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# WOMEN in SCIENCE

## Art Competition



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Under the primary theme of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM), Lincoln Corner, University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (UJK) hosted the "Women in Science Art Competition" on February 1st, 2023. Students from the Art and Design Department of UJK competed under the supervision of Dr. Rukhsana Khan, Head of the Art and Design Department, UJK.



The participants were split into two groups due to the time limit. One of the groups, made up of six people, painted a portrait of Dr. Sania Nishtar, a Sitara e Imtiaz recipient, drawing inspiration from her life story and accomplishments, while the other group, also composed of six people, chose a general theme and paid homage to all the deserving women in science. The first woman astronaut launched on a single mission onboard the spacecraft Vostok was sketched by a talented artist, Moiz, from the Department of International Relations, UJK, using charcoal pencils. While presiding over the jury proceedings, Dr. Rukhsana praised the works of young artists and expressed her gratitude to Lincoln Corner Muzaffarabad, for holding such an amazing event. She also pledged her support for any future endeavors at Lincoln Corner. All participants in the competition were presented with appreciation certificates.



# 48th

## Vice Chancellors'

# Committee Meeting



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The meeting of the Vice-Chancellors' Committee comprising the Heads of all Public Sector Universities and higher education institutes (HEIs) was held on 2 February 2023 via Zoom. Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. Muhammad Kaleem Abbasi participated in the meeting, in which several agenda items included the revival of the HEC ordinance in its original form, the current financial crisis in the universities, issues related to search committees, TTS and BPS Faculty related matters, University Act, private affiliations, professional councils, students' unions/societies, and several others were discussed. Registrar UAJK Prof. Dr. Ayesha Sohail, Director Finance Prof. Dr. Muhammad Qayyum Khan, Director Planning & Development Prof. Dr. Ansar Yaseen, Director QEC Prof. Dr. Ayaz Arif, and Director ORIC, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Naeem Ahmed were also present on the occasion.

## Kashmir in Contemporary Multipolar World

## & Indian Occupation

The Department of International Relations, University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (UAJK) in collaboration with the Kashmir Institute of International Relations (KIIR) organized a day-long seminar titled "Kashmir in a Contemporary Multipolar World and Indian Illegal Occupation: Role of High Politics in Illegal Occupation and Human Rights Crimes" at the Auditorium Kashmir Studies, Chella Campus, UAJK, on February 2, 2023. Altaf Hussain Wani, a prominent Kashmiri leader, renowned human rights activist, and chairman KIIR, addressed the seminar and discussed the latest human rights situation in Indian-occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IOJ&K), focusing on the post-August 5, 2019 scenario. He informed the audience that gross human rights violations being committed by the Indian military and paramilitary forces in the occupied valley have increased manifold since August 2019. Chairman KIIR talked about the level of oppression and repression that Kashmiris are facing and how AJK can play its role in the Kashmir cause. Assistant Professor and Head of the Department of International Relations at Riphah University Islamabad, Dr. Awais Bin Wasi, delivered a detailed lecture on the Multipolar World Order and the Kashmir conflict. He argued that the US has fixed its eyes on the Chinese rise and is militarizing the Indo-Pacific region through quadrilateral and integrated deterrence. He also talked about the Indian economic



and military role in the global community and urged Pakistan to set its house in order to effectively plead the Kashmir issue at the international level. In his closing remarks, Dr. Mehmood Hussain, HoD of the IR Department at UAJK, argued that the multipolarity has brought both opportunities and challenges to Pakistan. He stated that China's official approach towards Kashmir has changed since the announcement of the BRI. Similarly, he illuminated the rise of Russian interest after India entered the American block. He said it is high time for Pakistan to tap the opportunities and bring forward the cause of Kashmir, settling its economic and political chaos first. During the seminar, students of the IR Department presented their papers and paid rich tributes to their brothers and sisters in Occupied Kashmir for their matchless struggle and sacrifices. In the end, the question-and-answer session was held and concluded with the distribution of certificates among the participating students.

# Open Defense of

# MS Electrical Engineering

Pioneer Batch



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The open defense of the pioneer batch of M.S. Engineering students was held at the Department of Electrical Engineering on February 3, 2023. The Dean Faculty of Engineering Prof. Dr. Saadat Hanif Dar, HoD Dr. Khalid Khawaja, Faculty Members, Students, and other officials of the university attended the event. Dr. Dar welcomed everyone before his opening remarks.



The pioneer batch's graduation from the Department of Electrical Engineering, he remarked, is a huge source of pride for the department. Dr Saadat Hanif Dar while appreciating the students added that it is indeed a historical day for the Department of Electrical Engineering and the entire team associated with it. He congratulated the students and their supervisors on their success and told them that the department is all set to announce admissions for the Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering.

