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# MARCH 5-11

## UJK

### ELECTRICAL ENGINEERING

### DEPARTMENT'S

# TREE PLANTATION WEEK

The students of the Electrical Engineering Department at UJK observed Tree Plantation Week from March 05-11, 2023, under the leadership of the Dean of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Prof. Dr. Saadat Hanif Dar. The event commenced with a tree-planting ceremony, which saw enthusiastic participation from students who planted saplings within the department's premises.

**Dr.** Khalid Khawaja, the Head of Department, emphasized the significance of tree planting in promoting environmental sustainability and cultivating a sense of responsibility towards nature.



Dr. Khawaja also highlighted the benefits of trees, such as reducing air pollution, controlling soil erosion, and supporting biodiversity. It is encouraged that everyone takes part in activities that contribute to a greener environment. The campaign concluded with certificates awarded to the participating students.



# MARCH 07

# PGPR

# UAJK

proves commitment to  
quality education



**T**he University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (UAJK) recently received accolades for its Post Graduate Programs.

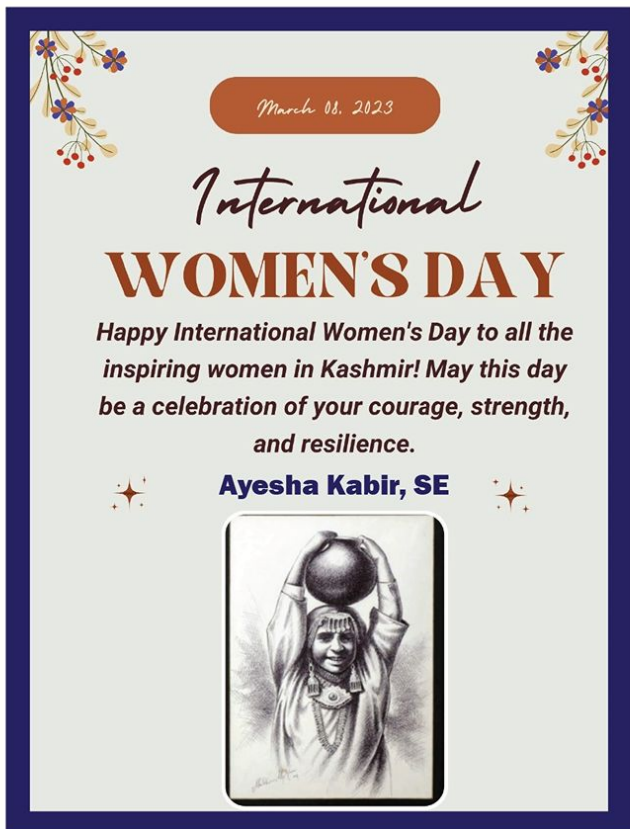
Thanks to an evaluation conducted by a team of esteemed professionals. The evaluation team, consisting of Dr. Imran Ullah Marwat, Director of Quality Assurance Higher Education Department, Government of KPK/ Member Commission, Dr. Fareed Ullah, Chairman Department of Psychology Kohat University, and Dr. Muhammad Jhangir Khan, Director of Quality Enhancement Cell (QEC) the University of Malakand, assessed the MS, M.Phil, and Ph.D. programs offered by UAJK and found that all programs meet the minimum standards set by the Higher Education Commission's Quality Assurance Agency (HEC-QAA).

The Faculty of Allied & Health Sciences also passed an academic audit, demonstrating the university's commitment to academic excellence. UAJK is dedicated to providing quality education to its students. The Vice-Chancellor Prof. Dr. Muhammad Kaleem Abbasi expressed his gratitude to the visiting team and pledged to further improve the academic quality of UAJK's programs.



