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Prof. Dr. Arshad Mahmood
Dean, Faculty of Arts and Humanities

Message of the Dean of Faculty of Arts and Humanities

It is a pleasure to present this edition of the **Faculty of Arts & Humanities Newsletter**, which highlights the academic achievements and vibrant activities of our departments. The Faculty continues to make steady progress in advancing excellence in teaching, research, innovation, and community engagement. During the year, our departments successfully organized conferences, seminars, workshops, literary and cultural events, faculty development programmes, and collaborative initiatives that enriched the academic environment and strengthened national and international partnerships. We remain committed to aligning our academic programmes with contemporary developments by promoting interdisciplinary learning, digital competencies, research excellence, and critical thinking. Our faculty members and students continue to distinguish themselves through quality research, scholarly publications, academic achievements, and active participation in national and international forums. These accomplishments reflect the collective dedication of our Heads of Departments, faculty, staff, students, alumni, and collaborators, whose commitment continues to enhance the academic reputation of the Faculty and NUML. I congratulate everyone whose efforts are featured in this newsletter and encourage all members of the Faculty to continue striving for academic excellence, innovation, and meaningful contributions to society.



Dr. Muntazar Mehdi
Head, Department of English (UGS)

Message of the Head of Department of English (UGS)

Welcome to another edition of the Department of English (UGS) Newsletter, a reflection of our shared commitment to academic excellence, creativity, and innovation. This newsletter captures the remarkable achievements of our students and faculty, while highlighting the dynamic academic, literary, and community initiatives that continue to shape our Department. At English (UGS), we believe that education extends beyond the classroom. Through research, internships, conferences, literary events, community service, and student-led societies, we strive to cultivate graduates who are intellectually curious, socially responsible, and professionally competent. I am delighted to announce that **admissions are now open** for the **BS English** and **Associate Degree in English** programmes. These programmes provide students with opportunities to develop strong communication, analytical, digital, and leadership skills, preparing them for successful careers in academia, media, public service, corporate organizations, and beyond. I also encourage our students to actively participate in departmental committees and societies, including the Newsletter Committee, Literary Society, Social Responsibility Society, Debating Society, and other academic and co-curricular initiatives. Such engagement enriches the university experience, develops leadership qualities, and fosters a spirit of teamwork and service. I warmly invite prospective students to become part of the Department of English (UGS) and join a vibrant academic community where ideas flourish, talents are nurtured, and futures are shaped.

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EVENTS AND SEMINARS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH UGS

➜ *Report on events from February 2026 to June 2026, English UGS (NUML)*

STUDENTS ENGAGEMENT

➜ *ORIENTATION SPRING BATCH 2026*

The Department of English (UGS), NUML, organized an Orientation Ceremony at Iqbal Hall, Ibn-e-Rushd Block for students of both Morning and Evening sessions on ***9th February 2026***. The ceremony featured addresses by Professor Dr. Arshad Mehmood, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Humanities, and Dr. Muntazar Mehdi, Head, Department of English (UGS), who shared the department's vision and academic expectations from the new intake. Faculty members and senior students warmly welcomed the students and introduced them to the academic environment, departmental culture, examinations, discipline, and facilities at NUML. Ms. Sadia Tahir and Ms. Nosheen Khalid briefed students on the functions of NIFC and the Student Affairs Office. A guided university tour, led by faculty members and senior students, concluded the event.

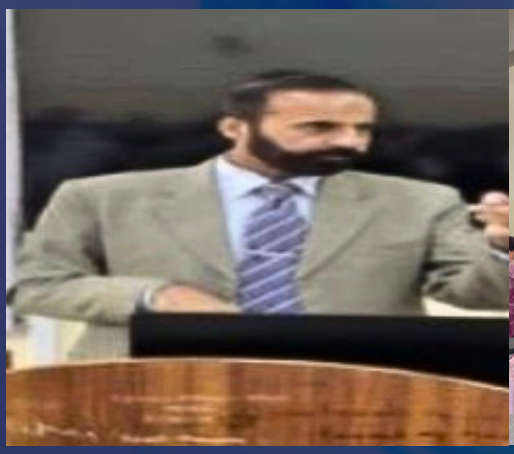


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STUDENTS ENGAGEMENT

➜ *MEETING WITH ALL SEMESTER CRs*





On March 16, 2026, Dr. Muntazar Mehdi, the Head of Department, convened an important meeting with the class representatives (CRs) spanning all semesters to discuss key academic and departmental matters. The meeting was arranged by Dr Saima Umer General Coordinator Co-Curricular Societies on directives of the HoD. The session served as an open forum for the student leadership to voice the collective feedback, concerns, and suggestions of their respective cohorts directly to the administration. During the discussion, Dr. Mehdi reviewed the current academic progress, addressed ongoing student grievances, and outlined upcoming departmental initiatives, emphasizing the crucial role CRs play as a bridge between the faculty and the student body. The meeting concluded with a mutual commitment to enhancing communication and streamlining administrative processes to ensure a productive semester for everyone involved.