As an external examiner, Dr. Dur-e-Zehra Baig from the Ghulam Ishaq Khan Institute of Engineering Sciences and Technology attended the defense and appreciated the students for their unique projects and presentation and particularly lauded the quality supervision of faculty members Dr. Sheeraz Iqbal and Dr. Muhammad Ali. Both M.S. candidates, Engineers Anis ur Rehman and Aqib Shafiq successfully defended their projects and answered the queries of the examiners. Both successful students have gotten their work published in renowned international journals. Anis ur Rehman, an M.S. scholar, completed his project under the supervision of Dr. Muhammad Ali and published three research papers during his MS degree. He has expertise in the areas of electric vehicles (EVs), power systems and renewable energy sources.



Dr. Shiraz Iqbal supervised engineer Aqib Shafiq Abbasi who has four research publications to his credit and has expertise in electric vehicles, charging stations and renewable energy sources etc.

# UAJK observed Kashmir Solidarity Day



The University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir organized a series of programs on the occasion of Kashmir Solidarity Day to pay tribute to the people of illegally Indian-occupied Jammu and Kashmir for their valiant struggle for freedom and the right to self-determination. The events including the solidarity march, posters and pictures exhibition, and Kashmir cultural show were organized to highlight the different aspects of the Kashmir freedom movement, Indian atrocities, and gross violation of human rights by Indian forces and other state apparatus. A conference was also held which was addressed by different speakers.

Addressing the conference, Registrar Professor Dr. Ayesha Sohail termed the Kashmir issue as an unfinished agenda of the partition of the subcontinent and said that peace and security in South Asia could not be secured without resolving the Kashmir conflict in accordance with the aspirations of the Kashmiris and the resolutions of the United Nations Security Council. She said that three generations of Kashmiris have made immense sacrifices to materialize the dream of freedom.

**“Their supreme sacrifices unparalleled in human history will never go to waste and the day is not far when the dawn of freedom will dawn in Occupied Jammu and Kashmir”, she said.**

Dr. Ayesha Sohail urged the students and teachers of the departments of Kashmir Studies, International Relations, and Law of the University to carry out research work to find a viable and legal solution for the Kashmir conflict in the changed global scenario. The Chairperson Institute of Kashmir Studies Dr. Sumaira, Director of Student Affairs Dr. Imtiaz Awan, Professor Dr. Wajid Aziz Lone, and other speakers emphasized that Kashmiris have been offering sacrifices for the last two centuries in general and the last 75 years in particular. The freedom-loving Kashmiris not only laid down their lives, and sacrificed their honor and dignity but have never abandoned their struggle for freedom and demand for their right to self-determination. They said that the freedom struggle of Kashmir will continue relentlessly until Kashmiris get their democratic right, the right to self-determination.



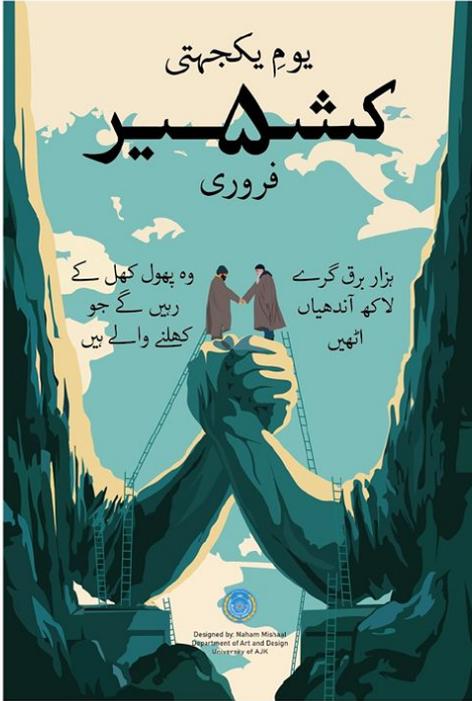
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# SOLIDARITY

Students express Solidarity through artwork.

Students of the Arts and Design Department of the University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir

had chosen a unique way to express solidarity with fellow Kashmiris living on the other side of the Line of Control (LoC) by creating striking posters and banners on the eve of Kashmir Solidarity Day.



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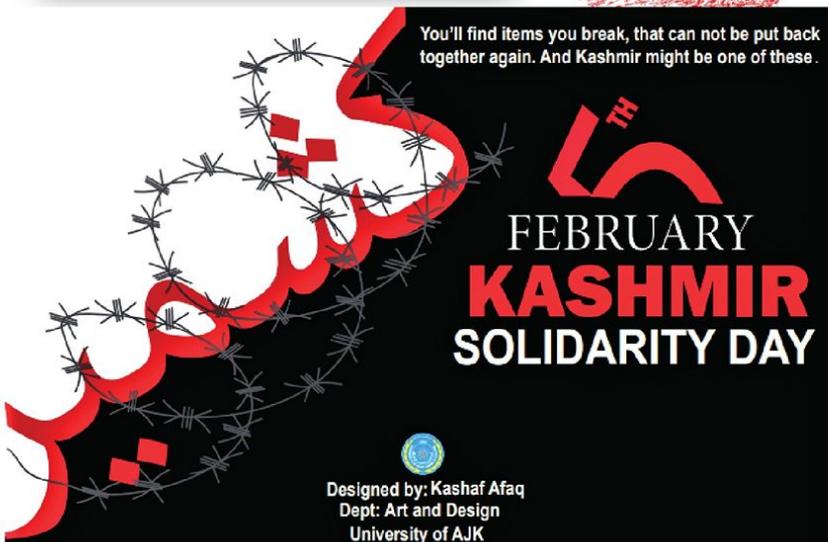
These posters and banners depicted the gross human rights violations by the Indian military and paramilitary forces in the occupied territory with slogans demanding the United Nations and peace-loving countries of the world to take serious notice of the Indian state terrorism in the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK).