# MARCH 08

## CELEBRATING The Resilience of Kashmiri WOMEN



## UAJK PR DEPARTMENT'S Poster Competition

We are excited to announce that the poster competition hosted by the Department of Public Relations received an overwhelming response from the talented and passionate students of the University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (UAJK). We are proud to showcase the winning entries along with the names and departments of the participating students. These impressive posters serve as a powerful tribute to the remarkable achievements of women in our society, particularly the brave and resilient women of Kashmir. Let us continue to celebrate their strength, resilience, and unwavering spirit.



# MARCH 08

# VC LEADS 89

Dr. Kaleem  
Abbasi

## PRODUCTIVE BASAR MEETING

The Vice-Chancellor of the University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (UAJK), Prof. Dr. Muhammad Kaleem Abbasi, emphasized the vital role of quality research in achieving social and economic stability during the 89th meeting of the Board of Advanced Studies and Research (BASAR). He urged academic supervisors to support



scholars in addressing social issues with objectivity and meaningfulness in their research. Dr. Abbasi also stressed the significance of aligning student research projects with the betterment of society and completing educational programs, including MS, MPhil, and Ph.D, without procedural delays.

The meeting approved various academic activities, such as Ph.D. and MPhil admissions, supervisory committee formations, proposed research topics, cancellation of admissions, and semester extensions for academic programs. The Director of Advanced Studies and Research, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Rafique, presented the meeting's agenda, which was carefully reviewed by the members, who presented their final recommendations by consensus.



# MARCH 09

## UNEARTHING THE EARTH'S SECRETS:



### Dr. Fahad Hameed's Ph.D. Research on Geophysics

**W**e are proud to share the news of Dr. Fahad Hameed's recent academic accomplishment. Dr. Hameed, the son of Abdul

Hameed Khan from Kakrool, Pallandri, district Sudhnuti AJ&K, has successfully earned his Ph.D. degree from the Institute of Geology at the University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Muzaffarabad.

Under the supervision of Prof. Emeritus Dr. Muhammad Rustam Khan, Dr. Hameed conducted integrated geophysical surveys in Hazara KPK, part of AJK, and Northern Pakistan. His research focused on analyzing gravity, magnetic, and earthquake data to compute two tectonic models of the study area, identifying thin-skinned and thick-skinned faults, active faults, and seismogenic layers in the subsurface.



**T**he study's findings will be helpful in predicting medium to long-range earthquakes and for mineral exploration in the region. We congratulate Dr. Hameed on his hard work and dedication that has led to this significant achievement. We would also like to acknowledge his external examiners, Dr. Jie Chen, a Professor at the China Earthquake Administration in Beijing, and Dr. Numair Siddiqui, a Geoscience and Petroleum Engineering University Professor in Malaysia, as well as his local examiners, Professor Dr. Zulfiqar Ahmed, former Chairman of the Department of Earth Sciences at Quaid-i-Azam University, and Associate Professor Dr. Shahina Tariq, former Chairperson of the Department of Earth Sciences at Bahria University.