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STUDENTS' ACHIEVEMENTS

➜ *NUST Olympiad module of Chronicles of Time: Story of Asia in Love*

On 7th February 2026, Ms. Hamd Bint-e-Abid and Ms. Noor Fatima, students of 7th semester from the Department of English Undergraduate Studies (UGS), Faculty of Arts and Humanities (FAH) at the National University of Modern Languages (NUML), Islamabad, participated in the National University of Sciences and Technology (NUST) Olympiad under the module Chronicles of Time: Story of Asia in Love. Collaborating as a team with two students from NUST, they secured a winning position in the competition. This achievement reflects the academic calibre, creativity and intellectual engagement of our students.



➜ *NUST Olympiad 2026*

Another of our talented students Ms. Aleena Zafar semester 3A secured 3rd place in the Ideathon Competition held at MCS NUST, Rawalpindi on ***17-Feb-2026.*** Students from various universities across Islamabad and Rawalpindi participated, presenting their innovative ideas before a panel of judges. It was an honour to be recognized among such talented participants representing NUML and the department.



➜ *International Conference*

On ***June 9th 2026***, Ms. Sabahat Zameer from Department of English UGS, National University of Modern Languages, Islamabad, presented a paper on 'Limitations of Artificial Intelligence in Interpreting Sentiment and Implicit Meaning in Literary Texts' in the international conference under the supervision of Ms. Qurrat ul Ain faculty member at Department of English (UGS).



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FACULTY INTERACTION

➜ ***Dean and HoD Interaction with the Faculty:***





A meeting of the Dean and Head of Department of English (UGS) with the members of the faculty was held at Iqbal Hall from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on ***2nd June 2026***. The session focused on important academic matters related to the upcoming examinations, particularly teaching strategies, student motivation, and paper marking. Professor Dr. Arshad Mahmood and Dr. Muntazar Mehdi highlighted the role of faculty in preparing students effectively for examinations and maintaining academic discipline. Special emphasis was placed on motivating students, guiding them in their preparation, and ensuring fairness, transparency, and accuracy in paper marking. The session was interactive, as faculty members also shared their views and suggestions regarding teaching practices, examination preparation, and assessment procedures.



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PRACTICAL EXPOSURE

➜ *Unlocking Opportunity: Mastering the E-Library USA Platform*

On ***Tuesday, May 19, 2026***, the Department of English Undergraduate Studies (UGS) at the National University of Modern Languages (NUML), Islamabad, organized an on-site training session at the Lincoln Corner Islamabad titled "**Unlocking Opportunity: Mastering the E-Library USA Platform**." Guided by Dr. Amina Ghazanfar and a focal team including Ms. Ambrina Qayyum, Dr. Noureen Naz, and Dr. Saima Umer, alongside nine student organizers, the event provided 27 selected BS English 6th-semester students with hands-on digital research experience. The guest speaker, Ms. Maimoona, Manager of Lincoln Corner Islamabad, introduced the structural framework of Lincoln Corners in Pakistan and guided students through premium databases like JSTOR, ProQuest, and PressReader, demonstrating keyword filtering and data extraction on laptops and iMacs. The session ended at 12:30 PM with a group photograph following a vote of thanks from Dr. Amina Ghazanfar, who requested a continuous partnership and internship pipeline for future NUML student cohort.



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SOCIETY EVENT

➜ ***English Literary Society (ELS): Book Bank Event***



The Book Bank Event, organized by the English Literary Society (ELS) on ***14th May 2026***, successfully promoted a reading culture by facilitating the exchange and sharing of fictional books and novels among enthusiastic students. Team members prepared a welcoming, visually appealing venue, prompting significant student engagement where participants exchanged multiple books and shared literary discussions alongside recreational activities like chess. The event was highly supported by faculty members, including the focal person Momina Hafeez and co-curricular Coordinator Dr. Saima. The gathering also served as a platform to discuss future society activities and the upcoming NUML Silver Jubilee. The smooth execution of the memorable event was a direct result of the collective dedication, leadership, and teamwork demonstrated by the ELS executives, directors, and general members.