The students through their artwork expressed unwavering support for the people of IIOJK for their inalienable right to self-determination.

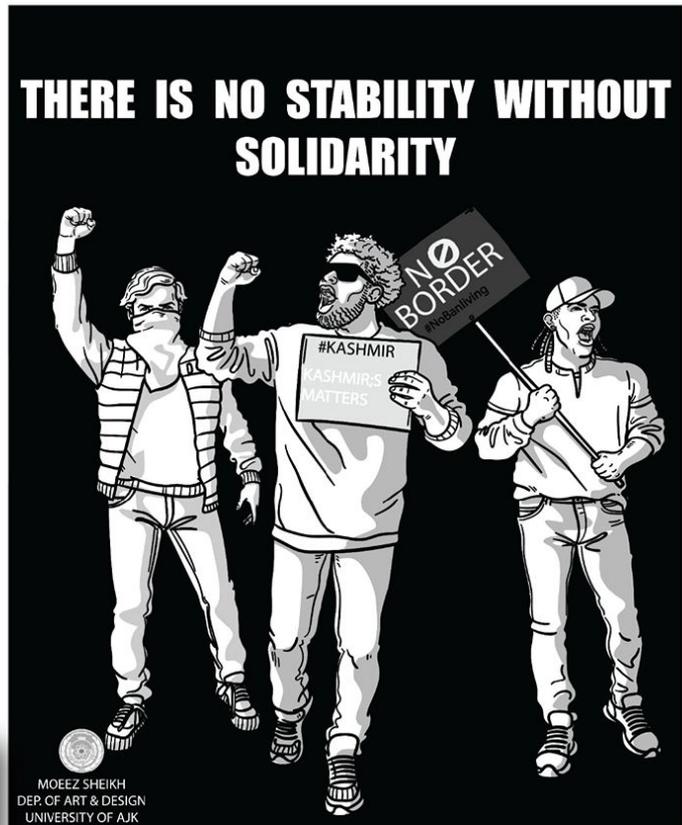
It is worth mentioning here that these posters were widely shared by social media users on different platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and many others on the occasion of Kashmir Solidarity Day with hashtags

#UJKStandsWithIJKPeople  
#UJKKashmirSolidarityPrograms

“It does not matter if the blues win, we will stand by your side through thick and thin” (Maham Mishal)



“Let alone the wounds that darken the soul, chanting for freedom is to be continued on the whole” (Moez)





# SOLIDARITY DAY

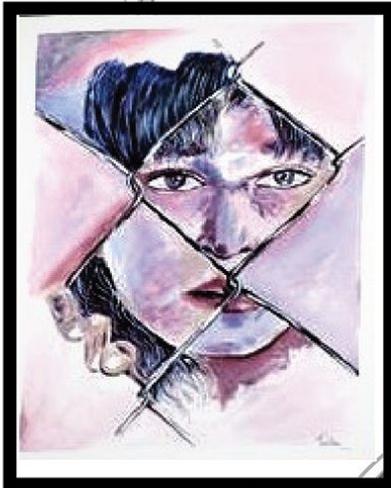
## PM announced **0.7M**

Rupees for students of Art & Design Department

The University of Azad Jammu & Kashmir



To mark the day, the Department of Art & Design of the University separately organized an impressive exhibition to pay tributes to the people of the Occupied-Jammu and Kashmir for their matchless sacrifices. The exhibition was opened by the Prime Minister Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Sardar Tanveer Ilyas Khan at the monument of the martyrs at Chatter in Muzaffarabad.



The purpose of the exhibition was to highlight egregious human rights abuses by the occupation forces in the Indian Illegally Occupied Jammu and Kashmir (IIOJK). Through their art pieces, the students who worked under the supervision of the Lecturer Mr. Muhammad Waqas Tanveer, who successfully drew the attention of the visitors toward the numerous facets of the liberation movement. The Head of the Department of Art & Design, Dr. Rukhsana Khan briefed Prime Minister and other high-ranking officials who visited the exhibition produced by the UAJK students. The Prime Minister also appreciated the efforts of the HoD, faculty and students of the Art & Design Department for impressive artwork and announced a reward of seven hundred thousand rupees to encourage them.