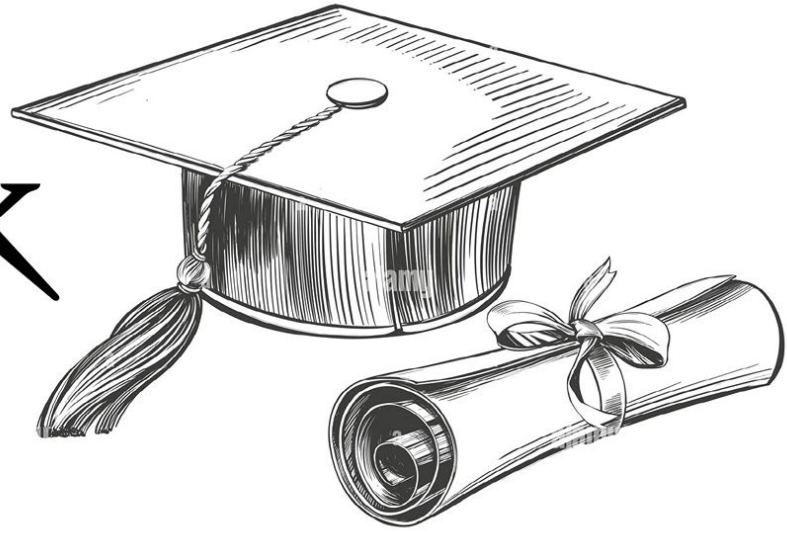


# MARCH 09

## ORIC-UAJK

### Honors Graduates of PMYSDP

#### FOR THEIR HARD WORK



We are delighted to share that the Prime Minister's Youth Skill Development Program (PMYSDP) at the University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (UAJK) has successfully graduated 87 students in collaboration with NAVTTC and ORIC. The program's objective is to equip young individuals with market-driven conventional and high-tech skills essential for career progression, aligning their potential with international standards.

The PMYSDP offered various skill development courses at UAJK, including fashion design and dressmaking, CIT, artificial intelligence, and web design. The Department of Software Engineering conducted the high-tech courses, whereas the Department of Arts and Design offered Fashion Design and Dressmaking. These programs have empowered the graduates with the expertise and knowledge required to excel in today's fast-paced and constantly changing job market.

ORIC-UAJK held a certificate distribution ceremony to acknowledge the graduates' hard work and dedication in successfully completing their respective courses. This initiative highlights the significance of investing in our youth's skills and knowledge, providing them with opportunities to prosper in their professions and make constructive contributions to society.

We extend our warmest congratulations to all graduates and wish them the very best in their future endeavors.



# MARCH 14

## UJJK BIDS FAREWELL TO RETIRING OFFICERS

We are pleased to share with you the highlights of the recent farewell function organized by the Administrative Staff Association of UJJK to bid adieu to our retiring officers and employees. The ceremony was graced by the presence of our esteemed Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Kaleem Abbasi, who highlighted UJJK's unique identity in the field of education and acknowledged the significant progress the university has made since its inception.



The farewell function was a fitting tribute to our retiring officers and employees, who have served UJJK with distinction and dedication. We wish them all the best in their future endeavors and extend our heartfelt gratitude for their invaluable contributions to the growth and development of UJJK.



## AND EMPLOYEES

During his speech, the Vice-Chancellor credited the growth of the university to the dedication and commitment of our officers and employees who have served the institution throughout their tenure. He emphasized the responsibility of the faculty members and administrative staff to utilize the university's resources judiciously to ensure its continued progress and development.

Other speakers at the ceremony included the Director of Youth Engagement, Prof. Dr. Wajid Aziz Lone, Director of Students Affairs, Dr. Imtiaz Awan, President of the Academic Staff Association, Dr. Nazneen Habib, Additional Registrar, Sardar Zafar Iqbal, President of the Administrative Staff Association, Israr Saeed Qadri, and Khawaja Nasir.

Those retired included Abdul Wahid Additional Director Finance, Nabila Qayyum Deputy Director Students Affairs, Altaf Hussain Awan Senior Private Secretary, Raja Tariq Munir Admin Officer, Farhat Hussain Kazmi Librarian, Javed Iqbal Awan Librarian, Iqbal Awan Senior Lab Assistant, Ashraf Awan Senior Lab Assistant, Tariq Abbasi Librarian, Saeed Iqbal Mughal Senior Library Assistant, Naveeda Noreen Senior Library Assistant, Jamila Riaz Senior Library Assistant, Maqsood Ahmed Abbasi Electrician, Raja Muhr Ahmed Librarian, Chaudhry Nisar Ahmed Assistant, Manzoor Mumtaz Assistant, Muhammad Ishaq Khan Senior Clerk, Muhammad Siddique Machine Operator, Nadeem Anwar Machine Operator, Abdul Razzaq Conductor, Muhammad Akram Security Guard and Muhammad Iqbal Naib Qasid



