



DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

Zoological Museum

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Science subjects were a part of the curriculum at Lahore College for Women since it was founded in May, 1922. Zoology subject was initially taught by the Hindu, Sikh and Christian female teachers however, after independence in 1947, Science classes had to be run with the help of male teachers. Dr. Nazir Ahmad was the first head of the Department of Zoology. Since 1955 Zoology is being taught at LCWU, Lahore as one of the most important science subjects. Department of Zoology at Degree level was affiliated with the University of the Punjab, until September 2002, when Lahore College for Women was elevated to the status of a University as Lahore College for Women University. The curricula were duly upgraded and modernized to make them abreast with the international standards.

In the beginning, Zoology museum was composed only of few light microscope slides, preserved animal specimens, rock and fossil samples, maintained only for regular lab practicals for Intermediate and Graduate classes. Department of Zoology was moved from the Science Block to Post Graduate Building on November 26th, 2012 after it was inaugurated by the Worthy Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Sabiha Mansoor. The museum specimens were moved to the PG basement. Prof. Dr. Sabiha Fazal established the Zoological museum and approved the addition of several new Zoological specimens to the museum. However, since 2015, the Zoological Museum has exponentially flourished under the administrative management of the Head of Zoology Department Prof. Dr. Farkhanda Manzoor. Currently the museum has several shells, corals, rocks, bones, whole skeletons, fossils, persevered invertebrates, taxidermied reptiles, birds and mammals. The oldest specimen is a life sized human skeleton, which is on display till date.

Currently, there are approximately 350 student enrolled in the Department of Zoology in various Graduate and Post-graduate degree programs. Each year, the Zoological museum is used for teaching students from all semesters. Two administrative faculty in-charges Dr. Asma Abdul Latif, Dr. Najiya al-Arifa and one lab attendant Mr. Zubair are tasked with the maintenance of the Zoological museum.

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