# UAJK, KPRI

## Honor Kashmiri Women's CONTRIBUTION



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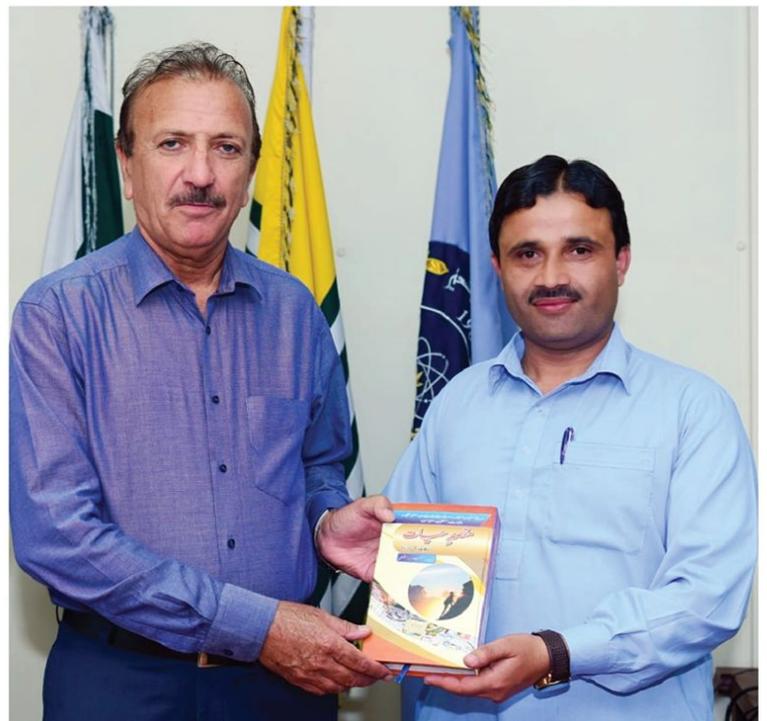
Speakers at the seminar organized by the Department of Psychology, University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (UAJK) in collaboration with Kashmir Policy Research Institute (KPRI) on Kashmiri Women's Resistance Day discussed the challenges and contributions of Kashmiri women in the ongoing struggle for freedom and self-determination. Notable speakers included Ms. Nisaran Abbasi MLA, Dr. Ayesha Sohail Registrar UAJK, Dr. Raja Muhammad Sajjad Khan Director

KPRI, Dr. Samina Sabir Khan Chairperson Department of Psychology, Dr. Sumera Shafique Director Institute of Kashmir Studies, and Ms. Madeha Shakeel. The seminar highlighted the importance of recognizing the contributions of Kashmiri women to the struggle for justice and freedom, as well as the challenges they face in the context of ongoing conflict and violence in the held valley. Despite these challenges, the seminar also emphasized the resilience and determination of Kashmiri women in the face of oppression and violence, and the importance of creating spaces for women's voices to be heard.



## Unleashing the **P**OWER OF WISDOM

Abid Zamir Hashmi's Book 'Purpose of Life' Ignites Inspiration and Social Change. He shared his vision for a purposeful life with Vice Chancellor Prof. Dr. Muhammad Kaleem Abbasi by presenting his latest publication.



# UAJK bids adieu

to senior faculty, officers with heartwarming  
**Farewell party**



The Vice-Chancellor University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (UAJK), Prof Dr. Muhammad Kaleem Abbasi, has said that the faculty members and administrative staff who devotedly served the institution and nurtured a generation of highly educated youth in the region will never be forgotten for their valuable services and lighting the candle of knowledge in the society. He expressed these views while addressing a farewell party held in connection with the retirement of Prof Emeritus Dr. Muhammad Abdul Qayyum, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Sadeeq Awan, Prof. Aamir Farooq, Prof. Arif Bakhari, and Additional Treasurer Abdul Wahid.

Paying rich tribute to their services, the Vice-Chancellor said that the retiring faculty members and administrative officers have dedicated their lives to serving the institution for over three decades and have prepared young people by equipping them with the knowledge, skills and spirit of national development. "Their devotion is an admirable example and a source of inspiration for other officers," he added. Dr. Kaleem Abbasi said that UAJK has a great tradition of honoring its retirees after serving in any capacity at the university, and today's ceremony was organized to uphold this glorious tradition and acknowledge their services and bid them farewell with dignity and respect.

Acknowledging Prof. Dr. Abdul Qayyum Khan's contributions to the university as a faculty member, Registrar, Dean of Engineering, and Director of Finance, he termed it a golden chapter in the history of the institution. "Similarly, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Sadeeq Awan, Prof. Arif Bukhari, Prof. Aamir Farooq, and Abdul Wahid have also rendered remarkable services in their respective fields, which is a source of pride for the university," the VC remarked.

