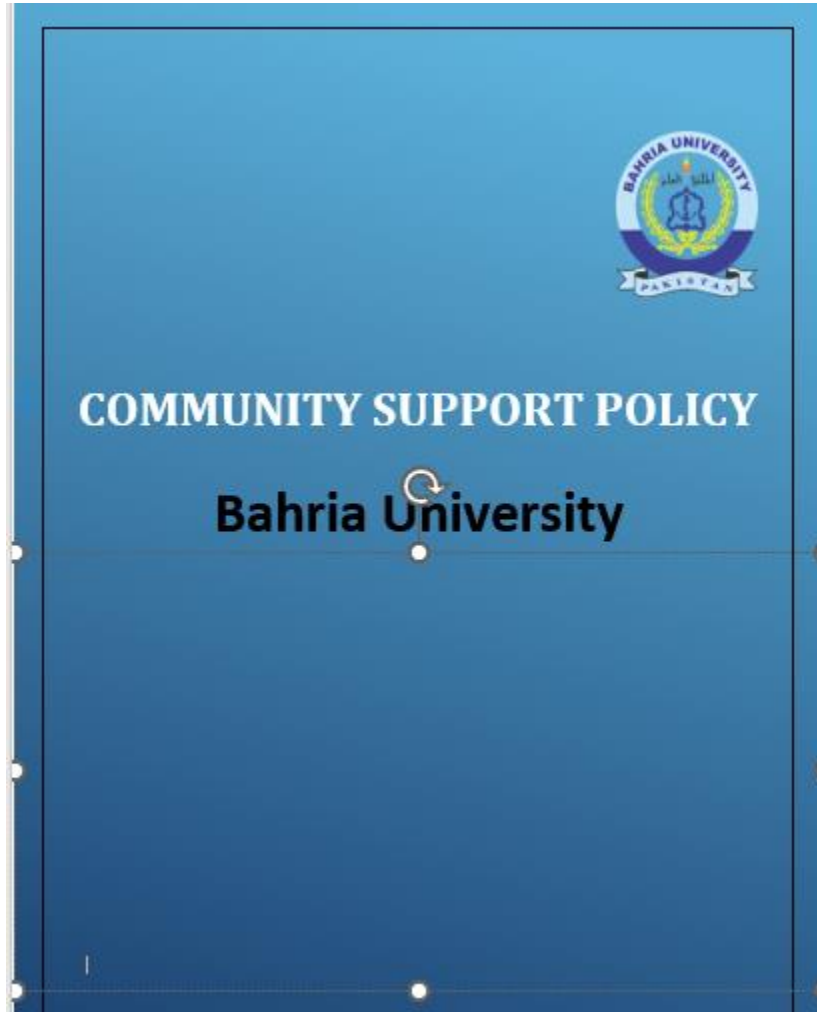




Link to student led society whose purpose is to engage with sustainability.

Bahria University has developed community support policy. The main purpose of the policy is to encourage the student to engage in community support activities including sustainability. Extract of policy along with activities performed by student regarding sustainability is given below.





COMMUNITY SUPPORT PROGRAMME

POLICY GUIDELINES

1. The vision of the university “*To become an internationally recognized university that contributes towards the development of nation through excellence in education and research*” articulates the desire to contribute in nation building. Youth makes more than sixty percent of Pakistani nation and it is vital to equip the fresh blood with sense of responsibility and paying back to society. Community support is an integral activity, in which every institute should participate as per capacity. It not only helps in elevating the image and credibility of the institute but also reflects as socially responsible entity. “Community Service” has significant importance in QS and HEC ranking criteria.
2. The Higher Education System of Pakistan is getting mature and the focus is moving towards youth participation in community. Bahria University students are already performing various activities regarding CSP. The students need to be involved in such activities by introducing a comprehensive program, which shall include following:
 - a) Objectives,
 - b) Scope,
 - c) Means and Instruments,
 - d) Implementation Methodology,
 - e) Activities to be considered in Community Support

a. Objectives:

Following are the desired objectives of the CSP:

- i) Encourage Bahria University students to work for NGO’s – Government/Semi-Government agencies/ International Organizations, University Administration for matters related to community welfare.
- ii) To inculcate in our students a sense of responsibility and commitment to serve the community.
- iii) Transform Bahria University graduates into socially responsible citizens with clear vision and thrust for nation building by optimum utilization of limited resources and by using their personal and professional skills.
- iv) To capitalize the opportunity of contributing in the socio-economic uplift of the country by focusing on the under privileged sections of the society.

b. Scope:



The focus will primarily be on education, health (including psychological issues), peace, tolerance, protection and promotion of human rights, observance of the rule of law, environment, sustainable development, media, marine sciences, and conflict resolution with emphasis on trainings and skill enhancement. The CSP is prepared considering afore mentioned areas, and include following:

- i) Develop the active citizenship among Bahria University students,
- ii) Assisting the primary and secondary schools in inspiring their students to opt for science, technology and social service.
- iii) Promotion of following causes:
 - (1) Staying connected to roots (culture and religious practices),
 - (2) Tolerance and respect for others point of views,
 - (3) Disaster relief and rehabilitation,
 - (4) Health promotion and care (basic health and use of ICT),
 - (5) **Sustainable development (keeping in view possible adverse impact of development on water, energy, natural resources, infrastructure, environment and the society).**
 - (6) Energy conservation and use of alternate resources.
 - (7) Reduction in environmental degradation.
 - (8) Conflict resolution.
 - (9) Self-defense and civil defense.
 - (10) Social and urban entrepreneurship.
 - (11) Assist and contribute in initiatives for relief and rehabilitation already taken by Armed Forces of Pakistan.

a) CSP Coordinator:

A faculty member should be nominated as CSP Coordinator in each department, same as internship coordinators are working. Their responsibilities will be to:



- i) Explore various potential CSP activities in the organizations; prepare the activity schedule in collaboration with PO SRC and announce the activity to the students.
- ii) On the nature of activity, form the student groups or task individual students to carry on the activity with assigned organization.
- iii) Receive input/ report from students and organization at the end of the activity.
- iv) Evaluate the report and if found necessary, take the viva to evaluate the performance.
- v) Forward the list of students to Exam cell through respective HoD, recommending them for grant of 2 credit hours. It will be done on quartekt basic.

b) Student Resource Centre:

The SRC at respective campuses will have following role:

- i) Identify the potential partner organization and will make arrangements to sign MOU following the Bahria University CSP Policy. The DSA office will support SRC as and when required.
- ii) Schedule the CSP activities in their respective campuses in collaboration with the CSP Coordinators.
- iii) Prepare the “CSP activity progress report” of their respective campus with the help of all CSP Coordinators and forward it to the DSA office, on quarterly basis.

3. Community Support Centre(s):

Once the program gets mature in all the campuses, efforts will be made to set-up an independent Community Support Center (CSC) at each campus. The CSC will be a bigger entity which will take the CSP further to the next levels in following ways:

- a) The centers will organize student activities in collaboration with International donor agencies for fund raising and acquire resources to successfully hold the program.
- b) The CSC may also conduct various training programs for under privileged class of society.
- c) It will provide a platform for various undertakings and will ensure BU participation in community development.



4. The terms used in policy are defined as follows:

a. Organizations:

Following type of organizations shall be included (partner with) in the CSP:

- i. Government/Semi-Government organizations involved in social service or community development.
- ii. Non-Government Organizations operating in Pakistan and working in cohesion with the Objectives and scope of Bahria University CSP.
- iii. International organizations working for the social development and community uplifting of Pakistan.
- iv. Corporate Sector / organizations carrying out Corporate Social Responsibility activities in compliance with Bahria University CSP.
- v. Armed Forces/ Government welfare organizations.

b. Community:

The word community in this document refers to the organizations involved in activities mentioned in Para 2 (b) under the heading of “Scope of the CSP”. Initially only those organizations will be involved who are working with-in the geographical boundaries or suburbs of cities where BU campuses are located. However in the next phase depending upon the level of maturity of the CSP and requirement, the activities may be expanded to other areas of Pakistan.

SESSION ON SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BY GREEN YOUTH MOVEMENT (GYM):

The Green Youth Movement (GYM) successfully arranged an activity using RED and GREEN Dustbin, its correct utilization was practically taught in collaboration with the E&ES department where Dr Shaista Iftikhar conducted a session on Solid Waste Management on **22nd February 2024** for the BUKC staff. The session intended to generate an awareness regarding sorting of solid waste for proper disposal.



INTRODUCTION TO CLIMATE CHANGE ACCELERATOR PROGRAM GREEN

YOUTH MOVEMENT (GYM CLUB):

The Green youth Movement (GYM) club & The Community Support Program (CSP) organized a seminar on “Introduction to Climate change Accelerator” in collaboration with “Beyond the Classroom”. This was held on 16th of February 2024 in Fatima Jinnah Hall. Students were awarded with 2 CSP hours for this informative session.

- This orientation served as an opportunity to provide a comprehensive overview of the program, its objectives, and the benefits it can bring to students.
- Additionally, we aim to address any queries or concerns students may have.
- They genuinely believe that the Climate Change Accelerator will make a positive impact on our students and contribute to fostering a sense of environmental responsibility within our institution.







WATER CONSERVATION SEMINAR IN COLLABORATION WITH WATER AID PAKISTAN



The Green Youth Movement Club at Bahria University Islamabad, in partnership with Water Aid Pakistan, organized a successful seminar on "Water Conservation." On 5th July, 2024. The event aimed to raise awareness about preserving our planet's vital resource, water. Esteemed speakers, including Syed Umair Ullah Jamil and Dr. Shakeel Hayat, highlighted the importance of efficient irrigation, water-saving behaviours, and investment in water recycling and technology. Attendees were urged to adopt responsible water management practices in their daily lives. The seminar concluded with a call to action for collaborative efforts to ensure a sustainable water future for all.



