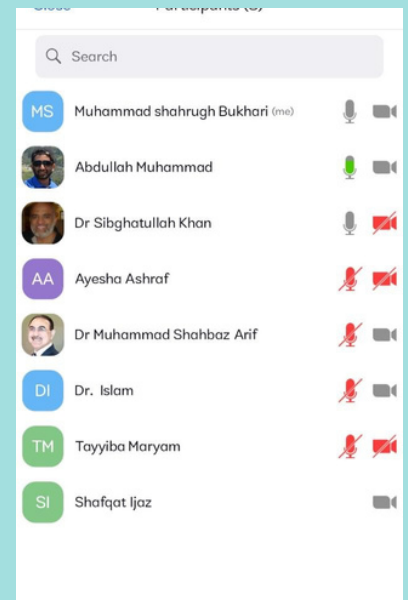
AGENDA ITEM NO 6: Approval of Entry Test

AGENDA ITEM NO 7: Approval of English Program for Affiliated Colleges

AGENDA ITEM NO 8: Approval for Language Lab and Language Center

Dr. Muhammad Abdullah as Head of the English Department convened the meeting. Convener welcomed all members of the board who were present in the meeting. The following members were present:

1. Dr. Muhammad Abdullah (Convener)
2. Dr. Shahbaz Arif (Member)
3. Prof. Dr. Mazhar Hayat (Member)
4. Dr. Sibghat Ullah Khan (Member)
5. Dr. Muhammad Islam (Member)
6. Dr. Ayesha Ashraf (Member)
7. Ms. Shafqat Naseem (Member)
8. Ms. Tayyiba Maryam (Member)





ANNUAL DINNER 2023 (EVENING STUDENTS)

On January 27th, the Annual Dinner of the English Department of UOJ Evening was organized by the Department of English under the supervision of Ms. Nimra Zafar and Ms. Mahrukh Ali.



The evening consisted of various activities, including tilawat (recitation of the Holy Quran), bonfire and jhumar, best dressed male award, dance performance, a funny speech, singing, games, musical chairs involving teachers, and several other captivating performances. The event concluded with the HOD, Dr. Muhammad Abdullah's note to students.





Sports and Games keep us mentally sharp and physically fit. In this regard, University of Jhang organized Annual Sports Gala for students. In Annual Sports Gala, Department of English won 7 trophies and stood on top of the winner's table. The prestigious victory was an outcome of selfless contributions of the worthy Head of English Department Dr. Muhammad Abdullah and the departmental coordinator Dr. Ayesha Ashraf. The winners were awarded with the certificates in the prize distribution ceremony organized by the department of English.

(Muhammad Waseem)



SPORTS GALA



PRIZE DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY



ANNUAL DINNER 2023 (MORNING STUDENTS)



The University of Jhang held its Annual Dinner on February 2nd, 2023. Dr. Abdullah was the chief guest, and the event was supervised by Ms. Tayyiba Maryam. Students from the English department hosted the event, featuring Sufi dance, various performances, and a funny drama. Dr. Abdullah expressed his thoughts, and a cake-cutting ceremony concluded the event, leaving attendees with enjoyable memories.





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JOIN THE FUN

PUNJAB CULTURE DAY

COME AND EXPERIENCE THE RICHNESS OF PUNJAB WITH US

ALL DAY ALONG ON
MARCH 14, 2023

DHOL, DHAMAL, PUNJABI DRESSES, PUNJABI
PRODUCTS, PUNJABI PROCESSES, PUNJABI
FOOD, AND PUNJABI VALUES
ON DISPLAY





Department of English celebrated Punjab Culture Day with great zeal on March 14th, focusing on the exploration of Punjabi culture. Dr. Nabila Rehman, the Vice Chancellor, inaugurated an exhibition highlighting Punjab's rich heritage. The event showcased folk songs, including Gadda, Ludi, and Bhangra, captivating the audience. Dr. Abdullah Muhammad, Head of the Department of English, emphasized Punjab's cultural diversity and the aim of acquainting the world, especially the younger generation, with its charm. The Vice Chancellor expressed gratitude to Dr. Abdullah Muhammad and the staff for their efforts in making the day a success. The celebration fostered pride and unity while promoting Punjab's cultural richness.

(Amjid Hussain)





THE CHERRY ORCHARD

PLAY PERFORMANCE

Under the expert guidance of Ms. Nimra, the exemplary students of 6th Semester Section-A, brought "The Cherry Orchard" to life, delivering a captivating and immersive rendition. Through their remarkable acting skills, they depicted the struggles faced by aristocratic families during the Russian revolution, highlighting the erosion of truth, the relentless struggle of pride, and the bittersweet realization of lessons learned too late. The play skillfully conveyed moral lessons about clinging to the past and the dangers of unchecked pride, resonating deeply with the audience and leaving a lasting impact. "The Cherry Orchard" remains a timeless masterpiece that compels reflection on memory, pride, and regret, with its portrayal of the Russian revolution enhancing the universality of its themes.