The ceremony, besides retiring professors and administrative officers was also addressed by, Meritorious Prof. Dr. Ghulam Murtaza, Prof. Emeritus Dr. Muhammad Rustam Khan, Registrar Prof. Dr. Ayesha Sohail, Meritorious Prof. Dr. Nadeem Haider Bukhari, Dean of Sciences Dr. Sadiq ur Rahman Khattak, Dean of Engineering Saadat Haneef Dar, President Officers Welfare Association Sardar Majeed Zafar, Additional Registrar Sardar Zafar Iqbal, representative of Academic Staff Association Dr. Manzoor, and President Administrative Staff Association Israr Saeed Qadri. The speakers paid tributes to their fellows for their professional services to the university and presented shields and souvenirs to them as a memento.



# UAJK Launches Industrial Technology DEGREE PROGRAM



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In a groundbreaking moment, the University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (UAJK) has launched its Technology Programs during the National Technology Council (NTC) NCRC preliminary meeting for the Industrial Engineering Program. Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Kaleem Abbasi formally launched the program on Wednesday at the inaugural session of the three-day meeting of NCRC that brought



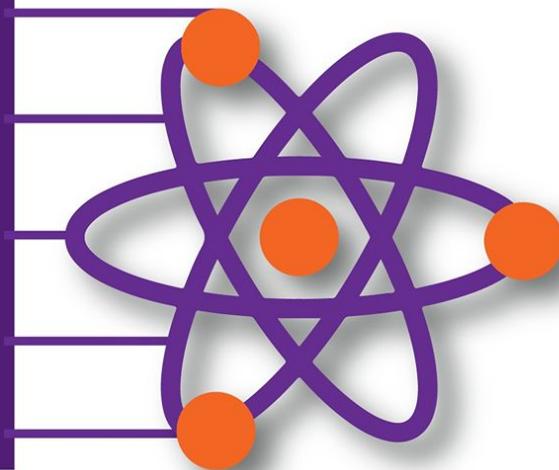
together distinguished guests and experts from various universities and institutes to develop industrial engineering curricula. Addressing on the occasion, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Kaleem Abbasi, emphasized the importance of curriculum development in advancing education and stressed the need for collaborative efforts among higher educational institutions to produce human resources according to the industry's needs.

Chairman NTC Syed Imtiaz Hussain Geelani attended the event through video link and termed the three-day meeting held at the University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir as an important milestone in the history of industrial engineering curriculum development. In his opening remarks, Prof. Dr. Saadat Hanif Dar, Dean Faculty of Engineering UAJK, welcomed all the delegates and expressed his gratitude to Chairman NTC and his entire team for choosing UAJK for the NCRC preliminary meeting. It is worth mentioning here that launch of the Technology Programs at UAJK is a significant milestone that will propel the university toward technological advancement and innovation. The event marked a historic day for UAJK and its stakeholders, and its impact will be felt for years to come. "The university's commitment to becoming a technology hub and producing human resources according to the industry's needs is a commendable effort toward the country's technological development," said the Vice-Chancellor UAJK. Registrar Prof. Dr. Ayesha Sohail, Controller Examination Dr. Sharjil Saeed, Prof. Dr. Azmatullah Khan Sherani from BUIITEMS Quetta, Dr. Lubna Farhi Chairperson Sir Syed UET, Karachi, Prof. Dr. Hussain Imran Jafferri, NUST, Islamabad, Prof. Dr. Nadeem Ahmed Sheikh, Dean, Hamdard University, Islamabad, Dr. Hasan Raza, Associate Dean, UET, Peshawar Jalozai Campus, Prof. Dr. Shahid Maqsood Chairman UET, Peshawar Jalozai Campus, Engr. Dr. Misbah Ullah Director of UET, Peshawar, Dr. Sikandar Bilal Khattak, Assistant Professor, UET, Peshawar, Dr. Shahab Ahmad Niazi, Chairman, IUB, Bahawalpur, Prof. Dr. Muzaffar Ali, UET, Taxila, Dr. Muhammad Ilyas Menhas, Associate Professor, MUST, AJK and faculty members of UAJK Electrical and Software Department attended the ceremony.

# Sub Nanometer Scale

A New Focus in

# Nanoscience



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The Department of Chemistry, University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (UJK) organized a one-day seminar on "Sub Nanometer Scale": A New Focus in Nanoscience." This event was a resounding success, drawing a large audience of faculty members and MPhil and Ph.D. students



The seminar featured a guest speaker, Dr. Bilal, from Women's University Bagh, who delivered an illuminating lecture on the importance of Nanoscience. Attendees were treated to a fascinating discussion on this cutting-edge field, which has the potential to revolutionize the way we approach a wide range of scientific challenges.



The Chairman of the Department of Chemistry, Dr. Muhammad Naeem Ahmad, also highlighted the significance of the seminar and the role it plays in advancing our understanding of the nanoscience.

At the conclusion of the seminar, the Dean of the Faculty of Science, Prof. Dr. Sadiq ur Rehman, presented souvenirs to the guest speaker in recognition of their valuable contribution to the event. The Department of Chemistry at the University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir is committed to fostering an environment of learning and discovery, and events such as this seminar are a testament to the dedication as well as passion of our faculty and students.