TREE PLANTATION AT NAVAL ANCHORAGE ISLAMABAD

The initiative of tree plantation at Naval Anchorage Islamabad by Bahria University Islamabad is commendable, reflecting a dedication to environmental sustainability and community welfare. On 12th June, 2023, students from the BBA and Media Studies Departments planted 500 trees, enriching the lush green surroundings of Naval Anchorage. This endeavour not only enhances the area's natural beauty but also contributes significantly to improving air quality, preserving wildlife habitats, and mitigating climate change. The carefully selected tree species serve as a testament to the community's commitment to creating a greener and healthier environment. Each planted tree represents a step towards a more sustainable future, promoting biodiversity and providing a serene atmosphere for residents and visitors of Naval Anchorage Islamabad alike. This green oasis symbolizes a pledge to ecological stewardship and a brighter, greener tomorrow.





PLANTATION DRIVE IN COLLABORATION WITH DAR-E- KHIDMAT FOUNDATION



The collaboration with Dar-e-Khidmat Foundation led to a successful plantation drive on July 12, 2023. The drive aimed to foster sustainability and environmental awareness within our community, and I'm delighted to announce its remarkable success. Faculty, staff, students, and our SSC team participated enthusiastically throughout the day, planting a diverse range of trees in the ARC Parking area of our campus. Together, we planted around 100 trees, making a significant contribution to the preservation and improvement of our natural environment.

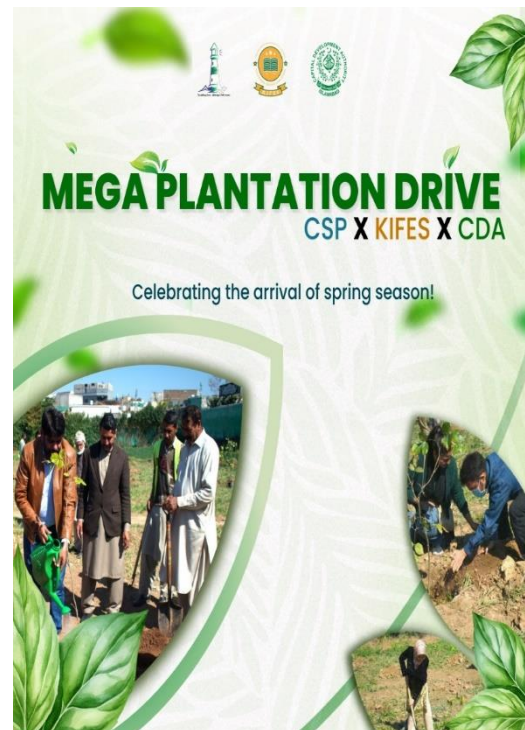


MEGA PLANTATION DRIVE – KHALIDA IQBAL FREE EDUCATION SCHOOL

On March 9, 2024, Khalida Iqbal Free Education School organized an impressive "Mega Plantation Drive" at D12 Green Belt Service Road West, Islamabad, to welcome the arrival of Spring. KIFES collaborated with volunteers from CSP club at Bahria University Islamabad Campus and CDA Officials for this initiative. The event brought together CSP members, CDA officials, media representatives, and the community, fostering a sense of environmental responsibility. Bahria University's dedicated CSP volunteers, alongside the management of KIFES, planted 250 trees with shovels in hand, promoting a healthier ecosystem for the community and emphasizing environmental responsibility. The day was characterized by teamwork, laughter, and a shared commitment to sustainability.



ECO – TOURISM MUBARAK VILLAGE BEACH





On November 30, 2023, the Green Youth Movement Club of Bahria University Karachi Campus visited "Mubarak Village Beach" for a field trip. During the excursion, Bahria University students explored coastal eco-tourism, delving into the coastal environment. They engaged in field data collection, practiced mapping skills, and participated in beach cleaning activities. This educational and enriching experience emphasized the importance of preserving the coastal ecosystem. Bahria University actively contributed to its well-being by cleaning the beach. This hands-on approach allowed Bahria University to gain a better understanding of the environment and the significance of responsible eco-tourism practices.





SEMINAR WAS BASED UPON ECO-TOURISM, AND AFFORDABLE/CLEAN ENERGY

On November 3, 2023, an enlightening seminar focused on Eco-Tourism and Affordable/Clean Energy took place at Fatima Jinnah Hall, Bahria University Karachi Campus. During the seminar, Bahria University students gained insights into the significance of eco-tourism and Affordable/Clean Energy. They learned about the positive impact of eco-tourism on the environment and local communities, as well as the importance of transitioning to clean and sustainable energy sources. Through interactive sessions and discussions, students acquired knowledge on how these practices contribute to environmental conservation and promote sustainable development.





PLANTATION DRIVE BY CSP CLUB – BAHRIA UNIVERISTY KARACHI CAMPUS

The success of the recent plantation drive held on July 12th, 2023, is celebrated, where participants came together to make a positive impact on the environment by planting trees and nurturing nature. Bahria University students, driven by their passion for environmental stewardship, are continuously striving to make a lasting difference in their communities. Their dedication to initiatives like the recent plantation drive showcases their proactive approach towards sustainability. By actively participating in such activities, they not only contribute to the immediate improvement of their surroundings but also inspire others to join in the effort towards a more environmentally conscious society. With each tree planted and every action taken, Bahria University students are leaving a positive impact on the environment, paving the way for a brighter and greener future.