# MARCH 15

## EXPLORING EDUCATIONAL

# EXCELLENCE: NIM LAHORE DELEGATION



During the briefing, the NIM delegation was provided with a detailed overview of UAJK's administrative structure, history, and services offered as a premier institute of higher learning in the state. Prof. Dr. Ansar Yasin, shared with the delegation that UAJK was the first public sector educational institution to have its various campuses attain the status of autonomous universities. Overall, the visit proved to be a great learning opportunity for the trainee officers of the NIM delegation, and it was concluded with Prof. Dr. Wajid Aziz Lone presenting a memorial shield to Muhammad Farooq Khan as a token of appreciation for their interest in UAJK and the knowledge they gained during the visit

## visits UAJK

The University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (UAJK) hosted a delegation from the National Institute of Management (NIM) Lahore as part of the 36th Mid-Career Management Course. The purpose of the visit was to gain insight into the university's educational programs, teaching, and research initiatives across various fields. The NIM delegation, headed by Muhammad Farooq Khan, the directing staff in-charge faculty, was warmly received by UAJK's esteemed faculty members, including the Director of Planning and Development, Prof. Dr. Ansar Yasin, Director of Youth Engagement, Prof. Dr. Wajid Aziz Lone, and Public Relations Officer, Mubashar Naqvi.



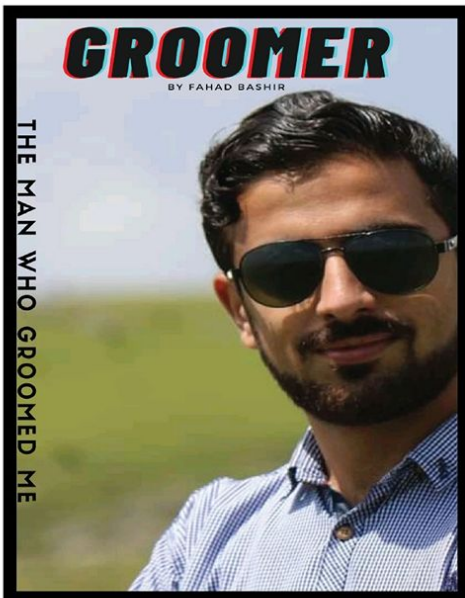
# MARCH 16

## MARIYAM WINS

### 2ND POSITION IN NATIONAL

#### DOCUMENTARY COMPETITION

**U**AJK student wins 2nd place in a national documentary competition honoring resilient Kashmiri women. Mariyam Shahid's tribute to courageous Kashmiri mothers, sisters, wives, and daughters earned her recognition and brought honor to her university.



The achievement underscores the institution's education quality and talent. Her work highlights the significance of acknowledging the resilience of Kashmiri women, a topic explored in a seminar hosted by the YFK-International Kashmir Lobby Group and SZABIST Islamabad Campus on International Women's Day. Mariyam's positive impact sets an inspiring example for young students to recognize and celebrate the strength and bravery of Kashmiri women.

## FAHAD WRITES

### E-BOOK PRAISING Teacher's efforts and hard work

Fahad Bashir, a talented student from the Department of Chemistry, Session 2020-24, recently penned an E-Book titled "GROOMER" as a tribute to his inspiring teacher.



The book not only highlights the qualities and hard work of his teacher but also sheds light on the essential qualities that a teacher should possess. Fahad believes that a strong bond between a teacher and student can bring about positive change in society. He emphasizes that learning from teachers and executing that knowledge can make a significant difference. Interestingly, Fahad's teacher, Mr. Javed Riaz, was also a student of the University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Department of Biotechnology, M Phil 2016-18.

# MARCH 17

## UAJK STUDENT'S BLOOD DONATION for THALASSEMIA PATIENTS



The recent Blood Donation Camp at the University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (UAJK) proved to be a remarkable success, thanks to the selfless and compassionate students who donated blood for thalassemia patients. The event, organized by the Shifa Blood Society at King Abdullah Campus, was a testament to the noble values of community service and social responsibility upheld by the university's students. By contributing to this worthy cause, the students not only demonstrated their altruism and empathy towards those in need but also highlighted the importance of blood donation as a life-saving measure. The event served as a reminder that acts of kindness can make a significant impact on society and inspired many others to participate in similar initiatives.