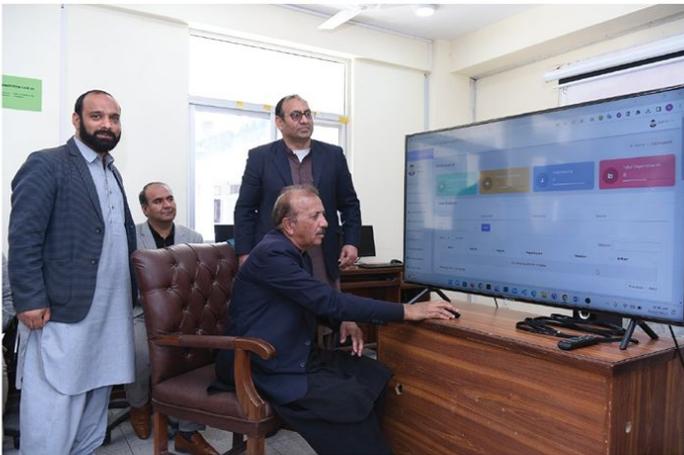
# DMS launches to streamline research work tracking



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We are delighted to announce that the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Kaleem Abbasi, has officially launched the innovative DASAR Management System software developed by the Software Engineering Department, the University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (UJK).

This innovative software solution revolutionizes the academic process for faculty members, thesis supervisors, and scholars by providing an effortless way to track the progress and status of students' synopses and thesis dissertations. Speaking on the occasion, the Vice-Chancellor expressed deep admiration for the department's exceptional efforts in creating this wonderful solution, which greatly facilitates the work of the Directorate of Advanced Studies and Research (DASAR) and benefits the students.



The DASAR Management System is an excellent addition to the university's resources, providing a more efficient and streamlined process for tracking research work.



# Dr. Bilal Ahmed Abbasi



## Appointed as Director Finance at UAJK



The University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (UAJK) is delighted to share the news of Dr. Bilal Ahmed Abbasi's appointment as the Director of Finance. Dr. Bilal brings with him a wealth of experience and expertise in financial management, having worked in the nonprofit and banking sectors for over five years. His impressive academic credentials, including a foreign doctorate degree in Business Administration, and twelve years of academic experience in the relevant field, make him a highly qualified candidate for the role.

Dr. Bilal's appointment comes at a crucial time for UAJK, as the university looks to strengthen its financial management and planning capabilities. We are confident that Dr. Bilal's passion for excellence and his dedication to his work will enable him to provide invaluable guidance to the university in achieving its strategic goals. We congratulate Dr. Bilal on his appointment and look forward to his leadership in enhancing the financial management and planning capabilities of our institution, and we are confident that his contributions will play a pivotal role in shaping the future of UAJK.



## NCRC Preliminary Meeting

The Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Kaleem Abbasi, presents memorial shield to a participant of the HEC-NTC NCRC Preliminary Meeting to Develop the National Industrial Engineering Curriculum. The meeting hosted by UAJK brought together esteemed guests and experts from various universities and institutions across the country.



# Raising the Bar:

Celebrating Our Students' Remarkable

# ACHEIVEMENTS



## Muhadsa shines in Prestigious UGRAD Exchange Program in USA

The University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (UJK) is proud to share the remarkable achievements of Syeda Muhadsa Naqvi, a student from the Law department of batch 2018-2023. She has been selected for the prestigious UGRAD semester exchange program, a fully-funded program offered by the United States of America to all countries in the world, including Pakistan.

Out of over 19,000 applicants from Pakistan in 2022, only 250 students were selected, making Muhadsa's achievement all the more impressive. During her semester at Lewis Clark State College in Idaho, she maintained a 4.0 CGPA and a 93% score. She actively participated in extracurricular activities on campus, built connections with the American community, and shared her cultural values, leaving a positive impression of Pakistan. In Washington, DC, she had the opportunity to share her views at the Pakistan Embassy in the presence of Sardar Masood Khan, the current Ambassador of Pakistan to the United States, and former President of UJK. Her success in the UGRAD exchange program is a testament to the caliber of students at UJK and their potential to excel on the global stage. We congratulate Muhadsa on her remarkable achievement and wish her continued success in her future endeavors.



## Anum's startup shortlisted for PM Innovation Award

We are delighted to announce that Kashmir Physio Care, a startup founded by Anum Kabir Rathore, has been shortlisted for the prestigious Prime Minister Innovation Award. Anum has successfully completed the initial rounds of the competition and a 5-day boot camp training at the National Science and Technology Park (NSTP) in NUST. Kashmir Physio Care, part of the National Expansion Plan of NICS at the University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir, provides vital online physiotherapy services to the community.

In addition to this, Anum has also been selected for the Sister2sister Exchange program funded by the US State Department, through which she had the wonderful opportunity to do summer research at the University of Richmond, VA. Anum is also an alumna of the Academy for Women Entrepreneurs (AWE) funded by the US Embassy. We are proud to have such an innovative and talented student among us and wish Anum all the best for the upcoming competitions.