THAL TOUR



On March 1, 2023, a delightful tour to 'Thal' was arranged by the pioneer session of 2019–2023 of the English department, UOJ, under the leadership of Dr. Muhammad Abdullah. The journey started from Jhang towards Thal, which had three destinations.

The first stop was Kora Wala, where a fish party was held. The second stop was at Trimmu Barrage, where we visited the park. The entire class then walked with Dr. Muhammad Abdullah on the bridge and even on the pillars of the bridge. It seems unusual to visit a barrage, a place where two rivers meet, without boating. Therefore, the entire class enjoyed a boating experience in the river. From there, our journey towards our main destination, Thal, resumed.



In Thal, we visited the garden and observed the crops. Hassan Mumtaz, a student, briefed us on technology used in Thal desert farming. We were warmly welcomed at Asad Ilyas' father's Dera, with a traditional sitting arrangement and group pictures. The tour offered us a refreshing escape, enjoying nature and the rainy weather. Thal, not a typical tourist destination, captivated us throughout, creating cherished memories with Dr. Muhammad Abdullah.

(M. Suleiman Haider)

FAREWELL



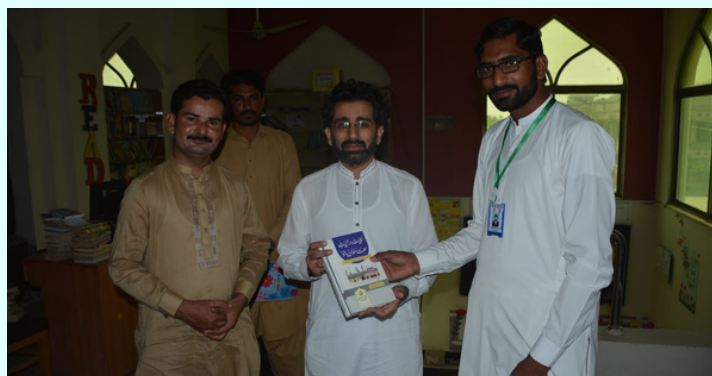
We bid farewell to our batch 2019-2023 in a remarkable adieu celebration on May 24, 2023. Dr. Muhammad Abdullah guided us, while Ms. Nimra Zafar led the event. The evening was filled with laughter, nostalgia, and heartfelt goodbyes. The beautifully decorated Al-Hamra Garden set the perfect ambiance, capturing the essence of our time together. It was a blend of emotions, with speeches and expressions of gratitude towards our mentors. We extend our sincere appreciation to everyone involved in making this event a success. Ms. Nimra Zafar deserves special thanks for her encouragement and leadership. Together, we created a memorable evening, etched in our hearts forever. Goodbyes make us reflect on what we've had, lost, and taken for granted. Farewell to all. (M. Suleiman Haider)



SULTAN BAHOO FACULTY TRIP



The faculty of the Department of English embarked on a trip to Sultan Bahoo Darbar. Their journey began with visits to the sacred Mai Baap Darbar and the revered Sultan Bahoo Darbar, where they immersed themselves in spiritual wisdom. The trip included a warm welcome from Sir Shahzeb (designated as Vice Principal at United College). Sir Shahzeb welcomed Dr. Muhammad Abdullah and his team at United College and presented him a book as a souvenir. The trip followed by a delightful breakfast and a visit to his village, Kundal Khokhran. This enriching experience deepened their understanding of Sufi traditions and fostered a sense of unity among the faculty.



جھنگ کے رنگ CVAS کے سنگ DRAMATIC NIGHT



The Dramatic Society UOJ performed a play titled **بخت پہیلی** at the event "JHANG KE RUNG CVAS KE SUNG" organized by UVAS (JHANG CAMPUS) on 19th July 2023 and won the most trophies. The drama cast was supervised by Ms. Tayyiba Maryam and Ms. Sehrish Zahra. The team won 5 awards among all competitor teams which performed there;

--Overall First Position in Drama Night Competition

--Best Actress Female Awards to

1. Sana Ambreen (English Department)

2. Sharmeen Zahra (English Department)

--Best Performer of the Drama Night Award to Sharmeen Zahra (English Department)

--Best Props Setting Award

(Eiman Shireen)



Workshop on Doing Journalese



The English Department at the University of Jhang had the privilege of hosting Dr. Zia Ahmad, Ex-Chair and Ex-Registrar of the English Department at Emerson University Multan, for a workshop on "Doing Journalese" on June 21, 2023. Faculty members and some of the students attended the event, engaging in insightful discussions and gaining valuable knowledge from Dr. Ahmad. The University of Jhang expressed its gratitude to Dr. Ahmad for his presence and sharing his valuable insight into a process and politics of journalistic writings. Dr. Muhammad Abdullah presented him a shield and certificate as a souvenir. Dr. Muhammad Usman, Head of Computer Science Department UOJ, also graced the event with his presence.



DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES



GREEN DAY



CHARACTER DAY



INFORMED ORAT MARCH

Department of English, students of Women's Writings, celebrated indigenous Pakistani feminism on 8th March to highlight the issues of Pakistani women and very creatively termed it as 'Informed Orat March'. Their activist agenda was informed by academic readings during the course.