MARCH 17

# UAJK Provides Valuable INSIGHTS TO

## NIM PESHAWAR DELEGATES

The National Institute of Management (NIM) Peshawar delegation consisting of over twenty officers visited the University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (UAJK) as part of its 36th Mid-Career Management Course.

The delegation was briefed about UAJK's educational programs, administrative structure, and research initiatives in various fields by UAJK's Director of Planning and Development, Prof. Dr. Kh. Ansar Yasin, Director of Youth Engagement, Prof. Dr. Wajid Aziz Lone, and Public Relations Officer, Mubashar Naqvi. The visit was an opportunity for the trainee officers to learn about UAJK's services and ongoing educational programs, and they also paid a visit to the monument of the martyrs in the City campus to offer Fatiha for the martyred faculty and students of UAJK in Earthquake 2005.

The NIM delegation's visit to UAJK was an excellent opportunity for them to gain knowledge about the institute's academic and research initiatives and administrative structure. The visit not only provided them with valuable insights into UAJK's services but also enabled them to pay homage to the martyrs who lost their lives in the devastating earthquake of 2005.



MARCH 19-20

# 5TH VICE-CHANCELLORS'

## Forum Meeting



The Vice Chancellor of University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Kaleem Abbasi, Vice-Chancellor of University of Sargodha, Prof. Dr. Qaisar Abbas, and other dignitaries in a group photo with the Chairman of the Higher Education Commission, Dr. Mukhtar Ahmed, at the 5th Vice-Chancellors' Forum Meeting in Islamabad on March 19-20, 2023.



# MARCH 21

## Institute of Geology celebrates first GIS and

## REMOTE SENSING DIPLOMA BATCH



The Institute of Geology at UAJK celebrated the first batch of "Post Graduate Diploma in GIS and Remote Sensing" with a Certificate Distribution Ceremony.

The ceremony largely attended by the faculty and graduates of the Institute was addressed by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Kaleem Abbasi (Chief Guest), former Director Institute of Geology Prof. Dr. Khawaja Basharat Ahmed, Director Dr. Muhammad Farooq, Dr. Tehmina, participants of the Diploma Course Imtiaz Awan, Dr. Hamayoun Shaheen, Irtaza Qureshi, and others.



It is worth mentioning here that GIS and Remote Sensing Diploma Course is the first of its kind and was launched a year ago. The program was attended by senior professionals from various AJK government departments and general students. During the ceremony, the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Dr. Muhammad Kaleem Abbasi, congratulated the management and faculty of the Institute of Geology for successfully completing the diploma course in a subject that is highly relevant to the current times.

He emphasized the importance of GIS and Remote Sensing education and training in a region that is prone to natural disasters such as earthquakes, flash floods, landslides, and other calamities that cause significant damage to the lives and properties of people. The Vice-Chancellor stated that this education and training will help professionals be prepared, mitigate, and take preventive measures for natural disasters.

The Vice-Chancellor further commented that traditional education is gradually losing its significance, and institutions of higher education are focusing on skill-based education to produce trained and skilled human resources for the market.

At the end of the ceremony, certificates were distributed among the participants and faculty of the Institute of Geology. The diploma course in GIS and Remote Sensing is an essential step to produce skilled human resources to meet market demand.



# MARCH 21

## UAJK JOINS “EMPOWERING YOUTH FOR A PROSPEROUS PAKISTAN”

### EVENT



The Higher Education Commission and Ministry of Planning, Development, and Special Initiatives held an event on March 21, 2023, titled "Empowering Youth for a Prosperous Pakistan." UAJK was represented by its Focal Person, Prof. Dr. Wajid Aziz Lone, Director of Youth Engagements, Dr. Nazneen Habib, and students from various departments. UAJK students, including Usama Pirzada, Saad Bin Mushtaq, Muhadsa Naqvi, Eman Tariq, and Kiran Ghafoor, participated in the Young Peace and Development Corps oath-taking ceremony and met with Mr. Ahsan Iqbal, Minister of Planning, Development, and Special Initiatives, and Ms. Shiza Fatima, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister on Youth Affairs.