## Furqan Gardazi represents Pakistan at UN Conference

Syed Furqan Haider Gardazi, a student of the International Relations Department at UJK, had the honor of representing Pakistan in an international conference in Bangkok, Thailand. The conference titled "Human Rights Violations in Palestinian Territory" was organized by the United Nations and saw participation from delegates representing more than 80 countries around the world. This event provided an excellent opportunity for Furqan to exchange ideas and discuss the most pressing global issues with fellow delegates, and we are proud of his representation of UJK and Pakistan at this prestigious platform.

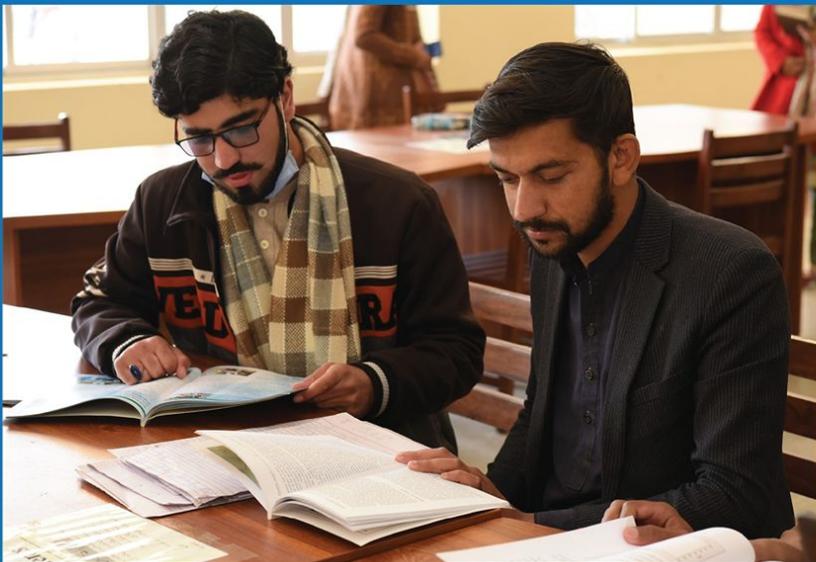
# IKLIRC,

## a feather in cap of UAJK



Named after the eminent Islamic philosopher Ibn Khaldun, the library and the information resource center is located at King Abdullah Campus (KAC), Chatter Kallas on the outskirts of Muzaffarabad City. The five-story building of the library in the heart of the newly built campus of the university offers a vast collection of general and specialized books, including a significant collection of rare books and reading material for master and doctoral studies.

Established under the special directives of Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. Muhammad Kaleem Abbasi in December 2021, a state-of-the-art library and information resource Centre is now fully functional to serve the students, faculty, researchers, and staff of the university of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (UAJK).



With a seating capacity of 600 students at a time and a separate space for the faculty to provide them with all necessary resources related to their academic assignments, the library building houses 18 large rooms, separate rooms for administrative offices, and 10 spacious halls where study materials are displayed.

Additionally, five sizable halls are set aside for group research work. Ibn Khaldun Library and Information Resource Center (IKLIRC), according to Deputy Chief Librarian Farhat Hussain Kazmi, currently houses over 98,600 printed, and 60,000 electronic books, allows access to 25 leading research journals and a special area for university publications. Other educational resources, such as the HEL Digital Library and the PASTIC Lincoln Corner Database, which is growing swiftly, are also available in the library.

The IKLIRC not only plays a significant role in enhancing the learning experience of the students, providing them with all the materials and services they need to improve their knowledge but will also attract the attention of the academic and literary circles of the state in the future. A few images of the library's stock area and study spaces are shown as an introduction to this great information resource center.

# UAJK



## PR presents

### new rendition of the State's anthem



The Public Relations Department of the University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (UAJK) is proud to announce its collaboration with the esteemed AJK Media Production House, to bring forth a truly remarkable creation.

We are thrilled to present to you the new rendition of the State's anthem, which has been beautifully infused with stunning visual elements of unparalleled quality.

The exceptional quality of the visuals used in the state's anthem will captivate your senses and evoke an overwhelming feeling of pride and patriotism.

We cordially invite you to visit our official YouTube channel to witness this magnificent work of art for yourself. Come and experience the magic that our collaboration with AJK Media Production House has brought forth.

Join us in celebrating the beauty and grandeur of our beloved state, as we unveil this masterpiece to the world.