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INTERNATIONAL EXPOSURE

➜ *Dr. Morrissey's Book Launch Webinar*

The Department of English (UGS) at the National University of Modern Languages organized a virtual Zoom book launch webinar for Dr. Ted Morrissey's sonnet collection, "**Aspiring Child: A Biography of Mary W. Shelley**" on ***21st April 2026***. Hosted by Ms. Ameenah Naeem, student of BS in English 8th semester, the session opened with addresses from Dr. Arshad Mahmood, the Dean of Faculty of Arts and Humanities, and Dr. Muntazar Mehdi, the Head of Department of English (UGS), highlighting global academic collaboration. Five students of BS in English program, Eilaf Arslan, Ghosia Aimen, Manal Khalid, Muskan, and Samir Haider, presented critical chronological analyses of the text, exploring themes of neglect, isolation, grief, and legacy, while graduate student Syeda Tamkeen Zahra discussed the "**horror of creation**." Dr. Morrissey praised the students and shared insights on the Petrarchan sonnet, Shelley's historical marginalization, and parallels between Frankenstein and modern Artificial Intelligence. Following an interactive Q&A segment, Dr. Muntazar Mehdi delivered a vote of thanks, praising focal persons Ms. Ambrina Qayyum and Dr. Amina Ghazanfar, before the intellectually enriching webinar concluded.





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INTERNATIONAL EXPOSURE

➜ *Webinar on Speech Pathology*

The session was held on 8th May 2026 and led by Dr. Faiza Badar, a distinguished professional, Senior Manager at Shifa International Hospitals, developer of the first standardized Urdu aphasia assessment tool, and pioneer of dysphagia support in Pakistan. The virtual webinar provided a comprehensive overview of Speech-Language Pathology (SLP), debunking the misconception that it only covers speaking clearly by showcasing its critical role in treating diverse communication and swallowing disorders across the lifespan. The webinar outlined educational pathways for students from BS to PhD tracks alongside career opportunities in hospitals, schools, clinics, and tele-therapy. The interactive Q&A session addressed the benefits of multilingualism, cultural sensitivities in assessments, and licensing status in Pakistan, emphasizing that success in this field requires personal traits like patience, empathy, and strong analytical skills.





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INTERNATIONAL EXPOSURE

➜ *Webinar on Neurological Aspects of Speech Disorders*



The Department of English (UGS) organized an informative webinar titled "**Neurological Aspects of Speech Disorders**" via Google Meet on ***8th May 2026***.

The event brought together students, faculty members, and researchers to explore the intricate relationship between language, cognition, and the human brain. The session was designed to bridge the gap between theoretical Psycholinguistics and clinical Neuroscience. Dr. Muhammad Adil, an Assistant Consultant Neurosurgeon at King Faisal Specialist Hospital & Research Centre, KSA, with over 15 years of clinical experience, served as the guest speaker. His presence provided a rare opportunity for the students of BS English to understand the multifaceted transformations of speech, from cortical landmarks like Broca's and Wernicke's areas to the disruptive impacts of trauma and tumors.



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INTERNATIONAL EXPOSURE

➜ *Thinking in Structures: Knowledge Management Strategies for ELT/EAP Researchers*

On June 29, 2026, the Department of English Undergraduate Studies (UGS) at the National University of Modern Languages, Islamabad, organized an online webinar via Google Meet titled "Thinking in Structures: Knowledge Management Strategies for ELT/EAP Researchers." Opened by the Head of Department (HOD) Dr. Muntazar Mehdi, the session featured guest speaker Dr. Lance Cummings, a professor from the University of North Carolina, USA. Dr. Cummings introduced an innovative framework for English Language Teaching (ELT) and English for Academic Purposes (EAP) researchers, demonstrating how to categorize research notes into structural information types and link localized databases to Application Programming Interface (API) models like Claude or ChatGPT to safely utilize AI while protecting intellectual property and maintaining human agency. The event included a dynamic Question and Answer (Q&A) session featuring technical discussions with faculty members like Dr. Wasim regarding prompt design, custom data protection, and preserving an authentic academic voice. The webinar, which was coordinated by a focal team consisting of Ms. Ambrina Qayyum, Dr. Amina Ghazanfar, Dr. Noureen Naz, and Dr. Saima Umar alongside nine student organizers, concluded at 07:05 PM following a vote of thanks from Ms. Ambrina Qayyum emphasizing natural intelligence over automation.



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INTERNATIONAL EXPOSURE

➜ *International Colloquium on English Studies*



The Department of English (UGS), NUML, organized an International Colloquium titled "**English Studies in Pakistan: Bridging Linguistics and Literature in the 21st Century**." on ***3rd June 2026***. The event was structured across two sessions. The Inaugural Session featured keynote talks by Dr. Aroosa Kanwal and Dr. Waseema Shehzad, followed by an interactive dialogue with Mr. Waheed Ahmed Mangi, Director General HEC, and senior faculty members from English departments across the country. The afternoon session, "National Policy Framework: Past, Present & Future," brought together leading scholars for a panel discussion on curricula reform, faculty development, HEC supervision and guidance policies, and future collaborations with NAHE and RELO. Representatives from universities nationwide extended their congratulations to the organizing team. The colloquium served as a meaningful platform for strengthening English Studies in Pakistan and collectively shaping its academic future.



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