The event, held at the Convention Center in Islamabad, focused on strategies and initiatives aimed at empowering young people in AJK and Pakistan to contribute to the country's economic and social development. Through the Young Peace and Development Corps, young people are given the tools and resources necessary to make meaningful contributions to society. This event was a significant step in the government's commitment to providing opportunities for Pakistan's youth to thrive and make a positive impact on their communities.



# MARCH 21

## UAJK HOSTS TOT PROGRAM FOR PRCS AJK

The University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (UAJK) has hosted a remarkable two-day training program aimed at equipping volunteer trainers with the knowledge and skills necessary to make a positive impact in their communities. The "Training of Trainers" event, organized by the Pakistan Red Crescent Society (PRCS) AJK State Branch, covered a range of themes, including communication, civic education, problem-solving, social cohesion, the electoral process, and creative thinking.

UAJK is proud to have hosted such a valuable event and looks forward to continuing to support initiatives that empower individuals to make a positive difference in their communities



One particularly enlightening session was led by UAJK's Public Relations Officer, Mr. Mubashar Naqvi, who

provided valuable insights on the importance of effective communication in humanitarian response. The participants, comprising volunteer trainers of the PRCS, showed great interest in the session and expressed hope that the training program would help them in their future assignments.





# MARCH 23

## UJJK ART DEPARTMENT'S PATRIOTIC DISPLAY ON PAKAISTAN

The Art & Design Department of the University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (UJJK) celebrated Pakistan Day in a unique and memorable way, showcasing their impressive artistic skills and patriotic spirit. The students' beautiful artwork painted on the roadside wall at Lesswa, Neelum Valley, captures the cultural diversity and richness of Pakistan, paying homage to the four provinces, Gilgit Baltistan, and Azad Jammu Kashmir. This inspiring initiative highlights the importance of art and culture in promoting unity and patriotism in society.



WAZIR-THE PAINTER

This project is a symbol of hope and inspiration for future generations to continue to uphold and celebrate their country's rich cultural heritage. Hats off to the students and faculty members of the Art and Design Department for their extraordinary



# VC'S CALL TO ACTION : EMBRACE RAMADAN'S SPIRIT OF GIVING



Dear Students, Faculty & Staff

## Ramadan Kareem مبارک

May Allah's blessings be upon you  
and your families throughout the  
holy Month of Ramadan.

**Prof. Dr. Muhammad Kaleem Abbasi**  
Vice-Chancellor, UAJK

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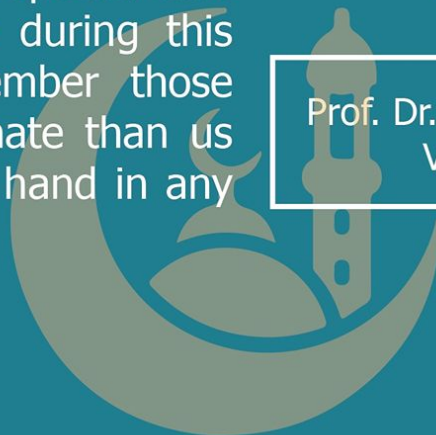
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**A**s we enter the blessed month of Ramadan, we must take a moment to reflect on the values of compassion and generosity that this month represents. I urge all the students, faculty, and staff of our institution to take special care of the needy people during this month. Let us remember those who are less fortunate than us and extend a helping hand in any way possible.

Whether it is through donating to charities, volunteering our time, or simply showing kindness and empathy towards those around us, let us strive to embody the true spirit of Ramadan. May this month bring peace, blessings, and harmony to our lives and the lives of those around us.