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Top Pakistani  
**ACADEMICIANS ATTEND**

**PAK-UK EG PROGRAM**



A 29-member delegation, led by Chairman Higher Education Commission (HEC) Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed, recently visited the United Kingdom (UK) to attend a leadership development study program organized by the Pak-UK Education Gateway. The program, which was organized by the British Council Pakistan in collaboration with the HEC, aimed to prepare academics and administrators for the future by building their capacity in governance, academics, and research. The delegation, which included prominent academicians from Pakistani and AJK universities, also aimed to learn from the rich experiences of the British higher education system and the long history of the successes achieved by universities in the UK. The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (UAJK), Prof Dr. Muhammad Kaleem Abbasi, was also part of the delegation, which arrived in the UK from February 5 to 14, 2023. During their visit, the delegation interacted with education leaders, policy makers, and senior staff of apex bodies overseeing and regulating institutions of higher education. The program is designed to enable participants to learn from successful universities, both nationally and internationally, and to reflect on their leadership styles and practices with a view to leading more effectively.

The group examined the role of governance, financial strategies, enhancing the student experience, and developing research to assess their impact. All of this was done in the context of the policy framework for TNE in Pakistan, seeking advice and feedback from the UK sector. The Pak-UK EG Program aims to provide leadership development for governance, academics, and research to prepare academics for the future. The first cohort of the program will help the HEC to develop core guidelines for a University Leadership program. The program objectives are set to provide benefits at the international, national, institutional, and individual levels. It is worth mentioning that the Pak-UK Education Gateway Program was launched three years ago as an important step towards the development of the higher education sector in Pakistan. Due to the coronavirus pandemic and travel restrictions, no face-to-face meeting could be held. However, the program continued virtually during the pandemic, and the close interaction of all partners in Pakistan and the UK resulted in achieving several milestones and key objectives even during the times of lock down.

Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. Muhammad Kaleem Abbasi is interacting with Pakistan's High Commissioner in London HE Moazzam Ahmad Khan at a reception hosted in honor of top Pakistani academicians arrived in UK to attend Pak-UK Education Gateway event.



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## JOIN OUR MULBERRY Cultivation Initiative Now



Amidst great enthusiasm and anticipation, Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. Muhammad Kaleem Abbasi graced the inauguration ceremony of the Sericulture Unit through Mulberry Cultivation at Chella Campus, the University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (UJK) on the 28th of February 2023. The launch event witnessed the planting of a sapling, symbolizing the onset of a promising journey toward sustainable agriculture practices and promoting biodiversity in the region. This pioneering project has come to fruition through a fruitful collaboration between the Department of Sericulture, Government of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (GoAJK), and the Office of Research, Innovation and Commercialization (ORIC) of UJK.



The prime objective of this joint venture is to foster sustainable agricultural practices in the region while concurrently creating lucrative opportunities for the local community. The launch event was attended by the distinguished officials of the Sericulture Department GoAJK and UJK.

## An Evening with FORMER

Vice-Chancellors -

## RELIVE History Now

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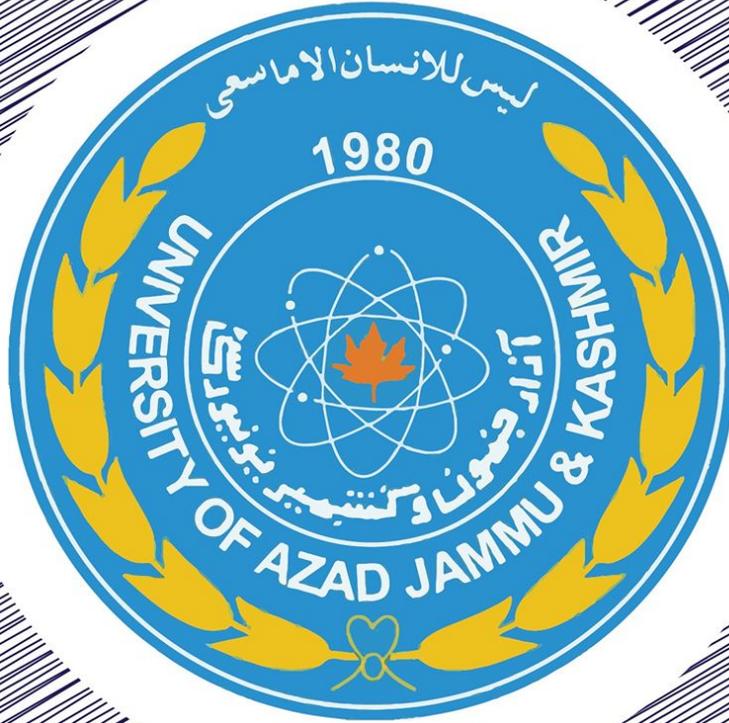
”ایک شام سابق وائس چانسلرز کے نام“

یونیورسٹی آف آزاد جموں و کشمیر مظفر آباد  
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Step into history with the University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir's iconic event - An Evening with Former Vice-Chancellors of UJK. Relive the captivating speeches of our esteemed former Vice-Chancellors and witness the awe-inspiring presence of HE Sardar Masood Khan, President of the state & Chancellor UJK (Time) as they took the stage to share their experiences and wisdom. Don't miss out on this historic moment - head to our official YouTube channel now for the complete video playlist. Make sure to subscribe for more exciting updates!

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