PLAY PERFORMANCE - HEDDA GABLER

Supervised by Ms. Sehrish Zahra
(Projected into Four Parts)





PLAY PERFORMANCE - PYGMALION

Supervised by Ms. Sehrish Zahra



PERSPECTIVES INTO LANGUAGE & LITERATURE

Faculty of English Department shared their works and research domains with Research Methodology class of Dr. Muhammad Abdullah with students semester-8

Ms. Noor - Trauma Studies in South Asian Literary Context



Sir Shahzaib - A Critical Discourse Analysis of Violence in the Speeches of Pakistani Political Leaders





GHOST DAY SEM -8



NO BACKPACK DAY: SEM - 8



GET-TOGETHER SEM - 2





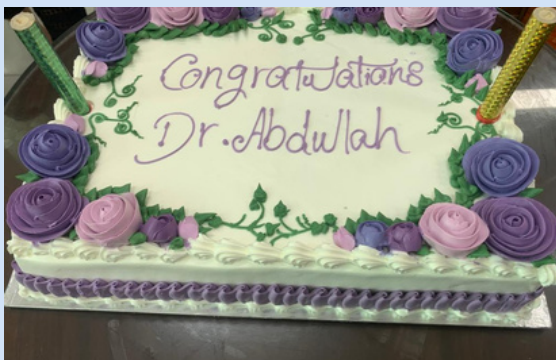
SHORT STORIES PRESENTATION

Organized by Ms. Iqra



CELEBRATION

Dr. Abdullah - Additional charge of Directorate of Academics



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Ms. Sehrish Zahra & Ms. Ghania Khan



STUDENTS ACHIEVEMENTS

- Got 3.95 GPA in the 7th semester and stood second in the session 2019-2023.
- Participated in Annual Sports Gala as a part of the English Department's Cricket Team.
- Successfully participated in Annual Sports Gala as a volunteer organizer.
- Hosted a one-day workshop on Visual Content Creation by the UOJ photography club.
- Served as an event organizer for Punjab Culture Day celebrated by the Department of English, UOJ.
- Started a non-profitable and nongovernmental campaign named: TILZAHM to serve students in need and help them by providing books, online lectures, and financial support.
- Served as a member of the Event Management Committee, University of Jhang during the session 2019-2023.



Farwa Shah

- Took part in the Inter University Bilingual Declamation competition at the University of Punjab on 21 March 2023
- Received Shield from HOD in honor of winning most of the games in the Sports Gala
- Secured 1st in Spoon Race in Sports Gala
- Won Best Actress Award and Best Performer of the Night Award at CVAS Jhang Dramatic Competition



Sharmeen Zahra



Anas Rajana

Certificate of Appreciation for organizing Sports Gala 2023 as the member of Sports Committee



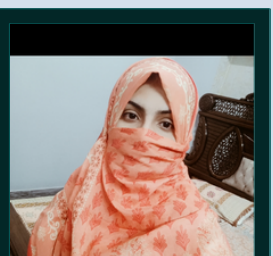
Sana Ambreen

Won Best Actress Award at CVAS Jhang Dramatic competition



Saira Kanwal

Certificate of Excellence for successfully leading Tug of War Team as a Captain in the annual Sports Gala 2023



Komal Shehzadi

Secured First Position in Semester 5th and overall highest CGPA till 5th Semester

FACULTY ACHIEVEMENTS

DR. MUHAMMAD ABDULLAH

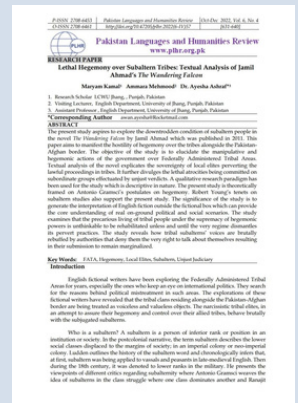


Department of English feels immense pleasure that Dr. Muhammad Abdullah has been appointed as an Additional Director Academics at University of Jhang

DR. AYESHA ASHRAF



Dr. Ayesha Ashraf, Ms. Maryam Kamal and Ms. Ammara Mehmood coauthored an article "Lethal Hegemony over Subaltern Tribes: Textual Analysis of Jamil Ahmad's *The Wandering Falcon*" which is published in *Pakistan Languages and Humanities Review*



She has participated in the 1st International Conference on Interplay of Social Science Research, Responsible Management, and Sustainable Future at Bara-Gali, Abbottabad, on 19-20 May, 2023.





**MR. SHAHZEB
HAYAT**

**MS. NIMRA
ZAFAR**

**MS. MAHRUKH
ALI**



Three Faculty members from English department, Ms. Mahrukh Ali, Mr. ShahZaib Hayat and Ms. Nimra Zaffar were selected for OPEN ENGLISH professional development courses. These courses were funded by US state department. These courses were offered and designed by different American Universities and considered very effective in professional development. They have successfully completed their courses and got their certificates.

MEET OUR EDITORIAL TEAM



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DEPARTMENTAL FACEBOOK PAGE

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