**Prof. Dr. Muhammad Kaleem Abbasi**  
Vice-Chancellor, UAJK



# MARCH 30

## UJK HOSTS NUTRITION AWARENESS WALK

The University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir (UJK) hosted a Nutrition Awareness Walk on March 30, 2023, organized by the Scaling Up Nutrition Secretariat, Department of Planning and Development GoAJK, and the Department of Health Sciences UJK. This event was aimed at raising awareness about the importance of nutrition and was held in conjunction with 'National Nutrition Month'.



The walk was attended by faculty members and students from various departments of the University, along with representatives from the Prime Minister's Office, Public Health Department, and representatives from various UN agencies. The participants walked together to spread the message about the significance of good nutrition, and its positive impact on health, well-being, and overall quality of life.

During the event, experts from the Department of Health Sciences delivered speeches on the benefits of a balanced and healthy diet, the importance of physical exercise, and the impact of malnutrition on individuals and society as a whole. The event was a great opportunity to promote healthy habits and lifestyles, and the participants were encouraged to incorporate these practices into their daily lives.

# MARCH 31



## Condolence Reference

### Prof. Amir Farooq Remembered with Fondness and Respect for his invaluable contributions

The University of Azad Jammu and Kashmir's Department of Student Affairs has organized a condolence reference on Friday, March 31, 2023 to honor the late Prof. Amir Farooq, who tragically passed away last week due to a fatal heart attack. The event was attended by Vice-Chancellor Prof Dr. Muhammad Kaleem Abbasi, Professor Meritorious Dr. Nadeem Haider Bukhari, Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences Prof Dr. Haroon-ur-Rashid, Prof Dr. Siddique Awan, Prof Dr. Wajid Aziz Lone, Dr. Samina Sabir, Dr. Basharat, Director of Student Affairs Dr. Intiaz Awan, Tahir Azeem Rathore, and other notable speakers.

During the event, the speakers paid tribute to Prof Amir Farooq for his invaluable contributions to UAJK and highlighted various aspects of his life, struggles, and successes in promoting higher education, particularly in the field of earth sciences.



The Vice-Chancellor spoke about the late professor's determined and untiring efforts to advance the university's progress and development, acknowledging the importance of recognizing individuals who dedicate lives to the betterment of society and institutions.



The other speakers also spoke about Prof Amir Farooq's academic and professional accomplishments, emphasizing his excellent management skills and academic work. Overall, the condolence reference was a poignant reminder of the profound impact that Prof Amir Farooq had on the UAJK community, and his legacy will undoubtedly continue to inspire future generations of scholars and educators.

# INVEST IN YOUR FUTURE: APPLY TO UAJK'S DEGREE PROGRAMS

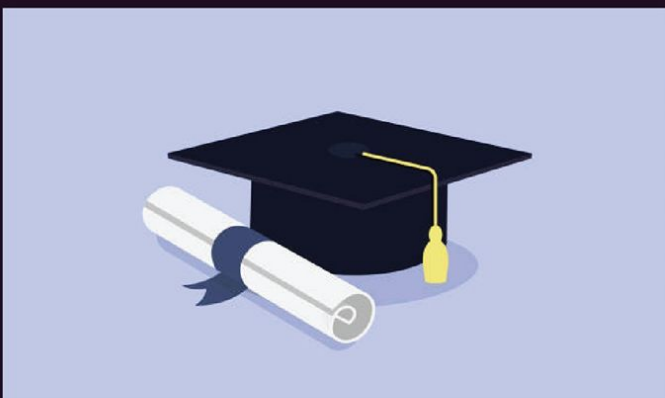


The UAJK is excited to announce that applications are now open for Admissions in various degree programs for Spring 2023. We offer several undergraduate and postgraduate programs including M.Phil and Ph.D. to suit your educational goals and career aspirations. Whether you are interested in pursuing a degree in Social Sciences, Natural Sciences, Engineering, or Business Administration, our program caters to your needs.

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